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2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

Triangle Sports Commission Newsletter

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This is the final Triangle Sports Commission Newsletter for 2012, and what a year it was! In this edition we do the Year in Review and we hope you enjoy the many highlights!

Keep in mind that all these activities were the result of extensive fundraising and event management work by a local, all-volunteer, non-profit sports organization. If you would like to keep the momentum going for more of these exciting amateur and Olympic sports events in 2013 and beyond, please contribute to the Triangle Sports Commission at <http://www.trianglesportscommission.com/donate-now>.

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February



The U.S. Olympic Trials - Table Tennis, the Triangle's first Olympic Trials event in 20 years, was hosted by the TSC February 9-12, 2012 at Bond Park Community Center (BPCC) in Cary. Over 50 athletes competed to be named to the U.S. National Team. Over-capacity crowds at the sold-out BPCC thrilled to the high-energy, fast-action competition of America's elite Table Tennis athletes. Extensive regional news coverage made the Olympic Trials the must-see sports event of 2012.

April



The U.S. Olympic Trials was the first step for U.S. table tennis athletes' Olympic Dreams. The second and final step took place April 20-22 back at Bond Park, where the TSC hosted the North America Olympic Trials - Table Tennis. National Teams from the U.S. and Canada duked it out for the final slots for the London Olympic Games. The BPC was again packed with spectators for the show down, which resulted in 4 Olympians each from Canada and the U.S. being selected to compete in London.

One event for the TSC wasn't enough in April, as the very next week, the TSC staff assisted the Greensboro Sports Commission by volunteering at the U.S. Masters Swimming Spring National Championships at the new Greensboro Aquatic Center. Hill Carrow, TSC CEO, served as Co-Meet Director for the event which set a new mark as the largest swim meet in NC history with 1865 competitors, including 13 current and former Olympians.

June

The Kick-It 3-v-3 National Soccer Tour returned to Cedar Fork Park in Morrisville. This marked the fourth consecutive year that the TSC hosted this unique event. Three-person teams from throughout the region and nearby states competed for a chance to go to the National Finals at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

August



From August 25 to 30, the TSC hosted the U.S. Masters Swimming High Performance Camp at the Greensboro Aquatic Center. The camp is the sport governing body's only annual elite-level swim camp. It features the country's top Masters coaches and sports science experts. Twenty top swim competitors from across the country participate.

For the second time in 2012, the TSC had back-to-back events as the North American Table Tennis Championships were hosted by the Town of Cary and supported by the TSC at the BPC over Labor Day Weekend, from August 31 to September 2. More than 75 competitors from across North America competed to be named continental champion. Just back from the London Olympic Games, U.S. Olympians Ariel Singh and Lily Zhang participated with Ariel winning both the Junior and Senior women's competitions.

September



September 28-30 marked the North Carolina Olympic Celebration, a multi-event weekend celebrating the London Olympic Games, the 25th Anniversary of the U.S. Olympic Festival, and North Carolina's Olympic connections past and present. The weekend kicked off on Friday with the North Carolina Sports Summit, a series of presentations and panel discussions by a number of the state's top sports executives. The next morning the TSC hosted two Olympic Outreach Programs with Olympians coaching and instructing young athletes in swimming at Pullen Park Pool in Raleigh and in Table Tennis at the Embassy Suites in Cary. Saturday night was the main event, with the North Carolina Olympic & Paralympic Athlete Banquet & Reception at the Embassy Suites. Cullen Jones, Olympic Gold Medalist and North Carolina's most decorated 2012 Olympic athlete, served as keynote speaker. Over 400 participants took part in some or all of the Olympic Celebration Weekend activities.

October



For the first time in state history, the four NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Coaches based in the Triangle came together for a highly informative and entertaining luncheon event at the Hilton Research Triangle Park. Hosted jointly by the TSC and Morrisville Chamber of Commerce, the Super KNOW (Know ledgeable Netw ork of Women) event received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd and will return in 2013 by popular demand.

As for 2013, look for several of our 2012 events to continue, with some new and equally-exciting activities added to the mix.

Thank you!

This amazing year could not have been possible without the great dedication and extensive hours of our volunteer staff including Christian Bragg, Hill Carrow, John Choquette, Stephen Freeman, Joe Kenney, Hatcher Kincheloe, Molly Matthews, and Faryn Roy. In addition, we express our sincere appreciation to our 2012 event supporters:

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Without their great support, such a successful year would not be possible.

What's Next?

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