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Don't Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

The best way to draw future fans—and players—to the Artists & Writers Game

BY ZACK O'MALLEY GREENBURG

Y ou never want to make the final out of a ballgame. You really never want to make the final out of a ballgame on the basepaths. And you really, really never want to make the final out of a ballgame, on the basepaths, when one of your teammates is bestselling author, award winning journalist and softball firebrand Mike Lupica.

I learned this last summer when, after smacking a single to keep the Writers' hopes alive, I committed a game-ending baserunning blunder. Immediately, I ran over to the emotional leader of our squad to apologize for the miscue, wondering aloud what the hell I'd been thinking. And Mike began to wonder aloud, too, with similar phraseology. But before he could elaborate, Carl Bernstein swooped in and gave me a pat on the back, saying something to the effect of: "Never mind him!"

Softball, after all, is a family affair. Carl and my father have an ex-wife in common—the late, great writer Nora Ephron—whom I encountered as a toddler at the Candy Kitchen in Bridgehampton, immediately concluding she was also my ex-mom. My actual mom and dad, Suzanne O'Malley and Dan Greenburg, both authors as well, were once regulars at the game.

In May, I became a father myself.



RILEY GREENBURG HAS ALREADY HAD ENOUGH SOFTBALL HIJINKS FOR ONE SUMMER



TWO GENERATIONS OF GREENBURG BOYS AT THE 2016 ARTISTS & WRITERS GAME.

And I can't wait to share my love of softball with my daughter, Riley. That's why I'm not bringing her to the game this year.

You see, I'm pretty sure the reason I became obsessed with sports is that nobody made me play. I remember briefly detesting baseball when some cousins tried to force me into a game with them when I was five or six. But my parents never pushed me like that, and I gravitated toward playing ball as a result. The theme continued through my adult life.

When I first joined Forbes as a summer intern, the softball team's captain ignored me for a couple of seasons; a decade-and-a-half later, we're still playing together for the Capitalist Tools in the New York Media Softball League. Out east, spending the third Saturday of every August in my twenties relegated—ironically—to pinch-running duties on Ken Auletta's squad only stimulated my appetite to play more Artists & Writers softball in my thirties.

My career as a scribe followed a similar arc. Growing up, my author parents never seemed to want me to join the family business. They've since informed me that, when I was an infant, they'd sidle up to my crib and whisper the word "Arbitrage!" Something tells me they weren't trying to prompt their only child to become a business writer.

I suppose it's human nature, for some of us anyway, to do the opposite of what we're told—or, at least, to gravitate toward things we aren't forced to do. Hence the decision to refrain from bringing Riley to the Artists & Writers Game this year (also, it's really hot). I won't push her to play softball as she gets older, either—let her make that call.

And I'm also quite sure I won't push her to follow in my professional footsteps, though that sounds like a surefire way to end up with a third-generation Artists & Writers Game player in the family. Just go easy on her, ok Mike Lupica?

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An Artist and a Writer Joins the Game

The Famed Artists and Writers Softball Game Gets Some New Blood



ALEX SALL, FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, AND MOSHEH OINOUNOU

BY JULIE WALKER

I s Mosheh Oinounou an Artist or a Writer? He spent his life as a TV journalist, so some say he could be either, but he was recruited by the writers, he's playing for their team and more importantly, that's what he considers himself.

"I'm sure the print writers would not consider everything we do in TV writing, but there really is an art to television writing," he says. "Especially when I was running the CBS Evening News, we were trying to fit in the world into 20 minutes and to do that in a tight and comprehensive way, you really discover the importance of every word."

This is Oinounou's second year playing in the venerable game. The 40-yearold, who grew up in Chicago rooting for the Cubs, but now lives in New York City and spends time at his mother-in-law's Hampton Bays home, was asked to join the team by a writer friend. He liked it so much that he wanted to keep coming back. Considered a newbie on the team, Oinounou admits to not seeing much time on the field last year and honestly not remembering a lot of it, except his team captain calling him up from the makeshift dugout on the ballfield behind the Stop & Shop in East Hampton. "Ken Auletta was kind of like, OK, we'll throw you in. So I pinch hit."

"For who?" I asked.

"I don't remember," said Oinounou with a laugh.

As an Emmy, Murrow and Webby Award-winning journalist, he's used to being thrown into things, having covered some of the biggest stories of our life, starting with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Oinounou was a George Washington University student studying politics, communications and writing for the school newspaper when he was sent to report on the hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon.

"I was suddenly riding my bike as close as I could get to the White House and the Pentagon," he recalls. "I was hooked, being able to tell these stories to a larger audience and being able to explain confusing complex things."

That helped shape his future along with internships at ABC and Fox News. After that, he got a job at Fox News Sunday and an assignment on the 2018 campaign team covering John McCain. From there, it was onto foreign news coverage for Bloomberg and then CBS News. That's where he went from the morning show with Gayle King to help launch CBSN and finally executive produce CBS Evening News.

"It was always my dream from a very young age," he says. "I remember there was a TV show in the early '90s called Murphy Brown and I remember saying that's what I want to do when I grow up."

In 2019 he left CBS to start his own media consulting company, Mo Digital, and a year later, Mo News, which curates news on social media. That was something he founded during the pandemic after helping friends and family understand COVID. He began answering all their virus-related questions as well as other people's via Instagram live. That grew to include other topics and led him to expand Mo News even further.

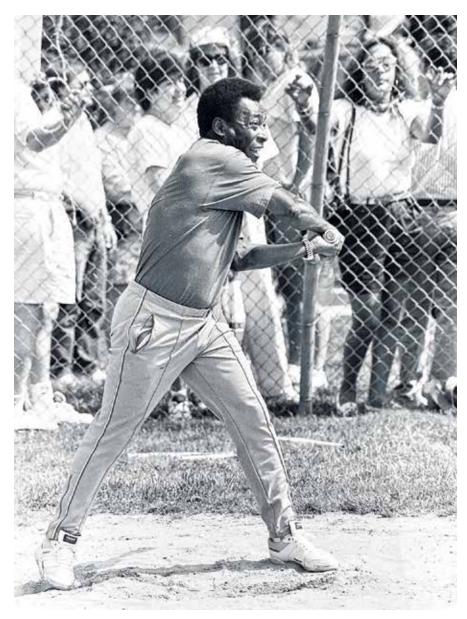
"I recognize we live in a time when trust in media and trust in journalism has never been lower, at least not in the modern era," he says. "And I think that people have a right to question the news information they are getting. Our biases should be challenged on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, we've now come to a point where people don't trust basic information."

There is a saying the late U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan helped popularize, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts." This, in a roundabout way, brings us back to whether or not Oinounou should be considered an artist or a writer. Long gone are the days when it was simply Willem de Kooning, Jackson Pollock, Franz Kline, and Joan Mitchell playing ball on the lawn. That was decades ago. Oinounou posits and while traditions exist and continue to be relative, the game, like the world and the news business, has evolved a lot.

"I think what matters more than trying to pigeonhole people into specific categories is the larger goal of the game the larger opportunity to connect with creators, whether it be people who are creating things, whether it be art, whether it be written, whether it be both and to play this game to benefit a good cause," says Oinounou.

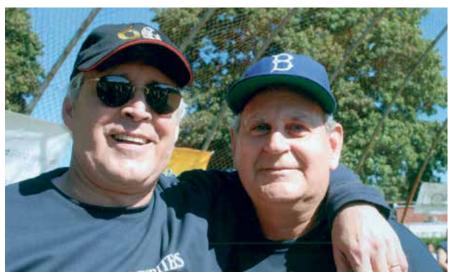
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They recalled a glorious time; the war was over and more work by the artists was shown in New York galleries. Some were successful in sales and reputation. Some drank too much. Most were just young artists anxious to be part of the emerging art scene.

Writers joined the artists in the '60's and '70's including Irwin Shaw, Willie Morris, James Jones, Jimmy Ernst and Carl Stokes. Then came the mayor of Cleveland, who was among the group that expanded to include politicians, actors, musicians, publishers, editors and television personalities. Now the game has included former presidents, governors, mayors, senators and a Supreme Court justice.

A Brief History of the Game

BY JULIE WALKER

This game has modest and lighthearted beginnings starting from 1948. It has since evolved into one of the longest running charitable events in the Hamptons, helping to fund local East End charities. Some consider it a rite of passage of the who's who in the Hamptons to play in the game.

The first artists to play the game included Franz

Kline, Willem de Kooning, Philip Pavia, Jackson Pollock, and Joan Mitchell. Everyone brought a dish. Some brought drinks. Two writers joined the picnic, Barney Rosset and art critic Harold Rosenberg. It all took place in Wilfrid Zogbaum's front yard. The artists moved to the East End for many reasons, including enjoying the great north light, which reminded them of (Cezanne's) South of France. They talked about of art, gossiped, ate, drank, and shared camaraderie.



Katini Yamaoka to Sing National Anthem

BY RONNETTE RILEY

B orn to a Japanese mother and Ghanaian father, Katini is a global artist who is fluent in three languages and has traveled the world performing for organizations such as Forbes and the United Nations. Her love for music unfolded in jazz and has deeply influenced her tone and technique.

Alongside her musical career, Katini is the founder of Katini Skin, a natural luxury skincare company that is committed to a responsible and sustainable path. Through her holistic upbringing in Australia, Katini has always been passionate about natural beauty and health. Her vision caught on quickly, and within weeks of her February 2022 launch, her products became available at Saks Fifth Avenue and Bergdorf Goodman.

Last year we had the pleasure of having Katini join the Artist and Writers Charity Softball Game. This year we are thrilled to have her back to sing the National Anthem and play for the Artist's team!

How did you get involved in the game?

I was invited to play in the game by Zack Greenburg whom I met during the 2019 Forbes 30 Under 30 Global summit in Israel.

What did you do in the game in 2021?

It was the first time in a while I stepped foot on a softball field! It was so much fun to energize the crowd singing the classic "Take Me Out To The Ball Game", and then play in the 7th in.

How did you play?

I was thrilled to hit the ball pretty hard, but the ball was caught out!

I remember seeing a blur run by me, and it was you. Tell me, how is it that you run so fast?

Haha, thank you! I was a sprinter in high school. There came a time when I was spending a lot of time training and had to choose whether to continue training or to pursue my dream as a singer... I chose my passion, music.

What are you going to be doing in the game this year?

I will be singing the National Anthem. It is a powerful song, and I am really honored to share my rendition of it. I will also be playing again on the Artists team!

What's your favorite thing about the Hamptons?

The gorgeous nature and wildlife. I grew up near the ocean on the Sunshine Coast in Australia, so nature is such a big part of my life.

How long have you been in New York?

Eight years. I love the dynamic and creative energy, and the beautiful people who I am so grateful to call my friends and family.

I know you're a singer as well



(TOP LEFT) KATINI AT BAT. (ABOVE) KATINI YAMAOKA AND JULIE WALKER

as a businesswoman. Can you tell us how you manage both?

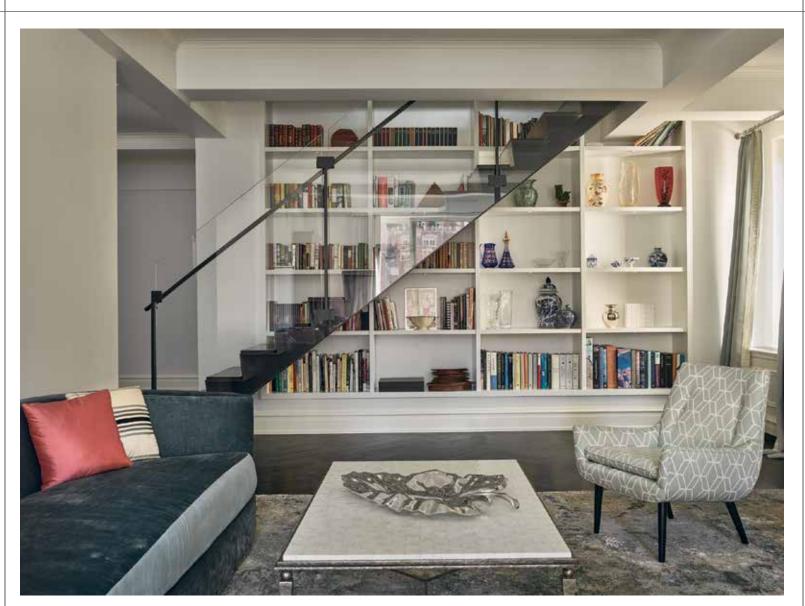
I spend my days working with my team at Katini Skin, and evenings are spent in the studio recording! It's full-on, but I am very grateful to be able to work on both of my dreams.

What new projects are you working on?

I am excited to be working on my EP this summer. The record will incorporate sounds influenced by my cultural background. The EP will be out early next year with a single dropping this fall.

What do you love most about the game and the charities we support?

Community. It is special to come together with other creatives to bring awareness, and support important charities such as The Retreat, which focuses on protecting women against domestic violence. My father was a human rights leader, and as an artist it is important for me to give back to the community and be involved in projects that leave a positive impact on the world. The Artist and Writers game is definitely one of them. Come join and support us on the 20th of August!





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Player Recollections



BILL COLLAGE

BILL COLLAGE, ARTIST/MOVIE SCREENWRITER

Twenty years ago this year, I was the youngest player on the writers' team — riding the bench late in the game — when George Plimpton (a true idol of mine) staggered off the field and asked: "Do you play well?" Not missing my chance, I said: "I think I can follow your footsteps, but maybe not fill your shoes." George liked that and I got in the game.

Twenty-five years later, I feel so blessed to have played catch with Yogi Berra; debated balls and strikes with President Clinton; had myself called out sliding into 3rd base by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer (who I didn't argue with)... and so many more.

My favorite moment may have been when another hero of mine, Roy Scheider, struck out one of the game's best hitters and then walked over to me and whispered: "He's gonna need a bigger bat."



BILL CLINTON AND PAUL WINUM

PAUL WINUM, WRITER

In the third inning of the 2013 game, a commotion among the crowd attending the game was audible and, as the crowd parted, President Bill Clinton stepped onto the field. The game came to a screeching halt as most of the players, among whom included some celebrities in their own right, surrounded the former president with warm greetings and requests for autographs. It was one of the highlights of the game that year.



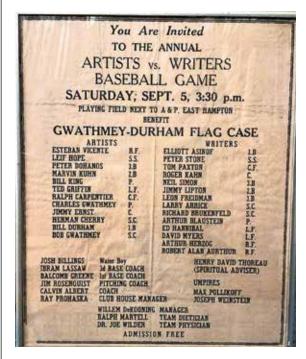
PAUL WINUM AND WIFE LEILA PINTO AT THE 2021 GAME



ERIC ERNST AND FATHER JIMMY ERNST CIRCA 1977

ERIC ERNST, ARTIST

(This photo of my father) Jimmy (Ernst) and I at the Artist and Writers Charity Softball Game (was taken) circa 1977. Truth be told I was still in college so not a legitimate artist yet, but I'd been allowed to play as a designated ringer for quite a while . Always wondered whether I became an actual artist to justify having played all those years before it was a reality.



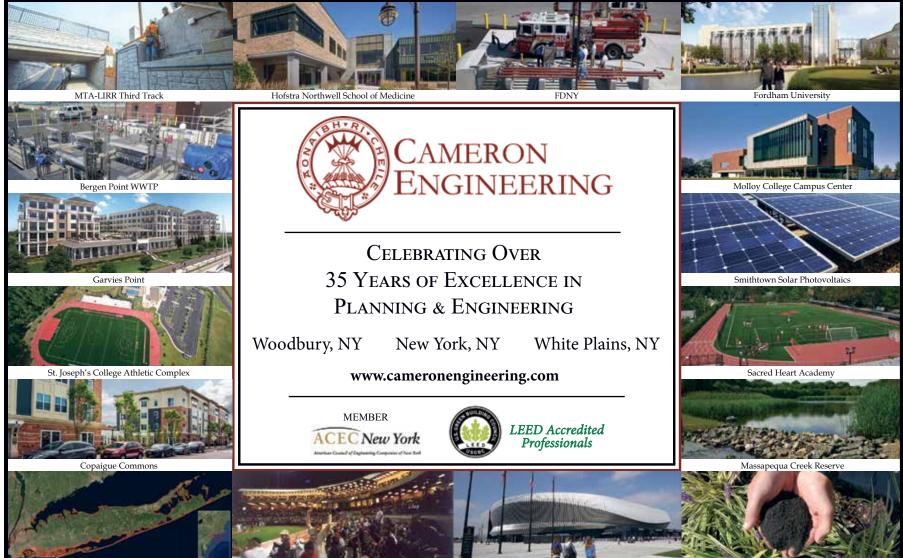
One of the first years I played as a ringer for the artists. Perhaps the game should return to the days it had Henry David Thoreau as 'Spiritual Advisor.'



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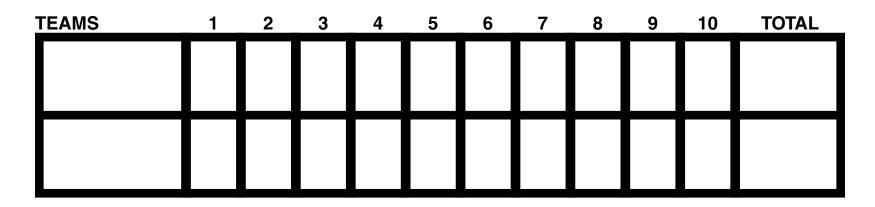
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Spring Training 2022 Art Show Was a Hit for Artists & Writers

BY OLIVER PETERSON

With a nearly 75-year history, the East Hampton Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game has cemented itself as a celebration of local creatives and a fundraiser for important charities on the South Fork, but the organization behind the event has been working to make it something much more than an annual softball game.

As part of that growth, the board organized a special Spring Training 2022 art exhibition throughout the month of March to benefit the game's usual charities – covering the circle of life, from early childhood learning to hospice care.

The well-received exhibition, which made nearly \$15,000 during a very quiet time of year in the Hamptons, opened with a busy reception at Kathryn Markel's eponymous Bridgehampton gallery on March 5. Markel donated her space for the duration of the show, and it was manned by volunteers from the organizations it benefited, including The Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center, Phoenix House Academy, The Retreat and East End Hospice. Beneficiaries were given 60% of each artwork sold, while participating artists received the other 40%.

A total of 44 artists donated work, and four writers read from their books at the show: Zack O'Malley Greenburg (Empire State of Mind), Paul Winum (Inside CEO Succession: The Essential Guide to Leadership Transition), Gabrielle Bluestone (Hype: How Scammers, Grifters, and Con Artists Are Taking Over the Internet-and Why We're Following) and David Andelman (A Shattered Peace: Versailles 1919 and the Price We Pay Today).

"For artists, we have quite a mix of age ranges. And also artists who are well known, especially in the local area, and other pieces that are more outsider artwork," Artists & Writers board president Ronnette Riley said in March, pointing out that some pieces in the show were sports themed, but most artists simply did whatever it is they do best. "You can't tell artists what to paint, so we have a combination of work," she added, describing a wide array of styles and media, such as painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media pieces, and an equally varied price range.



KIM NICHOLS (THE RETREAT), DAN RATTINER (DAN'S PAPERS), AND CHRISTINE MACHNE (EAST END HOSPICE) AT SPRING TRAINING 2022 OPENING

Pieces for sale in Spring Training 2022 ranged in price from \$100 up to several thousand dollars, and buyers were able to write off 60% of each purchase as a tax deduction because it went to the charities.

The esteemed list of participating artists was a who's who of local talent, with names such as Andy Friedman, who painted a series of Topps baseball cards; hyper-realistic wood carver Randall Rosenthal; illustrator Lynn Matsuoka; expressionist painters Stephanie Brody-Lederman and William Quigley; longtime Artists team captain Leif Hope; representational artist RJT Haynes; abstract artist Shira Toren; humorous outsider artist Peter Wood; and Cynthia Karalla who creates sculpture based on the Mueller Report, to name a few.

With all the big-name players and participants over the years, including Alec Baldwin, Ross Bleckner, Ben Bradlee, Christie Brinkley, Matthew Broderick, Dick Cavett, President Bill Clinton, Taylor Hanson, Dustin Hoffman, Abbie Hoffman, Peter Matthiessen, Jay McInerney, George Plimpton, Lori Singer, Martha Stewart, Tom Wolfe, and so many others, the Artists & Writers Game has long had the clout to become bigger than just a softball game. Riley hopes expanding their scope with more offerings, like Spring Training 2022, they can bring in more money for charity year-round.

Another unique aspect of the Artists & Writers Game, and these events under the organization's umbrella, is the participation of volunteers from the charities they support. "Our charities aren't just on the receiving end, and



ARTIST LYNN MATSUOKA AND HER SON JESSE MATSUOKA AT THE SPRING **TRAINING 2022 OPENING**

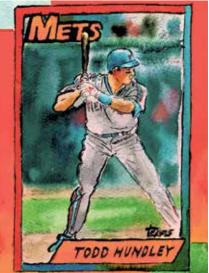
I think that's what makes it special, too," Riley said. "We're a nonprofit organization, but we pass through the money to other nonprofits. And they don't just sit and wait for a check, they actually help us and participate, and are part of the game," she added. "I don't think people realize that the Phoenix House, those young men come and they set up and then they take down, they clean the field. Hospice manages the gate and organizes that level. Everyone has a role. I like the fact that the charities are actually involved in the success of the game. And they will be involved in the success of this art exhibit."

Spring Training 2022 was the first show of its kind since the organization held a similar show in 2015, but Riley would like it to become an annual event. "The best part was that so many came out," she said, describing the turnout as quite good considering it was in the middle of the winter. In the future, however, Riley said it's imperative to offer bidding on an auction website, which would allow summer visitors to participate from their homes during the off-season.

Contact the Artists & Writers Game if you'd like to donate work or volunteer for future Spring Training art exhibitions.



"GREEN ENERGY" (24"X24") BY SHIRA TOREN



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Dan's Over The Decades

BY DAN RATTINER

Dan Rattiner has been an umpire of the Annual Artists Writers Charity Softball Game in East Hampton since 1982, but has been writing about the match-up long before that. His interest in the game began in 1968, when he played for who else but the writers. At the time Dan's Papers had been in business eight years. Here are excerpts of his reporting (when available) over the decades.

1972

For four straight years now, the local East Hampton writers have played an annual softball game with the local East Hampton artists. And for four straight years, the writers have clobbered the artists in this game, with scores such as 11 to 8, 18 to 2, and on one scandalous occasion, even 20 to 2. No one can account for the lopsidedness of these scores, though heavens knows, a variety of people have tried. The fact remains that year after year, a sober, industrious and highly organized softball team of writers would appear to face a lethargic, awkward, seemingly hungover group of local painters.

This year's softball game was scheduled for Saturday, August 12. At 4 p.m. at the softball field ordinarily used by the Junior High School next to the East Hampton A&P on Newtown Lane, a good-sized crowd gathered in the grass under the warm sun to watch what would happen this year in the 5th annual Artists and Writers Charity Softball Game.

The players made their appearance on the field, both teams dressed identically for the first time, wearing blue and white McGovern t-shirts. Dustin Hoffman seemed very sure of himself and very good as pitcher for the East Hampton artists. He was apparently the veteran of many a softball game. Also playing for the artists were other highly coordinated athletic types from associated fields.

The term artist can have a pretty broad definition if you work at it and the artists were working at it because they were determined to win. Andy Malone, a muscular ball player who knocks the dents out of cars in a North Main Street Body and Fender shop, played for the artists.

"I paint cars," he said, happily defining his role on the artists team.

The quality of the refereeing was becoming more and more suspect. For this game, as for every annual game, guests are invited to be honorary referees, stationing themselves behind the pitcher to call the balls and strikes, and in short right field to call the plays on the bases. In the past, these honorary jobs have been assigned to local politicians who, although not terribly good referees, at least know the rules of the game.

The short right field umpire was actress Ann Jackson, who, fortunately, had very little to do, although she still had trouble with a few of the calls.

"What's the score?" a fan asked her as the players were changing sides. Miss Jackson turned to folk singer, Tom Paxton, who was trotting out, mitt in hand, to resume his position as right fielder.

"What's the score?" she asked.

"Nothing to nothing," Paxton replied. "Nothing to nothing," Miss Jackson told the fan.

There were some pretty sensational catches and plays made in this ball game. Joseph Heller, author of *Catch-22*, made a sensational diving catch of a fly ball in the left field for the writers. And for the artists, actor Eli Wallach made a fine stab of a line drive near second base, while Dustin Hoffman had a brilliant catch and tag at home plate to stop or run once, but when the smoke finally cleared as the sun was setting over the football field to the west, the final score stood at writers 7 artists 5.

1982

Not Available

1992

The annual game is supposed to be a kind of fun softball game between members of the local artist community and members of the local writers community. Memories of it first being played go back to 1948 and there are pictures of artist Willem deKooning at bat with Franz Klein looking on from 1949 or 1950. In earnest, however, it has been played since 1965 every year



DAN RATTINER, LEIF HOPE, STU SLEPPIN, RONNETTE RILEY

in Herrick Park.

Among the usual suspects tossing the ball around, I greeted writers John Paul Newport, George Plimpton, John Leo, Ken Auletta, Bill Bradley, Jack Graves, Avery Corman, Mike Lupica, John Leo and Mort Zuckerman, as well as artists Lief Hope, Dennis Lawrence, Eric Ernst, Walter Bernard, Sam Cohen, Eric Ernst, Victor Cagliotti and Lief Hope. I've left out a few, and I apologize for that, but you get the idea.

According to the early line, a sprinkling of guest players this year was to include the world class soccer legend Pele, ABC anchorman Peter Jennings, actors Chevy Chase, Roy Scheider and Alec Baldwin. All five were here.

I like to introduce myself to the pitchers on the mound. We will be standing next to each other for quite a while. I uttered my name. Said I was the umpire.

"My name's Barbara," the pitcher said. She was, I should note, half a foot taller than me.

"Where do you play?" I asked. I knew this was a fair question.

I couldn't make out the answer exactly. I think she said the Rasbestos Brickettes from Stratford, Connecticut. And I wasn't going to ask her again.

Leading off for the Writers was ABC Anchorman Peter Jennings. He came up to the plate wearing protective headgear — I'd never seen anyone in this game wearing this — and Barbara burned in a pitch at around 90 miles an hour and now I knew why.

I have never seen an artists-writers game played like this. In the past, we have had our good ball players and our bad ball players and it would not be uncommon for the first man up to hit a towering home run and the next man up strike out without even coming close to the ball. Then there would be the usual Perils-Of-Pauline plays. A high fly ball to the outfield, the centerfielder drifting in, then the ball going over his head to land right where he used to be, and the crowd would groan.

Well, this year we had none of this. Instead, we had a group of writers and artists and celebrities and actors, many of whom have been at this game year after year, playing the game with a grace and athleticism never before seen here.

Perhaps the only real hitting that was not top level this year was that of Pele, the Brazilian soccer legend. And it was to be expected since, according to Scanlon back there on the microphone, this was the first time he had ever tried to hit a baseball.

"Use your feet," someone shouted from the crowd.

Pele grinned and shot a leg out toward the mound and everybody applauded.

Roy Scheider, the actor, and Sam Cohen, the super-agent, shared the pitching honors for the artists — you can see how the definition of "artist" has been stretched for this event in recent years. The artists won 5 to 2.

2002

By all accounts, this was the most exciting artists-writers game every played in this series. Many of the players in this game, on both sides, have appeared in it before, and some of them even go back 30 years, but never before have the players rallied themselves to fight so hard for victory, as they did in the eighth and ninth innings of this affair.

The game began at 3 p.m. on the sandlot baseball field on what was possibly the hottest day of the summer in a summer of very hot days. French's mustard was the sponsor of the event, and they had sent a Mustard Man, a

fellow in a bright yellow suit that went from the ground up to the spout at the top seven feet off the ground and which said Gulden's Mustard on it. This was a very hot day and not a day to be the French's Mustard Man, or anybody else in a funny suit, for that matter.

Roy Scheider, the actor, was the starting pitcher for the artists. Several major celebrities were at the game and they were continually being mobbed by photographers and autograph seekers. Kirstin Davis from *Sex and the City* did not play but pitched the first ball and later posed pitching a ball on the sidelines. Actor Alec Baldwin was there and did play, but though he hit some powerful shots to deep center field, he remained hitless throughout.

The Artists scored three times in the top of the first, thanks to a towering home run by an artist named Jorge Luis Bernal who nobody had ever seen before. Lief Hope, who coaches the Artists and who runs the nuts and bolts of the game, announced that Bernal was a painter of Cuban propaganda posters, but he really was was a star baseball player for the Havana Industriales, who had defected to America.

In the bottom of the fifth inning,

Mike Lupica interrupted the play on the field, shouting that he was challenging the credentials of Dale Berra, a man who had played shortstop in the major leagues for 10 years and was, at this game, playing for the artists. Following Lupica out to the mound was Lief Hope, the Artists manager, carrying an oil painting. He held it up. It was a garden landscape, not a bad one, and it was signed DALE BERRA 2002. Argument over. The final score of that

game Writers 8, Artists 7.

2012

In 2012, rain forced the game to be played a week later than scheduled. That accommodated former President Bill Clinton's schedule, making him available for the game, but unfortunately, Dan was unavailable to write about it. Here are what other media outlets reported. The 64th annual game raised \$92,000 for local charities. The writers clinched a 12-11 win after extra innings thanks to a home run from Sag Harbor resident and screenwriter Bill Collage. A few of the other notables taking part included George Stephanopoulos, Christie Brinkley, Jean Reno Mort Zuckerman, Mark Feuerstein, who plays a Hamptons doctor on the television series "Royal Pains," columnist Mike Lupica, and journalist Carl Bernstein.

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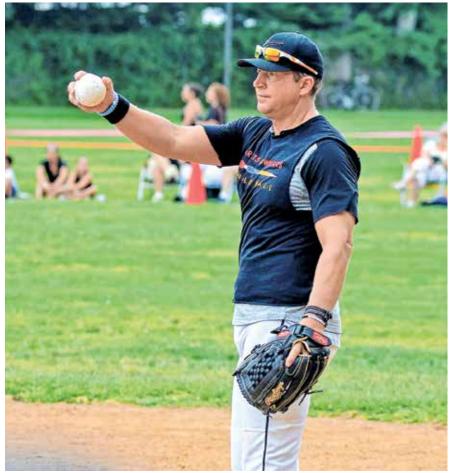
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