



# THE RAM'S HORN

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Society has achieved its many and varied goals because of the diligent individual efforts expended by our numerous members and friends.

At present we are speedily concluding the final phase of the work at the Phoenix Zoo with a fantastic turn-out of individuals dedicated to our Society's basic purpose. We have all been rewarded many times over by the antics of the sheep in the enclosure during these work sessions. They are certainly a joyous reward for one to see.

Our waterhole projects, are again, based on individual efforts. Everyone achieves his own type of personal satisfaction, yet in the final analysis, we are all one, formed from the multitude of members and friends. What we accomplish as individuals, in the name of the Society, becomes the foundation upon which we base our collective strength. This collective strength is the basis for whatever success we enjoy in concluding the tasks we undertake.

## EIGHTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, March 23, 1974 at the Desert Hills, 2707 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix, in the Planet Room.

Cocktail hour will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and dinner will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The Master of Ceremonies this year will be Bill Sizer, Chief of Information and Education Division of AG&F. The program includes a presentation of bighorn sheep movies by Dr. William Marlowe of Prescott and a slide show of past water hole projects by Doug Reynolds. Doug also will present a pictorial history of Phase II, Zoo Project.

The banquet will be highlighted by award presentations to hunters whose ram qualifies (162 B&C points) for listing in the Arizona Wildlife Trophies book published by AWF. Also, a trophy will be presented to the lucky hunter who harvested the best trophy Desert Bighorn Ram of the season.

Following these activities will be dancing till midnight with music provided by a juke box. Also, wet bar will be available after dinner. Plan to attend this informative event and see what's happening in your Society! (Ordering info enclosed).



Overall view of the zoo project. Since this photo was taken the fence has been completed and the stairs are in the final stage. Photo by Doug Reynolds.

## PHASE II ZOO PROJECT

For the past four weekends the Society has launched a massive effort to complete the Zoo Project. The turnout has been fantastic but still more hands are needed to finish this task. The dedication of the building is scheduled for 10 March 1974.

At present, the building is almost completed with the steps going in on the weekend of 26 and 27 of January. The fence posts were set during 19 and 20 January and the fence was strung on 26 and 27. As soon as the steps are finished interior work will begin. This task consists of plastering, installing light fixtures, display cases and building a diorama. This diorama will feature a full mount of a ram placed in a natural setting. The Society has been fortunate to meet Johnny Ozols — a talented artist of the old school — who has donated his services to decorate the diorama.

The display cases in the building will house artifacts relating to the Desert Bighorn Sheep history in Arizona and your Society is looking for donations of these items.

This truly is a worthwhile effort and the real big one for all of us. Let's all get in there and get our friends to join us. If you can help, please contact John Houzenga at 946-6914. Your help is urgently needed.

## AWF CONVENTION REPORT

by Ed Shannahan, Society Delegate

The fifty-first annual convention of the Arizona Wildlife Federation was held in Scottsdale on January 11 - 13, 1974. Some 71 voting delegates gathered to act on 42 resolutions submitted by 43 sportsman's clubs from throughout the State of Arizona. The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, an Associate-affiliate Club, was allowed one voting delegate to this convention. Needless to say one vote would hardly count, but let me assure you the one vote left its mark on the convention.

First, Society submitted a resolution (No. 37) relative to illegal taking of Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep that called for a maximum fine of \$2000. This resolution was reworked in Committee and combined with another resolution that applied to illegal taking of all big game. The delegates voted DO-PASS that the Arizona Wildlife Federation sponsor legislation amending the appropriate Arizona statute on the illegal taking of all big game to make a violation of that statute a high misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed one year, or both.

Next, the delegates considered Resolution No. 32 urging the United States Department of Interior to terminate domestic livestock grazing on the Kofa Game Range within a 5 year phasing-out period. The delegate from the Society spoke out against this resolution pointing out some of the good things the ranchers have done for this area while at the same time brought up that the burros and coyotes cause of the real problem within the Kofa's and that something should be done about them. After all discussions were over the delegates voted DO-NOT PASS.

Another important resolution, No. 34, urged the Secretary of the Interior and/or the President of the United States to place the Kofa Game Range under the sole jurisdiction and management of the U. S. Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife. This resolution was passed by the general delegates late Saturday afternoon. That night, during the banquet and afterwards, some delegates got together to review this resolution. It was decided that this was a bad move at present. Sunday, after most of the resolutions were over, the delegate from the Society made a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 34 and bring it before the members again. After being called out of order and advised that it couldn't be done since the resolution passed Saturday, a vote was taken and this resolution was defeated.

I feel certain that some members of the Society wonder why we belong to the Arizona Wildlife Federation, but if they could have been in the audience to see how all these sportsmen worked together, how important the resolutions were and how seriously each delegate treated them, they could feel proud of having a voice, even if it is just one vote. Thanks.

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

It is that time of year again - membership donations are due for 1974. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so soon. Minimum donation is still only \$5.00. Also, please try to sign up a friend and get that good sporting buddy interested in the Society activities. The membership application is always reprinted in each issue of the Ram's Horn and additional forms will be provided on request.

## FIRST 1974 PROJECT

by John F. Krause

The Betty Lee Cistern project was new to the Society as it was to the Arizona Game and Fish Department. They had selected the project, an old miner's cistern located at the base of the Copper Mountains about 15 miles southeast of Tacna. Our objective was to clean out the cistern and its spillway and then build a riprap dam above the cistern to retard fill from washing back down off the mountain.

A total of 25 assembled Friday night in Tacna - a fine turnout considering the energy crunch:

Don Belknap	AG&F	John Houzenga
Al Guenther	AG&F	Joe Kane
Dan Schadel	AG&F	Bob McFair
Monte Dodson	USBSFW	David Mitchell
Dean Bowdoin		Paul Neely
Dan Crowley		Jim Peterson
Max Durfee		Jerry Petkovsek
Terry Evans		Doug Reynolds
Bob Gray		Dave Shipke
P. D. Holt		Rick Smith
Mike Holt		Bill Snider
Steve Holt		Bob Weaver

After reaching the site we exchanged a few beers and tales over the fire before being helped to bed by a long-threatening storm. Wind and rain were our companions throughout the night. However, the Society has never been rained out of a project yet, and as if ordered the clouds rolled back at sunrise leading to a perfectly beautiful day.

During that day I witnessed, and participated modestly in, a fantastic burst of effort, as all hands turned to shovels, picks and jackhammers. There was no question about this waterhole being used - there were sheep signs everywhere! During lunch we all avidly watched Secretary Bowdoin and President Gray display their mountain climbing skills in quest of a bighorn skeleton

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First project crew receives briefing at dawn.



Rip-Rap Dam construction in progress.



The final product. All photos by Doug Reynolds.

which turned out to be a rocket fin (we were on the Air Force target range), following which most returned to the task at hand. Notably absent was Jerry Petkovsek who had remained behind to prepare the evening's meal, and while his presence was missed, several members did observe how the afternoon's solitude was

highly conducive to progress. By evening the cistern was largely cleaned out and the basic foundation for the riprap dam was laid.

Camp cooks Houzenga and Petkovsek greeted the other workers with a buffalo stew, meat courtesy of Tom Saad, all cooked in a deep pit with dutch ovens. Monte Dodson suggested the addition of a little chili to the second batch of corn bread, a suggestion that was well intentioned but appreciated by too few. Around the campfire we discussed many subjects, one of which was the future of these waterhole projects in view of the energy shortage, and it seemed to be the concensus that the program should continue as planned so long as there is a reasonable prospect of getting gas. Also, the plea was made for members to propose waterhole projects rather than relying upon the AG&F or USBSFW for prospects.

The project was completed within a few hours on Sunday morning, and we were on our way by noon. A brief stop in Tacna where our fine friends Paul Scheuneman and Dick Morrow had arranged to see that vehicles requiring service received it. A special tip of the hat to these gentlemen, for without such courtesy these projects might well be doomed.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1974

- Feb. 2, 3 Zoo Project - 7:30 a.m.
- Feb. 9, 10 Pothole Project Hidden Tank 9:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Danny Nascas in Ramsey, Ariz.
- Feb. 13 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m. Special General Membership meeting to vote on Amendment to By-Laws.
- Feb. 16, 17 Zoo Project - 7:30 a.m.
- Feb. 23, 24 Zoo Project - 7:30 a.m.
- Mar. 2 Javelina Season opens
- Mar. 9 Zoo Project - 7:30 a.m.
- Mar. 10 Dedication of the sheep observation deck and museum - Phx Zoo - 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 13 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16, 17 Pothole Project "Saint Patricks Day Super Special" to be announced
- Mar. 23 8th Annual Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m. - Jupiter Room, Desert Hills, 2707 E. Van Buren
- Mar. 30, 31 Pothole Project Kingman area - Fire Mountain
- Apr. 6, 7 Pothole Project - to be announced
- Apr. 10 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 27, 28 Pothole Project - U.S. Fish & Wildlife - to be announced
- May 8 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- May 11, 12 Pothole Project - to be announced
- June 12 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- July 10 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 14 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. Sheet Permit Drawing
- Sept. 11 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Friday Night Get-together
- Sept. 28 Sheep Clinic, election of officers
- Oct. 9 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Regular Board Meeting - Phx Zoo - 7:00 p.m.



## SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Society operates a speakers bureau service intended to communicate information about the interesting activities of the Society to other groups. Ed Shannahan, Doug Reynolds and Bob Carson have done a number of presentations in the past couple of years and stand ready and willing to do their thing for your group at your beck and call.

The usual presentation runs about 45 minutes with a 5 minute preamble, 25 minute narrated slide show and a 15 minute question and answer or discussion period. The presentation can be slanted toward the conservation activities of the Society, the natural history and ecology of Desert Bighorn Sheep or toward Desert Bighorn Sheep hunting, depending on the interests of the group that is to be the audience. The presentation can be made longer or shorter to suit the time that you have available.

The speakers are equipped with a fine carousel projector and screen that belongs to the Society so all they need is 115 VAC, your hall and your audience. The speakers usually bring an interesting display of Desert Bighorn Sheep artifacts, pickup heads, horns, hoofs, droppings, etc. and hand out literature about the Society.

To contact the Speakers Bureau call Bob Carson, Publicity Chairman, 948-8092 home, 949-3133 office.

## MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with Article VII, Section 1 and Article XI of the Bylaws of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society Inc. the President of the Society is calling a special General Membership Meeting to vote on Amendment to Bylaws. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular Board meeting on February 13, 1974, 7:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Zoo Conference Room.

The proposed Amendment is printed below:

Addition of Article XVI — Creation of a Board of Governors

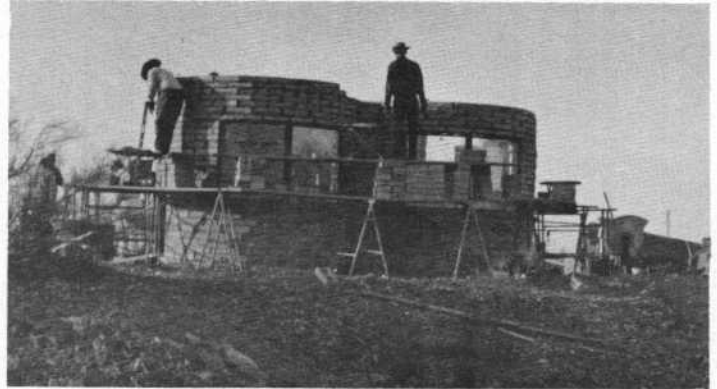
All Past Presidents of the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society Inc., except the Immediate Past President, will become members of the Board of Governors. This Board will govern itself and will be entitled to one vote, as a whole, on any matters brought before the Board of Directors.

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Desert Bighorn Sheep in action at the Phoenix Zoo during one of the work sessions.



The finishing touches to the building. Both photos by Doug Reynolds.

## NEXT PROJECT

The next project will be Hidden Tank scheduled for February 9th and 10th. The rendezvous will be at Danny Nasca's place at Ramsey, which is approximately 20 miles west of Salome on highway 60 traveling west out of Wickenburg, the meeting time 9:30 p.m. on February 8th. To the extent possible, we encourage all to double up, and if you want information about potential partners or assurance on the fuel situation, contact one of your board members.

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**MEMBERSHIP INVITATION**

Individuals who are interested in promoting the welfare of the Desert Bighorn Sheep and desire to affiliate with an organization dedicated to this purpose may do so by joining the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc.

The membership roster of the Society includes conservationists, sportsmen, professional wildlife managers, educators, biologists, photographers and just plain folks all interested in the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep.

The Society undertakes an annual program of several (usually 5) major habitat improvement construction projects in cooperation with and under the direction of the State and Federal agencies responsible for management of the Desert Bighorn Sheep.

One of the more important projects of the Society is the conduction of the annual Sheep Clinic training program.

In addition to projects, members of the Society participate in other conservation and game management activities; a special legislative committee of the Society closely watches legislation that may affect the sheep or its habitat and general welfare.

While the opportunities for active participation are numerous, such participation is not a prerequisite for membership. All interested persons are encouraged to join, the Society needs and welcomes your moral and financial support.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

I hereby make application for membership in the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., and enclose my membership donation.

Annual Minimum Donation Is \$5.00

RENEWAL       NEW MEMBER      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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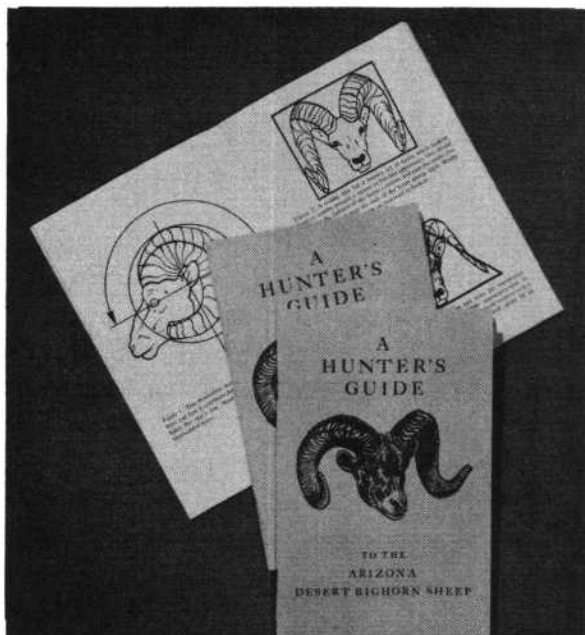
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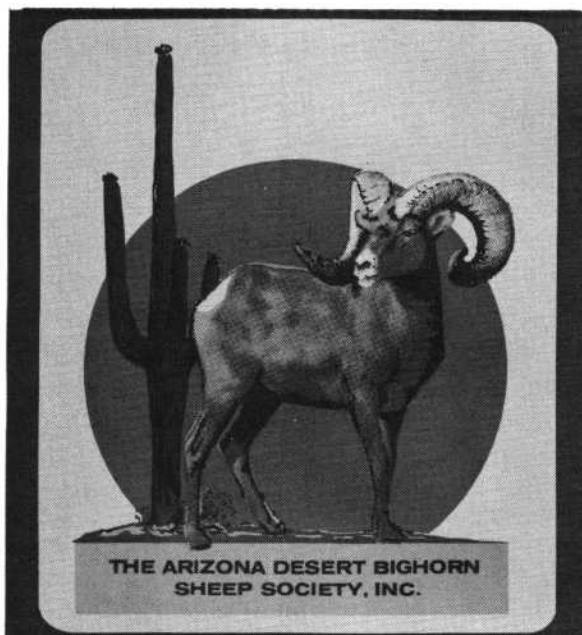
This gold and blue ADBSS patch is a must for every member. Ideal for jackets, backpacks or your collection of patches.



The tie tack (enlarged approx. 4x) pictured above is a beautifully handcrafted replica of the bighorn sheep in sterling silver or 14 kt gold. Makes an ideal Christmas gift for your favorite hunter.



The recently Society published Hunter's Guide to the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep should be a must for every sportsmen's library.



This 6 x 4.5" four-color ADBSS decal should be on every member's vehicle. Also can be used on notebook covers or mounted on plaques. Also helps your Society become known in the community.

## ORDER FORM

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

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