

# Spring Convention and Contests

Charlotte, NC March 20-21, 2015

Once again Quartet and Chorus International Prelims were held at the Spring Convention and Contests. Twenty-three quartets competed in six contests:

- International Prelim (2 rounds): For the first time the Carolinas District qualified two quartets for the International Quartet Contest, held in July 2015 in Pittsburgh, PA: ***Let's Sing!*** with an average score of 78.0 and ***Zero Hour***, with an average score of 77.6
- District Qualifier (1 round): quartets qualifying for the Carolinas District Quartet Contest at the 2015 Fall Festival were: **Tucker Street**, **Riverside Ringers**, **Bar None**, **Harmony Grits**, **Final Countdown**, **Supersonic**, **Midtown**, **Shrimp 'n Grits**, **Infinity**, and **Quartet X**.
- Senior International Prelim (1 round): **Harmony Grits**, with a score of 68.8, qualified to represent the Carolinas District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest, at the Mid-Winter Convention in Reno, NV in Jan. 2015. (Subsequently, **Final Countdown** qualified for an at-large bid.)
- Senior District (1 round): **Final Countdown**, with a score of 68.8, were the Carolinas District 2015 District Seniors Quartet Champion.
- Novice Quartet (1 round): **The Young Ones**, with an average score of 63.7, were the Carolinas District 2015 District Novice Quartet Champion.
- Collegiate (1 round): **Riverside Ringers**, qualified to present the Carolinas District at the Harmony Foundation Collegiate Quartet Contest in Pittsburgh, PA, July 2015. (Note: there was no 2015 Collegiate Quartet Champion since the **Riverside Ringers** were the 2014 Carolinas District Collegiate Champion in and no other collegiate quartets competed.



The chorus contest was held Saturday Mar. 21 with thirteen choruses competing. Here are the results:

- International Chorus Prelims: ***Carolina Vocal Express*** (Greater Gaston), will represent the Carolinas District in Nashville, TN July 2016. CVE, directed by Ben Mills, had 88 men on stage, and scored a 79.6.
- 2015 Carolinas District Chorus Champion and Plateau AA Champion: ***Heart of Carolina Chorus*** (Central Carolina) directed by Dr. Bill Adam with 22 men on stage and a score of 71.2.
- The next choruses in the top 5 were: ***Gold Standard Chorus*** (Charlotte, 28 men, directed by Larry Lane), ***General Assembly*** (Research Triangle Park, 29 men, directed by Bill Rashleigh), and ***Triad Harmony Express*** (Winston-Salem, 20 men, directed by Robert Cox).
- Plateau A Champion: ***Tarheel Chorus*** (Greensboro), 18 men, directed by John Peeler.
- Plateau AAA Champion: ***Palmetto Statesmen*** (Spartanburg), 37 men, directed by Dan Seaman.
- Most Improved Chorus: ***Golf Capital Chorus*** (Pinehurst), 31 men, directed by Robert Cox.

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) Mathew Gorman, Co-founder and Ben Mills, Director and Co-founder



**District Chorus Champion**  
**Plateau AA Chorus Champion**  
***Heart of Carolina Chorus***  
Accepting the award Jack McCallus, Chapter President



**Plateau A Chorus Champion**  
***Tarheel Chorus***  
Accepting the award John Long, Chapter President.



**Plateau AAA Chorus Champion**  
***Palmetto Statesmen***  
Accepting the award Dan Seaman, Director



**District Chorus Runner-up**  
***Gold Standard Chorus***  
Accepting the award Larry Lane, Director

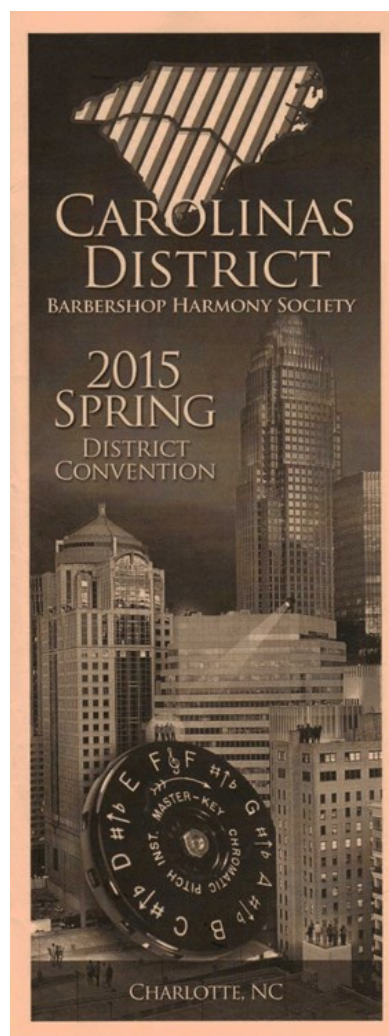


**Most Improved Chorus**  
***Golf Capital Chorus***  
Accepting the award Robert Cox, Director.

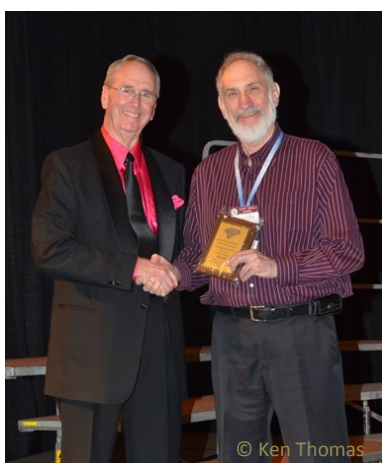
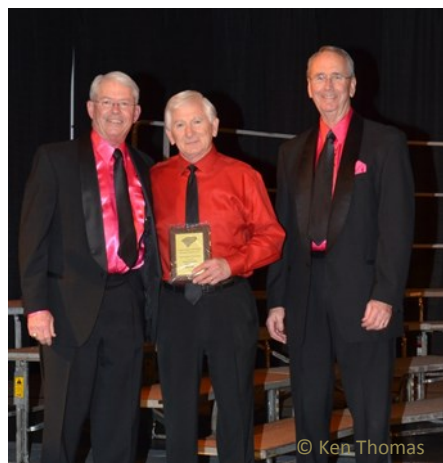


The Spring Convention also featured Harmony Platoon. (See *The Year in Review* for a history of Platoon events) Singing in a quartet is the ultimate barbershop harmony experience and Platoon provides an opportunity to do some quarteting with like-minded guys within the District. Each participant learned four "medium difficulty" songs in advance. There were three separate contests: Thursday 6 pm; Friday at 10 am and 2 pm. Just before each contest everyone met as a group and sang the songs thru a couple of times before making the quartet draw. After the drawing for quartet-mates and the song to sing the quartet had about 20 minutes to rehearse before coming back to sing for the other Platooners. The Harmony Platoon Quartet Champion quartet was formed with the highest scoring singer on each part (averaged over the number of contests/scores he receives). On Friday and Saturday evenings after the contests the Platoon Hospitality Room was available to continue singing songs, tags, and host the competing quartets. The event was complete success with 40 guys participating..

The "Platoon Chorus" was invited to be mic-testers for the Saturday Chorus contest



A regular feature of the Spring Convention is the presentation of the Carolinas District Non-Singing Awards for the previous year. President Bob Johns presented the awards: (below left) *District Chapter of Note Award (Membership Recruitment)* to the Central Carolina Chapter (accepted by Jack McCallus), (middle) *District Unsung Hero Award* to Gary Smith, and (right) the *District Barbershopper of the Year Award (BOTY)* to Paul Martin.



# Competing Quartets



**District Representative 2015 International**  
***Let's Sing!***

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



**District Representative 2015 International**  
***Zero Hour***

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



***Tucker Street***

Research Triangle Park, NC  
Jason Patrick (T), Chris Mueller (L),  
Charles Rich (Bs), Chris Kirkland (Br)



**District Representative 2015 Collegiate International**  
***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)



***WHAMMY!***

Central Carolina NC; Elizabethtown, KY;  
Mathew Gorman (T), Craig McDaniel (L),  
Jim Tarantino (Bs), Israel Keefer (Br)



**District Representative 2016 Seniors International**  
***Harmony Grits***

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





**District Representative 2016 Seniors International  
Final Countdown**

Charlotte, NC; Tampa, FL; Lincoln, NE  
David Mills (T), Chuck Villier (L),  
Dale Comer (Bs), Mark Rodda (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)



***Shrimp 'n Grits***

Mount Pleasant, Charleston, SC  
Mikey Mancuso (Br), Shawn Whisenant (Bs),  
Derek Street (L), Rickard Harris (T)



***Infinity***

Mount Pleasant, SC  
Kevin Gillett (T), Thomas Nawrocki (Bs),  
Lewis Law, Jr. (L), Mikey Mancuso (Br)



***Quartet X***

Charlotte, NC  
Steve Curulla (L), Dave Dell (T),  
Will Sanders (Bs), Barak Cline (Br)



***Hazardous Moving Parts***

Wilmington, NC

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



***Easy Livin'***

Greensboro, Winston-Salem, NC

Fred Conrad (T), David Doub (L),  
Glenn Ogden (Bs), Mark Thompson (Br)



***Midtown***

Central Carolina, NC; Grand Rapids, MI; Frank Thorne

Todd Hudson (T), Dan Winer (L),  
Dave Minnich (Bs), Fern Silicia (Br)



***The Hardly Boys***

RTP, Central Carolina, NC; Alexandria, VA; Frank Thorne

Steve Mark (Br), Gerald O'Neil (Bs),  
Larry Triplett (L), John Adams (T)



***Evergreen***

Asheville, NC; Greater Indianapolis, IN

Randy Johnson (T), Randall Freeman (L),  
Bryson Ley (Bs), Steve Cooper (Br)



***Acappella Fellas***

Charlotte, Hickory, NC;

Dennis Kimbleton (Br), Robert Johns (Bs),  
Lee De Armond (L), Don Lang (T)





### ***Ringtones***

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



### ***Chapter Two***

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



### ***The Young Ones***

Central Carolina, NC  
Lee Revels-Crawford (T), Logan Sicilia (L),  
Michael Adams (Bs), Fern Sicilia (Br)



### ***Antics***

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



### ***Vocal Vision***

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

## The Chorus Contest

***Carolina Vocal Express, Greater Gaston, NC***, with 88 singers directed by Ben Mills will represent the District at the International Chorus Contest July 2016 in Nashville, TN.

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District Representative to 2016 International Chorus Contest  
***Carolina Vocal Express—Greater Gaston, NC—Ben Mills, Directing***





**District Chorus Champion**  
***Heart of Carolina Chorus* – Central Carolina, NC – Dr. Bill Adams, Directing**



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



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



**Triad Harmony  
Express**  
Winston-Salem, NC  
Robert Cox  
Directing



**Tarheel Chorus**  
Greensboro, NC  
John Peeler  
Directing



**Land of the Sky  
Chorus**  
Asheville, NC  
Kevin Kehres  
Directing





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***Cape Fear Chordsmen – Wilmington, NC – Don Smith, Directing***



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



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



***Carolina Moonlighters***  
**Hickory, NC**  
 Barbara Huffman  
 Directing

***New River Harmony***  
**Jacksonville, NC**  
 Bill Bennight  
 Directing



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***The Southern Gentlemen***  
**New Bern, NC**  
 B. J. Oglesby, Directing



# Show of Champions

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