



The

# Salmon Spectator

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## Salmon Play in the Shadow of the Philo Silo

Contributed by Robert "Pipes" Panknin



Last Saturday was a beautiful day for a base ball jamboree hosted by Michael "The Drifter" Griffin, Captain of the newly formed Summit Station VBBC. The event was well attended, with the second biggest crowd at a game yet this season. Four teams came out, with the Salmon facing off against the the Springfield Long Nine and the McLean County Prairie Chickens, and a match featuring the Prairie Chickens and the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels in between. All matches were justly umpired by Allen "Honest Al" Stare. Courtesy of the Museum of the Grand Prairie, there was a display of early central Illinois base ball history with pictures from back in the day to keep everyone entertained between matches, as well as some delicious pulled pork and potato salad.

The first match had the Salmon taking the lead, and holding on through the 5th inning. Persistent as ever, the Long Nine came back in the 6th, and held on to win the 7-inning match. The second game was a well-played contest, with the Ground Squirrels defeating the worthy Prairie Chickens 21-13. The third match saw the Prairie Chickens take an early 10 tally lead on the Salmon, but the Salmon showed great heart, and battled back to take the lead after 5 innings. Not to be outdone, the Prairie Chickens fought back and renewed their lead in the 6th, as the Salmon seemingly "ran out of gas," as put by Pig of the Long Nine. The day concluded with a final "House of Bob" match with players that remained. Special commendation to Salmon captain Nickels, who gallantly played through the day with what turned out to be a broken pinky finger, as well as Rube of the Long Nine and The Drifter for filling out the Salmon roster. All in all, a fine afternoon was had by all...Hurrah!



**Salmon** 5 **Final**  
**Long Nine** 12

**Salmon** 13 **Final**  
**Prairie Chickens** 30



## Up To Bat...

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This Sunday the Salmon are hosting the Elkhart County Railroaders at our home field, the Historic Methodist Campground in Des Plaines, IL. The Salmon will have a hard piece of work cut out for them, and it is sure to be a sharp contest. While we hope victory will be perched on the bat-sticks of the Salmon, no matter the outcome, it is sure to be an excellent day to play, or watch, a lively base ball match. A feast fit for royalty will be provided after the match by Boss Lady, with contributions from Flapjack.



Flapjack strikes the ball during a match at the Historic Methodist Campground in 2020

### On Deck...



vs. Lemont Quarrymen  
Sunday, June 13, 1:00pm, Naperville, IL

### In the Hole...



vs. Douglas Dutchers  
Saturday, June 26, 2:00pm, Douglas, MI



## Meet Your Salmon!

### Razor Purveyor of Wood



A Salmon since 2012, Mark "Razor" Uittenbogaard, our faithful Purveyor of Wood, prefers to make his home in the outfield, or at first base. His nickname comes from the moniker he uses for defeating foes in video games, which in turn helps him defeat our challengers in base ball games. In 1858 he would have been a blacksmith, and today he certainly wields his bat (buy one just like his at our next match!) like a mighty blacksmith's hammer.

## Misnomer of the Week

### “Huzzah”

Huzzah was an archaic English cheer that was displaced among Americans by the mid-19th century by Hurrah. "Huzzah" is the foreign word from which the American cheer of "hurrah" (or hooora) was derived. To Americans; Huzza is a noun and means "a cheer". "Hurrah" is an exclamation and is what you cheer. A visiting English cricketer may cheer "huzzah," but not an American patriot. To us, cheering "hip, hip, huzza" is akin to cheering "hip, hip, a cheer".

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