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# THANK YOU, TEXAS RANGERS

The Spokane Indians would like to thank the Texas Rangers organization for 18 years of affiliation partnership. Spokane served as the Rangers' Short-Season A affiliate from 2003 to 2020. During this span, the Indians welcomed over 3 million fans to Avista Stadium, won 3 NWL Championships, earned 8 playoff berths, and rostered 4 NWL Most Valuable Players. With the MLB pipeline for Texas starting in Spokane, the Rangers made a pair of World Series appearances (2010 & 2011). The Indians compiled an overall record of 647-643 while partnered with the Rangers organization. We appreciate our partnership and all that has been





### INDIANS INVITED TO BECOME COLORADO ROCKIES AFFILIATE



**SPOKANE, Wash.** - The Spokane Indians are excited to announce the organization has been invited by the Colorado Rockies to become a High A long season affiliate through Major League Baseball's newly formed Player Development System. Once finalized, this system will commence for the 2021 season and continue through a minimum of the 2030 season.

"We are thrilled to have received an invitation to partner with the Colorado Rockies organization," said **Otto Klein**, Senior Vice President of the Spokane Indians Baseball Club.

"Our goal is to continue to provide affordable family entertainment to the Inland Northwest. We're looking forward to what the next chapter of Spokane Indians Baseball holds for our community, fans, and organization."

This potential Rockies partnership would mark the first time Spokane has been affiliated with Colorado, and the ninth different MLB affiliation in team history. "The Colorado Rockies proudly invited the Spokane Indians to join with us in the development of our future Major League players," said **Zach Wilson**, Colorado Rockies Assistant General Manager, Player Development. "We are excited about this new partnership and look forward to bringing exciting baseball to Spokane and positively impacting the community."

For the previous 18 seasons, the Indians have been the Short-Season A affiliate of the Texas Rangers.

The High A level is two levels above the Short-Season A baseball the Indians have played since 1983. Prior to playing short season baseball, Spokane played Triple-A baseball for parts of three decades, starting in 1958. Under this new Player Development System, High A teams are expected to play 132 games. It's a significant increase from the 76 games played in Short-Season A, providing Inland Northwest baseball fans even more opportunities to enjoy a game at Avista Stadium.

#### *Indians Affiliation History Since 1958*

2003-2020 Texas Rangers
1995-2002 Kansas City Royals
1983-1994 San Diego Padres
1982 California Angels
1979-1981 Seattle Mariners
1976-1978 Milwaukee Brewers
1973-1975 Texas Rangers
1958-1972 Los Angeles Dodgers



We are thrilled with the teams that we will call home for our Minor League Baseball program next season and well into the future. We have had great relationships in Albuquerque and Hartford, and look forward to our new partnerships in Spokane and Freson. - Detuck Backba Guide Statester to the second second

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# HOLIDAY TRIVIA

What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant?

- a) Poinsettia b) Wreaths
- c) Mistletoe
- d) Holly
- 2. What Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch?"
  - a) Apple cider
  - b) Eggnog
  - c) Mulled wine
  - d) Hot chocolate

3. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees?

- a) The United States
- b) Germany
- c) Cananda
- d) Switzerland

**4.** In the song *Frosty the Snowman*, what made Frosty come to life?

a) An old silk hatb) Carrot nosec) Santa's magicd) The joy of children

5. In *Home Alone*, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?

- a) Rome
- b) Paris
- c) London
- d) New York

6. In the movie *Elf*, what is the first rule of The Code of Elves?

- a) There's room for everyone on the nice list.
- b) Treat every day like Christmas.
- c) The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

7. What does Hanukkah mean in Hebrew?

- a) Festival b) Candles
- c) Feast
- d) Dedication

8. How many branches/candles does a Hanukkah menorah have?

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 10
- 9. Why are Hanukkah meals fried?
  - a) Because it's easy to prepare.
  - b) Because everything tastes better when it's fried.
  - c) To celebrate the miracle oil that burned for eight nights.
  - d) Because it's too hard to BBQ a latke.

**10.** Kwanzaa is a celebration of what?

- a) Family
- b) Community
- c) Culture
- d) All of the Above

1. True or False: Recently, it has become acceptable for participants to celebrate Kwanzaa along with Christmas and Hanukkah.

> a) True b) False

- 12. What is the first of the "Seven Principles of Kwanzaa?"
  - a) Purposeb) Creativityc) Unityd) Faith



### SPOKANE INDIANS IN THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME



**Cooperstown, NY.** - On Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, The Spokane Indians were featured in the National Baseball Hall of Fame's *Virtual Voices of the Game* series - focusing on the team's relationship with the Spokane Tribe of Indians. You can watch the full interview on the National Baseball Hall of Fame's YouTube

Channel.

For more than 100 years, the team has been partners with the Spokane Tribe of Indians, inhabiting northeast Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana. The tribe and team worked together in 2006 to develop an emblem representing both parties: an "S" outlined in the Indians' signature pale blue, crossed by a feather as an icon of the tribe. In 2014, the Indians introduced an alternate uniform that featured "Spokane" in Salish (Native American language) across the chest of their uniform. Today, that uniform acts as the

team's primary jersey and is worn every game.

In the interview with Spokane Indians' Senior Vice President, Otto Klein, and Councilman Tiger Peone from the Spokane Tribe, they discuss the relationship between the team and the Spokane Tribe of Indians as well as the successful initiatives of this partnership - including the Redband Rally Campaign to protect the native Redband Trout.

The Spokane Indians have donated numerous items to the Hall of Fame, including a jersey depicting Salish across the front to the Museum's permanent collection.

Register to participate in these free virtual programs by visiting the Museum's Events webpage at baseballhall.org/events. Once capacity is reached via Zoom connection, participants may join live on the Hall of Fame's Facebook page for all events.

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#### HEY INDIANS FANS, DID YOU KNOW?

As a ticket package holder, you're also a STCU Gold Glove Member? Here are some of the best member benefits:



#### EARLY TICKET EXCHANGE

Option to exchange your tickets prior to gates opening for similar seats to another game.

#### **NEVER WASTED TICKET PROGRAM**

Missed a game? No problem! Trade your unused tickets for reserved bench seats to a future game.

#### **ONLINE TICKET MANAGEMENT**

Make ticket exchanges online and electronically send tickets to someone else.

#### **EXCLUSIVE AREA**

Never miss a pitch at the members-only concessions stand with a great view behind home plate.

#### **GIVEAWAY ITEMS**

Guaranteed all non "kids only" items no matter what time you get to the game.

#### **EARLY ENTRY**

Beat the crowd! Enter Avista Stadium 5 minutes before the public with early entry at the STCU Gold Glove Member gate.



# **MEMBER HIGHLIGHT**

We're thankful for each and every STCU Gold Glove Member! Throughout the next Home Base editions, we'll be highlighting some of our ticket package holders and learning how they utilize the great benefits that come with being a member.

#### **RICK RICHARD**

How long have you had a ticket package with the Indians? 25+ years.

What type of ticket package do you have? Full season tickets, sometimes 2 boxes a vear.

**Favorite promotional night at Avista Stadium?** Family Feast Nights and Fireworks Nights.



#### **Favorite ballpark food item at Avista Stadium?** German Sausage (and beer if that's considered a food item?)

#### **Favorite Gold Glove Member benefit?**

Online ticket management makes it easy for me to share my tickets with others.

### What are you most looking forward to when baseball returns to Avista Stadium?

A relaxing night at the ballpark with friends and clients eating, drinking, laughing and having fun.

#### How do you use your tickets?

As a real estate agent, I send a letter out to over 400 of my past clients, those that have referred me to others over the years to buy and sell real estate. I invite them to call me and reserve my tickets. It's my most popular client event that I do with them. I then email my ticket rep to put the tickets I leave at the ticket office for the entire season under the clients name in will call. It's so easy for me. It's so popular some years I've bought a 2nd box of 4 seats. This list grows every year and I'm sure it will continue to do so for many years to come.

#### How have you benefitted from being a Gold Glove Member with the Indians?

I've had so many great nights at the ballpark with my clients, who are also my friends, getting to know them on a more personal level. Nothing like a nice warm summer night with friends.

Have questions about becoming a STCU Gold Glove Member? Give us a call at (509) 343-6886 or email us at tickets@spokaneindians.com.



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