



Dear Members, Guests, and Friends of Raleigh Sports Club:

We are looking forward to Wednesday October 26th's meeting. Our speaker will be Todd Wilkinson, Athletic Director for Barton College. His career as a coach and administrator spans over 30 years with 29 spent at Barton. He joined the staff as head baseball coach in 1988 and over 19 seasons became their winningest coach with a 496-447-3 record. He was named COY in their league four times and was inducted into the Barton Hall of Fame in 2019.

After stepping down as coach while also teaching Physical Education, he served three years as Asst. Athletic Director before moving into his current role in 2015. He has led the department's expansion to 24 sports, winning 15 conference championships, runner-up in 11 others and sent seven teams to the NCAA Championships. The S/A population's cumulative GPA is also over 3.0!

Additionally, Wilkinson was a three-sport star athlete from Plattsburgh (NY) HS. He took his baseball talents to UNC where he played catcher and outfield. In his senior season he hit 3 HR's in the ACC Tournament against Wake Forest (a record he still shares) and named tourney MVP. He was also an All-ACC outfielder and All-ACC Academic selection his senior year at Carolina!

Barton competes at the Division II level. With his varied playing and professional career experience, it should be very interesting to hear his perspective on the current status of collegiate athletics!



Also, please remember the 50/50 raffle will be held this week. Tickets are \$5.00 each. It should be a fun Day!

About the Raleigh Sports Club:

Our meetings are held in Bradley Hall in Highland Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Road at the intersection of Lake Boone Trail, just inside the Raleigh Beltline. **Buffet lines open at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting is from Noon until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Meetings typically occur every week (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday) early September through late March. Please continue to check out the Raleigh Sports Club website (www.raleighsportsclub.org) for details on the 2022-23 meeting season.

As part of our weekly program, we recognize a local Wake County high school student athlete! The student and coach speak briefly. **This week we will honor *Crystal Delaguila* an outstanding student and volleyball, tennis AND lacrosse athlete from Garner HS.**

Membership is \$90 for the 2022-23 season. You can register or renew at the check-in table...or by downloading and mailing to the address indicated on the form found on the RSC website.

Member attendance fee is \$20 per meeting whether eating or not. Guest fee per meeting is a very affordable \$25 whether eating or not!

Please feel free to attend as a member, guest, or perspective member. We look forward to seeing you.

Best Regards,

The Raleigh Sports Club Officers and Board of Directors