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WANTED ONE HONEST JOHN OR JANE

Your Society badly needs a Secretary-Treasurer. It's a long story how it came about. Last fall Jim Pierce, our Nominations Committee Chairman, a Charter Member, organizer and Past President, suffered the disastrous misfortune of going over a cliff with his pickup into a canyon up in Kaibab Country. Jim got busted up pretty bad but he came through and we look forward to see him back and active again. However, as a result of Jim's accident, we arrived at election of officers at the Sheep Clinic last fall with an incomplete slate of candidates and went through the election process without finding a willing candidate for the Secretary-Treasurer's slot.

Your President, Tom Saad, and Board of Directors have been limping along sharing duties of the Secretary-Treasurer function in addition to their regular duties. We really need you for our Secretary-Treasurer.

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer are:

- Keep minutes of Board of Directors meetings and other business meetings of the Society.
- Receive and record monies received and disbursed.
- Draw checks to pay bills as approved by the Board of Directors.
- Receive and answer the correspondence of the Society.

The Secretary-Treasurer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Society. This is an opportunity for you to really get involved in the Society. It is not as much work as it sounds, perhaps 6 to 8 hours per month.*

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"Homeward Bound is the Successful Hunter", could well be the title of this photograph by Ned Smith of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. To see how Societies hunters fared during the last season, see insert and story on page 2.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Awards Banquet of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society will be held Saturday, March 18 at the Desert Hills Hotel, 2707 East Van Buren, Phoenix. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 PM, with dinner at 7:30 PM. Your Program Committee Chairman, Gale Grammer, promises a great menu and an excellent program so make plans now to attend.

An outstanding trophy will be awarded at the banquet to the lucky hunter who harvested the best trophy Desert Bighorn Ram during the season. All of the hunters whose ram qualifies with 162 points for listing in the Arizona Wildlife Trophies book published by AWF, will be awarded a trophy plaque. A new, spectacular, traveling, perpetual Past President Trophy called the RAMS HORN in a remarkable coincidence of names, will be unveiled and will serve as an expression of the societies appreciation to its past presidents for their efforts and devotion to duty.

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WANTED . . .

If you are interested, would like more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact Tom Saad, 279-1494 home, 271-5381 office.

* Picking up the job now at mid year gives you a change to try it on a short term basis. Try it - you'll like it!

ANNUAL AWARDS . . .

Tickets will be \$6.00 per person. Mail your ticket orders and checks to:

Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc.
Banquet Chairman
P.O. Box 5241
Phoenix, Arizona 85010

Make checks payable to Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc. Get your orders in early so your chairman can arrange for enough food and refreshments.

Watch next months Rams Horn for details on program and menu.

SUPERSTITION SHEEP SEARCH

The Society will collaborate again this year with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Tonto National Forest personnel in a well organized and managed wildlife survey and search for sign or survivors of Desert Bighorn Sheep in the Superstition Wilderness. Last year's search was concentrated in the White Mountain area. This year it will be Fishcreek Mountain.

The Society has proposed March 11 and 12 as the weekend for the two day search with March 18 and 19 as an alternate date. Tom Saad is coordinating these dates and project plans. Keep these dates open so you can plan to participate. More information will be supplied as it becomes available.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Ed Shannahan has been doing a great job of spreading the Society message by serving as a guest lecturer. On January 11, Ed presented a Sheep Talk and slide show to the Scottsdale Sportsmans Club at the request of their President, Jack Gray. Pete Brown, one of our loyal Society members and supporters and a well known editor of Sports Afield, asked for a Sheep Talk for the Young

Adults Group at The Church of All Christian Faiths. Ed presented a lecture and slide show to this group on January 17, stressing the conservation activities of the Society. Both of these talks were well received and gained us new friends, members, and supporters.

If you need a speaker, slide show or movie for your sportsmen, civic, social or fraternal group contact Bob Carson 946-0609 or 949-2250.

In these days of growing anti-hunting sentiment your Board of Directors feel that it is important to publicize the conservation activities of hunting sportsmen in organizations such as ours.

1971 HUNT RESULTS

1971 Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt is over and now the time is right to reflect and reminisce about the hardships and excitement of the chase.

The Hunters came from all over the country to try for the elusive Ram. Some were successful some were not.

There was Mr. Grace Harris from Laguna Beach, California, who says that her Hunt was not the toughest but by far the best. Dr. P. W. LaHaye came all the way from Eunice, La.

No doubt, one of the most exciting stories from the 1971 season belongs to Roy Haskell of Tucson. Not only did he take his trophy on the very last day, but he hunted in the Cabeza Pieata Mountains which were opened for the first time.

Larry Smith of Tucson was blessed with early success - he took his trophy on the third day. Fred Peters of Show Low unfortunately did not provide us with any details but the hunt surely was exciting.

To honor the successful hunters and show their trophies, the Ram's Horn appropriately placed them in our Trophy Room.

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WATERHOLE PROJECT SITE SUGGESTIONS

Don Belknap has requested that Society members keep their eye out for potential project sites in the course of their wanderings among the sheep mountains. If you see a water hole that needs repair or cleaning, or find a site that would be a natural for waterhole development or improvement please contact:

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2222 West Greenway Road
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Don has been serving as our point of contact with AG&FD planning and field supervising our waterhole projects.

THESIS RESEARCH PROJECT SUPPORT

Our membership roster has been growing rapidly thanks to the excellent work of Cecil LaVance, Vice President and Membership Chairman of the Society, and to all of the members who have been working at recruiting their friends. With this new strength in the treasury based on a broader membership base, your Board of Directors is looking for effective ways to further the Society goals.

As one possible new activity, we are proposing that the Society could support some Masters or PhD thesis research projects for graduate students in wildlife management programs who would be interested in doing a thesis or dissertation on Desert Bighorn Sheep habitat, environment, or behavior. It seems likely that a little financial support for equipment or transportation might pay big dividends by enabling a worthy graduate student to do some really excellent research on Desert Bighorn Sheep. We are contacting area schools that have graduate level programs in Wildlife Management to see if we can offer effective assistance.

Your Board of Directors will appreciate your comments, suggestions or criticisms.

Attention Hunters!

If you took your ram during the 1971 hunt, please send the picture of you and your trophy and the pertinent specifics to Ram's Horn. It will be published in the following issue.

RAGGED TOP MOUNTAIN CATCHMENT PROJECT

by Bob Carson

Many members of the Society spent the weekend of January 8 and 9, 1972 working on the first of several waterhole improvement projects planned for this winter season. Development personnel from the Arizona Game and Fish Department planned the project and supervised the field crew of volunteer labor supplied by the Society. The field crew included four representatives of the Arizona Game and Fish Department:

Don Belknap, Assistant Development Supervisor
Kelley Neal, Wildlife Manager, Tucson
Dean Maes
Bill Holly

with eleven representatives of the Sheep Society:

Harry Hazlett, Projects Chairman
John Houzenga
Joe Kane
Glen Myrick
Mike Mell
Jim Stephenson
Carl Scrivens
Dick Wagner
Mark Wagner
Bob Carson
Frank Murphy, Guest from Tempe.

One Sheep Society member, Carl Scrivens, came all the way from Gardena, California to participate in the project. We thank him for his sincere interest in the Sheep and the Society.

Ragged Top Mountain is in the Silver Bell Range about 30 mile northwest of Tucson as the crow flies. In a project last year a catchment tank was constructed at the base of a natural cleft and rock apron located well up on the side of Ragged Top Mountain. Observations of this tank during the past spring and summer revealed that the tank leaked. The improvement work January 8 and 9 was designed to provide a seal using several coats of sealing material and to increase the tank capacity from approximately 750 gallons to 1,000 gallons. The project involved backpacking 1,000 pounds of readymix, sealer, water and tools over 3/4 mile of trail that goes up 1,000 feet in elevation. Each of the Society members made two or three trips up that trail with a 75 pound sack of readymix or a five gallon G.I. can full of water that made a 50 pound load. Packing those loads up that mountain turned out to be a pretty sturdy exercise. We observed at rest stops along the way, that we were tired enough so that leaning against a saguaro or sitting on a cholla ball felt go-o-o-od!

RAGGED TOP MOUNTAIN . . .

Bob Gray, Gray Plastering Co., Phoenix, generously donated the materials for this project to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Dean Maes, Mule Wrangler for Arizona Game and Fish Department, suffered insult and injury on Friday when the mules, Junior and Molly, that he was using to pack materials for the project up the mountain got skitterish and fell, landing in a heap on Dean.

Junior misses his ma, Sara, who has been retired to Raymond Ranch. Junior followed Sara up mountains for so long that he doesn't know how to work without her. Junior has become a mighty hard mule to manage. Sara may have to come out of retirement and shape him up again.

Society members who worked the Ragged Top Mountain project last year will remember Junior and Sara with varying degrees of affection from their spectacular fall on the mountain, that time, though, with Ed Shannahan.

Dean got pretty well battered and bruised but no broken bones and at last report was getting around with a cane. Here's wishing him a speedy recuperation.

Because the mule mission miscarried the members got to do mule duty — packing all the materials up the mountain with their backpack frames.

Kelley Neal, Wildlife Manager from the Tucson office of Arizona Game and Fish Department treated a couple of deserving Society members to a tasty green chili burrito that he cooked up from his last year's javelina. The members in their ecstasy were observed to note that Kelley's javelina burritos were a heck of a lot better than Shannahan's

peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. If you would like to know how to convert your javelina into ambrosia we recommend you contact Kelley Neal and listen very carefully.

The next project will be February 12-13. Contact Harry Hazlett, 266-3907, for more information on other projects.

MEET YOUR BOARD

BOB CARSON Chairman, Publicity



Bob Carson joined the Society at the annual breakfast meeting in May of 1970. He attended the next Board of Directors meeting and at that board meeting was coerced into volunteering to fill the Publicity Chairman's slot that had been vacated by a resignation. Bob was re-elected and has been working at the Publicity Chairman's job ever since. Bob is an Electrical Engineer working for Motorola, resides in Scottsdale, and is an avid shooter, hunter and fisherman. In addition to publicity duties, Bob has worked on drafting resolutions for the Society and has attended several public hearings on wilderness and legislative matters as a representative and spokesman for the Society.

HELP!

The Rams Horn needs your help. To serve the Society your editor must know what the membership would like to see published. Not only that, but as the editor, I would like to solicit the membership for ideas and material that is in the general interest to the Society.

If you have any ideas or have a news item, photographs or other material for publishing, please send them to the Rams Horn. If your article or photo is published proper credit will be given to the contributor.

Joe Bormanis, Editor

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RAM'S HORN TROPHY ROOM



Michael Holt with his trophy. He was accompanied by his father and took his ram on 6 December 1970 in unit 40B. The measurements are: Left Horn - 40 1/8"; Right Horn - 34"; B and C measurement (green) 180. He was the winner of last years Award Trophy.



Mrs. Grace Harris, Laguna Beach, California, took this beautiful ram in unit 43B. She was guided by Jack Walters (left). The ram measured 161 points.



Larry Smith of Tucson took this ram in unit 43B on the third day of the hunt. Larry's ram scored 166 points (green).



Dr. John F. Peters of Show Low is the proud owner of this ram. Fred took this ram in unit 12A-13A. It measures approximately 32" x 15".



Dr. P. W. LaHaye of Eunice, Louisiana shows his trophy which measured 159 points. He was guided by Ed Stockwell and took his ram in unit 43A. This ram completed Dr. LaHaye's slam.



Roy Haskell of Tucson is shown with his trophy and guides. Roy took his trophy in the rugged Cabeza Prieta Mountains of unit 40B West. He took his ram on the very last day of the hunt!