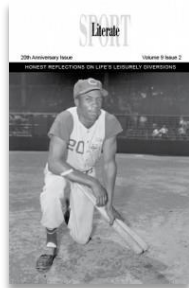
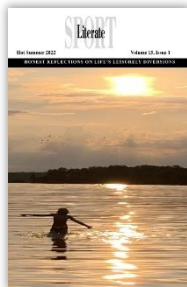
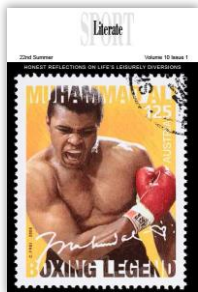


SPORT Literate

Honest Reflections on Life's Leisurely Diversions

Two week's left in *Sport Literate's* "1970s contest"

Sport Literate is offering two \$500 prizes for the best essay and best poem in our "1970s contest." Submit before July 31.



We won't be prescriptive beyond the decade in question, except to say that poets and writers should reflect on a subject through a sporting lens. Our guest judges, both *SL* veterans and contest winners, are also former state Poet Laureates. *SL* editors read through submissions and send anonymous finalists to Jack Bedell and Sydney Lea, who will pick their favorites.

Jack Bedell, our essay judge, served as Louisiana Poet Laureate from 2017 to 2019. A professor of English, Jack coordinates the Creative Writing program at Southeastern Louisiana University, where he also edits *Louisiana Literature* and directs the Louisiana Literature Press. His published work, in numerous journals, has been included in *Best Microfiction* and *Best Spiritual Literature*. His latest collection is *Against the Woods' Dark Trunks*.

Sydney Lea, our poetry judge, served as Vermont's Poet Laureate from 2011 to 2015. The author of 23 books, Syd was the 2021 recipient of his home state's most prestigious artist's distinction: the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. A former Pulitzer finalist and winner of the Poets' Prize, he is the founding editor of *New England Review*.

Contest guidelines:

- We think the **\$30 reading fee** is a reasonable pot builder.
- All entrants **receive a two-issue subscription** (a \$20 value), plus two back issues.
- All submissions will be considered for standard publication in our fall print issue.
- **Previously published work is acceptable**. Just let us know where it first appeared.
- **Submission deadline: midnight, July 31, 2024**. All submissions should come through **Submittable**.
- Note: We can **mail issues only to U.S. domestic addresses**. So if you live abroad, maybe you've got a cousin in the States. If not, you can still enter the contest.
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