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## Bob Timberlake



Bob Timberlake, the internationally acclaimed realist, painter and designer who makes his home in Lexington, North Carolina will host an "Evening For Conservation" this October to benefit North Carolina Ducks Unlimited. Exact date, time and other specifics are being finalized and will be communicated upon completion.

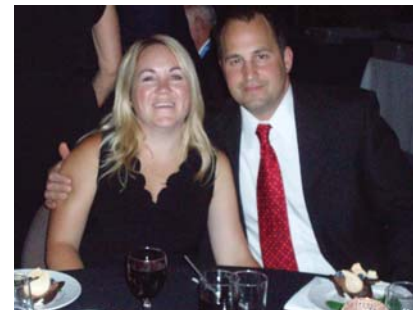
Timberlake's art career has been marked by consistent and resounding success. His original, "Hunting Moon", was recently selected to be used by North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia as their 2012 Sponsor Print of the Year. Throughout his career, his work has been featured in scores of magazines and newspapers including The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, Art Voices/South, Southern Living, Sporting Classics, Audubon, Southern Accents and almost all the "shelter" magazines. Timberlake has also released seven books.

Timberlake has been honored by Presidents Carter and Reagan in the White House for his work with Keep America and NC Beautiful.

Well known for his charitable endeavors, he has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the Boy Scouts of America, the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Duke Children's Hospital, the Lions Club, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Keep America and NC Beautiful, and of course, Ducks Unlimited.

## Wounded Warrior Attends National Convention

Sgt. 1st Class Dave Colucci and his wife Angela attended the festivities at the DU National Convention in Quebec City, Canada. They were graciously sponsored by Ron Bartel of Louisiana. On Memorial Day weekend, Dave was honored during one of the business sessions at the Convention for his outstanding service to our country. During his 13 year career with the Army, Dave has pulled 3 tours of duty in Afghanistan. On June 25, 2004 while on tour near the town of Manogay in northeastern Afghanistan, Colucci and his team were notified that insurgents had planted a roadside bomb several miles east of the team's camp. He and his team members went to get rid of the bomb and were ambushed with rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns, and small arms fire. Colucci was hit in the stomach, but managed to maneuver his vehicle out of the "kill zone" and help secure a landing zone for the medical evacuation helicopter. In recognition of these courageous acts, Dave received the Silver Star. Over his career he has been widely decorated receiving the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart among others.



Dave and Angela have two children and are currently stationed at Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. Thank you Dave and all our military service members who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## A Message from State Chairman, Jim Cerza



I'd like to encourage all our NCDU faithful to consider coming to River Landing in August for our State Convention. Ken Roberts and the Duplin County Committee have an exciting array of activities lined up for the entire family. Further details and registration can be accessed on line at [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org) then click on North Carolina.

Also on the horizon in July is our Billfish Tournament in Morehead City. Captain Trey Oliver promises good weather and fishing this year. If you've never been, you are missing one of the best DU functions in the country. The parties are worth the trip even if you don't fish!

For all our volunteers, please plan on attending a workshop in your area this July - full schedule is shown on page 5 of this newsletter. Food's always good (and free) and you always pick up an idea or two that will help your local committee improve their results. As a bonus, bring a copy of your committee roster, an updated FFL license and projected date of your dinner banquet and receive a free gun for your committee. Can't beat that!

To conclude, I'm proud to report North Carolina continues to maintain its reputation as a high achiever. While at the National Convention in Quebec City, Canada in May, DU announced 2010 results in 12 different categories used to rank states' performance. North Carolina placed in the top ten in 9 out of the 12 categories.

Our goal for 2011 is to be #1. We're off to a strong start in the first half. Let's keep it going. Thanks to all our members and volunteers across North Carolina for all you do for the ducks.

*Jim Cerza*  
NCDU State Chairman

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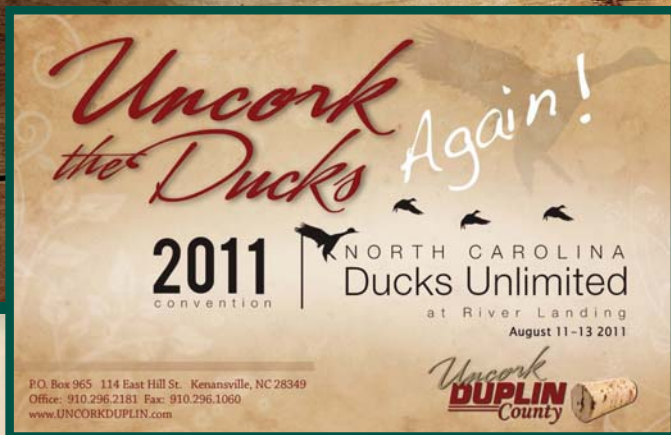
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**You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Ducks Unlimited State Convention** being held August 11 – 13 at the beautiful River Landing Country Club in Wallace, NC.

All Ducks Unlimited members, sponsors, spouses, greenwings and guests are invited and encouraged to attend. There are activities planned for the whole family!

River Landing is a private, gated residential golf community covering over 1,700 unspoiled acres on the banks of the northeast Cape Fear River in Wallace, NC. An easy 35 minute drive from historic Wilmington and just an hour and 15 minutes south of Raleigh, NC, River Landing represents the best of North Carolina's beauty, weather and recreation.

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

**5PM** Bus departs from River Landing for Welcome Dinner at Duplin Winery featuring Southern Comedy

**6PM** Event begins

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**10AM** Duplin County Tour

**2PM-5PM** Poolside Fashion Show

**2:30-4:30PM** State Committee Meeting open to all convention attendees.

**6PM-UNTIL** Dinner Event at River Lodge

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

**8AM** Golf Tournament

**9AM-2PM** Flurry Shoot

**10AM-2PM** Canvas Painting Class at Duplin Winery

**1PM-3PM** Decoy Carving

**6PM-7PM** Volunteer Appreciation Reception

**7PM-10PM** Awards Banquet

## IN MEMORIAM, NCDU Loses Three Good Friends

Greenville businessman **TOM MINGES** died June 9th from an apparent heart attack. Tom was Chairman of the Board of the Minges Bottling Group, Inc. A Diamond Life Sponsor of DU, Tom was always very supportive, providing thousands of Pepsi products to DU events all over eastern NC. Tom's father, Dr. Ray Minges is in the NCDU Hall of Fame and was instrumental in building the Greenville Chapter into a Nationally recognized entity within DU. The Chapter now goes by Greenville/Dr. Ray D Minges in honor of the Minges family's contributions. Tom is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kay Branton Minges, four daughters, three grandchildren and two sisters.

**KEN MITCHELL** of Smithfield passed away on June 9th after a long battle with cancer. A Life Sponsor of the Johnston County Chapter, Ken served two years as Area Chairman and many more as it's Treasurer. Charles "General" Lee remembers his good friend as a positive, dedicated volunteer, always there to try and help the ducks. He was recently recognized for his 30th year as sponsor of the Johnston County Chapter. Ken is survived by his wife Miriam Mangum Mitchell, a daughter and two sons, one step son and daughter, four grandchildren, three step grandchildren, three sisters and a brother. The Johnston County Chapter and NCDU will truly miss Ken.

By Rodney Warren - **PAUL WHITE** was a longtime friend of DU. A great leader that worked hard to see the Harnett County chapter succeed all while supporting many other chapters by attending their events. He was always telling our committee to attend other events because that was the best place to learn what works and what doesn't. Paul's unofficial rally cry within our committee was "You can always do more". Paul has left a lasting legacy within our committee and NCDU and my life has certainly been enriched having known and volunteered with him. Paul is survived by his wife Jennifer and three sons.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTERS

### CORINTH HOLDERS HIGH SCHOOL

Under the leadership of Advisor Courtney Overbee and student Area Chairman Caitlyn Goff netted over \$10,000 at their recent banquet.

### SOUTH JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL:

Cleared \$7000 thanks to the father daughter combination of Ernie and Brantley Tart. Special thanks to the Tarts for getting this chapter restarted.

## COLLEGIATE NEWS

Once again North Carolina had three of it's collegiate chapters place in the prestigious "Sweet Sixteen" in the Country. **EAST CAROLINA (AREA CHAIRMAN CAMERON ATKINS)**, **NC STATE (AREA CHAIRMAN TREY OFERRELL)** & **UNC WILMINGTON (AREA CHAIRMAN BRENT WRIGHT)** Congratulations. And special recognition goes out to the Pirates of East Carolina who raised the bar for everyone this year by having a record setting attendance at their spring dinner banquet - over 1,300 jammed the Greenville Civic Center - most ever at an NCDU event - super job!

## NEW CHAPTERS

### HIGH POINT

The High Point Chapter had a great event this May selling 165 tickets, grossed \$30,000 and netted \$19,000! Thank you Area Chairman Trent Nelson and your dedicated committee of 15.

### FORT BRAGG

Led by Area Chairman Ken Bernard and supported by a committee of 19, sold 115 tickets to their inaugural event. They grossed \$23,000 and netted \$15,000 for the ducks.



*Great Tier Raffle-Fort Bragg*

## JOB WELL DONE

Once again the **CURRITUCK CHAPTER** has plans for making the Top 100 chapter list. They had 385 attend their spring dinner banquet and enjoyed a remarkable 41% increase in event income. Area Chairman Eddie Morgan continues to lead a large, dedicated group of DU volunteers. Congratulations. Co-Area Chairmen Bob Kemp and Dr. Phil Meador led the **KERR LAKE CHAPTER** to a very successful event this year. With over 250 attendees, they grew their event income over 39%. Congrats to the all involved for a job well done. **KNOTTS ISLAND** went from not having an event a few months ago to a dinner banquet with over 300 attendees on June 4th netting the ducks over \$20,000. Special thanks to RD Larry Wilkins for stepping up and organizing a super local committee that made it happen.

## PRESIDENTIAL CITATION WINNERS

Six chapters qualified for this award. Qualification requires chapters have a minimum of \$5000 event income and 50 adult attendees for the year ended December 31. In addition each chapter must meet the following: increase in event income and adult event attendees of at least 5% over last year, net/net to gross on D event of 60% and must meet the 10/30 reporting requirements. Congratulations **CLINTON**, **SOUTHERN PITT**, **PAMLICO COUNTY**, **KNAPP OF REEDS**, **C. A. BOXLEY-CAPE HATTERAS** and **FARMVILLE** for reaching Citation status in calendar 2010. Presidential Citation status will be emphasized this year as it is one of the major criteria used in ranking the states' performance.

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# DISTRICT WORKSHOPS PLANNED IN JULY

All workshops will begin promptly at 6:00PM, dinner served at 6:30PM and end at approximately 9:00PM. Every committee that brings in an updated FFL, Committee Roster, and Projected banquet date will receive a free gun to use at your event. The chapter that brings the most committee members will also receive a free gun to be used at their event(s).

DATE	LOCATION-Eastern & Central
7/11	Nixon's Catering- Edenton, NC
7/12	Holt Lake Barbeque - Smithfield, NC
7/14	Kings Barbeque - Kinston, NC
7/13	The Barn @ Vahala - Chapel Hill, NC
7/18	Lu Mill Vineyards - Dublin, NC
7/21	Burgaw Depot - Burgaw, NC

DATE	LOCATION-Western
7/18	Bass Pro Shops - Concord, NC
7/19	High Point Elks Lodge - High Point, NC
7/20	Statesville Civic Center - Statesville, NC
7/21	Garner Center - Troy, NC



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## EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME
7/29	POTASHCORP AURORA CAPTAIN'S PARTY	8:15PM
7/30	LINES IN	9AM-3PM
7/30	GOLDEN GROVE FARMS, WEIGH IN SOCIAL	5-7:30PM
7/31	LINES IN	8AM-2PM
7/31	BACARDI BANQUET/AWARDS PARTY	7PM-12AM

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