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#688****PUBLIC GOLF UPDATE****Area Green Fees  
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Only a handful of area golf courses didn't raise green fees this spring. Increases ranged from a little to a lot, especially on weekends.

Six nearby courses—Caswell Pines, Hill-andale, Lake Winds, Occoneechee, Quaker Creek, Twin Lakes (9 holes)—maintained the same rates as last year, according to CSN's annual public golf update on three dozen regional courses.

You could almost add Southwick, Mebane. They kept weekday rates the same (\$30) but added one dollar to weekend fees (\$35).

No courses surveyed by CSN reduced rates.

The three-university owned courses in the Triangle are considered a separate category because their rates are complicated with student, staff, booster and general public fees, and have high end green fees. Duke, which offers a lower Triangle rate, held the line on fees. Lonnie Poole (Raleigh) hiked rates by \$20 for weekdays, \$25 weekends. Poole will close in June for new grass installation (story elsewhere in this issue). UNC Finley increased weekdays by \$10, weekends \$20.

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**Trail Work Planned  
At Cedar Falls Park**

Trail Science of Chapel Hill, which built MTB trails at UNC Outdoor Education Center on the site of an old golf course, is about to start work on trails at Cedar Falls Park, Chapel Hill.

They rely on volunteers for weekend and evening workdays, followed by cookouts. They held a Bike Party to raise funds to get started last month.

The town's statement to CSN was light

on details: "Cedar Falls mountain bike trails, We have a volunteer group working on improving the existing trails and adding some new trails at Cedar Falls Park. They are funding the work, and we are helping with the purchase of some supplies."

Chris Francis of Trail Science said, "Trail Science will be raising the capital and doing the work to refurbish the existing multi-use trail and build additional trail in the Cedar Falls park complex. Trail Science has built over 15 miles of trail in Orange County. We have built trail on UNC property before and are excited about this project because it will be our first collaboration with the Town of Chapel Hill. We hope that it will open up other opportunities to work with the town in the future."

**UNC, Duke Tied  
In Spring Sports**

North Carolina and Duke tied 8-8 in spring sports wins. Only regular season games between the two schools are counted.

Baseball split 2-2, men's and women's basketball both were 1-1, Duke took two of three in softball. UNC won wrestling. Tennis and lacrosse also split 1-1. For example, Duke men and UNC women won in lacrosse, UNC won in women's tennis, Duke in men's tennis.

UNC and Duke tied 5-5 in fall sports.

**Summer Soccer,  
Basketball Leagues**

Registration for summer soccer (ocas@tasl) and men's basketball leagues is under way. Soccer starts early June, hoops May 31.

Basketball plays Sunday afternoons only (2:30-8:30 p.m.) at Central Rec Center, downtown Hillsborough. Cost is \$395/team. Register on the Orange County website by 5/17. Free agents can call 919-245-2660 to be added to an interest list for coaches. Players must be 18+.

OCASL offers over 30, 40, 50 8v8 (\$105/player) and recreational 11v11 (\$115/player) divisions. Sign up at tasl.us. Games run through 8/29.

For info on summer ice hockey leagues (they play one night a week), contact Orange Co. Sportsplex, Hillsborough, 919-644-0389. They're non-checking.

**Chapel Hill's Biggest Day For Runners**

The 19th Tar Heel Ten Miler and related races last month marked the busiest day for running in Chapel Hill. There were 7,997 finishers, 181 more than last year, for the 10M/4M/Double Down.

Local runners dominated the leaderboards for the Double Down Challenge and 4 Miler, with an international runner winning the 10 Miler.

Here are the results:

Allen Baddour (1:25:00) and Hana Baskin (1:28:28), both of Chapel Hill, were the winners of the Double Down (14M, 1133 finishers, 514 women). Julien Isnard (1:26:40) of Chapel Hill was second and Miguel Beltre (1:28:13) of Carrboro third. Hallie Pike

(1:34:43) of Carrboro was second female and Connie Mendoza Bruno (1:36:15) of Chapel Hill third. Neil Iyer, NYC, was first non binary, 2:12:41.

Age group award winners from Chapel Hill:

19&U, Toby Fleckenstein, second, 1:43:31; 20-24, Abbey McKee, first, 1:39:16; 25-29, Savannah Bright, Carrboro, third, 1:50:46; 30-34, Matthew Sutcliffe, Carrboro, first, 1:29:51, Kevin Minogue, second, 1:33:45; 35-39, Eric Macintosh, Mebane, second, 1:35:38; 40-44, Gunther Schuldt Filho, third, 1:326:35; 45-49, Terence Costello, second, 1:35:02; 45-49, Erin Watts, first, 1:57:58; 50-54, Thomas Sothy, second, 1:44:38; 50-54, Kim Maturuk,

Orange County's proposed 26-27 budget calls for a property tax hike of 3.75 cents and a new rate of 67.58 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The rate was .8629 prior to the 2025 property revaluation.

The budget covers higher costs and upcoming school and county construction debt. It's 6.2 percent higher than last year and uses \$7M in carryover funds to balance it. County workers will get a 2 percent pay raise. The Chapel Hill/Carrboro school district tax rate remains at 14.97 cents. County budget hearing is May 28 at 7 at Southern Human Services Center, Chapel Hill.

The recommended budget adds 3 new positions, eliminates 13.4 vacant full-time jobs and includes \$250,000 for a tax valuation assessment study.

The county wants to whack support for the Chapel Hill Public Library, from \$621,323

to \$310,662 this fiscal year and \$310,661 the following year and then eliminate it entirely. They are spending \$943,221 on the Southern Branch Library in the Drakeford building, Carrboro, and apparently don't want to support both.

Friends of the Chapel Hill Library is *TAX RATE, Continued on page 5*

**Inside:  
Summer Music  
UNC Hoops Update  
UNC Cycling Wins**

**World Cup Mini  
Preview Due 6/10**

The next issue of CSN will highlight the 2026 World Cup with complete TV schedule and commentary.

The U.S./Canada/Mexico host the 48-team event starting June 11, 104 matches at 16 venues (13 in the U.S.).

The U.S. opener is June 12 at 9 p.m. in California. Game 2 June 19 against Australia in Seattle and game 3 against Turkey. June 25 in Los Angeles.

The issue also will wrap up spring sports like NICA bike races, Orange County hoops, plus road race, triathlon results. Contact joelcsn1@gmail.com for advertising.

For July, there will be CSN format changes. Details TBA.

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## NC Road Races

- May 15**  
New River 5K, Todd, 6:30 p.m., [r.unsignup.com](http://r.unsignup.com).
- May 16**  
Bee Amazing 5K, comp/rec div, 79 TW Alexander Dr., RTP, 10 a.m., [evento.racereach.com](http://evento.racereach.com).  
Looking for a Cure 5K on ATT, Bull City Running Co., South Durham, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). *Live & Virtual*.  
TID Summer Kickoff 5K, Fleet Feet, 9th St., Durham, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Five Points 5K, timed/untimed, Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Adopt Don't Stop 5K, Cedarrock Park, Burlington, 4:15 p.m. [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
7th Miles for Music 5K, downtown Beaufort, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Tackle the Tar 5K obstacle run, Rocky Mount Sports Complex, 8:45 a.m., [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) by 5/14.  
The Bear Crawl, 6m/2m/1m obstacle, Morganton, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- May 20**  
UT Breast Cancer Awareness 5K, 55 TW Alexander, RTP, 11 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- May 21**  
N.C. Beer Mile, 1m novelty run, 202 E. Cedar St., Cary, 6 p.m., [evento.racereach.com/](http://evento.racereach.com/)
- May 23**  
Memorial Day 5K, The Chatham Rabbit, Siler City, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Memorial Day Trail Race 8m/5m/3m, Charlotte White-water Center, 8 a.m., [whitewater.org/race](http://whitewater.org/race).  
Run to Remember 6/4/2m, Northwest Cary YMCA, Cary, 8 a.m., staggered start, [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). *Live & Virtual*.  
Tunnel To Tower 5K, Hurdle Mills, 9am, [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- May 24**  
NC Fossil Fest 5K, Aurora, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). *Live & Virtual*.
- May 30**  
Running of the Bulls 8K, DAP, downtown Durham, 7:15 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
N.C. AAZK Zoo Dash 5K, Jaycee Park, Greensboro, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
NaDa 5K Charlotte, 6 p.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com).
- June 3**  
The Big Run 5K presented by Brooks, Farmers' Market Pavilion, downtown Hillsborough, 6 p.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Matt's Run to Fight Hunger, The Big Run 5K, Greensboro, 6:30 p.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). *Live & Virtual*.
- June 6**  
Spring SOTA 5K trail, Carolina North Forest, Chapel Hill, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). *Live & Virtual*.  
ACSL Stride for Service 5K, Elon, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
The Big Run 5K (2 heats), Ivy Redmon Park, Kernersville, [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com), 8 a.m.  
BK5K, Greensboro, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
National Trails Day 5K/3K, Wake Forest, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Run for Love 5K, Dix Park, Raleigh, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Run the Quay 5K/10K/15K, Fuquay-Varina, 7 a.m., [itsyourrace.com](http://itsyourrace.com).  
3rd JJ's Journey for a Cause, 5m/5K trail, 7:30 a.m., Wendell, [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com), *Live & Virtual*.  
USMC Mud Run NC 5K, multiple wave starts, Pinnacle, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

## U.S. Soccer

- Men**  
May 31, Senegal, BOA Stadium, Charlotte, 3:30 p.m., TNT, Universo.  
June 6, Germany, Soldier Field, Chicago, 2:30 p.m., TNT, Universo.
- Women**  
June 6, at Brazil, Sao Paulo, 5:30 p.m., TBS, Telemundo.  
June 9, at Brazil, Fortaleza, 8:30 p.m., TBS, Telemundo.

## NC LD Races

- May 16**  
Zen Squirrel 10m/5m trail at Briar Chapel, Chapel Hill, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
New River M/HM, Todd, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- May 16-17**  
Quest for the Crest Trail Races 50K/25K/11K, Burnsville, 5:30am, [ultrasignup.com](http://ultrasignup.com).
- May 17**  
Biltmore Kiwanis Classic 15K/5K, Biltmore Estate, Asheville, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- May 23**  
Beer City 20K Relay and 5K, New Belgium Brewing, Asheville, 9 a.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com).  
Brevard Classic 12K/5K, downtown Brevard, 8 a.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com).
- June 6**  
Flying Squirrel Ten Miler, Asheville, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
7th Lake Norman Forest Run HM/10K, Statesville, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- June 14**  
5th RAD HM/10K, Pack Square Park, Asheville, 7 a.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com).
- June 20**  
6th Gateway to the Smokies Ten Miler, Waynesville, 7:30 a.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com). *Live & Virtual*.  
Run the South HM/10K McAlpine Park, Charlotte, 7 a.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com). 5K Fri nite at 6:15. *Live & Virtual*.  
12th Vertical Mile Challenge, 16m/8m, Hiddenite, 8 a.m., [ultrasignup.com](http://ultrasignup.com).
- June 28**  
Brew Dash Trail Race 12k/6K, Charlotte Whitewater Center, 6:30 a.m., [whitewater.org](http://whitewater.org)

## NC Multi Sports

- May 17**  
14th Levine JCC Kids Tri, youth tri for kids 5-14, Charlotte, 1 p.m., [jewishcharlotte.org](http://jewishcharlotte.org).
- May 30**  
Triangle Sprint & Mini Sprint & Youth Tris, Harris Lake, New Hill, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
8th Tri for Fun Multisport Youth 5-15, youth tri, Morehead City, [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).  
Uwharrie 5 Hr Adventure Race, solo/team for hiking/paddling, Badin, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- May 31**  
5th South Fork Sampler: A Multisport Adventure Race, 5Hr/3Hr, Cramerton, 9 a.m., [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com).
- June 6**  
Badin Lake Sprint Tri, Badin, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- June 14**  
10th She Tris women-only Sprint Tri, South Charlotte, 7 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). *Live & Virtual*.
- June 17**  
Brick Endurance Summer Sprint Tri Series, Race 2, Rolling View SRA, Durham, 6 p.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- June 20**  
3 Little Pigs Sprint Tri, Smithfield, 7:30 a.m., [event.racereach.com](http://event.racereach.com).  
Big Mark Sprint Tri/Duathlon (formerly Trivium Triple Threat), Lake Cammarack Park, Burlington, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).
- June 21**  
E3 Endurance Jr. Super Sprint Tri, 70.3 Series, Cardinal Swim & Tennis, Greensboro, Race 1, youth tri, ages 5-19, 7 a.m., [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

## NC Bike Rides

- May 16**  
Yadkin Valley Tour de Vino, 30-100m, Elkin, [active.com](http://active.com).
- May 20**  
Ride of Silence, 5m, honoring those killed/injured while biking, CCB Plaza, downtown Durham, 5:30 p.m.
- May 31**  
Ride Into Pride, Carrboro Town Commons, 6 p.m. Sign-up not required.
- June 4-7**  
5th Major Taylor Cycling Convention, daily rides, Durham Civic Center, downtown.
- June 6**  
BikeMS Spring Fling, 20-62m, Hugger Mugger Brewing, Sanford, 9 a.m., [springfling.org](http://springfling.org).
- June 13**  
Tour de Blueberry, 10-50m, Burgaw, 8:30 a.m., [bikesignup.com](http://bikesignup.com).  
Cup N Cone Tour, 25/50m, Panther Creek HS, Cary, 7:30 a.m., [itsyourrace.com](http://itsyourrace.com).
- June 27**  
6th We Are One EHE Prostate Cancer Walk/Run/Ride, 20-75m, Rocky Mount, 8 a.m., [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com).

## NC Music Festivals

- May**  
15-16, 6th Carolina Indie Fest, Sanford. Fri 5-10, Sat 2-9. Free.  
16, 12th Atlantic Beach Boardwalk Beach Music Festival, Atlantic Beach, 11-6. Free.  
16, Vet Jam, Fuquay-Varina.  
16, 40th Carolina Blues Festival, LaBauer Park, Greensboro.  
16-17, Artspllosure street festival, Raleigh. Free.  
21-23, Tony Rice Memorial Day Music Fest, Camp Springs Blue Grass Park, Elon.  
22-23, Gears & Guitars, Winston-Salem.  
23, Carrboro Bluegrass Festival, 6+ bands, Cat's Cradle Back Yard, Carrboro.  
29-30, Cold Mountain Music Festival, Canton.
- June**  
4-6, Cherokee Bluegrass Festival, Cherokee.  
5-6, Bluegrass & Old Time Fiddlers Convention, Mount Airy.  
5-7, Ocracoke Festival, Ocracoke Island.  
6, 40th Carolina Beach Musicfest, on the boardwalk, Carolina Beach.  
10-14, High Country Jazz Festival, Boone & Blowing Rock.  
12-13, Charlie Poole Music Festival, Wentworth.  
12-14, Cape Fear Blues Festival, The Rusty Nail, Wilmington.  
13, Bluegrass in the Grove, Wilmington.  
13, Be More Grateful Festival, Charlotte.  
13, Buff Mountain Festival, Hot Springs.  
18-20, Willow Oak Park Bluegrass Festival, Roxboro.  
19-21, Boomerang Music & Arts Festival, downtown Boone, Fri 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sat noon-8. Free.  
25-28, Dex Fest at Cat's Cradle, Carrboro, Local 506, The Cave, Lapin Bleu, Chapel Hill, [etix.com](http://etix.com).  
26-Aug. 2, Brevard Summer Institute & Festival, 50 concerts, Brevard.  
26-27, State Annual Singing Convention, Benson.  
27-Aug. 1, An Appalachian Summer Festival, Boone.  
28, Singing in Grandfather Mountain, Linville. Free. No alcohol.

## Outdoor Summer Music

- Five spots for free summer outdoor music in Orange, Chatham, Durham:  
Roost Beer Garden at Fearington Village, Friday 5-7 p.m., April-Oct., features local musicians/groups.  
Sundays at Sundown, Southern Village Lawn, Chapel Hill, 7-9 p.m. May-August. No cover, tips accepted.  
Elizabeth Cotten Freight Train Blues Concert Series returns for 12th season May 15 with five Friday shows 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Commons. Food and beverages for sale. Series co-sponsored by the town of Carrboro and Music Maker Foundation. Free.  
Bynum Front Porch Friday Night Music runs May through August, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the former general store in Bynum. All genres of music are featured and the hat is passed for contributions. Shows move inside in case of rain.  
Arts on East, a Wednesday series at 7 p.m. on Duke East Campus, features local groups each curated by a Durham cultural outfit. Series runs May 27-June 24. Third year. Free.

## Community News

- Memorial Day Commemoration Monday, May 25, 1 p.m. at Chapel Hill American Legion Post No. 6, 3700 NC54W. The program "honors their service, remembers their sacrifice." Doors open at 12.  
July 4 parade in downtown Raleigh being planned (9:30 a.m. start) by Celebrate America Foundation and a big event on the Capitol grounds. For a complete statewide calendar of America 250 events, check [america250.nc.gov](http://america250.nc.gov).  
The Ephesus Park pickleball courts closed for three weeks April 27 for maintenance/repairs. In the meantime, check out the PB courts at Southern Community Park (the inline rink near the parking lot).

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## Outdoor Pool Opens May 23

The A.D. Clark outdoor pool at Hargraves Center, Chapel Hill, opens for the season Saturday, May 23.

Hours will be 10-6 Saturday, 12 noon to 5 Sunday and 10-5 Memorial Day. Admission is free.

The 25-yard pool offers zero-depth entry and four lap lanes.

## 3 UNC Teams Headed To Europe

Three North Carolina teams are heading to Europe for fall games:

UNC women's soccer will play Shelbourne FC in Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 28, the day before UNC plays TCU in Dublin in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic.

UNC women's basketball opens the season Nov. 2 in Paris against Oklahoma in a nonconference game.

## Nations Cup Men's Rugby Coming To North Carolina

The Nations Cup international rugby tournament has two matches scheduled in North Carolina this summer in advance of the 2027 Men Rugby World Cup in Australia. There are 12 teams in two divisions for the Nations Cup and Charlotte is one of about a dozen U.S. cities competing to host 2031 World Cup matches in the U.S.

USA Eagles (#16) will play Zimbabwe (#24) Saturday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Memorial Stadium in Charlotte and they will play #17 Spain July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at First Horizon Stadium, WakeMed SP in Cary.

Pre-sale tickets are available at [go.usa.rugby.nationscup-2026](http://go.usa.rugby.nationscup-2026). Earlier, Team USA faces Portugal July 4 in Denver, CO.

Anthem Rugby Carolina of Charlotte, a Major League Rugby team in the nation's top league, plays at American Legion Memorial Stadium. The team is considered a developmental team for the USA Eagles. Anthem also hosted two international games last summer in Charlotte.

## Pickleball Results

Division winners at Dink4Choice pickleball tournament in Chapel Hill (149 players):

MDoubles 4.0+—James Whayne/Sean Sylvia.  
WDoubles 3.0/3.5 U50—Caroline Christopher/Lily Christopher.

MixDoubles Int U50—Jacob Rubel/Marina Heatzig.

MixDoubles 4.0+—Thomas Reid/Grace Kang.  
MDoubles 3.0—Rod Padden/Louie Livon-Bermel.

MDoubles 3.5—Ran Sun/Nash Tadepalli.  
SrWDoubles 3.0—Rachel Camkpbell/Gisela Fosado.

SrWDoubles 3.5 50Plus—Ivonne Rodriguez/Liam Purtell.

WDoubles 4.0+—Dione Stuart/Katherine Genet.  
SrMixDoubles Int 50Plus—Aimee Margolis/David Margolis.

## Carolina Flyers Pro Ultimate

Carolina Flyers, a men's professional ultimate team from Durham, plays in South Div. of Ultimate Frisbee Association (UFA) with Houston, San Diego, Las Vegas, Austin, Atlanta and has home games at Durham County Memorial Stadium. They won the national championship in 2021 as the Raleigh Flyers. Season runs April-July.

The next home game is May 23 at 7 against Atlanta Hustle. Other home dates: June 13, 20, 26. Games are generally available on YouTube. Tickets sold at the gate.

## Orange County Biggest Tax Bills

Duke Energy is the largest property taxpayer (\$1.9M) in Orange County, according to Axios Raleigh.

Thermo Fisher Scientific (Mebane) was second, \$1.4M; NREdge Property Owner LLC (Carraway Village, Chapel Hill), third, \$1M; Chapel Hill Foundation Real Estate Holdings (Granville Towers), fourth, \$1M; MRE Propco LP (Medline Dist Ctr), fifth, \$734,000. Axios data was prior to 2025 property re-evaluation.

In Durham County, here are the top taxpayers, also from Axios Raleigh: Wolfsped \$5.5M tax bill; Eli Lilly and Co., \$4.6M; Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. \$3.71M; Assin North Carolina Corp, auto parts, \$2.2M; Duke Energy \$1.9M. Data was prior to 2025 property re-evaluation.

## Pickleball Results

Division winners at The Farm Spring Smash, Chapel Hill (243 players):

MDoubles 3.0—Sean Avilla/Hunza Qureshi.  
MDoubles 3.5—David Passler/Ricardo Paz.  
MDoubles 4.0—Drew Griggs/Alec Wal-lenius-Caldwell.

MDoubles 4.0 30+—Matthew Durning/Richard Dutton.

MDoubles 4.5-5.0—Deep Sharan/Muyang Yi.  
WDoubles 3.0—Madhumilda Desigan/Vibha Gill.

WDoubles 3.5—Jessie West/Caroline Murphy.  
WDoubles 4.0—Melanie Blondin/Hunter Hall.  
WDoubles 5-5.0—Patience Okpe/Holly Tenebruso.

MixD 3.0—Anuy Gorg/Vibha Gill.  
MixD 3.0 30+—Peter Stephan/Lauren Stevens.  
MixD 3.5—Ace Currin/Alyssa Narron.  
MixD 4.0—Muyang Yi/Liv Waters.  
MixD 4.5-05.0—Zander Gillentune/Emily Monk.

MSingles 3.0—Om Dessai.  
MSingles 3.5—Drew Griggs.  
MSingles 4.0—Nick Ulrich.  
MSingles 4.5-5.0—Christopher Jacques.  
WSingles 2.5—Hazel Holland.  
WSingles 3.0-3.5—Paguella Leblanc.  
WSingles 4.0-4.5—Patience Okpe.

## State Games Sports In Greensboro Area

BodyArmor State Games offers a variety of sports competitions by age group in the Greensboro area in June, including pickleball, karate, taekwondo.

Here are the sports and dates. Check [ncsports.org](http://ncsports.org) website for fees and deadlines.

May 30, mountain biking, Farris Memorial Park, Mayodan.

June 6, disc golf, Keeley Park, McLeansville.

June 6, sumo, downtown Greensboro, beach wrestling, Pinetops Resort, Greensboro.

June 6-7, disc dog, Keeley Park, McLeansville

June 18-21, pickleball, Peak Sports, Greensboro.

June 20, dodgeball, Bryan Family Y, Greensboro, taekwondo, Regan Brown Field House, Guilford College.

June 27, karate, Bryan Family Y, Greensboro, arm wrestling, Bryan Family Y, Greensboro.

June 27-28, dock dogs, 332 Elm St., Greensboro, wrestling, Kernersville Rec & Event Ctr, roller derby, Greensboro Sportsplex.

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## SOOC Invitational Track

Special Olympics Orange County hosted an invitational track meet at East Chapel Hill High that featured 13 events and many small heats of 4-6 runners. Competition involved athletes from Orange and area SO programs (Durham, Wake, Franklin, Cumberland) and Team NC and was primarily by age, with emphasis on individual running events prior to the statewide Summer Games next month in Raleigh.

Here are top three finishers and times for Orange County athletes:

Anna Coleman, third 1500 run, 7:01, second 400 dash 1:31; Sebastian Harris, first 200 dash 47.7, first 100 dash, 21:23, second 25 dash, 11.7, first 50 dash, 11.19; Levi Breshers, third 100 dash, 32.0; Brian O'Donnell, first 100 dash, 58.9; Lucy Farrow, third 100 dash, 35.5; Evan Toscano, first 100 dash, 20.6, first 200 dash, 48.3; Daniel Weiss, third 100 dash, 31.5; Stephanie Madden, second 100 dash, 31.2, third 50 dash, 15.61; Ron McKay, first 100 dash, 31.0, second 50 dash, 14.1; Brandie Grady, first 100 dash, 19.6; Julia Kenney, third 200 dash, 1:00, third 100, 22.4, first 400, 2:01; James Obie, second 100 dash, 20.7, third 400 run, 2:05; Alex Martel-Matt, first 100 dash, 19.7, second 400 run 1:39; third 200 dash, 42.7.

Also, Zachary, third 100 dash, 20.8, third 400 dash, 1:40; Nick Harris second 100 dash, 18.3, third 200 dash, 36.7; Scott Lambeth, first 100 dash, 17.40, first 400 run, 1:34; second 200 dash 36.2; Benjamin Barham, first 100 dash, 14.5, first 400 run, 1:16; second 200 dash, 31.2; Clare Feole, second 100 dash, 16.1, second 400 run, 1:35; Alex Van Name, third 100 dash, 15.6; Brenda Spivey, second 100 dash, 1:07; Megan Hadley, second 100, 132.5, third 25 dash 18.0; Shenisha Clemmons, third 50 dash, 18.0, second 50 race walk, 21.54; Poesynn Myers, third 25 dash 12.4; Ashley Goodwin, first 25 dash, 18.0; third 50 dash, 22.5; Victoria Shore, second 25 dash, 12.4, first 50 race walk, 20:54; Ahmad Rahman, third 400 run, 1:24; first 200 dash, 33.1; third 800 run, 4:09; Hunter Stanford, first 400 dash, 1:27, third 200 dash, 36.7.

Also, Lydia Parr, third 50 dash, 19.61;

## UNC Transfers/M

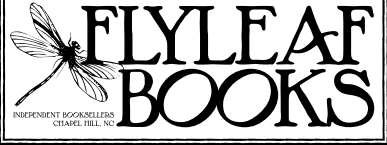
**In**  
G, Neo Avdalas (Va. Tech).  
G, Terrence Brown (Utah).  
G, Matt Able (NC State).  
C, Cade Bannerman (Northwestern).  
PF, Maxim Logue (FAU), withdrew.

**Out**  
Zayden High, to USF.  
Derek Dixon, to Arizona.  
Jonathan Powell, to Pitt.  
Kylan Evans, to Minnesota.  
Luka Bogavac, to Oklahoma State.

## UNC Transfers/W

**In**  
Achol Akot (Oklahoma State).  
Chloe Cardy (Stanford).  
Sophie Burrows (Syracuse).  
Gabby White (Va.).

**Out**  
Lanie Grant, to TCU.  
Elinor Aarnisalo, to UCLA.



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Mark Hafez, first 50 dash, 19.0; Jessica Thompson, first 50 dash, 14.53, third 200 dash, 1:13; Annie Anil, second 50 dash, 14.61, third 200 dash, 1:30; Max Van Name, second 200 dash, 33:05; Nolan Carson, second 200 dash, 47.3; John Bennett, second 200 dash, 54.0, second 400 run, 2:02; Markell Corwin, first 800 run, 4:05; Orange1, second 4x100 relay, 1:13; Orange2, first 4x100 relay 1:10; Orange3, first 4x100 relay, 1:46; Orange5, second 4x100 relay, 2:22.

## Carolina Hoops Update

Two former UNC players, guard Indya Nivar (Atlanta Dream) and forward Kyla Harris (Washington Mystics), were on WNBA opening day rosters ... UNC's assistant coaches are Chuck Martin, Sean May, Pat Sullivan, with two more to hire. Kim English, the former Providence coach, resigned ... Arkansas, Duke, Kansas were the top three in men's hoops 2026 recruiting. UNC (Sayon Keita, Maximo Adams, Malloy Smith) was 19th and Stanford 20th in the ESPN rankings ... Wilson, Veesaar, Able, among 74 invitees to NBA Draft Combine May 10-17 in Chicago. May 27 is the deadline to withdraw from the NBA Draft (June 23-24). Trimble was invited to the G League Draft Combine May 8-10 in Chicago, along with former UNC players Cade Tyson, Elliot Cadeau ... Four ACC teams were in the ESPN Way Too Early Pre-Season rankings: Duke 2, Louisville 15, Virginia 17. Miami 21. Florida was first, Michigan third ... David Noel joined Jerod Haase's staff at UNC Greensboro ... Wilson, who left Carolina for the NBA after one year, held a rousing farewell pickup game with students and UNC players at Rams Head ... Tyler Hansbrough inducted into N.C. Sports Hall of Fame ... March Madness expands to 76 teams for M/W next year, the NCAA announced ...

## Blaze Softball Debuts June 9

Carolina Blaze, Durham's new women's pro softball team, home opener is Tuesday, June 9, at 5 p.m. at Smith Family Stadium on Duke East Campus off W. Markham Ave. against Portland Cascade.

Tickets are \$20 each, at [goduke.event.net/events](http://goduke.event.net/events). Game will be broadcast on CBS Sports Net. Other early home dates are June 10-11, 13, 15. Check the schedule at [theausl.com](http://theausl.com). The team has two ex-Duke, Clemson and Oklahoma players on roster.

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Courses				Fees	
Website	Phone	City		Daily	Weekends
<b>Bryan Park</b> (36 Holes) www.bryanpark.com	336-375-2200	Greensboro	Champions Players	M-Th 63* F 66* M-Th 60* F 63*	SS 74* SS 71*
<b>Caswell Pines</b> www.caswellpines.com	336-375-2200	Yanceyville		M-Th 49*	FSS 53*
<b>Challenge</b> www.challengegolf.net	336-578-5070	Graham		M-Th 55* F59*	SS 69*
<b>Chapel Ridge</b> www.chapelridgegolfclub.com	919-545-2242	Chapel Hill		Variable\Online tee times - or	call pro shop
<b>Crossings Grove Prk</b> www.crossingsgolf.com	919-598-8686	Durham		Variable\Online tee times - or	call pro shop
<b>Duke</b> www.golf.duke.edu	919-681-2288	Durham		M-Th-125* #	FSS 160* #
<b>Eagle Ridge</b> www.eagleridgegolfnc.com	919-661-6300	Garner		Variable\Online tee times - or	call pro shop
<b>Falls Village</b> www.fallsvillagegolf.com	919-596-4653	Durham		Variable\Online tee times - or	call pro shop
<b>Finley UNC</b> www.uncfinley.com	919-962-2349	Chapel Hill		M^Th 145* #	FSS 175* #
<b>Goodyear Golf</b> goodyeargolf.com	434-797-1909	Danville Va.		M-F 48*	SS 60*
<b>Grandover Resort</b> grandoverresort.com/golf/	336-323-3838	Greensboro (36 Holes)	East West	M-Th 90* M-Th 85*	FSS Call shop FSS 101*
<b>Hedingham</b> rvgac.com/rates.cfm	919-250-3030	Raleigh		M-Th 58* F 63	SS- 68*
<b>Heritage Golf</b> playheritagegolf.com	919-453-2020	Wake Forest		M-Th 86*	FSS 110*
<b>Hillandale</b> www.hillandalegolf.com	919-286-4211	Durham		M-F 40*	SS 45*
<b>Keith Hills</b> www.keithhillsgolf.com	919-893-5051	Buies Creek (27Holes)	Orange\Whitet\Black	Variable\Online tee times	
<b>Lake Winds</b> lakewindscourse.com	919-471-4653	Rougemont		M-F 40*	SS 45*
<b>Lochmere Golf</b> www.clubcorp.com	919-851-0611	Cary		M-Th 65*	FSS 80*
<b>Lonnie Poole NC State</b> www.lonniepoolegolfcourse.com	919-833-3338	Raleigh		M-Th 95* #	FSS 125 #
<b>Mill Creek</b> www.golfmillcreek.com	919- 563-4653	Mebane		M-Th 60* F 65*	SS 82*
<b>Neuse</b> www.neusegolf.com	919-550-0550	Clayton		M-Th 70* F 80*	SS 90*
<b>Occoneechee</b> www.occoneechee.com	919-732-3435	Hillsborough		M-F 47*	SS 55*
<b>Olde Liberty</b> www.rvgac.com	919-554-4690	Youngsville		M-Th 45* F 52*	SS 59*
<b>Pine Hollow</b> www.pinehollowgolf.com	919-553-4554	Clayton		M-Th 62* F 78*	SS 84*
<b>Preserve Jordan Lake</b> www.thepreservegolf.com	919-542-5501	Chatham		Variable\Online tee times- or	call pro shop
<b>Quail Ridge</b> www.quailridgegolfcourse.com	919-776-6623	Sanford		M-Th 80 *	FSS 85*
<b>Quaker Creek</b> www.quakercreekgolf.com	336-578-5789	Mebane		M-F 32*	SS 42*
<b>Raleigh Golf Assoc.</b> www.rgagolf.net	919-772-9987	Raleigh		M-Th 45* F 48*	SS 55*
<b>Reedy Creek</b> www.reedycreekgolf.com	919- 934-7502	Four Oaks		M-F 60*	SS 73*
<b>River Ridge</b> golfriverridge.com	919-661-8374	Clayton		Variable\Online tee times - or	call pro shop
<b>Riverwood</b> www.rvgac.com	919-550-1819	Clayton		M-Th62* F 72*	SS 82*
<b>Southwick</b> 336-227-2582		Graham		M-Th 30*	FSS 35*
<b>Stoney Creek</b> www.stoneycreekgolf.com	336-449-5688	Greensboro		M-Th 60*	FSS 75*
<b>Twin Lakes</b> 933-1024 (9 holes ) www.golf-twinlakes.com		Chapel Hill		M-Th 21* (9 hole) M-Th 34* (18 hole)	FSS23*(9 hole) FSS38*(18hole)
<b>Umstead Pines (Willowhaven)</b> www.umsteadpines.com	Durham 919-383-1022			M-F 54*	SS 69*
<b>The Valley</b> ci.burlington.nc.us	336-584-7871	Burlington		M-Th 45* F 50*	SS 55*
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## Top N.C. Golf Courses 2026

Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst.  
 Grandfather Golf & Country Club, Linville.  
 Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, Southern Pines.  
 Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte.  
 The CC of N.C. (Dogwood) Pinehurst.  
 Old Town Club, Winston-Salem.  
 Sedgefield CC, Greensboro.  
 Elk River Club, Banner Elk.  
 Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham.  
 Pinehurst No. 4, Pinehurst.

—N.C. Golf Panel

## Pro Golf Visits N.C.

Four pro tournaments are coming our way including a new one in WNC.

The PGA's Korn Ferry Tour for rising stars visits the Triangle May 28-31 for the UNC Health Championship (\$1M purse) at Raleigh Country Club. Grounds pass is \$20 and available online.

The Wyndham Championship (PGA Tour) will be played Aug. 7-9 at Sedgefield CC, Greensboro. Purse is \$7.9M.

The Biltmore Championship Asheville will be held Sep. 17-20 at the Cliffs at Walnut Cove in Arden, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course. Tournament cosponsored by the Biltmore Estate and Explore Asheville. It's the first PGA event in the area since 1942, will be held for four years as part of Fed-ExCup Fall and will be broadcast on the Golf Channel. Tickets reportedly range from \$256-\$462 daily and are limited. Purse is \$5M. They're looking for volunteers to help during the tournament.

The SAS Championship (Champions Tour) takes place Oct. 16-18 at Prestonwood CC in Cary. Purse is \$2.1M.

The Truist Championship (\$20M purse, PGA Tour) was held earlier in May in Charlotte.

## A Touch of Humor

UNC Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill, was voted Best Golf Course in Orange/Chatham readers' poll in April 22 edition of Indy. Runners up were Occoneechee Golf Club and Cedar Grove Gold Course.

Editor's Note: The Cedar Grove course north of Hillsborough closed more than ten years ago.

## CSN Golf Chart

The CSN golf chart was compiled by Mike Mauriello and covers about three dozen public and semi-public courses in the region. They are the same courses surveyed last year.

The number of courses without published rates remained at eight. Daily fees with dynamic, variable or on demand pricing locally are Chapel Ridge, The Crossings, Eagles Ridge, Falls Village, The Preserve, Keith Hills, River Ridge, Wildwood Green. Go online to check tee times and rates or call the pro shop.

Be sure when you call ahead for tee times to check for any specials or discounts, as well as late afternoon twilight rates. Most courses allow walking weekdays and before 1 on weekends.

### GREEN FEES, Continued from page 1

Golfers noted several courses moved Fridays from weekday to the weekend rate schedule, while others have different fees for Friday and weekends.

Five courses (Grandover West, Heritage, Duke, Finley, Lonnie Poole), plus an unknown number of the eight local layouts with variable pricing now charge more than \$100/round on weekends.

The lowest prices for 18 are close to Chapel Hill: Southwick, Graham, \$30 and \$35; Quaker Creek, Mebane, \$32 and \$42; Hillandale and Lake Winds, Durham, \$40 and \$45; Occoneechee, Hillsborough, \$47 and \$55; Caswell Pines, Yanceyville, \$49 and \$53.

Here are some of the increases at other courses: Bryan Park (both courses), The Challenge, Quail Ridge, Reedy Creek hiked rates \$5 across the board; Lochmere \$5 weekdays, \$6 weekends; The Heritage \$4 weekdays, \$5 weekends; Neuse \$10 weekdays and \$5 Fridays; Riverwood \$2 weekdays, \$4 weekends; Pine Hollow \$3 weekdays, \$7 Fridays, \$5 weekends; The Valley, city owned by Burlington, \$5 across the board; Willowhaven \$4 weekdays, \$10 weekends.

Joel Bulkley

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## 3 Projects Improve Playing Conditions

Lonnie Poole, Duke and Hillandale golf courses are investing in improved playing conditions.

Lonnie Poole GC in Raleigh will close June 15 for 8-10 weeks to replace the greens with ultra dwarf bermuda grass. Greens will play faster and more consistent during the peak season with less watering required. They plan to reopen in late August weather permitting.

LPGC said, "Over the last 30 years, average summer nighttime temperatures have risen by 3 to 4 degrees, making traditional bentgrass increasingly difficult to maintain at a championship level. In 2025, the course experienced six consecutive weeks in which nighttime temperatures remained above the critical 70-degree recovery threshold for bentgrass."

Meanwhile, Duke put down 60K in sod that was damaged (winterkill) over the winter and made worse by the hot to cold to hot to freezing weather in February and March. Once that sod is fully grown in, Duke expects to be up to typical in-season excellent conditions, Duke golf officials said.

Occoneechee, Hillsborough, escaped winterkill by closing most of February and keeping the greens covered. They'll replace sod in bunkers later in the year. Other area courses closed, opened later and covered greens during the cold snap.

Hillandale, Durham, is getting a \$1.1M upgrade of driving range and putting green areas. The practice areas are closed for renovation. *J.B.*

## Regional Rankings Triangle

1. Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham.
2. Raleigh CC, Raleigh.
3. MacGregor Downs CC, Cary.
4. Governors Club, Chapel Hill.
5. Treyburn CC, Durham.
6. Prestonwood (Highlands), Cary.
7. Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill.
8. Lonnie Poole GC, Raleigh.
9. Duke Univ. Golf Club, Raleigh.
10. The Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs.
11. The Hasentree Club, Wake Forest.
12. Carolina CC, Raleigh.

*N.C. Golf Panel*

## Top Public & Semi Public Courses You Can Play

1. Pinehurst No. 2.
2. Pine Needles Golf Club, Southern Pines.
3. Pinehurst No. 4.
4. Pinehurst No. 10.
5. Pinehurst No. 8.
6. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, Southern Pines.
7. Pinehurst No. 9.
8. Mid South Club, Southern Pines.
9. Occano Golf & Boat Club, Merry Hill.
10. Bryan Park (Championship), Browns Summit.
11. Grandover (East), Greensboro.
12. Finley Golf Course, Chapel Hill.
13. Forest Oaks CC, Greensboro.
14. Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Raleigh.
15. Pinehurst No. 7.
16. Waynesville Inn & Golf Club, Waynesville.
17. Duke Univ. Golf Club, Durham.
18. The Cardinal by Pat Dye, Greensboro.
19. The Currituck Club, Corolla.
20. Grandover (West), Greensboro.
21. Southern Pines Golf Club, Southern Pines.
22. Springdale Resort, Canton.
23. Talamore Golf Resort, Southern Pines.
24. Crow Creek Golf Club, Calabash.
25. Crystal Coast Country Club, Pine Knolls Shores. NC Golf Panel

*Editor's Note: The NC Golf Panel course rankings for 2026 were published in the April issue of Business North Carolina.*

## Local Golf Notes

Practice facilities at UNC Finley are reserved for playing patrons and members only as space is limited due to construction of the golf training building for the UNC golf teams.

Duke has Triangle rates for both local players and students. Rates differ for morning/afternoon/weekdays/weekends, walking and carts.

U.S. Open qualifying (first stage) was held earlier in May at Duke (CSN, April 26).

UNC women's golf was a 2-seed and hosted Chapel Hill NCAA regional at Finley (12 teams). The top finishers advanced to the national championship in California.

## Many Reasons Golfers Love The Masters

For pro golfers there are more than \$22.5M reasons to love the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga. That's the total payout for the players this year.

The \$4.5M to the winner is the most for any PGA event and equals the amount paid to the PGA Championship winner. Second place at Augusta paid \$2.68M, third \$1.428M, fourth \$1.008M, fifth \$798,000.

Former UNC golfer Ben Griffin of Chapel Hill played even for the weekend, tied for 33rd and brought home \$121,500. Ryan Griffin, another former UNC golfer, was +1, T38 and earned \$101,250.

The 54th place finisher earned \$51,300. The 37 golfers who played Thursday-Friday, didn't make the cut and went home, each received \$25,000.

## Golf Issues In D.C.

The Interior Department is seeking new partners to run Langston, the historic home of Black golf in Washington, D.C., including the NFL's Washington Commanders. The course is less than a mile from the team's future home, the former RFK Stadium.

Officials with the Interior Dept. last month asked the team's charitable foundation about overseeing Langston Golf Course in NE Washington and making improvements, the Washington Post reported. The foundation normally organizes community charity activities and does not operate golf courses or other properties.

The administration is searching for a new operator for Langston after terminating the government's lease in December with National Links Trust, a nonprofit that restores and preserves public golf courses. The group had operated Langston and the city's two other public courses—East Potomac Golf Links and Rock Creek Park Golf—under a long-term agreement, with plans for millions of dollars in upgrades aimed at restoring the courses while keeping them accessible to everyday golfers.

East Potomac, which President Donald Trump wants to remake into a championship course, will stay open for now.

U.S. District Judge Ana C. Reyes told the Trump administration it cannot make major changes at East Potomac Golf Links without advance notice.

## Old Chatham Hosts Girls Jr. Nationals

Old Chatham Golf Club in Durham will host the 77th USGA Girls Jr Championship July 13-18. The tournament is for girls U19 with a handicap index of 9.4 or less.

Volunteers are needed for the tournament. Check the club's website to sign up.

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## UNC Cycling Wins National Time Trial

UNC Cycling (46:43.03) took first at the men's team Time Trial at USA Cycling Collegiate Nationals in Madison, WI. Team members were Owen Cole, Adrian Groman, Tay Stephens, Will Swofford. Race distance was 36.7Km (14 teams). Second was Cal Poly Cycling (47:48.27). UNC finished third last year. Cole was the lone returnee.



## NICA Race 5

Five local riders scored wins at the NICA Race 5 at Rock Hill BMX Park, SC (514 riders). Two area teams, one high school, one middle school, are in the top ten overall in the series points competition with one race remaining.

Here are the top local finishers:

5th grade boys, Kai Hastings, Smith MS, second, 1 lap, 17:12 (40 finishers).

6th grade girls, Birdie Predroza, Chatham Co. Chaos, first, 1 lap, 16:32; Charlotte Otteleman, Cuilbreth MS, fourth, 19:20, (12).

7th grade boys, Owen Foster, Chatham Co. Chaos, first, 1 lap, 15:26, (63).

JV2 girls, Olivia Foster, Chatham Co. Chaos, first, 2 laps, 36:53 (20).

JV3 girls, Emma Paul, East Chapel Hill, fourth, 1 lap, 21:19 (10).

Varsity boys, Jesse West, East Chapel Hill, 4 laps, 58:08 (20).

Varsity girls, Ada Watson, Chapel Hill High, first, 4 laps, 1:05:56; Claudia Baum, CHHS, fourth, 1:12:19 (6).

Points results for this race day: high schools (43), leader 2165, Chapel Hill High, 7th, 1939, East Chapel Hill, 12th, 1899, Chatham Co. Chaos, 21, 1419; middle schools (36), leader 2093, Chatham Co. Chaos, 3rd, 1977, McDougle 24, 1197, Smith 27, 1076, Culbreth, 29, 752, Phillips, 31, 1076.

Points results for series to date: leader 10575, Chapel Hill High 7th, 9829, East Chapel Hill, 13, 9187, Chatham Co. Chaos, 22, 6584, Orange Co. Comp, 25, 5683, Smith MS, 28, 4999, Culbreth 38, 3855.

## NICA Race 4

Two local scholastic riders earned first place awards at the NICA Race 4 at Dark Mountain (529 riders). Riders compete for points for their teams based on how they do. First place is worth 500 points.

Here are the top local finishers:

5th grade boys, Kai Hastings, Smith MS, second, 1 lap, 19:08, 37 finishers.

6th grade girls, Birdie Pedraza, Chatham Co. Chaos, second, 1 lap, 19:08 (16).

7th grade boys, Owen Foster, Chatham Co. Chaos, second, 1 lap, 17:27 (58).

JV2 girls, Olivia Foster, Chatham Co. Chaos, second, 2 laps, 37:14 (17).

JV3 boys, Bodie Williams, Chapel Hill High, third, 1 lap, 1 lap, 17:36 (50).

JV3 girls, Emma Paul, East Chapel Hill, first, 1 lap, 20:48 (8).

MS-A boys, Wyatt Zarecki, Chatham Co. Chaos, fourth, 2 laps, 32:45 (26).

Varsity boys, Jesse West, East Chapel Hill, first, 4 laps, 57:44 (19), Isaac Schultz, Orange Co. Comp., second, 59:33.

Varsity girls, Anne Neal, Chapel Hill High, third, 4 laps, 1:11:36, (8), Claudia Baum, CHHS, fifth, 1:12:25.

Points totals in this race (44 high schools), leader 2140; Chapel Hill High, third, 2030;

East Chapel Hill, seventh, 1961; Chatham Co. Chaos, 27, 973.

(36 middle schools), leader 2030, Chatham Co. Chaos, 11, 1806; McDougleMS, 24, 1206.

## MTB Races At Brumley, Harris Lake

Rumble at Brumley XC MTB races for kids and adults will be held Saturday, June 6, 9-1. Rain date is 6/13. Races organized by First Flight Devo and TORC (Triangle Off Road Cyclists) at Brumley South, a TLC Preserve, on New Hope Church Road, north of Chapel Hill. Register at webscorer.com.

The fifth Sprocket Fuel XC MTB races take place Aug. 8 at Harris Lake CP, New Hill, with races of 1-3 laps (3.25-22.5m).

## Community News

The Cane's Beer Skate mugs sold out (4,687) in one night of the NHL playoffs in Raleigh. Hopefully more were ordered.

Durham's premier summer event, American Dance Festival, salutes modern dance, May 27-July 25. Check americandancefestival.org for performance schedule.

Special events in Raleigh: May 22-24, Animagement, Raleigh Convention Center, downtown; June 6, Raleigh International Food Festival, City Plaza, 11-9; June 12-14, Villain Arts Tattoo Festival, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh.

## African American Fest Planned For May 23

The Orange-Chatham African American Cultural Festival takes place Saturday, May 23, 11:30-4, at Lincoln Center, Merritt Mill Road, Chapel Hill. Art, music, dance, poetry will be featured, organized by Chapel Hill/Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Free.

### TAX RATE, Continued from page 1

mounting a campaign to oppose the change. The Chapel Hill council will consider the issue in a May 13 budget session at the library.

The Chapel Hill Library has 360,000 books and plenty of tech facilities and community programming, Carrboro 40,000 and limited programs in the new building. The Chapel Hill Library probably is the town's most popular city service.

After two straight years of tax increases, Chapel Hill's proposed budget holds the line, keeping the rate at 50 cents. A penny on the rate equals \$1.320M. Chapel Hill employees and elected officials will get a 4 percent pay raise.

Budgets for both agencies reflect higher operating costs, flat population growth, modest sales tax increases, uncertainties regarding state and federal funds. Chapel Hill budget public hearing is May 20 at 6 at Town Hall.

Biggest revenue sources for the town: property taxes 53.3 percent, sales tax 22.7 percent, state shared revenue 9.4 percent. Biggest expense categories: transit 22 percent, general government operations 13 percent, police 12 percent, public works 11 percent, parks and rec 6 percent, library 3 percent.

Earlier, Chapel Hill shelved plans to reduce the town council from eight to six members and increase the mayor's term from two to four years. Both proposals drew strong opposition, and were described as anti-democratic.

Carrboro has not presented its recommended budget. It'll be announced May 19, the same day as the budget hearing, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. The Carrboro rate is now 56.53 cents, up 9.72 cents from the previous year.

Chatham County plans to maintain a 60 cent tax rate. *Joel Bulkley*

## White Lake Spring Tris

Local age group results for spring International tri (101 finishers) at White Lake: Wade Bemmels, Chapel Hill, third 50-54, 2:33:01; Kendall Cherry, Carrboro, first 20-24, 2:51:08; Polly Creveling, Chapel Hill, third 30-34, 3:06:29.

Sprint tri: Edward Tvermoyes, Chapel Hill, first 15&U, 1:38:09; Jonathan Farber, first 70-74, 1:35:55; Julie Horton, second 70-74, 2:38:48.

Christopher Halsey was the leader and first 30-39, 2:57:06, in age groups (97) at White Lake ProAm. Distances were 1.2m swim, 56m bike, 13.1m run (half iron). Nicolai Tvermoes, Chapel Hill, was first 55-59, 3:28:04.

## Richardson Takes Ten Miler

Brian Richardson (1:07:57) of Chapel Hill, who finished second last year, was the men's winner at the 18th Philosopher's Way Ten Miler Trail at Carolina North, Chapel Hill. There were 76 finishers, down 7 from 2025.

Matt Straub (1:10:32) of Carrboro who took third last year was second and Philip Tosteson (1:11:12) of Chicago third.

Women's winner was Myriam Keen (1:26:00) of Chapel Hill, with Natalie Bowman (1:28:38) of Chapel Hill, last year's winner, second and Leah Blasiak (1:34:06) of Chapel Hill third.

Masters winners were Peter Alexander of Durham, 1:13:04, and Lisa Hecker, Mebane, 1:38:21.

Local age group leaders were Hannah Bowen, Hillsborough, 30-39, 1:50:26; Evan Galloway, Chapel Hill, 40-49, 1:15:37; James Sinnott, Chapel Hill, 50-59, 1:33:29; Laura Guanán, Chapel Hill, 60-69, 2:37:55; Ken Taylor, Chapel Hill, 60-69, 2:14:27.

### 7K Results

Lisa Dunn (36:59) of Carrboro repeated as women's winner at the PGTR 7K in Chapel Hill. Aphelion Astrachan (40:48) of Durham was second and Sondra Jones (41:22) of Carrboro third. There were 120 finishers, up ten from last year.

Colin Thomson (31:28) of Chapel Hill was first male, followed by Anthony Corriveau (31:33) of Cary and Paul Zivich (33:53) of Carrboro.

Thomas Soth (34:48) of Chapel Hill and Emily Cox (41:20) of Durham were the masters leaders.

Age group award winners from Chapel Hill: 19&U, S. McElwee, 53:44, Lyle Kulman, 34:37; 30-39, Hunter Arbritton, 43:35; 40-49, Rachel Smith, Hillsborough, 42:23, Ed Keen, 38:31; 50-59, Mony Mehrota, 47:16, Matthew Feldt, 38:33; 60-69, Laura Heyneman, 47:13, David Morgan, Carrboro, 43:10; 70+, Nancy Margolin, 53:39, Owen Astrachan, 48:52.

## Komen Triangle Race For the Cure

The 30th Komen Triangle Race for the Cure 5K shifted to DBAP in Durham and had 256 finishers. Winners were Faye Koenigsmark (21:08) and Joan Novarro (17:39). Hometowns N/A.

Ana Maria Salazar (24:00) was second female and Anna Michmerhuizeir (24:36) third. Matthew Sutcliffe (18:08) was second male and Czar Carson (18:56) third.

## Tobacco Road Relay

The Real Race Scenario, a 6-member team from Raleigh, had the best time (9:28:51) for the Tobacco Road Relay, 75m from Chapel Hill to Raleigh (40 teams).

God Did of Durham, 3 runners, was fourth overall (9:47:41) and the only Ultra Random division team. F3 Bad Decisions of Mebane (11:26:45) was third among four masters teams.

RIC-Green of Chapel Hill (12:48:48) was first of four women's teams and 28th overall. Running in Circles Blue (12:27:46) of Chapel Hill was the only entry for master women.

## Angels Among Us 5K

John Curtis (17:12) of Durham and Caitlyn Morton (18:58) of Holly Springs, who was third last year, were the leaders at Angels Among Us 5K in Durham. There were 1448 finishers, up from 1276 last year (1922 registered).

Aaron Siegle (17:39) and Kajol Parmon (19:14) were second and Ezra Loewry (18:03) and Halei Benefield (19:32) third.

## Lobanov Third In Beer Mile

Alexander Lobanov (6:10:35) of Carrboro was third male at the 5th Beer City Mile in Durham (101 finishers, 115 last year). WTs were 5:53.89 and 6:10.35 for the 1m novelty run.

Avery Freeman, Chapel Hill, was second 21-29, 13:57.

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## Running News

Aaron Fein (23:41) of Chapel Hill was second overall at Jogging for Josh 5K in Burlington (36 finishers). WT was 19:55.

Lori Biggerstaff of Chapel Hill was first 50-59, 27:24, at May the Course Be With You 5K in Greensboro (246). WT was 21:13.

Nathaniel Mullins (22:18) of Chapel Hill was third 13-59 at Thrive 5K in Raleigh (290). WT was 18:22.

Luis Cordova (23:54) of Carrboro was third 40-49 at Socks & Undie 5K Rundie in Durham (101). WT was 17:57.

Rohan Adkin (25:43) of Chapel Hill was third 15&U at Smile More Complain Less 5K in New Hill (67). WT was 19:42.

Liam Patterson (19:30), age 15 of Pittsboro, and Ashley Patterson (22:23) of Pittsboro were the winners at Run to The Rhythm Trail 5K in Pittsboro (67 finishers).

Trey Dehart (18:13) and Savannah Kerns (24:10) were the leaders at FCA Mom's Day 5K in Burlington (94 finishers). Hometowns N/A.

### Race News

The Guardeau Family 5K & Family Fun Day, based in New Jersey, will expand May 16 to the American Tobacco Trail in Cary. The race honors the memory of two teen hockey players killed in a bicycle accident and is supported locally by the Tobacco Road Marathon. Find race info at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

The UNC CPALS Golden Heroes 5K in Chapel Hill was not timed this year so there are no results.

## Blue Heaven Trail Races

David Weaver (2:39:19) of Chapel Hill was third male at Blue Heaven XC HM in Chapel Hill (14). WT was 2:07:49.

Eric M Coles (37:12) of Carrboro was third male in Sunrise 4 Miler (25). WT was 30:36. The Sunset 4 Miler had 58 finishers.

## Vigeant Third At Dogwood 5K

Myah Vigeant (23:40) of Chapel Hill was the women's winner at Mebane Dogwood Festival Family 5K (264 finishers). It was a night race and had 20 more finishers than 2025. Men's WT was 17:04.

Mebane age group winners were Megan Papaneri, 14-19, 27:34; Max Hopkins, 14-19, 31:15; Ray Hillen, 50-59, 30:08; Kari Wilkinson, 60-69, 29:27; Michael Wilkinson, 60-69, 28:23; Joan Boone, Efland, 70+, 43:40; Eric Schmiede, 70+, 44:12.

## McLaughlin Wins Hanging Man

Kelly McLaughlin (6:13:55) of Chapel Hill was the women's winner at the challenging Hanging Man Triathlon in Danbury (14). The men's winner was Steven Suggs (5:27:39) of Durham.

Here's what they did: bike 26m, run 4.7m, swim 500 yards, run 0.5m, swim 500 yards, run 5.5m, swim 500 yards, run 5m, swim 500 yards, run 0.5m. Many stages involved big elevation gains.

## Halsey First At Beaverdam

Christopher Halsey (1:53:24) of Chapel Hill was first at Beaverdam Olympic Tri (67 finishers) at Falls Lake in Wake Forest, with Alexander Hill (1:53:49) of Hillsborough second.

Wade Bemmels, Chapel Hill, was second 50-54, 2:19:24; Jonathan Ptochinski, Hillsborough, third 45-49, 2:27:49; Tim Godsey, Chapel Hill, first 65-69.

Chapel Hillians Matthew Miller (1:10:09) and Elizabeth Skiba (1:23:19) posted second place finishes in the Beaverdam Sprint Tri (100). WTs were 1:08:10 and 1:22:67 for 750m swim, 15m bike, 5K run.

Mark Carey, Chapel Hill, was second 55-59, 1:16:23.

## The Fast And Furriest 5K

Abigail Hart (19:06) and Lam Yik (21:04) of Carrboro were the leaders at The Fast and Furriest 5K in Hillsborough (131 finishers). Amelia Lackamy (23:53) and William Peden (22:08) were second and Amelia Davis (23:53) and Ronnie Barchiesi (22:15) third.

## From What's Next Dept?

A humanoid robot named "Lightning" won a half-marathon for robots April 19 in Beijing, China, with a significantly faster time (50:26) than the human world record set last month (57:20), despite crashing into a barricade near the finish line and being helped up by humans, the Wall Street Journal reported. Technological leap. The performance by the remote-controlled robot marked a big step forward from last year's inaugural race, when the winning robot finished in 2:40:42.

## Bloom & Zoom 5K

Local age group winners at Bloom & Zoom 5K in Cary (264) were Avery Freeman, Chapel Hill, 25-29, 25:28; Valerie Murrah, Chapel Hill, 75-79, 52:39; Sharon Roggenbuck, Hillsborough, 85-89, 48:37. WTs were 22:50 and 21:43.

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Emma Astrike-Davis (1:05:16) of Durham third.

Page Ploeger (59:34) of Carrboro first non binary, Cal Stoke, Chapel Hill, second, 1:35:05, Cae Snow, Chapel Hill, third, 1:38:56.

Chapel Hill award winners:

19&U, Zeb Mathis, third, 59:37; 19&U, Raine Honeycutt, second, 1:09:52; 20-24, Kaleb Martin, Carrboro, 55:24; 20-24, Julia Rushing, first, 1:05:41; 25-29, Andrew Boyle, Carrboro, first, 56:23; 25-29, Nina Westcott, third, 1:08:34; 25-29NB, Genae Matthews, Hillsborough, second, 1:46:51; 30-34, Laura Bluth, Hillsborough, first, 1:06:25; 35-39, Erica Bunn, Pittsboro, 1:13:20, Jessica Alley, third, 1:13:41; 35-39NB, Spirit Elden, first, 2:17:08; 40-44, Heather Lunderman, second, 1:12:13; 45-49, Marc Jeuland, first, 59:43, Reid Draeger, third, 1:07:50; 45-49, Rachel Bell Kelley, first, 1:09:16, Natalie Bowman, second, 1:10:35, Ivy Pointer, third, 1:13:36; 50-54, Kimberly Holmes, Pittsboro, second, 1:20:05, Cory Moody, Carrboro, third, 1:29:09; 55-59, Tami Pfeifer, Hillsborough, third, 1:29:36; 60-64, Martin Clark, first, 1:16:19, Brian Halla, third, 1:18:37; 60-64, Molly Dempsey, first, 1:26:43; 65-69, Laura Dewald, Carrboro, second, 1:36:08; 70-74, Diana Knechtel, third, 1:57:08.

### Laurel Hill Challenge

Can you conquer the hill? Corey Fairchild (5:30.2) of Chapel Hill took first in the Laurel Hill Challenge. It returned after a several year absence. Paige Hofstad (6:39.2) of Raleigh was the women's leader (33rd). There's a 163 foot elevation change between Laurel Hill below the Smith Center and the finish line. Nick Golebliouski (5:33.4) of Raleigh was second and Raferty Koontz (5:43.9) of Durham third.

### 4 Mile Results

Raleigh runners Eli Maskowitz (19:23) and Adalyn Fleming (23:06) were the leaders in the 4 Miler (2139 finishers, 1436 women, down 80 from last year). John Tatter, Chapel Hill, was second, 19:23, and Patrick Anderson, Chapel Hill, third, 23:06. Anne Amalong, Chapel Hill, was second, 26:09, and Mary Joy, Chapel Hill, third, 26:40.

In Non Binary, Katharine Sawoski, Durham, was first, 31:31, Madison Miller, Raleigh, second, 40:42, and Eggie Ng, Carrboro, third, 44:39.

Award winners from Chapel Hill: 19&U, Carter Glenn, first, 24:57; 20-24, John Paul Amalong, first, 21:10, Jonah Parker, second, 22:34; 20-24, Carinna Kinnaman, third, 30:34; 20-24NB, Naomi Benson, Carrboro, first, 54:13; 25-29NB, Mikayla Feldbauer, Carrboro, first, 41:27; 35-39, Jackson Cox, second, 26:51; 35-39, Owen McClellan, second, 29:41; 35-39, Ann Marie Kumfer, seconds, 28:39; 40-44, Michael King, first, 27:28, Robert Anderson, second, 29:47; 40-44, Kate Bleacher, second, 34:49; 45-49, Jeffrey Clough, third, 27:10; 50-54, Jason Kirk, third, 30:41; 55-59, Paul Shareshian, second, 30:16, Hideki Nikano, third, 32:31; 55-59, Elizabeth Heetderks, second, 34:48; 60-64, Frances Collichio, third, 36:19; 60-64NB, Suzanne Marrah, first, 55:13; 70-74, Ed Pettiss, first, 40:41, Pavelid Castaneda, third, 41:03; 70-74, Karen Franke, third, 51:48; 75+, Brant Wansley, Carrboro, third, 54:46.

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## Garmin Marathon Series

The Garmin Marathon Series made its inaugural stop in Durham with four races, 5,273 finishers. Their races celebrate M/F over-all and age group winners only, instead of the top three across the board because they give Garmin products to the winners. Hometowns were not provided.

Here's a recap with Chapel Hill award winners:

Marathon (878 finishers, WTs 2:31:08, 2:49:27). Marley MacDonald, first 18&U, 3:47:11, Mike Kelley, first, 60-69, 3:39:39.

HM (2038 finishers, largest race of the day, WTs 1:05:50 and 1:21:38). Aidan Scott, Chapel Hill, first 19-24, 1:18:10; Megan Cooke, Hillsborough, first 40-49, Jurrith Montag, Chapel Hill, first 40-49, 1:27:10; David Montefiori, Hillsborough, first 70+, 1:50:19.

10K (1254 finishers, WTs 31:42, 51:56). Ava Rajan, Chapel Hill, first 18&U, 59:04; Anna Merritt, Chapel Hill, first 20-29, 42:39; Sheila Kerrigan, Chapel Hill, first 18&U, 1:14:12.

5K (1106 finishers, WTs 15:04, 16:55) fast times with seven finishers under 17 minutes, John Tatter, Chapel Hill, first 25-29 and second overall, 15:15.

Other races in the series are Toledo (Sep. 20) and Tucson (Nov. 8).

## Migratory Bird Seasons Approved

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) approved season dates, bag limits and applicable regulations for the 2026-27 waterfowl, webless migratory game bird (including doves) and extended falconry seasons. The dates and associated regulations are available on the agency's website and will be published in the 2026-2027 Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest in August.

Most seasons remain unchanged from the previous year, but there are some notable changes, including:

The bag limit for Canada geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone has increased from one to two (subject to final federal approval of 2026-2027 regulations).

The Regular Light Goose Season will open two weeks later than last year on November 7 and close on March 10.

After the closure of all other waterfowl seasons on February 6, 2027, expanded hunting methods including the use of unplugged guns and electronic calls only are allowed for light geese.

The option for the 2027 Light Goose Conservation Order will be determined in Fall 2026 and published on the agency's website when a final decision is made.

## Carolina Panthers

Sports Illustrated gave these offseason grades to NFC South teams: New Orleans B+, Tampa Bay B-, Atlanta C, Carolina B.

Here's what they said about the Carolina Panthers:

"Key additions, OT Stone Forsythe, C Luke Fortner, OT Monroe Freeling, LB Devin Lloyd, edge Jaelan Phillips, QB Kenny Pickett, OT Rasheed Walker.

"Key subtractions, QB Andy Dalton, RB Rico Dowdle, C Cade Mays, DT A'Shawn Robinson.

"The Panthers' roster has come a long way in the two years since Dave Canales was hired as coach. There's depth at various positions, fewer holes in all three phases of the team and the defense could be on the rise with the splash signings of Phillips and Lloyd."

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## Outdoor Safety

# How To Remove Ticks

Experts explain what to do if you find a tick attached to your skin, including how to remove it.

During tick season, which runs from April through September in the United States, people spend more time outdoors, and tiny, hard-to-spot tick nymphs are active, so your chances of an encounter are higher. Finding a tick on your skin is always worrying because all it takes is one bite and a small amount of saliva for it to transmit disease-causing pathogens (like Lyme disease) to you, its host.

If you notice a tick on yourself or a loved one, remove it right away. "The longer a tick is attached, the more opportunity it has to transmit an infectious dose of germs, and so getting it off as quickly as possible is important," said Thomas Mather, professor of public health entomology and director of the University of Rhode Island TickEncounter Resource Center.

Here's everything else experts suggest to quickly and safely deal with a tick bite, what to do with a tick once you've removed it and when to get in touch with your doctor.

Look closely: Is it definitely a tick? And is it attached? "If it's walking, it's trying to find a spot where it's going to bite for a blood meal," said Michel Shamoon-Pour, co-director of the Binghamton University Tick-Borne Disease Center. But an on-the-move tick hasn't bitten you yet, so there isn't any chance that it's infected you, he reassured.

An attached tick is another story. If it's attached, look at how engorged, or plump, it is. A tick that has not recently fed can be around the size of a poppy seed (in the younger nymph stage) or sesame seed (as an adult), "and then it gets bigger and bigger, and it might look like a small raisin when it's filled with blood," said Brian Fallon, director of the Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center at Columbia University.

While some tick-borne illnesses can be transmitted in shorter time frames, many, including Lyme, require a tick to feed for at least 12 to 24 hours. "Black-legged ticks in particular, they're the ones carrying the Lyme disease germ, can't transmit an infectious dose until they've been attached and feeding for over a day," said Mather.

Then, "try to remember when and where you were, where you think you got it," said James Occi, a microbiologist at the Center for Vector Biology at Rutgers University. If you're fairly certain the tick couldn't have been attached for more than a few hours—say, because you spotted it right after a hike and it didn't look engorged—you don't appear quite as concerned as someone who finds a large heavily engorged tick, said Fallon.

If you do have a tick attached to you, remove it immediately. It's most efficient to do so yourself—waiting for an appointment with your provider allows the tick to continue feeding, increasing your chances of developing a tick-borne disease. The sooner you get it out, the safer you are, said Occi.

Pointy, fine-tipped tweezers are best for tick removal (you can find some designed specifically for ticks), followed by regular tweezers. You can use your fingernails in a pinch, but they don't have as precise a grip, so you're more likely to break the tick's head off as you remove it, said Shamoon-Pour. "That is not going to help, because if pathogens are present, they're going to be in the salivary glands of the tick," he said. Scratching at your skin can also introduce bacteria, upping the risk of infection.

With tweezers, grasp the tick close to your skin, focusing on "putting it under the belly of the tick and just lifting up," said Fallon. Try not to squeeze the tick's belly: "That might, in some cases, act like a syringe, pushing what's inside the belly into the bloodstream," he added. If any of the tick's mouth parts remain, gently remove them with tweezers.

After you've detached the tick, clean the area (you can use rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide, said Fallon) and wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Now is a good time to do a thorough tick check on the rest of your body.

As for tick removal methods to skip? Some people attempt to apply heat to an attached tick, but "this is not very successful," said Peter Krause, a senior research scientist in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at Yale School of Public Health. Neither is covering it in Vaseline to "smother" it, he added.

It's a good idea to get in touch with your provider after removing a tick. Guidelines from leading expert groups recommend prophylactic antibiotic treatment, usually a single dose of oral doxycycline taken within 72 hours, for adults and children who identify a tick bite considered high risk for Lyme disease.

If you live in an area where Lyme is prevalent and suspect you were bitten by a black-legged tick, "you could ask your physician whether they think taking prophylaxis makes sense," said Krause.

If they think you may have or be at risk of developing a different tick-borne illness, they can suggest the best treatment protocol for you.

Always seek medical care if you notice symptoms. For some tick-borne diseases, including Lyme, you might develop a rash "that expands and gets larger and larger," said Jacob Lemieux, an infectious-disease physician in the Multidisciplinary Lyme Disease Program at Massachusetts General Hospital. Sometimes the rash will have that typical bull's eye pattern, but not always, and other times it can appear dark red or purplish blue. Even if you don't develop a rash (and 30 percent of people do not), you can experience flu-like symptoms like fever, headache, muscle aches and joint pain—many of which are common with most tick-borne illnesses.

Most people will develop symptoms of a tick-borne disease (like fever) within a month of being bitten. But symptoms of Lyme disease can develop weeks or even months later, such as uncomfortable swelling in one or more joints (usually a knee), which is known as Lyme arthritis and emerges on average more than six months after initial infection, said Fallon.

"And if a rash or viral-like symptoms develop in the next few weeks," he added, "definitely consult your provider, as there may have been another attached tick that you missed."

*Kathleen Felton, Washington Post*

## Outdoor Notes

### KAYAK WORKSHOP MAY 23

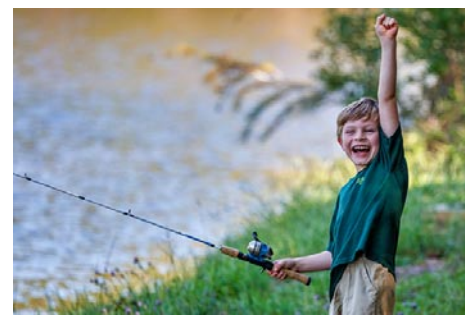
Haw River Assembly hosts a kayak workshop Saturday, May 23, at Farrington Point, Jordan Lake, as part of the Nature4All Diversity from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Raphael Darden of Xplore Kayak, a veteran-owned business, will provide kayak and paddling instruction in hopes of empowering more people to be confident on the water. Registration is \$5 per person at [www.hawriver.org/nature4all-diversity-series](http://www.hawriver.org/nature4all-diversity-series).

### YOUTH CLINIC

Carrboro holds a youth fishing clinic for ages 5-15 Saturday, June 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Anderson Park Pond off NC54W. Cost is \$5/youngster and parent/guardian must attend. Fishing gear provided or bring your own. Go to [carrbororec.org](http://carrbororec.org) to register.

### FISHING FESTIVAL

The Fintastic Fishing Festival will be held Saturday, June 13, at the Pechmann Fishing Education Center in Fayetteville, as part of the National Fishing & Boating Week cele-



bration. Families with children 15 and younger are invited to enjoy a full day of fishing fun, hands-on learning and outdoor adventure.

With over 12 interactive exhibits and demonstrations, this is a good way to learn about fishing and the role anglers play in conserving North Carolina's fisheries.

### READERS' CHOICE

SkiBig3's Banff Sunshine in Alberta, Canada, was voted Best Ski Destination in Visitors' Choice Awards by

Other award winners for the 25-26 season: Best All-Mountain Terrain: Jackson Hole. Most Family Friendly: Winter Park. Best Terrain Park: Copper Mountain. Best Après-Ski: Telluride. Best Ski Area for Beginners: Purgatory. Best Small Ski Area: Wolf Creek.

### TRAVEL DESTINATION

Cape Lookout National Seashore, N.C., a National Park Service area, is accessible only by boat, either a ferry or private watercraft, was among ten less-crowded beach destinations to get away from it all, travel experts suggested to a Washington Post reporter.

## Drought Conditions Continue In N.C.

Recent rain showers haven't really impacted the drought conditions facing Tar Heel counties, but the N.C. Forest Service did drop the burn ban for outside fires, meaning fireworks can resume at Durham Bulls games and campers can cook dinner over small open fires at Jordan Lake. Just be careful.

N.C. Drought Monitor reported 59 percent of the state is in extreme drought as of May 7, 34 percent severe drought, 1 percent exceptional drought, 45 percent moderate drought. Triangle counties are in the extreme drought category. OWASA Water Watch said reservoirs were 85 percent full after recent rains.

## Community News

A Summer Food Truck Rodeo takes place Sunday, May 31, 12-4, at Durham Central Park downtown.

Other events of note there: May 15, June 12, Foodie Faire, 5:30-9:30 p.m.; May 16, Community Roots Festival, 3-8 p.m.; May 23, A Taste of Soul, 3-9 p.m.

Chapel Hill/Carrboro Juneteenth Celebration slated Friday, June 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hargraves Center, Chapel Hill. Live performances, speakers, history exhibits, market, vendors. Free.

North Carolina high schools will add girls flag football in the fall and boys volleyball in the spring next year. At the moment, about 150 schools already have flag and the sport got a big boost with a \$1M donation in May from the Tepper Foundation of Charlotte.

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## Projected Football Wins

The four North Carolina-based ACC schools are expected to have differing outlooks for football this fall. Projected win totals were UNC 4.5, Duke 5.5, Wake Forest 5.5, N.C. State 6.5, according to CBS Sports.

Other ACC schools: Boston College, 3.5, Cal 6.5, Clemson 7.5, FSU 6.5, Ga. Tech 6.5, Louisville 7.5, Miami 10.5, Pitt 7.5, SMU 8.5, Stanford 3.5, Syracuse 4.5, Va. 7.5, Va. Tech 7.5.

## Football News

Six ACC players (Miami 3, Clemson 2, Ga. Tech 1) were drafted by the NFL in the first round. They ranged from pick number 10 through 29 ... For the first time since 2016 no UNC players were drafted, ACC total was 38, tied with Big 12 for third in the Power 5 behind SEC 87, Big 10 68. Miami and Clemson had 9 each among 13 ACC schools ... Duke coach Manny Diaz was rewarded with a contract extension through 2031 for winning the ACC last season ... Way Too Early Rankings from SI: Notre Dame 1, Oregon 2, Ohio State 3, Miami 4, Georgia 5, and SMU 17, Va, Tech 25... Wake Forest and Syracuse will open the 2027 college football season in Week 0 in Toronto, "closer to the Atlantic Coast than Stanford."...

## Community News

"Happy Birthday DEX!" commemorating local music legend Dexter Romweber is on exhibition through July 11 at the Drakeford Library Complex in Carrboro. Local artists exhibiting on Dexter Romweber: Mike Benson, Joel Bergquis, Michael Galinski, Ron Liberti, Marcela Slade, Katharine Whalen. John Michael Dexter Romweber II (June 18, 1966–Feb. 16, 2024) was an American rockabilly and roots rock musician (primarily playing electric guitar) from Carrboro.

Reese Brantmeier of UNC women's tennis had a really good month in April, named ACC Player of the Year for second consecutive season and won a \$2.02M settlement against NCAA over prize money rules.

The Second Land and Harvest Festival at Williamson Preserve, Old Country Mial Rd., Raleigh, Sunday, June 14, 12-4, features guided hikes, farmers' market, music, activities, food trucks. Free but register at [triangleland.org/event](http://triangleland.org/event).

## May Standings

### Carrboro Co-Rec Ultimate

Kelly 5-4 10, Purple 4-5 8, Orange 4-5 8, White 4-5 8.

### Carrboro Co-Rec Softball

Speakeasy Spirits 7-1, Street Walkin Cheetahs 5-3, Fightin Squids 3-5, Haw River Chuggernauts 1-7.

### Chapel Hill Co-Rec Volleyball

Volleybolls 3-0, Team Aiden 3-0, How I Set Your Mother 2-1, YMCAces 2-1, Dottie's Shaw ties 1-2, Notorious DIG 1-2, STCCU Stuff-u 0-3, Spence Perry 0-3.

### Chapel Hill Women Volleyball

Triangle Thunder 3-0, Spikeopahs 2-1, Volley Llamas 1-2, Kiss My Ace 0-3.

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**Over 30**—Mountain Goat FC 5-1-0 16, The Federal 4-1-1 1q3, Tugboat Depot 3-2-1 11, Still Limpin 2-1-3 7, Durham FC 1-1-4 4, Matienzo 0-0-6 0.

**Anderson Over 40**—Federal 4.0 5-1-0 16, Beercelona 5-0-1 15, Stroke City 4-1-1 13, OldCastle United 3-0-3 9, Boca Seniors 2-0-4 6, Boot Room FC 1-0-5 3, Wrexhamstring 0-0-6 0.

**Over 50 (8v8)**—TarDrewblers 4-2-0 14, Athleticco Descripto 4-1-1 13, Gray Sabbath 2-1-3 7, Old Riders 0-0-6 0.

**Studdard Rec 2**—Hilary Chi 2-0-1 6, Sporting Rose 2-0-1 6, Unicorn FC 1-0-2 3, Baby Ballers 1-2-3 3.

**O'Hara Rec 3**—Aztecs FC 6-0-1 18, Noir FC 5-0-2 15, Athletic Tri 4-0-3 12, Hot Pants FC 2-0-9 6, The Diamond Dogs 1-1-4 4, Black Sabbath 1-1-5 4.

### Final Standings

### Orange Co. Men's Basketball

Winter, Mud Dogs 8-1, Dynasty 8-1, Big Dawgs 5-4, King Ballers 5-4, Buckets 5-4, Petite Ballers 4-5, Leftovers 1-8, Airballers 0-9.

### Orange Co. Co-Rec Volleyball, Winter

I'd Hit It 16-2, Paislinators 3.0 14-4, Nash Street Tavern 13-5, Tool Time 13-5, Average Joe's 10-8, A Set to a Kill 10-8, Set Happens 9-9, Set It & Forget It 3-15, Setting Ducks 2-16, Hillsborough Hitters 1-17.

### Triangle Dart League, Winter/Spring

Darty Old Men 12-0 165-75 0.688, Dave's Not Here 10-2 158-82 0.658, We Need 'em All 6-6 121-119 0.504, MRDM-CR 5-7 116-124 0.483, STDW 5-7 109-131 0.454, Subway 3-9 92-148 0.383, One For Fun 1-11 79-161 0.329.

# Another View, Mine John Nieman

As we are in the playoff season for two of our country's top four sports, basketball and hockey, and beginning our third sport, baseball, I am drawn to the difference between how we decide championships here in the United States as opposed to the rest of the world.

In basketball and hockey, the teams play scores of regular season games to determine playoff position and draft picks. In football—while certainly fewer games—it is the same. Can anyone other than the most diehard sports fan say who won the most games last season in baseball, basketball, football and hockey? And if you are a team that realizes during the season that you are probably not going to make the playoffs or, if you do, are probably not going to go far, the only incentive that is left is to do poorly so that you can get a good draft choice.

This brings me to what I believe is the biggest unspoken scandal in sport: tankers. Teams don't even attempt to hide, and in fact, seem to be proud of the fact that they are intentionally losing games in order to increase their chances for a high draft pick.

The NBA is clearly the most guilty. I can't imagine the mindset of players who are either explicitly or implicitly instructed to lose games. And they are asked to lose these games so that the team can get players who are better than they are. It is corrupt.

Of course, this does not even address the issue of the integrity of the regular season. Playoff-bound teams whose schedule includes a majority of tanking teams certainly have an unfair advantage over other teams. Individual statistics are impacted.

One would think this is unacceptable, but the league does not appear to do anything. Fans of the teams that are tanking either delude themselves into thinking that this is for the future of the team and/or are satisfied with being able to enjoy spectacular performances by opposing players going against defenders who are playing to lose.

One of the most vivid memories of my youth was in 7th grade when, after I'd had a particularly bad game at catcher, the discussion of the team and coach was about who we could get to play catcher. This was well over 60 years ago and it is burned into my memory. And so I can't comprehend what

professional athletes, who have been at the top of the profession, must feel when put in the position of intentionally losing games so that they can be replaced.

Rather than just bemoan the situation, I have some suggestions:

For Major League Baseball, restore the integrity of the American and National leagues. Every team in each league plays every other team in their league an equal amount of games. The winners of the American League play the winners of the National League in the World Series. The remaining teams participate in a playoff and the winner of the playoffs plays the winner of the World Series at the beginning of the next season. Interleague play can continue, but the results are not counted in the standings and are mostly regular season exhibitions.

The NBA is now clearly the most corrupt. One way to fix the tanking could be to have the draft order be fixed by having the teams who fail to make the playoff pick in order of their regular season finish with the team with the best record picking first. Then the only tanking would be with teams who are trying to get in the playoffs. This would be offset by teams fighting to get higher up in the standings throughout the season.

Most everyone is happy with the way the NFL and NHL conduct their seasons and so I have no quarrel.

There are probably a myriad of reasons why these and other suggestions are unworkable, but clearly something has to be done. The NBA is becoming a group of players rather than a league of teams. The showcasing of individual performances has overtaken game results.

My suggestions for Major League Baseball undoubtedly spring from my nostalgic memories of getting the paper each morning and checking the standings in the American and National leagues, but the situation in the NBA is morally unacceptable for any true sports fan.

In the area of morality, I guess there is supposed to be some viewpoint with regards to the Patriots head coach and the sports reporter, but I can't really think of one. Perhaps next month or sometime in the future when it appears relevant to me.

*Most relevant to me at this point in my life: Fat Boy Index: 244*

# Media Sportswatch Joel Bulkley

Duke basketball has a pioneering multi-year deal with (Amazon) Prime Video to stream three marquee neutral site non-conference games next season with NIL options for players that could be a game-changer.

Duke will play UConn Nov. 25 in Las Vegas, Michigan Dec. 21 at Madison Square Garden and Gonzaga Feb. 20 (2027) in Detroit. This will be Prime Video's first entry into college hoops (sports) and exploits a loophole in conference TV contracts regarding nonconference neutral site games.

The deal apparently was approved by ESPN, which has ACC broadcast rights, in return for "considerations" (reportedly money and/or playing in later ESPN-organized tournaments). Fox Sports, which does Big Ten games, threatened legal action, claiming they had the Michigan rights, but more likely they were just jealous about Prime's initiative.

For UNC, it was another illustration of how far ahead Duke is in planning, executing and fundraising for men's basketball. They've been among the national leaders in NIL funding, recruiting, scheduling. Remember they hired a hoops GM, years ahead of Carolina.

Is the Amazon deal a test run?

For the ACC it could be a forewarning of things to come, much like Notre Dame's TV power and independent status in football. For Amazon, this pushes (encourages) sports fans to purchase a membership and subscribe.

Another black eye for UNC sports administrators came last month when The NY Times and Shelby Swanson of the N&O traced through public records how UNC had planned to replace the Smith Center by building a new arena on the former airport property at Carolina North and making the "official" announcement last December, and what happened next.

UNC Chancellor Lee Roberts, a Duke grad and businessman, was seen as the biggest culprit as he pushed for the new arena as a centerpiece for the budding North Campus.

The "Renovate Don't Relocate" movement formed in early December by former players, alumni and UNC supporters after being excluded from early arena plans. Since then discussion of arena plans was paused in March after Michael Malone was hired to succeed Hubert Davis. The idea of a new arena on campus (CSN, March 2026) was a third option, considered by some as a middle ground position and further muddied the water.

The new Topic A locally and nationally (beside the wildly successful Carolina Hurricane playoff run) is the 26 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the U.S., Canada, Mexico, with stories

and outrage daily on radio, TV, print over ticket prices, transportation issues and other stuff not related to soccer. Games start June 11.

One interesting story ("If Planning on Festivities for World Cup at a Bar Beware the 'FIFA Police.'") showed how FIFA is aggressive about protecting its intellectual property. Hence sponsor names like MetLife in New Jersey were removed from host stadiums. It's now called the NY/NJ Stadium. Names, logos, etc are considered their property during the games. Bars in host cities are scrambling to find names to call their watch parties that don't draw FIFA's ire.

News Tidbits. 97.9 on the Hill, Chapel Hill, shifted from CBS to ABC Radio News after CBS News was shuttered by new owner Paramount.

The staff of "Pablo Torre Finds Out" podcast, owned by theathletic.com, a division of the New York Times, was awarded the 2026 Pulitzer Prize in audio reporting for a four-part investigation of the LA Clippers and Kawhi Leonard. The Washington Post won the Pulitzer for Public Service for reporting on the Trump Administration widespread cuts to government agencies and services.

The editor and managing editor of the Charlotte Observer left and won't be replaced by McClatchy Co., the publisher. The owner is a hedge fund. They use regional editors and teams to lead Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh, South Carolina papers through an office in Charlotte as staffing continues to shrink.

Former Yankee broadcaster John Sterling, who did more 5,060 games, and Ted Turner who brought baseball and wrestling to a national audience on "super stations" WTBS and WTNT, along with national and international news on CNN, passed. Both were 87.

Charles Sifford, a Charlotte native who was the first African American to play on the PGA Tour, breaking the color barrier in 1961, was honored with an 8-foot bronze statue at Elizabeth Park near Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, during ceremonies prior to the Truist Championship. He died in 2015 in Cleveland.

Tiger Woods once said he wouldn't have made it to the PGA Tour if "Charlie hadn't broken down the Caucasian (only) clause" and named his son after Charlie.

Was surprised about the lack of media coverage when the Savannah Bananas played two baseball games in Kenan Stadium in front of 102,000 fans on an April weekend in Chapel Hill.