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Base Ball is Coming to Hampstead

HAMPSTEAD — Yes, that is “base ball” in two separate words because what’s coming is a Friends of the Hampstead Public Library program featuring “Base Ball in Boston Before the Red Sox”. What better way to welcome the return of baseball season and the Red Sox than to explore the origins of the game as it used to be played, way back

when. Brian Sheehy of the Essex Base Ball Organization will talk about how baseball was played in the 1860s, before gloves, before helmets, before manicured playing fields. And he will introduce his organization that still plays base ball that way right here in New England. Vintage base ball is played every weekend from

late May until mid-October at the Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm in Newbury, MA, by teams from the Essex Base Ball Organization league. The teams in the league are all named for actual 19th century clubs from Massachusetts and New Hampshire and their loose fitting uniforms are modeled on real 19th century uniforms.

Please save Tues., March 8, to join Brian Sheehy and the Friends of the Library for this free program to learn about how base ball used to be played. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Following the program the Friends will hold their regular monthly meeting. Everyone who is interested is invited to attend the meeting.

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