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Fall hunting season is nearly here. Check harvest numbers from last year along with info on 2026 on Page 5. PHOTO: BILL MAYNARD / HCC.CA

Deer Harvest Rises In NC, Drops In Triangle Area

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North Carolina recorded record deer harvests in two of the past three years, but Triangle counties reported harvest declines for three straight years.

Tar Heel hunters took nearly 200,000 deer last year, 10,000 more than the previous season, with three-fourths of the deer taken by gun. Bow hunters accounted for 13,206, crossbows 14,285, blackpowder 21,360. There are 1.3M white-tail deer in the state, according to state wildlife estimates.

Meanwhile, Chatham, Durham, Orange, Wake saw fewer deer taken. Orange dropped from 2,051 in 2024-25 to 1,886 in 25-26, Chatham from 2,558 to 2,481, Durham 927 from 1,009 and Wake 1,900 from 2,027. The

highest number (3,009 was in Chatham in 23-24.

N.C. deer biologist April Pope explained, “The numbers for last year weren’t too different compared to several years prior, but it is a little concerning that there has been a decline for multiple years.

“The NC deer population is around 1.3 million, and many Piedmont counties have deer populations that are high (>50 deer per square mile) and that aren’t decreasing. I think you hit the nail on the head—urbanization is causing there to be fewer places to hunt, whether it is due to decreasing parcel sizes, land being sold and developed, or concerns dealing with human safety.

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Orange Seniors Win Contested Age Group Battles

More than 350 athletes and artists ages 50+ participated in the 2026 Orange County Senior Games and Silver Arts. Some won medals by default if they were the only age group entry, others had to face one, two or three challengers to advance. Most local medal winners are eligible for the State Finals in the fall, primarily in the Raleigh area.

Here are Orange medal winners in the contested events—sports and arts:

Archery, conv-recurve with sight, 60-64, Brian Barnett, first, 704 score. Jack Urruh, second, 626; conv-recurve barebow, 55-59,

Marcel Laurens, first, 706, Chris Wallace. Second, 353.

Badminton Singles, 60-64, Yi Chen first, Bill Wigger second; 70-74, Jawahir Basher first, Lee Schimmelfing second, Daryl Jones third; 75-79, Milt Sherman first, Velu Puvy second.

Badminton Doubles, 60-64, Lee-Ching Zhu and Sarandha Pandit first, Susan Ashbacher and Wendelin Chzran second; 70-74, Daryl Jones and Jawohir Bashir first, Lee Schimmelfing and Milt Sherman second.

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Soccer Complex Posed For Southern Orange

Orange County wants to sell about 45 acres on Millhouse Road in north Chapel Hill for a non-profit owned and operated field sports complex that would provide private and public use. Bids for the property, near Duke Forest, are due Sep. 18. There would be deed restrictions to guarantee continued field use.

The leading candidate reportedly is the N.C. Football Club of Raleigh, a nonprofit and well-regarded youth soccer provider, according to Panoramic Orange column last month by Terri Buckner.

The property was purchased by the county for \$1,260,500 in 2004 as a future park site and considered likely to be paired with Chapel Hill fields to host weekend soccer tournaments and attract tourist spending. Its proximity to I-40 was considered a key asset.

But Chapel Hill’s rec leadership changed, no longer interested (after they got turf fields at Cedar Falls) and didn’t have any funds for park development. The county had other pri-

orities and no money. Then the game changed.

The N.C. Football Club approached the county about buying the property and building fields with private money.

The county commissioners apparently first discussed the matter at a November 2025 work session and again March 17 when they moved ahead on putting it on the market. The project again was reviewed July 9 when they agreed to proceed with solicitation of offers to purchase. A new appraisal (\$648,000) for the land was received.

The purchaser will be responsible for building, maintaining fields for soccer, lacrosse, or other field sports and parking, restrooms, stormwater retention, storage facilities. There will be memoranda requiring public access and continued use of the fields. If the fields aren’t used as intended, the county said, the land will revert back to them.

The size of the parcel was reduced from **SOCCKER COMPLEX, Cont. on page 4**

Orange County Hoops League Boasts Record 22 Summer Teams

The Orange County men’s summer basketball league in Hillsborough, which usually draws 6-12 teams, had a record 22 this year. Two dropped out and 16 made the post-season playoffs.

Where’d they come from?

Supervisor Kevin Bradsher said, “We aren’t entirely sure where the increase in teams came from. There were a couple of additional teams out of Chapel Hill, and at least one that I’m aware of from Durham. It also appears that a team that was new to our winter 2026 league brought an additional team with them for the summer season.

“I had this question myself—was there an adult league that wasn’t operating this season, or did some of these teams communicate amongst themselves? Unfortunately, I can’t give a definitive answer. Captains can sometimes be too busy to respond to questions like that, so it’s difficult to get a clear picture of where everyone came from.

“Hopefully, we’ll see some of this growth carry over into our winter 2027 season.”

The post season tournament finals are Sunday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. at Central Rec Center, Hillsborough. Still standing after the quarters were #9 Send Help, #4 Harambe, #7 Mud Dogs, #6 Buckets. For final regular season standings see Page 6.

By the way, Chapel Hill hasn’t had a men’s adult hoops league in about a decade. *J.B.*

UNC Football

Here’s the UNC schedule with home games all caps:

Aug. 29, TCU, Dublin, Ireland, 12 noon, ESPN.

Sep. 2, EAST TENN. STATE, 12 noon, ACC Network ; 19, at Clemson, 12 noon, ACCN.

Oct. 3, NOTRE DAME; 10, at Pitt; 17, at Duke; 24, SYRACUSE; 31, MIAMI.

Nov. 7, at UConn, 12 noon, CBS Sports Network; 14, LOUISVILLE; 21, at Virginia; 28, N.C. STATE.

UNC was 15th in ACC media pre-season poll; Miami first, SMU second, Louisville third, Stanford last. In the 2025 poll the top five finished in the top five but not in the order of the final standings.

Chapel Thrill pre-game concerts will continue two hours before each home contest. One highlight will be DJDiesel (Shaquille O’Neal) Sep. 2 at 10 a.m.

**Inside:
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Eagles Flourish**

Fall Running Coming Sep. 16

The next issue of CSN (Sep. 16) will highlight Fall Running, with emphasis on local, Triangle and Tar Heel races and events, plus Chip Bremer commentary on College Hoops.

Send your fall race info to joelcsn1@gmail.com by Labor Day. Fall Biking/NCAA Hoops follows in October.

NC Road Races

August 22

3rd Run for Refugees 5K, Miracle Park, 473 Morehead Ave., Durham, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

18th CORA Run for Their Lives 5K/10K, Sanford, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

Night Nation Run, 5K novelty run with music, Koka Booth Amph, Cary, 8 p.m., [runsignup.com](#).

The Rescue Run 5K, Asheville, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

Lions Roar 5K, Statesville, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Mountain Valley Mile, 1m, multiple divisions, Waynesville, 6:50 p.m., [runsignup.com](#).

August 23

Muddy Princess 5K mud run, women-only, NC Motorsports Park, Henderson, 8 a.m.-12 noon, [active.com](#).

The Dream Mile, 10K/5K /1m, Cedar Fork Park, Morrisville, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

August 29

Boone & Sean Good Samaritan Memorial 5K, Bray Park, Siler City, 9am, [runsignup.com](#).

2nd Triple Nickel Remembrance Run, 5.6m, Fort Bragg, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#) by 8/28. *Live & Virtual*.

Zebulon B&G Club 5K, Zebulon, 8a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 5

50th Apple Festival 8K/5K, Hendersonville, 8 a.m., [race-roster.com](#).

PHS Marching Band 5K, Huck Stansbury Park, Roxboro, 9:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 7

Labor Day Lighthouse 5K, Buxton, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

HBCU Stem Education Run 5K, Anderson Park, Raleigh, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 12

6th 9/11 Commemorative 5K, Graham, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Love Durham 5K, Herndon Park, Durham, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Rolesville Run to Remember 5K, Redford Place Park, 8:46 a.m., [rolesvillenc.recdesk.com](#).

Pups & Pastries 6.5m/5K, WMSP, Cary, 8:30 a.m., mass start, run with your dog., [runsignup.com](#).

Joggin' for Frogmen 9/11 Heroes Run 5K/10K, Sugg Farm, Holly Springs, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

8th Dirty Dozen 5K Obstacle Mud Run, Long Family YMCA, Clemmons, multiple heats, 7:30a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

13th Sola Hot Mini 5K, 7705 Lead Mine Rd., Raleigh, 8:30 a.m., [fsseries.com](#).

6th Salute Trail Run 5K/10K, Hope Farms Conover, [raceroster.com](#), 9 a.m.

September 13

Donate Life NC Hero Run 5K, Herndon Park, Durham, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

13th Canes 5K, Lenovo Center, Raleigh, 8:15 a.m., [event.sportreach.com](#)

Race to the Cure Sarcoma NC 5K, WMSP, Cary, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

September 19

I Am Too Sexy 5K, Blackwell Street, Durham, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

20th/Final North Hills 5K, Trinity Baptist Church, 4815 Six Forks Rd., Raleigh, 8:45 a.m., [northhills5k.com](#).

Wishmaker 5K, Surf City, 8:10 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Northern OBX Salt and Sand Run 5K/10K, Powells Point, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 20

Hope Clinic 5K, Burlington, 9 a.m. [elon.edu/online/reg/healthsciences/hopeclinic/order.aspx](#).

September 26

5th Strides for Stem 5K, Old Well, UNC, Chapel Hill, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Vets to Vets United 5K9 Dog Jog, WMSP, Cary, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

14th NCVAN Know Hope 5K, Lake Benson Park, Garner, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

Central Children's Home of NC XC Festival 5K, Oxford, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

11th Shea's Chase 5K, Greensboro, 10:15 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

Around the World Run 5K, Cape Fear Botanical Garden, Fayetteville, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

She Rocks Run 5K, Long Leaf Park, Wilmington, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#). *Live & Virtual*.

September 27

17th Cleft Palate Gallop 5K, Old Well, UNC, Chapel Hill, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Stead Tread 5K, Solite Park, Durham, 9a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

16th Keep Pounding 5K, Levine Cancer Center, Charlotte, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

NC Multisports

August 22

Foothills Tri Fest, Isothermal Community College, Spindale, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 9

Brick Endurance Sprint Tri Race 4 (series finale), 400y swim, 11m bike, 2m run, Rolling View SRA, Durham, 6 p.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 12

Belews Lake Olympic Tri/Duathlon, Stokesdale, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

OBX Sprint/Olympic Tri, Manteo, [itsyourrace.com](#).

September 12-13

White Lake Fall International (Sat)/Double Sprint Tri (Sun), White Lake, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

NC Distance

August 22

Summer's Done HM/9.8m/6.6m/10K trail, Bond Park, Cary, 7 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Copperhead 20K, Hampstead, 5 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Dark Horse Trail Run M/HM/10K, Mill Springs, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

August 29

Asheville Craft Beer HM/10K/5K, Pack Square, Asheville, 7 a.m., [runsignup.com](#) by 8/28.

September 5

Labor Day Trail Run 15K/5K, Whitewater Center, Charlotte, 7am, [whitewater.org/race](#).

Take The Lake 16m/5K, Elizabeth Burkley Park, Lake Waccamaw, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 12

2nd Cane Creek Mountain Trail Run, HM/10K, Snow Camp, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Carpe Diem/Carpe Nocten HM/10K/Double trail, Hagan Stone Park, Pleasant Garden, 8:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

NC Bike Rides

September 5

Take the Lake 16m ride, Brinkley Park, Lake Waccamaw, 2 p.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 12

4th Gears for Goldens, 18-62m, The Plant, Pittsboro, 8 a.m., [event.racereach.com](#).

September 19

Ahoskie Colon Cancer Ride 5K-100K, Ahoskie, 8:30 a.m., [itsyourrace.com](#).

OBX Charity Ride, 100m, Currituck Light House, Corolla, 7 a.m., [bikereg.com](#), [outerbankscentury.org](#).

September 13

Lake Davidson Sprint Tri, Davidson, 7:30 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 19

Over Under Biathlon, Surf City, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 26

Battle at Buckhorn Sprint Tri, Simms, 8a.m., [fsseries.com](#).

Outdoorsmen Tri, swim/run/paddle, Bryson City, [outdoorsmantriathlon.org](#).

YMCA Wrightsville Beach Sprint Tri, 6:50a.m, [runsignup.com](#).

September 27

10th She Tris women-only Sprint Tri/Duathlon, Huntersville, 7 a.m. [runsignup.com](#).

September 13

Lake Summit 10m, Tuxedo Park, Zirconia, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 19

Marine Corps HM, Camp Lejeune, 7 a.m., [lejeunenewriver.usmc-mccs.org/recreation-fitness/marine-corps-half-marathon](#).

Pilot Mtn to Hanging Rock Ultra & Relay, 50m/50K trail, Danbury, 6 a.m., [runsignup.com](#) by 9/16.

Pisgah 12 Hour Adventure Race Nebo, 9 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Table Rock Ultras 50K/30K Morganton, 7 a.m., [ultrasignup.com](#).

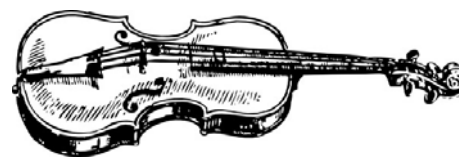
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Corolla Ten Miler, Corolla Park, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

September 26

21st Run for Green HM/10K/5K, Davidson, 7:45 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).

Salem Lake Trail Runs, 30K/7m/5K, Winston-Salem, 8 a.m., [runsignup.com](#).



N.C. Music Festivals

August

20-22, 12th The Big What, Shakori Hills, Pittsboro.

21-22, 27th N.C. Beach Blast Festival, Kings Mountain. Free.

22-23, Carolina Bloom Music Festival, 10 indie bands, Charlotte Iron District.

29, Inaugural Mash Fest, Eden.

29, Raleigh Wood Festival, multi genre, Poole Rd., Raleigh, 1-11 p.m.

September

3-5 Camp Springs Labor Day Bluegrass Festival, Elon.

3-6, Earl Scruggs Music Festival, Mill Spring.

3-6, Wild Goose Festival, Harmony.

4-6, Boomtown Arts & Heritage FestAVL, Asheville. Free, RSVP at website.

5, Stonington Farms Music Fest, Kinston.

5, Charlotte Soul Fest, First Ward Park, Charlotte.

5-6, 31st ProgDay, Storybrook Farm, Chapel Hill.

5-6, 15th John Coltrane International Jazz and Blues Festival, High Point.

6, New River Blues Festival, Grassy Creek.

10-12, 16th Hopsotch, 100+ bands, downtown Raleigh—City Plaza (fees), Moore Square (free), club shows (fees).

11-12, 20th Mountain Song Festival, Brevard.

11-12, Blue Bear Music Festival, Todd.

12, Carolina Bible Camp Bluegrass Festival, Mocksville.

12, Mira Music Festival, The Fair Barn, Pinehurst.

17-19, 19th Hoppin' John Old-Time Bluegrass Fiddlers Convention, Shakori Hills, Pittsboro.

18-20, N.C. Folk Festival, 40+ bands, multiple stages, downtown Greensboro. Free.

19, Third Uwharrie Music Fest, Albemarle.

19, 33rd Creedmoor Music Festival, downtown Creedmoor, 10-5. Free.

20, 4th Mystic Music Festival, 5 bands, Mystic Farm & Distillery, Mineral Springs Rd., Durham, 1-7 p.m.

23-26, Antlers & Acorns: The Boone Songwriters Festival, Boone.

25-26, Breakaway Carolina, Zmax Dragway, Concord, 3-11 p.m.

25-26, 6th Carolina Indie Fest, Hugger Mugger Brewery, Sanford. Free.

25-27, Black Mountain Blues Festival, Black Mountain.

26, Brewstock Music Festival, Gastonia.

26, 15th Groove Jam Music Festival, DooDad Farm, Greensboro. No alcohol.

27, 29th Carrboro Music Festival, 100+ acts, downtown Carrboro, 1 p.m. Free. Cradle show, open mic at Town Commons 2-4 p.m. Sat.

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Popular fall Triangle festivals are coming.

The 50th Lazy Daze Arts and Crafts Festival, 250 artists, 4 entertainment stages, 25+ food trucks, at Cary Town Hall Campus 9-5 Aug. 22-23. Free.

Hog Day takes place Sep. 11-12 at River Park, downtown Hillsborough, with food, music, crafts, children's area, classic car show. Hours 6-10 Fri, 10-6 Sat. Free.

CenterFest will be held Sep. 19-20 in downtown Durham. Hours are 10-6 Saturday, 11-5 Sunday. The festival features a juried visual art market, live music, kids' art activities, food vendors. Free, but \$5 donation suggested to support Durham Arts.

RECYCLE!

Eagles Rugby Wins In Cary

USA Eagles men beat Spain 29-22 in Cary for the third straight victory in Rugby Nations Cup. Halftime was 19-12. It was the first international rugby match in Cary since 2015. USA was ranked 14 in world, Spain 16. Attendance was 7,000+.

On July 4, the Eagles downed Zimbabwe 31-15 in Charlotte. These matches are part of the buildup for the 2027 Rugby World Cup in the U.S.

A former UNC heavyweight wrestler Cory Daniel, 24, switched sports in 2020 and has developed into one of the most dependable forwards for the U.S. team, according to a report by UNC Rugby’s Megan Lenehan. He leads Major League Rugby in total tackles and was All-MLR first team.

Earlier in the day, Triangle Invitational 7s tournament, organized by CGRU, was played at WMSP (8 men, 8 women teams). Raleigh Pit Vipers (20 points) were first in men and Scion Sirens (20) first in women. Tobacco Road Rugby (17) was fourth in men, Eno River (11) sixth in women. Teams played four matches.

Previously, Eno River finished second at Beer City 7s in Asheville. Scorers were Mads, Ally, Isaac, Kasy. BOPs were Ally and Alyssa.

State Games Medal Winners

Local medal winners at BodyArmor State Games in the Greensboro area:

Mountain Biking

Owen Jones of Chapel Hill was second and William Anders Suarez Tejada of Carrboro third cat 2 19-39 (3 laps).

Chapel Hill’s Claudia Baum was first and Vivienne Myers second junior girls 15-18 (3 laps).

Pickleball

Douglas Burleson/Clifford Chu of Pittsboro were third in MDoubles 4.0-4.5 (age 8-49) and first MDoubles 4.0-4.5 (age 50+).

Channah Valkos/Lauren Dickinson of Hillsborough were third WDoubles 3.5-4.5 (age 8+). There were only nine pickleball divisions for the summer event in Greensboro.

Pickleball Tournaments

Sep. 19-20, 5th Dinking for Duchene, Piney Wood Park, Durham. Deadline 9/11.

Oct. 3, 4th Pickle4Paws, Ephesus Park, Chapel Hill., Deadline 10/12.

Oct. 9-12, The BC Games for Diabetes Research, Briar Chapel, Chapel Hill. Deadline 9/18.

Oct. 17, Serve & Support, Ephesus Park, Chapel Hill. Deadline 10/12.

Oct. 23-25, The Farm Pickleball Autumn Invitational, Chapel Hill. Deadline 10/18.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 4th Pickle for Pink, Duke Faculty Club, Durham. Deadline 10/28.

Nov. 7-8, 2nd Pickleball Fall Brawl, Piney Wood Park, Durham. Deadline 10/30.

To register for these events go to app.pickleballden.com.

Dribbling For Victory Over Cancer Sep. 13

The fifth annual Dribble for Victory Over Cancer takes place Sunday, Sep. 13, at Carmichael Arena. UNC basketball, in partnership with Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation and V Foundation, is raising funds for cancer research. Register and make a donation at thedribble.org.

Registration starts at 10 a.m., welcome ceremony at 11, dribbling on an on-campus route begins at 11:20, lunch served for participants at 12. Individuals, families, clubs, teams can participate and interact with UNC men/women players, coaches. Last year they raised more than \$122,000.

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Basketball Shooting, 55-59, Ali Hubbard, made 12 of 18, first, Clare Mullman, 10, second, Jennifer Arnold, 6, third; 60-64, Carmelita DeGraffinreed, 13, first, Linda Bourne, 12, second, Robin Mills, 12, third; 70-74, Monica Lewis, 13, first, Jo Ann Shelby, 9, second, Cinderella Jackson. 8, third; 75-79, Mary Terry, 9, first, Catherine Matthews, 8, second, Angela Andrews, 6, third; 70-74, David Chu, 13, first, Thomas Di Martino, 11, second; 75-79, Mark Herboth, 12, first, Mark Goodwillie, 8, second.

Basketball Teams, 3v3, Female 50+ Steel Cans, captain Sarah Hains, first, Silver Storm, captain Julia Collins second.

Billiards, 75-79, Mark Herboth first, Chris Smith second; 80-84, Richard Howerton first, Chris Smith second.

Bocce, 70-74, Tom Swanekamp first, Lee Schimmelfing second; 75-79, John Gaegler first, Bruce Buley second, Mark Herboth third; 85-89, Thomas Stumpf first, Dewitt

Top Hoops Shooters Defect To Durham

In past years a mix of Durham and Orange basketball shooters dominated the Orange County Senior Games. This year Durham players defected, stayed home and dominated the Durham County Senior Games 70-74 age group hoops shooting leaderboard.

Here are the Durham results: Mike Sardi first, making 17 of 18, Kelly Turner second, 16, Chuck Friend and Kevin Reily deadlocked for third, 15, Kevin Kelly fifth, 14, Wayne Terrell, sixth, 13. Many of them play for Double Nickels, a senior 3v3 team.

USA-Spain Soccer Teases ‘27 World Cup

Defending World Cup soccer champion (women) Spain and second-ranked Team USA will meet twice in October friendlies on the East Coast.

They’ll play Oct. 10 at Audi Field, Washington, DC, at 2:30 p.m. and Oct. 13 at Subaru Park in Chester, PA, at 7 p.m. in advance of the U.S. qualifying for the ‘27 Women’s World Cup in Brazil. Team USA plays El Savador Nov. 27 in Mansfield, TX, in the quarter finals of the CONCACAF championship.

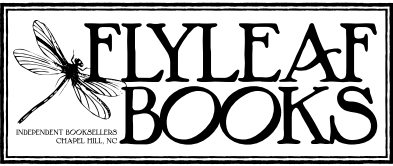
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Registration continues for fall bocce, women’s and co-rec volleyball leagues in Chapel Hill. Cost is \$125/team and games begin early September. They play once a week. Register at webtrac.townofchapelhill.org.

Makeup date for the N.C. Symphony summer concert at Southern Village Green, Chapel Hill, is Sep. 12 , 7:30 p.m. Free.

The A.D. Clark outdoor pool at Hargraves Center, Chapel Hill, closes for the season Labor Day. Pool’s open daily for recreational swimming.

9th Annual Beyond: The Cary Film Festival takes place Sep. 10-13. The opening night feature is “Joan Little.”



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Bocce Doubles local only, 70-74, Lee Schimmelfing & Bruce Buley first, Tom Swanekamp & Lucas Giordano second.

Bowling Singles, David Nagelhout first, 548, Mark Williamson second, 409.

Cornhole Singles, 60-64, Jeff Wiebe first, Amar Shrestha second; 70-74, Jim Holloway first, Lee Schimmelfing second; 75-79, John Gaegler first, Mark Herboth second.

Croquet local only 75-79, Earlien Burch first, Ronnie Graham second; 80-84, Suzanne Porter first, Linda Blummer second.

Cycling/mile, 70-74, Gary Archer, first, 03:21.12, Jim Holloway, second, 03:15.35. 10K. 70-745 Hunt Covington, first, 18:54.31, Gary Archer, second, 24:23.41; 5K, 65-69, Bob Gingrich, first, 10:29.15, Thomas Hoerger, second, 12:06.50; 70-74, Albert Lauitano, first, 9:57.37, Gary Miller, second, 13:21.61.

Discus Throw, 55-59, Jennifer Marmarino, first 41/5, Stacie White second, 39/19; 75-79, Marci Kirtley first, 49/0, Mary Terry second, 39/4, Catherine Matthews third, 31/5; 65-69, Mark Williamson first, 91/4, Thomas Hoerger second, 60/4; 80-84, Steve Levitt first, 80/6, George Cliette second, 61/3.

Football Throw, 75-79, Marcia Kirtley first 140, Catherine Matthews second, 130, Mary Taylor third, 90; 65-69, Keith Harris, first, 80, Mark Williamson second, 50, Thomas Hoerger third, 40.

Golf, 65-69, Bryan Hedrick first, 79, Charles Hooker second, 80; 70-74, Gary Archer first, 85, Richard Ashe second, 97.

HERITAGE ARTS, Jewelry, 60-64, Kim Casadonte, first, spring, Gail Crane second, chainmaille bracelet, Carolyn Inselmann third, Mardi Gras bracelet. **Knitting**, 65-69, Karin Fitzpatrick, first, Amami sweater, Poly Riseling second, variations of blue, 65-69, Kimberly Dunn, third, Easy Does It with beach view. **Needlework**, Jack Gibson, first, The faces of Mardi Gras; Helen Frederick second, Summer Favorites. **Quilting**, machine stitched, Donna Musson first, Forest Friends, Jack Gibson second, Stars & Stripes. Stained **Glass**, Alvaro Maury, first, Flowers Dream, Bonnie Earnhardt, second, What’s the Point? **Woodcarving**, Mark Herboth, first Candle Tray, Michael Mitchell second, Kidney Bean, Joan Cecil third, Lynyrd. **Woodturning**, Michael Mitchell first Square Bowl, Mike Herboth second, second, Candleholder.

Horseshoes, 75-79, Mark Herboth first, John Gaegler second.

Standing Long Jump, 75-79, Mary Terry first, 4/2, Linda Wells second, 4/0.

Pickleball Singles, 75-79, Catherine Matthews first, Jane Schroeder second; 60-64, John Kerr first, Abel Macabangon second, Alex Dusek third; 70-74, Kevin Bamba first, Christian Schwoerke second, Barry Hupp third;

Pickleball Doubles, 60-64, Stacey Koval & Jane Schroeder first, Cecilia Csapo & Diana Tracey second, Carmen Carreno & Barbara Wiebe third; 65-69, Pamela Sanger & Helen Tompkins first, Lisa Warren & Audrey Lin second; 60-64, Abet Macabangon & Alex Dusek first, David Swanson & Charles Hooker second. Martin Glaude & Mark Willhoit third; 65-69, Chuck Newman & Joe Sinsangkeo first, Chris Boulton Michael Liles second, Tracy Tsuetaki & Pat Keenan third; 70-74, Kevin Bomba & David Test first, Barry Hupp & Richard Ashe second, Michael Bradley & Auriel Seleszeanu third; 75-79, Thomas Olson & Vincent Quinn first, Al Mendelsohn & Richard Gunnels second.

Pickleball Mixed Doubles, 60-64, Anne Dusek & Alex Dusek first; Xianoshu Wong & Oei Coreen second; 65-69, Kurt Yokum & Pamela Sager first, Staci Newlin & Charles Hooker second; 70-74, Kevin Bomba & Barbara Teagarden first, Auriel Selezeanu & Linda Godwin second, Christian Schwoerke & Lois Maple third; 75-79, Jane Schroeder & Howard Schroeder first, Renu Annechiarico & Tim Hubbard second, Martha Wolf & Vincent Quinn third.

Shot Put, 75-79 Marcia Kurtley first, 21/16, Mary Terry second, 16/11, Catherine Matthews third, 13/7; 65-69, Thomas Hoerger first, 22/10, Mark Williamson second 22/10.

Softball Throw, 75-79, Mary Terry first 71/3, Catherine Matthews second, 66/6, Maria Kirtley third, 64/3.

Swimming, 100 free, 65-69, Joanne Field first, 01:30.31, Joan Levitt second, 01:40.19, Beth Rosenberg third, 01:43.20. 200 Free, 65-69, Joanne Field first, 03:29.83, Suzette Wilder second, 04:34.86; 50 Breast, 65-69, JB Culpepper first, 01:01.22, Beth Rosenberg second, 01:06.14; 50 Free, 65-69, Joan Lewvitt first, 041.38, Beth Rosenberg second, 043.81, JB Culpepper third, 0:45.19. 85,89, Mary Ann Peter first, 0:56.01, Sharon Roggenbuck second, 1:22.08.

Table Tennis Singles, 75-79, Arlene Green first, Carolyn Bennett second, Catherine Matthews third; 70-74, Alan Johnson first, Lee Schimmelfing second; 75-79, Siva Vialpak Kann first, Uttam Shah second, Gregg Gerdau third.

Table Tennis Doubles, 75-79, Carolyn Barrett & Hilary “Sunny” Ladd first, Catherine Matthews & Marguerite Leclezio second; 75-79, Uttam Shah & Arthur Finn first, Gregg Gerdau & Richard Lesperance second.

Table Tennis Mixed Doubles, 60-64, Amar Shrestha & Arlene Green first, Cecilia Csapo & Mark Willhoit second; 70-74, Lee Schimmelfing & Catherine Matthews first, Sandy Hammersly & Utam Shah second; 65-69, Connie Brown & Philip Cook first, David Nagelhout & Linda Nagelhout second.

Tennis Singles, 85-89, Robert Rose first, Bruce Wieland second.

TRACK & FIELD, 100m Dash, 65-69, Suzette Wilder first, 0:21.09, Quanda Turner second, 0:23.01, 75-79, Mary Terry first, 20.28, Linda Wells second, 24.78; 85-89, Sharon Roggenbuck first, 27.56, Jeanette Boxill second, 44.47; **1500 run**, 60-64, Roxanne Springer first, 06:16, Mary-Russell Roberson second, 8:28; 65-69, Ronald Kramer first, 5:44.0, Thomas Hoerger second, 6:05.0; **200 dash**, 55-59, Libia Rodriguez first, 32.31, Amy Fowler second, 39.53; 400 dash, Libia Rodriguez first, 01:18.40, Amy Fowler second, 01:28.25; 60-64, Roxanne Springer first, 1:21.19, Lucinda Covington second, 1:32.03, Mary-Russell Roberson third, 1:48.13; 60-64, Jim Hussey, first, 1:15.69, John Intintolo second, 1:23.07; 65-69, Ronald Kramer first, 1:17.34, Thomas Hoerger second, 1:25.01; **50 dash**, 60-65, Quander Turner first, 10.38, Suzette Wilder second, 11.38; 85-89, Sharon Roggenbuck first, 14.88, Jeanette Boxill, second, 24.12; **800 run**, 65-69, Ronald Kramer first, 3:12.64, Thomas Hoerger second, 3:12.72, Charles Rainey third, 3:17.40.

VISUAL ARTS, Acrylics, Jackie Tiryukian, first, The writing on the wall, Helen Frederick, second, Carolina’s Lighthouses, Cheryl Ulmer third, Sunset. **Drawing**, Helen Frederick first, Miss Spring Time, Walter Chestnut second, Sly Stone, Danielle Dodder, third, Horse Study. **Mixed Media 2D**, Leslye Sinn, Diwali, Denise Wilson, second, Barn Cat, Jayne Hanzak, third, Freedom. **Mixed Media 3D**, Nancy Gibson, first, Ramblin Man-Jacks..., Helen Frederick, second, Dad’s Favorite. **Oil**, Joan Cecil, first Miss Eva, Polly Fleming, second, Flight, Mark Williamson third, Pumpkin Sunset. **Pastels**, Helen Frederick, first Mmm Good, Tim Williams, second, Man with a hat. Photography-Digital, Kim Steffan, first, Are You The One...? Raymond Tice, second, Hands that create, Uttam Shah, third, The Thinker. **Sculpture**, Maria Justice, first, Rowdy Steampunk Teddy Bear, Bonnie Earnhardt, second, Autumn, Susan Hayman third, Contemplation. **Watercolor**, Mark Williamson, first, Pee Dee Doodle, Sarah Tillis, second, Blue Ridge Memory, Leslye Sinn, third, Going Up.

Rundown Downhill Mile

Noah Brinson (4:23.2) of Chapel Hill was second 19&U at Raleigh Rundown Downhill Mile (93). WT 4:01.7.
Edward Plant, Pittsboro, was first 40-49, 4:52.6.
In the women’s mile (77), Amy McFee, Chapel Hill, was third 50-59, 8:17.8. WT was 4:53.8.
The 13th Sir Walter Miler was held the previous night at Meredith College for elite runners.
Elite women WT was 4:23.45 (14 runners); Elite men 3:51.86 (13); 4x400 relay 3:53.94 (16).

Tvermoes Family Leads

Nicolai Tvermoes (1:01:23) and Brooke Tvermoes (1:12:48) of Chapel Hill were the local leaders at High Point Sprint Triathlon (265 age groupers). He was second 55-59 and she took second 45-49. WTs were 54:47 and 1:02:06. Distances were 500m swim, 13.5 mile bike, 3.1 mile run.
Other award winners: Sara Larson, Chapel Hill, second 50-54, 1:17:53; Larry Brace, Mebane, third 60-64, 1:18:56; Julia Hall, Pittsboro, second 15-19, 1:19:10; Meg Sheahan, Chapel Hill, third 45-49, 1:19:28; Jenna Halenda, Carrboro, third 25-29, 1:21:32.

Skiba First At New Hill Tri

Elizabeth Skiba (1:24:38) of Chapel Hill was first and Cindy Webster (1:37:42) third woman at Humans of Steel Sprint Triathlon at Harris Lake, New Hill (43 finishers, up from 38 last year). Men’s WT was 1:19:43, with Araw Gopinath, Chapel Hill, third, 1:30:10.
Matt Valentine, Chapel Hill, was first 55-59, 1:36:03, Louise Atkinson, first 45-49, 1:40:43; Michael Porter, second 35-39, 1:45:27.
Lucas Miles of Carrboro was second 40-44, 3:11:33, in Olympic Tri (24). WTs were 2:16:22 and 2:43:36.

Garrett Leads Third Brick Tri

Ty Garrett (43:14) was the leader at third Brick Endurance Sprint Tri in Durham (70 finishers). The women’s leader was Addy Laughlin (48:123). Hometowns N/A.
Arthur Privette (45:25) was second male, Vinton Euler (46:00) third. Emma Eastman (49:13) was second woman, Helenma Blexis (51:32) third.
The fourth and final event of the seventh season is Sep. 9. Distances are 400 yard swim, 11m bike, 2m run at Rollingview SRA, Falls Lake, Durham.

Youngsters Lead Socksquatch

Chapel Hill runners Shane Fitzgerald (31:11), age 15, and Raine Honeycutt (35:23), age 18, were the leaders at Sock-squatch 8K in Burlington (64 finishers).
Martha Hamblin (1:12:20) of Mebane won the 70+ age group.

Cooke Takes Beat The Heat 5K

Megan Cooke (19:03) of Hillsborough was the women’s winner at the 36th Beat the Heat 5K in Winston-Salem. Men’s WT was 16:36 for the RRCA state championship, organized by Twin City TC of Winston. There were 645 finishers, up from 574 last year at the county fairgrounds.
WTs in the elite races were 14:28 for men (21) and 16:22 for women (7). Entry standards for the race were 17:00 men, 19:20 women.

Jaspers Second In 5 Miler

Ilona Jaspers (41:42) of Carrboro was second woman overall at Common Rush Trail 5 Miler at Harris Lake CP in New Hill. WTs were 29:10 and 40:45 (168 finishers, up from 140 in 2025).
Local award winners: Ann Marie Kumfer, Chapel Hill, second 30-39, 45:50; MaryFaith Mount-Cors, Carrboro, third 50-59, 58:84; Diane Jacobs, Chapel Hill, first 60-69, 56:31, Catherine Singley, second, 1:20:05; Nancy Margolin, first 70+, 1:01:42; David McDuffie, Mebane, third 40-49. 40:33.
In the 10 Miler, winning times were 1:07:49 and 1:19:15 (117 finishers compared to 91 last year).
Daniel Gundler, Pittsboro, was second 50-59, 1:32:59, and David Weaver, Chapel Hill, second 60-69, 2:01:45.

Baskin First In 10K

Hana Baskin (39:37) of Chapel Hill was the women’s winner at Slam the Dam 10K at Lake Lure (148 finishers). MWT was 36:17. The race was canceled last year.
Allen Baddour (37:21) of Chapel Hill was third male and first 55-59; Kmalil Smith (55:19) of Chapel Hill third 45-49.

Running News

Matthew Holtry (21:56) of Chapel Hill was second male at Christmas in July 5K in Winston-Salem (99 finishers). WT was 21:36.
Wayne Eckert (29:24) of Chapel Hill was second 70+ at Wild Bill 5K in Raleigh (323 finishers, down from 386 in 2025). WT was 16:14.
Chapel Hill runners Vitesse Shalev (32:32) and Valerie Murrah (53:40) were third 40-44 and first 75-79 at Great Valdensian 5K (139) in Valdese. WTs were 38:26 and 38:27.
Mebane runners Jacob Harris (34:43) and Martha Hamblin (52:17) were first 30-39 and first 70+ at 10th Hobby Trails 5K in Winston-Salem (24). WTs were 24:27 and 25:49.

Race News

New fall local race: Oct. 10, Three Little Pigs Trail 5K, Pittsboro, at Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge, a sanctuary for rescued farm animals.
Fort Bragg closed the main post entrance for multi-year highway improvements. There are seven other access points, so allow extra time to get there for races.
An airport runway 5K in Charlotte Oct. 17 at Charlotte Douglas closed out in 15 minutes (1,650 runners). It’s a flat course with 1.2 inches of elevation.
Hinson Lake 24 HR Ultra Classic Sep. 26 in Rockingham is closed out; Sep.12, Sugg Farm Ultra, Holly Springs canceled; Oct. 24 Inaugural Apex HM is closed out.
The Sep. 24 Merck 5K in Durham is for employees only, and not open to the public.

Early Fall Local Races

August
22, Run for Refugees 5K, Miracle Park, Durham.
29, Good Samaritan Memorial 5K, Bray Park, Siler City.
September
12, 9/11 Commemorative 5K Run, Graham.
12, Cane Creek Mtn. Trail Run, HM/10K/5K, Snow Camp.
12, Love Durham 5K, Herndon Park, Durham.
13, Donate Life NC Hero Run 5K, Herndon Park, Durham.
19, I Am Too Sexy 5K, Durham.
20, HOPE Clinic 5K, Burlington.
26, Strides for STEM 5K, UNC, Chapel Hill.
27, Cleft Palate Gallop 5K, UNC, Chapel Hill.
27, Stead Tread 5K, Solite Park, Durham.

October
3, Carrboro 10K/5K, Carrboro.
3, First Pentecostal Church Color Blast 5K, Durham.
4, BH4H Sun Run 5K, Durham.
4, Historic Hillsborough HM/5K, Hillsborough.
4, UNC SHAC 5K, Chapel Hill.
4, Run for Resilience Ostomy 5K, Durham.
10, Three Little Pigs 5K Trail Run, Pittsboro.
11, Bright Futures Fun Run 5K, Durham.
17, Root Rock Trail HM/10K/5K, Briar Chapel, Chapel Hill.
17, Marine Corps League Semper 5K, Graham.
18, Bull City Race Fest HM/5K, Durham.
25, RDC M/HM/10K/5K, Durham.
25, Eno River Run 11/6m trail, Durham.
31, Crazy Running Zombie Mile, Burlington.

Other Area Distance Races

Oct. 4, Cary Greenway Tour HM/10K/5K, Cary.
Oct. 10, ATT 10/4m, Apex.
Oct. 24, Apex HM, Apex. Closed Out.

Outside the Triangle Races

Oct. 17, Medoc Trail Race 10/5m, Hollister.
Oct. 18, Cape Fear M/HM, Bald Head Island.
Oct. 24, Emerald Isle M/HM, Emerald Isle.
Oct. 24, Run Ocean Isle Beach HM/10K/5K.
Oct. 24, Triple Lakes Trail Races, 4m/40m/HM/40K/relay, Greensboro.
Oct. 31, Eastbound HM/5K trail, Charlotte Whitewater Center.

UNC Health Sprint Tri

Six area athletes earned awards at UNC Health Sprint Tri in NW Cary.
Millie Barritt, Chapel Hill, was first 50-54, 51:23; Reilly Jermyn, Hillsborough, first 16-19, 54:49; Alan Smeltz, Chapel Hill, third 45-49, 59:18; Sunil Gopinath, Chapel Hill, second master Clydesdale, 1:05:16; John Barbati, Pittsboro, second 75+, 1:13:53; Sharon Roggenbuck, Hillsborough, first 75+, 1:25:54.
WTs were 41:52 and 45:45 for 250y pool swim, 12.5m bike, 2m run.
Evan Hill (Whoa There Highspeed), Hillsborough, was first in relay teams, 40:33, with Devon Moore (Moore Duo), Carrboro, third, 59:01 (7 teams).

Community News

Duke Homestead showcases tobacco history on Bright Leaf Harvest Day and BBQ Fundraiser (\$12/plate) Saturday, Aug. 22, 10-2. Questions? Call 919-627-6990.
A charity softball game, coached by UNC players, between UNC Police and Carrboro and Chapel Hill Fire Rescue is part of a Saturday, Aug. 29, fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities at 1 p.m. at UNC’s Anderson Field (the bottom of Raleigh Road behind the UNC offices). Admission is free but donations of personal items for McDonald House guests will be accepted. Food and beverages will be sold.
Durham winter hoops league registration starts Sep. 15 at dpr.playmore.org. Games are M/W nights at Irving Holmes Rec Center at Campus Hills Nov. 14-Feb 24. Signup is by team only. Cost is \$475/team plus \$12 for each non-city player. Questions? Contact Jennifer.Bearman@durhamnc.gov. Free agents can register starting Sep. 8.



N.C. Bike News

Volunteers are needed for BikeFest, put on annually by Carolina Tarwheels, Saturday, Oct. 17, in Hillsborough, featuring four rides (35/45/62/100m). Funds raised are returned to the community through grants to cycling organizations and program support. Register at bikereg.com to ride, tarwheels.net to help ... Four local riders (Todd LoFrese, TJ Laughrey, Andy Olson, Jim Ray) completed a 3,500-mile ride from California to Savannah to promote Be Loud Sophie Foundation of Chapel Hill, and raised over \$19,000 ... The Five O Memorial Ride 50K/100K takes place Sep. 26 and is moving to Raleigh Law Enforcement Training Center from Wakefield HS ... Reach The Beach, fall distance rides from Apex and Benson to Wilmington, will not be held this year ... Jamal Torrance of Mebane was third KOM (7:58) 50m at Cup’n Cone Tour, Cary (100 riders). WT was 7:34 ... Edenton will be the host for Cycle NC’s Coastal Ride next spring (April 30-May 2) ...

Five Win Sprocket Harris Lake Races

Gaby Soden (49:16) of Chapel Hill was among local winners at Sprocket Fuel MTB races at Harris Lake, New Hill. She was first Beginner Female Open (8), 2 laps, and Wade Buchheit took first Intermediate 19-39 (14) in 50:81. There were a lot of race divisions and not many riders.
Three Chapel Hill riders were the only entries in their races: B. Pedraza (36:06) Junior 11-12F; Charlotte Leman (43:03) Junior 13-14F; H. Pedraza (40:54) Junior 6-10M.

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69 acres to 45 acres because some of it was environmentally sensitive with a stream and unsuitable for fields. The county could get a conservation easement for those 24 acres.
But it’s not all roses. The property is in the Joint Planning Area and Rural Buffer and has no water or sewer service, but the site is across the road from the Chapel Hill public works yard which has OWASA service.
The sale also could have a major impact on Chapel Hill’s budget. The town brought in nearly \$600,000 in field rentals, mostly soccer, last year.
CSN columnist and soccer advocate John Nieman commented, “I hope the fields can be used by an organization that promotes recreational, low entry cost, soccer rather than more ‘pay to play.’ But that is a dire hope.”

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Dove Season Starts Sep. 5

North Carolina’s three-part dove season runs Sep. 5-Oct. 10, Nov. 7-28, Dec. 16-Jan. 30, 2027.

Daily bag limit is 3 doves, with a possession limit of 9.

Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Hunting on Sunday is prohibited. Questions? Call 888-248-6834.

To report wildlife violations, call 1-800-662-7137.

Piedmont Sampler Skills Academy For Women Aug. 22

A free hands-on introduction to the Outdoor Skills Academy for Women event will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Alamance County Wildlife Club in Graham.

“By sampling a range of outdoor skills at this event, participants can begin building confidence, fostering connections and deepening their commitment to conservation,” said Western Engagement & Education Supervisor Casey Williams. “When women are able to explore these activities hands-on, they don’t just gain knowledge—they uncover new passions and become empowered stewards of North Carolina’s wild spaces.”

The event runs from 8-4. Pre-registration at license.gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com is required and participants must be at least 16 years. No prior experience is required for any of the four sessions, which include:

- Introduction to Shotgun
- Fly Fishing Basics
- Hunting, Regulations & Tree Stands
- Wild Habitats—native plant restoration, invasive species control, creating environments for local wildlife, sustainable land use practices

Forests Remain Top Game Lands

Nantahala (933), Pisgah (702), Croatan (616), Uwharrie (379) national forests had the largest deer harvest game land results last season. A total of 7,325 deer were taken on all N.C. game lands in 25-26 including 4,169 antlered bucks.

Butner-Falls of the Neuse in the Triangle (450) was the hottest hunting spot in the region, followed by these local areas, Jordan (283), R. Wayne Bailey/Caswell (219), Harris (123), Chatham (68), according to NC-WRC data.

Permit Hunting At Buckhorn

Buckhorn Game Land, 460 acres (OWASA mitigation property) in western Orange County near Cane Creek, is a permit-only hunting area for deer. Last season eight were taken there. It’s archery-only.

Aug. 10 was the deadline for Sep/Oct 26 permits (4 dates each month), Sep. 1 for selecting Nov (4 dates), and Oct. 1 for Dec (4 dates). Cost is \$8.00 for each permit. Check the Permit Hunt Book online for more information.

Hunting Changes Prompted By CWD

In efforts to control the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) issued new deer hunting regulations that offer hunters increased deer harvest opportunities in counties where CWD has been confirmed.

New regulations for the 2026-2027 deer hunting season include: introduction of a Special Early Season for antlered deer Aug. 22-23, in all CWD Management Areas using any lawful weapon.

Central Dates

Here are hunting dates for North Carolina’s Central District including Alamance, Chatham, Orange, Durham counties:

Archery—Sep. 12-Oct. 30
Blackpowder—Oct. 31-Nov. 13
Gun—Nov. 14-Jan. 1

These areas include Cumberland, Forsyth, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties. Baiting is still prohibited in these areas before Sep 1. They also allowed an earlier start for black powder and gun seasons in five of the CWD counties.

Triangle Deer Study Wraps Up

A four-year research study of deer in Durham/Orange counties wrapped up. The study by N.C. State University for NCWRC focused on how development impacts deer numbers, movement and the community.

Researchers put GPS collars on 314 deer, collected 642 fecal samples, surveyed 1,725 residents, hunters, businesses. More than 300 landowners were involved.

The results weren’t surprising. Fewer deer live in cities but suburbs are a different story. Rural areas have the highest densities—up to 148 deer per square mile. Urban deer average fewer than 3 PSM.

But suburbs are where deer populations are growing the fastest. Suburbs offer a sweet spot where deer give birth to more fawns and more of those fawns survive, driving population growth, the study summary reported.

City deer have more fawns, but fewer survive: Female deer (does) in urban areas commonly give birth to twins, while rural does usually have one fawn at a time. However, only 7% of urban fawns survived their first year, compared to 41% in rural areas. Coyotes and auto collisions are the biggest threats.

Overall, the study said, adult deer survival is similar across urban and rural areas: Whether a deer lives in the city or the country, its odds of surviving a given year are roughly the same. The cause of death just shifts—from hunting in rural areas to car collisions in urban ones.

Most people want deer managed, but they disagree on how: Rural residents strongly support regulated hunting as a management tool. Urban and suburban residents tend to prefer nonlethal approaches first, citing concerns about public safety—but most still support regulated hunting in general. One thing nearly everyone agreed on: hiring professionals (like Duke Forest does) to remove deer is unpopular across the board.

Deer-vehicle collisions are costly, no matter where you live: Rural residents are more likely to hit a deer, but the financial risk is similar everywhere. A single deer-vehicle collision costs between \$2,400 and \$4,700 on average. *J.B.*

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“Deer in more urban or suburban areas can be trickier to hunt, so people also tend to focus on larger areas with fewer houses when they can, so folks may choose to hunt in more rural areas.

“We had 172 deer harvested from areas enrolled in the Urban Archery Season, only 12 of which were from the counties you mentioned. It would be great to have more enrollment in the Urban Archery Season and more harvest during the regular season in these areas, though some city ordinances prevent this—mostly due to rules dealing with shooting bows or firearms in city limits.”

Urban archery numbers also declined statewide in 2026, from 194 to 172. Chapel Hill dipped from 13 to 8. Dates for 2027 are Jan. 9-Feb. 27. *J.B.*

Comments Due For New Rules

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) is accepting public comments through Sep. 14, for the agency’s proposed 2027-28 hunting, fishing and game land regulation changes. Virtual public hearings on the proposed changes are scheduled Aug. 20 and Aug. 25.

Each year, NCWRC reviews and adjusts seasons, bag limits and land management regulations to achieve conservation management goals, comply with statutory changes and respond to constituent requests and suggestions. The public can review and comment on the proposed rule changes. Proposals are on the ncwildlife.gov website.

Submit a comment: online, email: regulations@ncwildlife.gov (include name, county, and state of residence), or mail: Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1701.

Spring Turkey Results

North Carolina reported 25,034 turkeys were taken this spring. That’s about 3,700 more than 2025.

Locally, Chatham reported 236 turkeys taken, Wake 146, Orange 82, Durham 58.

Waterfowl Hunting

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) announced 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 published in the 2026-2027 Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest.

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 increased from one to two (subject to final federal approval of 2026-2027 regs).

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

After the closure of all other waterfowl seasons on Feb. 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.

For more information, visit the Wildlife Commission’s Regulations webpage.

Community News

Build your own entry Aug. 29 at the Chapel Hill Community Center 12-2 for the town’s Soapbox Derby (Sep. 19). Register at webtrac.townofchapelhill.org. Fees are charged. Meanwhile, the 24th Kirby Derby will be Aug. 22 at Dix Park’s Harvey Hill, Raleigh, 3-8.

MLS Allstars edged Liga MX 4-3 at BOA Stadium in Charlotte. Attendance was 35,197. Both teams had World Cup players.

Winston-Salem Tennis Open (men pro players) takes place Aug. 22-29 at Wake Forest Univ. Tennis Center. Check the website for ticket info for one of the last events before the U.S. Open in New York.

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Outdoor Notes

HOLIDAY FISHING

OWSA Lakes will be open regular hours Labor Day, the final summer holiday.

University Lake, Carrboro, operates 6:30 to 6 Friday through Sunday, and Cane Creek, Chapel Hill, 6:30 to 6 Friday/Saturday through Halloween. Daily fees are charged. Catch and release fish caught at Cane Creek due to high count PFAs.

In Durham, Little River remains closed due to low water level. Lake Michie did not open for the season due to storm damage from July 2025.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

State wildlife officers are hoping for a safe and quiet Labor Day weekend. The July 4 weekend Operation Dry Water removed 29 impaired boaters from the water and investigated a teen drowning at Jordan Lake. NC-WRC said they deployed 164 officers, contacted 1,340 vessels, issued 475 boating citations and 722 warnings.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

N.C. representatives in Congress voted 11-3 to support making daylight savings time permanent. Reps. Foushee, Ross, Harrigan voted no. The measure passed the House by a 308-117 margin.

LEARN TO SKATE

Orange Co. Sportsplex, Hillsborough, has fall learn to skate classes. One section (Wednesday), 7 sessions starts Aug. 26; another (Saturday) starts Aug. 22, 7 sessions. An \$18.50 annual membership for U.S. Figure Skating is required plus class fees. Call 919-644-0339 ext. 227 for information.

DROUGHT IMPACT EASED

Late July storms brought strong rainstorms and boosted water levels at Falls Lake in Raleigh, Jordan Lake in Chatham and OWASA reservoirs. The storms bypassed Durham but the Bull City is tapping Teer Quarry in Durhan, Jordan Lake via Cary and OWASA via pipeline (up to 3M gallons per day since July 20).

OWASA Water Watch said reservoirs in Chapel Hill were 76.3 percent full 8/12.

IMAX Locations

IMAX theatres are in seven Tar Heel cities:

Three are in the Triangle: Durham AMC Southpoint; Raleigh Marbles Kids Museum; Cary Regal Crossroads;

Others are in Hendersonville, Charlotte (4), Winston-Salem, High Point, Greenville, Wilmington.

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Another View, Mine John Nieman

I don't know about the rest of you, but for me, one of the reasons—probably the most important reason at this time—for following sports, is to in some way distract us from the serious cultural divides that beset us now. It takes us away. We can enjoy the purity of athletic competition and excellence.

Unfortunately, those cultural issues are increasingly encroaching upon the world of sport.

Those of us who love soccer were enjoying the afterglow of a marvelous tournament. Sure, there were moments of concern—mostly caused by the unnecessary intervention of Gianni Infantino. There was the ridiculous FIFA Peace Prize, the intervention in the Balogun red card, the imposition of hydration breaks during matches played indoors with air conditioning, and the absurd halftime show of the final.

But these instances were greatly outweighed by the games themselves. While many thought that increasing the number



Jordan Lake Eagles Flourish

Bald eagles are flourishing at Jordan Lake.

Here's the latest update from Jon Bannerman, Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist/Acting, Corps of Engineers at Jordan Lake:

First fledglings – Late March.

Last fledglings – Early June.

Total nests 25 (no change from 2024-25).

Total nests with confirmed fledged chicks 13 (up 2 from 2024-25).

Total fledged chicks 23 (up 2 from 2024-25).

This is the sixth consecutive year Jordan had at least one nest with 3 fledged chicks. There were two sets of triplets this year.

There were three new nests discovered during the nesting season this year. One confirmed active, one possibly active, one inactive.

UNC Fall Sports Off To Early Start

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Home games only for UNC fall sports :

Men Soccer, Aug. 28, VCU, 7:30 p.m.; Sep. 15, American, 7; 19, Clemson, 7; 26, Lipscomb, 7. 30, West Fla., 7.

Field Hockey, Aug. 24, Scrimmage, Wake Forest, 1; Sep. 4, Conference Crossover, Penn, 6, and 6, Princeton, 5; 11, Old Dominion, 5; 20, Virginia, 12 noon. The ACC championship will be played here Nov. 3-4 and 6.

Volleyball, Aug. 21, Blue/White Scrimmage, 7 p.m.; 22, Exhibition, High Point, 2 p.m. 30, UNCW, 4; Sep. 3, James Madison, 7; 4, Colorado State, 6;

Women Soccer, Aug. 12, Fairfield, 7; 16, Quinnipiac, 1; 23, Michigan State, 1; Sep. 10, California, 7; 13, New Jersey Institute of Technology, 1; 17, Duke, 8; 20, Alcorn State, 1.

Community News

Charlotte Hornet home preseason exhibition games are Oct. 6 (Brooklyn) and Oct. 11 (Milwaukee) at Spectrum Center, Charlotte. Tip time is 7 p.m. Road games are Oct. 14 (Boston) and Oct. 16 (Memphis). Regular season home opener is Oct. 23 against Atlanta.

UNC men's basketball starts the season with two exhibitions—Oct. 9 in Greensboro against USC Trojans and Oct. 18 against Indiana in Indianapolis, while Duke hosts Belmont in a scrimmage Oct. 18 and plays Tennessee (home) and Kansas (road) in exhibitions.

Open gym pickleball returns for Orange Co. Parks & Rec to the Central Rec Center, Hillsborough, in September. Hours are 11-2 Tuesday-Thursday. Enter through the rear door to check-in. Bring your own gear or borrow it from the office with your ID.

of teams would hurt the competition, in the end it clearly did not and we were able to enjoy moments of pure delight.

And then came the aftermath.

FIFA is a non-profit organization. Let me say it again: a non-profit organization worth around \$7 billion dollars with close to 3 billion dollars in cash reserves. There is absolutely no need for private investment. Private investment is like a loan. The investors give you a bunch of money up front, but they expect a return. It is the tool of a cash-strapped business.

In addition, if an entity is seeking private investment it should be transparent and public, open to bids from many different sources. Investing in the world's most popular sport is a no-brainer. It cannot help but be successful. The sport of soccer did not need investment.

In the way it was handled by Infantino, it appears that a single person in FIFA—Infantino—reached out to a single entity—the Kushner organization—and put a deadline for acceptance on FIFA. This approach only resulted in the benefit of the Kushner organization. And, most likely Infantino himself. The idea that there is even a question as to whether Infantino should be removed as president of FIFA is probably the most depressing part of the whole matter. I long for the latter part of August when the games begin and my mind can be distracted.

Of course, when speaking of the politicization of sport, the mind these days goes quickly to the WNBA. One can't help but have an appreciation of the opportunism of Sophie Cunningham. She has managed—through Tiktok and You-

Media Sportswatch Joel Bulkley

We're still waiting on the details, but the Carolina Hurricanes will have their own TV network for the 26-27 season in conjunction with the NHL. They said it will be similar to what they had last season with cable, satellite, streaming options. The NHL is helping three other teams as well—Columbus, St. Louis, Minnesota, with a centralized production operation for all non-national TV games.

The Canes are replacing Main Street Sports which operated FanDuel Sports regional networks until they folded in the spring and will help on pregame, intermission and post-game features and programming. We don't have a name, distribution partner, channel location or pricing information for the new operation but it was promised to arrive before the season opener Sep. 29 in Raleigh. Mike Maniscalco and Tripp Tracy will continue to do Canes games and be simulcast on TV.

Meanwhile, Charlotte Hornets of the NBA have an agreement with Cox Media Group to broadcast all games over the air on free TV in the Charlotte area (WSOC and TV64). No info yet on streaming plans or how Triangle fans can watch Charlotte games. The station has done some Hornet games in the past. Eric Collins and Dell Curry are expected to call the games.

Networks regularly change game broadcast lineups. And unfortunately layoffs are often part of the landscape. Ryan Clark, Cam Newton, Carl Ravich were among recent cuts at ESPN.

Wes Durham will team with former USC and Pitt QB Max Browne, sideline reporter Madison Fitzpatrick for ACC Network primetime games. This is Durham's fourth partner in four years. He worked with former BC coach Steve Adzizio last season. Browne teamed with Chris Cotter on the ACC secondary team last year.

We're not likely to see UNC games in the early evening timeslot. The first three Tar Heel contests are 12 noon. UNC's schedule was ranked 29th most difficult, compared to 80 last year by ESPN.

Mark Jones and Doug Flemming are gone, replaced by Tom Hart and Roy Philoff on ESPN football games.

A week 0 edition of College Football Countdown (GameDay starts week 1) will air Saturday, Aug. 29, 10 to noon, on ESPN. Kevin Negandhi will host alongside Greg McElroy, Jesse Palmer, Booger McFarland and Pete Thamel, leading directly into the 2026 Aer Lingus Football Classic between TCU and UNC. The NC State/Virginia game follows.

At CBS, Tony Romo was shelved, replaced by JJ Watt, for NFL team 1 with Jim Nantz. Ross Tucker joined Ian Eagle on Team 2. Romo is on leave "until further notice."

Athlon Sports ranked college football teams from 1 (Ohio St.) to 138 (UMass), and didn't show much love for N.C. schools: State 46, Wake Forest 52, Duke 54, UNC 56, Stanford 80. Their pre-season ACC rankings were Miami 1, SMU 2, Louisville 3...N.C. State 9, Wake Forest 12, Duke 13,

Tube—to go from being a relatively talented substitute forward to become a cultural icon. What started as a much-needed, open discussion about the poor state of officiating in the WNBA has morphed into an anti-woke, anti-transgender crusade with some MAGA overtones. And I don't expect to hear Laura Ingraham repeating her "shut up and dribble" comment.

It will be interesting how this all plays out. If the end result is better officiating and more eyes on the sport, then perhaps it is worth it. I'm also fascinated by the career trajectory of Ms. Cunningham. At this point, I kind of see her as the Dennis Rodman of women's basketball. A master of self-promotion with just enough basketball talent to make it worth noticing.

I have to admit that there is something to this. I must sheepishly admit that this is probably only the second time I have referenced the WNBA in this column in the 30-plus years I've been writing it.

USMNT renewed Mauricio Pochettino's contract as head coach. Quite frankly, I'm not quite sure what I feel about this. One thing: I can't think of any better candidate for the position right now. I'm pretty sure we won't really be able to assess the decision until the Gold Cup in two years.

Finally, in the aforementioned 30-plus years that I have been writing this column, I have always ended with the Fat Boy Index. It was something I just kind of accepted. I have to say that, for me, GLP-1 is a life-changing experience.

I have been quite open about using it and I have found absolutely no negative side effects in my case. I know it is not for everyone, but I am profoundly grateful to my friends and family who encouraged me to try it. That said, *Fat Boy Index: 231*.

And, remarkably, we have reached a point where Martha is telling me that I cannot lose any more weight.

UNC 14, Stanford 17. They had Miami 7, SMU 22, Louisville 23 in their Top 25 picks.

Strange stuff and newsbits. The Clash NASCAR exhibition race returns to Daytona Feb. 13 next year after two years at Bowman Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem. The race is a warmup for the Daytona 500. This year it was postponed twice by snow.

Two 60 Minutes alumni, Sharon Alfonsi and Scott Pelley, will teach at Columbia Journalism School this fall.

California (Berkeley) charged ESPN \$4,500 to host College GameDay on campus in 2024. Most schools beg for a shot to host the popular Saturday morning program.

Cade Tyson, a former UNC player, was one of the successful plaintiffs in the Colorado court case for a fifth year of eligibility. He also played for Belmont (2 years), Minnesota.

Have you seen Sports Jeopardy with Joe Buck? It's streaming on ESPN+.

The FIBA women's basketball world cup in Berlin starts Sep. 4 for Team USA. The head coach and assistant coach are from Duke. Games will be broadcast on TNT.

Tried unsuccessfully to find the results for Trump's Patriot Games in Ohio.

Lee Pace, sideline reporter for UNC football radio broadcasts for 22 years, retired. He's written about NC golf and UNC football for decades.

If you get Phil Steele's 26 College Football publication, be sure it's the real thing (376 pages). Reports surfaced on X of AI ripoffs being sold on Amazon.

Most interesting TV this summer excluding WC soccer were the This Was Sportscenter podcasts hosted by Rich Eisen.

The "Madden" film with Nicolas Cage as the coach/broadcaster debuts Nov. 18 on Prime Video.

ACC villains. FSU Coach Bobby Bowden was 9-0 against UNC and certainly an "archenemy" in an ESPN football story. Christian Watkins, defensive tackle at Clemson, 4-0 against NC State, was another.

The Carolina Panthers TV network (WRAL locally) broadcasts preseason games with Anish Shroff on play-by-play and Steve Smith Sr. and Jake Delhomme analysts, Carla Metts sideline reporter. Most do Panther radio broadcasts during the regular season. Smith may be a rising star on NFL coverage at ESPN.

For the Buffalo game, they went on the air at kickoff so there was no pre-game intro or postgame show. The HOF game was on NBC.

Panthers will have joint practices with Jacksonville and Houston before preseason games. Games also are on radio locally (WRAL-FM, 101.5).

UNC alum, former actor and two-term Ga. Rep. Ben Jones passed away in Washington, Va. He was best known as mechanic Cooter Davenport on the Dukes of Hazard TV show. Jones was 84 and a major Atlanta Braves fan.

Charlotte Could Host
Future NFL Draft

Carolina Blaze

Tepper Sports Inc, owner of the Carolina Panthers, and the city of Charlotte are each making \$650M worth of upgrades and improvements at Bank of America Stadium. The work is just getting started and won't be completed until 2030.

In the meantime, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hinted the Queen City could host the NFL Draft or later a Super Bowl. No specifics were provided.

CIAA Expands
Durham Football

Durham hosts the CIAA football championship Saturday, Nov. 14, at Durham County Stadium (3 p.m.).

To promote more playoff exposure for the D-2 league, the CIAA is adding a game between the third and fourth place teams the previous night (Nov. 13) at 6 p.m. in Durham.

Triangle
Hoops

Former UNC player Seth Trimble heads to Louisville for a fifth year of eligibility after playing 126 games here. He considers UNC "home" but a roster logjam led to him leaving ... Jorge Sanz joined the UNC basketball staff after nearly nine years as assistant coach at Gonzaga where he was director of basketball operations. He brings international recruiting experience and an analytics background ... Former UNC player Harrison Ingram signed with Utah Jazz after two seasons with San Antonio as a two-way player ... Former UNC star Caleb Wilson earned first team NBA All-Summer League honors for Chicago in Las Vegas ... UNC ranked tenth in hoops recruiting classes for '27, according to espn.com. Arkansas was first, Duke second, Kansas third, plus Fla. State 20, Louisville 23, Stanford 24 ... The game between Duke and Michigan at LoanDepot Park was canceled, with Duke now playing Texas Tech at Madison Square Garden Dec. 21 on Prime Video after a TV rights dispute foiled the Michigan game. Texas Tech posted a narrow win over Duke last year in MSG ... Duke adds CJ Conklin (Austin Spurs) as assistant coach and Alexander Powell (Portland Trailblazers) as executive director of basketball...Clemson is the ACC entry in the Maui Invitational Thanksgiving weekend ... Former UNC player PJ Hairston is an assistant coach for Capital Seahawks of Bowie, MD, in year two of the 94x50 minor pro hoops league ... Three former N.C. State players joined a lawsuit in N.C. (53 plaintiffs) against the NCAA seeking fifth year of eligibility. It was upheld by a judge in Colorado, bringing cries and roster panic across college campuses. The NCAA plans an appeal ... Former UNC player Cole Anthony signed with Melbourne United in Australia ...

U.S. Soccer/Men

International friendlies:
Sep. 26—Peru, Orlando, 4:30 p.m.
Sep. 29—Chile, St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Both games are on TNT, Universo

Carolina Blaze of Durham went 9-16 for fifth place in their first year in Athletes Unlimited Softball League (AUSL). Catcher Reese Atwood was Rookie of the Year and an all-star. The team sold 23,077 tickets, according to the Durham Sports Commission.

Utah Talons swept Chicago Bandits for their second straight league championship.

Central NC Men's
Senior Baseball

League standings 7/27:
18+, Tri Sox 10-1, Raleigh Oaks 8-2, Flying Squirrels 7-4, Rattlers 6-4, Cardinals 6-4-1, Tigers 5-4-1, Trash Pandas 4-6, Brews 3-5-1, RDU Bulldogs 3-7, Calf Frees 2-8-1.
32+, Red Sox 9-1, Giants 8-4, Marlins 6-5, Braves 6-5-1, Bulldogs 4-7-1, A's 2-5-1, Team Ghost 1-9-1.
50+, Gray Marlins 10-1, Giants 8-4, Yankees 8-5-1, Senators 7-6-1, Rockies 4-8, Ghost 0-13.
Classic (60+), Braves 8-1, 45s 8-1, Cobras 5-4, Red Sox 3-4, Astros 3-5, Bulls 3-6, Dodgers 0-9.

6 High Schools
Shine In Wells Fargo
Cup Standings

Six area high schools showed out in the final Wells Fargo sports points standings for 25-26 school year.

The NCHSAA pointed out that local education agencies' (school systems) collective excellence was realized most uniquely by Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) and Union County Public Schools (UCPS). Each NCHSAA member school from CHCCS—Chapel Hill (7A), East Chapel Hill (6A) and Carrboro (4A)—finished among its state classification's top five.

Here are the 25-26 final standings by division: 7A—Chapel Hill, 425 points, fifth. Winner had 875. 6A—East Chapel Hill, 515, third. Winner had 655. 5A—Seaforth (Chatham), 467.5, second, and Orange, 375, fifth. Winner had 580. 4A—Carrboro, 565, third. Winner had 697.5. 3A—Northwood (Chatham), 427.5, fourth. Winner had 825.

August Standings

Final standings

OC Men's Summer Basketball League
East—King Ballers 8-0, Chapel Hill Y Allstars 7-1, Buckets 6-2, Mud Dogs 5-3, Bull City Allstars 4-4, Hornets 4-4, Old Dogs/ New Tricks 3-6, Team Elite 2-6, Thunder 2-6, Abn Elite 2-6, Well Dot 1-7.
West—Dynasty 8-0, Harambe 7-1, Baja Elite 7-1, Send Help 5-3, Big Dawgs 4-4, The 3 Level Scorers 4-4, Finley Flyers 3-5, COA 0-8, 3 Ball Enthusiast 0-8.

Chapel Hill Co-Rec Bocce League
Kirkland Elite 6-2 20, Bocce Brothers 6-2 20, ShipShape Shooters 5-2-1 16, Pointer Sisters 3-1-4 13, The Big LaBoccer 2-1-5 11, Wise Guys 2-2-4 10, Dino's Place 2-4-2 8, Noble Kings 1-3-4 7, Bocce Like It's Hot 1-4-3 6, The Furballers 1-4-3 6, Owl Movement 1-4-3 6, Carolina Bocce Crew 1-5-2 5.



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