



**2008 Banquet**



*Phil Stanton, Auctioneer and  
Richard DeFelice NHSCI Board Member*

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraising banquet at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua was a success with 120 guests. This money supports our Conservation, Humanitarian, and Education programs we must fulfill each year to meet our commitments. We had a variety of hunt and non-hunt items, bucket raffles, vendors, and the always entertaining Heads Or Tails game pictured above. We need to recruit more help for next year’s event as we are looking to increase membership. We are currently shopping for a location for next year’s event.

Jeb Bradley, who served in the US Congress from 2003 through 2006, made a guest appearance and was given an opportunity to address our members. Mr. Bradley is seeking to regain his seat in the upcoming election. Jeb supported SCI’s efforts while in Congress and we miss his support in protecting our freedom to hunt.



*Dale Carruth, NHSCI President  
Jeb Bradley, Candidate for US Congress*

**June Membership Meeting**

Our Chapter Membership meeting is planned for Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 20<sup>th</sup> Skeet and Clay Club in Hooksett. Tickets are \$25 each. We hope to have EVERY MEMBER present. We sold several shotguns at our banquet, I expect to see them put to use in a sporting clays or skeet competition. Prizes will be awarded in several shooting categories. Shooting starts at 11:00 and lunch is served at 1:30. There will be silent auction items available including several donations received after our banquet. Invitations will be going out soon.

**Shows**



*Anne Carruth NHSCI Secretary  
at New Hampshire Boating, Fishing  
& Hunting Expo in Manchester*

The best way to grow our chapter is to increase our visibility. This year we have attended several events including

- New Hampshire Boating, Fishing & Hunting Expo,
- Franklin Sportsmens Show,
- New Hampshire Antler and Skull Trophy Club
- Wild New Hampshire Day at Fish & Game

We display the Safari In A Box kit, hand out literatures, sell drawing tickets when appropriate, and get opportunities to introduce many of New Hampshire’s sports men and women to SCI, the Premier Hunting organization in the World!

## Drawings for Rifles

With this newsletter are drawing tickets we started to sell at the banquet. First prize is a 100% donation from Ruger of an M77 Hawkeye .270 Winchester. Second prize is \$100. The winner will be announced at our membership meeting in June. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please buy/sell tickets and send the money and ticket stub to NHSCI, PO Box 214, Moultonborough NH 03254-0214 before June 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact me if you would like more tickets.



Ruger has also provided an M77 Hawkeye .300 with the SCI Logo engraved on the trigger guard. This drawing benefits **SCI-PAC** and sales will be limited to SCI members. **Only 50 tickets will be sold** at \$20 each. This drawing will be held once all tickets are sold, and we are targeting to have the drawing at the June membership meeting. Contact me if you wish to purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets are sold on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.



Thompson Center Arms has produced a limited edition Encore Endeavor .50 Cal Muzzleloader. The SCI Logo is engraved in gold. Only 187 rifles are available, 1 for each SCI Chapter. We picked ours up in advance and will decide later how to use this as a fundraiser. This rifle will be on display at our June Membership meeting.

## Safari In A Box

Jennifer Gilman's fourth grade class at the William Allen School in Rochester had the Safari In A Box kit for 3 weeks. When I picked up the kit I was surprised to find 22 thank you notes from the students. One note in particular needs to be shared. 'Dear Safari in a box, Thank you. I really liked all the activities my class and I did. My favorite thing was when we had to match the poop to the animals. I also liked the videos that my class and I watched. Well acshully liked all the activities. I don't have a favorite. They were all really cool. Sincerely, Ashley f.'



SCI Chapters loan the Safari In a Box kits to schools and learning centers. Our Chapter will acquire at least 1 more kit this year. If you are a teacher, know a teacher, or have kids or grandchildren in school and would like to have Safari In A Box as part of the curriculum please contact me and we can arrange a time to take advantage of this excellent educational tool.

## Hunt of a Lifetime



Working with Hunt Of A Lifetime in Pennsylvania, Merrimack State Representative Robert L'heureux, New Hampshire Fish, & Game, and several outfitters and donors, we are sponsoring 8 year old Keith Locke, shown helping Dave Sporcic with the Heads or Tails game at our banquet, for a pre-season moose hunt. Keith has juvenile dermatomyositis, a form of muscular dystrophy. We have an additional permit available and are looking for another child to fill the second permit. If you know a New Hampshire child with a serious illness who enjoys hunting please contact me and we will start the qualification process.

## Bear Conservation Project

Our Chapter has provided \$2,500 to fund a program coordinated by New Hampshire Fish & Game, University of New Hampshire, and USDA-APHIS to study nuisance bears that are common in many New Hampshire communities where hunting is not a viable management option.

'The overall goal of this study is to assess nuisance bears in southeastern New Hampshire, specifically the Durham area, and to involve the local community in nuisance bear management with an on-line data collection system. The proposed study will provide unique ecological data about nuisance bears in a highly developed landscape. The study will also allow for the assessment and quantification of human-bear conflicts in suburban environments. Finally, the study will allow for an assessment of public cooperation in community bear management efforts, and provide insight into the effectiveness of educational outreach and community involvement in resolving suburban human-bear conflicts.'



*Left to right, Dale Carruth, NHSCI President  
Robert Phillipson, Chair, NH Fish & Game Commission  
Glen Normandeau, Executive Director NH Fish & Game*

## AWLS Opportunities

Our board of directors has approved awarding 2 scholarships to New Hampshire teachers for the American Wilderness Leadership School. Please visit the website [www.safariclubfoundation.org](http://www.safariclubfoundation.org) Education Page for more information regarding the American Wilderness Leadership School. The closest school is in Maine [www.greenlandpoint.com](http://www.greenlandpoint.com) which is 2nd on the list on the web site. All programs are eligible and the chapter sponsorship covers tuition. If you are a teacher, or know one interested, please complete the application and submit (either email or postal) it to me and I'll follow-up with the status. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Chapter Membership meeting in June.

## Membership Directory

Deborah & Robert Remillard are compiling a Chapter Membership Directory. By now you should have all received a request for your contact information. Hopefully everyone has sent the form to the Remillards. The Directory will be available to all Chapter Members and will include a copy of the by-laws and a list of our prime donors.

## Washington DC



May 8<sup>th</sup> is our day on Capitol Hill. Members from every SCI Chapter are given an opportunity to meet with State Senators and Representatives to bring their attention to the conservation programs important in supporting our freedom to hunt. Several members from the New Hampshire will be there to meet with Senators Gregg and Sununu. We will provide details of our visit at the Chapter Membership Meeting in June.

Safari Club and other partners help Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation produce an economic impact report with important data for chapters, members, media and others who want current, reliable statistics about the economic impact of hunting, fishing and wildlife-associated recreation. New Hampshire's 141,000 hunters and anglers spend \$700,000 a day. The full economic impact report is available for each state online at <http://www.scifirstforhunters.org>

## Cabela's Grand Opening



The Grand Opening of Cabela's in Scarborough Maine is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The New Hampshire & Maine Chapters have been invited to participate in the opening festivities. Cabela's is a Corporate Sponsor of SCI and has provided donations to the Hunt Of A Lifetime program. When a new member joins through an SCI Chapter, Cabela's donates a \$50 gift certificate to the Chapter. This year the New Hampshire Chapter used 'Cabela's Bucks' toward auction items. Thank you Cabela's.

## Call for participation

Every organization is only as strong as its membership. The New Hampshire has approximately 60 members, but only a handful actively participate. We are ALWAYS open to suggestions to increase member participation. Please bring your ideas to the Membership meeting in June. If you can't make the meeting please email or call with your suggestions and comments.

Respectfully,  
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