

Diana Award



APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 1 of each award year.

Sponsored by NRA Women's Leadership Forum

Named for the huntress of Roman mythology, the Diana Award recognizes the women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting. Consideration is given to the variety and difficulty of species hunted. Nominees will have shown exemplary ethics in the field, remained committed to the mission statement of SCI, and have personally given their time and energies to enhancing wildlife conservation or education.

See the information video, FAQs for candidates and application form at <https://www.safariclub.org/what-we-do/record-book/sci-awards>.



2017 Diana Award recipient Denise Welker.

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Denise has hunted a wide variety of species in Africa, Europe, North America, including the Arctic Regions, South America and the South Pacific. These include challenging species including the African Big Five and other African dangerous game, Mountain Nyala in Ethiopia, Polar bear in Canada, and mountain game such as chamois and ibex. She has taken to print to promote adventurous, ethical hunting. She is a life member of SCI, the Sables and the NRA, and a member of the Hunter Legacy 100 Fund, has achieved the African Lion Level in the SCIF Gold Lion and Shield Program and is a member of the SCI Life Hunter Advocate Society, and is a passionate advocate of the conservation value of hunting. She has instilled in her children and grandchildren a desire to hunt and an understanding of the role they play in conservation. She has carried this dedication further and shown other young people how to hunt ethically and responsibly, and given them an understanding of the contribution hunters make to conservation. She has been active in the SCI Lion Fund, and has bred and released whitetail deer and scimitar-horned oryx on her Texas ranch.



2017 Diana Award recipient Denise Welker (left) and Diana Award Co-Chair Olivia Nalos Opre.

DIANA AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Audrey Murtland (1995)
- Casey Schwabland (1996)
- Pamela S. Atwood (1997)
- Ingrid Poole Williams (1998)
- Barbara L. Sackman (1999)
- Joan Vernon Gordon (2000)
- Mary A. Cabela (2001)
- Deb Cunningham (2002)
- Marilyn A. Seegmüller (2003)
- Sandra Green (2004)
- Sandra Sadler (2005)
- Arlene P. Hanson (2006)
- Jackie Bartels (2007)
- Abigail Day (2008)
- MaryAnn Sackman (2009)
- Suzie Brewster (2011)
- Renee Snider (2012)
- Melanie Pepper (2013)
- Olivia Nalos Opre (2014)
- Mary Harter (2015)
- Denise Welker (2017)

DIANA AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

Diana Award Selection Committee:
The recipient is selected by the previous winners of the Award.

Co-chairs: Abigail Day and Olivia Nalos Opre
Vice-chair: Mary Harter



Back Standing: Sandra Sadler, Mary Cabela, Suzie Brewster, Arlene Hanson, Melanie Pepper, Renee Snider and Ingrid Poole Williams. Front Seated: Pamela Atwood, Audrey Murtland, Olivia Nalos Opre, Denise Welker, Deb Cunningham and Mary Harter.