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300 CLUB DUES FOR 2013 RISE FROM \$50 TO \$75; INITIATION FEE REMAINS \$25

Dear Members:

Welcome to the 63rd 300 Club Season! Can anyone hear the crack of the bat?? Our Club faces increasing cost pressures and rising contingency risks. We conclude Dues must rise for the first time since (we think) the 1960s. For 2013, Dues will rise from \$50 to \$75. Our \$25 Initiation Fee for new Members remains at \$25. The good news: Prize money will also rise. The Germain Glidden Batters Prize rises from \$500 to \$750, other year-end prizes rise from \$100 to \$150, and the weekly goes from \$20 to \$25. Midseason prizes won't change. No other prizes will be awarded.

We did not come by this decision lightly. The Club has substantial fees associated with accepting credit cards for payment of Dues. We face rising fees for the MLB data feed required to run our software each week. We have been left with successively smaller balances each year to tide us over until dues come in the following season. But most worrisome are several risks which could leave the Club's website inoperable. These include an unforeseen failure in our proprietary software, or a sudden change in the compatibility between the data feed we receive, and our software.

We believe we need a substantially enhanced cash reserve to handle these risks, particularly if they should occur in mid-season. The 300 Club is "a non-profit, fun-making organization," and it will continue to be just that. We hope the Club will continue to bring fun to the Membership for years to come. Dues may need to rise another \$25 in coming years, but we will do all we can to prevent that.

LET'S GET READY FOR SOME BASEBALL! We repeat our popular "two-fer New Member" offer: any Member who signs up two new Members for 2013 plays free and saves the 2013 Dues!

As we do every year, the Website will open for Balloting in early April. We will send another Bulletin then. Meanwhile, we ask that you mark your Calendar now for the Ballot Deadline Midnight, Monday, May 13, that you show the website to your friends, and that you start to hone your picks for the new season!

We look forward to seeing the rookies, the stars, the comeback players, and the excitement of the weekly rankings, the perfect ballot, the midseason prizes, the 2013 winners, and most of all, the Winner of the '13 Germain Glidden Bowl! We thank all Members, and we welcome your comments.

Jim Glidden
For the Board