17th Annual
WORLD TOURNAMENT of Historic Base Ball®
August 10 & 11, 2019 • Greenfield Village® • thf.org/worldtournament
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 17th 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 2019, 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 — 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.

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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**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 Field Tent

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 GERSHWIN**
11:45 • 2:00 • 3:15 • Town Hall

Celebrate the beloved music of George and Ira Gershwin in this lively 30-minute music, dance and comedy 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

A $300 cash prize will be awarded to the champion club, and a bag of peanuts will go to the club with the fewest victories, just as in the 1867 World Tournament!

**AWARDS CEREMONY**
Immediately following the championship game.

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**AUTOGRAPHS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, & SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
As base ball 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.

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 Aug. 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 is 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.
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.

**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 Kekiongas 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 21st season, the Capitals are thrilled to be returning to Greenfield Village.

**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.

**CANTON CORNSHUCKERS**
Canton, Michigan

The Canton Cornshuckers are a base ball club based out of Canton, Michigan. The Cornshuckers are in their fourth season as a club. The team name is derived from Canton’s early roots in agriculture. The Township of Canton was organized in 1854 and later on coined, “The Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan.” The club in green and yellow travels all over the Midwest filling a schedule of over 40 games. The Cornshuckers also host a handful of home matches every year held at Heritage Park in Canton.

**THE FLAT ROCK BEAR CLAN BBC**
Flat Rock, Michigan

The Flat Rock Bear Clan BBC was created in 2018. The Bear Clan is made up of gentlemen from the Downriver area who share the love of 1860s base ball. Their name is derived from one of the 12 clans of the Indian tribe known as the Wyandot, who fished the waters of Huron Park and now where The Bear Clan play their home matches. The bear represents both strength and a healing spirit.

**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 Mount 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 1865 club. Check out the club’s website: baycitybaseball.com.

SAGINAW OLD GOLDS BBC
Saginaw, Michigan

The Saginaw Old Golds were formed 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, 20 minutes

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*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.

- **#3-Pool A**
  - 8:00 Walnut Grove #1
  - **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
  - 12:30 SUNDAY Walnut Grove #1
- **#3-Pool C**
  - 8:00 Walnut Grove #2

#### 2ND-CLASS CHAMPION
Time Limit: 1 hour, 20 minutes.

- **#2-Pool A**
  - 9:30 Walnut Grove #1
  - **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
  - 12:30 SUNDAY Walnut Grove #2
- **#2-Pool C**
  - 9:30 Walnut Grove #2

#### 1ST-CLASS CHAMPION
Time Limit: 1 hour, 50 minutes. No time limit for final.

- **#1-Pool A**
  - 11:00 Walnut Grove #1
  - **CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
  - 2:30 SUNDAY Walnut Grove #1
- **#1-Pool C**
  - 11:00 Walnut Grove #2
- **#1-Pool D**
69th Annual Old Car Festival in Greenfield Village
September 7-8 • 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 28-29 and October 5-6
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 11-13, 17-20 and 24-27
Step inside classic tales of Hallowe’en as you stroll an enchanted path lit by 1,000 hand-carved jack-o’-lanterns. Adventures unfold as historic hobbobins 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*
December 5-8, 12-15, 17-23, and 26-28
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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