



Salmon Season Starts with a Splash!

by Katie "Flapjack" Baer

On Sunday, May 1st the Chicago Salmon traveled to Hobart, IN to meet longtime friends the Deep River Grinders for the first match of the 2022 season. Not only was it Opening Day, but it was also Boss Lady's birthday, and team manager Pipes spent much time and effort to ensure a lively celebration. Many of Boss Lady's dearest family and friends were in attendance, including some retired Salmon who swam up to join in the festivities. Pipes even performed a birthday version of The Huzzah Song.

The Salmon were excited to welcome back a few errant players to the field, including The Professor, Jumbo Shrimp, and Lightning. While both clubs first needed to dust off the cobwebs after a long winter's nap, it didn't take long. Both clubs held their own in the field, but the strongest player swore allegiance to neither team: the river. Several balls made their way into the water, which resulted in many tallies all around. This cavalcade of aces included a Grand Slam by Strings, which echoed his brother-in-law Sketch's Opening Day Slam from last year. One can only hope for a new Salmon tradition!

After nine innings, the Salmon bested the river, and the Grinders, and retrieved their laurels. After the match, both clubs met for a meal generously prepared by the Grinders, and further celebration of the beloved Boss Lady. Hurrah!

Final Score

Chicago Salmon	20
Deep River Grinders	11





Up to Bat

On Sunday, May 15th the Salmon will travel to Indiana once again to meet the Valparaiso Lookouts for a lovely afternoon of base ball.

A historically challenging field, the Salmon will have the infamous right field tree, and occasional spectators, to contend with, as well as the mighty Lookout ballists. No matter the outcome, both clubs will meet as friends afterwards for a meal courtesy of the Hoosier hosts.

The match will begin at 12:00pm in the field behind the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, IN.



The Lookouts pitch to the Salmon during a 2021 match

On Deck

vs. House of David Echoes & Springfield Long Nine
May 22nd, 1pm,
Historic Methodist Campground

In the Hole

vs. Elkhart County Railroaders & McHenry County Independants
June 5th, 1pm,
Historic Methodist Campground

Meet Your Salmon:



Aaron "Strings" Baer

One of the newest members of the Salmon, Aaron "Strings" Baer joined the club during the 2021 season when asked by his sister, Flapjack, to fill in at a match low on ballists. Though he hasn't been playing long, Strings has already made an impression in the outfield, his favorite position. Naturally, his nickname comes from his being a musician. He plays both guitar and bass, usually with extra strings. In 1858, like today, he would be a musician, and most likely equally underemployed. Fortunately, the Salmon are more than happy to employ his skills on the ball field!

Salmon Survey

What's your favorite baseball movie?

1. A League of Their Own (33.3%)
2. Field of Dreams (16.7%)
2. Major League (16.7%)
4. The Sandlot (11.1%)
5. Bull Durham (5.6%)
5. The Rookie (5.6%)
5. The Bad News Bears (5.6%)
5. Moneyball (5.6%)



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