

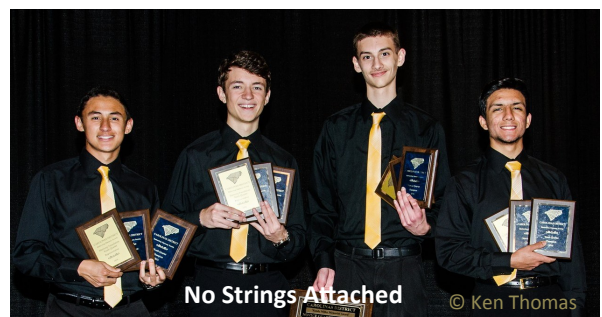
# Spring Convention and Contests

Myrtle beach, SC March 17-19, 2016

Once again it is was back to Myrtle Beach, SC for the District Spring Convention and Contests. The convention began on Thursday evening with a Harmony Platoon event. Friday events included more Harmony Platoon, several classes, the President's Circle dinner, and concluded with the first round of the quartet contest. Saturday featured the chorus contest, quartet contest finals, and the show of champions. The AHSOW room was available each day for chances to woodshed.

Twenty-two quartets competed in six contests:

- International Prelim (2 rounds): for the second year in a row the Carolinas District qualified two quartets for the International Quartet Contest held this July in Nashville, TN: ***Zero Hour***, with an average score of 80.2 and ***Let's Sing!*** with an average score of 77.5.
- District Qualifier (1 round): quartets qualifying for the Carolinas District Quartet Contest at the 2016 Fall Festival were: ***The Oneders***, ***Harmony Grits***, ***One Accord***, ***Midtown***, ***Final Countdown***, ***Quartet X***, ***No Strings Attached***, ***Infinity***, ***Hazardous Moving Parts***, and ***The Hardly Boys***.
- Senior International Prelim (1 round): ***Harmony Grits***, with a score of 72.0, qualified to represent the Carolinas District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest, at the Mid-Winter Convention January 2017 in San Antonio, TX. (Subsequently, ***Final Countdown*** qualified for an at-large bid.)
- Seniors District (1 round): ***Hazardous Moving Parts***, with a score of 66.0, were the Carolinas District 2016 District Seniors Quartet Champion.
- Novice Quartet (1 round): ***No Strings Attached***, with an average score of 68.8, were the Carolinas District 2016 District Novice Quartet Champion.
- Youth (1 round): ***No Strings Attached*** also were the 2016 Carolinas District Youth Quartet Champion and qualified to represent the Carolinas District at the Harmony Foundation Youth Quartet Contest July 2016 in Nashville, TN. (Note the Collegiate Quartet Contest was renamed the Youth Quartet Contest.)



The chorus contest was held Saturday Mar. 19 with twelve choruses competing. Here are the results

- International Chorus Prelims: **Carolina Vocal Express** (Rocky Mount), will represent the Carolinas District in Las Vegas, NV in July 2017. CVE, directed by Dale Comer, had 67 men on stage, and scored of 80.1.
- Carolinas District 2016 Chorus Champion: **Gold Standard Chorus** (Charlotte) directed by Larry Lane with 26 men on stage and a score of 73.7.
- Plateau AA Champion: **Heart of Carolina Chorus** (Central Carolina), 26 men, directed by Dr. Bill Adams
- Plateau A Champion: **Triad Harmony Express** (Winston-Salem), 20 men, directed by Robert Cox).
- Most Improved Chorus: **Tarheel Chorus** (Greensboro), 22 men, directed by John Peeler.



International Chorus Rep  
**Carolina Vocal Express**  
Accepting the award Dale Comer, Director

Chorus contest awards were presented by Larry Reinhart, District VP – Contest and Judging. [Photos © Ken Thomas]



District Chorus Champion  
**Gold Standard Chorus**  
Accepting the award Larry Lane, Director



Plateau AA Chorus Champion  
**Heart of Carolina Chorus**  
Accepting the award Francis Kucheravy, Chapter President



Plateau A Chorus Champion  
**Triad Harmony Chorus**  
Accepting the award Robert Cox, Director.

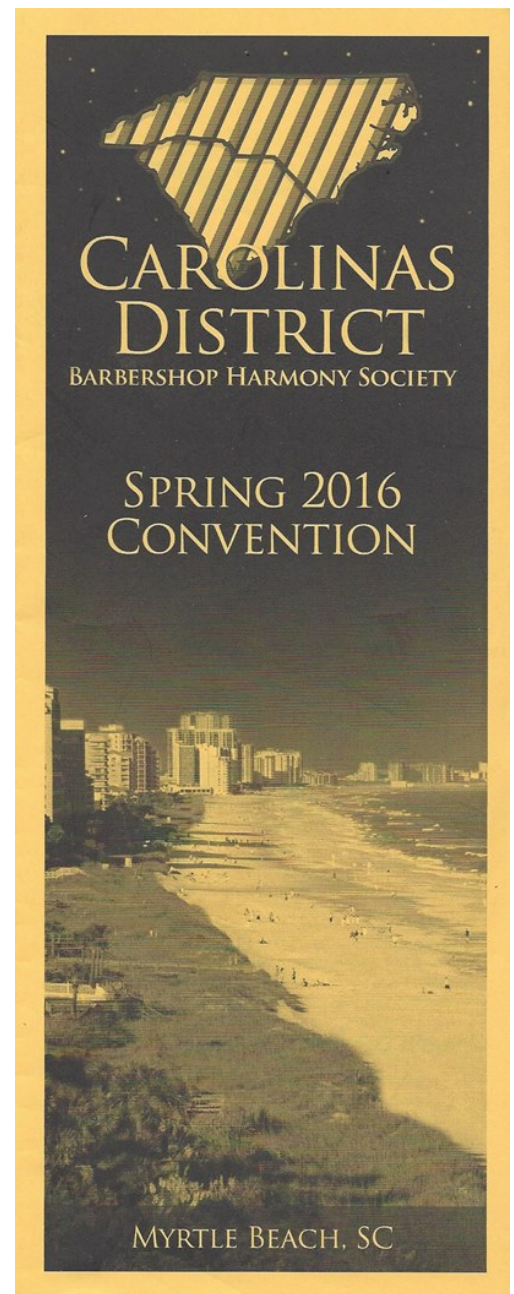


Most Improved Chorus  
**Tarheel Chorus**  
Accepting the award Glenn Ogden and John Long, Chapter President.

President Dave Millson presented the Carolinas District 2015 Non-Singing Awards (below L-R): *District Hall Of Fame Award* to Mike Doheny, *District Barbershopper of the Year Award (BOTY)* to Ben Mills, *District Unsung Hero Award* to John Arnold, and *District Chapter of Note Award (Membership Recruitment)* to the Pinehurst EVP Preston Smith [Photos © Ken Thomas]



Scenes around the convention (top to bottom): Platoon singing through the contest songs, Sing Barber Polecat 2 class, President's Circle Reception, and singing tags. [Photos © Ken Thomas]



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# Competing Quartets



## *Zero Hour*

**District Representative 2016 International Contest**  
 Ben Mills (T), Larry Lane (L),  
 Scot Gregg (Bs), Mark Rodda (Br)  
 Charlotte, NC, Frank Thorne



## *Let's Sing!*

**District Representative 2016 International Contest**  
 Steve Tremper (T), Mark Chandler (L),  
 Greg Zink (Bs), Joe Doub, Jr. (Br)  
 Greensboro, Research Triangle Park, Winston-Salem, NC



## *The Oneders*

David Brooks (Br), Larry Lane (Bs),  
 Ben Mills (L), Will Saunders (T)  
 Charlotte, NC



## *One Accord*

David Satterwhite (T), Steve Skinner (Bs),  
 Christopher Hale (L), Edgar Horton (Br)  
 Spartanburg, SC



## *Harmony Grits*

**District Representative 2017 Seniors International Contest**  
 Steve Tremper (T), Wally Miles (L),  
 Jim Nappier (Br), Ted Leinbach (Bs)  
 Charlotte, Research Triangle Park, Winston-Salem, NC



## *Supersonic*

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



**District Representative 2017 Seniors International  
Final Countdown**  
Mark Rodda (Br), Chuck Villier (L),  
Dale Comer (Bs), David Mills (T)  
Charlotte, NC; Tampa, FL; Lincoln, NE



**Timeless**  
Tim Steider (T), Randy Freeman (L),  
Bryson Ley (Bs), Cameron Steider (Br)  
Asheville, NC; Bernalillo City, NM;  
Greater Indianapolis, IN; Frank Thorne



**Midtown**  
Scott Feldmann (T), Dan Winer (L),  
Dave Minnich (Bs), Fern Sicilia (Br)  
Central Carolina, NC; Grand Rapids, MI; Frank Thorne



**No Strings Attached**  
**Youth Quartet Champion, Novice Champion**  
**District Representative 2016 Youth International Contest**  
Daniel Ramsey (T), Michael Friedrich (L),  
Michael Adams (Bs), Adrian Lopez (Br)  
Central Carolina, NC



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



**Quartet X**  
Dave Dell (T), Steve Curulla (L),  
Will Saunders (Bs), Ben Mulch (Br)  
Charlotte, NC



**Hazardous Moving Parts**  
**Seniors Quartet Champion**  
 Jim Benson (T), Bob Lucas (L),  
 Tom Martyn (Br), Larry Reinhart (Bs)  
 Wilmington, NC



**The Hardly Boys**  
 Steve Mark (Br), Larry Triplett (L),  
 Mark Stock (Bs), John Adams (T)  
 Research Triangle Park, Central Carolina, Pinehurst, NC;  
 Alexandria, VA



**Sound Counsel**  
 Fred Conrad (T), Gerry Davis (Br),  
 Nate Pendley (L), Jon Vickers (Bs)  
 Winston-Salem, NC



**Shrimp 'n Grits**  
 Rickard Harris (T), Phil Wilcox (Bs),  
 Steve Cowart (L), Mikey Mancuso (Br)  
 Mount Pleasant, SC



**Acappella Fellas**  
 Dennis Kimbleton (Br), Robert Johns (Bs),  
 Lee De Armond (L), Don Lang (T)  
 Hickory, NC



**Ringtones**  
 Paul Martin (T), Bob Inskip (L),  
 Warren Fuson (Bs), Gary Thorn (Br)  
 Fayetteville, Research Triangle Park, NC



**Partners in Rhyme**

Seth Phillips (T), Robert Lee (L),  
 Scott Simmons (Bs), Roy Bishop, Jr. (Br)  
 Spartanburg, SC



**Breakout**

Gary Thorn (Br), Dave Williams (Bs),  
 Wayne Clay (L), Stephen Harmon (T)  
 Fayetteville, Pinehurst, Research Triangle Park, NC



**Vintage Four**

Jim Cheesman (Br), Brian Franck (Bs),  
 Gary Barker (L), Duke Andrus (T)  
 Hilton Head Island, SC, Savannah, GA,  
 East Cleveland, OH, Frank Thorne



**2#2Bb**

John Caveney (T), Jeff Knox (L),  
 Gil Burroughs (Br), Ronnie Rountree (Bs)  
 Edenton, NC



**Easy Livin'  
 Mic Testers**

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

# Competing Choruses



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District Representative to 2017 International Chorus Contest  
*Carolina Vocal Express*—Rocky Mount, NC—Dale Comer Directing



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



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





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



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



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



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



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



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



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



***Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus – Hilton Head Island, SC – Duke Andrus Directing***



***Coastal Harmonizer – Brunswick County, NC – Barbara Berry Directing***

# Show of Champions

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