



The Crack Shot

Newsletter of the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club (4CRP)

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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"

~2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Monthly Club Meetings

- Apr. 25, 2023 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range
- May 30, 2023 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range

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| President | Mike Upchurch | 970-560-8343 | Vice-President | Ron Serabia | 619-549-4787 |
| Secretary | Jenn Reynolds | 509-592-7675 | Treasurer | Anita Mayhew | 970-903-5120 |
| Outdoor Range Officer | Dale Donahue | 970-403-4456 | Junior Shooting Director | Norm Bowie | 970-739-1486 |
| Club Director | John McHenry | 970-739-4572 | Indoor Range Officer | Charles Thompson | 970-739-0518 |
| Club Director | Roger Lawrence | 970-560-5070 | Club Director | James McConnel | 661-644-0105 |

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & CLUB COORDINATORS

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| Centerfire Benchrest | Larry Percell | 970-739-3580 | Pistol League | Roger Lawrence | 970-560-5070 |
| Rimfire Benchrest | Gary Kyle | 970-560-5090 | Gun Show | Gayel Alexander | 970-529-3747 |
| 3 Gun Shoot | Tim Hunter | 970-749-3665 | Club Historian | Roger Lawrence | 970-560-5070 |
| Plink Off/.22 Sucker Shoot | Chuck Wark | 970-749-3665 | 4C Women @ the Range | Anita Mayhew | 970-903-5120 |
| Cowboy Shoot | Mike Kelso | 970-560-6849 | Newsletter | Jason Morgan | 970-560-0602 |
| Hunter Site-In | Ron Serabia | 619-549-4787 | Website | Jason Morgan | 970-560-0602 |
| Communications | John McHenry | 970-739-4572 | Advertising | Anita Mayhew | 970-903-5120 |

4CRP Mission Statement

- To be a non-profit community organization in the promotion and preservation of the gun ownership and usage rights of the U.S. Constitution and Section 13 of Article II of the Colorado Constitution.
- To always emphasize safety first
- To provide and maintain range facilities for shooting members of the Club and their guests
- To support all legal activities—hunting, practice and competitive shooting, and defense of self, home and community
- To provide facilities, certified firearm education, and charitable contributions to Club members, the local community, youth organizations, and law enforcement.

President's Message

The United States has 120.5 guns per 100 people or about 393,347,000 guns, the highest total and per capita number in the world. 22% of Americans own one or more guns (35% of men and 12% of women).

America's shooting sports and hunting, as well as self-protection concerns, stem in part from its colonial history, revolutionary roots, frontier expansion, and the Second Amendment, which states: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Some of our citizens and politicians want more Gun (Firearm) control! They say the intention of the Second Amendment was for militias only, that gun violence must be reduced, that guns must be restricted, and that most Americans, including gun owners, support new gun restrictions.

Opponents say that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to own guns, that guns are needed for self-defense from threats ranging from local criminals to foreign invaders, and that gun ownership deters crime rather than causes more crime.

There is some reason for gun control but only for safety and hitting the paper target. Hunters know that learning to be accurate assures them a better hunt which gives them success. More gun control is unnecessary. Education about guns and gun safety is needed to prevent accidental gun deaths.

"Weapons bans do not significantly affect murder rates at the state level," and "states with restrictions on the carrying of concealed weapons had higher gun-related murders." "Criminals don't obey the law... without fearing retaliation from victims who might be packing heat, criminals possessing these [illegal] weapons now have a much easier job..." As the saying goes, "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

Mike Upchurch, President

Membership News

- Current Member count is 445
- **NEW!!** Memberships run 12 months from time of enrollment. Dues are \$55 for a regular member and \$10 for Associate members. Associate members can use a regular member's key and membership card without the regular member being present.
- Active ***NRA Membership is required** for all levels of membership in 4CRP; NRA membership number and expiration date are required on the 4CRP application.
- Every applicant is required to complete the revised membership application, read and agree that you will comply with the **Outdoor Range Use and Safety Rules** by signing the application certification.
- You can purchase a membership at the following locations:
 - RDF Guns—Cash or check only
 - Goods for the Woods—Cash or Check only
 - 4CRP Website—Debit/Credit card only
 - 4CRP monthly meeting—Cash, Check or Debit/Credit Card (through website) accepted

***So why does 4CRP require 100% of its members to be current NRA members? Here are just some of the reasons:**

- ◇ As a 100% NRA Club, our Jr. Shooting Team can participate in official tournaments
- ◇ Our Club is eligible for thousands of dollars in NRA grants for our Junior Shooters, Women's activities and to help develop and improve our ranges.
- ◇ NRA provides affordable insurance for our Club including coverage for special events



Membership Renewal Reminder:



**To avoid interruption in your Outdoor Range access,
remember to renew at least 2 weeks in advance of your expiration date!!!**

Kill two birds with one stone!! Jennifer Reynolds will be at the Monthly meeting at 5:30 to allow people to renew memberships early. She will also be giving the Safety orientation at that time as well, so if you have not been able to make it to one of the safety orientations at the Outdoor Range, this is the perfect time to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- 1. Volunteer Opportunities:** The Gun Club has many opportunities for you to contribute to the success of the club by helping out. If you are able, please mark where you are willing to help on the club application. If you forgot, or your availability has changed, please email Secretary Jenn Reynolds at bassgoddess1@gmail.com to be placed on the volunteer list. Our club runs better when members selflessly lend a hand.
- 2. Advertising** on our website helps our Club. If you know of someone who is interested, ads can be purchased for six months and range from \$50—\$200 (depending on the size). Contact Anita Mayhew at 970-903-5120
- 3. Email Updates:** John McHenry maintains a 4CRP Club email list. From time to time he sends out important announcements, news and event/activity updates, reminders and the Crack Shot Newsletter. If you would like to be on his email distribution list, email him at: 4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com or text/call him at 970-739-4572
- 4. Electronic Gate is LIVE!!!:** Go to calendly.com/4CRPtraining to schedule your Gate and Safety Orientation

ELECTRONIC GATE FAQ

The new electronic gate has gone live and aside from working out small kinks in the system, is working as intended. In an attempt to get ahead of any confusion or possible issues caused by user error we offer the following simple step-by-step guide for operation of the electronic gate and proper use of your access cards. Please, remember that this system has been put in place to make the outdoor range a safer place for the members, and not with any intention of making things difficult for anyone.

Entering the Range: Upon arrival at the outdoor range, stop and scan your card at the reader even if the gate is currently locked in the open position. Make certain that when you scan the card you get a green light, and the readout indicates “Access Granted”.

Exiting the Range: Scan your card at the exit reader, wait for the gate to open, then drive out. DO NOT follow another member out without scanning your card.

FAQ:

Why do I need to scan my card when the gate is already open?

The system is set to track each card when it enters or exits the range and save that information. A card is identified as either logged into the system (Entered the range) or logged out of the system (Exited the range) and will not allow a duplicate entry which will prevent your card from working the next time used. What that means electronically is that if you have either gone into or exited the range without swiping your card your personal ID number will remain in the last scanned state in the system.

I scanned my card to enter the range and it displayed the message “Passback Violation” and won’t work.

As previously said, the system is tracking the status of your card. This message is displayed when you are trying to scan into the system a second time, meaning the last time you left the range you did not scan your card out.

I made a mistake, and didn’t scan my card to get into the range, or it’s after open hours on the range, and I’m locked in.

You will need to contact one of the executive members of the club with the contact information provided in the Crack Shot.

I am bringing some guests to the range to shoot, and we are bringing multiple vehicles, how can we get in and out without the gate closing on us or getting someone locked in?

Make sure that all vehicles are lined up and ready to go, there is a sensor on the gate itself that triggers the countdown timer for the gate to close. Any time that it is triggered it will reset the closing timer. After the gate opens there is a generous window of time for each vehicle to make it through before the gate will begin to close.

We are leaving the range, but the gate is just sitting open.

The gate has a roughly 40 second timer before it starts to close after a vehicle has passed through the gate. It can feel like forever, but it will close on its own. Do not go back and scan your card repeatedly, that will just reset the timer over and over, as well as put your card into a logged in state, keeping it from working the next time you come to enjoy the range.

OUTDOOR RANGE NEWS

If you would like to reserve the Outdoor Range, please email Mike @ marinevet66@hotmail.com with your dates and times or submit a written request at any 4CRP meeting.

Make note of the installed orange safety line at the 300-yard range and the intermediate Cowboy range. **Do not shoot this orange line or anything above it.** Keep all bullets well below the range area.

Reminders:

- **Members must be present if their key is used at the outdoor range**, with the exception of Associate Members. Be prepared to show your 4CRP Membership card upon request.
- There are extra trash bags in the Target Shed; if the trash is full, please take it to the dumpster. Little things like this will help keep the Outdoor Range tidy and clean so all of us can enjoy it.

- **Shooters in the field need to be aware of their target and what is behind that target, i.e., can the bullet potentially ricochet into one of the other ranges or over the berm? You are responsible for the bullet once it leaves the muzzle of your gun until it stops. This includes ricochets!**
- ***Please, be aware of the cylinder and muzzle blasts on the sandbags which can cause holes to be burnt in the denim covering.***

Reminder!! Safety First!!

- **Never Point your Gun at Anything you do not want to destroy**
- **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target**
- Communicate with fellow shooters and get to know other club members
- Be Welcoming! We have a lot of new shooters—this is AWESOME!! Offer to lend a hand and make a new friend!
- Be aware of your muzzle, and make sure it is ALWAYS pointed in a safe direction.
- The range is a communal place for members of all shooting experience. Be Safe and Be Polite—If you see someone handling their firearm carelessly, please let them know. Please do not be offended if someone shares something that they see. This is how we grow a safe and welcoming community.



INDOOR RANGE NEWS

INDOOR RANGE REMINDER

Please help to keep the facility clean and well maintained. After you finish shooting, check for trash and casings. Let me know when bathroom (or other supplies) are running low, and if you observe any problems/issues in the building. When you leave, be sure the door is secured and locked.

Charles Thompson, Indoor Range Officer, 970-739-0518

Do you want to become a certified Range Safety Officer or renew your existing certification? If so, don't miss this opportunity to join Brandi's Range Safety Officer class on April 29th at a special discounted rate! This class will teach you the skills and knowledge required to supervise and manage shooting range operations and activities. You will learn how to ensure the safety of shooters, range personnel, and bystanders. You will also learn how to handle firearms, ammunition, and range equipment properly. By becoming a Range Safety Officer, you will be able to help with our various range activities and events. All are welcome to join this class, whether you are a beginner or an expert shooter. Visit coloradohighmark.com to register for this class. For more information, contact Brandi at highmark44@gmail.com or 231-944-2211.

PISTOL LEAGUE RESULTS

Our Pistol League (both Fall & Spring) is complete until this Fall. We had a great time even though we had fewer shooters. Lots of suggestions have been made on how we can generate some new interest. One of them looks like it could be a lot of fun. We have decided to add a .22 Rim Fire only division. Shooters will shoot the same course of fire as the regular shooters, but no center fire. 6 targets, 10 shots each target, iron sights and red dot sights allowed will be for the new Rim Fire Division.

FALL

Our Fall winners were:

Top Gun Red Dot – Roger Lawrence
Top Gun Iron Sights – Larry Ott
Division 1 Iron Sights – Steve Franchini
Division 2 Iron Sights – Jenn Reynolds
Division 3 Iron Sights – Charles Thompson

SPRING

Spring winners were:

Top Gun Red Dot – Don Cook
Top Gun Iron Sights – Chuck Wark
Division 1 Iron Sights – Steven Vogt
Division 2 Iron Sights – Charles Thompson

FUN SHOOT

Jeff and Lois Carlson planned a great Fun Shoot to cap our 2022/2023 Year. We shot .22 only and at varied targets. Ballons, backwards targets and a 500 yard rifle target. It was really lots of fun. Lots of great refreshments and socializing too. Thanks to Lois and Jeff!

I would like to thank **Don Cook, John McHenry and Chuck Wark**. Without their help this year, it would have been difficult to pull off our shoots. The weather was terrible and I had a knee injury and resulting surgeries that prevented me from shooting the full season. We will be ready in November to start again. Hope to see you all then. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Roger Lawrence
League Manager
rjl@fone.net (970) 560-5070

The 2023 Pistol League end of the season Fun Shoot is now history. A good time was had by all, we shot at some fun and challenging targets, and everyone in attendance fired a perfect score of 100 at 50 feet (bragging rights are everything)!

At the conclusion, Roger Lawrence was presented with a plaque recognizing his 15 years of dedication running the Pistol League. The plaque will be displayed at the indoor range.

HELP 4CRP SAVE SOME MONEY AND RECEIVE EACH ISSUE OF THE CRACK SHOT SOONER!

Consider receiving your issues of the Crack Shot via email by contacting John McHenry at 4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com.

Has your mailing address changed recently or are you receiving more than one copy of the Crack Shot?

Contact: Jenn Reynolds, Secretary: Text - 509-592-7675 or email: bassgoddess1@gmail.com

Want your Indoor Range event listed in the Crack Shot?


Submit your Indoor Range Event to the Crack Shot Editor at 4CRPCrackshot@gmail.com



April 2023

Events and activities may be UPDATED after publication. To see current calendars, go to 4cornersrifleandpistol.com website.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat




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| | | | | | | 1 (I) 10am Pistol Club Fun Shoot (I) 2pm Posse Shoot |
| 2 (O) 2pm Women at the Range Monthly | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 7 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 8 |
| 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 14 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 15 (I) 5:30pm Jr Shooters Competition |
| 16 (I) 5:30pm Jr Shooters Competition | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 21 4pm Gun Show (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 22 9am Gun Show |
| 23 (I) 9am Brandi CCW class 10am Gun Show | 24 | 25 (I) 6:30pm Gun Club Meeting | 26 | 27 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 28 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 29 (I) 9am Brandi, RSO class |
| 30 | | | | | | (I) Indoor Range (O) Outdoor Range |

May 2023

Indoor Shooting Range is Closed for Repairs May 8—June 10; classroom is open.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters | 5 (I) 6pm Jr Shooters  | 6 |
| 7 (O) 2pm Women at the Range Monthly | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29  | 30 (I) 6:30pm Gun Club Meeting | 31 | | | (I) Indoor Range (O) Outdoor Range |

Four Corners Rifle & Pistol Club Application for New/Renewal Membership (4CRP)

Check Your Preference for New or Renewal Membership:

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| Regular Member: Any person who meets the above requirements and is age 18+. An Active Regular Member shall be entitled to hold office, vote, and enjoy all benefits & privileges | \$55.00 | NEW | Renewal |
| Associate Member (Non-Voting): A spouse and/or family member(s) of a Regular Member who meets the above criteria. Can use range key. One fee includes spouse and all junior family members. | \$10.00 | | |
| Lost Key Charge: Replacing personal key access to Outdoor Range | \$25.00 | | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | | | |

⇒ Annual Dues effective 12 months from time of purchase

⇒ **Required: Current NRA Membership #** _____ **Exp Date** _____

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| FIRST AND LAST NAME | Required: TELEPHONE | | DATE OF BIRTH |
| MAILING ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP |

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| ASSOCIATE MEMBER NAME (PAID) | Required: ASSOCIATE NRA MEMBER NUMBER / EXP DATE | | |
| RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER | DATE OF BIRTH | TELEPHONE | |

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| JUNIOR MEMBER NAME | NRA MEMBER NUMBER/EXP DATE | DATE OF BIRTH |
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4CRP always needs volunteers. Please check any areas that you would be interested in volunteering.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INDOOR RANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR SHOOTERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OUTDOOR RANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> GUN SHOW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HUNTER SIGHT IN | <input type="checkbox"/> 4C WOMEN AT THE RANGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RANGE CLEAN UP | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

Required EMAIL: _____

(Needed for sending specific club information ONLY; we really want to keep you informed)

Please check box for Crack Shot Newsletter preference:

- ☐ If you would like printed Newsletter mailed to you
- ☐ If you would like the Newsletter emailed to you

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of, have read, and agree to comply with the 4CRP Outdoor Range Use and Safety Rules

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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| <u>To Be Completed by Secretary</u> | | | |
| Card Sent: _____ | Orientation Date: _____ | Key #: _____ | Updated: _____ |
| Partner: RDF: _____ | Goods: _____ | Secretary Signature: _____ | |

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

Classified Ads will appear in the printed/emailed Crack Shot Newsletters as well as on the 4CRP website under the Classified Ads tab. To submit an ad, go to the 4CRP website at: **4cornersrifleandpistol.com** to the classified Ad drop-down tab, click on "to submit a new ad, click here" and fill out the form. *Use this same procedure to inform the Club to remove your ad when your items have sold or you no longer want your ad(s) published go to "Additional Information or Message" and type in "remove ad" for what items you want removed.*

Note: All Ads are reviewed for content prior to distribution

Sparc AR red dot

Bought it but it's a bit tough to use with old welder eyes. \$175 OBO. Richard Hunter (970) 317-5422

Bullet Casting Equipment

Bullet Casting Equipment:

Lyman Lubramatic Bullet Sizer (heated); LEE Lead Pot 4 (electric); Lee Bullet Molds: 365 125 gr RN; 358 158 gr SWC; 452 228 gr RN

Lyman Size & Lube Dies: 356, 357, 430, 451; Lyman Top Punch: 357 SWC; 430 WC; 100 lb of lead ingots: \$3 each or two for \$5

12 sets of RCBS reloading dies: \$20 each call Call or text: William (Dale) Foote at 970-570-9705

Books by Mic (M.L.) McPherson

Accurizing the Factory Rifle: The home-tinkers guide to gunsmithing; A Compilation of Handloading, Shooting, and Related Articles; A Short Primer on the Primer; McPherson on Leverguns; Memoirs of Superstition Mountain Prospecting; Metallic Cartridge Handloading: The Modern Bible on handloading; Recollections of the Impossible; Zigzag Canyon (Zane Grey Society book of the year)

Titles available in different formats on Amazon.com—also available for direct purchase from the Author

Sig Sauer 238 for Sale

New in the box, never fired. .380 Comes with one mag, factory holster, and 100 rounds of ammo. \$650

Bill_Talley@hotmail.com 972.989.3725

Lead for Casting

In ingots from a Lyman mold. \$2 a pound. Plenty available. Doug Galinsky (970) 882-1531 dgalinsky2014@yahoo.com

Wanted to Buy

Clean, once fired 7mm Remington Magnum brass. Leave a text message. I get lots of spam and don't answer calls I don't know, so leave a phone number and I will get back to you. Thanks.

Mark Jones (970) 238-1979 mark.jones807@gmail.com

650 primed LC 223/5.56 cases

The provenance is unknown as I received these as inheritance from an experienced hand loader. I have not sized, cleaned, or primed any of these myself. The only defect to the cases I have seen are dings at the case mouth from either dropping them on the floor or in a bucket. Looking to trade for unopened rifle powder: IMR 4064 or IMR 4350. I would also accept \$120 cash firm. Call or text. If I don't answer because of the insane amount of spam, please leave a voicemail.

Sean Clason (970) 560-4561 sclason@yahoo.com

460 S&W for sale

8 3/8" barrel, also includes 51 unfired starline brass, 46 twice fired starline brass, about 20 twice fired hornady brass, and RCBS dies. Asking \$1000 for all of it.

please call or text Mike at 520.827.9195. If I don't answer please leave a message and ill get back to you.

Reloading Supplies:

82 boxes Nosler HPBT 77 gr. (250 pcs./box)

1 open box Speer 9mm HP 88 gr. (25 pcs.)

1 open box Nosler 9mm 90 gr. (70 pcs.)

2 boxes (1 open) Sierra Game King 30 cal .308 180 gr, Boat-Tail (100 pcs., 35 pcs.)

516 pcs. .223 Brass (clean)

237 pcs. .327 Brass, Nickel Plate (clean)

453 pcs. .38 Super Brass (clean)

2320 pcs. .38 Super Brass, Nickel Plate (clean)

190 pcs. .380 ACP Brass (clean)

4150 pcs. .40 S&W Brass (clean)

259 pcs. .40 S&W Brass, Nickel Plate (clean)

82 pcs. .45 ACP Brass, Nickel Plate (clean)

Make an offer! No reasonable offer refused. Prefer to sell as a lot; but, will sell individually.

Primers:

3000 Federal Large Rifle Match Primers(GM210M) - \$120/1000

5000 CCI #400 Small Rifle Primers on APS Strips - \$100/1000

5000 CCI #500 Small Pistol Primers of APS Strips - \$100/1000

Gary Grantham

phdg1948@gmail.com

(970) 749-1092

S&W M&P 40

Full size 15+1 Original case 3 mags Like new 350\$ or b.o. text 802-299-6344

Notes from the Crack Shot Editor:

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FRI-SAT-SUN APR 21, 22, 23 2023

CORTEZ GUN SHOW

THE ORIGINAL AND TRADITIONAL GUN SHOW OF MONTEZUMA COUNTY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Fri, Apr 21st 4PM–8PM • Sat, Apr 22nd 9AM–5PM • Sun, Apr 23rd 10AM–2PM



ADMISSION

\$5 per day

Children under 12 free when
accompanied by an adult

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
VENDOR APPLICATIONS, CONTACT**

Gun Show Manager: Gayel Alexander

970.529.3747 • 970.882.2150 • lkgalexander2012@gmail.com

Cortez Gun Show • P.O. Box 279 • Cortez, CO 81321 • CortezGunShow.com



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4CRP requires eye and ear protection at the Indoor and Outdoor Range

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