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The original Dear Brothers team that played in Alhambra.

Out of the past . . .

Dear Brothers Vintage Base Ball

Vintage base ball is alive and well in Southern California. Enter the Temecula Dear Brothers Vintage Base Ball Club, an enthusiastic group who are part of a league of 9 teams that play base ball (yes, originally it was 2 words) by the rules in existence in 1886. Early on the rules were changing and developing rapidly, causing new rule books almost annually. For instance, one of the big rule differences in 1884 was the ball being pitched underhanded, and it was somewhat different in size and firmness. By 1886 the rules reflected pitching overhand much like today.

Each game is seven innings long and is played according to an 1886 rule

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Out of the past . . .

Vintage Base Ball

book, and they wear 1880's style uniforms. The teams are widely spaced in Southern California and team names reflect early base ball clubs, or other connections, to their local areas. The Dear Brothers team name has its origins in the team Parker Dear and Elena Coutts Dear's sons played on around the turn of the last century. Parker Dear owned the Santa Rosa Ranch in the late 1800s, which encompassed today's Santa Rosa Plateau. The Dears had five sons who grew up on the Ranch and loved to play baseball. When the Santa Rosa Ranch went into receivership and the Dears had to leave the ranch they moved to the Alhambra area where the boys continued to play ball in a local league. As the five brothers made up the nucleus of the team, it was called the Dear Brothers base ball club.

For a flavor of the game in 1908, the following is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Los Angeles Herald, September 4, 1908: "*The Alhambra base ball club has been putting up a fine article of the national game in the miscellaneous ranks and will take a rest. It has played twenty-four games and lost only three of them. Several fast players are with the Alhambra team in the five Dear brothers, who have been playing consistent ball throughout the season. Parker Dear, the senior member of the team, acts as pitcher, and is one of the best slabsters in the Saturday ranks, never losing his head, no matter how the game goes, and in a recent game on the Alhambra field he struck out fourteen men in eleven innings. Dear will be seen in the uniform of the Gardena team in the Southern State league ranks in the future. John Dear, the second oldest brother, is another pitcher. He takes to the mound much better than he does to the bat, but with a little more*



practice with the stick he should improve. G. Dear is good in the field, and during the past three months has made only two errors while playing on the Dolgeville team.

B. Dear is the youngest brother of the five and is attending the Alhambra high school. He is there as a sprinter in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and is an all-around ball player. James Dear, the short stop of the club, is one of the best that can be found in this neck of the woods, a heavy sticker, and has the credit of ten home runs in the last fifteen games played. White, the second baseman of the same organization, in the last two games got seven hits out of nine times at bat against the Transportation club of this city. Rowell, who formerly was holding down the keystone sack, accepted twenty-nine chances without an error. Proctor, who has been behind the bat for the Alhambra club the past four years, always was found to be of great assistance to the country nine. He has a good whip, and only three stolen bases were made off him during the summer months. Roach, the tall left-hander in the outfield, is a fast man on his feet and always gets away with the pitcher of the opposing team. Ruhland, third baseman, is called the "jumping kid" for in nearly every game he takes a big leap in the air and robs many a player of a hits. Coby has deserted the Alhambra ranks to play on another club in Southern California."

The recent formation of teams and a league was in the works before COVID but, of course everything got put on hold. The league is now up and running. The area league is the Southern California Vintage Base Ball League. One of the teams is the Temecula Dear Bros, and one of the team members is Bonnie Martland's grandson, Michael Rinehart. They played their first game on July 10th against the Lordsburg Trollymen in Buena Park and won 20 to 9. Their second game July 31st was against the Redondo Beach Wharf Rats, which they won 19 to 1. Their first home game was August 21st in Winchester against the Fullerton Fire Knockers, which they won by the close score of 13-12. A hitters day.

Often spectators come in 1880's-1890's attire which can add an element of fun.

Perhaps at some future home game members of the community, and perhaps the Society could plan on attending and promote something similar and have "fans" show up in appropriate vintage attire.



Current Temecula Dear Brothers Team

Top Row (L-R): Norm Charest, Chris Adame, Johnny Ramirez, Steven Reno, Mark Marsolino (Manager/Player)
Bottom Row (L-R): Gilbert Rojas, Steve Smith, Aaron DesCombes, Michael Rinehart, Jr., Charlie Gorzo.
Not Shown: R. Adams, B. Bock, C. Adams, F. Esquivel

President's Message

September, 2021



We have been so happy to see so many of you enjoying our summer history presentations held every Monday night at the Vail Ranch HQ stage. We thank all those who have performed and made presentations, and to Rebecca Farnbach and Roger and Lynn Cude' for making it happen each week. We expect to return to the Little Temecula History Center for our presentation on Monday, September 27th.

Not only have we had weekly presentations but our history tours have restarted with Phil Washum leading over 25 folks out to historical sites in Perris on August 11th.

We want to note another wonderful honor for our premier ambassadors, Darell and Rebecca Farnbach. Their names will be placed on Temecula's Wall of Honor for their work in identifying, preserving and promoting the history of the Temecula Valley. They are the first to note they have not done this alone and the rest of us are the first to note their leadership has been key to the dynamic history scene we all enjoy.

Finally, watch for your invitation to the Annual Meeting. This year we will host a luncheon on Thursday, November 11th, at 1:00 pm at Wilson Creek Winery. The cost will be \$40 for Society members and \$50 for non-members. We plan a wonderful program honoring our own and past veterans. Please share pictures of your family's veterans with Bonnie Martland for use in the program. You can email them to her at bonnie@azteche.com.

— *Shari*

Be Sure to Stop in and visit

The Antique & Collectibles Store

Located at the Vail Headquarters

Operated by the Temecula Valley Historical Society

Open Tuesdays 9-1, and Sunday Afternoons

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Wednesday, September 1** — 7 p.m. Spin Class
Hosted by Grazing Theory. 40 stationary bikes set up
In the central courtyard with class leader on stage.
- Friday, September 3** — 6 to 9 p.m. HerrKooled VW
Car Club meet up. 20-30 cars parked on property.
- Sunday, September 5** — 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday Funday.
Vendors, family activities, rides, & DJ music.
- Tuesday, September 7** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers
Market every Tuesday. Fresh produce from locals.
- Friday, September 10** — 7 p.m. Movie night with the
Sierra Club presenting an educational film on the
Mountain lions in our region.
- Sunday, September 12** — 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday Funday.
Vendors, family activities, rides, & DJ music.
- Friday, September 17** — 6 to 9 p.m. HerrKooled VW
Car Club meet up. 20-30 cars parked on property.
- Saturday, September 18** — 4 to 9 p.m. Thistle & Sage
Vegan marketplace. Vegan friendly vendors & food.
- Sunday, September 19** — 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday Funday.
Vendors, family activities, rides, & DJ music.
- Wednesday, September 22** — Meet at Red Barn
Parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for a tour of Nate Harrison's
ranch on top of Palomar Mountain. Nate was the first
African American homesteader in San Diego County
in the 1800's.
- Friday, September 24** — 6 to 10 p.m. Starlight Bazaar
Vendor market, DJ, street performers and family fun.
- Saturday, September 25** — 2 to 7 p.m. School of Rock
End of Season Show. Local music academy will have
a Rock performance on the stage by all their students
and their house band. 200 guests expected.
- Sunday, September 26** — 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday Funday.
Vendors, family activities, rides, & DJ music.
- Monday, September 27** — 6 p.m. Monthly TVHS
Program presentation. Steve Williamson will present
a program on the work of author Helen Hunt Jackson
and how it enhanced travel to Southern California.
The presentation will be given at the Little Temecula
History Center, the red barn next to Kohls in South
Temecula. It is free and open to the public

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership:

Jackey McNamara

Robert & Elaine Culverhouse

100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column — September 1921

Issue of September 2, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

The Temecula baseball nine met the Beaumont nine on the Hot Springs diamond and led them a merry chase, the game ending in a score of 12 -3 in Temecula's favor. In the first inning Hogege got his usual homerun with two men on bases, bringing in three runs in this inning. Everything went on smoothly until the fourth inning when Beaumont's pitcher and catcher went up in the air. In this frame ten Temecula batters faced the pitcher, bringing in seven runs. After the fourth inning blow-up a new pitcher went in for Beaumont and made the game more interesting for the Temecula team. One notable feature of the game was the lack of squabbling and umpires' quarrels. Next Sunday, September 4th, the team and many Temecula rooters will motor to Banning and take down the strong Banning nine.

Miss Ruth Welty, of Washington, who has visited the Welties for a few weeks, is going to teach in the Alberhill School this coming year.

Mrs. Mary E. Laughhead and son, Kirk, have leased the Harvey ranch for a couple of years from E. E. Barnett and are remodeling the house.

Mrs. Alfred Knott returned Sunday, after a week's vacation a Laguna Beach with relatives.

Miss Ethelyn Walters has been very ill at her home with a severe cold which threatened a case of pneumonia. She is slightly better at this writing.

September 9, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

Many Temeculans motored to Banning Sunday where the Temecula baseball nine played the nine of that town. The rooters and team left early in the morning and made a jolly picnic day of it. The ladies of the crowd served a delicious lunch for the team and their friends at noon. At 2:30 the game began, which proved to be one of interest and ended in a score of 10-5 in Temecula's favor. On the first ball over the plate Frank Rames made a homerun. In the third inning six scores were made, 5 of which were homeruns. Hogege, as usual, made his homerun, Calac brought in two and Art Escallier one. Temecula can boast of six homeruns and Banning two. Tano was relieved in the third inning by Wallace, who pitched an air tight game. The game was a straight, clean game and Banning played well. Next Sunday will be an idle day for Temecula.

The Elsinore High School opens next Monday, September 12. The high school district furnishes free transportation for students of this valley. A reliable driver and up-to-date bus has been secured for the comfort of the students. This will prove a wonderful boon for this section for heretofore transportation has been an expensive and troublesome problem to parents and students. The bus will leave Temecula at 7:30 next Monday morning and will pick up the students of Murrieta, Wildomar and Sedco on the way. The Temecula grammar school will open next

Monday with Miss Marguerita Domenigoni and Miss Eula Fleshman in charge as last year. The new bus bought by the trustees arrived Tuesday and is in readiness to carry the children of the other districts. Mr. Al Otto has been secured to drive the bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Stager were the overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Spivey on Saturday. On Sunday they joined the baseball fans at Banning.

Mrs. W.T. Barton is ill with an attack of la grippe. Miss Ethelyn Walters, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is much improved.

Charlie Clogston has been in the Riverside hospital where he had one of his large toes amputated. A year or so ago Mr. Clogston had the toe injured in an automobile accident and it has given him more or less trouble since, and amputation became necessary.

Tuesday evening several Temecula people joined the Elsinore young people in an old fashioned charivari for Mr. and Mrs. Jay Noviack, who had just returned from their honeymoon. A jolly evening was enjoyed.

Many Temeculans spent Monday and Tuesday in Hemet at the big fiesta. Some of the Temecula boys took part in the riding. Worthy of note was the riding done by Louie Chauqua, of Pala, on Monday. Young Chauqua had an unusually wild bucking bronco and rode him gallantly. He stood an excellent chance of winning the saddle, but unfortunately an insignificant mishap disqualified him at the last moment.

The Temecula Lumber Yard received a car of lumber from San Diego Monday.

Issue of September 16, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham and daughter, Ethel, and Miss Elizabeth Nienke spent Friday in Escondido at the Grape Day celebration.

School opened Monday with an attendance of thirty-six. The teachers have taken housekeeping rooms in the hotel for the year.

Miss Lillian Taylor of Warner's Hot Springs is visiting friends in Temecula this week.

Mrs. Fisher and daughter, Dolly, spent the weekend at Escondido.

Dan Cantarini spent part of the week in Los Angeles.

Little Alfred Sands, of San Bernardino is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Price.

Issue of September 23, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

Last Sunday the Temecula baseball nine played Hemet White Sox in the first game of the second half of the series and fairly walked away with them, the score being 26 -4. Tano pitched a splendid game, and was relieved in the

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seventh inning by Newman, who kept up the good work. Hemet gained but 5 hits off Tano and none off Newman, while Tune, pitching for Hemet, gave the Temecula players 21 safe hits. Tune of Hemet, from all appearances, seemed determined to win the game by killing off the Temeculans, for he hit six or seven of the batters. There were no homeruns. Hogee made five hits in seven times up, and Benson copied the achievement. Next Sunday San Jacinto and Temecula will meet on the Hot Springs diamond for the second game of the second series.

Much interest is centered on the attractive new home being built on a pretty site on the Pauba ranch south-east of town by Mr. Mahlon Vail. It is a huge affair of many rooms and built on the old Spanish style, low roofed, with the open court and of adobe. The house will boast of three fireplaces, a huge cellar and all modern conveniences. Mr. Vail has named his home "Casa Loma" and on its completion will bring his wife, who is now in Los Angeles, to live here. Mr. Jacobs of Rainbow has the work in charge.

While watching the baseball game between Murrieta and Elsinore at the Hot Springs last Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Verne Spivey was struck on the left side by a stray ball and for a while it was thought that her ribs were broken. However Dr. Arthur Priester of the Hot Springs, found that it was but a very bad bruise. Luckily Mrs. Spivey was holding her four months old baby on her right arm and he escaped the blow.

Dan Cantarini Sr., left the latter part of last week for his home in Switzerland, where he will visit his mother for several months. His many friends wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

The Little Temecula School opened Monday with an attendance of nearly twenty. Mrs. Davis, who taught there the past two years, is in charge again. Mrs. Davis has just returned from a three months' visit with relatives in Pennsylvania and has taken housekeeping rooms in the Temecula hotel.

Relatives of Charles Escallier, who is favorably known in this section, have just received a letter from him stating that he has resigned from the service of the Ford automobile company in Detroit and is now living in New York City and working for the New York Automobile company.

Mrs. J. Fisher is helping Miss Dolly Fisher in the restaurant in Mrs. Hall's absence.

Miss Grace Greenfield is on the sick list, suffering from a severe cold.

Two special cattle trains came into Temecula this week. On Tuesday Mendenhall shipped nine cars of Aberdeen Angus cattle to Los Angeles and a few days previous Sandae and Moore shipped thirteen cars to the same destination.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Walters and daughter, Peggy, Miss Ethelyn Walters, and Mr. Sam Seiple spent Sunday dove hunting in the mountains.

Dan Cantarini received a shipment of furniture this week for the house he is furnishing near town. We are expecting to hear wedding bells in a short time.

Two cars of Lithia ore from the Pala mines were shipped this week. It is expected that the mine will be opened to full capacity very soon, as there is greater demand for the ore again.

A group of movie people under Director Clements took a few wild west scenes at the Temecula depot just as the afternoon train came in Monday.

Mass will be held at the Catholic Church at Temecula Sunday, September 25th, at 10:30 a.m. by Father Toner.

Issue of September 30, 1921 By Elizabeth Nienke

The fire which has raged in the De Luz canyon since Saturday or Sunday and has burned over several hundred acres of ground, suddenly changed its course on Tuesday, swept over the hills back of Temecula with a roar and threatened to wipe the resident section off the map. The barn of George Marruffo, containing all of his hay, a wagon, harness and other farm implements were burned before the fighters could check it. Mr. Greenfield's barn, containing trunks and boxes of stored clothing and household goods, burned and only efficient work saved the house for several times it caught on fire and had it burned there would have been little chance of saving the homes along the street as the wind did all it could to carry the flames. Many families gathered their valuables, ready to leave if it became necessary. All along the street the fire swept along the back fences of the yards and kept everyone on the jump putting out the little blazes as the barns and vegetation caught the flying sparks. The Temecula people felt very thankful to have roofs over their heads Tuesday night and feel very grateful to the many people who came from near and far to aid and especially are they grateful to the Shope's bridge and building gang, the Santa Fe section crew, M.E. Barnett and his men and the Elsinore and Murrieta men.

Louie Pasas was in Los Angeles for a couple of days the first of the week. Some days ago he had the misfortune to have his forehead burned by hot asphaltum while working at the Pauba ranch and the Vail Company sent him to their company doctor in Los Angeles for medical aid.

Cantarini brothers have purchased a new truck for use on their ranch.

Seven cars of cattle were shipped from Temecula this week. Two by Barks & Howard of Aguanga; two by Reed brothers of the same vicinity and three by the Vail Company