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WELCOME TO OUR *Quarterly Newsletter*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



As I turn over the President's gavel to Irene Dudley Hanlon, our newly elected Sables President, I want to thank you for allowing me to lead the Sables for the past two years. We have experienced many changes together including the establishment of our Endowment and exciting growth and development of our Education programs. It has been my honor to help guide us into our new future. As many of you know, this Sables newsletter has been under development for several months now. We are very excited to once again have a way to keep you up to date on the latest happenings within the Sables. Always remember, and as witnessed by so many of our Sables members across the country and around the world, the more you participate with the Sables both locally and nationally, the more rewards you receive being a part of our Sables community. I congratulate Irene on her election and I know she will be a great President by continuing to lead us with grace, expertise and boundless energy.

Yours in Hunting, Conservation and Education
-Susan Hayes



With Deepest Gratitude to Susan Hayes

The SCIF Sables Governance Board extends our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing President, Susan Hayes, for her unwavering dedication, passion, and inspiring leadership over the past two years. Susan, your guidance and mentorship have left a lasting mark on the Sables Board, our members, and the mission we hold dear. Your commitment to conservation education and empowering women in the outdoors has strengthened our foundation and elevated our impact. Your leadership will be deeply missed, but we are excited to see what this next chapter holds for you within SCI. We know you will continue to lead with purpose and make a meaningful difference—just as you have always done.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,
Your Sables Family

In the News...



FIVE STAR PRESERVE HOSTS SCIF-SABLES UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

The Five Star Preserve in Alabama provided a unique learning experience for 21 Auburn University Wildlife Enterprise Management students.

Sponsors Holland and Carolyn Powell, Sables President Susan Hayes and SCIF staff, hosted the event, which included facility tours and discussions on wildlife management.

Students learned about hospitality and game species, and habitat health, while staff shared insights about working in the wildlife industry.

Sables Member Spotlight!

Tina Turner

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DEDICATION AND TEAMWORK
THAT MAKE OUR
ORGANIZATION THRIVE.”



My name is Tina Turner,

As an outdoor enthusiast, I believe deeply in the values Sables represents – conservation, education, and camaraderie among women who share a love for the outdoors.

I love taking trophies and turning them into pieces of art. I've recently started taking knife blades and customizing handles.

Over the past several years, I've had the privilege of serving our community in many ways, including:

Volunteering at our Sables Luncheons, Representing the Central District as Elector for Sables for 2024–2025, Serving on the SCI Alabama Chapter Board and State Sable Rep since 2022, and Playing an active role in both our Alabama Banquet and Membership Committees.

OUR SABLES BUILDING COMMUNITY

Denver Sables were at it again...

The earless Susan Hayes opened up her beautiful party barn to host this event. She spoiled us with homemade soup that we all begged for the recipes! (Susan, is that sentence even grammatically correct????)

With full bellies, we made our way into the kitchen and tied on the aprons. The Swedish Tea Ring was first, followed by Caramel Cinnamon Rolls, Cinnamon Rolls with Cream Cheese Frosting, and the Grand Finale – the Snowflake Cinnamon Roll. Covered in flour, we headed home to share some delicious home-baked goodies just in time for Easter. The occasion was baking sourdough cinnamon rolls – 4 different ways! No surprise at all that the Denver Sables are also competitive in the kitchen. Perhaps the wine beforehand was to blame???



Planting New Roots: Introducing the Alamo City Sables Chapter Committee

What a great opportunity it is to announce the start of the Alamo City Sables Chapter Committee in San Antonio, Texas!

As someone who came into the world of hunting later in life, I vividly remember how overwhelming it felt at first, not knowing where to begin or who to connect with. That all changed when I became involved with Sables at the national level. It was there that I found not just a network, but a community of passionate, like-minded women dedicated to preserving and promoting our hunting and conservation heritage.



That experience lit a fire in me. I saw the need, and the opportunity, to create a local space where women in our region could come together, whether seasoned outdoorswomen or simply supporters of our mission. San Antonio is full of women who care deeply about education in hunting and conservation, and now we have a place to foster that passion.

Our vision for the Alamo City Chapter is simple but strong: to create a space where both hunters and non-hunters alike feel welcome and engaged. We're thrilled about the upcoming events we have planned, which will offer a diverse range of activities designed to connect, empower, and inspire women across our region.

Save the Dates

SABLES EVENT
AIM & ADVENTURE
October 2-5, 2025
Thumbtack Ranch • Batesville, Texas

Join us for an unforgettable women's outdoor weekend at the beautiful Thumbtack Ranch. Designed for those who crave fresh air, fierce fun, and fabulous company.

Spots are limited....
Secure your place at
Aim & Adventure
today!

Event Cost:
\$500

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