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WELCOME TO OUR *Quarterly Newsletter*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Heartfelt Thanks to our Sables Community



Irene Dudley-Hanlon
Sables President

I want to extend my deepest thanks to every member of the Sables community—our dedicated Members, tireless Volunteers, committed Governance, and the enthusiastic Convention Committee—for making this year’s Sables Brunch, SCI Convention, and inaugural Sip and Social truly memorable. Your unwavering support, hard work, and passion were the driving forces behind the resounding success of these events.

The turnout for our Sables Brunch was extraordinary and heartening to see so many attendees eager to engage and celebrate with us. The energy in the room was exhilarating, and the excitement for another successful Sables gathering was wonderful. Your presence and enthusiasm helped create an inspiring atmosphere that will be remembered for years to come.

Sables received unprecedented donations and raised funds that will further our mission. These contributions directly impact the work we do and make it possible for us to continue our efforts in supporting Sables Mission.

Looking ahead, the Sables Convention Committee will convene for a thorough debrief/review. We are committed to reflecting on this year’s achievements and identifying opportunities for improvement, ensuring that future events not only meet but exceed expectations. Together, we will build on our successes and continue to make a meaningful impact within our organization and community.

Once again, thank you to everyone who played part in these events. Your support is the cornerstone of the Sables’ ongoing legacy, and we look forward to even greater accomplishments in the months ahead.

Sables Brunch “DENIM, DIAMONDS, AND DIVAS” Shines With Generosity

The Sables’ "Denim, Diamonds, and Divas" brunch was a resounding success, filled with excitement, generosity, and community spirit. Our Donors supported the Sables Live, Super Silent, and Silent Auctions, Benefit Awards, Purses and Pistols, and the Door Prize—We are ever so grateful.

Kristi Titus served as the poised Emcee, with BanDlux entertaining the crowd. SCI President Jeff Meyerl and CEO Laird Hamberlin opened the event with inspiring remarks and a toast to Sables’ bright future. Volunteers were the backbone of the event, dedicating countless hours to ensure every detail ran smoothly and every guest felt welcome. Their energy and commitment were essential in making the brunch and convention such a memorable experience.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of donors, the tireless work of volunteers, and our event sponsor Lucchese, proceeds from the event will fund Sables Education programs. These programs empower individuals through hands-on learning opportunities, and leadership development, helping to support education, conservation and hunting for future generations.



SABLES MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



*Riley Blake Ferguson
Youngest Sable Lifemember*



Riley Blake Ferguson made her grand entrance into the world on December 10, 2025, in Sugar Land, Texas, born to proud parents Raina and Kyle Ferguson of the Sol Y Sombra Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. She is the cherished granddaughter of Debbie and Leonard Voyles, and her arrival has brought immense joy and excitement to her entire family.

In her very few months of life, Riley has already accomplished a remarkable set of milestones, making her debut airplane flight, embarking on her first out-of-state adventure, and attending the world-renowned SCI Convention. At the 2026 Convention in Nashville, Riley's little spirit of adventure soared to new heights as she became a lifetime member of both SCI and Sables. Notably, **Riley holds the distinction of being Sables' youngest member ever**—a testament to her family's enduring commitment to supporting hunting and conservation causes. She proudly continues a legacy as the third generation to champion these vital efforts.

The passing down of these values is essential—not only does it foster responsible harvesting practices to provide for today, but it also ensures the protection and preservation of wildlife for generations to come. Riley's early involvement is a shining example of how traditions and values can be celebrated and strengthened through family bonds and community engagement.

SABLES FIRST FOR EDUCATION ENDOWMENT (FFEE)

Empowering the Next Generation Through Strategic Funding and Hands-on Education

Sables advances education and conservation by supporting impactful programs via FFEE. The FFEE Grant Committee approved five grants, which were authorized by the SCIF Board on February 17th, 2026, allocating about \$390,400 in funding. This support helps grow programs that align with Sables' mission to benefit future generations through education, conservation, and responsible hunting.

Programs Supported by Sables Through FFEE Funding

- CBEO Internship in Africa for Wildlife Enterprise Students: Offers practical experience in Africa to wildlife enterprise students.
- Wildlife Medicine Class in Africa: Provides specialized training in animal health and management.
- Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation K-12 Hunter Education Programs: Delivers in-school hunter education and outdoor skills for K-12 students.
- Social Media Influencer Program (Supplement to HLF Grant): Engages influencers to expand conservation messaging.
- SCIF University Programs: Supports university-level education in wildlife science and environmental management.

Sables believe these initiatives will strengthen their mission and prepare the next generation for responsible stewardship of the outdoors.

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OUR SABLES BUILDING COMMUNITY

San Francisco Bay Area Sables Committee

The San Francisco Bay Area Sables have generously contributed a donation to the University of California Hopland Research Center. This financial support is specifically aimed at facilitating educational opportunities for students from the Bay Area, as well as individuals enrolled in the California Naturalist classes. Thanks to this donation, spring 2025 field trips will be made possible, allowing participants to engage in hands-on learning experiences, explore the region's diverse ecosystems, and gain valuable knowledge about California's natural environment. These field trips are expected to enhance classroom learning by providing direct exposure to scientific research and conservation practices at the Hopland Research Center, further inspiring students and naturalists to pursue their interests in environmental science and stewardship.

Denver Sables Committee

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.

Each year around Valentine's Day, the Denver Sables host an open house at Dan Sharp Luxury Outerwear in Cherry Creek, Colorado. Dan, the owner, supplies champagne while we provide treats, giving us the chance to try on anything in the store. He offers fantastic discounts on our favorite items, and at the end of the event, everyone selects their favorite fur for a group photo. Dan also serves as a vendor at our Denver SCI Banquet, making this partnership mutually beneficial for both him and the Denver Sables. We wrap up the evening with dinner at a nearby restaurant.

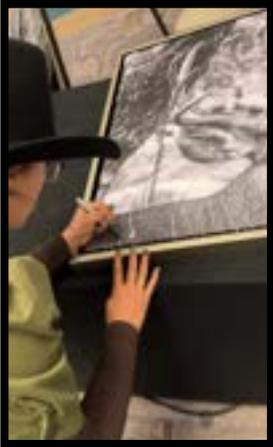
Denver Sables



Sables Happenings and Upcoming Events



Sables Past President, Susan Hayes Receives Her Past President Pin from Sables President Irene Dudley-Hanlon.



Sable Lea Lindsay Signing her Original Photograph Donated to Sables Brunch Sient Auction



Sables Supporting TTHA at the Dallas Outdoors Extravaganza in January 2026



Congratulations to Susan Hayes on her remarkable tenure as President of Sables!



Twenty-three Denver Sables and friends celebrated the 4th Annual Winter tea at Sherri Ghilarducci's home, each bringing delicious treats!



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Empowering Women, Inspiring Adventure,
Educating Tomorrow



January 22, 2027
Nashville, TN

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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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