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SOCIETY TO RAFFLE GOLD WATCH

The Society Board of Directors voted to raffle off a gold watch donated several years ago by John Gillette. The funds derived from the raffle of the watch, valued at \$1,300.00 by a recent appraisal, will be designated for sheep transplant work.

Tickets will be printed up and all members will be asked to help sell them to further our conservation effort. The details of ticket distribution have not yet been worked out — but sit tight — we'll get to you. The drawing will be held at the Awards Banquet, March 26. Winner need not be present.

Louie Coor, Programs Chairman

"LET'S GET MOTIVATING"

To the uninitiated that phrase may have little meaning, but just about anyone who has been on a Society project in the past ten years will equate those words with rolling out and pitching in.

To me they say something about the Society and those active in it: not only do we stand for something, we are doing something about it. This fact has been a great source of personal satisfaction to me in my involvement with the Society, yet as I think ahead to the coming year and beyond my smugness turns to concern.

My concern is this: as worthy as our major activity has been—namely our waterhole effort—it is basically directed at maintaining what we have, and I can't help but feel that an organization dedicated primarily to the status quo is destined to failure in the long run.

I feel the Society should have a higher goal, namely the enlargement and improvement of the Desert Bighorn Sheep population in Arizona. While we're at it, why not borrow a chapter from our sister Society in Colorado and aim for a doubling of our sheep population in ten years.

No question about it, this will require a redirection of our effort with major emphasis on the support of research and transplants. At the same time we must not neglect our present commitment to habitat improvement. In my opinion, the Society possesses the dedicated manpower to support these causes, and the financial resources are there to be tapped.

If you're with me, let's get motivating!

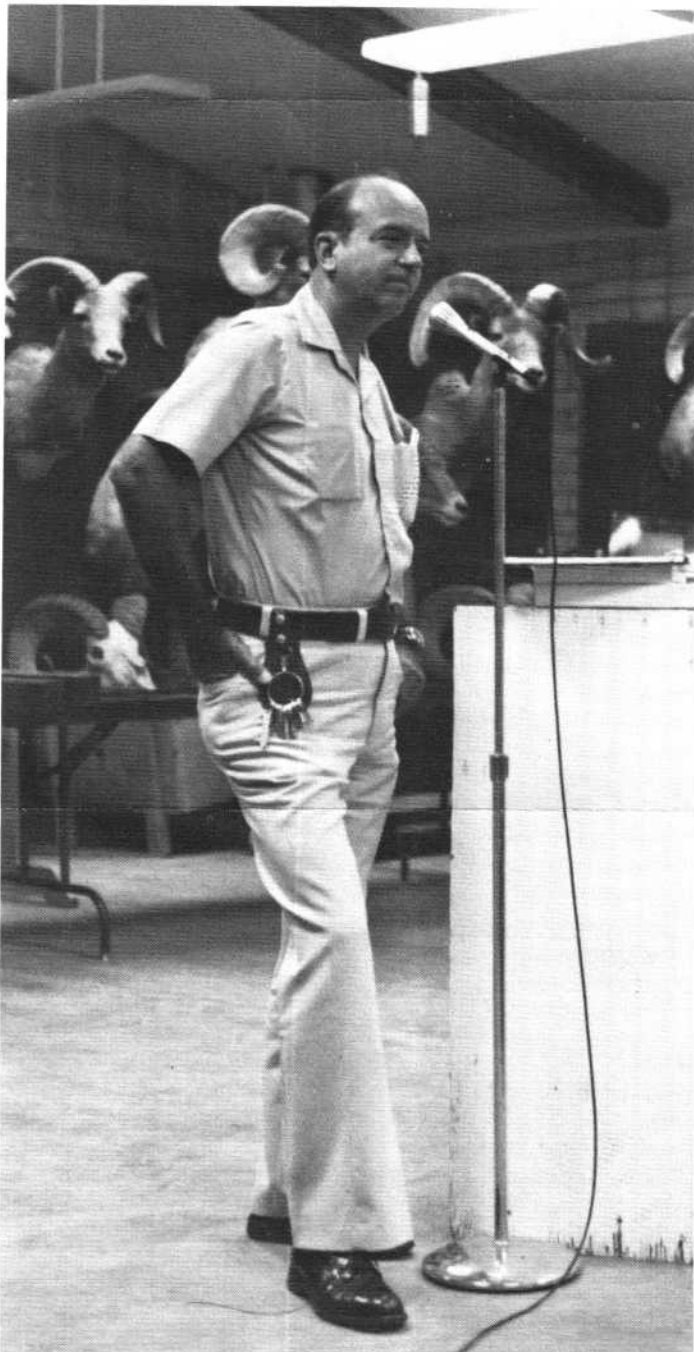
John Krause, President

ANNUAL SHEEP HUNTERS CLINIC

The clinic was held at the Black Canyon Shooting Range on October 2nd. Speakers included Bob Weaver, Jerry Day, Dave Daughtry, and George Welsh all of the Arizona Game and Fish Department; Gary Ferrier, Bureau of Land Management; Monte Dodson, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife; and Society members: Ed Shannahan, Doug Reynolds, Tom Saad, John Houzenga, Dr. Tom Boggess, and Ned Smith.

The variety of the program yielded both interest and education for all attendees. A lot of dedicated, hard work and planning by too many people to list made this year's clinic a big success. Thanks to all.

Tim Blank, Programs Chairman



Monte Dodson fields questions following his talk at the Annual Hunter's Clinic.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Immediately prior to the annual Hunter's Clinic a General Membership Meeting was held, where next year's Officers and Board of Directors were elected. The election results were as follows:

President	John Krause
Vice President	Tom Boggess
Secretary	Dean Bowdoin
Treasurer	Steve Weisser
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Programs	Louie Coor
Publicity	Bill Dickinson
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Newly elected President John Krause receives Rams hoof gavel from outgoing President Ned Smith.

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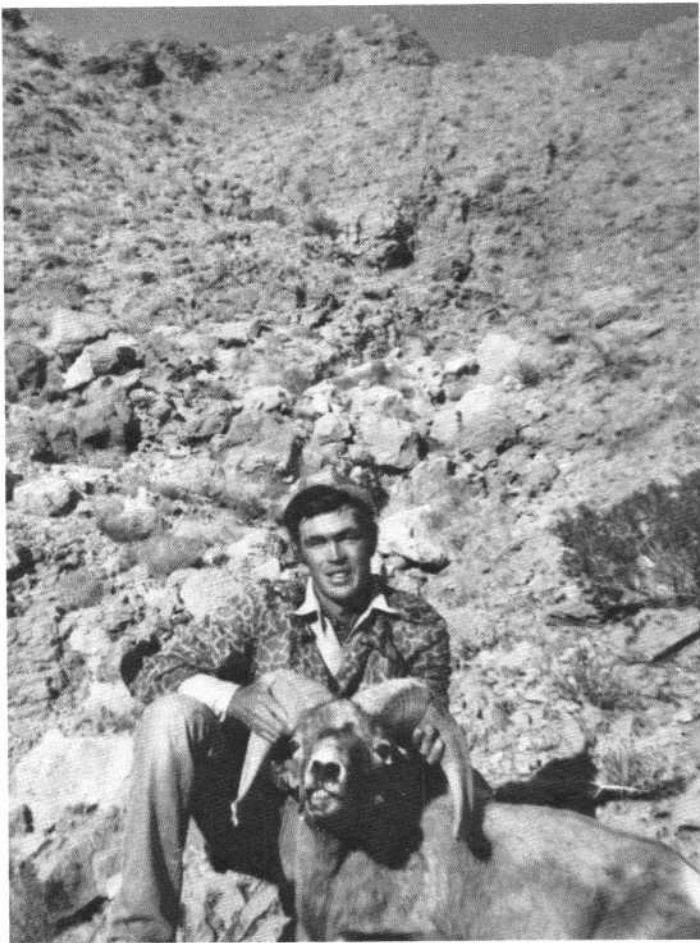
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MEET YOUR BOARD

DAN PRIEST — FINANCE CHAIRMAN



Dan has lived in the valley nearly all his life and operates a swimming pool contracting business. He currently lives in Northwest Phoenix with his wife, Joanne, and daughter, Deann.

He and his family enjoy getting out to hunt and fish at every available opportunity. Dan is pictured with the ram he took during his sheep hunt in Unit 15B last year.

Dan's first Society involvement was attending the Hunter's Clinic just prior to his 1975 hunt. He became interested and active and plans to attend most waterhole projects this year.

IT'S WATERHOLE TIME AGAIN!

It's time to ice down the beer and get out those tired old muscles you haven't used since last year. The first weekend of fun is scheduled for Jan 7-9 in the Black Mountains. Meeting place will be the Arizona Game & Fish office at the West end of Kingman on Hiway 93. Time: Friday, Jan. 7, 10:30 p.m. Four-wheel drive not required.

The second project will be on the Kofa Game Range during the weekend of Jan 28-30. The troops will gather Friday evening, 9:30 p.m., at Stone House Store, mile 77 on Hiway 95 between Yuma and Quartzsite. Four-wheel drive again not required.

Contact your Board members if you need a ride — and bring a friend.

(for complete project schedule see back page)

BILL DICKINSON — PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



Bill is a recent Society member who was elected to the Board of Directors as Publicity Chairman. He is employed by United Bank as Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer.

Bill and his wife, Doris, live in Northwest Phoenix. Their only child a son, Michael, is completing his graduate work at UCLA.

Not a hunter, Bill and his wife love to get out and camp around the state. He is also a avid soar plane pilot and is very active in the Kiwanis Club.



John Houzenga's secret of success for locating Bighorn Sheep was made public at last by this revealing photographic evidence presented by George Welsh at the Hunter's Clinic.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark your calendar and make an effort to attend the following Society Happenings:

****No December Board Meeting****

Jan 7-9	Waterhole Project — Black Mountains
Jan 12	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Jan 28-30	Waterhole Project — Kofa Game Range
Feb. 9	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Feb 18-20	Waterhole Project — Gila Bend Gunnery Range
Mar 9	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Mar 18-20	Waterhole Project — Sierra Estrella Mountains
Mar 26	Annual Awards Banquet
Apr 13	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Apr 29-May 1	Waterhole Project — Oatman Spring
May 11	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
May 13-15	Waterhole Project — Black Mountains
June 8	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
July 13	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Aug 10	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Sept 14	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo
Oct 8	General Meeting/Hunter's Clinic
Oct 12	Board Meeting — Phoenix Zoo

Watch next Rams Horns for additional updates.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Society has established an organized speakers bureau. The purpose is to provide well-qualified speakers to any organization interested in bighorn sheep. The overall coordinator for this undertaking will be the Publicity Chairman. All members and other interested individuals should contact Bill Dickinson (242-0107).

At present we have a number of well-qualified speakers and a number of preselected slides depicting bighorn sheep, our waterhole projects and the zoo project. The presentation can last 30-45 minutes. The speakers will come equipped with their own projector and screen. All you have to do is provide the audience.

AN APPEAL

As in the past years your editor again is soliciting photos and stories from the hunters who just finished the 1976 Arizona Sheep Hunt. The photos will be published in our Rams Horn Trophy Room and the Stories will be consolidated in the upcoming issues. All concerned hunters should keep an open eye for possible waterhole development sites.

Anyone who feels he has pictures, stories, fresh ideas or suggestions should feel welcome to step forward.

The Editor

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