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WELCOME TO OUR *Quarterly Newsletter*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Irene Dudley-Hanlon
Sables President

Welcome to a new year of service, growth, and shared purpose

As we begin a new Sables year, my heart is filled with appreciation for every person who has helped our community learn, grow, and reach out with purpose and enthusiasm. I want to sincerely thank our members for the dedication, encouragement, and solid commitment they bring to our mission to educate. Your time, energy, and belief in what we do make a lasting difference. I am equally grateful to our

leadership for the vision, guidance, and inspiration that continue to move us forward. It is often said that it takes a village, and I am proud to say that our village grows stronger every day—welcoming innovative ideas, new voices, and fresh faces who share our commitment to creating meaningful educational opportunities for women, children, and young adults. Together, we are not only building a stronger community today, but also investing in the promise of the future.

Sables Congratulate New Officers, Board Members, and Electors

Sables proudly celebrates all members who stepped forward to run for office for the coming year. Congratulations to those who were elected, and heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the election. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve are truly appreciated, and we hope many of you will continue to seek leadership opportunities in the future.

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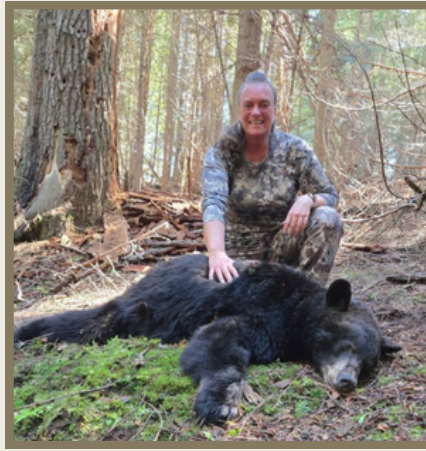
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SABLES MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Scott Olson, Joanne Zacharias,
and Lisa Gingerich



Joanne Zacharias



Joanne and Mike Popp

Joanne Zacharias, a proud life member of Sables and SCI, has dedicated much of her life not only to hunting, but also to supporting the education of women, children, and young adults in hunting, the outdoors, and conservation. Although she had been hunting her whole life, bear hunting was never something she wanted to pursue. Fear and the stories she had heard kept her from it for years. That changed when Scott Olson and Lisa Gingerich-Olson shared their adventures hunting in Idaho with Mike Popp's Nature Adventures and invited her along. What began as a chance to simply observe quickly turned into something far more exciting. During the long drive to Idaho, their passion for hunting, conservation, and the outdoors—and Lisa's encouragement as a fellow woman hunter—sparked a new confidence in Joanne. By the time they arrived in Kamiah, she had gone from spectator to first-time bear hunter, ready to face a fear she had carried for years.

The first few days in Idaho were filled with checking baits, trail cameras, and soaking in the beauty of the mountains, the lodge, and the camaraderie of both old and new friends. On the fourth day, everything changed when Mike's hounds caught the scent of a bear and sent the whole hunt into motion. The group followed the dogs into the woods, and when Joanne finally saw the black bear above them, the moment was thrilling, emotional, and unforgettable. With Scott coaching her and her father's lessons on shooting in mind, she steadied herself, took the shot, and harvested her first black bear. She was overwhelmed with gratitude, excitement, pride, and disbelief—and so proud of that moment that she insisted on helping drag the bear out herself. Back at camp, Mike taught her how to skin it, and Joanne felt not only that she had completed the hunt, but that she had stepped into an experience she would treasure forever.

The adventure changed Joanne in the very best way. She left Idaho with a newfound love for bear hunting, the mountains, and the hounds, but even more importantly, with the exhilarating knowledge that she had conquered a fear she never thought she could overcome. The support of Scott, Lisa, Mike, and everyone at camp helped her believe in herself, and that made all the difference. The experience reminded her that with courage, encouragement, and a strong support system, people are capable of far more than they imagine. As a Sables life member, that message means even more to Joanne because she believes deeply in educating and encouraging women, children, and young adults to embrace hunting, appreciate the outdoors, and become strong advocates for conservation. Women encouraging other women is powerful, dreams are worth chasing at any age, and sometimes the most unforgettable adventures begin the moment a person decides to trust themselves and say yes.

OUR SABLES BUILDING COMMUNITY



Alabama Sables Committee Enjoys Fly Fishing Adventure in Tellico Plains, Tennessee

The Alabama Sables Committee recently went on a fly-fishing retreat in beautiful Tellico Plains, Tennessee. Surrounded by the scenic beauty of the Cherokee National Forest and the clear waters of East Tennessee, the group gathered for a weekend filled with learning, fellowship, and outdoor adventure.

The trip began with a half-day fly fishing training session designed to sharpen skills and introduce techniques for both beginners and experienced anglers. Participants learned the fundamentals of casting, tying knots, selecting flies, and improving presentation on the stream. The hands-on instruction provided valuable knowledge while also building confidence before heading out for a full day on the water.

Saturday was dedicated entirely to fishing, giving the committee members an opportunity to put their new skills into action. With wonderful mountain air, flowing streams, and excellent trout waters, the day offered the perfect setting for relaxation and outdoor fun. Whether landing fish or simply enjoying the peaceful surroundings, everyone appreciated the chance to connect with nature and one another.

Beyond the fishing itself, the trip served as a great reminder of the importance of fellowship and shared experiences within the Sables community. Stories were exchanged, friendships strengthened, and memories made that will surely last for years to come.

The Alabama Sables Committee extends appreciation to everyone who participated and helped make the trip a success and Tellico Outfitters for their training and guides. Plans are already being discussed for future outdoor adventures, and this fly-fishing excursion to Tellico Plains will certainly be remembered as one of the highlights of the year.

Sables Attend Lobby Days in Washington , DC



On May 7, 2027, many Sables joined members of SCI/SCIF, and took part in Lobby Days with a shared spirit of purpose, unity, and service. Their presence on Capitol Hill reflected a strong and inspiring commitment to the values of hunting, conservation, and responsible land management. Representing their respective states, participants met with members of Congress and Senate to share the voices and concerns within their local communities, while championing causes that help preserve our outdoor heritage for future generations. Their efforts were a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when dedicated individuals come together to advocate with passion, pride, and a positive vision for the future.

Sables Speak at The Fort Worth Chapter Meeting



Irene Dudley-Hanlon and Stephanie Spika Hickey



Irene Dudley-Hanlon, Jeff Kennedy, and Stephanie Spika Hickey



Stephanie Spika Hickey and Kelsey Rae Slusser

Sables President Irene Dudley-Hanlon and SCI Vice President Stephanie Spika Hickey were honored to be invited by Jeffery Kennedy, President of the Fort Worth Chapter, and Kelsey Rae Slusser, President of the Sables Fort Worth Committee, to share the inspiring history and mission of Sables. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the heart of our organization, celebrate the important work being done, and connect with others who share a passion for education, service, and community. Irene spoke about the purpose and vision of Sables, while Stephanie shared insights into SCI and the meaningful, far-reaching impact of its work.

It was truly a pleasure and an honor to speak on behalf of Sables and to share our mission with such an engaged audience. Opportunities like these allow us to strengthen connections, celebrate our shared values, and continue building momentum for the future. If you are planning a Sables Committee event, meeting, or chapter gathering, I would be delighted to hear from you and explore the possibility of joining you on one of your event dates

Sables Scavenger Hunt Winner



Beau Collins

At this year's SCI Convention, Sables hosted an exciting scavenger hunt that encouraged children to explore the convention floor in search of eight different animals. Outfitters who generously donated to Sables auctions warmly welcomed the children and served as fun scavenger hunt stops throughout the event. In addition to the adventure, participants were entered for a chance to win a \$250 gift card, adding even more excitement to the experience. Beau Collins of Kentucky was the lucky winner and he plans to use the prize toward a blue wildebeest hunt in Africa this summer.

Sables Happenings and Upcoming Events



On April 9th, 2026, Sables President Irene Dudley-Hanlon met with TTHA President and CEO Christina Pittman at the San Antonio office to discuss the ongoing development of their relationship between both organizations. A key part of their discussion focused on a shared commitment to the education of women, children, and young adults.



Sables extend their heartfelt congratulations to Christina Pittman, TTHA President and CEO, as well as a valued Sables Life Member, and her family on the arrival of Wayne Burr Pittman, who was welcomed into the world on April 17th, 2026.



Sables President Irene Dudley-Hanlon and Mary Brachman met during the SCI Lobby Days and the SCI Presidents Dinner, highlighting their dedication to supporting education and conservation. A heartfelt thank you to Mary and Armand for your ongoing support!



Mary Predovich, Vice President; Marisa Snyder, Secretary; Kylie Carrey, Director; Susan Hayes, Sables Past President; and Irene Dudley-Hanlon, Sables President gathered in Denver on May 23rd, 2026 for a joyful and festive baby shower in honor of Kylie Carrey. The event was a lively celebration of the upcoming arrival of her precious baby girl, expected in July. Cheers and laughter filled the air as they celebrated this wonderful new chapter in Kylie's life!



Sables extend their warm and heartfelt congratulations to Anna V and Matthew Taylor on their nuptials, celebrated on March 17th, 2026!



Sables extends warm wishes to Stephanie Wottrich, our newly elected Secretary, on her milestone 50th birthday!

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Thursday, September 17, 2026

Dallas Gun Club | 3601 S. Stemmons Freeway | Lewisville, TX 75029

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Tickets

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