



A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony
August 2023: Updates, and so much more!



Hello Beverly, here's what's going on:

- Lakeside Harmony Weekend a Huge Success
- First "Annual" Golf Tournament Was Worthy
- Get your T-Shirt for LHW and HX
- Contest & Judging Applications Now Being Accepted
- Marty Monson stepping down
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Lakeside Harmony Weekend was a HUGE Success!

Wow-what a weekend! It is hard for any one person to summarize their experiences, but we have heard resounding feelings of awe at the level of coaching that was available for everyone, the Saturday night show of champions, as well as the overall experience! Congratulations to the entire team of faculty, volunteers, and attendees for a very successful time at Clemson. What a fabulous "first time back" to share with our cohorts in the Dixie District - thank you all!

We have also heard great reports from the Harmony Explosion Camp. Special thanks to the quartets, faculty and all who made the kid's weekend spectacular.

From quartets (!) to esteemed faculty (!) as well as *everyone* involved, LSW was exactly and yet so much more than we hoped for. We WILL be

doing this again in 2024! Ask around...you won't want to miss it.

Of course, being our "first time back" after more than a decade, we have a few (!) items to improve upon for next year. We have our list, and attendees will be receiving a survey shortly. Please be honest, and helpful with suggestions.

A more formal "Thank You" will be coming. It was even better than we'd hoped. And, wear your t-shirt with pride!

The 1st Annual LHW Open was great fun!



Left: Jimmy Berube, Nic DiLorenzo Right: Tom Parker, Keane Matthews, Jimmy Berube, Nic DiLorenzo, Lee Phillips, Jeffrey Mordea

We had a great time early Friday, bringing together barbershoppers from various chapters to enjoy a morning on the links. The **winning team** consisted of Nic DiLorenzo, Jimmy Berube and Lee Phillips from Fayetteville along with Keane Matthews from Charlotte. The **runners-up** were Jim King, Mark Thompson and Tom Parker from Winston-Salem accompanied by Geoff Mordeau of Upstate SC. Tom Parker earned **Long Drive**, while Jimmy Berube took the cake for **Outstanding Attire**.

Looking forward to Year 2 of the LHW Open in 2024!

LHW and HX Weekend T-Shirts Still Available!

We still have T-Shirts available!
Click on the link below to download the order form, which includes payment information.
We'll get the shirts to you in a couple of weeks, after Erik's vacation.

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Contest & Judging Applications Now Being Accepted

BHS is accepting applications for members to become scoring and administrative judges. The Contest & Judging program is looking for individuals who are passionate about helping our choruses and quartets become better singers, musicians, and performers, and who are actively coaching and teaching. For administrators, we are looking for individuals who have great organizational, project management, computer, and communications skills. For more information, go to the [About Our Contest & Judging Program](#) page on the Barbershop.org website, and download the 'What It Takes to Be a Judge' document.

Please contact **Steve Curulla** for the application and an overview of the process - or if you have any questions. One key requirement is to obtain two letters of recommendation from existing certified judges in the category to which you are applying. Applications and letters of recommendation must be sent to Steve by December 15th.

In case you missed the news, BHS CEO Marty Monson is stepping down

An interim CEO will be named shortly. [You can read the full article here, on the BHS website](#)

Save the Date for Our HoD Meeting!

October 7, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

House of Delegates Meeting - Virtual - Semi-Annual
All District Officers and Chapter Representatives to attend
Valuable Information and Discussions
* Vote on Slate of Officers

2024 Annual NSC Contest!

Our 2024 All-Inclusive Annual Contest will be:

April 19-20 in Pinehurst, NC.

Mark your calendars and arrange your schedules...
this is a "Don't Miss" event for everyone!

Chapter Update: Charlotte!

Charlotte's Gold Standard Chorus furthered their connection to Charlotte Mecklenburg School's Choral Program today. We have slowly been building our recognition through email and telephone and resulted in a well-received event today.

We were invited to make a presentation to the CMS music educators staff at their all day professional development session.

George Simolin started our presentation with a brief history of the Charlotte Chapter (will be celebrating the 75th anniversary in 2025) and the Barbershop Harmony Society. Gave some facts and figures and explained our reach throughout the world.

Rob Hopkins was introduced and gave a brief tutorial on Barbershop Harmony and spoke of how the elements of good singing cross over to all choral music. He then emphasized the resources that are available from the Charlotte chapter and from BHS. Handouts were provided with the link to the education pages of BHS website.

Rob then introduced Soundtrack Quartet who blew the gathering away with their singing and performance. These 4 young men are wonderful ambassadors of our artform. After doing two songs they proceeded to teach the teachers a tag. After the entire group sang the tag, they were asked for volunteers to come up and sing the tag. There was no shortage of volunteers, and I got the feeling that this was the best part of their day.

I wrapped it up with mentioning the next two free events that Gold Standard will be doing and extended an invitation to the educators. A brief Q&A concluded our presentation.

I feel that this was a big step forward in our Outreach initiative to help the CMS choral program. ~George Simolin

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Director Search Updates

The Coastal Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus seeks a music director for weekly rehearsals, sing-outs and shows. We are a chapter of 15 men, regrouping after Covid-19, located in coastal North Carolina. Our membership includes Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Shallote/Southport, North Carolina.

Are you Paying Attention?

So many of our employed members are still remote workers...and we all miss the "Monday morning watercooler" conversations and interactions that were fascinating, even if in retirement.

So, take a moment to think about your chapter and chorus times. What are you doing to make each member want to be at rehearsal, be an active member, and participate fully in the varied experiences?

Most don't want to be "just" a voice part on the risers. Make everyone's time worthwhile. Discover and benefit from your and their interests outside singing, and may you be delightfully surprised.

Looking for Risers

We have a request within the District, for risers that a chapter wishes to sell/donate. If so, please [email me](#) and I'll forward the information. Thank you!

How can we help?

Not certain how or whether to start or end something? Your district has a HUGE body of experience. Please reach out, and we'll get the right people to work with you! And, thank you for reading this far...

The Calendar Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#). Here's a recap of what's coming up in the next three months. Contact District Secretary Richard Harris at secretary@carolinasdistrict.org

to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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3	4	7	8	9	10
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Sept 10 - Savannah Chapter show "Music Unites the Generations"

Sept 17 - NSC Zoom BoD Meeting @ 8pm

Oct 7 - NSC House of Delegates Meeting on Zoom

Oct 15 - NSC Zoom BoD Meeting @ 8pm

Nov 4 - Pinehurst Show "Songs for Lovers"

Important Links

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Thanks for reading up on our latest District activities!

Please feel free to send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. Thank you!

Yours in Harmony,

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