

# Haven Hill Record



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## BARN STORMERS TO PLAY Gate House Gang

On Saturday, August 27, 2011 the local Haven Hill Barn Stormers ball club from White Lake/Highland will go up against the Gate House Gang. The match will be held in Goose Meadow at Highland State Recreation Area.



Come on out and support our local sluggers. Bring picnic blankets and folding chairs. Food will be available for purchase as a fund raiser for the Friends of Highland Recreation Area (FOHRA). The event will be part of the Haven Hill Festival, a celebration of the state park and the historic Haven Hill Estate.

### RULES OF THE GAME

Several Michigan base ball clubs were formed in the 1860's as part of a merchants league. Other local teams over the years were the Mechanics and the Independents. The Haven Hill Barn Stormers and the Gate House Gang have been formed to present

an interpretive account of how "base ball" was really played in the early days of the game.

### Some Old Time Base Ball Rules:

- Players in the infield need to have one foot on the sack (base) when the ball is pitched
- No stealing, swearing, spitting, or sliding
- For batters, there are no balls or strikes called
- Batters cannot overrun first base - they must stop on it.
- Base paths are 90 feet - the same as today
- There were NO GLOVES in 1860, everyone caught bare-handed!
- After crossing home plate, the player must approach the scorer's table, ring a bell, and politely request that the scorekeeper "tally your ace"

The game will begin at 1:00 pm. Bring your family and friends to see how the old game was really played! State Park entrance fees apply. Parking is at the Goose Meadow picnic shelter area, the 1<sup>st</sup> right turn on Haven Hill Road after you enter the park off of M-59 between Duck Lake and Bogie Lake roads.

[www.fohra.org](http://www.fohra.org),

[www.havenhillfestival.com](http://www.havenhillfestival.com),

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