

## Triangle Sports Commission October 2017 Newsletter



### Triangle Men's Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon

The Triangle Men's Tip-Off Luncheon on September 22, 2017 was the first time in eight years that coaches from each of the four NCAA Division I universities in the Triangle came together for this event, and it was well worth the wait! Moderated by WRAL Sports anchor **Jeff Gravley**, the panel featured **Jeff Capel**, Associate Head Coach at Duke University; **Kevin Keatts**, Head Coach at NC State University; **LeVelle Moton**, Head Coach at NC Central University; and **Roy Williams**, Head Coach at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. The coaches discussed the upcoming season, their coaching careers, and their personal lives.

The event was featured in a live radio broadcast over Capitol Broadcasting Company's networks and was live-streamed at WRALSportsfan.com. Virtually every local media outlet attended the event which resulted in significant publicity. You can find links to the news articles and live broadcast by [clicking here](#) or visiting <http://www.trianglesportscommission.com/uscf30>.



Jeff Gravley



Jeff Capel



Kevin Keatts



LeVelle Moton



Roy Williams

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The Triangle Men's Basketball Tip-Off was the kick-off of the 30th Anniversary of the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival which concluded the same evening with a celebration reception and dinner. The success of both events was thanks in large part to the generous support of our sponsors. We hope you will support these great companies and organizations who give so much to our community.

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**Reception and Banquet:** Bridge II Sports; Capitol Broadcasting Company; Hannah Sheridan Loughridge & Cochran, LLP; Sports & Properties, Inc.; Stuart Law Firm; Summit Hospitality Group, LLC; Tournament Hosts of Greensboro; Triangle Sports Commission; and USA Baseball.

**Shared Tables:** North Carolina FC, PNC Bank, UNC Athletics, UNC Rex Healthcare

## U.S. Olympic Festival-'87 30th Anniversary Celebration

The 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival 30th Anniversary was celebrated on September 22 at the Embassy Suites in Cary. Staff, board members, volunteers, and athletes of the Festival gathered together to celebrate the amazing achievements and lasting legacies of this seminal event. The Festival still holds the record as the largest sports event ever held in North Carolina. It was also by far the most transformational sports event the state has ever experienced with beneficial legacies that endure today including many firsts for North Carolina such as the first regional transit system and first regional fiber optics network in the state. **Hill Carrow**, CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission and former President and Executive Director of the 1987 Olympic Festival served, as MC for the evening's festivities.

**Nancy Hogshead-Makar**, the keynote speaker, provided inspirational remarks about her swimming career and how she always strives to work towards something greater than herself. Nancy, who attended Duke University and is an Olympic Gold Medalist, helped market and promote the '87 Festival in the mid-1980s. She has since become a national leader and advocate for Women's Sports.



Nancy Hogshead-Makar

The U.S. Olympic Festival Legacy Awards were also presented that evening to **Henri Fourrier**, President and CEO, Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau; **Jim Goodmon**, Chairman and CEO, Capitol Broadcasting Company; **Nan Hannah**, Chairman, Triangle Sports Commission; **Chuck Hobgood**, President, North Carolina Amateur Sports; **Ashley Thomas**, Founder and Executive Director, Bridge II Sports; **Sheila Walker**, U.S. Olympic Committee (retired); **Smedes York**, Board Member, North Carolina Amateur Sports; and **USA Baseball**, Olympic Sport Governing Body, for their commitment to continuing the legacies of the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival. Congratulations again to all of the award winners!



Henri Fourrier



Jim Goodman



Nan Hannah



Chuck Hobgood



Ashley Thomas



Sheila Walker



Smedes York



USA Baseball

Recipients of the U.S. Olympic Festival-'87 Legacy Awards together with presenters Hill Carrow and Nancy Hogshead-Makar.

## North Carolina Olympians Join the Festivities

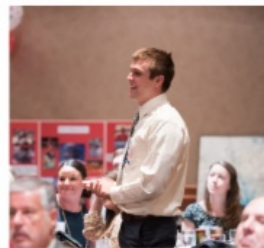
Eight Olympians added a special sense of excitement to the U.S. Olympic Festival Anniversary Celebration. Their ages ranged from 21 to 94 and their sports encompassed figure skating to modern pentathlon.

In addition to **Nancy Hogshead-Makar**, Swimming, 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, resident Olympians present included:

- **Diana Gee**, Cary, NC, Table Tennis, 1988 Summer Olympics, Seoul, South Korea; 1992 Summer Olympics, Barcelona, Spain
- **Ryan Held**, Raleigh, NC, Swimming, 2016 Summer Olympics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **Ken Merten**, Cary, NC, Swimming, 1968 Summer Olympics, Mexico City, Mexico
- **Jim Murray**, Raleigh, NC, Luge, 1968 Winter Olympics, Grenoble, France; 1972 Winter Olympics, Sapporo, Japan; 1976 Winter Olympics, Innsbruck, Austria
- **Guy Troy**, Liberty, NC, Modern Pentathlon, 1952 Summer Olympics, Helsinki, Finland
- **George Williams**, Raleigh, NC, Track & Field, 1996 Summer Olympics, Atlanta, Georgia; 2004 Summer Olympics, Athens, Greece; 2016 Summer Olympics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **Paul Wylie**, Charlotte, NC, Figure Skating, 1992 Winter Olympics, Albertville, France



Diana Gee  
1988, 1992 Olympics  
Table Tennis



Ryan Held  
2016 Olympics  
Swimming



Nancy Hogshead-Makar  
1984 Olympics  
Swimming



Ken Merten  
1968 Olympics  
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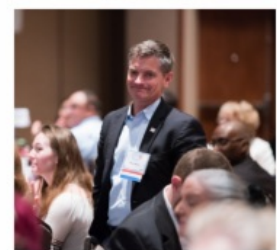
Jim Murray  
1968, 1972, 1976 Olympics  
Luge



Guy Troy  
1952 Olympics  
Modern Pentathlon



George Williams  
1996, 2004, 2016 Olympics  
Track & Field



Paul Wylie  
1992 Olympics  
Figure Skating

## Recap of the 2017 U.S. Masters Swimming High

# Performance Camp

For the seventh year in a row, the Triangle Sports Commission once again hosted the U.S. Masters Swimming High Performance Camp. Eighteen swimmers came from across the U.S. to learn new skills, experience improved training techniques, and gain a competitive edge. Camp coaches are among the best in the U.S. and included HPC Head Coach **Steve Weatherman**, who is also Head Coach of the Raleigh Area Masters; **Trey Taylor**, Head Coach, Gaston Gators; **Jackie Hirtsy**, Masters Coach, MIT; **Bill Meier**, Coach, Simon's Rock Pacemakers; and **Dr. Genadius Sokolovas** of Global Sport Technology in Colorado Springs.

Thank you to the all of coaches, swimmers, and instructors for making this camp so great!

If you are interested in future U.S. Masters Swimming High Performance camps, please contact Collins Lowder at [clowder@trianglesportscommission.com](mailto:clowder@trianglesportscommission.com) or at 919-678.1651. [Click here](http://www.trianglesportscommission.com/usms-high-performance-camp) or visit for more information: <http://www.trianglesportscommission.com/usms-high-performance-camp>



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