



# THE RAM'S HORN

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## PHASE II ZOO PROJECT

Construction plans are nearly complete for the Bighorn Sheep Exhibit building at the Phoenix Zoo. Final plans have been submitted to the City for the building permit.

From an aerial view, the building will resemble a ram's head. Free-form spiral stairs on either side of the building will form the horns. The front of the building will be all glass and face the sheep enclosure. Observation of the sheep also will be possible from the building roof. Inside the building there will be a diorama with a full mount Desert Bighorn sheep ram. Also, there will be show cases to display artifacts and the history of Desert Bighorn sheep.

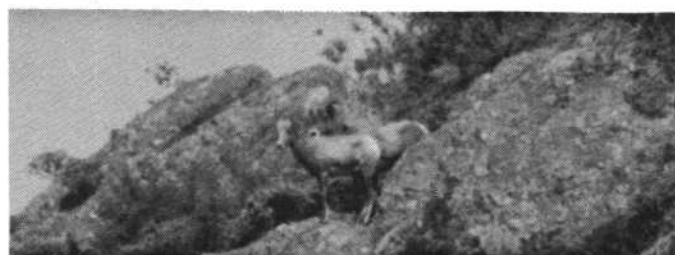
This construction will be one of the largest projects the Society has ever undertaken. The building site has been cleared and the donated blocks have been delivered to the zoo. Final building schedule will be planned when building permit has been obtained.

Material and labor will be needed. Skills of all description including foundation diggers, block layers, cement workers, steel workers, painters, roofers and carpenters will be needed. Some materials in need are — wrought iron railings, lighted show cases, doors, door casing, window frames, roofing material, lumber, reinforcement rod, etc. If you have any contacts on building materials please contact John Houzenga at 946-6914.

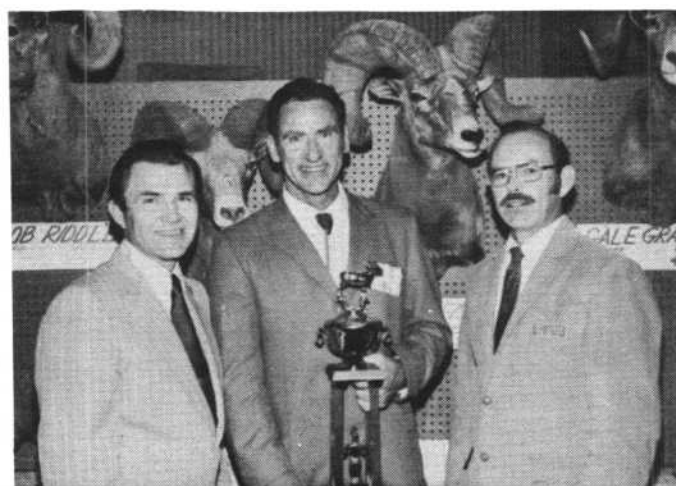
Help is also needed to arrange the displays in the building. If you have talents in this area please come forward.

The construction will be accomplished on the weekends and is sure to be more fun than work, again call John Houzenga, 946-6914 if you can help.

Hope to see you there.



This photograph by Doug Reynolds shows two of the present inhabitants of the Society-built Desert Bighorn Sheep exhibit.



Charles Fisher holds the award he received from the Society for taking the largest trophy of the 1972 hunting season. Jeff Sievers, (L) who donated this fine award and Cecil LaVance (R), current President of the Society stand by.

## AWARDS BANQUET

This year's annual awards banquet was a tremendous success with an attendance of one hundred and fifty Society members and guests. The banquet was held on March 24 at the Phoenix Airport Holiday Inn.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Pete Brown, Shooting Editor of Sports Afield magazine. Entertainment was provided by Jack Walters showing one of his famous sheep hunting films; Dave Daughtry showed movies of the capture of sheep for the Phoenix Zoo and Doug Reynolds gave a slide presentation on the 1973 water hole projects along with slides of the Phoenix Zoo sheep enclosure project.

On display at the banquet was the largest Desert Bighorn Ram taken during the 1972 season. This ram which measured 182.5 Boon and Crockett points qualified Mr. Charles Fisher of Tucson, Arizona to receive the fine trophy which was the feature event of the evening. This beautiful trophy was donated to the Society for the presentation by Jeff Sievers. Also, on display at the banquet were a number of other Bighorn Sheep mounts belonging to various Society members, including a grand slam belonging to Jack Walters.

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## BANQUET . . .

In addition to the Largest Ram award presented to Charles Fisher, three other awards were made to hunters with rams that have qualified for the Arizona Wildlife Trophy Book. These awards were made to David Chavez, Mark Kenny and Ervin Black.

Recognition was given to the presence at this occasion of all past presidents of the Sheep Society as follows:

Bob Stonoff	1968
Jim Pierce	1969
John Houzenga	1970
Ed Shannahan	1971
Tom Saad	1972
Cecil LaVance	1973

Several door prizes were presented during the evening with the winners receiving Kachina Doll prints, tie tacks and engraved glasses donated to the Society by the Arizona Bank. A raffle was also held with the lucky winner receiving a choice of one of four oil paintings donated for the occasion by Jackie Snider. Second prize winner received a beautiful photo enlargement of a Bighorn Sheep donated by Ned Smith, frame by Doug Reynolds. A picture story on the insert page shows some of the other highlights of this memorable evening and some of the 1972 hunt pictures.

## WATERHOLE PROJECTS

By Doug Reynolds

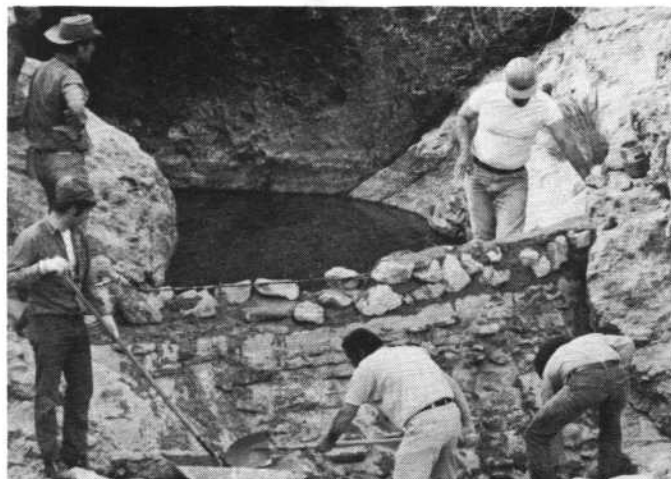
### UPPER MOHAVE TANK

The third waterhole project of the season was completed by the Society during the weekend of 3 and 4 February. The project was located in the Mohave Mountains between the Cibola highway No. 95 and the Colorado River, about 23 miles south of Quartzsite.

Twenty-three Society members and guest gathered at 10:00 p.m. February 2nd at mile post 82 on the Cibola highway. From this point we traveled west 25 miles to the base camp. Around the campfire were the following:



This diversion dam above Upper Mohave tank will protect the water hole from filling with silt and debris.



The final batch of mortar is mixed to complete the retention dam for Upper Mohave tank.

Joe Kane	Monte Dodson
Earl Cronk	Bob Gray
Jim Stephenson	Joe Gundry
Dave Stearns	Bill Snider
Gary Frerrier	Glen Myrick
Don Belknap (AG&FD)	Jerry Petkovsek
Thomas Brown	John Houzenga
Bill Holley (AG&FD)	Ed Shannahan
Duane Halvorson	Harry Ingleman
Carl Scrivens	Joe King
Don Scrivens	Don Moon
Floyd Scrivens	Doug Reynolds
Ted Harris	

You may notice that we had three Scrivens brothers along on this trip. Floyd joined Don and Carl traveling from California to help on the project. It's always good to have these gentlemen along and we wonder if there are any more at home.

The campfire burned late while old friends discussed the latest news. Breakfast came early and we headed for the project. The project was located about one-half mile from camp. This project involved construction of a silt diversion dam and raising the height of an existing dam. Under the

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leadership of Don Belknap and Bill Holley of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Two crews went to work immediately. Three portable jack hammers were used to drill holes in the bed rock to hold the metal fence posts for the diversion dam. While that crew was drilling holes and gathering rocks, another crew was sealing the face of a dam that has been in this location for about 20 years. The capacity of the water hole behind the dam could be increased by about 30 percent by adding 5 inches height to the dam. Cement had been back-packed up to the project for this purpose. It was necessary to screen sand at the site for the cement.



Jerry Petkovsek applies the "chef's touch" to the Dutch oven stew — the results were indescribably delicious.

By late Saturday afternoon, the diversion dam crew had set 40 posts in the rock, made a wire basket between the posts and filled it with rocks. The completed dam was about twenty feet long, 3 - 4 feet high and two feet thick. The "dam elevation" project was going well also. We added 15 inches of rock and cement to the top of the dam.

This was a good breaking point to head for camp and another memorable dutch oven stew. John Houzenga and No. 1 helper Jerry Petkovsek whipped up a stew that featured elk and deer meat. Dutch oven corn bread with green chilies was also served. This type of cooking is a real production and a delightful treat. Ed Shannahan had an extra treat in his drink with dinner. He says that mountain raisins go good with any meal.



Upper Mohave tank — final results. The water tank is seen in the foreground, with the rip-rap diversion dam in the background.

The camp fire burned down fast and everyone went to sleep early. After a harty breakfast of various things including cold corn bread - we were off to the project again. The finishing wire lace work was added to the diversion dam and a coat of thoro-seal was brushed onto the entire surface and face of the waterhold dam. This was a very rewarding project - a lot of visual results to a weekend of fun work.

### SAGUARO WATER CATCHMENT AND FIGERO TANK PROJECT

The largest group ever, turned out for the fourth water hole project of the year. Thirty-four Society members and friends met Friday night at Stone Cabin on the Cibola highway between Quartzsite and Yuma. From this point we traveled east into the Castle Dome Mountains 23 miles to our base camp.

The campfire was large and lots. It was a real pleasure to see such a large turn-out for this project. This project represented a significant milestone. For the first time we worked on a project for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in the Kofa Game preserve under the leadership of our good friend Monte Dodson. Monte is a member in very good standing and has worked hard on many of the past projects. Don Belknap and Bill Holley from the Arizona Game and Fish Department were along to lend a helping hand. This project was truly a cooperative venture for all agencies concerned and the Society. The Yuma office of the Bureau of Land Management was also represented by Gary Ferrier.

Representing the Society work crew were:

Dale Halvorson	Ted Harris
Joe Kane	Gale Grammer
Bill Snider	Fred Peters
Terry Evens	Mike Mell
David Mitchell	Glen Myrick
Joe Gundry	Bud Phillips (BSF&W)
Ed Shannahan	Dave Stearns (BSF&W)
Ed Stanfield	Joe Rodriguez (BSF&W)
Ray Howell	Gary Ferrier (BLM)
Jim Stephenson	Joe Sheehey
Rick Brigham	Gene Kindrid
Tom Soad	Don Scrivens
Cecil LaVance	Carl Scrivens
Jerry Petkovsek	Bill Holley (AG&FD)
Bob Gray (esq)	Monte Dodson (BSF&W)
John Houzenga	Don Belknap (AG&FD)
Ken Grammer	Doug Reynolds

Special mention is given to the long distance travelers who made the project. Fred Peters came in from Showlow, Joe Sheehey and Gene Kindred came in from Tucson and the faithful Scrivens brothers, Don and Carl; Don travels from California and Carl is visiting Arizona from Wyoming for the winter. This was Gene Kindred's and Joe Sheehey's first project. Joe has been a member for some time. We managed to sign Gene up as a new member — welcome aboard to Gene, it's good to have another strong back and sheep supporter.

At daybreak Saturday the camp came alive with hungry bodies everywhere. One of the more alert members spotted  
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what appeared to be a fine ram about 400 yards from the camp. Everyone got out their spotting scopes and binoculars for a close look. Upon close examination we found that the ram was very large but had only one horn. It was estimated that if the ram had both horns it would score about 180 points. Doug Reynolds and Tom Saad moved up on the sheep for pictures with a telephoto lens. Doug got to within 60 yards of the ram for some real fine close-up photos.

After that excitement and breakfast, we split into two work crews and headed for two different projects. The projects were one mile on opposite sides of the base camp.

The first crew started a renovation project on the Saguaro water catchment which was constructed by BSF&W about 6 years ago. This catchment is a cave blasted in solid rock along a wash. During the heavy rain seasons the cave fills with water and is very effective since it is always protected from the sunlight. The work on this catchment was to put a sealing coat of thoro-seal on the sides of the cave to prevent loss of water in the cracks and to build a low retention dam across the wash in front of the cave.

The second crew went to Figeroa tank. A dam had been constructed at this site about 20 years ago. Just below the dam is a very large natural rock basin tank which was full of rocks and sand. The project called for construction of a water seap-through the dam and clearing the rocks and sand from the tank. Clearing the tank turned out to be a very large job. With the aid of a "Fresno" earth mover pulled by a truck we managed to make light work of the cleaning operation. It was estimated that 30 cubic yards of material was removed.

About 4 p.m. Saturday work was halted and we headed back to camp for a suprise dutch oven dinner. You may find this hard to believe, but we had spaghetti and meat balls with wine and garlic bread. That is some menu for dutch oven cooking out in the desert! John Houzenga and Jerry Petkovsek really did a job this time — one of the best dinners of all time. After supper we listened to Ed Shannahan explain how he did all the work on the Saguaro project and that he would go ahead and finish the other project on Sunday. We are lucky to

have Ed but we are not sure why! Dear old girl! Many good sheep stories and hunts were discussed late into the evening.

Sunday morning the entire crew went to the Figeroa tank since work had been completed on Saguaro tank Saturday. Majority of work Sunday was more cleaning of the tank. It was hard to believe so much rock and sand could be taken from one hole. When the cleaning operation was complete, large rocks were placed at the front edge of the hole to prevent the sand from back washing into the hole. It was estimated that the hole would hold 20,000 gallons of water. It was gratifying to see such a large water hole with capacity to last year-around. This project looks like an excellent candidate for a permanent retention wall in front of the hold. Maybe next year!

The crew broke camp and headed in every direction. It was announced that Danny Nasca would have a steak dinner at Ramsey station for anyone interested. About 18 stopped by to take him up on his offer. Danny served steak sandwiches, potato salad and beans — and all of it was excellent. This was a very nice gesture on Danny's part and greatly appreciated by everyone. It is always nice to find good friends along the way.

The entire weekend was especially nice — a big crew completing two worthwhile projects amidst the spectacular Castle Dome mountains. Scenery this time was extraordinary because the recent rains had produced greenery on the hills from top to bottom. We hope to pass this way again.



**ZOO FUND DRIVE**

This year's donation drive for the Desert Bighorn Zoo Project has had great response from old and new members of the Society, and the checks are still coming in. If you haven't sent your donation in yet — please don't forget, for you will be missing out on having taken part in this great project.

We thank you all who have taken such an interest in it, and will be looking forward to seeing you all at the project site at the Phoenix Zoo.

*Jack Walters*



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# AWARDS BANQUET



Pete Brown, master of ceremonies for the evening, addresses the audience from the head table.



Pete Brown, lucky winner of the door prize, selects an oil painting while artist Jackie Snider looks on.



Ervin Block (center) proudly displays the award he received at the Banquet. Ervin is congratulated by Pete Brown (left) and Cecil LaVance, his ram measured 168-2/8 B and C points.



All of the six men who have served as president of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society were present at the Banquet. From left to right: Bob Stonoff (1968), Cecil LaVance (1973), John Houzenga (1970), Ed Shannaham (1971), Tom Saad (1972), and Jim Pierce (1969).



The banquet was well attended by 150 members and guests.



Ned Smith congratulates Bob Riddle (left), winner of the raffle prize. This beautiful picture was donated by Ned.

# 1972 HUNT



Hugh Hamilton with his ram taken in Unit 40A. Party included Dean Bowdoin, Tom Saad, Bob Gray and Mike Mell (not shown).



David Chavez from Belen, N.M., bagged this exceptionally fine ram on Catalina Mts. Length 32-3/4" & 35-7/8" with 16-1/8 bases for total Boon and Crockett score of 170-5/8".



Dr. Tennis from Louisiana is the proud owner of this ram taken in Unit 43B-East guided by Danny Nasca.



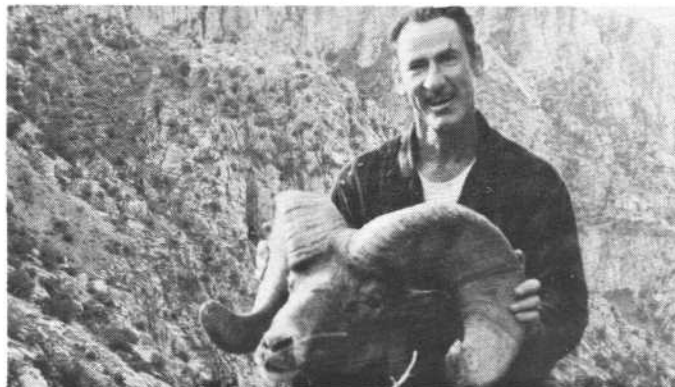
Dr. Patterson from North Carolina shows his 8 year old ram taken in Unit 43A-West guided by Danny Nasca.



Jim Carnahan of Tucson, Arizona took this 9-year-old ram in Unit 43A-East. It measured approximately 33 1/2" x 14 1/2"



Dr. Nelson, Phoenix, Arizona, guided by Danny Nasca took this ram in Unit 43B-East.



Charles Fisher is rightfully proud of his new trophy — after waiting 14 years for a permit and 14 days of hard hunting, Charles completed his Big 10 by claiming the beautiful ram — Boon and Crockett Score 182-5/8.



Mark Kenny (left) from Pittsburgh, Pa., took this fine trophy in the Castle Dome Mountains on December 4, 1972. Measured length 34" & 32-6/8 with 15" bases, total B & C score 163-4/8. Guide Ed Stockwell looks equally proud.