



Membership Meeting: Robert & Deborah Remillard have graciously offered to host a membership meeting at their home in Croydon, NH on **Sunday December 2nd**. Look for your invitation and directions in your mailbox soon.

Banquet: Our 2008 banquet is set for **Saturday February 9th** at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua. We will have dinner, live and silent auction items, raffles, games, and several outfitters and vendors. We need your support to make this a success. We have several folks working to solicit donations and help on the day of the event but we need more help. SCI has created the largest catalog of fundraising items for us to choose from, and we are seeking local donations from guides and outfitters to make this the best hunting event you can enjoy without having to field dress your trophy. Seating is limited and rooms are available. Prices are \$55 per seat, \$100, per couple, and \$450 for a table of 10. We are also seeking sponsors for a youth table this year. Please contact me to coordinate how we can bring this all together.

Chapter donation helps New Hampshire Fish & Game's newly created non-profit Wildlife Heritage Foundation. We are the first donor to The Foundation, allowing The Foundation to develop a campaign to promote its inception by increasing its visibility and solicit private donations.



From left to right: Donna Cote, Charles Barry, Dale Carruth President NH SCI, Dr. Donald A Normandeau, Joseph Bellavance, Representative David Smith

The Foundation is able to accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other donations specifically for fish and wildlife related projects. New Hampshire House Bills 1657 and 1658 provide for the inception and governance of The Foundation. Twenty-five other states including neighboring Massachusetts have similar agreements in place.

A check for \$2,500 was presented at a donation ceremony at a recent board meeting of The Foundation on July 30th, 2007. A \$1,000 matching grant from SCI Foundation was approved at the SCI committee meetings in Tucson on August 23rd.

Safari In A Box was provided to HEAR In New Hampshire for their 2007 summer program 'Forest Life'. HEAR in New Hampshire is a non-profit organization providing a comprehensive auditory/oral education and therapeutic curriculum for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Through the use of a variety of amplification systems, deaf and hard of hearing children learn to listen and talk in a fun, nurturing, language-rich environment.



“We had a wonderful time using the Safari in a box to supplement our “Camping/Forest animals” theme for our summer program at HEAR in New Hampshire. Our students, ranging in age from 3-6 (preschool through kindergarten) were fascinated by the contents of the kit. I, personally, used the contents of the kit almost daily with my kindergarten students! The contents of the kit (especially the pelts and the skulls) elicited so much language from our students because they were so curious about everything. Each new item pulled out of the “blue box” brought forth a whole new set of questions from each child!

Our favorite part of using the kit was trying to “re-create” the animal by putting together all of the parts—the kids especially liked when there was a pelt, skull, replicat and replicated paw print complete for each animal we were learning about. We used pictures taken from an exhibit at the *Wild About NH* event to match each pelt to a real picture of each animal. All of the artifacts in the kit really helped to bring these animals to life for the children and give us all an idea of how small or large they are, what they might eat (from looking at their teeth and repliscat), etc. The sensory aspect alone of handling the pelts made using the kit worthwhile; our students (and staff!) demonstrated such appreciation for being able to feel “wild animals”—something we may never have the opportunity to experience again!

An intern working with us this summer brought in a tree stump that was near a beaver dam and had been gnawed through by the beavers. Our students loved to use the beaver skull in the kit to try to match up the beaver’s teeth to the teeth marks on the tree stump. As a thank you for the use of the kit, we have included the tree stump in the kit with the hope that other teachers and children who use the safari in a box will enjoy the same activity! Thank you again for offering this wonderful and enjoyable educational experience for both children and teachers—we were all able to learn from it!”

Thanks again,
Stacey Haggett
Teacher of the Deaf
HEAR in New Hampshire

SCI In Washington DC: Anne & I attended the SCI Board of Directors meeting in May and participated in meetings on Capitol Hill. Along with John Monson we met with staff from Senator Gregg's and Senator Sununu's offices. Their staff was very knowledgeable and supportive of SCI and the conservation programs we discussed.



Left to right: Anne Carruth NH Chapter Secretary, Sandra Hosmer Sables Membership Chair, Vicky Moriarty ME Chapter President, Sue Monson Sables Treasurer

Tucson Board of Directors meeting: In August we attended the board of directors meeting and chapter presidents training. This gave us an opportunity to meet members from other SCI chapters to swap stories of hunts and fundraising and to learn how important SCI is to the future of hunting, conservation, and education worldwide. We were also treated to a tour the [International Wildlife Museum](#) sponsored by SCI and SCI Foundation.



Irish Elk on display at SCI's International Wildlife Museum in Tucson



SCI's Vice President Joe Hosmer presents the Conservation Committee report at the Board of Directors' Meeting in Tucson

Membership Directory: To help our members network, we are creating a chapter directory of our members. This directory will be distributed at our banquet and auction on February 9th 2008. The directory will contain the chapter bylaws, as well as our board of directors and list our donors. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities will be available and a topic for the agenda at our December membership meeting.

NH SCI joins New Hampshire Wildlife Federation: NHWF has many affiliate club members all focused on promoting conservation, environmental education, sportsmanship, and outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, and photography in New Hampshire. NH SCI may co-sponsor a legislative luncheon in Concord to meet and help educate our state representative on the importance of the sporting community to our local economy. More details will be provided when available.

We have launched a web site: www.nhsci.org is now posted and will be used to promote our sponsors, our events, and our membership. Please check out the site and submit photographs and stories, especially of your hunts with our sponsors. The site is hosted by a donation from [Interactive Synergy](#), and Dan Carruth has volunteered his time to post the content.

Going to Reno?: The Ultimate Hunters Convention is in Reno, Nevada January 23rd through 26th. Your current membership is required to attend. Over 20,000 attendees are expected this year and there is plenty of entertainment including Dana Carvey, The Oak Ridge Boys, The Beach Boys, and Bill Engval.

Are you a Vietnam era veteran?: At the 2008 Convention, SCI plans to award the SCI Medal of Valor to members who are veterans of the Vietnam War. There is no charge to veterans who wish to receive this medal. Also, SCI veterans of military service of ANY nation that fought in the Vietnam War are eligible if their service occurred during the Vietnam era. If you qualify please complete the form at www.nhsci.org/veterans or contact me for more information.

Our May meeting was a success: Thanks again to Richard and Phyllis DeFelice for hosting a membership meeting at their home in North Sutton. We had 32 guests in attendance and recruited a couple of new members. We are hoping to have several events next year and we are open to volunteers to suggest locations and events to bring our chapter together more often. An event could be at your home, your gun club, or perhaps your favorite watering hole.

I have been honored this past year to represent the New Hampshire SCI membership at board meetings in Washington DC and Tucson. I look forward to meeting ALL of our members at upcoming events at the membership meeting at the Remillard's on December 2nd, at the Convention in Reno January 23rd-26th and at our banquet in Nashua on February 9th. Have a safe and successful hunting season.

Respectfully,
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