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# **Historic Base Ball®**

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# World Tournament **Daily Schedule**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 9:30 A.M.-5 P.M.**

### Tournament Games

**9:30-5:00 • *Walnut Grove #1 and #2 and Hawthorn Glade***

See historic base ball games throughout the day.

### DON'T MISS! Base Ball Artifacts

**9:30-5:00 • *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 1867 World's Base Ball Tournament 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 on display are from the collections of The Henry Ford.

### 1867 Base Ball Skill Test

**10:00-5:00 • *Village Green***

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

### Laura's Little Town

**11:15 • 12:00 • 1:15 • 2:45**

***Near Scotch Settlement School***

Meet young Laura Ingalls before she became a teacher in this 15-minute show celebrating *Little Town on the Prairie*.

### The Greenfield Singers

**1:00 • 2:30 • *Near Scotch Settlement School***

Various medleys performed by The Village Trio and Greenfield Quartet.

### Simply Broadway

**11:45 • 2:00 • 3:15 • *Town Hall***

Celebrate the golden age of Broadway in this recently revamped 30-minute music, comedy and dance revue.

### Model T Medley

**11:45 • 3:30 • *Near Scotch Settlement School***

A 10-minute music medley with a dash of Model T humor.

### Cricket

**11:00-4:00 • *Village Green***

Learn and play another early stick-and-ball game — cricket — with expert Tom Melville.

### Championship Game (Sunday only)

**3:00 • *Walnut Grove #1***

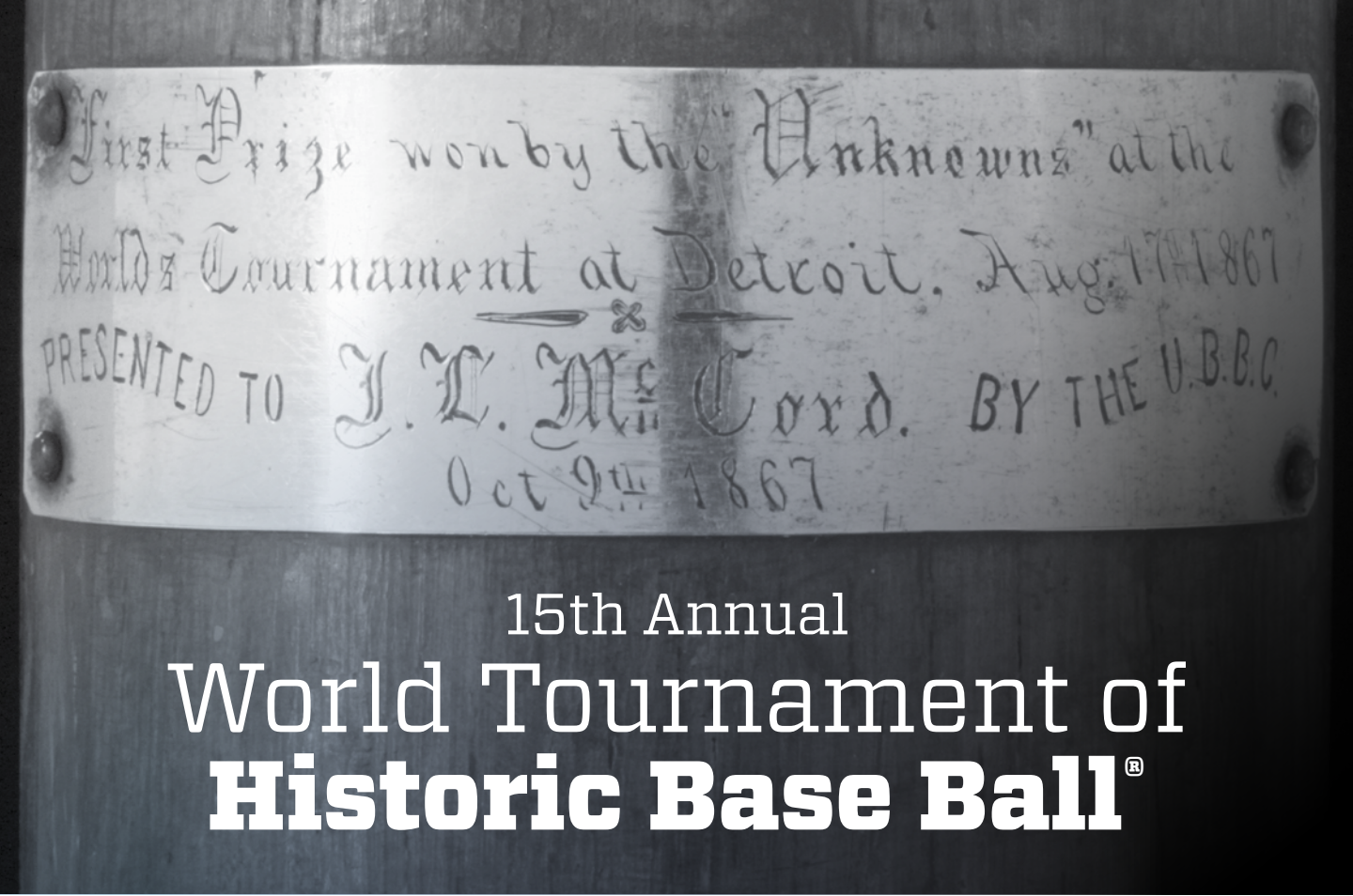
### Awards Ceremony

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.



# 15th 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, Illinois and Ohio during the 15th 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 2017, 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 the first-class division 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 9:30 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.

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### 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
- 2013 - Saginaw Old Golds
- 2014 - Saginaw Old Golds
- 2015 - Walker Tavern Wheels
- 2016 - Lah-De-Dahs BBC

## AUTOGRAPHS

Check out these sources on historic base ball and vintage music makers:

- Vintage Base Ball Association • [vbba.org](http://vbba.org)
- 19th-Century Base Ball • [19cbaseball.com](http://19cbaseball.com)
- Base Ball Supplies & Equipment • [vbbf.com/home.html](http://vbbf.com/home.html)

- Wooden Base Ball Bats • [phoenixbats.com/index.html](http://phoenixbats.com/index.html)
- Period Base Ball Equipment • [bulldogbatsonline.com](http://bulldogbatsonline.com)
- Dodworth Saxhorn Band • [dodworth.org/contact.html](http://dodworth.org/contact.html)





# The Original World's Base Ball Tournament

“World’s Base Ball Tournament, Detroit, Mich., 1867.” So reads 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 were 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 41-40 and 61-32 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.	
FIRST CLASS.	
First Prize, \$300 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	\$375 00
Second Prize, Silver Tea Set with Urn, offered by M. S. Smith & Co., and valued at.....	250 00
Third Prize, Gold Ball, regulation size, valued at.....	50 00
SECOND CLASS.	
First Prize, \$200 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	275 00
Second Prize, J. H. Morrison's Prize, valued at.....	150 00
Third Prize, Silver Ball, regulation size, valued at.....	25 00
THIRD CLASS.	
First Prize, \$100 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	175 00
Second Prize, J. S. Conklin's Prize, valued at.....	100 00
Third Prize, Silver Trumpet, valued at.....	75 00
SPECIAL PRIZES.	
Best Captain, a Badge, base ball design, valued at.....	50 00
Best Catcher, a belt, mounted with Solid Silver, valued at.....	40 00
Best Pitcher, a Gold Mounted Opera Glass, valued at.....	40 00
Best Batter, a Gold Star or Badge, valued at.....	30 00
Best Runner of Bases, a Silver Mounted Opera Glass, valued at.....	25 00

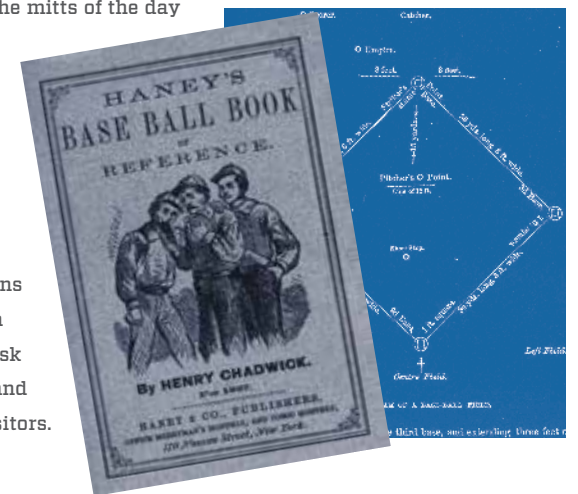


## Base Ball as the National Pastime

**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.

## 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 BBC**  
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 BBC**  
Dearborn, Michigan

The Nationals, founded in 2003 as the second vintage base ball club of Greenfield Village, are based on the Nationals of 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 BBC**  
Brooklyn, Michigan

The Walker Tavern Wheels Base Ball Club was created in 2008. 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.



**CLEVELAND BLUES BBC**  
Cleveland, Ohio

The Cleveland Blues Base Ball Club is a vintage base ball club out of Cleveland, Ohio, patterned after the Cleveland Blues Base Ball Club of the National League (1878-1884). The club plays by 1860-1878 base ball rules.



**MT. CLEMENS REGULARS**  
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

The Regular Base Ball Club of Mount Clemens was an actual club that played in the 1860s and 1870s and became the champions of Macomb County in 1870. They are thought to have formed in the name of returning Civil War regular (versus volunteer) soldiers in the 1860s. The current Regulars enact the early preprofessional game in the waning years of the gentlemen's club era, played solely for recreation and exercise under the highest standards of sportsmanship. Base ball as it was meant to be played.



**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. Enjoying their 19th season, the Capitals are thrilled to be returning to Greenfield Village.



**ROCHESTER GRANGERS**  
Rochester Hills, Michigan

The Rochester Grangers were founded in the 1870s in Rochester, Michigan, as part of a merchant's league. The club was re-formed in 1999 and plays home matches at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The club has traveled throughout the Midwest and enjoys meeting new friends wherever it goes.



**BLACK FLAGS OF DROVERTOWN**  
Huntington, Indiana

The Black Flags of Drovertown were formed at the beginning of the 2017 season. We are a barnstorming club that travels to other locations to play the grand game of base ball. Many of us are also part of the Champion Hill Toppers Base Ball Club of Huntington, Indiana. The Black Flags chose the name Drovertown because it was a township that was annexed to Huntington. The name Black Flags was decided on because it comes from a group in the Civil War that stood for "take no prisoners" and "no surrender." Because we are a barnstorming club, we play by the rules that are presented at the matches that we attend.





**OREGON GANYMEDES BBC**  
Oregon, Illinois

The Ganymedes hail from the city of Oregon, located on the shores of the scenic Rock River 100 miles west of Chicago. The club's name comes from Ganymede Spring, a local mineral water spring named by the famous Margaret Fuller when she visited Oregon in 1843. According to Greek mythology, Ganymede was the cupbearer to the gods on Mt. Olympus. The team's gray-and-red uniforms were designed from an 1871 hometown newspaper description of the Oregon base ball club. The Ganymedes have been playing vintage rules base ball as an educational outreach program for Oregon's Chana School Museum since 2005.



**BAY CITY INDEPENDENTS BBC**  
Bay City, Michigan

The Bay City Independents 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 Independents Base Ball Club chooses to re-create. The modern-day Independents patterned their scarlet-and-white uniforms after those of the 1883 club. Check out the club's website: baycitybaseball.com.



**INDIANAPOLIS BLUES**  
Indianapolis, Indiana

The Indianapolis Blues were formed by Scott "Preacher" Anderson in 2002. Our home matches are played in Greenwood, Indiana, on the city's south side. We take our name from the team that played a single season in the National League. Though that season was 1878, our home matches are governed by the rules of 1864.



**SAGINAW OLD GOLDS BBC**  
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 BBC 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.

DAY ONE: ROUND ROBIN

Time Limit: 1 hour, 30 minutes

GAME	LOCATION	TIME	TEAMS
1	Walnut Grove #1	9:30	Walker Tavern Wheels vs. Rochester Grangers
2	Walnut Grove #2	9:30	Bay City Independents vs. Greenfield Village Nationals
3	Hawthorn Glade	9:30	Oregon Ganymedes vs. Mt. Clemens Regulars
4	Walnut Grove #1	11:15	Bay City Independents vs. Indianapolis Blues
5	Walnut Grove #2	11:15	Black Flags of Drovertown vs. Walker Tavern Wheels
6	Hawthorn Glade	11:15	Saginaw Old Golds vs. Columbus Capitals
7	Walnut Grove #1	1:00	Oregon Ganymedes vs. Cleveland Blues
8	Walnut Grove #2	1:00	Lah-De-Dahs vs. Columbus Capitals
9	Hawthorn Glade	1:00	Black Flags of Drovertown vs. Rochester Grangers
10	Walnut Grove #1	2:45	Lah-De-Dahs vs. Saginaw Old Golds
11	Walnut Grove #2	2:45	Mt. Clemens Regulars vs. Cleveland Blues
12	Hawthorn Glade	2:45	Indianapolis Blues vs. Greenfield Village Nationals

DAY TWO: BRACKETS

Time Limit: 1 hour, 30 minutes. No time limit for final.

3RD-CLASS CHAMPION



2ND-CLASS CHAMPION



1ST-CLASS CHAMPION



# Must-see events



## Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village

September 9-10  
Open Saturday 'til 9 p.m.

Feel the passion behind America's longest-running antique car show, featuring hundreds of authentic vehicles from the 1890s through 1932 — all coming to life in the historic setting of Greenfield Village.



## Fall Flavor Weekends in Greenfield Village

September 23-24 and September 30-October 1

If you love to eat, you'll love Greenfield Village's Fall Flavor Weekends. Come celebrate the glories of traditional American food from farm to table, see cooking demonstrations at our historic homes and browse the delights at our Saturday Farmers Market.



## Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village\*

October 13-15, 19-22 and 26-29

Stroll down streets and alleys haunted by over 1,000 hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns and lavishly costumed characters during America's most spooktacular Halloween event.



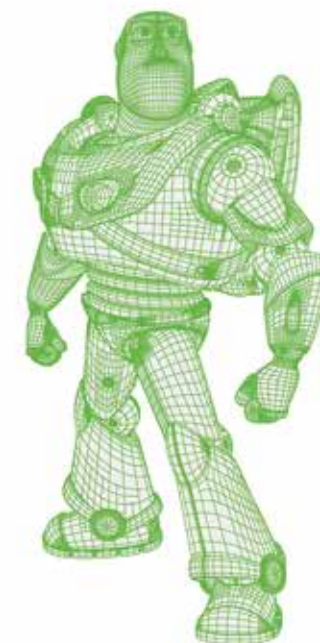
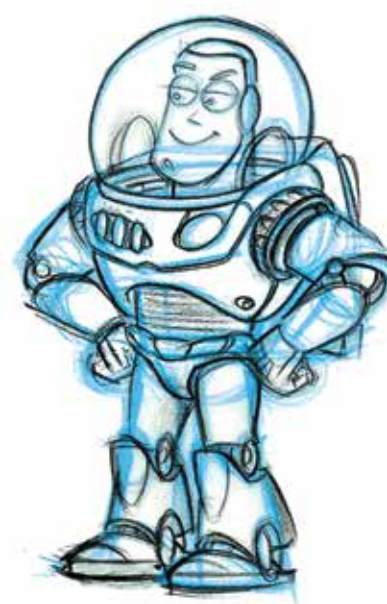
## Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village\*

December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 19-23, 26-27 and 29-30

Take a lantern-lit journey into a living snow globe filled with live music, skating, fireworks and tons of winter wonder during America's premier celebration of the season.

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