

# Spring Convention and Contests

Winston-Salem, NC March 21-22, 2014

*As reported in the May-June 2014 NSC Newsletter...*

For the first time, Quartet and Chorus International Prelims were held at the same event. In the case of NSC, the 2014 Spring Convention and Contests held at the beautiful performer and audience-friendly worship center of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.

The QUARTET contests started Friday night, Mar. 21, and kept Presenter, Robert Cox and Contest Administers, George Joslyn (DIX) and Charlie Hill (FWD) busy with 20 quartets and six contests:

- International Prelim (2 rounds): **Zero Hour**, with an average score of 76.2, will represent NCS at the Barbershop Harmony Society International Quartet Contest in Las Vegas in July. The members of **Zero Hour** are: Ben Mills (T), Larry Lane (L), Mark Rodda (Ba), and Scot Gregg (Bs). Other quartets in the top five were: **WHAMMY!**, **Tucker Street**, **Supersonic**, and **Bar None**.
- District Qualifier (1 round): quartets qualifying to enter the Carolinas District Quartet Contest next Fall are: **Bar None**, **Doppler Effect**, **Easy Livin'**, **Harmony Grits**, **Hazardous Moving Parts**, **Quartet X**, **Supersonic**, **The Hardly Boys**, **Tucker Street**, and **WHAMMY!**
- Senior International Prelim (1 round): **Harmony Grits**, with an average score of 70.5, will represent NSC at the Barbershop Harmony Society Mid-Winter Seniors Quartet Contest, in New Orleans in Jan. 2014. The members of **Harmony Grits** are: Steve Tremper (T), Wally Miles (L), Jim Nappier (Ba), and Ted Leinbach (Bs). The other quartets in the top 5 of this contest were: **The Hardly Boys**, **Ringtones**, **Acappella Fellas**, and **Chapter Two**.
- Senior District (1 round): The Carolinas District 2014 District Seniors Quartet Champions are **The Hardly Boys**, with an average score of 65.4. The members of **The Hardly Boys** are: John Adams (T), Larry Triplett (L), Steve Mark (Ba), and John Dendy (Bs). The other quartets in the top 5 of this contest were: **Ringtones**, **Acappella Fellas**, **Chapter Two**, & **Court of Appeal**.
- Novice Quartet (1 round): the winners are **Hazardous Moving Parts**, with an average score of 63.7. The members of **Hazardous Moving Parts** are: Jim Benson (T), Bob Lucas (L), Tom Martyn (Ba), and Larry Reinhart (Bs). The other Novice Quartets were **Chapter Two** and **Vocal Vision**.
- College (1 round): the Carolinas District Collegiate Quartet Champion and NSC representative at the Harmony Foundation Collegiate Quartet Contest in Las Vegas in July is **Riverside Ringers**, with an amazing average score of 70.7. The members of **Riverside Ringers** are: David Hopkins (T), Drew Whitlow (L), Adam Afifi (Ba), and Colin Harrison (Bs).

Other quartets competing were: **Fayette-Tones**, **Antics**, and **Partners in Rhyme**.



The CHORUS contests, Saturday, Mar. 22, was the real history maker! Eleven choruses competed in five contests: International Prelims for 2015 (!), NSC District Chorus Champion for 2014, Plateau A, Plateau AA, and Most Improved Chorus.

- Barbershop Harmony Society International Chorus Prelims for 2015: the winner, who will represent NSC in Pittsburgh in July of 2015, is ***Carolina Vocal Express*** (Greater Gaston Chapter), the so-called “Big Chorus”. CVE, directed by Ben Mills, had 95 men on stage, and scored an average of 80.5 points.
- The next choruses in the top 5 were: ***Triad Harmony Express*** (Winston-Salem, 23 men, directed by Robert Cox), ***Gold Standard Chorus*** (Charlotte, 28 men, directed by Larry Lane), ***General Assembly*** (Research Triangle Park, 29 men, directed by Bill Rashleigh), and ***The Tarheel Chorus*** (Greensboro, 22 men, directed by Gordon Lankeneau).
- 2014 Carolinas District Chorus Champion: ***Triad Harmony Express*** (Winston-Salem), with an average score of 70.8.
- Plateau A Winner is the ***Carolinas Moonlighters*** (Hickory), with 15 men on stage under the direction of Barbara Huffman and Don Lang.
- Plateau AA winner is ***Triad Harmony Express***.
- Most Improved Chorus was ***Land of the Sky*** (Asheville), with 24 men under the direction of Kevin Kehres. [Asheville improved a total of 44 points, just beating out Winston-Salem’s 43 point improvement!]
- Other choruses competing were: ***The Palmetto Statesmen*** (Spartanburg), ***The Golf Capital Chorus*** (Pinehurst), ***New River Harmony*** (Jacksonville), ***The 13th Colony Sound*** (Savannah)

Chorus awards were presented by George Joslin, Contest Administrator, and Larry Reinhart, VP Contest and Judging.



**International Chorus Representative**  
***Carolina Vocal Express***  
Accepting the award (L-R) Ben Mills ,  
Director and Co-founder, and Mathew  
Gorman, Co-founder



**District Chorus Champion**  
**Plateau AA Chorus Champion**  
***Triad Harmony Express***  
Accepting the Award Richard Franklin,  
President, and Robert Cox, Director.



**Plateau A Chorus Champion**  
***Carolina Moonlighters***  
Accepting the award Bob Johns, Chap-  
ter President.



**District Chorus Runner-up**  
***Gold Standard Chorus***  
Accepting the award Jeffery Meeks,  
President, and Larry Lane, Director

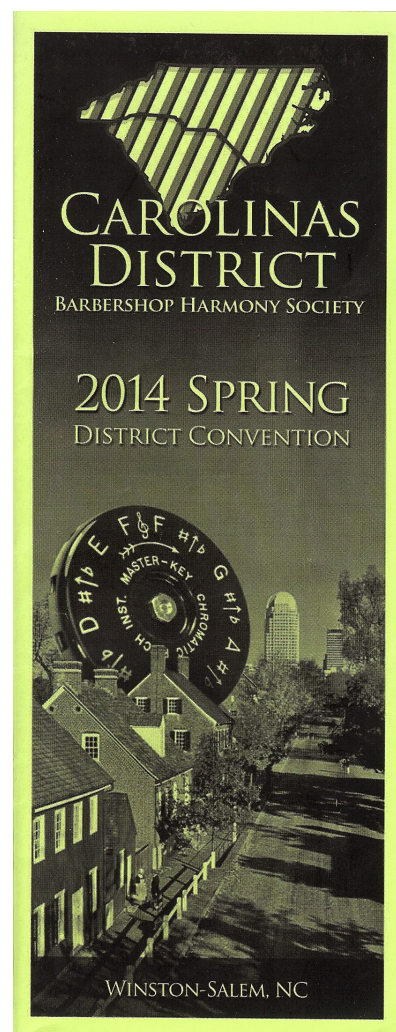


**Most Improved Chorus**  
***Land of Sky***  
Accepting the award Clay Plemmons,  
President, and Kevin Kehres, Director.

A regular feature of the Spring Convention is the presentation Carolinas District Non-Singing Awards for the previous year. However, two of his year's presentations were anything but normal. Bob Johns, 2014 President, made the presentations and the first two went off without a hitch—Mike Doheny received the *District Unsung Hero Award* and Bill Clegg accepted the *District Chapter of Note Award (Membership Recruitment)* on behalf of Brunswick County, NC Chapter. At this point, the next award was the *District Barbershopper of the Year Award (BOTY)*.

Bob Johns announced that this year's recipient was Steve Tremper. Steve "retired" from the District position of VP of Contest and Judging, which he held from the founding of the District. But Steve was not in the auditorium. After a frantic search, Steve was located (rumor has it that he was in Jimmy Johns having lunch), asked to come to the stage, obviously ran..., and was awarded this most deserved honor.

With the last award, the *District Hall of Fame*, the awards become more interesting. This prestigious award's story starts Friday night, although the award was given Saturday afternoon. The mic testers for the quartet semi-finals was *Let's Sing!*, however, it was announced that Greg Zink was in Mexico on an extended business trip so Robert Cox was filling in on bass. Saturday came and *Let's Sing!* was announced as the District's newest inductees into the Hall of Fame! Luckily, Steve Tremper (the tenor) had been found to receive the BOTY, but the surprises kept coming, because entering the stage was Greg Zink! The quartet was completely surprised. The crowd went wild!!!!!!!!!!



Clockwise: Steve Tremper receives *Barbershopper of the Year Award*, *Let's Sing!* surprised, with Greg Zinke's arrival, *Let's Sing!* with *Hall of Fame Awards*, Bill Clegg receives *Chapter of Note Award*, Mike Doheny receives *Unsung Hero Award*.



# Competing Quartets



## District Representative 2014 International

### *Zero Hour*

Charlotte, NC

Ben Mills (T), Larry Lane (L),  
Scot Gregg (Bs), Mark Rodda (Br)



## *WHAMMY!*

Central Carolina NC; Elizabethtown, KY;  
Frank Thorne

Mathew Gorman (T), Craig McDonald (L),  
William Adams (Bs), Israel Keefer (Br)



## *Tucker Street*

Research Triangle Park, NC

Jason Patrick (T), Chris Mueller (L),  
Charles Rich (Bs), Chris Kirkland (Br)



## District Collegiate Champion & Int'l Representative

### *Riverside Ringers*

Georgia Southern University, Furman University,  
Savannah College of Arts and Design

David Hopkins (T), Drew Whitlow (L)  
Colin Harrison (Bs), Adam Afifi (Br)



## District Representative 2015 Seniors International

### *Harmony Grits*

Charlotte, Research Triangle Park, Winston-Salem, NC  
Steve Tremper (T), Wally Miles (L),  
Ted Leinbach (Bs), Jim Nappier (Br)



## *Supersonic*

Asheville, NC

Justin Slack (T), James Monday (L)  
Kier Klepzig (Bs), Kevin Kehres (Br)



***Bar None***

Charlotte, Winston-Salem, NC  
 Jeffery Meekins (T), Wally Miles (L),  
 Ted Leinbach (Bs), Steve Shoaf (Br)



***Easy Livin'***

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



***Quartet X***

Charlotte, Greater Gaston, NC  
 Dave Dell (T), Steve Curulla (L),  
 Will Sanders (Bs), Jim Eddings (Br)



***District Novice Champion  
 Hazardous Moving Parts***

Wilmington, NC  
 Larry Reinhart (Bs), Tom Martyn (Br)  
 Jim Benson (T), Bob Lucas (L)



***District Seniors Champion  
 The Hardly Boys***

Research Triangle Park, Central Carolina, NC, Frank Thorne  
 Larry Triplett (L), John Adams (T),  
 John Dendy (Bs), Steve Mark (Br)



***Doppler Effect***

Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, NC  
 Paul Martin (T), Bob Cluett (Bs),  
 Lee Horton (L), Craig Ferri (Br)



***Ringtones***

Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, NC  
Paul Martin (T), Bob Inskeep (L),  
Warren Fuson (Bs), Dick Dee (Br)



***Fayette-Tones***

Pinehurst, Research Triangle Park, NC; Frank Thorne  
Niel Johnson (T), Bill Pope (L),  
Richard Osenbach (Bs), Jake Jacobson (Br)



***Acappella Fellas***

Hickory, NC;  
Arden Hintzmann (T), Dennis Kimbleton (L),  
Robert Johns (Bs), Don Lang (Br)



***Chapter Two***

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



***Antics***

Hickory, NC;  
Don Lang (Br), Robert Johns (Bs),  
Ed Walk (L), Isaac Stewart (T)



***Partners In Rhyme***

Spartanburg, SC  
Seth Phillips (T), Robert Lee (L),  
Ted Sulzen IV (Bs), Roy Bishop, Jr. (Br)



***Court of Appeal***

Greensboro, RTP, Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem, NC  
Carl Stock (T), Charles Rose (L),  
Jon Vickers (Bs), Richard Franklin (Br)



***Vocal Vision***

Spartanburg, SC  
Steve banks (Br), Wally Syewart (Bs),  
James Fannin (L), Mathew Phillips (T)

# Competing Choruses



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**District Chorus Champion**  
*Triad Harmony Express* – Winston-Salem, NC – Robert Cox, Directing



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*Gold Standard Chorus* – Charlotte, NC – Larry Lane, Directing



*General Assembly* – Research Triangle Park, NC – Bill Rashleigh, Directing



*Tarheel Chorus* – Greensboro, NC – Gordon Lanckenau, Directing





**Plateau A Chorus Champion**  
*Carolina Moonlighters* – Hickory, NC – Barbara Huffman and Don Lang, Directing



**Palmetto Statesmen** – Spartanburg, SC – Daniel Seaman, Directing



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**Most Improved Chorus**  
*Land of the Sky Chorus* - Asheville, NC—Kevin Kehres, Directing



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**Golf Capital Chorus** - Pinehurst, NC - Robert Cox, Directing



***New River Harmony*** – Jacksonville, NC – John Thompson, Directing



***13th Colony Sound*** – Savannah, GA – Duke Andrus, Directing