



2016 USA Masters Games October 2015 Newsletter

Happy Halloween to all and welcome to our October newsletter!



Three New Sports Added to Games Lineup



As we hinted in our September Newsletter, your Games host committee has been hard at work on expanding our Games sport offerings. As a result, online registration is opening today for our newest 2016 USA Masters Games sports of Badminton, Cycling, and Table Tennis.

[Badminton will be held Tuesday through Thursday, July 26-28, 2016 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center.](#) Badminton will feature Singles and Doubles age group competition and will join 9 other sports being held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Campus, which also includes the Games Village. Cycling, which will include criterium, road race, and time trial events, will be held Friday to Sunday, July 22-24, 2016, at various locations in Greensboro and the Triad region. [Meanwhile, Table Tennis will be held Thursday, July 28 through Sunday, July 31, 2016, in the Guilford Ballroom at the Sheraton Greensboro, just down Gate City Boulevard from the Greensboro Coliseum Complex.](#) Table Tennis competition will include singles, doubles, and two-person teams in age group and USA Table Tennis ratings brackets for men and women.

For more information on, or to register for, these newly-added sports (as well as other Games sports), click on the red star above or go to www.usamastersgames.com.

Aquatics Convention Makes for Busy Week



The US Aquatic Sports Convention, held September 28 to October 3 this year in Kansas City, offered the unique opportunity of an audience with several of our USA Masters Games sports in one location. Sports participating in the Convention that will be competed in the 2016 USA Masters Games include US Masters Diving, US Masters Swimming, and US Synchronized Swimming. The Masters Diving delegation, which is staging its Summer Nationals in conjunction with the USAMG Diving Competition, was led by Ron Kontura, who heads Masters Diving in the US. Ron and USAMG executives finalized the terms of this special "Games joint venture" while in Kansas City. Down the hall, the US Synchronized Swimming Masters Committee had Hill Carrow, CEO of the USA Masters Games, do a presentation and facilitate discussion on the Games. Not to

be outdone, US Masters Swimming regional representatives voted to make the USAMG Open Water swimming competition on Monday, July 25, the Dixie Zone Open Water Championship.

USAMG Staff Member Captures Gold at European Masters Games

She was supposed to be on assignment, taking notes on the operations of European Masters Games in Nice, France, and promoting the 2016 USA Masters Games in Greensboro. However, claiming that she needed to get the full Masters Games experience, as an athlete, not just as an administrator, Faryn Roy, Managing Director for the 2016 USA Masters Games, took it upon herself to enter the 800 meter freestyle swimming competition, where she won gold! Making the feat that much more amazing, Faryn's primary sport is ice hockey, so she showed her athleticism and versatility as a competitor at the Games. "The European Masters Games organizers did a masterful job organizing the Games, particularly given several weather-related challenges during the event. I can positively testify that from both the athlete and sport management perspective, the 2015 European Masters Games were a big success."



Faryn Roy atop the medal stand at the 2015 European Masters Games.

Huntsman World Senior Games: An Annual Tradition

Maggie Knight of our USA Masters Games staff attended the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, earlier this month to take in the longstanding tradition of the World Senior Games. The Huntsman Games, for athletes 50 and over, runs for two full weeks and includes 28 sports! While Maggie was there she got to review a variety of sports, including Basketball, Bowling, Golf, Softball and Volleyball. Her promotion of the inaugural USA Masters Games met with a warm reception, and we hope to see a number of the Huntsman Games athletes in North Carolina next year.



World Senior Games Golf competition in scenic St. George, Utah.

No Let Up in Adult Competitions, or USAMG Promotions, in October!

In addition to the European Masters Games, US Aquatic Sports Convention, and the Huntsman World Senior Games, your USA Masters Games staff maintained a presence at other Masters events stretching from Arizona to Pennsylvania. Though the month got off to a rough start in North Carolina with 12 straight days of rain, our USAMG Rowing Competition Directors, Gene Kininmonth and Mary Horan of the High Point Rowing Club, were still able to stage the annual High Point Rowing Festival on Oak Hollow Lake (competition venue for the USAMG Rowing competition).

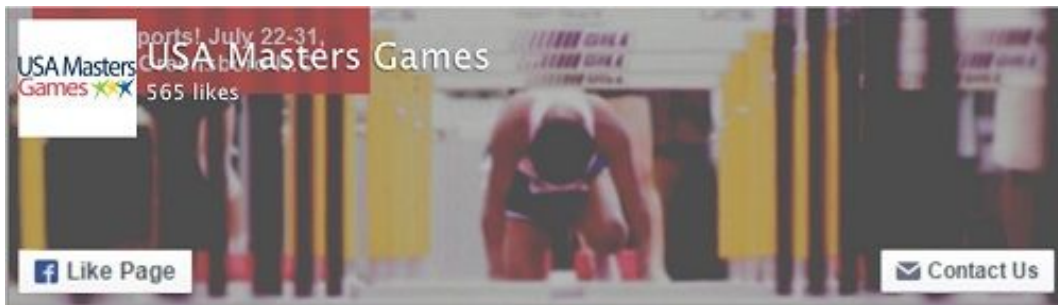
Faryn Roy and Rachel Musselwhite staffed a booth Thursday and Friday, October 15 & 16 at the Beach to Battleship Triathlon in Wilmington, NC, one of the largest Triathlons in the eastern U.S. with over 2,500 participants. Maggie Knight, USAMG Event Manager, attended the Men's Senior Baseball World Series, October 22, in Phoenix, AZ, while Hill Carrow, USAMG CEO, worked the athletes and officials at the US Synchronized Swimming Masters Nationals in Grand Rapids, MI, October 21-23, and then traveled to Pennsylvania to staff a booth at the Head of the Schuylkill Rowing Regatta in Philadelphia on October 24.



Athletes frame the USA Masters Games banner at Synchro Masters Nationals in Grand Rapids.

“While it’s a lot of miles,” said Carrow, “The Masters athletes and sport leaders are so appreciative of our presence at their competitions and conventions. Being able to answer their questions about the Games really helps assure the athletes that they can look forward to a first-class event in Greensboro at the 2016 USA Masters Games in July next year.”

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