

Men's Club Tour of Nats Park, June 2, 2017

25 of our members and spouses attended a private tour of the Washington National's Baseball Stadium arranged for by Larry Katz. The tour included the visiting team's clubhouse, the press box (highest in the majors),



the Nats' dugout, several luxury suites and boxes, and the warning path on the field. In the bullpen, members got to try pitching, with varying success.

Besides a ballpark, the stadium is a museum, with amazing photos and memorabilia of baseball history in Washington including Griffith and RFK stadiums and the Washington Grays, the Negro League team.



There is a wall of presidents, from Taft to Obama, throwing out the first pitch; of the Washington Senators' successes (one world series victory and several couple American League pennants); and perhaps their greatest old-time player, pitcher Walter Johnson. Dave Fenster remarked that our tour guide "Maria

provided an excellent tour of the Park. I was also very impressed by her knowledge of Washington baseball and her knowledge of the museum-like



historical displays in the Park. This tour exceeded my expectations and is a Men's Club highlight”.

After the tour, the attendees had a delicious lunch at the nearby Gordon Biersch restaurant where they were able to relax and remember their day. Martin Meyers mused “That curve ball pitch in the bullpen was a definite strike”! while Art Raymond affirmed “I need more warm-ups in the bullpen”.

