

Triangle Sports News of the New Year

Happy New Year to all! We've got a lot of good sports news to help get everyone's 2018 off to a great start.

Olympic Games Watch Party on Tap February 9



The biggest sports event in the world (and it's not the Super Bowl) gets underway in early February with the XXIII Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. To celebrate the 2018 Winter Olympics and to help cheer on our U.S. athletes, including several from North Carolina, the Triangle Sports Commission (TSC) is hosting an Opening Ceremonies Watch Party on Friday,

February 9 at the Cardina Ale House in Glenwood South from 7 to 11:30pm. All the food you can eat is only \$15 and tickets can be purchased at <https://2018oc.eventbrite.com>. Water and soft drinks are complimentary and there is a cash bar for alcoholic beverages.

The Winter Olympics network broadcast will be carried exclusively in the local market by long-time TSC Partner Capitol Broadcasting Company on WRAL-TV, and the large private room reserved for the Watch Party features seven large-screen TVs. North Carolina Olympians and Olympic veterans will be in attendance to entertain us with numerous Olympic "war stories." It promises to be a great time; so bring your family and friends for the Olympic Celebration, and help us cheer on Team USA!

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United States Women's Curling Association (USWCA) National Bonspiel at Triangle Curling Club

It's the best timing possible: the Triangle Curling Club (TCC) will be hosting their first-ever USWCA National Bonspiel during the 2018 Winter Olympic Games. From February 15 to 18 you can see this fun Winter Olympic sport up close and personal at the TCC's Curling Center located at 2310 SoHi Drive, Durham, NC 27703. The competition features curlers 21 and over who come from across the country. The competition is completely free for spectators, so the event makes for great, no-cost entertainment and a live look at one of the fastest growing sports in the Triangle and throughout the U.S.



CEO of Sports Tourism Association to Visit Triangle

Al Kidd, the CEO of the National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC), will visit the Triangle on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6 & 7, 2018, to learn more about sports tourism in the region and meet with North Carolina sports tourism leaders. Al is only the second-ever staff leader of the NASC and the first to have the title of CEO. He has not yet been in office a year and has dedicated his time thus far to traveling around the country to meet with NASC members and supporters to build relationships, discuss plans for the future of the organization, and gather input on enhancing the NASC going forward.



The NASC, which was founded by the Triangle Sports Commission's CEO, Hill Carrow, and which traces its beginnings back to an initial meeting in Orlando in 1989, is a North Carolina corporation, having been established here at the start of the 1990's.

Hurricanes Welcome New Majority Owner Tom Dundon



On Friday, January 12, the new majority owner of the Carolina Hurricanes, Tom Dundon of Dallas, TX, was introduced to the local community at a press conference at PNC Arena led by NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman. From our TSC perspective at the gathering, Tom seems very down-to-earth and highly energetic. In his own words he admitted that he is an "impatient guy." He likes what his fellow Dallas pro-sports owner,

Mark Cuban, has done with the Mavericks and he hopes to bring new energy and ideas to the Canes to get the team on a consistent winning track and rebuild an avid fan base.

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