

# Local Racing Report: Tri-County

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**Brasstown, NC** - Tri-County Racetrack hosted its first points race of the season this past Friday June 12 without fans. Here are the top 5 finishers from each class

**Pony** - Coming in first place was No. 00 Adam Brooks; second place was No. 6 Koulten Herbert; finishing in third was No. c10 Tullius Cross and in fourth was No. 28 Kayle Payne. Placing fifth was No. 104 Ricky Queen.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first was No. 8 Kyle Gilbert; finishing second was No. 22 Tucker Anderson and taking home third place was

No. 100 Cooper Twiggs. The fourth spot went to No. 9 Wyatt Hopkins and fifth was No. 44 Jay Lynch.

**FWD** - The race winner was No. 32 Jim Exum. Coming in second was No. 74 DJ Worley and placing third was No. 19r Sean Rice. Finishing in fourth was No. 3 Jason Young and rounding the top five was No. 192r Robby Lynch.

**Modified Street** - No. 25 Jacob Hamby took home the top spot, coming in second was No. 37 Michael Barnett and third went to No. 44 Bobby Elkins. Finishing fourth was No. 88 Ricky Smith and placing fifth was No. 81 John Howard.

**Street Stock** - Coming in first was No. 1 Roger Beaver, with No. 32 Logan Exum right

behind in second. Coming in third was No. 21 Troy Turner, taking home fourth was No. 95 Alex Vance and No. 169 Jim Weller placed fifth.

**Limited/Crate Late Modules** - Taking the checkered flag was No. 55 Kip Cochran ahead of the second-place No. 12w car of Daniel Wilson. Finishing in third was No. 30 Darin Dilbeck, taking home fourth was No. 7 Jason Deal and No. 9 Brian Kinnersley rounded out the top five.

**Next Event:** Friday, June 19th will feature a full racing program without fans, but all the action will be available for viewing at 7:30 p.m. on Facebook Live via the Tri-County Racetrack's page.



Action gets underway as the green flag drops in the Beginner 602 race. Photo/Blake Lynch

## The Old Union Women's Golf Association League 2nd Annual Eclectic Tournament results

The Old Union Women's Golf Association league had their 2nd Annual Eclectic Tournament on June 1 and the June 8, 2020! We had a whopping 26 ladies participate in the tournament. We paid out in 4 flights and had some big winners: Flight A 1st place - Nancy Outlaw \$22, 2nd place - Jinna Wheeler \$15, Flight B 1st place - Bonnie Shore \$22, 2nd place - Happy Cappie \$15, Flight C Tie - Vicky Healy, Cindy Flanders \$18.50, Flight D 1st place - Connie Dockery \$22, 2nd place - Elizabeth Sands \$18.

Our birdie girls \$4 each: Martha Zimmer, Nancy Outlaw, Shelia Baggett, Bonnie Shore, Cappie Harper, Vicky Healy. Chip-ins \$6.25 each: Cappie Harper, Jane Childers, Alison Taylor, Martha Quijano. Congratulations to all!

Monday, June 15 will be our first Flag Day tournament, this will be a tee time start vs our normal shotgun start. Each player will receive an American Flag with their name and allotted strokes based upon

their handicap. Once a player reaches their allotted strokes, they will plant their flag in the fairway! The pro shop will be setting up a tent afterwards to award prizes, gifts and enjoy lunch compliments of the ladies.

Mary Holmes is offering Golf Clinics at Old Union Golf Course. The cost is \$20 plus range ball. Max number in a group is 4 and the clinics are an hour long. Mary will have two classes one at 9 AM and a second clinic at 10 AM. You must sign up on the website to participate in the clinic.

Mary Holmes was the ladies golf coach at LSU and we are delighted with her offer for the Golf Clinics. Sign up soon, the classes will fill up quickly!

Our ladies league would like to thank another member of Old Union Golf Course, Benny Partin, for his generous donation of a dozen ladies golf balls to our league.

If you are interested and would like to come as a Guest, or for more information, visit our website at www.OUWGA.com or call/text Karen at 352-638-3649 or Cynthia at 706-633-7587. NOJUN17Z9CA



## Trout stocking sites week of June 8-12, 2020

Fannin: Rock Creek, Toccoa River, and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)  
Lumpkin: Etowah River and Nimbwill Creek  
Union: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date with stocking and events through Facebook [www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnh](http://www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnh). The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. NOJUN17Z10CA

## Summer Session 2020- Fitness Family Programs

Union County Recreation Department

Ages: 18 and over

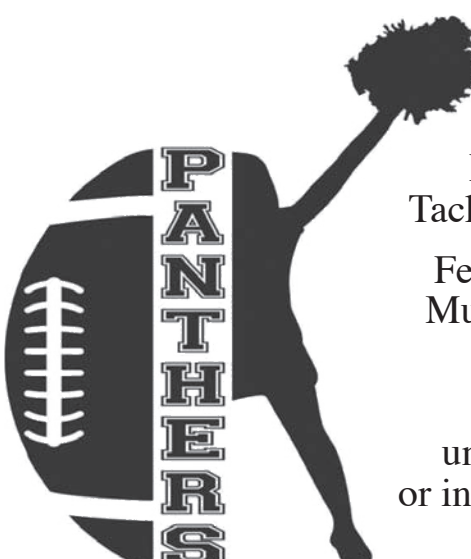


Summer is quickly approaching! Union County Recreation Department will be offering many fabulous fitness class options for the Summer session. Here is a list of the following fitness classes we will offer!

- Regular Aerobics (T/Th) @ 8:30-9:30 AM
- Advanced Strength-Core class (M/W/F) @ 9:45-10:30 AM
- \*\* NEW Mini-Spinning Cardio Class (M/W/F) @ 8:30-9:30 AM
- AM Beginner Strength and Core class (T/Th) @ 11:15-12:00 AM
- AM Intermediate Step-Aerobics class (M/W/F) @ 10:45-11:30 AM
- Chair Fitness-Aerobics class (T/Th) @ 1:15-2:00 PM
- \*\*NEW Flex-Balance-Relaxation with Rachel (M/W) @ 11:45-12:45PM
- \*\*Zumba-Latin Combo Class (M/W/F) @ 8:45-9:45 AM (Age 18 and over)
- \*\*New Online Live option for certain classes if you are not ready to be in public just yet! You can stay fit and keep your distance for a while longer!
- \*Summer Session 2020 New Registration begins on June 8, 2020 and ends June 22, 2020 (or until classes fill to capacity) at the Recreation Office (310 Wellborn St.) Registration and class payments must be done in person and distancing will be in effect during the registration process and in person classes. If you have any questions, you can call (706) 439-6074 and ask for Jennifer.

## Union County Recreation Department

### Tackle Football and Cheerleading



Registration ends  
June 19th at  
the Union County  
Recreation Department for  
Tackle Football and Cheerleading.

Fee: Football \$100/Cheer \$105  
Must be ages 7-11 by April 30th  
to be eligible.

Please register online at  
[unioncountyga.gov](http://unioncountyga.gov) if possible  
or in person at 310 Wellborn Street;  
706-439-6074.

## 2020 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 7	A	Towns County (Scrimmage)	7:30
August 13 (Thursday)	A	White County (Scrimmage)	7:30
August 21	H	Fannin County	7:30
August 28	A	Commerce	7:30
September 4	H	Chestatee	7:30
September 11	A	George Walton A	7:30
September 18	H	Pickens County	7:30
September 25	H	Woodland	7:30
October 2		Open	
October 9	A	Banks County	7:30
October 16	H	Elbert County	7:30
October 23		Open	
October 30	A	Rabun County	7:30
November 6	H	Riverside Military (Senior Night)	7:30

## Junior Varsity Schedule

August 27	A	Fannin County	5:30
September 3			5:30
September 10	H	White County	5:30
September 17			5:30
September 24	A	Gilmer County	5:30
October 1	H	Pickens County	5:30
October 8			5:30
October 15	H	Fannin County	5:30
October 22	A	Rabun County	5:30

## NASCAR 2020

By Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter

### Hamlin Gets Third Win Of Season

HOMESTEAD, FL - Denny Hamlin won both stages of Sunday's Cup Series race to claim his third victory of the season and 40th career win.

Hamlin led for much of the race, but had to battle Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney as the laps wound down. Elliott took the lead on the final green flag pit stop, but Hamlin was able to retake it on lap 237 of the 267 lap race and hold off Elliott.

"We were real good all day," said Hamlin. "No doubt we're a championship team. But what makes us that way is the way we just keep digging."

Hamlin led the most laps (137) and finished .895 seconds ahead of runner-up Chase Elliott. "I thought we were good enough to win, but we didn't quite have what we needed," said Elliott, who led 27 laps.

Ryan Blaney had a fast car all night, but couldn't close near the end of the race. The No. 12 driver remained in the top three, occasionally leading the field, but lost the second-place spot to Elliott.

"I'm not sure what happened to the car," said Blaney. "At times it was loose and I couldn't make it handle like I needed it to."

Fourth-place finisher Tyler Reddick had his best Cup Series finish.

"It took us about 40 laps to get inside the top-10, but we were able to stay there for most of the night," he said. "It was just a good, solid race for us."

Aric Almirola, Kyle Busch, Austin Dillon, Christopher Bell, William Byron, and Brad Keselowski were the remaining top-10 finishers.

Kyle Busch is still winless after 12 races into the season. Out of the 38 cars that started the race, 37 of them were running at the end. The only driver that did not finish the race was JJ Yeley. His No. 27 Ford dropped out after 211 laps with engine problems.

Top-10 leaders: 1. Harvick-463, 2. Elliott-455, 3. Logano-434, 4. Keselowski-412, 5. Blaney-411, 6. Truex-410, 7. Hamlin-395, 8. Bowman-380, 9. Kyle Busch-359, 10. Kurt Busch-358.

The race was delayed after lightning strikes near the speedway forced two stoppages. Just 33 laps were completed in a four-hour stretch of starts and stops, and the race didn't end until after 11 pm ET.

It was the first NASCAR event to have fans in attendance since the coronavirus forced the nation into quarantine, as military personnel were invited to the race.

Results of the NASCAR Xfinity Series race held Sun., June 14: 1. Chase Briscoe, 2. Brandon Jones, 3. Ross Chastain, 4. AJ Allmendinger, 5. Noah Gragson, 6. Justin Haley, 7. Myatt Snider, 8. Harrison Burton, 9. Riley Herbst, 10. Austin Cindric.

Top-10 leaders: 1. Gragson-435, 2. Briscoe-417, 3. H. Burton-390, 4. Cindric-380, 5. Chastain-374, 6. B. Jones-345, 7. Haley-330, 8. Allgaier-328, 9. Sieg-266, 10. Annett-260.

Results of the NASCAR Xfinity Series race held Sat., June 13: 1. Harrison Burton, 2. Austin Cindric, 3. Noah Gragson, 4. Anthony Alfredo, 5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 6. Michael Annett, 7. Chase Briscoe, 8. Brandon Jones, 9. Ross Chastain, 10. Riley Herbst.

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Truck Series race held Sat., June 13: 1. Kyle Busch, 2. Tyler Ankrum, 3. Ross Chastain, 4. Chase Elliott, 5. Johnny Sauter, 6. Todd Gilliland, 7. Austin Hill, 8. Christian Eckes, 9. Matt Crafton, 10. Ty Majeski.

Top-10 leaders: Hill-209, 2. Eckes-165, 3. Enfinger-161, 4. Rhodes-161, 5. Gilliland-148, 6. Smith-147, 7. Sauter-140, 8. Moffitt-137, 9. Creed-135, 10. Ankrum-133.

**TRUEX GETS REPEAT WIN AT MARTINSVILLE**

Martin Truex Jr. overcame a pit road speeding penalty to win his second consecutive race at Martinsville last Wednesday. He took the lead from Brad Keselowski on lap 370 of the 500 lap race and led the remaining 130 laps.

"We've been working a long time on trying to figure this place out and chipped away at it. The last couple years we've been really strong," Truex said. "2018 was a heartbreaker with the end of the race there. Last year to get the win, and now this year."

Ryan Blaney finished a strong second, while Brad Keselowski was third.

Joey Logano won Stage 1, led the most laps (234), but had to settle for fourth.

Chase Elliott was fifth, while Alex Bowman, Matt DiBenedetto, William Byron, Kurt Busch, and Jimmie Johnson were the remaining top-10 finishers. Johnson was the winner of Stage 2.

**FANS ARE RETURNING TO NASCAR TRACKS**

NASCAR is allowing limited numbers of fans back in the stands. This past weekend service members from Homestead Air Force Base were allowed inside the track to watch the races.

Everyone was screened before entering, required to wear face coverings, mandated to social distance at six feet, and did not have access to the infield.

NASCAR will allow 5,000 guests in the grandstands for the June 21 Cup Series race at Talladega. There will be limited motorhome and camping spots available outside the track.

"It's a cautious, conservative approach," said Daryl Wolfe, NASCAR executive vice president and chief sales and operations officer. "We feel confident in our plan. Also it doesn't mean that we won't also have additional learnings and adapt our plan going forward. That's the whole purpose of being very slow, methodical in phasing this in."

"We're going to have a lot of hand sanitizing, hand washing. One of the things that I'm kind of

proud of to see is we're going to have a clean team, a clean team that's at track constantly cleaning everything very visibly for every guest that's there to know we're doing everything we can to keep them safe. We feel confident in the plan."

**Other Racing News:** After NASCAR announced last week that Confederate flags would be banned from their tracks, Ray Ciccirelli, a Truck Series driver announced he was quitting NASCAR and selling his trucks and equipment.

"Well it's been a fun ride and a dream come true, but if this is the direction NASCAR is headed we will not participate after the 2020 season. I don't believe in kneeling during the Anthem nor taking whatever people's right they have to fly the flag they love. I could care less about the Confederate flag, but when there are people that do it and it doesn't make them racist all you are doing is f\*\*\*\*\* one group to cater to another."

**Racing Joke:** Matt and his wife had just gotten into a taxi. As they were driving along, Matt tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask a question. The driver jumped, screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a pole, went up on the curb, and stopped inches from a building.

Everything was quiet in the cab until the driver said, "Please don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death."

Matt apologized and said, "I didn't realize a little tap would scare you that bad."

"Sorry, it's not really your fault," the driver replied. "Today is my first day as a cab driver. Before this I was driving a funeral hearse."

**Weekend Racing:** The Cup and Xfinity teams are at the 2.66-mile Talladega Superspeedway.

Sat., June 20; Xfinity Series race; Starting time: 5:30 PM ET; TV: FoxSports1.

Sun., Jun. 21; Cup Series race; Starting time: 3 PM ET; TV: Fox.

**Racing Trivia Question:** What is the name of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s race team?

**Last Week's Question:** Who won the first race at Homestead Miami Speedway? Answer: The first race was held in 1999. Tony Stewart was the winner in a Joe Gibbs Pontiac.

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