

HELLO SENIOR GAMES & SILVERARTS FAMILY!

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Event changes

The Senior Games state organization (NCSG) have made the following changes and updates which will affect our local games.

1. There have been 3 new events sanctioned and added to the State Finals roster of events - **Cornhole doubles, mixed doubles and Disc Golf**

Here at our local games this year, we will not be offering these but if we get enough interest, we will consider these events for 2025.

2. Due to low participation, the following 2 events will be discontinued at State Finals starting in 2025 - **Archery and Race Walking**
3. By now, I hope you are aware that we are adding 3 new events to our local lineup (see section below):

Diamond Art will be added as a SilverArts Heritage sub-category (local only) .

Billiards and Air Rifle Target Shooting are being added as new sports events.

Billiards is a State Finals event and will be played at Harrahs following the Bowling on 2 successive Tuesday afternoons (women and then men). The game type is straight up 8 ball. One player must pocket balls of the group numbered 1 through 7 (solid colors), while the other player has 9 through 15 (stripes). The player pocketing his or her group first, and then legally pocketing the 8-ball, wins the game. Like Bowling, there will be an additional charge for this event which will be paid at the venue. See “Events with additional fees” below.

The Air Rifle Target Shooting will be a local only event conducted at the American Legion indoor range in Hayesville. There will be a registration deadline (April 19) to accommodate an orientation/training session a few days prior to the event for everyone registered for this event. More details on this later. The American Legion will supply the rifles, targets and ammunition and we are coordinating with them to run the event. The shooting will be done in the sitting position with elbows/equipment supported on a table. See “Events with additional fees” below.

4. Events with additional fees

The following events require that additional fees be paid at the venue in order to play:

Golf - \$45

Bowling - \$9, Shoe rental - \$3

Billiards - \$8

Mini Golf - \$5

Air Rifle Target Shooting - \$5

State qualification changes

Qualifying for State Finals this year returns to pre-covid criteria with a few exceptions. The Full qualification policy is as follows:

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- The top 3 male and female qualifiers in each official North Carolina Senior Games sport/event in each age category will be eligible to participate in State Finals except:
- Bowlers: places 1-6 qualify
- Golfers must meet a minimum performance score (MPS) **AND** finish 1, 2 or 3 to qualify.
- **All participants** who complete a Local Games Fun Walk, Football Throw, Softball Throw and Basketball Throw will qualify.

SILVERARTS

- One entry in Performing Arts and the Cheerleader Showcase qualify.
- First and second place in each Literary Arts sub-category, provided the places are not won by the same artist qualify.
- First, second and third place entry in each Visual Arts and Heritage Arts sub-category, provided the places are not won by the same artist qualify (i.e. only one entry by the same artist per sub-category).

5. Due to lack of interest/participation over the last few years, we will still offer the following events but if less than 8 people register (4 pairs), we will cancel the event.

Table Tennis Doubles and mixed doubles
Tennis Doubles and mixed doubles

SilverArts Gallery display update

Due to the increase in SilverArts entries and the need for more display space, we have decided this year to split the SilverArts gallery displays as follows:

All **Heritage Art** categories will be displayed at the **Cherokee County Arts Council gallery (CCAC)**.

All **Visual Art** categories will be displayed at the **Murphy Art Center gallery (MAC)**.

Main 2024 dates

The following is a list of the main Senior Games dates. A full sports schedule will be available shortly on our website and Facebook pages.

- Early Bird registration begins Monday, March 11
- Literary **registration & submission** deadline – Friday, April 5
- Heritage & Visual Arts **registration** deadline – Friday, April 5
- Heritage & Visual Arts **DROP-OFF** – Thursday, April 11 from 10am – 1pm at the **Cherokee County Arts Council** gallery.
- SilverArts Awards Ceremony – Friday, April 12 at 4pm at the **Cherokee County Arts council** classroom.
- The SilverArts will be open for public viewing for 1 week this year from April 12 through April 17 (pick up on the 18th).
- Heritage & Visual Arts PICK-UP – Friday, April 18 from 10am – 1pm at their respective display galleries.
- **Senior Games Opening Day Kickoff – Saturday, April 20 at 10am at Clay County Recreation Center in Hayesville.**
- **Senior Games Closing Ceremony & Performing Arts Follies – 6pm Saturday, May 18 at Tri-County Community College, Enloe Bldg.**

Senior Games Spotlight - *CATHY MOZLEY*

Cathy Mozley was brought up on an 850 acre farm in northwest Florida and to say that she has a unique curiosity about life would be an understatement. One of her passions is travel and she has been to 49 of the 50 states along with at least 18 countries and when she does travel, she makes sure she experiences as much as possible by going for six to



eight weeks at a time. She loves to do things with her hands which include such things as painting, pottery and gardening and even had a Florist shop at one time. She once designed her own log house and later became the rep. for the Honest Abe Log Home Company, designing many of the houses she sold kits for. One of her current endeavors is that she makes and sells Foodie Wraps, reusable beeswax infused cotton cloths which are used as a natural way to store food items.

Cathy has had a love affair with the mountains since seeing them for the first time at 16. She has spent 54 consecutive summers camping at Vogel State Park with her family and 8 years ago purchased her “forever home” in Cherokee county. Her artistic talents drew her to the MAC which is where she discovered Senior Games and has participated ever since with her paintings and pottery. She is branching out from the arts this year and was the first person to indicate their interest for the new Air Rifle Target Shooting event in this year’s Senior Games. Considering she hunts to stock her own larder, she proudly states that she has taken 9 deer with 9 shots. She also enjoys gathering wild mushrooms and herbs from which she makes teas, tinctures and creams.

She wistfully says “Life is so short and there is still so much to do”. The way she goes at life, she also says that she has been accused of burning her candle at both ends. Her response to that is – “God has given me a big candle (health, ability and curiosity) and I’d rather burn as much as I can rather than be accused of not shedding much light!”

We’re glad to have you as part of the Senior Games family Cathy!

Our Website and Facebook

Don’t forget to check out our website occasionally - [Cherokee/Clay SG website](#) - as well follow us on our Facebook page - [Cherokee/Clay Facebook](#).

You can find most of the information you might be looking for there as well as the current news.

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