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VAN DEENMAN TANK

The night was very cold as a north wind laced the side of the hill where a small group of people awaited the appointed hour of 10:30.

It must be that the Arizona Game and Fish Building on the north edge must be difficult to find since only ten Pickups and Jeeps and twenty shivering bodies could be counted.

Promptly at 10:30, John Houzenga's voice sang "lets get 'um rolling." For the next hour our caravan rolled northward toward a rendezvous whose location was known only to the lead driver. Before long, the writer lost all sight of the lead vehicles, then panic struck as we passed a road sign which clearly stated, Bolder City 30 miles. When your gas gauge is going down faster than a toboggan on an ice covered hill, the unwary have cause for concern.

Shortly thereafter little twinkling lights to the north turned out to be the taillights of several parked Pickups waiting to be driven through a gate. Four miles of back roads and a mile of trail brought us to our camp and a welcomed stop.

Nature's alarm rang early for many and forced the beginning of a clear, cold day. A head count revealed twenty-five persons in camp which included Arizona Game and Fish people plus some teenagers who turned in splendid performances.

Two days, including two hours after dusk on Saturday were spent constructing a masonry dam approximately 7 feet high and 12 feet in length. To substantially increase the capacity of the new reservoir a considerable amount of dirt and hard rock was cut out by pick and jack hammers. The rock basket retaining wall is approximately 4 feet by 20 feet and was by far the more difficult, but again it reflects the skill and determination of the builders to do the job right. Both dams are works of art.

No reflection of the trip would be complete if we did not mention the outstanding Saturday night dinner prepared by the son of Tom Boggess, the head chef, Mr. Boggess and his 1st assistant, Jerry Jenkins.

Do you ever recall eating standing rib roast and steak cut into sizeable squares and cooked in barbecue sauce, then had to save room for stew spiced with savory chunks of lion, bear, etc., tossed salad dripping with dressing, co-mingled with creamed turnips and large white onions that were cooked in an open fire. There was more . . .



Crew Jackhammers out Van Deenman Tank. Picture and story by Bill Dickinson.

Project I for 1977 can be classified as most successful. It could only have been capped by a substantial increase in the number who participated.

Ice did freeze on water left out on both nights but this is not likely to happen again since we will be working at lower elevations. Warm friendships easily overcome cold nights.

The Kofa project of January 28-30 will be reported in the next issue.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society will hold a general membership meeting at the March 9, 1977, monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, and at the March 26, 1977, annual Awards Banquet of the Society for the purpose of amending the Society By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., to redefine the powers and duties of the President and Executive Committee and to change said By-Laws and Articles to conform with the requirements of Section 170, Subsection 501-C of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Ben Avery, By-Laws Chairman

IT'S 1977 . . . TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

1977 should be a banner year. At a time when multitudes are talking about conservation, your Society is doing something about it.

To make 1977 the year it promises to be, we need your continued support. All current members should have by now received their renewal notices. Please use the return envelopes for your early renewal.

Dr. Tom Boggess, Membership Chairman

BANQUET NEWS

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held Saturday evening March 26, 1977 at the Desert Hills Motel, 2707 East Van Buren St., Phoenix, Ariz. Cocktail Hour 6:30 — 7:30, Dinner 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$9.00 per person. Menu: Sirloin Steak Dinner. Purchase your tickets at the door, it will include dinner, tax, gratuity and many chances at some outstanding outdoor sporting equipment. Would you please make a reservation so we will know how many are coming. Call or write Louie Coor 602-265-9121; 2017 E. Lamar Road, Phoenix, Ariz. 85016.

Our speaker this year will be C. J. McElroy, Chairman of the Board Safari Club International. He has been acclaimed repeatedly as the "World's Greatest Hunter." He has taken 126 different species. 28 of his animals qualified for Boone and Crockett Record Book. He was the first hunter to collect all 27 legal species of North America. He has taken the largest sheep ever downed by man. The Ovis Ammon-Ammon with horns measuring almost 67 inches and a base of 20 1/2. Mac took this sheep in Mongolia on his second hunt there. He will show a film of that hunt. DON'T MISS IT . . .

The Society will again present awards to all hunters that took record class rams during the 1976 Arizona sheep season.

The trophy will be presented to the hunter taking the highest scoring (Boone & Crockett System) head and trophy plaques will be presented to each hunter taking a ram meeting the minimum score of 162 points for the Arizona record book.

You must wait 60 days after the kill as a drying out period and sign a "Fair Chase" statement before entering your trophy. Any official Boone & Crockett measurer or an Arizona Wildlife trophies measurer can measure your ram's head. This year there are two official Arizona Wildlife measurers with the society who will be helping with this task, Ed Shannahan (949-2241) and Ned Smith (834-5889). A completed score chart must be submitted to the Sheep Society's P. O. Box not later than March 10, 1977. The Sheep Society also reserves the right to remeasure any head submitted to verify the score.

The winning trophies will be presented at the annual awards banquet, to be held at the Desert Hills Motel, March 26.

All those receiving awards are encouraged to bring their mounted trophies.

Louie Coor, Programs Chairman



This Ram taken by Robert Fitzinger in Unit 44B from a group of 10 Rams.



Bagged the 4th day by Detmar Holly in Unit 40B.

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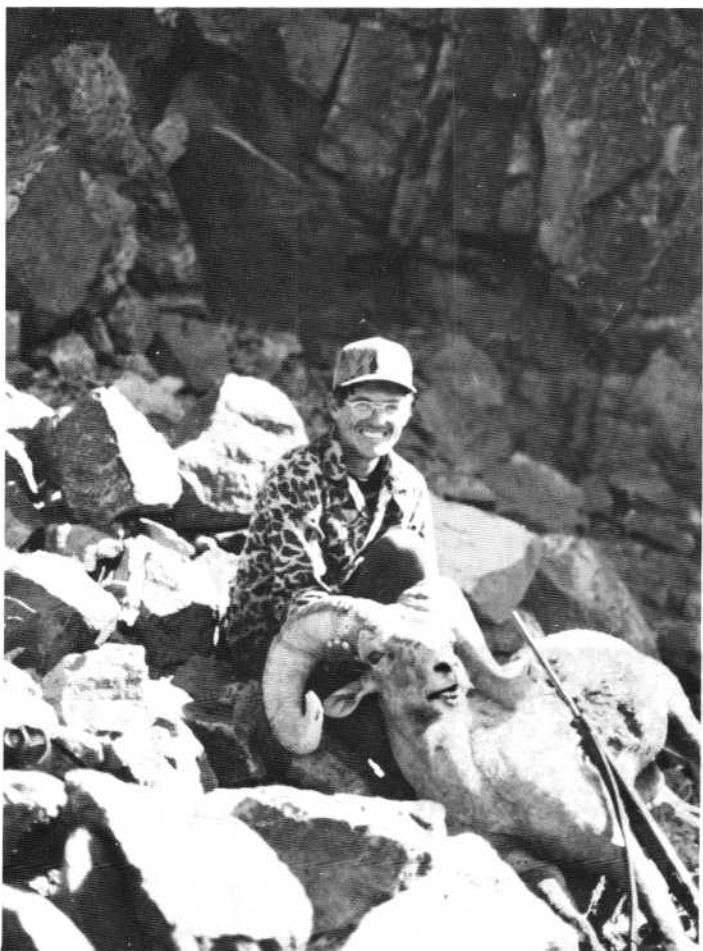
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LARGE RAM TAKEN FROM SMALL BATAMOTE MOUNTAINS

Cliff Saylor from Buckeye took his desert sheep on the first day of the hunt season. Assisting on his hunt were brothers Dan and Dean Priest. The 10 year old ram was first sighted by Dean Priest. While Dean kept his scope on the ram, Cliff and Dan began the stalk. Success came after the pair got within 50 yards of the sheep. Hopefully, the trophy will be on display at the Awards Banquet.



Cliff Saylor with opening day trophy.



A two day hunt yielded this trophy for David Cocking, Unit 44B.



Larry Buhlke after an eight year wait.

TUCSON HUNTER SUCCESSFUL IN SANTA CATALINAS

Larry Buhlke proved that preparation and determination pays off. Larry spent eight years applying for a permit and fourteen days of preseason scouting before bagging his trophy north of Pusch Peak. In addition to scouting during the preseason, Larry climbed the mountains to stay in shape and to stash food, water, and supplies for a possible 16 day hunt. The ram was taken on the fourth day and was estimated to be 10 or 11 years old.



Dr. Robert Kahle of Livingston, Montana took this sheep on the 12th day in the Castle Domes. This represents Dr. Kahle's double Grand Slam taken over a 20 year period.

TICKET SALES FOR THE GOLD WATCH

Have been pouring in, thanks to a lot of good guys we knew we had in this club. We have just reprinted 3000 more tickets. If you have sold your two 6-packs, write or call Louie Coor 265-9121 and request more. We are going to need that **SECOND EFFORT** to make that \$5,000.00 goal. If you have your tickets **SELL** them or buy them — **BUT PLEASE** send us the check for \$10.00 **THANKS**.

Louie Coor, Programs Chairman



Joe Carvalho completed his Grand Slam with this Ram from Unit 45C.

UPCOMING WORK PROJECTS

Our third waterhole project for 1977 will be in the Gila Bend Gunnery Range during the weekend of Feb. 18-20. *Every person planning on attending must sign a **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT** by the prior Monday (Feb. 14).* This is normal procedure for entering military lands, and absolutely no one will be allowed to attend the project without filling out this form *prior* to that weekend. Contact any Board Member for forms. Meeting place will be the Circle K Store at the West end of Gila Bend, 8:30 P.M., Friday, February 18. Four-wheeled drive vehicles *required*.

The weekend of March 18-20 marks the dates we travel to the nearby Sierra Estrellas for the annual St. Patrick's Day waterhole project. The only special requirement on this one is that everyone should wear the Irish Green. The road is easy, so will not require 4-wheel. Rendezvous point will be Rainbow Valley Store at 8 P.M., Friday, March 18. (take PHX/BUCKEYE Hiway to Jackrabbit Road and then South to the store.) This project will require some backpacking, so recruit all the extra bodies you can find.

*** BREAKER — BREAKER ***

The official Citizens Band channel for all Society activities is channel **SEVEN. 10-4.**

SOCIETY LIBRARY

Most members seem to be unaware of the fact that the Society has an ever-expanding collection of books that could tell you virtually everything about sheep. These books are available to all Society members and can be checked out by you. The library is currently housed at the home of Past President Tom Saad, 7241 West Union Hills. If you are interested in finding out exactly what titles are available, or want to check out a book, call Tom at 938-0777.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Personal Membership
Annual Minimum Donation - \$5.00

Associate Membership
Annual Minimum Donation - \$25.00

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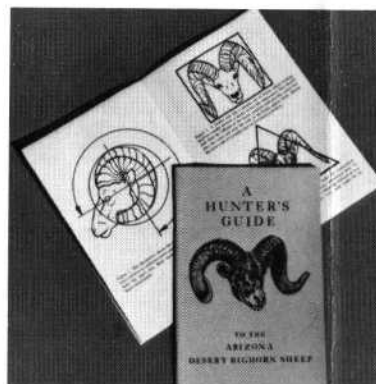
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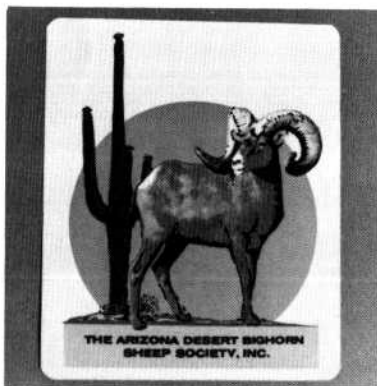
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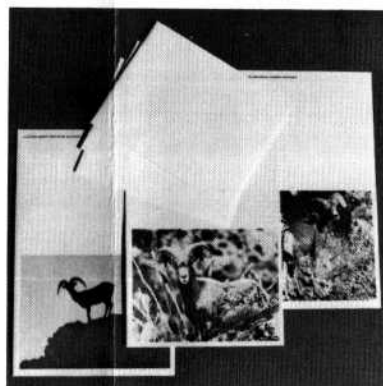
The tie tack (enlarged approx. 4x) pictured above is a beautifully handcrafted replica of the bighorn sheep in sterling silver or 14 kt gold. Makes an ideal Christmas gift for your favorite hunter.



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.



Note cards with black and white Desert Bighorn pictures on cover complete with envelopes.



T-Shirts available in a variety of colors with the Society emblem over heart or across back. Also buttoned golf shirts in mens sizes.

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