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Trophy head display at the 1973 Sheep Hunters clinic. This probably was the biggest collection ever displayed.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To conclude a years activities in one short letter would do an injustice to the Officers, Board of Directors, Past Presidents and many, many others, both members and nonmembers, who have done so much in contributing to the aims and objectives of our Society. If you are at all able, I urge your attendance at the September 28th Annual Meeting at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Here in detail you will hear the yearly summary of each officer and committee chairman and their respective recommendations for the succeeding year. The accomplishments of these committees are absolutely astounding in the scope of their achievements.

At 9:00 AM we have a very "special program" that everyone who is concerned about Desert Bighorn Sheep just don't want to miss. Speakers from Yuma, Kingman, and Phoenix will be there to present a comprehensive, provocative, and astounding look into the future. This "program" will jar your senses and probably will raise the hackles on your neck. It's new, it's different, and the implications will stimulate the imagination of every member to the ever rising encroachments to the welfare of our sheep population.

Whether you are able to attend or not, I would like to extend the warmest, most heart-felt thanks from a very humble President, our Officers, Board of Directors, and the newly formed Board of Governors for the generous support we have received from everyone during the past year.

Bob Gray

## ZOO REPORT

A report from Dr. H. B. Hood, Phoenix Zoo Veterinarian is included on a separate sheet in this issue.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By Bob Carson

The Annual Membership Meeting will include a dynamic exciting new feature, the presentation of four significant papers by four distinguished experts that will be of great interest to all of the members and friends of the ADBSS. We urge and implore all of our members to attend the 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning meeting, September 28. It will be worth your time and trouble. You will enjoy it! These speakers are prepared to tell us what is happening to our Desert Bighorn sheep now and what will be happening in the future. It is extremely important that as many members as possible attend because we expect that the thought provoking presentations by these gentlemen at our Annual Membership meeting will form the basis for ADBSS action plans for the next several years.

Kelley Neal, AG&FD, will lead off with "Our Desert Bighorn Sheep in the Year 2050". Garry Ferrier, BLM, Yuma will give us "Bighorns Along the Lower Colorado" including slides. George Welsh, AG&FD, Kingman, "What's Happening to Our Sheep" covering losses to pressures other than legal hunting. These three papers form a concise presentation of the problems to be faced in Desert Bighorn management. The next topic "What's Being Done for Our Desert Sheep in Arizona" will include discussions by Dr. Hood, Phoenix Zoo, Dr. Bicknell, ASU and others representing AG&FD.

We need all of you there at your clear eyed, clear headed, attentive best. Shannahan will lead us in the temperance movement at the Friday night barbeque so that we can all be in good shape to soak up all the great material our corps of speakers will present on Saturday morning. These speakers are over and above, in addition to, our regular clinic program. They will

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**MEETING. . .**

present to us some important Desert Sheep management insights.

President, Bob Gray, heard two of these important presentations at the Desert Bighorn Council Annual meeting, April 4 and 5, 1974. He felt that the presentations were so important and so significant that the ADBSS membership at large should have an opportunity to hear them and exchange views with the speakers in a question and answer session. President Gray prevailed upon and persuaded the speakers to come to our Annual Membership meeting and deliver their presentations again for our benefit. Bob promised them a good membership turnout that would make it worth their time and trouble to come and talk to us. Don't let Gray and our speakers down. Be there in large numbers to hear these excellent presentations that will educate us all a little. Be involved in helping your ADBSS help our Desert Sheep. The sheep are going to need all the help we can muster in the face of the people pollution and habitat pressures that are building. You can always get drawn for Elk another time but this is your only change to hear and see these fine presentations so be there.

The speakers will include Dr. Hood of the Phoenix Zoo and Dr. Bicknell of ASU to give the members some more information on the unfortunate demise of three sheep in the zoo exhibit and on plans for improving and continuing the exhibit. As an outgrowth of the scientific study of Desert Sheep from the zoo exhibit we expect there will be a significant organ tissue specimen sample collection project conducted jointly by Arizona Game and Fish department and Dr. Bicknell of ASU. Plans for hunter participation in this project will be presented as a part of the clinic program.

The Saturday morning, Annual Membership meeting will include annual reports by officers and chairmen plus election of officers for '75 in a time compressed format to leave time for our speakers. Cecil LaVance, Nominating Committee chairman, has promised us an excellent slate of candidates for a hotly contested election so be there to cast your ballot for ADBSS progress.

**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
September 28, 1974

1. Call to Order (8:00 a.m.) . . . . . Bob Gray
2. Attendance
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. President's Report . . . . . Bob Gray
5. Secretary's Report . . . . . Dean Bowdoin
6. Treasurer's Report . . . . . Wade Dominy
7. Audit Committee Report . . . . . John Krause
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership . . . . . Doug Reynolds
  - b. Finance . . . . . Jim Clas
  - c. Programs . . . . . Carolyn Langdon
  - d. Projects
    - 1) Water Hole Projects . . . . . Joe Kane
    - 2) Zoo Project . . . . . John Houzenga
  - e. By-Laws and Resolutions . . . . . Fred Peters
  - f. Ram's Horn . . . . . Joe Bormanis
  - g. Publicity . . . . . Bob Carson
  - h. Legislation . . . . . John Krause

9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers . . . . . Cecil LaVance
  - b. Special Program . . . . . Bob Gray  
What's Happening to Our Bighorn Sheep in Arizona
11. Adjournment . . . . . (New President)

**1974 BIGHORN SHEEP APPLICATIONS**

The 1974 Desert Bighorn Sheep hunting permits were drawn 15 August 1974. The lucky permit holders have been notified and the rest of us can sit back and review the application data and hope for better luck next season. During the 1973 season there were 71 permits and 1400 applicants. The overall odds on being drawn in 1973 were 20 to 1 against you and in 1974 the odds were 22 to 1.

Unit	No. of Permits Available	Applications	Odds	
601	12A & 13	9	88	10:1
602	14A, B, C & D	3	5	2:1
604	14A, B, C, & D	3	18	6:1
605	15A & B	4	53	13:1
606	15C	4	153	38:1
607	15D	2	13	6:1
610	24B	3	40	13:1
611	33	3	63	21:1
612	39	2	42	21:1
613	40A	3	132	44:1
614	40B	2	49	24:1
615	41	3	57	19:1
616	43A	1	25	25:1
617	43B	3	57	19:1
618	44B	4	126	31:1
619	45A	3	189	63:1
620	45B	3	67	22:1
621	45C	4	138	34:1
622	46A	2	40	20:1
623	46B	2	29	14:1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>22:1</b>

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Society's Annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheep Clinic on Saturday morning, September 28. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m.

The Annual Business Meeting is the climax of a very busy and rewarding year and each member of the board of directors will briefly summarize the years accomplishments. Highlight of the meeting will be the election of officers for the following year. The Nomination Committee has selected a full slate of candidates but will accept additional nomination by the next Board Meeting (11 September, 1974). Nomination will also be accepted from the floor during the Annual Business meeting. If you have someone in mind let the Nominations Committee hear about it (Cecil LaVance, Chairman, Mike Mell and Tom Saad, members.

## 8TH ANNUAL SHEEP HUNTERS CLINIC

By Carolyn Langdon

It is again time for the Annual Sheep Hunters Clinic, to be held September 2 at the Black Canyon Rifle Range.

The Sheep Clinic activities will start at 12:00 p.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. Lunch at 12:00 and dinner at 4:30 will be served by the Phoenix Varmettes at a small charge.

This years clinic will be highlighted by presentations on trophy ram identification, physical and mental conditioning, personal equipment and use of binoculars and spotting scopes with a practical field demonstration. There will be a large display of rams harvested in past years and films and slides on previous seasons hunts and sheep. There will be an informative presentation on hunting techniques moderated by Tom Saad and casted by John Houzenga, Bernie Lawrence, Ed Shannahan and Danny Nasca followed by questions from you, the hunter.

On our panel of speakers this year will be men well informed on sheep and sheep hunting: George Welsh, Dave Daughtry, Jerry Day, Ned Smith, Monte Dodson, John Chew and others.

This event presents an outstanding opportunity for all members and the general public to hear, see 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 highlights, the environment, habitat and habits of bighorn sheep.

Anyone is welcome to attend. There is no admission charge for this event. There will be several door prizes presented and fun for all.

Mark the 28th of September on your calendar and feel free to bring friends — this will be a day to remember.

## DISPLAY YOUR TROPHY SHEEP

All of you past sheep hunters know the importance of being able to see sheep and compare size. The sheep hunters clinic is an excellent place to view the trophies taken in the past. If you have taken a sheep, please bring your trophy for display at this years clinic. This years hunters will be very grateful and we will all enjoy seeing the trophies and hearing the related hunting stories.

## CLINIC AGENDA

12:00	1. Introduction	Bob Gray
	2. Legal Requirements and Trophy Ram Identification	George Welsh Dave Daughtry
	3. Specialists on Federal Lands Moderator: Doug Reynolds	Maj. Fulkerson, USAF Monte Dotson John Chew
	4. Physical and Mental Conditioning	Dean Bowdoin Steve Weisser
	5. Personal Equipment	Ned Smith
	6. Field Use of Binoculars and Spotting Scopes	Jerry Day
2:00	7. Field Experience	Field Experience Guides
	8. Dinner	Varmettes
4:30	9. Raffle	Bob Carson
	10. Trophy Ram vs Immature Ram	Dr. Marlowe
	11. Hunting Techniques for Two Different Terrains Moderator: Tom Saad	
	a. Northern	John Houzenga Bernie Lawrence
	b. Southern	Ed Shannahan Danny Nasca
	c. Questions and Answers	
7:30	12. Adjournment	

## PICK-UP HEAD SETS NEW STATE RECORD

On display at this years clinic will be a pick-up head found in the New-Water mountains earlier this year. This is the first display of the horns in the Phoenix area — come out and see a really big one.

## BARBEQUE DINNER SEPT. 27

There will be a Bar-B-Que on Friday, September 27, 1974 starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be at the picnic grounds of the Black Canyon range. Last year about 70 people enjoyed the dinner and we are sure you will find this years dinner a special delight. John Houzenga (super out door cook) is planning a menu you don't want to miss. Bring your own utensils and beverage. Overnight camping is available. This is a casual get-together which provides an opportunity for you to meet fellow hunters and sheep people. Bring a friend and your appetite.

The Black Canyon shooting range lies just west of Interstate 17, north of Phoenix. Take the Carefree Exit and follow the signs.

## NEW SHEEP FILM TO BE SHOWN

The Society has arranged to show a special new film on the life of Bighorns. This film has been claimed to be the most spectacular footage of sheep ever assembled. The film will be shown at the sheep hunters clinic September 8. You won't want to miss this one!

### SPECIAL NOTICE

*The  
Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society  
invites ya'll to come  
to the cookout  
the night afore the clinic.  
Bring a hearty appetite,  
eating utensils, and plenty of  
sheep yarns.*

*Black Canyon Range*

*6:30 p.m.  
27 September 1974*



Close-up of part of our last years display. All photos in this issue by Doug Reynolds.

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Overall view of 1973 Sheep Hunters Clinic audience.



1973 class on proper use of spotting scopes and binoculars.