



Safari Club International Chesapeake Chapter

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Happy New Year!

We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons with exciting and successful hunting adventures today and all year long! The thrill and amazement of the great outdoors spent in the company of family and friends produces memories that will last a lifetime—take them hunting with you! And always remember, time in the field is also a time for renewal of faith, body and soul!

It has been a privilege and an honor for us to serve you as your President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of CCSCI these past several months. We continue to build upon past successes and to venture into new endeavors on your behalf and for the good of hunting. One of the biggest of these is the Fundraiser on March 12, 2011. New hotel, new booth space, new approach. We think you will be surprised and pleased and find it to be the best Banquet/Fundraiser ever!

The Christmas Party on the 12th of December was a wonderful affair. Colin and Tabitha McKean went to great lengths to insure everyone enjoyed a Christmas Party to remember. But what really made the party a great event were the great supporters of CCSCI who attended and shared their company with us. Thank you for your continuing support of all that CCSCI stands for and does for the community of hunting. And thank you for sharing with us ideas on how to make the Christmas Party even bigger and better next year! We will put all those great ideas into action for the next Christmas Party and other events in between!

CCSCI has supported some major events and efforts by various groups in Maryland this year. Especially the DNR with their Quail Research Program and the presentation of 20 firearms for use in the DNR's revised Youth Hunter Education Program—these young people are the future of hunting and it has been our privilege to partner with DNR on this very worthwhile endeavor. We are also sponsors of the new Maryland Outdoors Women's Program which reaches out to all those great new and existing women hunters who are key to the preservation of our hunting heritage. We continue in our support of trophies for the Maryland Taxidermist Association competitions and various other hunting related outdoor activities throughout Maryland.

Several attempted changes met with lukewarm response, like monthly get-togethers and classified ads for the Newsletter. We still need articles and photos for the Newsletter. After a couple of months submissions dried up completely. The proposed Membership Directory met with a great deal of negative response as some members did not want their addresses and phone numbers given out. We are currently trying to figure out how a worthwhile directory can be published in the face of those negative comments.

We are constantly seeking out new activities that the membership would like to participate in. Please give us your ideas. We sincerely want to hear from you.

Again, Happy New Year! Looking forward to seeing you at the Banquet/Fundraiser on March 12th!

John McLaurin, President

Carl Wagner, Treasurer

Colin McKean, Vice President

Nancy Kemp, Secretary