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## WELCOME TO OUR *Quarterly Newsletter*

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**



Irene Dudley-Hanlon  
Sables President

As we stand together at the dawn of a new chapter, I want to remind each of you that the strength of Sables lies in our shared vision and unwavering commitment.

Our organization has thrived on the courage, kindness, and creativity of its members, transforming challenges into opportunities

and building a community that uplifts and supports. Let us continue this legacy by reaching out beyond our walls—engage new partners, support one another, and bring fresh ideas to the table. Every small action counts. By prioritizing outreach and support, we can achieve greater impact in education, conservation, and humanitarian efforts worldwide.

Thank you for your dedication and for the promise of all we will accomplish, united in purpose.

### **In the News...**



## **Sables Strategic Planning Meeting**

We were honored to gather at the SCI office in San Antonio, Texas, for a successful Sables Strategic Planning Meeting, welcoming a strong turnout from our governing board—both in person and virtually. The energy in the room was inspiring as passionate, purpose-driven leaders came together to plan for the future of Sables.

During our time together, we focused on setting clear, attainable goals and establishing SMART objectives for the 2025–2026 year. The session was marked by thoughtful brainstorming, collaboration, and a shared commitment to excellence. Our discussions were not only productive but also deeply rooted in our mission to educate the next generation and preserve the rich traditions of hunting and conservation.

With unity and vision, we strengthened the foundation of our governing board, fostering community and momentum that will carry us into the year ahead. It was evident throughout the meeting that we are not just planning events—we are building a legacy of leadership, stewardship, and a love for the outdoors that will impact generations to come.

# Sables Member Spotlight!

Marisa  
Snyder



This summer I had the privilege of embarking on a life-changing hunting adventure across Africa—an experience that blended challenge, conservation, and service. Over the course of my safari, I was able to complete both the Big Five and Dangerous Seven, a goal I once thought impossible. Each hunt carried deep meaning, not only as a personal milestone but as a contribution to the stewardship of wildlife through ethical conservation practices.

One of the most humbling aspects of this journey was seeing how the harvests provided tangible benefits to local communities. Game meat from my hunts supplied food for villages, bringing joy, relief, and nourishment to families who often walk miles to receive it. Alongside this, I was honored to participate in humanitarian outreach efforts such as distributing SCI Blue Bags filled with supplies and supporting projects that care for children and families in need.

Hunting in Africa was not just about the pursuit of remarkable species; it was about standing in awe of creation, giving back to those less fortunate, and realizing the greater ripple of conservation. I return home grateful, changed, and more determined than ever to live with purpose and to inspire others through this journey.

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

Proverbs 11:25

## *OUR SABLES BUILDING COMMUNITY*

### **Alabama Chapter Mix and Mingle**

Alabama Sables kicked off their membership drive with a successful first Meet & Greet on September 20 at Just a Tish Wine Shop in Columbiana—every woman who attended joined on the spot! SCI welcomed new members at both the state and national Sables levels, signaling exciting momentum for the year ahead in Education and Conservation.



The newly elected Alabama Sables officers are Tina Turner, President; Patti Richardson, Vice President; Libby Martin, Secretary; and Charlon Couch, Treasurer. The committee is finalizing ambitious 2026 goals and activities while continuing to grow membership statewide.



## SABLES JOIN THE FOCUS ON YOUTH EDUCATION

The Kids in Nature Conference was held from August 21st to August 23rd, 2025, in conjunction with a hunting fair at Brahetrolleborg Castle, Denmark. This inaugural event was organized by SCI Kingdom of Denmark, SCI Europe Committee, and SCI Foundation. Thank you to all of the following sponsors for making the Kids in Nature Conference possible: SCI Kingdom of Denmark, SCI Europe, SCI Foundation, Hunters Legacy Fund, Brahetrolleborg Estate, Leica, Swarovski, Blaser, Global Trophy Logistics, and Bygma. Sables President, Irene Dudley Hanlon and SCIF Board Member, Steve Skold and his wife Sue Skold, also attended the conference to show their support. The conference emphasized the importance of introducing children to nature outside the classroom to highlight its benefits. Delegates from 15 countries participated in presentations, panel sessions, and discussions. Notably, Laurine Wolf, Director of Education and Humanitarian Services for the SCI Foundation provided insights into American approaches and priorities regarding children's engagement with nature. SCI, SCI Foundation, and Sables remain dedicated to educating young people on the advantages of outdoor experiences and nurturing future generations of hunters. Sables also extend their appreciation to SCI International Director, Carsten Ottesen, and SCI Kingdom of Denmark Chapter President, Henning Olsen, for dedicating their time and expertise to making this a successful event.



## HOW TO START A SABLES COMMITTEE

### Where Passion Meets Purpose: Start a Sables Committee Today!

Are you eager to connect with like-minded women who share your enthusiasm for hunting, conservation, and education? Establishing a Sables Committee within your SCI Chapter is not just about organization—it's about cultivating a vibrant community where women inspire, support, and lead one another.

Sables Committees collaborate with their local SCI Chapters to:

- Raise funds
- Support educational programs
- Serve as ambassadors in their communities

However, beyond their impact, they foster a sisterhood—women uniting around a common mission and a love for the outdoors. Through networking, leadership, and friendship, Sables infuse fresh energy into every chapter.

If your chapter has yet to form a Sables Committee, now is the ideal time to launch one. Together, we can educate the next generation, forge lasting friendships, and create a legacy for the future of hunting and conservation.

For more information on how to get started, please reach out to:

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## Chapter Committee Upcoming Events

### Alabama:

Alabama SCI Chapter Trophy event in the Gulf Coast Region on Saturday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m., featuring tours of Phil Teel's and Roger Avery's trophy rooms, followed by a Low Country Shrimp Boil. For details, contact Tina at 205-616-5472.

### Denver:

Join us October 17-18, 2025, for the Denver Sables Annual Bluffs hunt. **Friday**, arrive at 4:00 PM and warm up with clay shooting, followed by Happy Hour, a hearty dinner, and a surprise activity.

**Saturday** morning, enjoy breakfast, then head to the field with your guide and dogs for a ½-day pheasant and chukar hunt. Enjoy lunch while your birds are cleaned and packed for your coolers—then farewells.

Cost: \$300 (includes food, lodging, guided bird hunt, and tips).

Firearms: Break-open shotguns only.

To join: Contact Mary Predovich at [mapredovich@yahoo.com](mailto:mapredovich@yahoo.com). A \$50 deposit holds your spot.

## 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.

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