



20+ Sports!  
July 22-31, 2016  
Greensboro, N.C.

## 2016 USA Masters Games August 2015 Newsletter

### Initial Sports Confirmed for 2016 Games

The first group of sports for the 2016 USA Masters Games, July 22-31, 2016, has been confirmed. There are 21 sports in the initial wave. Those sports are as follows: **Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Diving, Figure Skating, Functional Fitness, Golf, Ice Hockey, Martial Arts, Road Racing, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Triathlon, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Weightlifting.** There are some special aspects to several of these sports including the fact that Diving will serve as the Masters Diving National Championships, Tennis will include the first-ever Orange Ball National Championships, and Volleyball will feature both court and beach volleyball competition.

“There is something for just about everyone in this initial lineup of sports for next year’s Games,” said Hill Carrow, CEO of the USA Masters Games. “However, we don’t expect this to be the full slate of 2016 USA Masters Games sports, as we still have a handful of additional sports under consideration for the Games. I would expect that we will announce that at least a couple of those will be added to the Games in the not-too-distant future.”

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### Sports Registrations and Housing Bureau to Open in September

Your USA Masters Games organizers have been promising in this monthly e-newsletter that online registration for the 2016 Games would open this summer. Holding true to our commitment, our web team at FuseSport is hard at work on preparing for the opening of registration for the 21 sports listed above before the summer of 2015 officially ends at the fall equinox on September 23.

With that deadline only a little over three weeks away, all USA Masters Games e-newsletter recipients will receive an email a few days before registration goes live, followed by a reminder on the day registration opens. More specific information on each sport will be available online at [www.usamastersgames.com](http://www.usamastersgames.com) in advance of registration opening.

The 2016 USA Masters Games Housing Bureau will launch in conjunction with the opening of sport registrations. The Housing Bureau is free and will be the easiest way for you to book your USAMG accommodations at Official Games Host Hotels. You will be able to access the Housing Bureau

directly from the Games website.



## Two Masters Sports Take to the Pool in August

First up was the **U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championships** held Thursday, August 6 through Sunday, August 9, in Geneva, Ohio, approximately 40 minutes east of Cleveland. Almost 1,000 Masters swimmers had fun and fast times at the amazing new SPIRE Institute, which has been designated as an Official Training Center by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Hill Carrow, CEO of the 2016 Games, and a Masters swimmer himself, represented USAMG at the competition. He reported a strong buzz among the Masters swimming community about the short course meters competition, and other special features such as evening “finals-like” swimming, with 25s and 100m relays, time trials, and an open water swim.



Hill Carrow (right), USAMG CEO, with Bob Beach at the Masters Swimming Summer Nationals at SPIRE Institute. Beach is one of the founders of U.S. Masters Swimming.

**U.S. Masters Diving** just completed its **Summer Nationals** yesterday (competition was Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30) at the University of Missouri Recreation Center in Columbia, Missouri. Scott Lineberry, long-time diving coach in Greensboro, who is serving as liaison to the U.S. Masters Diving Championships and local coordinator for the 2016 USAMG Diving competition, was on site in Columbia representing next year’s Games. “We are thrilled that Masters Diving will be conducting its 2016 Summer Nationals as the Diving competition in next year’s USA Masters Games,” said Lineberry. “I learned a lot at this year’s event and look forward to supporting all the divers in Greensboro next July.”

## Masters Rowing Stays the Course in Camden

Masters rowers showed up in force on the Cooper River at the **U.S. Rowing Masters National Championships**, Thursday, August 13 through Sunday, August 16, 2015 in Camden, New Jersey. Camden is located across the Delaware River from Philadelphia in the heart of one of the traditional Rowing hubs in the U.S. The great location and facilities led to participation by

more than 2,000 athletes, which, together with several thousand family members, supporters, and fans, made the 2015 Masters Nationals the largest-ever Masters regatta in U.S. Rowing history! More than 100 clubs competed, with the San Diego Rowing Club capturing the overall team trophy.



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