

Carolina District Inaugural Convention

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, October 29-30, 2010

It was all we had hoped for, and more. Much more. All Harmony Lanes led to Myrtle Beach as 475 Carolinas Barbershoppers drew October to a close by providing the world with a crystal clear view of how to hold a Barbershop Convention. 22 of the District's 26 chapters were represented.

The venue was the 14 story Landmark Resort Hotel located smack dab on the Atlantic Ocean. Talk about an embarrassment of riches, the expected attendance of roughly 700 was exceeded by exactly 200 additional registrants. The greater than expected turnout required use of an overflow room



It was a full ballroom and an enthusiastic audience for the quartet and chorus contests.

to provide seating during the quartet and chorus contests. This worked out fine thanks to the closed circuit TV, excellent sound system, and a large screen provided by our audio visual contractor.

But one of the key points regarding the facility was the ability to hold all events under one roof. All of this at obscenely low off-season rates in a venue surrounded by great dining and recreational opportunities. Even the weather was perfect! What more could you ask for?

The favorable rates and diverse entertainment possibilities (including a golf tournament) attracted roughly a quarter of the attendees on Thursday-unprecedented for a District convention. All that much more time for tag singing, woodshedding and just getting to know your buddies better.



Let's Sing!, newly crowned District Quartet Champions, accepting trophy on the Saturday night show.

The convention featured many activities. At the Friday night prelims, 21 quartets mounted the stage to determine which of the quartets would enter the round of ten finalists for the Saturday night singout that would crown the Carolinas Quartet champion.

The Saturday chorus contest saw over 386 men cross the stage as 14 choruses competed for District honors. The first Carolinas District chorus Championship was taken by **The General Assembly** chorus from **Research Triangle Park, NC**. Saturday night kicked-off with a faceoff between the ten quartet finalists selected the previous night. **Let's Sing!** racked up the highest point total, climaxing the weekend's formal quarteting activities.



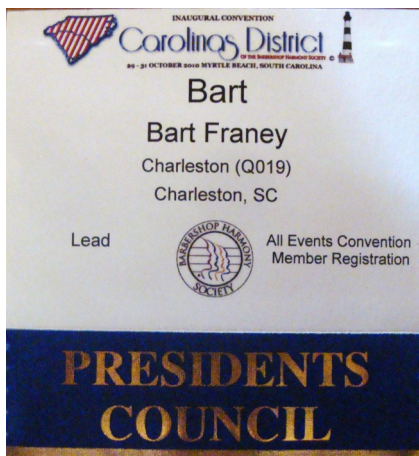
Village Green, newly crowned District Seniors Quartet Champions, accepting their trophy from VP C&J Steve Tremper (left).



District Chorus Champion – *The General Assembly* – Directed by Bill Rasheigh

The evening was capped off by The Show of Champions with performances from all groups who had competed and scored a championship in their category.

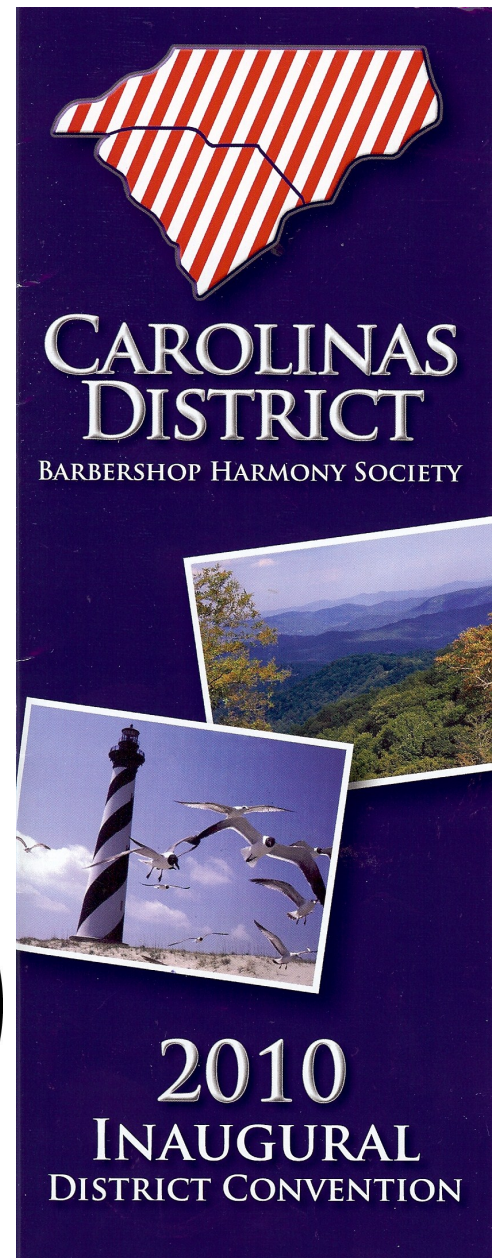
The convention included something for everyone. It was much more than just contests. There were many other activities to make for an enjoyable experience including fun events including a tag singing forum, golf tournament, AHSOW room, and the hospitality suites. Special events were also held including the President's Council Reception, Chapter President's Reception, and a Groupanizer forum. Finally, a big Hooray is due to Events VP Mike Doheny, his Convention Committee and Host Chapters Myrtle Beach and Wilmington for all their hard work in making the Fall convention an unqualified success.



All Presidents Council members wore a badge like this in recognition of their contribution and we plan to do this at every convention.

Right: Convention Program cover.

Below: "I Was There" button handed out at the convention.





Singing tags was a popular activity throughout the convention.



What a great time! The Carolinas District Inaugural Golf Tournament participants.



The hospitality suites on Saturday provided a fitting ending to a fun convention. Spartanburg, Grand Strand, Charleston, RTP, Lexington, Wilmington, Pinehurst, New Bern, & Hickory/Charlotte all hosted hospitality suites providing the food & beverages and the warm welcome to all.



Wood shedding was alive and well during the inaugural convention of the Carolinas District convention during the Halloween weekend in Myrtle Beach.



A large and enthusiastic group of Individuals and quartets who donated \$250.00 or more to the capital campaign were gathered to celebrate the new district at the President Council Reception. (Left) Charlie Rose addresses the group.

The True Meaning of a Trophy

By Jon Vickers

With the exciting establishment of the new district, we of the Carolinas District had the opportunity to initiate a traveling trophy for the Senior Quartet Champs, a token not seen in the old Dixie award profile. **Village Green** had won the Senior Quartet Championship back in the fall of 2007 along with the privilege to go to San Antonio, TX in January of 2008 and we knew from that experience what a special privilege it would be to be able to receive and to then later pass on a meaningful permanent trophy within the Senior ranks.



Now our lead, Charles (we all know it is really “Charlie”) Rose, has been an especially unique and giving quartetter for decades. Many know the rolling joke that passed along for years, “honk if you have never sung in a competing quartet with Charlie Rose!” Those who have sung with Charlie in a competing quartet are legion. Put together in only the last few weeks before a competition, Charlie’s many quartets have made it to Saturday night a number of times (5-6-...) but never higher than as “mic testers”..... not really “in the 10”! But then, Charlie never appeared in a real, working quartet before **Village Green** who made “the 10” each time we competed (at least by score) though a couple of those we registered for only the seniors competition so we did not actually sing on Saturday. As with Jim Kline of **139th St. Quartet** and **Gotcha!** fame and his gazillion international appearances, Charlie may well hold the record for appearances in district quartet competitions. He has been known to sing in up to five different quartets in one contest! When it comes to enthusiasm for quartetting, he’s got it really bad!

Back in the early 1990’s, Charlie, prompted by his zeal for quartetting and for encouraging and empowering his fellow barbershoppers to sing, and grow as quartetters ever in the quest to be the best they could be, conceived and gave birth to what we now know as the eXtreme Quartetting Harmony Brigade. The North Carolina Harmony Brigade, celebrating its 19th rally in January, has proved to be the seed for other, very similar brigades which will number at least eight in the 2011 season! By the end of 2012, we’ll likely see twelve brigades all over the US, and in Canada..... and, probably in Europe, all under the banner of the Association of eXtreme Quartetting Harmony Brigades! Each of these brigades draws upwards of 130-150 men who work very hard to master 10-12 very challenging songs in preparation to compete with and among “strangers”, just for the love of the challenge. Every brigader learns and grows from this experience and then carries that growth back to his chapter to “raise all harmony boats” and thus to encourage and incentivize his chorusmates to also learn and grow. Now THAT is one heck of a contribution to quartetting and to barbershopping overall.

With such a man in our ranks, tenor: Ted Leinback, bari: Jim Nappier, and bass: Jon Vickers saw a compelling opportunity to recognize and to celebrate the profound contributions Charlie had made to our craft for decades, particularly in the quartetting arena. We had no hesitation committing to the opportunity and privilege to sponsor and to gift to the proud new Carolinas District a handsome traveling trophy to be awarded to the Senior Quartet Champion each year. We were very gratified when the District saw fit to name that trophy for the man who has inspired, empowered, and selflessly celebrated hundreds of fine quartet singers for many years, Mr. Charles F. Rose.

It was a very special (if a little awkward) privilege for Village Green to then be the initial recipient of the new traveling trophy at Myrtle Beach in October. Most certainly, we are grateful products of the great contribution Charlie has made and continues to make to encourage each of us to grow and to be all that we can be as barbershop quartet singers.

Thanks, Charlie!!!

Quartet Contest Results

District Quartet Champion: ***Let's Sing!*** (1855 points, 77.3%)

District Seniors Quartet Champion: ***Village Green*** (817 points, 68.1%)

District Novice Quartet Champion: ***Easy Livin*** (727 points, 60.6%)

District Representatives to the 2011 International Seniors Quartet Contest in Las Vegas, NV:

- ***Village Green***
- ***BLackKJack***



District Quartet Champion
Let's Sing!

Research Triangle Park, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, NC
Steve Tremper (T), Mark Chandler (L),
Greg Zinke (Bs), Joe Doub (Br)



Second Place
17 Below

Frank Thorne
Travis Murray (Br), Scot Gregg (Bs),
Adam Gossage (L), Michael Fitch (T)



Third Place
One Accord

Spartanburg, SC
David Satterwhite (T), Christopher Hale (L),
Steve Skinner (Bs), Butch King (Br)



District Seniors Quartet Champion
Village Green

Charlotte, Winston-Salem, RTP, Rocky Mount, NC
Ted Leinbach (T), Charles Rose (L),
Jon Vickers, (Bs), James Nappier (Br)



Tucker Street

Research Triangle Park, NC
Richard Dee (Br), Chuck Rich (Bs),
Chris Mueller (L), Jason Patrick (T)



Bar None

Charlotte, Mooresville, Winston-Salem, NC
Jeffrey Meekins (T), Walter Miles (L),
Ted Leinbach (Bs), Steve Shoaf (Br)



**International Seniors Representative
*BlackJack***

Wilmington, NC
Duane Henry (Br), Bryson Ley (Bs),
Larry Reinhart (L), Kirk Binning (T)



Mountain Vocal Project

Asheville, NC
James McMahon (Br), Fred Maney (Bs),
James Monday (L), Russell Brickhouse, (Br)



InVoice

Charlotte, Mooresville, NC
Steve Curulla (T), Curtis Kriner (L),
David Cauble (Bs), Doug Demick (Br)



Carolina Moonshine

Charlotte, NC
Al Sundling (T), Chuck Villier (L),
John Earnharft (Bs), Doug Demick (Br)



Grandstand

Lexington County, SC; Augusta, GA
 Lowell Dorn (T), David Connelly (L),
 John Potts (Bs), Robert Gray (Br)



Hazardous Moving Parts

Wilmington, Rocky Mount, NC
 Jim Benson (T), Jamey Benson (L),
 Robert Cox (Bs), Mark Ream (Br)



Acappella Fellas

West Jefferson, Hickory, NC
 Arden Hintzmann (T), Dennis Kimbleton (L),
 Buck Wicker, (Bs), Don Lang (Br)



Collage

Spartanburg, SC
 Martin Hill (T), Ken Maes (L),
 David Lybrand (Bs), Rich Lee (Br)



District Novice Quartet Champion

Easy Livin

Winston-Salem, NC
 Fred Conrad (T), David Williams (L),
 Glenn Ogden (Bs), Mark Thompson (Br)



Tune Shiners

Asheville, NC
 Clark Rosenberger (Br), Mike Richard (Bs),
 Randy Johnston (L), Mike Morey (T)



Four-in-Exchange

Research Triangle Park, NC
Paul Martin (T), Steven Tarantino (L),
Derek Walter (Bs), Antony Takahashi (Br)



Vintage Four

Wilmington, NC; Hilton Head, SC
Duke Andrus (T), Robert Hodges (L),
Bob Proctor (Bs), Bill Andrusic (Br)



Chapter Two

New Bern, NC
Brian Giersch (Br), Steve Robb (Bs),
Wayne Massetti (L), Al Brylowe (T)



Plantation

Wilmington, NC
Bob Clark (Br), Steve Berkebile (Bs),
Roy Holzwarth (L), Kirk Binning (T)



Chord of Appeal

Research Triangle Park, Central Carolina, NC
George Cherny (T), Kevin West (L),
Warren Fuson (Bs), Kenny Bland, (Br)

Chorus Contest Summary

The General Assembly, Research Triangle Park, NC, with 40 men on the risers under the direction of Bill Rashleigh is the first ever Carolinas District Chorus Champion and represented the District at the International Chorus Contest July 2011 in Kansas City, MO. The chorus also was the District Plateau AAA (36 or more) Champion.

Heart of Carolina Chorus, Central Carolina, NC, with 23 men on the risers under the direction of Chris Slacke finished second overall and was the District Plateau AA (21-35 men) Champion.

Carolina Moonlighters, Hickory, NC, with 13 men on the risers under the direction of Don Lang is the Carolinas District Plateau A (12-20 men) Champion.

The Gold Standard Chorus, Charlotte, NC, took third overall with 26 singers under the direction of Christopher Puckett.



District Champion, Plateau AAA Champion, 2011 International Chorus Representatives
The General Assembly – Research Triangle Park, NC – Bill Rashleigh, Director

Plateau AA Champion
Second Place

Heart of Carolina Chorus
Central Carolina, NC
Chris Slacke, Director





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The Gold Standard Chorus
Charlotte, NC
 Christopher Puckett ,
 Director

Triad Harmony Express
Winston-Salem, NC
 Robert Cox,
 Director



Land of the Sky Chorus
Asheville, NC
 Chuck Greene,
 Director



Cape Fear Chordsmen – Wilmington, NC – Larry Reinhart, Director



Greensboro Tarheel Chorus – Greensboro, NC – Greg Zinke, Director



Palmetto Statesmen – Spartanburg, SC – John La Bosco, Director



***Charleston Barbershop
Chorus***

Charleston, SC

David Box,
Director

***The Southern
Gentlemen***

New Bern, NC

Bette Oglesby &
Russell Erwin,
Directors



***Main Street
Harmonizers***

Lexington County, SC

Douglas McMillan,
Director

District Plateau A Champion

Carolina Moonlighters

Hickory, NC

Don Lang, Director



The Golf Capital Chorus – Pinehurst, NC
Bruce Blanton, Director



New River Harmony

Jacksonville, NC

John Thompson &
William Bennight,
Directors



The Low Country Chorus

Grand Strand, SC

(Mike Testers)

Marty Rhoades, Director

