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THE ANNUAL SHEEP HUNTERS CLINIC

The Society will hold the 7th Annual Sheep Hunters Clinic on Saturday, September 29 at the Black Canyon Rifle Range.

The Sheep Clinic activities will start at noon and last till 8:00 p.m. The activities will include talks on trophy ram identification, legal requirements of sheep hunt, personal equipment, physical and mental condition, hunting techniques and actual, practical field demonstrations. All this will be topped by film and slide presentations of previous seasons hunts.

The panel of speakers is composed of men who really know this game: Jack Walters, John Houzenga, Ed Shannahan, Jack Helvie, George Welsh, Ned Smith, Dave Dougherty and Cecil La Vance.

This event presents an outstanding opportunity for all members and general public to see, hear and meet game management experts, experienced guides and hunters. The topics they will cover not only deal with how to harvest a trophy class ram but also highlight the environment, habitat, and habits of bighorn sheep.

You don't have to be a member to attend – the sheep hunters and all interested persons young and old are cordially invited. There is no admission charge for this event. Dinner will be served at the range Saturday by the Varmettes.

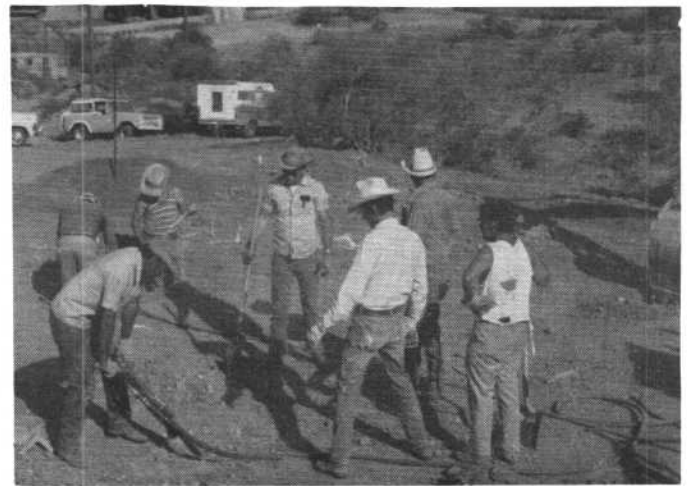
Mark 29th of September on your calendar and bring your friends – it will be an experience you won't forget!

ANNUAL MEETING

The Society's Annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheep Clinic on 29 September 1973. It will start at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting will be highlighted by the election of officers for the 1973 – 1974 season. The Nominations Committee has selected a full slate of candidates but will accept additional nominations by the next Board Meeting (8 August, 1973). Also, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual Business meeting. If you have someone in mind for candidacy let the Nominations

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Construction crew breaking ground for the exhibit building at the Phoenix Zoo.

PHASE II ZOO PROJECT

by Doug Reynolds

Construction of the Desert Bighorn Sheep Exhibit Building at the Phoenix Zoo is in full swing. With the aid of a backhoe and operator donated by the Salt River Project, the footings were dug in one day. This sounds easy but two jackhammers were also used to dig through solid rock for the footings. The reinforcement steel was placed in the trenches for the footing and stem walls. Bending the steel to fit the shape of our building was no easy task. On the following weekend, cement was poured for the footing, stem walls and floor.

Help is urgently needed for the upcoming tasks which include wall construction, plumbing, electrical work and all other chores. If you can spend some time helping with this project on a weekend, please call John Houzenga at 946-6914.

An interesting side note – the sheep are very curious about our activities and watch the work all day! Come out and see the project and take part in the activity at the most unique sheep exhibit in the world. See you there!

MEETING . . .

Committee hear about it (Rick Brigham, Chairman, Dave Daughtry and Bob Carson, members).

The Saturday meeting and Sheep Clinic will be preceded by a Friday night steak fry (bring your own steak) and an informal get-together at the picnic grounds of the Black Canyon range. Cornbread, beans, biscuits and cole slaw will be provided by the Society.

The adjacent campground provides an ideal opportunity for overnight camping and is equipped with electricity, showers and sanitary facilities.

LAZARUS, THE FIFTH!

by Joe "KK" Kane*

The fine print said something 'bout 5 years or 50 thousand miles. . . whichever came first. . .!? Well the five years didn't get us too badly, but the fifty thousand caught us rite in the gitalongs! We kinda ran smackdab into the canyon wall! I'm referring to the darndest windup of five years of waterhole projects for the Arizona Game & Fish Department. In case you got some of that grit that we put up with at Saturday's supper in your eyes you mite be wondering which came first, the chickēn or the feathers. Well, briefly we went on three successive waterhole work projects strictly for AG&FD. Our fourth work weekend was for those cowboy sheep way out West near Yuma, Arizona. This one was for and under the fine supervision of Monte Dodson, Bureau of Wildlife & Sport Fisheries Chief, and consisted of two separate water tanks miles apart, and quite different from each other in physical aspects.

Under separate cover another contemporary writer has been covering these two, the "Figero" and the "Saguaro" tanks. Although this was our fourth waterhole activity we didn't count it as one of the five promised to AG&FD each year. So we sashayed off on St. Pat's days, March 17, 18 and became enveloped in the "Green Fog", also known as "Upper Thanksgiving Day Tank", or Project Number Four!

So if you've been following this fine print which is as complicated as the original equipment - we went the distance again and to make it legal took on "Lazarus Tank" once more. Depending on how you're counting, it became this years fifth W.H. project for AG&FD, or our sixth niggt out of the town. Those of us that made this last trip on April 7, 8, '73 will flat tell you all that this was indeed a heckuva windup for 1973, and for five years of similar projects for our fine AG&FD. If we had stayed on the same project since the start we'd be half past China and still going through!

After having had larger and larger turnouts for our previous projects we were underwhelmed when less in number showed up for this one. So we showed 'em we were a gut crew and made this work project really a monster. It ranks second now in effort, sweat, hurt, size, and tribute to its builders. Yep! those 50 thousand piled in on us this trip. Ask any of these fellas:

Don Belknap, AG&FD
Bill Holly, AG&FD
Tom Selby, AG&FD
Frank Murphy
Mike Mell
Bob Gray
Terry Evans
Bill Snider

Jerry Petkovsek
Glen Myrick
Ron Bauer
Len Coleman
Ted Harris
Ed Shannahan
John Houzenga
Joe Kane

On Friday night, April 6, most of us met 'bout 9:30 p.m. at Danny Nasca's place, also known as Ramsey, located 22 miles west of Salome and before hitting Quartzsite on highway 60. Danny was awaiting fer us and had some cold Coors on hand. It's OK as we leave the highway behind his place and it's a form of dust control for the dirt roads. Danny also provided us with our steaks for Saturday night's supper, and threw in 2 steel fire grills for our future needs. Not because of. . .but this gave our Society Vice President, Bob Gray the opening, in the good time being had, to present to Danny Nasca from the ADBSS, a certificate of appreciation in recognition of Danny's contribution in helping AG&FD to secure Bighorn Sheep for the Phoenix Zoo. Proving once again that each does, in his own way what he can do best for our Society. Together we all make it worthwhile for the other fellas.

It was a late camp but a happy one. The dawn brought out the best of everyone, and we followed traditions.

The AG&FD crew was at the tank since the middle of the week and had done all the blasting. This idea helped to speed up Saturdays and Sundays work as we didn't lose so much time running for cover. Jackhammer drilling, rock stockpiling, sifting sand for cement work, etc., was underway while the two legged burros backpacked cement, sealers, rolls of fence wire, steel fence posts, 10 ft. lengths of extra-heavy pipe for use as posts in critical areas of diversion dam, welding/cutting equipment, and tools. This tank is located up in the hills and I do believe these many backpack trips up and down the trail took its toll. It hadda be the first half of the 50 thou!

During Saturday and Sunday the fellas resurfaced and repaired the dam walls, patched the leaks, and sealed the dam and tank with Thoro-Seal. Up above this waterhole and dam,

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and before the incoming water reached it, a huge monster diversion dam was being created! All previous rock, debris, and old iron was being removed. New extra heavy stronger fence posts, more in number, positioned anew from old diversion dams, were being installed. Then the Basket Weavers played the fencing into place. Tons of rock, boulders, stones and like materials were dug, broken, carried and lifted into this huge basket of two fences side by side. Its width varied from just a few feet wide to almost eight ft. wide. Its height went to almost eight ft. This great Wall of China and rock and quartz is 37.9 ft. long. Chris' arms were so stretched from carrying heavy rocks that he sed he could reach over halfway from one end!

Our luck being what it was, Saturday afternoon a fair to middlin breeze came up. When we returned down to base camp, Bill Holly's tent was blown flat and hadda be packed away rather than re-up it. John Houzenga and Jerry Petkovsek grit (actually) their teeth and started supper. Altho the wind blew and the sand flew, they got out a topnotch camp meal of steaks, cabbage cole slaw a la Petkovsek special dressing, with cowboy ranch style beans, and cornbread from Dutch ovens. Supper was late but the outdoorsmen understand weather, and we know John and Jerry did themselves proud. We're lucky to have a couple of men like these two who do a lot of extra work both before the trip and while the crew waits for their meals. All this cooking and chores in addition to their labors with the rock busters. Thanks from us all, fellas.

Speaking of Dutch ovens and camp cooking. . . If any of you readers (or shud I say thousands of readers?) know of any large size Dutch ovens that are available, contact John, Jerry, or myself, and give us details. We're looking for sixteen-inch diameters, or larger; shallow depths of say 4 or 5 inches; 3 legged w/flanges on lids, etc., and any or all larger sizes. If you've got any good tried, tested and true recipes for Dutch oven meals that you'd like us to try or have - feel free to let us know. We have a couple of small cookbooks on D. O. cooking and are looking for others for our reference files.

Ron was pretty tired from his week's job and his thousand trips up and down ol' mountain that he crawled into his bedroll and slept thru the Saturday evening wind and supper 'til Sunday breakfast. Don just seemed to be eatin' that

cornbread all nite. He's Jerry's cornbread fan number one. Here's a tip, Don. . .that cornbread is going to be even better next project season! Recipes, equipment, experience, and in Marlboro country, it'll be good for what ails us. I'll drink to that!

The gang was tired and I guess we all turned in earlier than usual for a good nite's rest. Sunday was another beautiful day out in the hills.

The tank area was finished, cleaned up of all work litter. Tools, equipment, and materials backpacked down the mountain for the trip homeward. The diversion dam was really an impressive structure. This project was the fourth time that this particular tank had been worked on in these past project years, but this time a channel has been blasted through on the downhill side of the wash flow. More and heavier steel was drilled in, together with the increase in size of the total dam. Our thoughts are that this time the diversion dam might hold up and do its job. Some of the destructive force of a brimful wash might be diverted thus saving the watertank below it and still fill it with drinking water for our Bighorn friends. I'm sure they'll drink to that!

As the sun moved westward, we bid a fond farewell. . .or something like that travel adventure film series ended with. . .anyhow another fine effort of work and companionship came to a close as camp was broken and farewells were exchanged. The end of five is the beginning of the next five. Many of the fellas will stay in touch through the summer while working on our Phoenix Zoo project. If you missed getting out on our waterhole projects this past season contact John Houzenga for work dates or duties on the Zoo Phase II. This is a good opportunity to get to know some nice fellas, do something worthwhile. Be ready for next season, get in on some good times ahead this summer and fall, and yet not have to leave town! Make us an offer we can't turn down!

(*Writ by Hand) s/ "KK"

NOTE

As a convenience to our readers, we have reprinted below the order form for Society's supplies and materials.

ORDER FORM

TO ORDER ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW, WRITE THE NUMBER OF EACH DESIRED IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW AND SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

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Upper Mojave Tank after renovation during the February 3 and 4 project by the Society. This photograph was taken by Carl and Anna Scrivens two weeks after a 1/2" rain. They reported seeing only three small seeps in the dam which is a great credit to all who participated in this memorable project.



Joe "KK" Kane supervising Phase II operations at the Phoenix Zoo.



This beautiful trophy ram was harvested by Orlando J. Lujan in Unit 43A West in the Kofa game range. It is believed to be the first ram taken in the state - (8:35 a.m., 2 December 1972) during the past season. Mr. Orlando was the only one out of ten (total permits for Kofa's) who did not have a guide.

LET'S HAVE A BIG TURNOUT FOR THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING AND SHEEP CLINIC ON SEPTEMBER 29TH 1973, AT THE BLACK CANYON RIFLE RANGE!

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