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DIAMOND STATE BBC ANNOUNCES ITS 2010 SCHEDULE

Delaware City, Delaware, February 24, 2010 - The Diamond State Base Ball Club (BBC), Delaware's 19th Century base ball team, is pleased to announce its 2010 schedule of vintage base ball matches. The 2010 season will mark the Diamond State BBC's second year of play, following a successful start-up campaign in 2009.

The Diamond State BBC is based upon a team of the same name, one of the first known amateur baseball teams organized in Delaware. Formed in 1865, the original club played in Wilmington from 1865 until the mid-1870s and was the preeminent amateur team in the state at the time. The modern Diamond States wear uniforms replicating those worn by the original ball club and play according to baseball rules and customs of the mid-1860s, utilizing reproduction equipment. The club's vintage base ball matches are a blend of athletic competition and living history exhibition.

2010 also marks the second season that Diamond State will participate in the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League (MAVBBL), a league it helped found in 2009. Other clubs in the MAVBBL include: the Flemington Neshanock BBC (NJ); the Eclipse BBC of Elkton (MD); the Dauntless BBC of Havre de Grace (MD); the Chesapeake Nine (Baltimore, MD); the Fair Play BBC of Talbot County (Easton, MD); and the Potomac Nine (Washington, D.C.) New MAVBBL entries for 2010 include: the Elizabeth Resolute BBC (NJ), the Athletic BBC of Philadelphia (PA); the Excelsior BBC of Arundel (MD); and the Pastime BBC of Williamsburg (VA.)

Seven (7) home matches, seven (7) road matches, two (2) tournaments, and one (1) festival highlight the 2010 Diamond State schedule. The home schedule features six (6) matches at Fort DuPont State Park and one (1) on Pea Patch Island at Fort Delaware State Park, all in Delaware City.

Home matches at Fort DuPont include: the Saturday, April 10 opener against the Resolute BBC; Sunday, July 25 against the Dauntless BBC; Sunday, August 8 versus the Chesapeake Nine; Sunday, August 29 against the Athletic BBC; Sunday, September 26 versus the Excelsior BBC; and the season finale on Sunday, October 10 versus the Dauntless BBC.

Diamond State will also play a special home match on Pea Patch Island on Sunday, June 13 as part of Fort Delaware's second annual Victorian KidsFest on the island. The opponent that day will be the Diamond State's chief rival, the Eclipse BBC. Match time will be determined at a later date.

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All Diamond State home matches at Fort DuPont State Park are scheduled begin at 1:00 pm. Fort DuPont charges the following admission fees for all vintage base ball matches: \$3 for adults (12 and over); \$2 for children (4 through 11); and free for children 3 and under. Admission charges to Fort Delaware State Park apply for the June 13 match. Home games postponed due to rain may not be made up.

On the road in 2010, Diamond State will face: the Potomac Nine (Sunday, April 18) in Gaithersburg, MD; the Athletic BBC (Sunday, May 2) in Philadelphia, PA; the Excelsior BBC in Arundel, MD (Sunday, May 16); the Dauntless BBC in Havre de Grace, MD (Sunday, June 6); the Eclipse BBC in Elkton, MD (Sunday, June 20); the Elizabeth Resolute BBC in Rahway, NJ (Sunday, July 31); and the Fair Play BBC in Easton, MD (Sunday, September 12.) Start times for road matches have yet to be determined.

Diamond State will also be hosting and competing in the inaugural *First State 19th Century Base Ball Festival* on the Parade Grounds of historic Fort DuPont State Park the weekend of May 22-23, 2010. A total of 14 clubs from up and down the East Coast will be participating in the vintage base ball festival, making it one of the largest events of its kind in the country. Matches are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. *The First State 19th Century Base Ball Festival* is free event, open to the public. More information can be found on the *First State Festival* website at: <http://www.festival.diamondstatebaseball.org>.

Diamond State will also be participating in the *Chopper Tournament* at Historic Elk Landing, Elkton, MD on April 24 and the *All-American Vintage Base Ball Tournament* the weekend of July 17-18, 2010 in Gettysburg, PA. The other clubs scheduled to participate in the tournament include: the Frosty Sons of Thunder BBC (Somerset, PA), Pittsburgh Franklins BBC (PA), Eclipse BBC of Elkton (MD), Fair Play BBC of Talbot County (MD), and Flemington Neshanock BBC (NJ.)

For additional information about the Diamond State BBC, visit us online at <http://www.diamondstatebaseball.org> or contact us via email at diamondstatebc@comcast.net. Information about the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League can be found on their website at <http://mavbbl.wordpress.com>.

ABOUT THE CLUB: The Diamond State Base Ball Club is a non-profit, amateur organization created for the purposes of providing physical fitness to its members, educating the public on the history of the game of baseball and local history, and serving as a point of public pride. The Diamond State BBC is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League, comprised of vintage base ball clubs from New York to Virginia, and the Vintage Base Ball Association, a national organization of vintage base ball clubs.

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Diamond State Base Ball Club

2010 Schedule of Matches*

DATE	ADVERSARY	LOCATION	TIME
4/10/10 (Sat)	Elizabeth Resolute BBC	Ft. DuPont	1:00
4/18/10 (Sun)	Potomac BBC	Gaithersburg, MD	TBD
4/24/10 (Sat)	<i>Chopper Tournament</i>	Elkton, MD	TBD
5/2/10 (Sun)	Athletic BBC	Philadelphia, PA	TBD
5/16/10 (Sun)	Excelsior BBC	Arundel, MD	1:00
5/22-5/23/10 (Sat-Sun)	<i>First State 19th Century BB Festival</i>	Ft. DuPont	10:00
6/6/10 (Sun)	Dauntless BBC	Havre de Grace, MD	TBD
6/13/10 (Sun)	Eclipse BBC	Pea Patch Island	TBD
6/20/10 (Sun)	Eclipse BBC	Elkton, MD	TBD
7/17-7/18/10 (Sat-Sun)	<i>All-American VBB Tournament</i>	Gettysburg, PA	TBD
7/25/10 (Sun)	Dauntless BBC	Ft. DuPont	1:00
7/31/10 (Sat)	Elizabeth Resolute BBC	Rahway, NJ	1:00
8/8/10 (Sun)	Chesapeake BBC	Ft. DuPont	1:00
8/29/10 (Sun)	Athletic BBC	Ft. DuPont	1:00
9/12/10 (Sun)	Fair Play BBC	Easton, MD	1:00
9/26/10 (Sun)	Excelsior BBC	Ft. DuPont	1:00
10/10/10 (Sun)	Dauntless BBC	Ft. DuPont	1:00

All Diamond State BBC home matches (in bold) to be held at Ft. Dupont State Park, Delaware City, DE, unless otherwise noted.

*Additional matches may be added at a later date.

First State 19th Century Base Ball Festival participants: Waterbury Connors BBC; Atlantic BBC of Brooklyn; Elizabeth Resolute BBC; Flemington Neshanock BBC; Athletic BBC of Philadelphia; Frosty Sons of Thunder BBC; Diamond State BBC; Eclipse BBC of Elkton; Dauntless BBC of Havre de Grace; Chesapeake BBC; Excelsior BBC of Arundel; Potomac BBC; Fair Play BBC of Talbot County; and Pastime BBC of Williamsburg.

All-American Vintage Base Ball Tournament participants: Somerset Frosty Sons of Thunder BBC; Pittsburgh Franklins BBC; Eclipse BBC of Elkton; Fair Play BBC of Talbot; Diamond State BBC; and Flemington Neshanock BBC.