

## THE HISTORY OF THE BLUE BALL TAVERN & THE PURPOSE OF THE BLUE BALL

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- The Blue Ball Tavern dates back to the late 18th century.
- On the corner of Rockland Road and Concord Pike, the tavern served passengers traveling through Delaware, Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- A large pole with a blue ball that could be raised or lowered was located in front of the tavern.
- Illiterate stagecoach drivers knew that the passengers needed to be picked up if the blue ball was on top of the pole.
- The blue ball would remain lowered and the stagecoach driver would pass by if there weren't any passengers.
- Several Blue Ball Taverns exist along this route throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

If anyone has any historical or photographic data concerning the history of the Blue Ball, please contact Robert King at (302) 760-7467.



