DAILY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

TOURNAMENT GAMES
(SATURDAY)

9:30-5:00 • Walnut Grove #1 and #2
See historic base ball games throughout the day.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
(SUNDAY ONLY)

3RD CLASS CHAMPION
12:30 • Walnut Grove #2

2ND CLASS CHAMPION
12:30 • Walnut Grove #1

1ST CLASS CHAMPION
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 fewest victories, just as in the 1867 World Tournament.

Pottery prizes handcrafted by the artisans of Liberty Craftworks in Greenfield Village.

19th Annual WORLD TOURNAMENT of Historic Base Ball®

August 13 & 14, 2022  ♦  Greenfield Village  ♦  thf.org/worldtournament
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 29-26 earned greenbacks and a gold-mounted rosewood trophy bat (see Page 5) 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.

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 pitch underhand in the manner of early cricket, 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 balls 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 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 19th 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 2022, 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, the rule book written by Henry Chadwick and used for the World Tournament and for the Greenfield Village historic base ball program, along with an array of period base ball artifacts from the mid-19th century on exhibit in our Walnut Grove field tent.


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PARTICIPATING CLUBS

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.

COLUMBUS BUCKEYES
Hilliard, Ohio

The Columbus Buckeyes were formed in 2010 with family and friends. The uniforms are fashioned after the 1863 professional baseball team of the American Association.

COLUMBUS CAPITALS
Columbus, Ohio

The Capitals 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.

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

- Vintage Base Ball Association • vba.org
- 19th-Century Base Ball • 19cbaseball.com
- Base Ball Supplies & Equipment • vbb.com
- Wooden Base Ball Bats • phoenixbats.com
- Period Base Ball Equipment • bulldogbatsonline.com
- Dodworth Saxhorn Band • dodworth.org
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.

The Canton Cornshuckers are a base ball club based out of Canton, Michigan. The team name is derived from Canton’s early roots in agriculture. The township of Canton was organized in 1834 and later on became known as “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 at Heritage Park in Canton.

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 Native American tribe known as the Wyandot who fished the waters of Huron Park, where the Bear Clan now play their home matches. The bear represents both strength and a healing spirit.

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.

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 the 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.

The Indianapolis Blues, founded in 2002 by Scott “Preacher” Anderson, play their home matches in downtown Indianapolis on the IUPUI campus using the rules of 1864. Having been as far east as Gettysburg and as far west as Minnesota and the Field of Dreams, the Blues are always happy to return to The Henry Ford’s Greenfield Village for the World Tournament of Historic Base Ball.

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
- **#3-Pool B**
- **#3-Pool C** 8:00 Walnut Grove #2
- **#3-Pool D**

**2ND-CLASS CHAMPION**

**Time Limit:** 1 hour, 20 minutes.

- **#2-Pool A** 9:30 Walnut Grove #1
- **#2-Pool B**
- **#2-Pool C** 9:30 Walnut Grove #2
- **#2-Pool D**

**1ST-CLASS CHAMPION**

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

- **#1-Pool A** 11:00 Walnut Grove #1
- **#1-Pool B**
- **#1-Pool C** 11:00 Walnut Grove #2
- **#1-Pool D**