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# 11th Annual World Tournament of Historic Base Ball®

# August 10-11, 2013 Greenfield Village®

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### World Tournament **Daily Schedule**

### Saturday, August 10, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. —

#### **Tournament Games**

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Walnut Grove #1 and #2 & Hawthorn Glade

See historic base ball games throughout the day.

### **DON'T MISS!** Base Ball Artifacts

### 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Luther Burbank Birthplace

Come see the actual championship trophy bat awarded to the Unknowns from Jackson, Michigan — winners of the first-class division at the World's Base Ball Tournament 1867 in Detroit and an original copy of *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* for 1867 by Henry Chadwick. These and other base ball artifacts from the collections of The Henry Ford are on display.

### **1867 Base Ball Skill Test**

### 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Village Green

Try your hand at pitching and see how fast you can run the bases.

### **Massachusetts Rules Game**

**9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. • Village Green** Play the pre-Civil War stick-and-ball game that preceded the game of 1867.

### Sunday, August 11, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### **Players' Skills Competition**

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. • Walnut Grove #1 & #2

Come see the most accurate thrower, the fastest runner and the farthest thrower from among the tournament clubs.

### Championship Game

2:30 p.m. • Walnut Grove #1

### 1929 Medley

### 1 p.m. • Near Scotch Settlement School

A 15-minute music medley celebrating the founding year of The Henry Ford!

### **Simply Gershwin**

11:30 a.m. • 12:45 p.m. • 2:15 p.m. • 3:30 p.m. • *Town Hall* Celebrate George Gershwin in this lively, 30-minute music, comedy and dance revue.

### **Model T Medley**

11:45 a.m. • 2:30 p.m. • *Near Scotch Settlement School* A 10-minute music medley with a dash of Model T humor.

### Cricket

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11 a.m.-4 p.m. • *Village Green* Learn and play another early stick-and-ball game cricket — with expert Tom Melville.

### Awards Ceremony

(Immediately following the championship game) Walnut Grove #1

A \$300 cash prize will be awarded to the champion club, and a bag of peanuts will go to the club with the least number of victories, just as in the 1867 World Tournament! Pottery prizes handcrafted by the artisans of Liberty Craftworks in Greenfield Village.

# 11th Annual World Tournament of Historic Base Ball®



**THE TRADITION CONTINUES** this weekend as the Lah-De-Dahs and the Nationals of Greenfield Village take on vintage clubs from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio during the 11th Annual World Tournament of Historic Base Ball.

In 1867, the Detroit area hosted the World's Base Ball Tournament, and 24 clubs from the United States and Canada took the field to compete in the game that was fast becoming the national pastime.

In 2013, watch teams face off on the field until only one club is left to be declared champion. Check out great hands-on base ball activities all weekend. Enjoy music by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, and see the original rosewood trophy bat awarded to the Unknowns of

Jackson, Michigan, for winning first place in the 1867 World's Tournament in Detroit. View an original copy of *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* for 1867, the rule book written by Henry Chadwick and used for the World Tournament and for the Greenfield Village historic base ball program, and examine the rosewood bat at the Luther Burbank Birthplace in Greenfield Village on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For a fun souvenir, take home a reproduction copy of *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* — available for sale in the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village stores.

### World Tournament Champions

2003 - Clodbusters BBC 2004 - Mother Nature 2005 - Clodbusters BBC 2006 - Clodbusters BBC 2007 - Lah-De-Dahs BBC 2008 - Lah-De-Dahs BBC 2009 - Saginaw Old Golds 2010 - Columbus Capitals 2011 - Saginaw Old Golds 2012 - Saginaw Old Golds

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### The Original **World's Base Ball Tournament**

"WORLD'S BASE BALL TOURNAMENT, DETROIT, MICH., 1867." So read the advertisement for the matches that would offer a first-place prize of \$300 in greenbacks to the winner of the first class. The Detroit Base Ball Club sponsored the tournament, and it attracted teams from the United States and Canada. These teams entered in one of three classes so that teams of similar skill might be pitted against each other.

The matches began on the grounds of the Detroit Base Ball Club on August 13, 1867, with the fans paying 25 cents each and 50 cents for each vehicle that entered the property. Seats in the grandstand cost an additional fee. A fence enclosed the ball field. *The Detroit Free Press* reported extensively on the matches. Crowds as large as 5,000 attended over the tournament's three days.

The Free Press stories also provided insight into the quality of the matches and activities on the field. In a game on the first day, Witherspoon, the second baseman for the Commercial Club of Detroit, was said to have "made kindling of his bat." During the games of the second day, the Free Press described a predecessor to "Shoeless Joe" Jackson: "Marker of the Unions determined not to be outdone but rather to outdo, and after divesting himself of shoes and stockings ... succeeded in capturing two home runs by low balls." The game accounts also offer an insight into at least some opinions about the introduction of mitts for players. The Free Press writer commented: "We have noticed in all the matches played thus far that the use of gloves by the players was to some degree a customary practice, which we think cannot be too highly condemned and are of the opinion that the Custers would have shown a better score if there had been less buckskin on their hands." The players couldn't be blamed for wanting to protect their hands for defensive purposes; scores such as 41 to 40 and 61 to 32 indicate that offense ruled the diamond

WORLD'S BASE BALL TOURNAMENT, DETROIT, MICH., 1867, Commencing August 13th, and continuing from day to day until all the matches are completed.

SCHEDULE OF PRIZES. FIBST CLASS. First Prize, \$200 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75, ..... \$575 00 Second Prize, Silver Tea Set with Urn, offered

As for the outcome of the tournament, the championship matches occurred on August 17 and 19 (the 18th, being Sunday, was a day of rest). On Saturday, the match pitted the Allegheny Club of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, against the Unknown Club of Jackson, Michigan. The *Free Press* claimed the outcome was as much of a surprise to the winning club as it was to the losers. The final score of 29 to 26 earned greenbacks and a gold-mounted rosewood trophy bat\* for the Unknowns of Jackson. In addition to cash and a prize for finishing second in the group, the Allegheny Club received a set of blue silk flags to serve as foul line markers down the outfield line. The Ann Arbor club won the second class, and a Canadian club, the Victoria of Ingersoll, took the third class.

ABOVE: Detroit Free Press announcement of the World's Base Ball Tournament, 1867. RIGHT: Grayling, Michigan, base ball player with a Spalding bat, about 1880. From the collections of The Henry Ford®.

°The actual trophy bat awarded to the Unknowns is on display in the Luther Burbank Birthplace.

### **BASE BALL** as the National Pastime

### As base ball (it was spelled as two words into the early 1900s) gained popularity in the 1850s and 1860s, its promoters remarked on the healthful and wholesome aspects

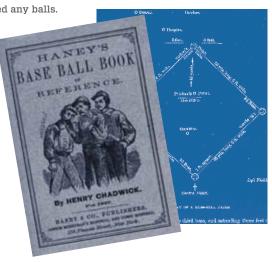
of the game. Henry Chadwick, one of base ball's chief advocates, wrote in 1867: "What cricket is to the Englishman, base ball has become to an American." Chadwick, the inventor of the box score and a prolific writer on all things related to base ball, explained: "As a means of cultivating the physical powers, base ball is one of the most commendable exercises in vogue. As a remedy for many of the evils resulting from the immoral associations the boys and young men of our cities are apt to become connected with, the game merits the endorsement of every clergyman in the country. But one of the strongest aids to the popularity of base ball lies in the fact that it is a game — and about the only one, by the way — which can be countenanced by the fair sex. American ladies have been hitherto shut out from all pleasures incident to games ... by the low character of the surroundings of most of the sports and pastimes men indulge in." Chadwick was right: Base ball became the national pastime, and part of the reason was its appeal to Americans of all ages. Base ball meant America. It served as a form of exercise, entertainment and even a way for immigrants to participate in American culture. Base ball built a sense of community and still contributes to our identity as Americans.

### **NOTES ON RULES** for World's Base Ball Tournament

#### Base ball in the 1867 Detroit tournament would look only vaguely familiar to us today.

The game consisted of nine players and four bases, 90 feet apart, with chalk marking the foul lines. After that, the game began to stray. The pitcher was required to throw underhand, foul balls caught on the first bound put the hitter out, and a ball that first bounced fair and then rolled foul was a fair ball. Run scoring could be prolific, as players seldom wore gloves and the mitts of the day consisted of a fingerless pad that protected the palm and little else. Foul balls did not count as strikes, and the single umpire warned the hitter before he actually began calling strikes. He likewise warned the pitcher to

deliver fair pitches before he called any balls. After such a warning, three balls allowed the runner to take his base, and any combination of three called or swinging strikes was an out. That rule remains today: Three strikes and you're out, and three outs is a turn at the plate. As you watch the game, feel free to ask our players about any call that confuses you. It's a grand old game, but one that can be confusing to modern visitors.



An 1860s diagram of the base ball diamond, found in *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* for 1867 by Henry Chadwick. From the collections of The Henry Ford.



LAH-DE-DAHS B.B.C. Dearborn, Michigan

The Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs, founded in 1992, borrowed their name from an amateur club that played ball in Waterford, Michigan, during the 1880s. As the sports ambassadors of Greenfield Village, they re-create base ball history every weekend of the summer for enthusiastic crowds of spectators. By challenging other vintage clubs to play by the authentic rules of 1867 in the true competitive spirit that is the legacy of our national pastime, they help to preserve the stories and traditions of America's past.



### **GREENFIELD VILLAGE NATIONALS B.B.C.** Dearborn, Michigan

The Nationals, founded in 2003 as the second vintage base ball club of Greenfield Village, are based on the Nationalsof Parma, Michigan, one of 23 clubs that competed in the original 1867 World's Base Ball Tournament in Detroit. Together with their brother club, the Lah-De-Dahs, they play ball weekly in the historic and gentlemanly fashion of their namesakes.



### WALKER TAVERN WHEELS B.B.C. Brooklyn, Michigan

The Walker Tavern Wheels Base Ball Club was created in 2008 and currently is engaged in its fifth season. The Wheels are a modern representation of numerous base ball clubs founded in Washtenaw, Lenawee and Jackson counties. The Wheels' name pays homage to the Chicago Road (U.S. 12) and to the history interpreted at Walker Tavern. The green in the uniforms represents their home in the Irish Hills.



### CANAL FULTON MULES Eastlake, Ohio

Formed in 1994 as part of the Canal Fulton Heritage Society, the team hails from rural northeast Ohio. As one of the founding members of the Vintage Base Ball Association, the Mules are resplendent on the field. For 11 consecutive seasons, they were regular visitors to Greenfield Village and developed a friendly rivalry with the local train. Armed with anti-railroad handbills and the supercilious discourse of their blustery captain, the Mules continue to be remembered as much for their good nature and sportsmanship as their ability on the field.



FOREST CITY B.B.C. Cleveland, Ohio

The Chagrin Valley in Ohio is home to Greater Cleveland's only vintage ball club, with roots in the Civil War. By 1868, the club had grown to 150 members and enjoyed a strong local reputation. In 1869, the club suffered a lopsided, humiliating defeat by a Philadelphia professional team and decided to employ a few professionals of its own. Professional base ball in Cleveland began June 2, 1869, when the Cleveland Forest Citys met the Red Stockings from Cincinnati. The current club began in 1994 and is enjoying its 19th season. It is sponsored by the Chagrin Falls Historical Society and Atlas Steel Products.



COLUMBUS CAPITALS Columbus, Ohio

The Capital Base Ball Club is a team based on the original Capital Club, one of three base ball clubs formed in the spring of 1866 in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The Capitals' uniform – dark blue trousers and hat, blue-and-white checked shirt with white shield – is based on newspaper accounts of the uniforms worn by the original Capital Club. The Capitals take special pride in playing matches at Schiller Park in the German Village area of Columbus, because the original Capital Club played on those very grounds in the 1860s.



WELKIN B.B.C. Port Huron, Michigan

The original Welkin Club played in the 1867 World's Base Ball Tournament held in Detroit. The second match on the third day was for a first-class prize between the Maple Leaf Club of Hamilton, Ontario, and the Welkins. A struck ball disabled Welkin pitcher Mr. Blennerhassett in the third inning, and the team was forced to withdraw. Now, 145 years later, the current Welkin Base Ball Club hopes to have "Blennerhassett's revenge" and bring home a prize to Port Huron.



SPIEGEL GROVE SQUIRES Fremont, Ohio

The Spiegel Grove Squires BBC is affiliated with the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center. The Squires' unique home field is located on the grounds of President Hayes' Spiegel Grove estate in Fremont, Ohio. This 1860s-style base ball club played its first match on July 20, 1991, against the Ohio Historical Society's Ohio Village Muffins, the first vintage base ball club formed in the United States. The Squires boast a roster of eighteen gentlemen who play an average of twelve matches and tournaments each season. Home matches draw large audiences of "cranks" to the grounds of Spiegel Grove each summer.



EARLY RISER B.B.C. Detroit, Michigan

2009 was the inaugural season for the Early Riser Base Ball Club of Detroit. The club's home field is at historic Fort Wayne, a star fort along the Detroit River that dates back to 1845. The Early Risers get their name from a club that existed from 1859 to the beginning of the Civil War and that held its practices at the crack of dawn on Campus Martius.



**WYANDOTTE STAR B.B.C.** Wyandotte, Michigan

The original Wyandotte Star Club was formed in the mid-19th century in Wyandotte, Michigan. In a letter and scorecard dated October 5, 1867, the Star Club won a sweeping victory against the Monitor Club of Taylor - 85 to 15! September 8, 2007, was the inaugural match of the new Stars - 141 years after the original club took the field. The "Y & •" logo was used by Wyandotte sports teams in the 19th century, as is evidenced by archival images.



### BAY CITY INDEPENDENTS B.B.C. Bay City, Michigan

The Bay City Base Ball Club is a vintage club that was formed to play 19th-century base ball in the grandest of Bay City traditions. Bay City, Michigan, can date its base ball clubs to 1865, and it is the rules of that era that the Bay City Base Ball Club chooses to re-create. The modern-day Independents patterned their scarlet-andwhite uniforms after those of the 1883 club. Check out the club's website: www.baycitybaseball.com.



**REGULAR B.B.C.** Mount Clemens, Michigan

The original Regular Base Ball Club of Mount Clemens was formed in the name of returning Civil War regular (versus volunteer) soldiers in the 1860s. Many post-Civil War club uniforms included a star on the cap and a red artillery stripe on the trousers. Also, fireman's uniforms of this time included a shield-front shirt and heavy handtooled leather belt. The ball club represents an 1860s working-class northwest club. Home matches are played at Kennedy Park in Eastpointe.



INDIANAPOLIS BLUES Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indianapolis Blues joined the Vintage Base Ball Association in the 2002 season. The Blues play by the rules of base ball as accepted at the December 9, 1863, meeting of the National Association of Base Ball Players. Home matches are played on open fields in Woodmen Park and Craig Park in Greenwood (southern suburb of Indianapolis). Recent highlights include playing the Clodbusters in front of a crowd of approximately 2,400 in Richmond, Indiana, and playing on the grounds of the world-famous, historic West Baden Springs Hotel in West Baden, Indiana.



### SAGINAW OLD GOLDS B.B.C. Saginaw, Michigan

The Saginaw Old Golds were reborn in 2007 by Richard Curry, Harold Campau and Thomas Mudd after they discovered the history of base ball in Saginaw in 1883-1884 as a part of the Northwestern League. The club was known as the Saginaw B.B.C. but was nicknamed Old Golds because of its Vegas-gold collars. Every talented member of that original Old Golds team made it to the big leagues, including Hall of Fame pitcher John Clarkson. In 2012, Old Golds had a wonderful year, winning the World Tournament of Historic Base Ball against the Columbus Capitals in the beautiful setting of Greenfield Village.



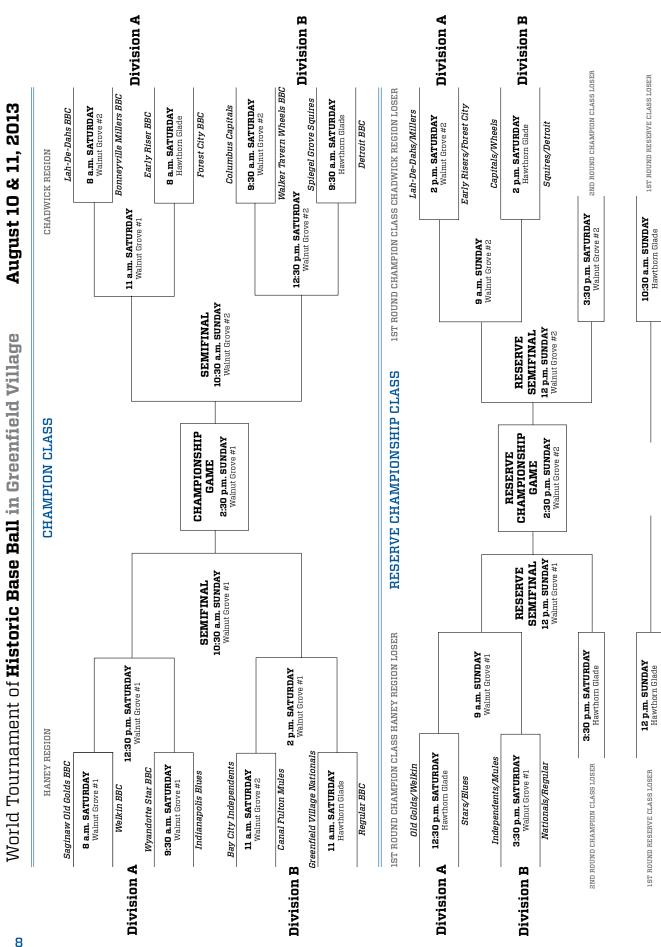
### **DETROIT B.B.C.** Detroit, Michigan

As the base ball craze swept west in the 1850s, Detroit was not one to be left out. As early as 1857, the Franklins, made up of Detroit craftsmen, organized a club that played by the New York Knickerbocker rules. The following year, the Franklins disbanded and a new club reformed in their place, this time following the rules of the new National Association of Base Ball Players. Advertisements posted in the *Detroit Free Press* in the fall of 1858 announced a meeting to form a base ball club. The result of this meeting was the formation of the Detroit Base Ball Club in 1859.



### **BONNEYVILLE MILLERS B.B.C.** Bonneyville, Indiana

When settlers chose a place to live, they usually settled close to a gristmill. People create communities because they need one another. In 1837, the seed for the community of Bonneyville, Indiana, was planted with the construction of the Bonneyville Mill. To keep the spirit of the community of Bonneyville Alive, the Bonneyville Millers Vintage Base Ball Club was formed. The club plays by the rules and regulations of the game of base ball adopted by the National Association of Base Ball Players held in New York on March 14, 1860.



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