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Dear Fellow Owners:

Welcome to yet another edition of From the Bullpen. There is plenty to discuss here, so let's get right to it, shall we?

SUMMER TRIP

Instead of beginning this version of From the Bullpen with a downer, such as a report on the current league standings (it's a downer anytime the Mudhens are ahead of the Senators), let us begin with the significantly cheerier business of the summer trip. The official itinerary for the blockbuster weekend is as follows:

Friday, July 21 –

Noon Depart by car from Lincoln and Omaha to Kansas City International Airport
3:00 p.m. Depart Kansas City for Chicago on Southwest Airlines
4:30 p.m. Arrive Chicago/depart Chicago for Milwaukee via luxury cargo van
6:30 p.m. Arrive Milwaukee
7:30 p.m. Attend Brewers/Twins game
10:00 p.m.-? Post-game activities

Sat., July 22 -

9:00 a.m. Arise early to the soothing sound of Jigger blowing beef to the beat of Black Oak Arkansas on his portable CD player
10:00 a.m. Pass hat for contributions for remainder of Shamu's weekend
1:30 p.m. Attend Brewers/Twins game
4:30 p.m. Post-game victuals and libations at cheapest nearby watering hole
7:00 p.m. Van ride to Hell as least-intoxicated HSL manager Underbelly careens, swerves, and skids van back to Chicago under influence of 17 beers

9:00 p.m. Arrive Chicago, check into luxury hotel (with air conditioning and color TV), spruce up and head for Rush Street

Sunday, July 23 –

9:00 a.m. Arise early for morning jog led by distance enthusiast Snickler, and begin mental preparations for return to Murphy's Bleacher Bar, the Cubby Bar, and Wrigley Field

1:20 p.m. Attend Cubs/Giants game at Wrigley

6:00 p.m. Return to Kansas City for short, cheery ride home

As I believe most of you are aware, McBlunder was able to secure round-trip air fare for us from Kansas City to Chicago for the paltry fare of \$48.00, hence the Kansas City departure site. By coincidence, this will be the second year in a row that Shamu will spend a total of \$48.00 on our league trip. As far as attendance at this year's trip, I have received affirmatives from Sandjigger (even though I told him the fare was \$480.00), Underbelly (look for the Burlington Railroad to fold that weekend), Pipsqueak (the mouse that roared), McBlunder (he's got to find some fun in association with the Hot Stove League this year), Shamu (sold another insurance policy, should have some spending money this year), and WhiteSot (I'll believe it when I see him strapped into his airplane seat with a cocktail in his hand). The Skipper will, of course, be going, and Baby Trumpetfish has indicated that he is a strong "probably" for the trip. The linguine-spined Possum has indicated that he "might go," which in the wishy-washy Possum vernacular means that he'll be stuck at the house that weekend, changing Max's diaper and catering to his spouse's every postpartum whim. And that leaves us with only the chattering Magpie, who has conjured up the feeble excuse that his second child may be born during the same weekend as our league trip. Another weak, lilly-livered excuse, with which we are all deeply disappointed.

In summary, it appears that at least seven, and probably eight, of the league owners/managers will cinch up their britches and express their manhood once again on this year's summer trip. Besting last year's effort of three drunks in one day may not be reachable, but a good time is guaranteed for all.

SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT

Just as a few of our rosters are beginning to show some small holes and cracks (the Blues have more holes than Shamu's sock wardrobe), the Supplemental Draft comes along to uplift the weary and depressed, and give new hope to the perennial doormats of the league. Stretch, Shamu and Underbelly, now is your time to stand up and be counted.

The Supplemental Draft will take place on Sunday, June 3, 1989 at Sandjigger's pad. After the draft, plans call for taking in a College World Series game at Rosenblatt Stadium. The first game of Session No. 2 of the College World Series begins at 4:10 p.m. on Sunday, the 3rd, so it is my suggestion that we commence the Supplemental Draft at 1:30 p.m. Sandjigger has generously offered to cook up burgers on his grill for everybody, and Shamu traditionally springs for all the beer at this gathering.

Please check your calendars, and make sure that you will be available for the Supplemental Draft on Sunday, the 3rd of June at 1:30 p.m. If anyone is doubtful for attending this function, please make sure and let me know as soon as possible.

Although I had planned to devote substantially all of this issue of From the Bullpen to vent my anger, disappointment and frustration over the numerous calamities which have prevented the Senators from rising to the top of the league where they belong, I will save myself some postage and bring these matters to your collective attention at the Supplemental Draft.

See you all on June 3rd.

Skipper