



February 2019 Newsletter

In this newsletter, we would like to inform our community about new updates regarding the club and would like to do it as often as possible. Among the things we want to communicate here are decisions made by the Board during meetings and other doings, new programs starting or looking for help, events, tournaments, volunteer opportunities, as well as anything else the community asks us to include.

You can find information about the [Board](#) and our current [Committees](#) on our website.

Board

A regular Board meeting was held on January 30, and these were the most salient topics:

- 2019 US Open Nationals are now confirmed! The event will take place on May 24-26 in Myrtle Beach, SC. We invite all registered players to join us for this fantastic event (and probably the last one in Myrtle Beach). Christoph K & Constance D will soon start planning for lodging and inform you of the final choice. Bear with us!
- We are still looking at options to host 2020 US Nationals in the Bay Area. Soeren has identified a few sites that could meet the requirements. The USATH Competition Committee is also very supportive and welcomes us to submit a bid at our earliest convenience. Please let the board members know if you want to help with this effort.
- USATH has asked for proposals to develop College Team Handball and we have submitted our plan. Long Island and Los Angeles (Beach) are the other serious candidates. We will keep you updated as we receive more information.
- We've renewed sponsorship with Dish Dash (\$1,500)! Thanks to all those who were involved and made this a very important contribution to the club (Thomas, Alexandre, Kevin)! This is another important milestone for the club and we are continuously working towards setting up sponsorship as a priority in the future (see details below).

- Our club received a grant (\$2,500) from the USTHF to support our overall club's activities and the youth development. The board is also reviewing the club's financials, as well as estimated future expenses to close out the season in good standing. We will keep you informed of any potential or concrete investment opportunities as we go on.
- The board has agreed to staff all our teams traveling to US Nationals with dedicated medical/athletic trainers. It is our intention to best support our athletes with professional healthcare specialists and minimize the risk of injuries during such an intense event.
- We encourage every player to approach us if you are having problems fulfilling your volunteering hours or affording your fees. We'll help you find a way to comply with those, but please try to be in good standing and accountable for all your responsibilities.
- Next Board Meeting will be on April 3, 2019.

California Cup 2019

On January 25-27, we hosted our annual California Cup. We had a total number of 12 teams - 8 men and 4 women from all around the nation. This year crowned San Francisco CalHeat (men) and NYC THC (women) as champions. Kathrine Agger (topscorer) and Lucas Kroeger (MVG) collected individual awards. A detailed report has been sent together with this newsletter.

During the final day of the competition, we unveiled our long-awaited Championship Banner, during a honorary ceremony that gathered legends of the club and former Olympians.

This event resulted in 237 hours of volunteering. Many have proactively offered their help, led and/or volunteered to support the organization committee with: streaming, photography, event coordination, concession stand, entertainment, etc. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this successful event. Until next year!

Sponsoring Committee

The sponsoring committee, now led by Alexandre El-Assad, was particularly active in the last couple of weeks. We've renewed sponsorship with Dish Dash (\$1,500) and are about to do the same with RockTape. We're still talking to Blue Mango about an enlarged sponsoring deal.

We have also consolidated our partnership with Decathlon, with whom we conducted a promotional event on Jan 19 at their San Francisco store. This event helped us better understand their needs and interest to partner with us. In exchange, we offered them to have a booth at CalCup. We are hoping to maintain/strengthen this partnership moving forward and expand it to other strategic development areas (e.g. beach, youth, etc.).

We're, as always, looking for volunteers to help support the sponsoring committee. Please make sure to contact sponsoring@calheat.com if you want to make a difference.

Competition

We will be sending two men's teams to the Valley of the Sun tournament in Phoenix, AZ (March 16-17). This is a sanctioned event counting towards the US Elite Wild Card Race. The women's team is currently evaluating the opportunity to attend the West Point tourney in March/April.

The International Handball Federation (IHF) has officialized the dates and location of the 1st NORCA Club Championship (continental tournament reuniting the champions / best-ranked teams in North America and the Carribeans). The event will be on May 6-12 in Lake Placid, NY. New York City THC, as USATH Reigning Champion, and San Francisco CalHeat, as US Vice-Champion, are qualified. It is still unclear if our men's team will be attending the tournament due to financial constraints and limited travel availability.

Youth Committee

Last January, 6 people from the Bay Area attended the IHF Coaches Symposium in Munich, Germany, representing our youth league and the US.

BRING MORE SCHOOLS TO THE LEAGUE

We need people to help us recruit more schools for our league. We will match you with a school close to you so you can get in contact with them and help them get started and form a team to join our league. Please let us know if you are interested in doing this, you don't need to coach the school team, just help them get the materials and get started, you'll be their guide.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

We have a big list of grants that we could apply to but we need someone in charge of making sure we do apply to all of them and keep track of the progress and applications. If you are interested in helping us with this please let us know. This is a key part of the work we are doing and so far we haven't taken advantage of this tool.

CALHEAT YOUTH MANAGER

We need someone to be in charge of our Youth club. You'll be responsible for keeping the practices staffed, making and keeping track of the schedules, communications with parents, coaches, and players. Responsible for redacting the registration forms and making sure all players submit them and the payments. Making sure the club has all it needs and bringing your own ideas forward on how to improve the whole organization. You will be the point of contact for the Board in all things Youth Club and will be in charge of expanding it.

GIRLS CAMP

We will be hosting an all-girls camp to promote the creation next season of girls only teams and a tournament. This will happen on Saturday, April 27th from 3 to 5 pm at Centerville. More information to come.

YOUTH ELITE TEAM

We will be running tryouts for a team to compete at the Canadian Youth Nationals on Sunday, February 24th from 10 am to 12 pm at Centerville for boys born between 2001 and 2004. More information on the letter attached.

SUMMER CAMP 2019

We will run our first Summer Camp on June 24-28 with Danish coaches from the ISI Academy (www.isi.dk), more information about the camp can be found [here](#).

And of course, we will keep running our Youth CalHeat and the Centerville Kids practices. All of these are great ways to help develop Team Handball in the Bay Area and for you to fulfill your volunteer hours, so come on down and participate.

If you want to be more involved with the Youth Committee and its activities please send an email to youth@calheat.com

Coaching Committee

The coaching committee is currently looking for a new chair. If you're interested, please contact board@calheat.com.

Referee Committee

We plan to have more referee classes and certifications this season, if you are interested in becoming a USATH Certified Referee, please get in contact with Christoph at referee@calheat.com.

Miscellaneous (reminder)

The upcoming Beach handball season is slowly underway and we are expecting between 4-6 events over the course of the summer incl. Beach World Games in San Diego.

Kathrine Agger will be leading the organization of CalHeat Europe. She will identify the tournament in which we will participate and organize the teams. Please get in contact with her or us if you want to be a part of the team.

Go CalHeat!

If you have any questions or suggestions for how to improve this newsletter, please send us an email to contact@calheat.com

Thanks and keep making SF CalHeat the best Team Handball Club in the US!