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April First Banquet — Biggest Ever



This beautiful painting by Larry Toschik will be the door prize at the April 1 Banquet.

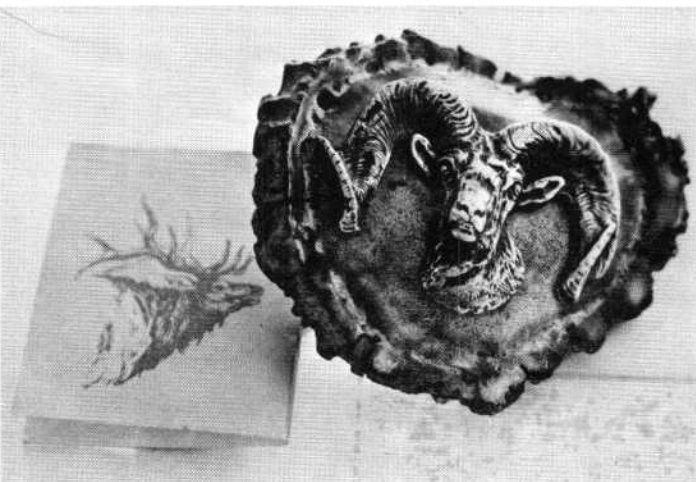
This year's Annual Awards Banquet is set for Saturday, April 1 at the Safari Hotel Convention Center, 4611 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. The prime-rib feast will be served at 7:30 with cocktails at 6:30. This year's Banquet will be held in the Safari's 6,000 square foot convention center, allowing more room than in year's past.

Ticket price for the event will be \$12 which will include meal, taxes, gratuities and an opportunity to win a fabulous door prize . . . a framed and numbered artist's proof. The painting, numbered 18 of 20 and titled "Battle Cry of the Winner" is being donated by well-known wildlife artist, Larry Toschik.

In addition to the door prize, there will be an on-the-spot raffle of several great prizes, including a magnificent sheep's head belt buckle, mounted on elkhorn, dinner for two at the Windmill Theater, a weekend for two at Pinetop and more.

The evening program will feature in addition to the awards portion, Dr. Steve Carrothers of Flagstaff's Arizona Museum, who will speak and show some incredible pictures on the Bighorn/Burro situation in the Grand Canyon. Dr. Carrothers, who has done extensive work in the area, will shed a lot of light on the problem and propose some solutions.

Because we must make arrangements with the Safari for the number of guests expected, Harry Hussey and his hard working committee would appreciate it if you would complete the Banquet registration form inside the newsletter and mail it with your check to the address on the form. While you're at it, you'll get more mileage out of your stamp if you also include your membership renewal. Any questions or last minute sign-ups for the banquet can call Harry Hussey or any of the board members.



One of the prizes in the on-the-spot raffle will be this magnificent belt buckle, donated by Carl Scrivens, Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for the next few months will be:

March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14

All the meetings are held at the Phoenix Zoo at 7:30. Why don't you try to attend. You'll have fun and perhaps even get into an argument. That's what the Society is all about. People working and arguing together to get a job done.

COMMENDATION TO ARIZONA HOUSE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., on behalf of its over 700 members, extends our sincerest appreciation to members of the Natural Resources and Energy Committee, House of Representatives, for passage of H.J.M. 2001. This joint memorial petitions the Congress of the United States to amend P.L. 92-195 (U.S.C.A. 16:1331-1340), the Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act, "... to provide for *MANAGEMENT* of wild burros and wild free roaming horses (on) public lands, both state and federal, occupied by Desert Bighorn Sheep and Sonoran Pronghorn Antelope."

Special thanks to Representative Pete Corpstein (District 24) and Bill Lewis (District 17) for cosponsoring the memorial. In addition, we want to include the following Representatives who also signed the bill as supporters:

Stan Akers	District 19
Elwood Bradford	District 5
Donna Carlson	District 29
J. Herbert Everett	District 15
Juanita Harelson	District 27
Larry Hawke	District 13
Lillian Jordan	District 20
Carl Kunasek	District 30
Diane McCarthy	District 16
James Ratliff	District 15
Betty Rockwell	District 21
James Sossaman	District 30
Don Stewart	District 16
James Woodward	District 1

If the H.J.M. 2001 passes both the Arizona House and Senate, it will be forwarded to the Congress of the United States and hopefully Congress can be convinced that P.L. 92-195 should be amended as specified in the memorial.

Members of the Society and anyone else who can support this memorial are urged to write your respective legislators. THOSE OF US WHO ARE DEDICATED TO SERVING THE WELFARE OF DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HERE IN ARIZONA, ARE HONOR BOUND TO WRITE THEM LETTERS—WE ARE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT. IF YOU NEED TO KNOW WHO YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE IS CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.

\$500 Bounty on Poachers

The Society has increased the bounty on poachers from \$100 to \$500. The bounty is a response to a notable increase in poaching activity in the Buckskin Mountains and the Eagle Tails. The reward will be payable upon conviction to anyone reporting the knowing, willfull and illegal taking of a Bighorn Sheep in Arizona. Reports should be made to the Arizona Game & Fish Department.

MEET JIM FIEDLER



If Jim Fiedler, the Society's new secretary, were to list all the outdoor and conservation organizations he belongs to it would make a small book. Jim is a dues-paying member of the Audobon Society, the National Rifle Association, the Range Management Society and a checkbook full of others. You might expect as much from a man who is on educational leave from his job at G.M. to get this master's degree in Natural Resources Management at A.S.U.'s Ag school.

Jim, his wife Charlene and two family dogs live in Mesa. Escaping N.J. for Arizona's sunnier climes in 1946, he's been an active member of the Sheep Society for the past four years.

A former competitive trap and skeet shooter, Jim still reloads his own ammo and confesses to being an avid duck hunter.

The holder of a degree in wildlife biology, Jim feels that of all the organizations he belongs to, the Society is the one that is the most rewarding: "Going out on projects and contributing something real — something you can see is the biggest kick of the Society," Jim says "I write a lot of checks to national organizations . . . but the Society is the one that let's me actually feel involved," he added.

It's membership time. Time to fill out the enclosed membership renewal and send in your check. The Society has a lot of great ideas for 1978 . . . ideas that will require your participation. Take the time now. You can send your renewal together with your reservation for the Annual Banquet.

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PROJECT NEWS

SHEEP & COLUMBINE SPRINGS

January 6-8, 1978

Roadside puddles indicated recent heavy rains as we headed north on Route 95 about midnight, destined for a point about 10 miles south of Oatman. The familiar sign, several vehicles, a lantern and one lone soul keeping vigil over a fire marked the meeting place. Bone weary from the long drive from Phoenix, we spread bedrolls on the first flat spot and drifted off to the raucous serenade of desert canaries.

Up before dawn, we found the rains made the last five miles into basecamp easier than they had been the year before. Once there, Don Belknap assembled the week-end crew of 20 for a briefing.

Don Belknap	Tempe	Game & Fish
Jim Fiedler, Jr.	Mesa	ADBSS
Jim Fiedler, Sr.	Phoenix	Guest
Herb Garlitz	Parker	ADBSS
Frank Harrison	Kingman	ADBSS
Mike Hinkes	Phoenix	BLM
Bill Holly	Phoenix	Game & Fish
David Hussey	Phoenix	ADBSS
Harry Hussey	Phoenix	ADBSS
Jim Jett*	Kingman	Game & Fish
Don Johnson	Phoenix	ADBSS
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John Krause	Phoenix	ADBSS
Matt Krause	Phoenix	Guest
Mike McCloy	Phoenix	Associated Press
Frank Murphy	Mesa	ADBSS
Robby Robinson	Mesa	ADBSS
Paul Scheuneman	Riviera	ADBSS
Lyle Sietsema	Phoenix	ADBSS
Win Welch	Phoenix	ADBSS
George Welsh	Kingman	Game & Fish

*Joined us Saturday evening

There were two objectives . . . actually two projects. First, one crew would go to Sheep Spring where we built a small catchment last year, this time to close off those approaches negotiable by wild burros and domestic livestock with a sturdy fence. At the same time a second crew would head south to another spring dubbed Columbine, hoping to erect a similar fence as well as build a masonry wall to enlarge storage capacity.

Fortunately, the BLM had provided funds for helicopter time to bring materials to points near each job site, thus giving the two-legged pack mules among us a break. But both jobs involved building fence lines across solid rock, so those assigned to the portable jackhammers got a real workout.

It was slow work at first, bottlenecked by the pace of the jackhammers. The one on Columbine Spring displayed a stubborn streak from the beginning Saturday, and by late afternoon had ceased drilling. In spite of the problems no one can recall much idle time, and come dinner time lots of tired, hungry faces crowded around the cook area. That night's fare included two entrees: chili and barbecued buffalo, the latter donated by David Hussey. The evening meal was followed by the customary campfire, but before long the fire was abandoned by all but a few who remained to "cuss, drink beer and lie" (to quote one).

LITTLE EYE TANK REPAIRED

January 27-29, 1978

The Little Eye Tank in the Trigo Mountains was the scene of the January 27th weekend project. Thirty-eight strong backs turned out for a tough job of cleaning and sealing the 20,000 gallon tank. Thanks to the efforts of all — not the least of which was the Saturday night cook crew, led by Tom Boggess — the job was completed by Sunday morning.

The thanks of the Society and the Game & Fish department go to all those listed here who contributed their efforts to insuring a steady water supply in the Trigo area for years to come: William P. Robinson; Herman Kathman; Bill Snyder; Eugene Risch; Monte Dodson; David Hussey; Joe Machac; J.S. Stephenson; Ed Shannahan; Eric Lawson; Tom Boggess; Bill Bathrick; Chris Bathrick; Frank Harrison; Bruce Barnes; Bill Holly, Arizona Game & Fish; Win Welch; Gary Warnica; Dick Llanes; Glen Forthun; Don Belknap, Arizona Game & Fish; Jm Sigler; Bob Wolf; Jeff Sigler; Jerin Russell; Creig Rice; Tray Reed; Alec Bevilockway; Larry Partridge; Butch Anderson; Jeff Wolf; Randy Barnes; John Colvin; Kenny Hosta; Tom Bastion; Dan Lawson; Dave Theiss; Leonard Lawson; Don Johnson; Lyle Sietsema; and Herb Garlitz.

NEW UNITS AND SHEEP QUOTAS RECOMMENDED TO ARIZONA GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT

The following expansion of units and quotas were recommended to Game & Fish in a letter written by Tom Saad, liaison:

Sheep Hunt Present Unit	Create New Units	Permits
none	Harquahala Mnt's.	Two
44B	44B North	Three
	44B South	Two
41	Eagle Tails & Little Horns Tanks & Palomas	Two
40A	Sand Tanks - Blue Plateau Dragon Teeth	
	Saucedas-Batamote-Coffee	Two
none	Crater Mnt's.	One
none	Tina Jas Altas Mnt's.	One
none	Aravaipa	Two

Much remained to be done on Sunday and the men were out of camp early. The one operable jackhammer went to Columbine Spring and the crew headed for Sheep Spring was geared up to string fence. Both crews worked hard against the clock but it proved impossible to complete either project. The last of the weary workers drifted back in to camp shortly after 3 p.m., satisfied with having made a good try but disheartened that yet another crew would have to come in to complete the job.

by John Krause

AWARD BANQUET RESERVATION

YES! Wouldn't miss it. Hold reservations in my name for the April 1 dinner. (Tickets will be held at the door.) Check enclosed (\$12. per ticket).

name

address

city state zip phone

Mail to: **A.D.B.S.S.
P.O. Box 5241
Phoenix, Az 85010**

PROJECTS SET FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Help wanted! As you can see from the projects shown below, there's help needed. Pack up your camping gear and head out. You'll find a lot of fun along with a great sense of satisfaction.

**MAR. 17-19 TEN SHEEP POTHOLE and RECLUSE
TANK - TRIGO MOUNTAINS**

Rehab. Ten Sheep and seal up Recluse (40 people)

MEET: 9 p.m., Friday, Mar. 17 at Cibola Road turn-off on the Quartzsite/Yuma hiway, 28 miles south of Quartzsite. Arizona Game & Fish will lead convoy to camp.

- NOTES:**
1. John Krause to head cooking crew for Sat. Nite and **Sunday breakfast.**
 2. This is the annual St. Patrick's Day project.
 3. Be prepared to survive any unexpected event.
 4. ADBSS signs will be posted for late comers.
 5. Four-Wheel Drive **not** required.

APR. 14-16 DRILL HOLE TANK - BLACK MOUNTAINS (KINGMAN AREA)

Rehab. and seal a 10,000 gallon tank

MEET: 10:30 p.m., Friday, April 14 at the Arizona Game & Fish Regional Office located at the west end of Kingman in hiway 95. Az. Game & Fish will lead convoy to camp.

- NOTES:**
1. Cook Crew - to be announced.
 2. ADBSS signs will be posted - starting from Francona Road turnoff to camp site. (Francona Road is off interstate 40, 36 miles south of Kingman.)
 3. Four-Wheel Drive is preferred.

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