



Summer time fishing!



June 2019

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**NO JUNE OR JULY MEETINGS**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
TUESDAY AUGUST 27TH, 2019  
LOCATION TBD**

### **\*\*SWAP TABLE\*\***

Bring your fishing gear that you want to sell to the next membership meeting. Put a price tag on the item and let the deals begin, if the item is too large a picture will do.

### **THE 2019 ANNUAL FISH FRY WAS A SUCCESS**

The VAC's Annual Fish Fry at the Maymont Nature Center was a success. The weather was beautiful and VAC membership and guest were treated to an abundant meal. The VAC legendary fry team did not disappoint with many species salt/freshwater lightly breaded and fried to perfection. The secret recipe hushuppies by Jeff Doughty and Mike Ostrander special tar-tar sauce were crowd favorites. The VAC Fry Team consists of Buddy Noland, Danny Noland, Ryan Noland, Jeff Doughty, and Fred Cousins. Thank you for all of your hard work!

*Photos on next page.*

### **UPCOMING VAC ANGLING ACTIVITY**

- June 29 - Small River Wade Trip with Mike Ostrander (email Mike [mike@discoverthejames.com](mailto:mike@discoverthejames.com) limited number of participates)

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Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order, the barrels are oil free and are placed in a Zip-Loc type re-sealable plastic bag with your name written on the outside.

# Virginia Anglers Club



VAC fry Team Danny Noland



VAC Fry Team Buddy Noland



Hush Puppy Chef Jeff Doughty



VAC Fry Team Fred Cousins & Ryan Noland





## The Benefits of Being Program Chairman

For a number of years now, I've been involved with programs as Program Chairman or co-Program Chairman for the VAC. This position has brought many interesting speakers to the club and even more interesting opportunities into my life. One of the greatest benefits has been meeting wonderful anglers, biologists, fishing tackle reps and others, many of whom have become fishing friends. This has led to some incredible fishing opportunities including musky, trophy trout, tarpon, trophy flounder, red drum (from the surf) and even some beautiful grouper (the names escape me).

This is an incredible chance to expand your fishing base locally, regionally and even nationally.

Another benefit to being Program Chairman is getting to know Virginia Anglers Club members better. We have a number of members who are wonderful speakers, great story tellers and incredible anglers. Additionally, members come to you (not often, but they do!!) about a program idea. Our March program this year, with George Daniel, who also offered a fly tying demo was completely arranged and managed by Eric Webster. Last year's kickoff program with bass fishing legend, Woo Daves, was fully arranged by member Stuart Lee.

Additionally, we have many interested and gracious members who often help with the hosting duty, generally taking the speaker out for dinner before the meeting. Over the past several years, Art Conway has been more than generous with his time before the meetings, quite often hosting our speakers.

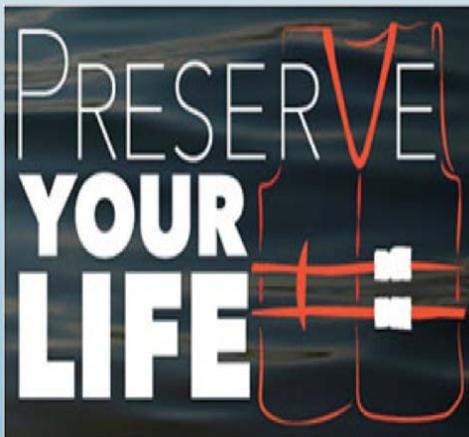
The 2019 slate of speakers and programs is set, and I'm now working towards the 2020 program list. If you are interested in becoming the 2020 Program Chairman, please call or email and let's talk. I am happy to work with the new Program Chairman and get things rolling and set up for 2020.

When it comes down to it, with anything, you get back what you put into something. Want to catch a musky or a tarpon? Become the Program Chairman and get those speakers in.

In closing, with almost 20 years as a member, I would love to see a handful of newer members (or older members) who are not involved with the leadership team, get involved. Step into it gently with assistance from current committee members, or jump in and take over a position.

Thanks and Happy Fishing!

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### HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

#### Freshwater

If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to  
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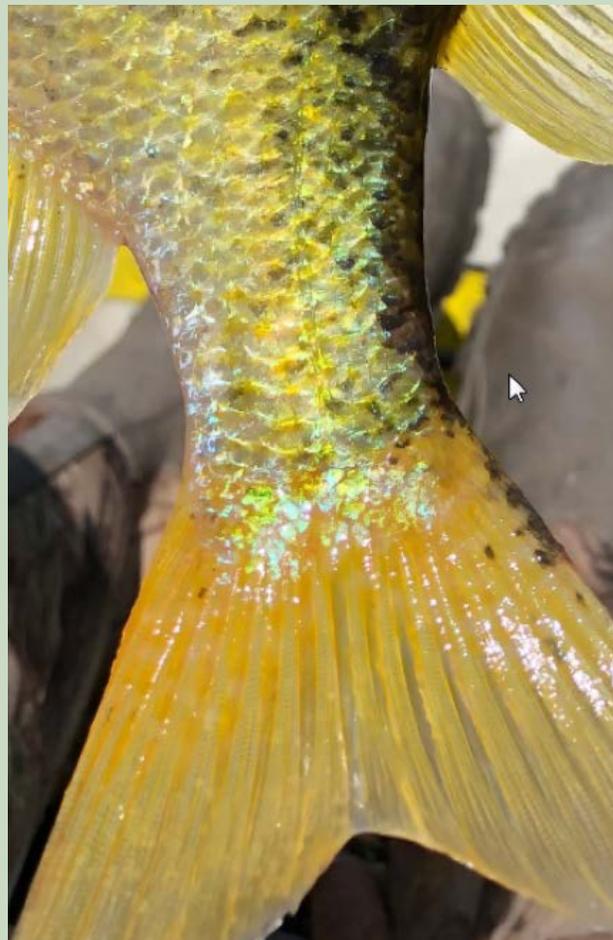
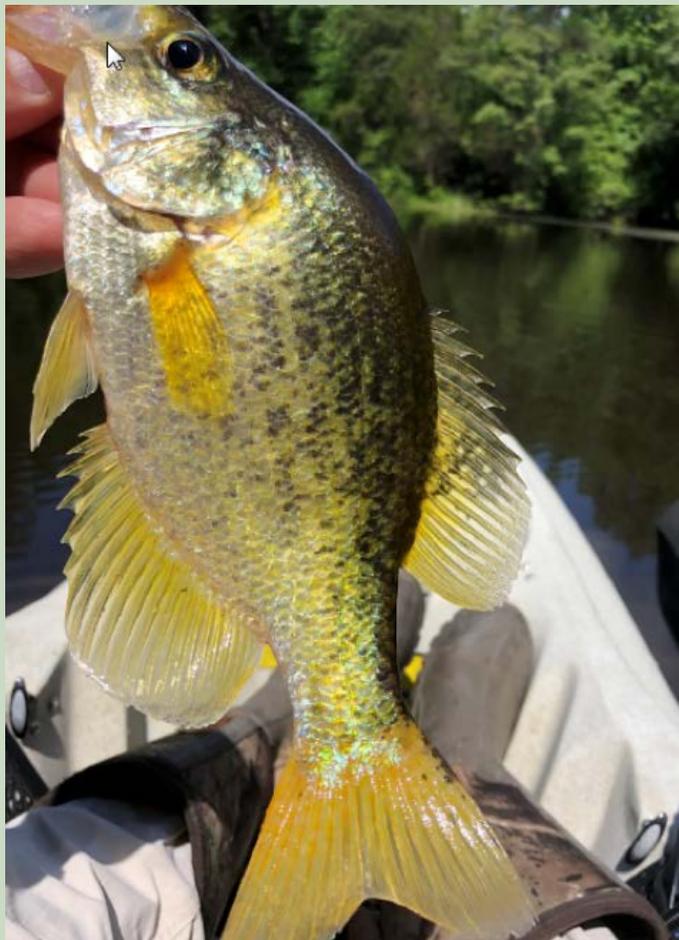
#### Saltwater

If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency,  
boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center  
toll free at 1-800-541-4646



## What Is That?

Sometimes when you catch a fish your head will tilt, you remove your sunglasses and say “What is that?”



This was one of those fish, a beautiful Black Crappie with yellow fins. Maybe I’m seeing things and need to drink more water. I was fishing a small farm pond in Goochland; I released the fish and continued casting. A little while later I landed another yellow crappie, now I pull my phone out and google crappie. I see pictures of Golden Crappie that are completely yellow where this crappie seems more intense in the fins. After checking with several subject matter experts, it is a mutation affecting the pigmentation balance. What a beautiful fish, life’s little surprises!

**REMINDER - THE VAC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE NOW  
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**PROGRAMS AND EXPEDITIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2019**

**PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS**

June 25: No meeting

July: No meeting

August 27: DGIF Biologist will speak on the current state of smallmouth bass in the James. Information on other rivers may also be available such as the New and Shenandoah River. More details to follow.

September 24: Former Virginia Anglers Club member, and master story teller, Lee Huss will give a “virtual” program on fishing the Nottoway River. For members with smart phones download “Google Expeditions” before the meeting. Lee will have 30 pairs of “virtual reality headsets” to share with everyone. This is an added new twist to the presentation. There will also be a normal two-dimensional program running as well for those without a smart phone/cell phone. The program will also be running on a TV or overhead projector.

October 22: Glenn Carter and Stuart Lee – Achieving VAC Master Angler Status  
Long-time members present stories and how to’s on earning Master Angler

November: No meeting

December: No meeting

**EXPEDITIONS**

June 29th Small River Wade Trip with Mike Ostrander

October 19th Trout Fishing Trip with Eric Webster on the South River in Waynesboro,VA.

**CATCH STATISTICS 2019**

<b>Top Ten 2019 Submitters</b>		
1.	BL NOLAND	20
2.	FD GOTTWALD	15
3.	C CLEVINGER	9
4.	F COUSINS	8
5.	G GREEN	8
6.	RL WHITE	7
7.	DN NOLAND	6
8.	GN CARTER	6
9.	B MILLER	4
10.	SC LEE	4

<b>Top Ten 2019 Species</b>		
1.	BASS, LARGEMOUTH	9
2.	SAILFISH, PACIFIC	8
3.	SHAD, HICKORY	7
4.	GAR, ALL	6
5.	BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	6
6.	CRAPPIE, ALL	6
7.	PERCH, YELLOW	5
8.	POMPANO, COMMON	5
9.	MACKEREL, KING	5
10.	SUNFISH	4



**Chickahominy Lake fishing & Lunch at Lakeside Restaurant with Art Conway**

The Virginia Anglers Club's expedition to Chickahominy Lake set out from Ed Allen's Boats and Bait at mid-morning on Saturday (5/18/2019). Water temperatures were in the low 70's in the main lake in the morning, ranging into the low 80's in the shallows by mid-afternoon. The lake level was a few inches above the top of the dam, and the water was medium brown and slightly turbid in the lower lake. The weather was sunny with scattered clouds and relatively light winds, a beautiful day but a bit on the warm side. Bluegills were recovering from a cold front earlier in the week, but some larger bluegills were in loose spawning clusters near the banks into 3 to 4 feet of water, while smaller bluegills interspersed with a scattering of other species were randomly scattered along shorelines. Jerry Davis and Art Conway released 23 bluegills, 1 shellcracker, and 2 bass. Carter Clevinger and the kayak contingent likewise caught numerous bluegills plus a very nice 8 pound 4oz bowfin. At mid-day we repaired to Lakeside Restaurant for lunch. We had a really fun day and plan to reassemble the crew to do it again as soon as schedules permit.





**PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING FESTIVAL**

**BRIDGEWATER VA - SATURDAY, JUNE 1st**

The first Saturday in June Virginia Anglers Club member David Nobles and friend CJ Krawiec participated in the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Festival in Bridgewater VA. This event is the major funding event for a program designed to benefit our veterans. This year the VAC provided funding to purchase two fly reels and accompanying items to go along with two fly rods (provided by another volunteer) . These items were given to two vets for their accomplishments on Mossy Creek while fly fishing during this event.

In this event each veteran and his/her sponsor are allowed to measure total length of 4 fish each. The veterans fish measurement are doubled and sponsors fish measurements are not. Then the total length is calculated at the end of the day. The team with the greatest total length is deemed the “winner” and both the sponsor and vet receive a plaque. The veteran on the team scoring the lowest total length is awarded a fly rod and reel combination and the veteran catching the smallest fish is awarded a fly rod and reel combination as well.



This year veteran Erin Berg caught the smallest fish and receiving a Redington reel, fly line, leader and backing that goes with a refurbished bamboo rod.



Veteran Greg Dixon had the lowest total score of fish and receiving a Orvis Batenkill I fly reel, fly line and leader pkg that went along with a custom built 7'9" fly rod.

## ANNUAL AWARDS 2019



## President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub

## President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet

## Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
CATFISH, BLUE	BL NOLAND	37lb-0oz	6	GEN	348	2018-12-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2lb-4oz	2	FLY	321	2019-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly

## Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH		1lb-8oz	12	SPIN	16	2019-05-18	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	red/white Yozuri Diving Plug
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet

## "Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	PLUG	237	2019-06-01	PRIVATE POND, VA	Slider Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	12lb-8oz	4	PLUG	312	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, WHITE	F COUSINS	2lb-2oz	2	SPIN	283	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Grub
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	10lb-8oz	2	PLUG	525	2019-02-16	CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait
CARP	M CLINE	11lb-12oz	2	SPIN	367	2019-02-03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	grub
CATFISH, BLUE	BL NOLAND	37lb-0oz	6	GEN	348	2018-12-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	B MILLER	3lb-5oz	4	FLY	123	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Fly- Prototype I am working on
CRAPPIE, ALL	GN CARTER	1lb-8oz	2	SPIN	238	2019-02-28	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Hair jig
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
PERCH, WHITE	DN NOLAND	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	263	2019-04-04	JAMES RIVER, VA	silver buddy
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-0oz	4	PLUG	217	2019-02-28	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	SC LEE	4lb-3oz	4	SPIN	307	2019-01-16	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	1/8 oz.Hair Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2lb-4oz	2	FLY	321	2019-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	DL NOBLES	0lb-12oz	2	SPIN	197	2019-05-14	KING WM POND, VA	jig
TROUT, BROWN	A BAGWELL	8lb-10oz	6	SPIN	308	2019-03-01	JACKSON RIVER, VA	spinnerbait
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	109	2018-12-13	ROSE RIVER, VA	Joe's fly

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DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2lb-7oz	#	SURF	243	2019-05-29	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SHARK, OTHER	BL NOLAND	50lb-0oz		SURF	125	2018-12-17	BUXTON, NC	Tuna belly

## "Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6lb-5oz	20	GEN	84	2019-03-17	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Black and Blue Jig
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	12lb-8oz	4	PLUG	312	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, WHITE	F COUSINS	2lb-2oz	2	SPIN	283	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Grub
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	10lb-8oz	2	PLUG	525	2019-02-16	CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait
CARP	M CLINE	11lb-12oz	2	SPIN	367	2019-02-03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	grub
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	57lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	294	2019-03-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut gizzard shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	B MILLER	3lb-5oz	4	FLY	123	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Fly- Prototype I am working on
CRAPPIE, ALL	C CLEVINGER	1lb-10oz	2	GEN	208	2019-03-05	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Live Minnow
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
PERCH, WHITE	DN NOLAND	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	263	2019-04-04	JAMES RIVER, VA	silver buddy
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-0oz	4	PLUG	217	2019-02-28	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	SC LEE	4lb-3oz	4	SPIN	307	2019-01-16	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	1/8 oz.Hair Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	SC LEE	2lb-8oz	8	FLY	221	2019-03-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Murray Shad Fly
SUNFISH	A BAGWELL	0lb-13oz	4	SPIN	176	2019-04-24	PRIVATE LAKE, VA	soft plastic crayfish
TROUT, BROWN	A BAGWELL	8lb-10oz	6	SPIN	308	2019-03-01	JACKSON RIVER, VA	spinnerbait
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	109	2018-12-13	ROSE RIVER, VA	Joe's fly



### "Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

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DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2lb-7oz	#	SURF	243	2019-05-29	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SHARK, OTHER	BL NOLAND	50lb-0oz		SURF	125	2018-12-17	BUXTON, NC	Tuna belly

### New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	5lb-10oz	4	PLUG	281	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	5lb-8oz	6	PLUG	220	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	5lb-4oz	8	PLUG	175	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	F COUSINS	5lb-14oz	4	SPIN	293	2019-04-25	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swim bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	12lb-8oz	4	PLUG	312	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	10lb-8oz	2	PLUG	525	2019-02-16	CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait

### New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
MACKEREL, KING	FD GOTTWALD	52lb-0oz	30	GEN	192	2019-03-18	KEY WEST, FL	blue runner
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2lb-7oz	#	SURF	243	2019-05-29	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
TUNNY, LITTLE	SC LEE	19lb-8oz	8	GEN	325	2019-04-22	OFF MIAMI, FL	Live Treadfin Herring

### Youth Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	GLENN TOWNSEND 0_6	11b-7oz	4	SPIN	136	2019-04-04	JAMES RIVER , VA	Gold Spoon

### Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	SC LEE	0lb-0oz	8	GEN	500	2019-04-22	OFF MIAMI, FL	Live Threadfin Herring

### New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B MILLER	2lb-0oz	4	FLY	125	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Popper
CATFISH, CHANNEL	B MILLER	3lb-5oz	4	FLY	123	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Fly- Prototype I am working on
SUNFISH	B MILLER	0lb-6oz	2	FLY	125	2019-05-03	CRUMP PARK, VA	Wooly Bugger
<b>Total</b>					<b>373</b>			



# Robert Thomas

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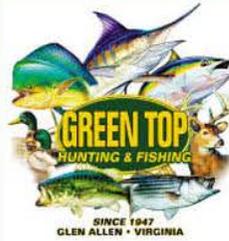
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