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Triangle Sports Commission Newsletter

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All-Star Cast for NC Olympic Celebration Weekend



The North Carolina Olympic Celebration Weekend kicks off with one of the biggest names in the sports industry and concludes with the world's second-fastest man on water! Ben Sutton, President of IMG College, the largest collegiate marketing company in the world, leads off the North Carolina Sports Summit at 10am on Friday, September 28th, while Cullen Jones, North Carolina's most-decorated 2012 Olympian, talks about the US Olympic Team's gold-medal achievements, at the Olympic and Paralympic Athlete Celebration on Saturday, September 29th. In between, at lunch on Friday, noted Olympic coaches Mike Krzyzewski (Men's Basketball), Drew Johansen (Diving), Dave Marsh (Swimming), and George Williams (Track & Field) discuss the 2012 London Olympic experience. All events are open to the public and take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Cary. Tickets are available at www.trianglesportscommission.com.

North America Table Tennis Championships Success



Teaming up with the Town of Cary, the Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Cary Table Tennis Association, the Triangle Sports Commission helped host the third major Table Tennis Championships and second international event of the year over Labor Day Weekend. Bond Park Community Center in Cary again was transformed into a high-level Table Tennis venue, and hosted over 70 top players from Canada and across the United States. London 2012 Olympians Lilly Zhang and Erica Wu competed, and Lilly took the gold medal in both the Junior and Senior Women categories. Scott Butler of Winston-Salem, former US Olympic Festival-'87 star athlete, and his brother Jim, two-time US Olympian, competed, with Jim capturing the silver medal in the Senior Men's division. Other champions included Canada's Pierre-Luc Theriault in Senior Men's, Canada's James Pintea in Junior Men's, USA's Allen Wang in Cadet Boy's, and USA's Tina Lin in Cadet Girls.

Cary's National Recognition



The Town of Cary, home of the Triangle Sports Commission, was recently recognized as being one of the best places to live, as ranked by Money Magazine. The high ranking is not a surprise as Cary often appears on many top places to live lists. What was a nice development, though, was the list of items that caused Cary's ranking to be so high. Here is what Money Magazine had to say: "The past 10 years have seen dramatic population growth in Cary, with new comers attracted to its pleasant weather, safe streets (the League of American Cyclists has praised its accommodations for cyclists), and educational opportunities (the three biggest universities and research facilities in North Carolina are located close by). It's also a slice of heaven for sports lovers: Besides tons of college sports, Cary is home to the U.S.A. Baseball National Training Complex."

The effort to attract USA Baseball to the Triangle and to develop their National Training Complex in Cary was led by the Triangle Sports Commission. "It was thrilling to see that all those years of hard work on developing new, top-quality sports facilities in the Triangle, particularly in Cary, is really starting to pay off," said Hill Carrow, CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission. "It's a first for our region to have a sports venue cited nationally as positively affecting the quality of life in the community, which validates our whole rationale for leading the charge on getting such facilities built in the Triangle."

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 24th, when the Triangle Sports Commission, together with the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce and the Business & Professional Women's Association, host Super KNOW (Knowledgeable Network of Women) at the Hilton RDU from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, featuring the four head Women's Basketball Coaches of our Triangle NCAA Division I basketball programs: Kellie Harper, NC State; Joanne McCallie, Duke; Sylvia Hatchell, UNC; and Vanessa Taylor, NC Central. Tickets are available at www.morrisvillechamber.org.

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