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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



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**COVERING THE BASES
FEBRUARY 2018**

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

With the new year upon us and Spring around the corner, that can only mean one thing – Baseball season is coming soon! Before looking ahead to the new season, I would like to take a quick look back at the off-season. The Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation inducted six new members into the Hall of Fame in a very nice and well-attended banquet that was held at Salisbury University in November. The master of ceremonies was the Shorebirds' own Eric Siechau and he did a fantastic job keeping the audience engaged. Guest speaker Derrick Gibson told the story of his rise in professional baseball in a very emotional speech.

Looking to the upcoming season, the board of directors, under the direction of Curator Charlie Silcott, will be freshening up the museum's displays and adding some new displays. One new attraction in particular will be on the wall near the museum's entrance. We will showcase a different Hall of Fame inductee every month with large photos and their story. In addition to getting the museum ready, we will also be sending out the membership renewals. Please be looking for your notice in the mail and share with family and friends.

As a reminder, I encourage Foundation members to give us feedback or suggestions to improve YOUR organization – whether it's regarding the banquet, the museum, the website, or the membership.

HALL OF FAMER SPOTLIGHT - FEBRUARY 2018

FRANK 'HOMERUN' BAKER - PLAYER (INDUCTED 1995)



Frank Baker was born on March 13, 1886 in the small town of Trappe on Maryland's Eastern Shore and earned renown as a semi-pro player in the nearby town of Cambridge.

In 1908 he played for the Reading Pretzels in the Tri-State League where he was discovered by Connie Mack. His contract was purchased after two months by the Athletics, who owned a large part of the Reading team.

Frank was an American professional baseball player. A third baseman, Baker played in Major League Baseball from 1908 to 1922, for the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Yankees. Baker has been called the "original home run king of the majors".

Baker led the American League in home runs for four consecutive years, from 1911 through 1914. He had a batting average over .300 in six seasons, had three seasons with more than 100 runs batted in, and two seasons with over 100 runs scored. Baker's legacy has grown over the years, and he is regarded by many as one of the best power hitters of the deadball era. During his 13 years as a major league player, Baker never played a single inning at any position other than third base. Baker was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee in 1955.

Following his retirement as a player, Baker managed the Easton Farmers of the Eastern Shore Baseball League during the 1924 and 1925 seasons. He was credited with discovering Jimmie Foxx and recommending him to Mack. After Baker sold Foxx to the Athletics, the Farmers fired Baker, because they believed Mack did not pay a high enough price for Foxx.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Go to our website to get the nomination form and the rules for induction into the Hall of Fame. While we encourage people to submit nominations using the 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.)

Remember the deadline for nominations is July 15.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you recently became a member and haven't received your membership card or if you lost your card, please send us a message so that we can mail you one promptly.

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. We are continually adding biographies and photos to the Inductees section of the website. Many people have helped with the process by sending us information and/or photos of inductees listed on the site. We hope this continues!

MEMBERSHIP

We hope that all of you continue supporting our museum as it depends heavily on membership and the generous support of contributors for the funds necessary to continue to operate and improve the museum – all without charging admission. If you're currently not a member, please visit our website for the membership form and send it in today!

MEMORABILIA

The Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame is always looking for local baseball memorabilia to enhance the museum displays. It can be old photos, uniforms, or baseball equipment. Please contact us if you have or know someone who has memorabilia they may want to donate.

DONATIONS

Please consider making a donation to the Eastern Shore Baseball Foundation, whether it's from you personally or a business. All donations are tax deductible! We will list all donors throughout 2018 in this space in upcoming newsletters.