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**COVERING THE BASES**  
**JULY 2016**

**FROM THE CHAIR**

**Boy, time seems to really fly by as I get older. It seems like it was just yesterday we were working on the Hall of Fame inductees banquet and here we are closing in on the deadline to submit nominations for this year. The deadline to receive nominations is July 15 and to date we have only 3 nominations in hand. We need more in order to have a banquet this year, so please submit nominations of hall of fame worthy candidates by the deadline for consideration. In addition to needing more nominations, the Board of Directors decided to revert back to the voting procedures prior to last year, when we allowed Hall of Fame members to vote on Hall of Fame candidates. That turned into a logistical nightmare so the Board decided to return the voting to active board members only. The complete rules for hall of fame induction are now posted on our website and in the museum.**

**I encourage our Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation members to get out to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium to take in a few Delmarva Shorebirds games before the season ends and visit the Hall of Fame Museum. On July 9, the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kenny Green Benefit Auction, where you can bid on a variety of memorabilia from the Orioles, Ravens, and other local pro sports teams. As a reminder, I encourage Foundation members to give us feedback or suggestions to improve YOUR organization – whether it's regarding the museum, the website or the membership. I look forward to seeing you at the museum soon!**

**Museum Logo Merchandise**

One way to support the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation is by purchasing Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame logo merchandise. Whether it's polo-style shirts, wind shirts, tee shirts, or other museum souvenirs, your purchase directly supports the ESBF and helps get the word out about our organization. The merchandise can be purchased at the museum and can be viewed on the ESBF website. The following are the items currently available with Member's prices. All prices include Maryland Sales Tax.

- Wind Jacket (L, XL, 2XL) ..... \$35
- ESBF Old-Style Jacket (M, L) ..... \$25
- Polo Shirt – Navy Blue (M, L, XL, 2XL) .... \$25
- Polo Shirt – Light Blue (M, L, XL, 2XL) .... \$25
- T-Shirt – White (S, M, L, XL) ..... \$12
- T-Shirt – White (2XL)..... \$16
- T-Shirt – Gray (S, M, L, XL) ..... \$12
- T-Shirt – Gray (2XL)..... \$16
- Hat ..... \$15
- 18” Mini-Bat..... \$10
- Baseball ..... \$8
- Bat Key Chain ..... \$3
- Bat Ink Pen ..... \$3
- 2x2 Logo Magnet ..... \$1
- Lanyard..... \$3



## **A WORD FROM THE CURATOR...**



I would like to introduce our newest member of the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame. Randy Bush was born October 5, 1958 in Dover, Delaware. He is a former professional baseball player and currently an assistant General Manager of the Chicago Cubs. He is involved in the hiring process of the field and scouting staff.

He is described by Author Dennis

Bracking in Minnesota Twins: The Complete Illustrated History (MVP Books, 03/12/2010, 'Top 50 Twins as "The soft spoken Randy Bush who was a member of the Twins' fabled class of 1982 along with Kent Hrbek, Gary Gaetti, Tom Brunansky, Tim Laudner and Frank Viola - all of whom played key roles on the 1987 World Series team. He was truly an unsung hero, a role player who developed into one of baseball's best pinch hitters later in his career... Manager Tom Kelly called him a, 'player with limited ability who played years (12 of them) in the bigs, with heart and desire and hustle."

Randy played for the Minnesota Twins from 1982 to 1993. He was an outfield and designated hitter throughout his 12-year major league career. He played in 1,219 games with 96 home runs, 409 RBIs, and a career batting average of .251. He wore the number 25 while playing for the Twins.

Don't forget to see our new display of Major League players who played on the Eastern Shore. Also, check out our new display at the Wicomico Visitors Center in Delmar. See you at the Museum!!

Gary Fries, Curator

## **KENNY GREEN BENEFIT AUCTION**

The Second Annual Kenny Green Memorial Auction will take place on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> at Perdue Stadium during a Shorebirds game. Kenny was the past Chairman of the Board of the EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL FOUNDATION and a Hall Of Fame Inductee who served on the board for many years.

Last year's auction included a signed ball by Willie Mays, Replica Goal Line Markers signed by various Baltimore Colts, a replica Baltimore Orioles jersey of Chris Davis, and a lot of other collectables of the Orioles, Ravens, Terps, Baltimore Colts, and other local sports teams most of them autographed. The auction is put on by Ravens Roost #27, and a portion of the proceeds go to the EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL FOUNDATION.

It will be some interesting items so be sure to come out and treat yourself to a piece of history while supporting the EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL FOUNDATION.

## **WEBSITE**

For the most up-to-date information on museum news and events, please check out the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame Museum's website and feel free to send us suggestions. Many people have written to us and helped us with information and/or photos of inductees listed on the site. We hope this continues!

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Thanks to all of you that have made contributions in the memory of someone special or "just because" you love baseball. The contributions are the lifeblood of this Foundation.

If you haven't already done so, please consider making either an individual or corporate donation by contacting us at [info@esbhalloffame.org](mailto:info@esbhalloffame.org) or checking out our website for a form to submit.

## **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

Included with this newsletter is a nomination form for induction into the Hall of Fame. While we encourage people to submit nominations using the enclosed form, we suggest that the nominator include MORE than the form. The more information the better. Here are some suggestions:

- Be SPECIFIC about what the person did
- Give as much DETAIL as possible
- Provide as much DOCUMENTATION as possible (newspaper articles, etc.)

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

So far this year we have had three special events – the Hall of Fame Recognition Day, the Fair Play Night and Negro League Day. All three events were well attended and we have received very positive feedback.

We have one remaining event: on July 9 we will have the Kenny Green Benefit Auction where cool baseball items will be auctioned off. Be sure to attend and get your favorite memorabilia at the auction.