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## TSC Fall 2021 News

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Happy November to all! Collegiate sports in the Triangle this week are in full swing with the nationally-ranked Wolfpack Women's Basketball Team opening their season, the ACC Women's Soccer Championships being contested in Cary, UNC Football marks homecoming against a top-ten opponent in Chapel Hill, and the Duke Women's Volleyball Team takes on Wake Forest at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, just to name a few. It is great to have events and spectators back at all levels in sports, and we are particularly blessed here in the Triangle region with so many to choose from. Though we are not out of the woods yet on the pandemic, we thank all the event managers for working so hard to keep everyone as safe as possible, and we look forward to the time (hopefully) when we are 100% back to pre-pandemic participation in, and support for, all of our Triangle-area sports, recreation, and fitness activities.

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### North Carolina Swimming Hall of Fame Inducts Five

After two coronavirus-induced postponements of what was to be the 2020 North Carolina Swimming Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony, the NCSHOF was held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at the Embassy Suites Crabtree Valley. The Triangle Sports Commission provides staffing and organizational support for the NCSHOF, and TSC supporters were delighted to see the NCSHOF festivities held at long last, after an almost 2-year delay.



Though held in 2021, the class inducted was considered to be the Class of 2020. Inductees included Mecklenburg Aquatic Coach and USA Swimming leader, **Peter Carney**; NC State alum and open water star, **Sid Cassidy** (second from right in photo above); long-time UNC-Chapel Hill Head Coach, **Pat Earey** (accepted by his grandson, Ryan Earey, far right in photo); NC State All-American and University of South Carolina Coach, **Beth Harrell** (second from left above); and Masters Coach and world-record holder, **Fritz Lehman** (far left). In attendance to help honor this year's class of inductees were coaching legends **Don Easterling**, **Braden Holloway**, and **Mark Bernadino** of NC State.

NCSHOF Committee Co-Chairs **Ceil Blackwell** and **Erika Braun** appeared to capture the overall sentiment of a majority of the induction attendees when they expressed how thankful they were to be able to be back, after an extended absence, among a gathering

of the North Carolina swimming community for such an exciting celebration of the sport.

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### U.S. Masters Swimming Championships and Honors

The Triangle Sports Commission led the recruitment of the **2021 U.S. Masters Swimming National Short Course Championships** to North Carolina and supported the efforts of the **Raleigh Area Masters Swim Team** to host the event, July 21-25, 2021. It was the first United States Masters Swimming (USMS) national championship-level competition in almost two years, and the meet was staged under a series of Covid 19 protocols to keep the athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers as safe as possible.



The meet received widespread praise for the smooth conduct of the event under such circumstances, and the more than 500 volunteers for the event were recognized by U.S. Masters Swimming for their award-winning staging of the championships. In addition, at this fall's Annual Convention of U.S. Masters Swimming, **Hill Carrow**, TSC's Volunteer CEO, who served as Local Organizing Committee Chairman for the championships, was honored by USMS with the **Dorothy Donnelly Service Award**, given to those organization members who have made significant contributions to Masters Swimming on the local, regional, and national level. Also, **Mark Rubacky** of Raleigh, who served as Meet Director for Short Course Nationals was presented with the **USMS National Championships Meet Award** in recognition of his significant contributions to USMS national championship meets.

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### Masters Swimming High Performance Camp Celebrates 10th Anniversary

It's the only camp of its kind in the world, and as a result, participants have come from across America and from as far as Italy, Brazil, Canada, and the Virgin Islands. It's the **Masters Swimming High Performance Camp** and this year the camp celebrated its **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. The "HPC" as it is affectionately called, was



was founded and operated by the Triangle Sports Commission at the request of United States Masters Swimming. It was the very first event ever held in the then brand-new Greensboro Aquatic Center, which also celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of operations in August this year.

To commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone, the HPC assembled an all-star cast of coaches, featuring **Nadine Day**, **Susan Ingraham**, **Cokie Lepinski**, **Kerry O'Brien**, and **Trey Taylor**, all of whom have been USMS Coaches of the Year and prior Head Coaches of the HPC. World-class instructors **Dr. Genadijus Sokolovas**, the planet's number one swimming physiologist; nutrition guru, **Jennifer Brunelli**; UNC Greensboro sports psychologist, **Jen Etnier**; and sports trainer and physiotherapist, **Laura Wilson**; rounded out the camp faculty.

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## World University Games Bid Continues



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After formally entering the international competition for the 2027 Summer World University Games, which opened on September 1, a delegation representing the United States bid for the Games traveled to Switzerland last month for meetings with the World University Games international governing body (FISU) leadership as well as leaders of international sports federations whose sports are in the WUG. The delegation included **Dan Guerrero**, President of the U.S. International University Sports Federation (USIUSF); **Delise O’Meally**, Secretary General; **Hill Carrow**, Chair & CEO of the North Carolina Bid Committee; **Ron Olson**, U.S. Team Physician; and **Neal Holden** of Basketball Travelers International; During the trip the U.S. delegation also got to visit with university sports delegates from over 50 countries who were in Switzerland for briefings on the upcoming Winter World University Games to be held in Lucerne in December.

“The trip was very timely and valuable,” said Carrow, “and generated a good deal of positive traction for the bid from North Carolina USA.”

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### News Briefs

The TSC recently made a **significant contribution of training equipment** to the Raleigh Area Masters Swim Team.



The **Raleigh Area Masters Swim Team (RAM)**, founded by the TSC’s own **Hill Carrow**, is celebrating its **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** during 2021. While the team and its leadership has long been recognized for many contributions to adult swimming through the years, RAM is also considered a major leader locally in supporting youth aquatic programs of the **City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department**.

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