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# **World Tournament of Historic Base Ball<sup>®</sup>**

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# World Tournament Daily Schedule

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 9:30 A.M.-5 P.M.**

## Tournament Games

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

See historic base ball games throughout the day.

## DON'T MISS! Base Ball Artifacts

**9:30-5:00 • Walnut Grove**

Exclusive opportunity to see the original 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. Learn more about the original World Tournament on next page. **These and other base ball artifacts on display are from the collections of The Henry Ford.**

## 1867 Base Ball Skill Test

**9:30-5:00 • 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

**10:00-4:00 • Village Green**

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

## Championship Game (Sunday only)

**2:30 • 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.

## AUTOGRAPHS

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

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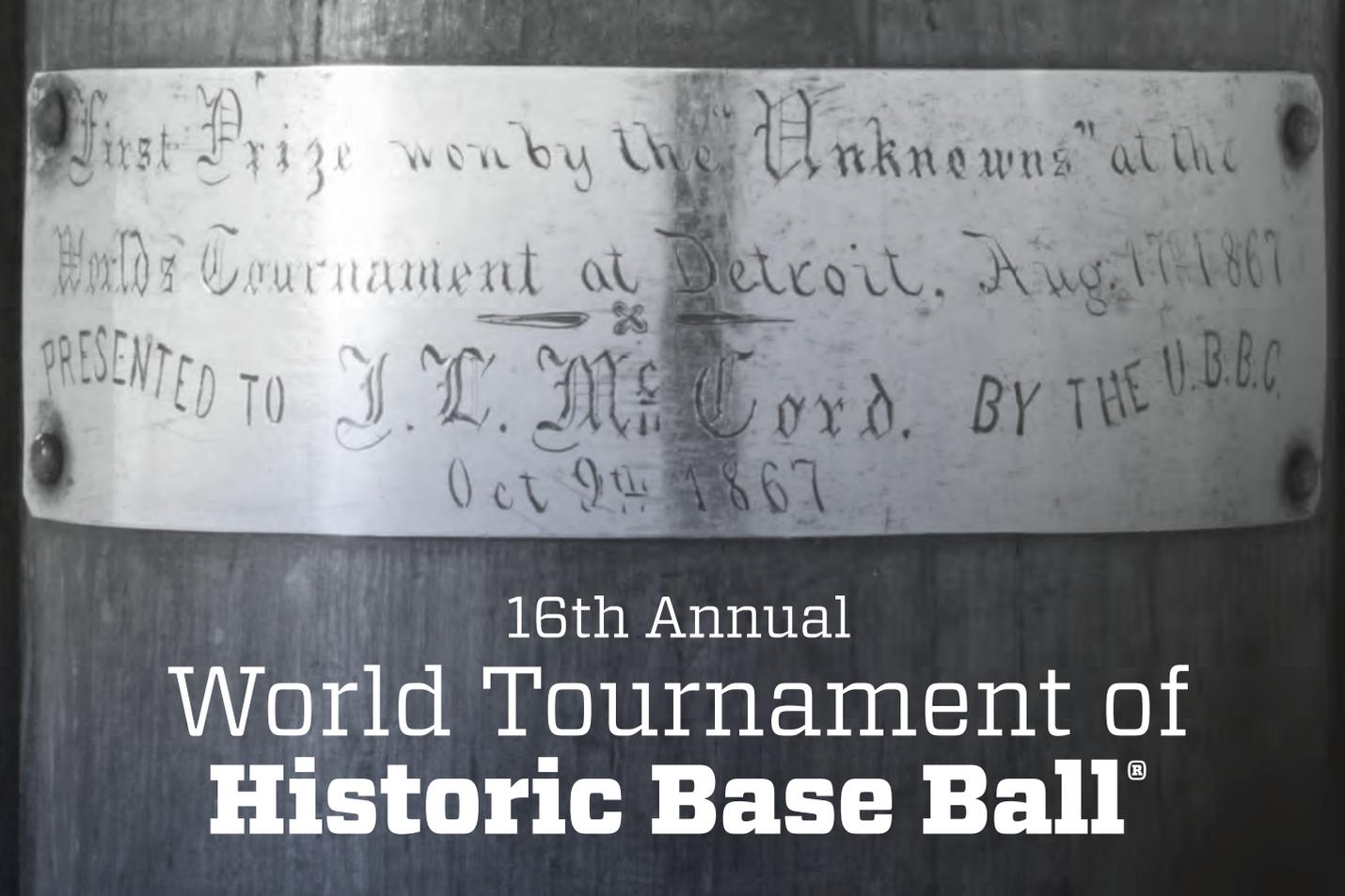
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# 16th Annual World Tournament of Historic Base Ball®

**THE TRADITION CONTINUES** this weekend as the Lah-De-Dahs and the Nationals of Greenfield Village take on vintage ball clubs from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio during the 16th Annual World Tournament of Historic Base Ball.

In 1867, Detroit played host to 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 2018, watch teams face off on the field until only one club remains 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 (page 4), 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 5:00 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

2017 - Saginaw Old Golds

# 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.

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.

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, \$200 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	\$275 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, \$160 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

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

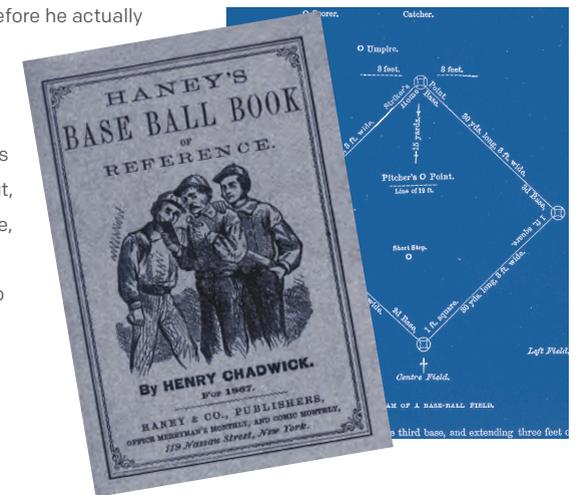


## Base Ball as the National Pastime

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.



**FALLASBURG FLATS BBC**  
Lowell, Michigan

The Fallasburg Flats have been playing the game of base ball since 2007. Originally known as the Cubs, the Flats had middling success early on. Their growing pains were reflected in the fact that they were bested in most games as the players honed their skills to get to where they are today. The Flats are supported by the Fallasburg Historical Society, which maintains and renovates the historic Village of Fallasburg near Lowell.



**THE FOREST CITYS BBC**  
Cleveland, Ohio

Professional baseball began in Cleveland in 1869. Forest Citys was the first fully salaried Cleveland team, beginning in 1870 as an independent. In 1871, the club joined the first professional league, the National Association. Home games were played at National Association Grounds in Cleveland, and the club played in the first National Association game as the visiting team against the Kekionga club of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Forest Citys won 2-0.



**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 20th 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 in the 2017 season as a barnstorming club that travels to other locations to play the grand game of base ball. The club chose the name Drovertown from a township that was annexed to the city of Huntington and the name Black Flags from a Civil War group that stood for no surrender. As barnstormers, the club plays by the rules used at matches attended.



**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 journalist 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.



**INDIANAPOLIS BLUES**

Indianapolis, Indiana

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



**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.



**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	8:00*	Columbus Capitals vs. Rochester Grangers
2	Walnut Grove #2	8:00*	Saginaw Old Golds vs. Fallasburg Flats
3	Walnut Grove #1	9:30	Columbus Capitals vs. Black Flags of Drovertown
4	Walnut Grove #2	9:30	Forest Citys vs. Greenfield Village Nationals
5	Walnut Grove #1	11:00	Walker Tavern Wheels vs. Saginaw Old Golds
6	Walnut Grove #2	11:00	Bay City Independents vs. Oregon Ganymedes
7	Walnut Grove #1	12:30	Walker Tavern Wheels vs. Fallasburg Flats
8	Walnut Grove #2	12:30	Forest Citys vs. Indianapolis Blues
9	Walnut Grove #1	2:00	Black Flags of Drovertown vs. Rochester Grangers
10	Walnut Grove #2	2:00	Lah-De-Dahs vs. Oregon Ganymedes
11	Walnut Grove #1	3:30	Lah-De-Dahs vs. Bay City Independents
12	Walnut Grove #2	3:30	Indianapolis Blues vs. Greenfield Village Nationals

\*Please note: These matches will be completed prior to Greenfield Village opening at 9:30 a.m. Due to time and field restrictions, only participants and their families will be permitted into the village for these matches.

**DAY TWO: BRACKETS**

**3RD-CLASS CHAMPION**

Time Limit: 1 hour, 20 minutes.



**2ND-CLASS CHAMPION**

Time Limit: 1 hour, 20 minutes.



**1ST-CLASS CHAMPION**

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



# Must-see events



## 68th Annual Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village

September 8-9 • 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

Presented by **Beaumont**

September 29-30 and October 6-7

From field to fork, we share the stories of America's rich food culture in the abundant season of autumn, a time of hard work and celebration. See cooking demonstrations at our historic homes, and browse the delights at our Saturday Farmers Market.



## Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village\* Presented by **meijer**

October 12-14, 18-21 and 25-28

Step inside Hallowe'en's classic tales as you stroll an enchanted path lit by 1,000 hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns. Adventures unfold as historic hobgoblins transport you through strange worlds along the way. Create your perfect fall evening by starting with the new Hallowe'en Fairy-Tale Feast — perfect for little ghosts and ghouls — or a sumptuous Eagle Tavern Harvest Supper.



## Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village\* Presented by **Citizens Bank**

November 30, December 1-2, 7-9, 13-16, 18-23 and 26-27

An evening of caroling, ice-skating and bustling streets filled with yuletide goods culminates in a fireworks-filled sky, enchanting you with the warmth of the holidays in one of the nation's most beloved annual traditions. Not to be missed enjoy our exclusive holiday cocktail party with Holiday Nights Happy Hour — includes early access, seasonal appetizers, holiday jazz, premium parking and more. \*Additional fee required. All programs and prices are subject to change.



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