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WELCOME TO OUR *Quarterly Newsletter*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Celebrating Commitment, Connection, and the Spirit of the Season



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Sables President

As President of Sables, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to every one of our members. Your steadfast commitment to our mission and enthusiastic support of our education initiatives made this year truly memorable. Together, we have advanced opportunities, fostered learning, and had a positive impact.

Our successes are thanks to your dedication—whether you volunteered, contributed resources, or championed our causes in your Sables Committees, SCI Chapters, or communities, you have been the driving force behind all we've achieved. Thank you for supporting Sables and embodying the values that make our organization unique.

I am excited to invite you to our upcoming brunch in Nashville, themed "Denim, Diamonds, and Divas," on February 20th, 2026. It promises to be a sparkling event where we can celebrate together, reconnect, and look forward to another year of shared purpose and joy. I hope you'll join us, shining in your favorite denim and diamonds!

As the holiday season approaches, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a joyful Hanukkah. May these days be filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories. Thank you again for your continued dedication to Sables and our educational mission.

With deep appreciation,

DENIM, DIAMONDS, AND DIVAS

Experience unforgettable moments in Nashville from February 18–21, 2026, including the Sables Brunch on February 20th at the Omni Hotel, a day dedicated to generosity and meaningful connections.

Get ready to shine at Sables Brunch 2026! This year's theme—Denim, Diamonds, and Divas—invites you to blend relaxed denim with sparkling glamour. On February 20, the Omni Hotel in Nashville will come alive as we gather for a morning of celebration, purpose, and lasting memories. The Sables Convention Team looks forward to welcoming guests and supporting vital Education Programs. Visit our booth during the week to learn about these programs, meet Sables Governance and members, join Sables, SCI, and TTHA with special membership offers, and shop exclusive Sables logo merchandise. Plus, enjoy many additional surprises!

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Theme, Attire, Schedule, and More: Doors open at 8:30 AM for a shimmering affair. On arrival, enjoy the signature “Divas Delight” cocktail. Auction bidding and entrance packs are available for pickup at 8:00 AM outside the ballroom—arrive early for a first look at all the treasures being offered.

Show off your denim best and all your bling. Wear your dancing shoes and join Sables Sisters on the dance floor for fun and friendship!

Live, Super Silent, and Silent Auction Bidding: The Sables Brunch hosts thrilling auctions. Enjoy a fast-paced live auction with incredible hunts and coveted items, or try your luck at the Super Silent Auction and unique silent auction items—there’s something extraordinary for everyone. Highlights will include a Dream Adventure and a spectacular Dream Hunt—stay tuned for further details!

Table Pricing, Single Tickets and Drawings: VIP Tables are \$2,500 each, including premier seating and exclusive perks. Standard Tables \$1,500, and General Admission Tickets \$150. Benefit Award tickets 1 for \$20 or 6 for \$100. Purses and Pistols tickets are \$50 each.

We look forward to welcoming you!

SABLES MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Libby Martin's Journey of Empowerment with Sables

Celebrating Community, Adventure, and Women's Empowerment in the Outdoors

Libby's life has been shaped by adventure and a deep love of nature, nurtured by her upbringing as an “Army brat” and Marine Corps wife. Her extensive travels fostered a strong appreciation for the outdoors and her country. Family remains central to Libby, and she enjoys traveling, hiking, cooking, gardening, and bible study with close friends. Recently, her husband Bruce and the Sables organization introduced her to shooting sports, broadening her horizons even further.

Libby's journey with Sables began through her husband's involvement with the Alabama SCI chapter and Tina Turner, a key figure in launching the Alabama Sables committee. At her first meeting, Libby was immediately drawn to the camaraderie and warmth of the women she met and became a member of both SCI and Sables that day.

Since joining, Libby has been impressed by how Sables empowers women to participate in hunting, shooting, education, and conservation, all within a welcoming and supportive community. Her first Alabama Sables meeting led her to the Sables Aim and Adventure event at Thumbtack Ranch in Texas, thanks to her husband's encouragement. There, she observed her first hunt, learned about tracking and field dressing an Aoudad, and tried shooting a bolt-action rifle with expert guidance and enthusiastic support from fellow members.

Though not a hunter herself, Libby has found a welcoming and empowering environment among the Sables women, cherishing the camaraderie and unique perspectives shared. Now, she encourages her sisters and friends to discover Sables, believing the organization fosters adventure, learning, and lifelong connections for women.



SABLES AND PARTNERS LAUNCH SUCCESSFUL WOMEN'S OUTDOOR EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Recent Events and Upcoming Programs Expand Learning Opportunities in Hunting and Culinary Arts

Sables recently celebrated the successful execution of the AIM AND ADVENTURE women's weekend event, held from October 2–5, 2025, at Thumbtack Ranch in Batesville, Texas. Sixteen women took part in a dynamic program that provided hands-on instruction in shotgun, rifle, archery, sourdough preparation, and culinary skills. The event fostered valuable networking, group outings, and lasting connections among participants. Building on this achievement, Sables announced plans for a similar event in the summer of 2026, with details to be released soon.

In addition, the NM Department of Game and Fish has scheduled several Learn to Hunt programs. The upcoming Quail Camp in Deming, New Mexico, from November 21–23, 2025, will host twenty beginner and novice hunters. Following this, a duck camp is planned for January 16–18, 2026, and a turkey camp for April 24–26, 2026, with contractors already secured to deliver these educational experiences.

The Customized Education Program is also expanding through a collaboration between SCIF staff, Robert Sergi, and Legends Ranch. Twenty women will have the opportunity to develop their wild game handling and preparation skills via a series of webinars and in-person sessions at Legends Ranch. These sessions, led by culinary experts, will focus on the preparation and cooking of wild game, blending education with practical, hands-on experience.

Furthermore, the SCIF-Sables University Program is strengthening its outreach with three webinars scheduled for Texas A&M University in March and April 2026, as well as participation in the TTHA Outdoor Extravaganza in January 2026. Kansas State University will also see three webinars, participation in the SCI Convention, and an on-site outfitter event in spring 2026. Notably, Kansas State students attending the convention will earn one academic credit, reflecting the program's commitment to integrating experiential learning with formal education. *ITTEE*

These initiatives underscore a growing commitment among Sables and their partners to provide accessible, high-quality education in outdoor skills and culinary arts, with a strong emphasis on empowering women and supporting new hunters through tailored programs and collaborative efforts.

OUR SABLES BUILDING COMMUNITY



On November 16th, the Alabama Sables gathered at Red Eagles for a lively Skeet & Trap Shoot, spending the day connecting, learning, and enjoying the outdoors. Members, families, and newcomers—including many young first-timers—participated in skeet and trap shooting.

Participants caught up, shared stories, enjoyed good food, and celebrated traditions and sportsmanship. Youth education was a highlight: Red Eagle and Caymen Barron, the 2023 National 4-H Skeet Shooting Champion, provided hands-on firearm safety and shooting instruction, inspiring everyone to learn and support each other.

“Helping young people discover responsible shooting is central to our mission,” said Tina Turner, Committee President. Vice President Patti Richardson added, “What matters most is fostering confidence, respecting nature, and developing a passion for conservation.”

The event reflected the Alabama Sables’ commitment to education, conservation, and community. The group now looks forward to their Paint & Sip Christmas Party on December 7th.



Members from the Denver Sables committee gathered on October 17th and 18th to enjoy two days of upland game shooting, connecting with nature, and sharing friendship during the event hosted at the Bluffs in Byers, CO, just east of Denver.

Sables Committee Upcoming Events and Sables Happenings



Sables would like to wish
Sherri and Frank Gillarduchi
A very Happy 50th Anniversary!



Get Your Tickets Today!

Should your Sables Committee have upcoming events or news for inclusion in the Sables quarterly newsletter, kindly submit the information, photographs, and details to sables.events@gmail.com.

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