

## Northville's Eclipse organizes Base Ball shootout July 4th

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Club members devised a unique plan whereby four clubs would compete in a single match; every club batting and fielding three times against each of the other clubs for a total of nine innings. The importance of direct, head-to-head competition would be diminished, however, as the club accumulating the most tallies (runs scored) throughout the entire contest shall be declared the victor.

The time of the multiple-club match will be roughly the time necessary to play two normal baseball matches as 36 half-innings will be played instead of 18.

The game will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at Ford Field with individual base running and throwing contests beginning at noon.

Because of its 'recent' invention, in 1862, and the similarity between its revolving chamber and the rotation of participating clubs on the ball field, the Eclipse Base Ball Club has dubbed this event the "Gatling Gun Base Ball Shootout".

### About The Teams

Northville formed its first base ball club in 1867 which appears to have been the foundation for the club referred to as "Eclipse" in 1869. The vintage ball club formed in 2003, embracing then name of 134 years earlier.

Hats: Orange and black

Shirts: Cream

Pants: Black with orange sash

[www.eclipsebbc.com](http://www.eclipsebbc.com)

The Eclipse Base Ball Club would like to thank the following three vintage base ball clubs for spending their July 4th holiday in Northville and joining the Eclipse Base Ball Club in this unique experiment:

### WOOD COUNTY INFIRMARY INMATES

Organized in 2004 through the Wood County Historical Center, site of the 19th century infirmary and lunatic house, it is part of the museum's adult educational outreach.

Residents of the infirmary were called 'inmates' (not prison inmates), hence the team name. Practices and games are at "Inmate Field" at Wintergarden Park, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Hats: Dark blue and white

Shirts: Dark blue with white collar

Pants: Dark blue

[www.woodcountyhistory.org/](http://www.woodcountyhistory.org/)

### WALKER TAVERN WHEELS

Walker Tavern was a stagecoach stop on the Old Chicago Road (now US-12) and is now a state historical park and part of the Michigan Historical Museum system.

2008 is the inaugural season for the Wheels.

Hats: Blue and white

Shirts: Very light blue

Pants: Dark blue with suspenders



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Shirts: White with dark blue logo and bib outline

Pants: White

Stockings: Dark blue

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