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CAMPFIRE LIGHTS MAY 2016

Partnership in Conservation: NCC and VDGIF

Contrary to public “perception”, those that pursue the outdoor sports have a commitment to the maintenance of the outdoors. We embrace “leave no trace” protocols - often bending over to pick up a piece of



trash left by “someone else” - and respect all that nature has to offer. Fishing, hunting and camping pay a significant share of the costs for our parks and wild areas in the USA. In other



parts of the world, the old saying “if it pays, it stays” has been the mantra for the renaissance of wildlife in Africa and other places, where, when a value is placed on wildlife, it is protected (counter to the “Save Cecil” mindset).

Along these lines, the responsibility to ensure the long term viability of wildlife and enforce game laws in the Commonwealth falls to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

From the Desk of NCC President, Tom Flosnik:

Dear NCC SCI Members and Supporters,

“Hard to believe that Summer is right around the corner. We had a great NCC Annual meeting with a visits from VDGIF. See more on the great things we have done with this organization.

***I would like to congratulate the new NCC Board for 2016-2017: J D Crouch, Tom Flosnik, Wayne Graham, Ted Griner, Lance Hendershot, Howard Isenberg, John M. Sholes, and David Stingl
Take care and Thanks for all you do”***

All the best, Tom

NCC SCI Factoids – Did you know.....

- NCC’s major fundraiser is the Annual Gala? The proceeds from this event fund Operations
 - MANY donations have a reserve which is what the Chapter MUST pay the outfitter. As such, most of the dollars received at the Annual Gala do NOT fall to the NCC bottom line
 - As a “non-profit” 501(c)3, NCC operates as as a “charitable and educational conservation organization of sportsmen and sportswomen, who contribute of their time and talent as volunteers.”?
 - NCC must remit 30% of the net proceeds back to SCI?
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table at the NCC Gala so that VDGIF officers could interact with members.

If you have a pelt or old taxidermy of a Virginia game animal that you no longer want, please let Beth (or your editor here) know as VDGIF is looking to expand their inventory for education!

— Don Toenshoff

Upcoming Chapter Events:

▶ **NCC Annual Gala Meeting:**
Frequently – contact Connie Graham
– conniegraham@verizon.net

▶ **NCC Summer Event**
– details coming

▶ **NCC Holiday Party**
– details coming

SAVE THE DATE:

▶ **2017 NCC Annual Banquet & Gala— March 4th, 2017**

Over the past several years, NCC has forged a great alliance with VDGIF with a focus on increasing awareness of wildlife issues through education. NCC and its members has supported the donation of pelts and taxidermy displays for the “Hands on Wildlife” education initiative, hosted VDGIF officers at the NCC Annual General Meeting and provided them a

Why NCC partners with Freedom Hunters?

Running a “Not For Profit” can be daunting. Good intentions - often fueled with emotional images that are used to raise money - can, over time, without continuous focus to Mission of leadership, lead to excess and abuse. It was an issue about a decade ago with the *United Way* and recently was an issue with *Wounded Warriors* with reports of lavish salaries and excessive expense to benefit ratios.

First, to be clear, NCC is NOT associated with the Wounded Warrior Project in any way. While often the term “wounded warrior” is bandied around loosely, the NCC projects support a “warrior outreach program”, not just those who were harmed in support of our country.

Along these lines, we have aligned ourself with **Freedom Hunters**. We consider **Freedom Hunters** as a niche organization with common goals. Given the controversy associated with the Wounded Warrior Project, as part of our due diligence, I offer the following insight into **Freedom Hunters**:

- Business objective:
 - Freedom Hunters** offers a variety of outstanding hunting, fishing and shooting opportunities free of charge to Service Members / Veterans and their families: Wounded, Families of the Fallen, Kids of the Deployed, and Redeployed Combat Servicemen.
- **Freedom Hunters** is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit with tax exempt status
- **Freedom Hunters** is a 100% volunteer organization with no volunteers in the organization receiving payment for their participation in our efforts.
- The only overhead **Freedom Hunters** incurs is a Liability Insurance Premium (which protects donors such as NCC SCI on the events that are donate, the warriors, landowners and Freedom Hunters volunteers)
- 2015 financials (unaudited)
 - \$156,233 Cash Donations
 - \$191,235 In-Kind Donations
 - \$3,611 Overhead (insurance)

For More information:

<http://www.freedomhunters.org>

Thank you to **Bud DePlachett** and **Anthony Pace** of **Freedom Hunters** for this information

— Don Toenshoff, Jr.

Humanitarian Efforts — this side of the Atlantic



As you may have seen on the NCC Facebook page, NCC recently filled and sent two Blue Bags to the Appalachian Region of Tennessee & Kentucky — as hunger, poverty and need is not uniquely an African situation.

Thanks Connie Graham for the great photo of your helpers! (or... was this a grandmotherly, wise tactic to otherwise occupy the busy hands of your helpers? Only you will know!)

A note from the NCC Gala Chairwoman:

National Capital Chapter Banquet Attendees -

I would like to say THANK YOU to each of you personally. Thank you very much to all of you that helped make our 2016 Banquet Fundraiser a great success. Thank you to our Banquet attendees and your guests, the donors, the very hard working and dedicated Volunteers, the 2015 - 2016 Board of Director, the Robinson High School Rifle team and parents, the Lake Braddock ROTC, our MC Mark Robinson, our check-out crew (Karen McDermott, Diane Brienig, Christina Thompson and Kim McKay), the Auctioneer, Craig Damewood, and the staff of Westfields Marriott (especially Sharon Myers and Monica Flores). We appreciate our outfitters who donated amazing hunts as well as our non-hunt donors. We especially thank our members and attendees for buying the exciting hunts and donations. Your generosity in bidding on the wonderful items our Donors provided enable us to carry on our missions in Education, Conservation and Humanitarian endeavors; and provide the funds needed to protect the Hunting and Outdoor lifestyle we cherish.



We look forward to seeing all of you next year. We are currently working on the date of next year's event.

— Connie Graham, Banquet Chair

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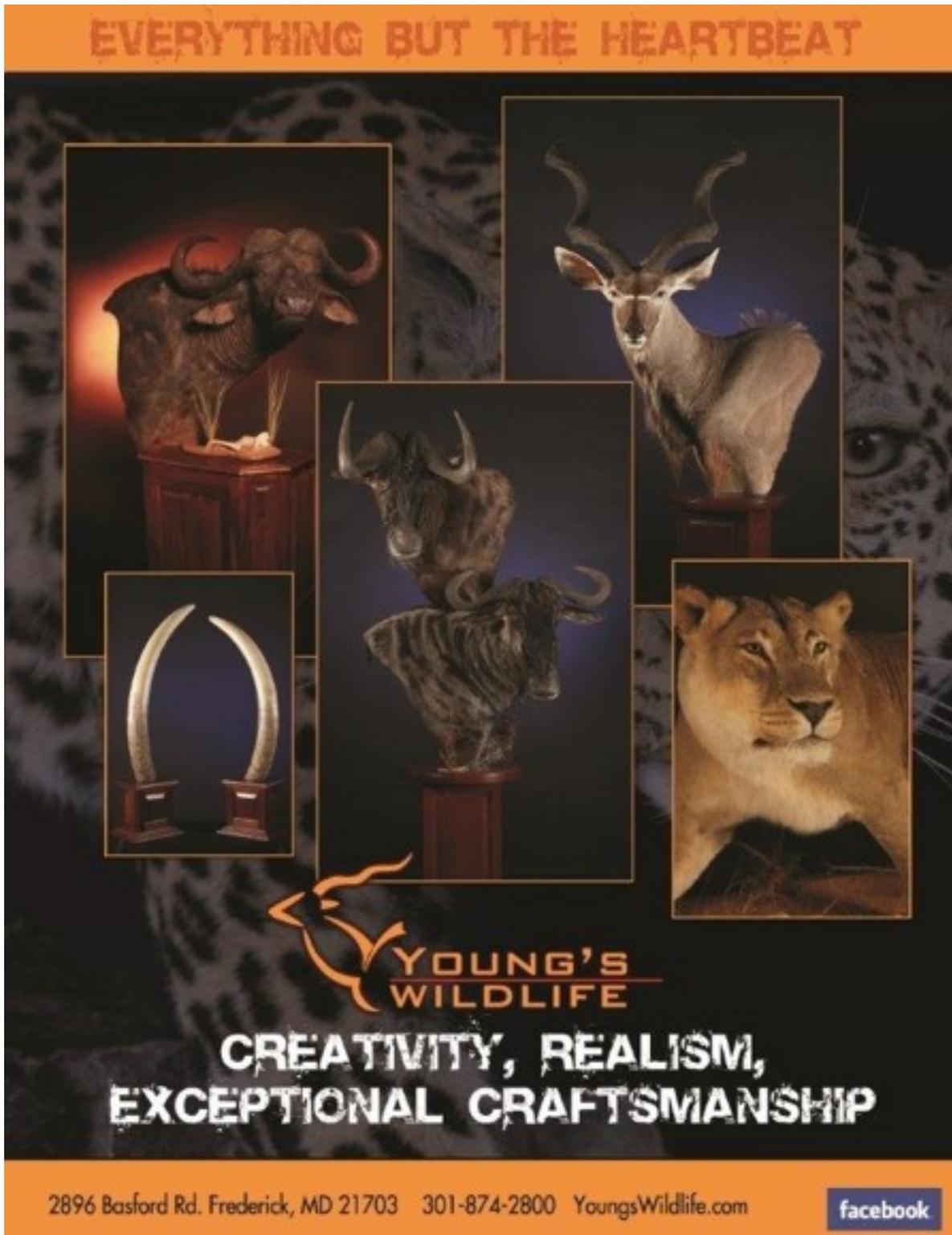
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“I obtained this hunt at the 2015 auction....”

So started Richard Ziminski's report from a successful Harloo Safaris report —

“Greetings to all. I was the successful bidder on the 2015 auction as donated by Harloo Safaris.. The hunt was for a Nyala, and it included a wildebeest and warthog. The hunt included all safaris details for two hunters and two observers. I took my wife as did my buddy Stan. We left Dulles in March and returned home after a 7 day hunt. Everything about this adventure was great. The food was delicious, the service excellent, the accommodations superb. Our PH was among the top in his profession. He managed to get us both gold medal animals. I had never seen a Nyala in all of my many hunts so this was a treat. They are beautiful animals, and live in dense thick brush. My shot was at about 35 yds which is typical.



One day we went to the Zulu cultural center and had a interesting tour and show. Another day we boated around a very large lake and saw lots of hippos and crocodiles. All in all a really good time , I thanked Edmond for his donation and helping our cause.”

— Richard Ziminski

Thanks Richard Gotta hunting Story? Buy a hunt from one of our NCC supporters at the Gala? Please drop me a line with several photos!

Member “Eats” —

In this edition of “Campfire Lights” we once again introduce some Member's favorite recipes. Again, Thanks to Dave Francis for the idea. This month's recipe is courtesy of **Bud DePlachett** of FreedomHunters, and recognizing we are in Turkey season, it is appropriate:

Fried Wild Turkey Tenders/Wild Turkey Appetizer

- Turkey Breasts
- Buttermilk
- Seasoned Flour
- Eggs/Milk wash

- Vegetable Oil
- Creole or Cajun Seasoning (optional)
- Soaked toothpicks (optional)

Slice a turkey breast into one inch strips cutting across the grain. Use a meat mallet to tenderize a tough old bird. Marinate the strips for at least two hours in buttermilk to tenderize and add flavor. Dredge the strips in seasoned flour, and dip in a beaten egg mixture before dredging a second time. Fry the strips quickly in very hot vegetable oil until a beautiful golden brown. Make sure the oil is very hot, and the strips are not crowded in the frying pan. The hot oil keeps the strips from becoming greasy. Try adding Creole or Cajun seasoning to the flour to perk up the flavor. You can also cut the strips into chunks, and fry to use skewered on a toothpick as an appetizer.

Have a recipe to share? Pass it on!



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Useful Websites:

Hunters for the Hungry: <http://www.h4hungry.org>

Freedom Hunters: <http://www.freedomhunters.org>

National Capital Chapter: <http://www.scicapitalchapter.org>

NCC SCI Donors: <http://www.scicapitalchapter.org/Donors.html>

NCC Banquet Auction Items: <http://www.scicapitalchapter.org/AuctionItemsNew.html>

VA Hunting Regulations: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/>

MD Hunting Regulations: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/>

WV Hunting Regulations: http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting_regs.shtm

PA Hunting Regulations: <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=576240&mode=2>

DC Hunting Regulations: I Googled and found: <http://www.youhavealawyer.com>
(I'm not joking, sums it all up.....)

From The Editor:

Sorry it has been awhile since the last newsletter. Having two sons in high school, college searches (and acceptances!), sports, some family issues being the “sandwich generation” and “that day job” thing, the days have evaporated Sorry!

Got an idea for an article or some other interest? Also any donations to VDGIF? Drop me an email— don.toenshoff.jr@gmail.com

Until Next Time -- Shoot Straight.... (and take a kid shooting)

My best, Don Toenshoff, Jr

(P.S. — 170-days until Virginia Muzzleloading season opening day!)