

# Simsbury Taverneers Base Ball Club holds preseason Kickoff

*Scribed by: Mike "Stretch" D'Apice, first bag, Simsbury Taverneers, hailing from the wilds of Canton.*

Simsbury's famed barehanded base ball (yes, it was two words back then) players, the Taverneers, recently reunited at clubhouse sponsor Reno's Gathering Place to kick off their 2008 preseason. Founded in 2004 and preserving America's game using 1860-1880's rules and equipment, this season the Taverneers ballists will barnstorm up and down New England's coast challenging clubs such as the Elms in Pittsfield, the Wheelman in Westfield, the Pioneers in Whately, the Orators in Bridgeport, the Meddows in Longmeadow, the Senators in Hartford and the Colonials on historic Boston Common.

Your vintage base ball heroes request the favour of your presence at all of their hometown games hosted at Simsbury High School or Simsbury's Memorial Field. Join with other "cranks" (the vintage term for fans) and marvel at the "spirit and ginger" (gutsiness and enthusiasm) of their play in defense of Simsbury's honor.

Off-field, the Taverneers embrace community. At 2006's visit to McLean Home, the Taverneers shared tales of triumph and woe only to be surpassed by the fantastic stories told by some of McLean's resident retired-ballplayers of the past. And 2007's first annual fund-raising benefit game with the Hartford Senators generated a large contribution in support of the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative for in-state breast cancer research and education.

- Visit [www.simsburytaverneers.com](http://www.simsburytaverneers.com) for ballist biographies and the 2008 season's schedule. Well-mannered gentlemen ballists may inquire regarding potential club play and tryouts by clicking on the contact link on the Web site.

- Visit [www.taverneersphoto.myphotoalbum.com](http://www.taverneersphoto.myphotoalbum.com) to view your mighty, mighty Simsbury Taverneers in play.

- The Taverneers wish to share vintage edification with your youth league, school, library, children's hospital, senior citizens' group, nursing home or business workplace without fee. Appearances are arranged by contacting "Lucky" at [moneymindfulness@comcast.com](mailto:moneymindfulness@comcast.com). All proceeds go to support the team's purchase of vintage base ball equipment for the 2008 season.

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- Enthusiasts may purchase season 2006 and 2007 DVDs at \$10 per season by contacting "Stretch" at [moneymindfulness@comcast.com](mailto:moneymindfulness@comcast.com). All proceeds go to support the team's purchase of vintage base ball equipment for the 2008 season.

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Huzzah!



Members of the Simsbury Taverneers pose for a photo at Reno's Gathering Place, where they gathered to kick off the 2008 season.

*Submitted photo*

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