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SIX ANNUAL SHEEP HUNTER'S CLINIC

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The Sixth Annual Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunter's Clinic was held Saturday September 30, 1972 at the Black Canyon shooting range. Permit holders came from Show Low, Yuma, Tempe, Mesa, Tucson, Cave Creek, Flagstaff, Taylor, Clifton and Phoenix. In addition to the 32 lucky permit holders, 28 interested visitors and 51 society members attended the clinic to take advantage of the discussions, movies, displays and field experience.

The clinic is the high point of the educational activities sponsored by the society each year. Included in this year's clinic was: Legal requirements of the sheep hunt (George Welch), Camp and vehicle equipment (Ed Shannahan), Personal equipment and physical condition (Ned Smith), Trophy ram identification (Jack Helvie), Field experience (Tom Saad), Hunting techniques (Jack Walters and John Houzenga), Trophy care (Ed Shannahan), Sheep identification movies (Dave Daughtry), Panel discussion (Doug Reynolds) and sheep hunt movies (Jack Walters).

The displays at the Clinic seem to be nicer each year. In addition to the Desert Bighorn Sheep heads, a Dahl and Stone sheep was displayed. The feature of the clinic was a full mount Desert Bighorn ram which has been loaned to the Society by the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Service of Yuma. The new 1972 water hole construction project board was displayed along with the model of the completed Phoenix Zoo Bighorn enclosure and the model of the future observation and historical building for the Phoenix Zoo.

Trophy hunting was stressed all during the Clinic with special emphasis given to the new legal requirement of a 28" curl (vs. 26" previous years) established by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. To help train the hunters in judging trophy rams, a field course of 7 pick-up heads and 15 silhouettes were placed on the mountain about ½ mile north of the shooting range. This experience proved to be a real challenge to all involved. Many fine movies of sheep in the field also provided valuable experience.

During this year's clinic, life membership plaques were presented to Mr. John Gillett and Mr. Martin F. Wood. The mementos were presented to those gentlemen for their generous gifts to the Phoenix Zoo Desert bighorn sheep enclosure.



Part of the Society's display at the Sheep Clinic. Ram's Horn plans to present a picture story of the Six Annual Sheep Hunter's Clinic in the next issue. Photo by Cecil La Vance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The morning Annual Business Meeting session held in conjunction with the Sheep Clinic included election of officers for '72 - '73. The Nominations Committee labored long and hard and came up with a candidate for all but one of the elective offices. A few competing nominations from the floor were presented but in each case the potential nominee respectfully declined the nomination and the single nominee from the Nominations Committee was elected by unanimous acclamation. Your new slate of distinguished officers are:

President:	Cecil La Vance
Vice-President	Bob Gray
Secretary:	W. R. (Rick) Brigham
Treasurer:	Dave Daughtry
Past-President:	Tom Saad
Finance:	Jack Walters
Publicity:	Doug Reynolds
Programs:	Mike Mell
Projects:	Joe Kane
By-Laws and Resolutions:	Don Moon
Legislation:	Jerry Petkovsek
Ram's Horn Editor:	Joe Bormanis

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (continued)

We are sure that your new officers will serve the Society with distinction and deserve your wholehearted support. Each of them needs one or more hard working assistants so let them know what your interests are and where you would like to help.

It is a policy of the Society that each of the Committee Chairmen find an active assistant and get him involved so that the Society can continue to develop more hard working individuals willing to serve in dynamic leadership roles in the Society. We hope that next year the Nominations Committee will be able to find a number of willing capable candidates for each office. With the broad base of membership that the Society now has we need and expect to be able to find a lot of good men and women to help our chairmen and officers continue to build the outstanding reputation of the Society.

Get to know your officers and chairmen. Attend a few of the Societies Board of Directors meetings held every second Wednesday of each month. The enthusiasm, cooperation and creative spirit of your officers and chairmen will be a pleasant inspiration to you. Get involved — try it — You will enjoy it!

NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

Saturday September 23, 1972 was proclaimed National Hunting and Fishing Day by President Nixon and Governor Williams. In observance of this day the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society set up a display booth at Thomas Mall to inform the general public of the conservation activities of hunting and fishing sportsman.

Free literature explaining conservation activities of sportsmen was distributed. About 300 people took time to let Bob Carson, Joe Kane and Doug Reynolds explain the conservation and education activities of the sheep society. The general reaction of the public was very favorable.

The display booth featured the 1972 water hole construction project board, a model of the completed Desert Bighorn Sheep enclosure at the Phoenix Zoo and a model of observation and historical building to be constructed in the coming season at the Phoenix Zoo.

Extra copies of the free literature are available by writing Doug Reynolds at P. O. Box 5241, Phoenix, Arizona 85010

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DESERT BIG HORN COUNCIL

The Desert Bighorn Council (DBC) is an organization of interest to all Society members. It is composed of individuals professionally engaged in management, protection and scientific study of the Desert Bighorn Sheep.

DBC is primarily an organization of game management specialists and scientists whereas the ADBSS is an organization of sportsmen and conservationists who are generally not involved in game management.

One of the chartered aims of the Society is the education of members in the sound management practices that will promote the welfare of the Desert Bighorn Sheep. In this context the Society's Board of Directors authorized and encouraged this article to acquaint the members with the existence and purpose of the DBC. A DBC brochure is attached to this issue.

DBC holds an annual meeting which features scientific papers on diverse Desert Bighorn Sheep management and research topics. These papers and the ensuing discussions are published as the Transactions of the Desert Bighorn Council. This publication is probably the world's best source of information regarding the current progress of research and management of Desert Bighorn Sheep.

The Society was invited to present a paper at the last April DBC meeting held in Tucson. Bob Carson made the presentation which covered the history and current activities of our Society. The Society has been invited to present another paper at the next annual DBC meeting in April 1973 at Hawthorne, Nevada. Doug Reynolds has made a tentative commitment to present a paper and slides on this year's water hole projects at that meeting.

The Society's members are invited and encouraged to attend the annual DBC meetings. They present an outstanding opportunity to get acquainted with the game managers and scientists.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting is open to everyone and we hope everyone will attend. Next meeting will be 7 p.m., November 8, 1972 at Motorola, Inc. (Government Electronics Division) 8201 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale Arizona (use the main entrance of the west side of the building). See you there.