

Triangle Sports News in Time for Cinco de Mayo

2018 ACC Baseball Championships in Less Than Three Weeks, May 22-27



The Triangle Sports Commission is a co-host of the 2018 ACC Baseball Championship which is back in the Triangle after a one-year HB2-caused hiatus, and the tournament is bigger and better than ever. The Championships will take place at **Durham Bulls Athletic Park from Tuesday, May 22 through Sunday, May 27, 2018**. Since the championships last run in the area in 2016, the tournament has been expanded from 10 teams to 12. The previous play-in games on the first day of the championships have been eliminated, so that all 12 teams qualifying for the tournament will engage in round robin play Tuesday through Friday. Semi-final games will be held on Saturday and the tournament champion will be crowned on

Sunday. A variety of ticket options are available for the Championships ranging from individual tickets to all-tournament packages. [To purchase tickets for the 2018 ACC Baseball Championship, click here.](#)

NC Swim Hall of Fame Inducts Ninth Class of Honorees

On Saturday, April 14, at the Embassy Suites Cary, the **North Carolina Swimming Hall of Fame** inducted five honorees into its Class of 2018. Inductees included Jilen Siroky Bouwer, Hill Carrow, Frank Comfort, Eugene Godsoe, and Chip Peterson. Jilen Bouwer, a national champion breaststroker who grew up in Charlotte, was the youngest of the 650-member 1996 U.S. Olympic Team at the Atlanta Olympic Games. Hill Carrow, a Kinston native, is an award-winning Masters swimmer and a renowned aquatic sports events recruiter and organizer. Frank Comfort, retired UNC Swimming Head Coach, is the winningest dual meet coach in NCAA Swimming history. Eugene Godsoe, a native of Greensboro, is an NCAA Swimming Champion who also led Stanford to four straight PAC 10 Championships. Chip Peterson is a world-champion open water competitor from Morehead City who also set new UNC and ACC records in distant events while attending UNC – Chapel Hill.



Eugene Godsoe, Jilen Siroky, Chip Peterson, Frank Comfort, and Hill Carrow at the 2018 Induction

At the event Co-Chairs Ceil Blackwell and Erika Braun of the NC Swimming Hall of Fame Committee also announced the launch of a \$200,000 Capital Campaign for a permanent display for the NCSHOF at the soon-to-be-expanded Greensboro Aquatic Center. The Triangle Sports

First-Ever Triangle Youth Baseball Clinic, May 26



For the first-time ever, the ACC Baseball Championship will also feature the Triangle Youth Clinic, a baseball clinic for local youth, ages 7 to 12. The Triangle Sports Commission is hosting the 2018 Triangle Youth Clinic from 10:30am to 3pm on Saturday, May 26 at Durham Athletic Park. Eric Campbell, National Teams Director for USA Baseball, will serve as Head Coach for the Youth Clinic. Additional coaches include Jim Koerner, Head Coach, NC Central University; Eric Tyler of Baseball Rebellion; and Rodney Whitesell, Head Coach, Holly Springs High School. In addition to top-level baseball skills instruction and a Chick-fil-A lunch, Clinic athletes will receive a special goody bag, commemorative t-shirt, and official certificate of participation. In addition, each participant will get a complimentary ticket to the ACC Baseball Championship Saturday evening semifinal game where they will take part in a Parade of Athletes across the championship diamond. For information on the Triangle Youth Clinic or to register to participate visit <http://www.trianglesportscommission.com/triangle-youth-clinic/>.

Top Spin, the Movie – at The Cary, June 1

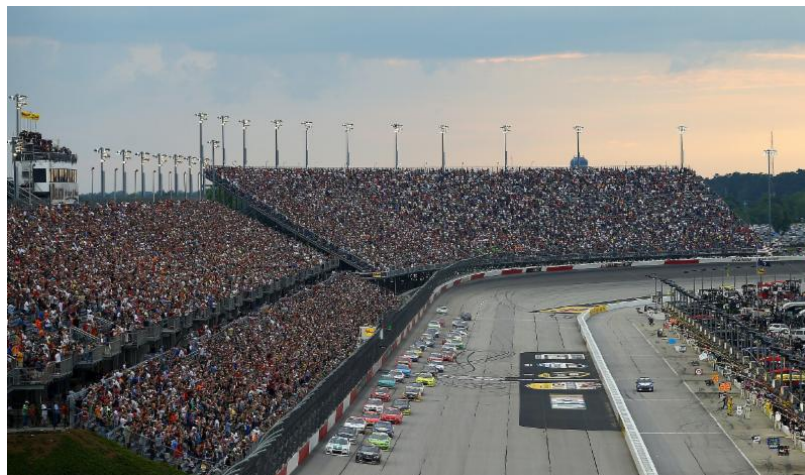


No need to travel to Utah for the Sundance Film Festival or even to Durham for the Full Frame Documentary Film Fest! Just join us on Friday night, June 1, at 7pm for a showing of the award-winning documentary **Top Spin**. Top Spin was filmed largely in the Triangle and features three young table tennis athletes vying to make the U.S. Olympic Team for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. The road to the Games required substantial time in Cary at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials – Table Tennis and the 2012 North America Olympic Trials – Table Tennis, both of which were held at Bond Park Community Center. To help provide a table tennis total immersion experience, local Table Tennis Olympian, Diana Gee, will do an exhibition, provide pointers, and share some table tennis war stories. Come and enjoy a Friday night in Downtown Cary like no other! For tickets, visit

<http://thecarytheater.com/event/top-spin/>.

A Free Lunch and NASCAR, too: June 7

The Triangle is a top market for fans who attend NASCAR races at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, SC over Labor Day Weekend, but Darlington Raceway has spent more than \$7 million this year on major upgrades to make the fan experience even better. Come learn about all the exciting improvements and whats in store for race weekend 2018 – and enjoy a free lunch! Please join fellow Triangle Sports Commission supporters and local Chamber members at the PNC Arena Club on Thursday, June 7 at noon, for a dynamic presentation and one-on-ones with raceway execs. Deadline to RSVP is noon, Friday, June 1, but there is limited availability so please RSVP to Tess Heron at theron@trianglesportscommission.com as soon as possible.



Call for Volunteers:

Bridge II Sports, the TSC's sister organization for Paralympic sports, has a need for additional volunteers for the Valor Games Southeast 2018 to be held in the Triangle May 21-24. To sign up, go to <https://www.bridge2sports.org/valorgamesse/>



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