



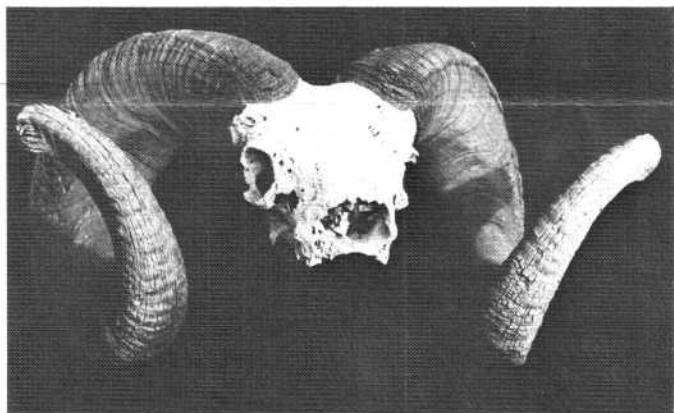
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Aravaipa ram to be on display. At 190+ B&C points, it is the largest recorded Desert Bighorn from the U.S.

Photo by Dave Daughtry, Arizona Game & Fish



Don McGaffee's 176 pt. ram taken in unit 45c. L. to r. Ron Schreiner, Don, Tom Saad, Joe Heimer — Montana, Tom Boggess.

Twelfth Annual Awards Banquet Set For April 7

The Safari Hotel Convention Center is the site for our 12th annual affair which should be the greatest ever. Ten rams should qualify for awards with six in the Boone & Crockett class . . . fantastic!

Located at 4611 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale, the 6000 square foot Center provides a spacious atmosphere for the festivities. Free parking is ample.

The no-host cocktail hour begins at 6:30 with prime rib served at 7:30. Tickets are \$13 each which includes tax, gratuities, and a chance to win a beautiful bronze sculpture offered as a door prize. Created by Craig Lynch, a tremendously talented artist, the bronze is one of a limited series. Raffle items will also be offered.

As a special attraction, the Aravaipa ram will be on display, courtesy of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. This ram could be the number four desert bighorn sheep in the world with a preliminary score over 191 points. A magnificent trophy that you won't want to miss seeing and photographing.

Robert Jantzen, Director of The Arizona Game and Fish Department, is our guest speaker. Mr. Jantzen is a native Arizonan with 26 years of service with the department and has served over 10 years as Director. Bob will share some of his observations and philosophies concerning the importance of citizen involvement in understanding the complexities of modern game management and contributing to the process of resolving difficult problems.

Please forward your reservations as soon as possible. For your convenience, we have included a BANQUET RESERVATION form here in the newsletter — just clip it out and forward together with your check to the P.O. Box. Call Harry Hussey at 942-8104 if you have any questions. See you there!

RECAP OF THE 1978 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT

The 1978 Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt was a whopping success at 83% and produced a quality harvest with the average of all trophies scoring 155 3/8 Boone & Crockett points.

The largest trophy scored 183 1/8 pts. taken by James McCasland in the West Kofas. Thirty nine rams were harvested in total. The following are facts of interest.

- twenty four rams were estimated to be 8 years old or older.
- only ten rams were less than seven years old.
- largest ram estimated at 12 years.

- six rams scored over 170 B&C points (Boone & Crockett minimum 168 pts.).
- West Kofa ram (45A) scoring 183 points is best trophy taken in that unit since 1965, and is the 3rd best out of that unit.
- three rams taken in the Catalinas (33) qualify for Boone & Crockett recognition. All scoring over 170 points.
- Castledome (45C) ram scoring 176 points is largest recorded trophy ever taken in that unit.
- Harquahala mountains (44A), hunted for the very first time, produced a nice trophy at 163 points.
- Husband and wife team, Ernest and Winifred Layman, first to ever

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1978 DESERT SHEEP HUNT

FACTS & FIGURES

1978 Permits	The Drawing		Permits Iss.		The Hunt			
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	1st Choice	2nd Choice	Hunters Afield	Harvest	% Success	
15 A & B	7	211	129	6	1	5	5	100
15 C	7	217	188	7	0	6	6	100
15 D	3	40	83	1	2	3	1	33
16 A & B	2	40	43	1	1	2	2	100
33	4	139	40	4	0	4	4	100
37 A & C	1	28	41	0	1	1	1	100
39	2	33	39	0	2	2	2	100
40 A	2	93	64	2	0	2	1	50
40 B Mohawks	1	8	18	0	1	1	0	—
40 B Coppers	1	4	23	0	1	1	0	—
40 B Tinajas Altas	1	10	13	1	0	1	0	—
40 B Craters	1	25	20	1	0	1	1	100
41	1	32	38	0	1	1	1	100
43 B	3	73	63	3	0	3	3	100
44 A Harquahala	1	36	39	1	0	1	1	100
44 A Buckskins	1	NO DATA				1	0	—
44 B	3	217	136	3	0	3	2	67
45 A	4	385	257	4	0	4	4	100
45 B	2	67	120	2	0	1	1	100
45 C	4	123	243	1	3	4	3	75
46 B	1	37	25	0	1	1	1	100
Totals	52	1842	1644	38	14	48	39	83

The above chart reflects some of the basic statistics concerning the 1978 Arizona Desert Bighorn sheep hunt. The following observations may be of interest.

The Drawing — There were 1842 Total applicants; 501 were non-residents. Only 1644 applicants elected to make a second choice.

Permits Issues — Out of the 52 permits issued, 38 hunters were lucky enough to draw their first choice hunt unit. Fourteen hunters, or 27% of the total number, drew their second choice hunt area.

The Hunt — The most disappointing statistic of all is that only 48 hunters went afield out of 52 permit holders. A total of 4 permits went unused, which represents over 7% of the total number of permits. It was determined that at least two hunters, out of the four, obtained permits by making multiple applications. In any case, the Game & Fish Department should adopt some reasonable and workable "alternate permit system" to preclude the future loss of unused permits. There are hundreds of hopeful sheep hunters who have applied unsuccessfully for over twenty years; and we let four priceless sheep hunting opportunities go down the well.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE FOR 1979

All memberships expire on December 31, 1978. If you haven't already renewed your membership for 1979, please do. We need all the financial support we can get. Remember also, that *all donations to the Society are fully deductible from your income tax.* Just clip out the renewal form here in the Ram's Horn and send it in.

TWELFTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Please hold reservations in my name. (Tickets will be held at the door)

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Address _____

City & State _____

Phone _____

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P.O. Box 5241

Phoenix, AZ 85010

Amount enclosed:

_____ x \$13 = \$ _____
(number)

Society Receives Tax Exempt Status; Donations Are Now Fully Deductible

The Society has finally received its tax exempt status which means that ALL DONATIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE FROM YOUR INCOME TAX, as specified under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The I.R.S. authorization further states that "Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts . . . are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes . . ."

Receipts are issued for all monies received which will document your contributions for tax purposes. Although our annual dues are only five dollars, we encourage each of you to send whatever you can afford.

Remember, the Sheep Society is the number one work-horse here in Arizona in promoting the conservation and wise management of desert bighorns. In the last 10 year period, we have developed over 60 major waterhole developments in conjunction with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Next to the loss of sheep habitat due to the encroachment of civilization, an uncontrolled and exploding population of burros poses the most serious threat to desert sheep. The two-legged Jackasses that defend the uncontrolled proliferation of burros are more insidious than the burros themselves. These same type of people have also launched a campaign to "save the desert sheep" by harassing properly licensed sheep hunters during the hunt and in the field. Burros have the potential of eliminating entire sheep herds, whereas the selective harvest of mature rams has absolutely no harmful effect on the sheep populations.

The Sheep Society fights this kind of ignorance and says that conservation means getting off your "ASS" and making a positive contribution to the management of our wildlife. WE HAVE THE PERSEVERANCE AND MUSCLE TO WAGE THE WAR; WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PAY FOR IT . . . HELP!

1978 HUNT RECAP —

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take sheep in same unit in one year.

—four sheep hunt units had no rams taken — Mohawks, Coppers, Tinajas and Buckskins.

— six permits and six rams taken on the Hualapai Indian Reservation.

— These permits are controlled exclusively by the Hualapai Tribe.

The 1978 Sheep Hunt was the second best ever recorded in terms of success ratio and overall quality.

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1978 Sheep Hunt Pictures



*Cliff Schleusner — Unit 41 — 158 pts.
(l to r) Dean Bowdoin, Cliff, Steve Weisser, Mike Mell*



*Carl Naegli — Unit 43B — 155 pts.
(l to r) Danny Nasca, Carl, Tom Saad*



John Sulgar — Unit 43B — 155 pts.



Gary Richardson — Unit 44B — 159 pts.



*Delane Fry — Unit 45A — 153 pts.
(l to r) Delane, Steve Weisser, Dean Bowdoin*



*Don Westington — Unit 44B — 168 pts.
(l to r) Bob Gray, Don, Danny Nasca*

Foundation For North American Wild Sheep

This relatively new organization (established 1974) has stimulated National and International interest in the management effort of . . . "all species of wild sheep native to the Continent of North America." Membership is around 400 and is accelerating towards a goal of 1500. Headquarters are located in Des Moines, Iowa, with officers and directors from Minnesota to California.

Their newsletter represents the best clearing-house for North American Sheep hunting information and related news that I have ever seen. The Winter 1979 issue includes 10 pages of information covering Alaska thru Mexico concerning a multitude of news items relative to North American Sheep. It should soon become known as the guide to "Everything You Wanted To Know About North American Sheep. But Didn't Know Who To Ask."

Regular membership is \$25 per year and is fully tax deductible. Contact the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep at P.O. Box 2651, Des Moines, Iowa 50315, for further information.

St. Patrick's Day Waterhole Project — March 17-18

The Eagle Tail mountains will be host for the "annual waterhole blast" which has become notorious over the years for many reasons . . . Ed Shannahan is one reason!

The proposed site improvement has been named "Eagle Scout Tank" after a group of Eagle Scouts who first discovered the pothole under the leadership of their number one big bird — Dean Bowdoin. Two large scale dams will be constructed which will require a work force of 50 to 75 men.

Tom Boggess, notorious veterinarian, Sheep Guide, Lion Guide, and Crazy Coon Chaser, will be the head Chef. If you have never had mountain lion stew and discussed the fine art of "side blocking," brother this *is* your big chance! We want a big turnout guys, so don't miss it. All the crazy's will be there with campfire tales you've never heard before.

Here are the particulars:

When and where to meet — Departure time is 8:15 p.m. Meeting place is mile maker No. 63 on Interstate 10 between Tonopah and Vicksburg turnoff on south side of highway (eastbound lane). Interstate 10 runs from Phoenix to the West towards Quartzsite.

General — Four wheel drive vehicles are not required. Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast available.

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

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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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Floyd Krank — Unit 33 — 177 Pts.



*Sherry Pierce — Unit 45A — 156 Pts.
(Front L to R) Sherry, Boyd Pierce (Back L to R) Paul Pierce Sr., Paul Pierce Jr., Jim Pierce.*



*Del Priest — Unit 15B — 157 Pts.
(L to R) Dean Priest, Del, Dan Priest*



*M. L. Warne — Unit 45A - 164 Pts.
Grand Slam Ram*



"I told you it would fit on the pack frame"



"Short Eared Burro — Powered by Copenhagen"

Who Are Animals' Real Friends?

By Jim Dudas

Reprinted from *The Cleveland Press*

The situation in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming is this: Bitter winds and record snowfalls (40 inches in places) are keeping deer and elk herds from their food. In desperation, the animals have roamed hundreds of miles further than they have to in a normal winter to find nourishment. Last year's fawn are starving to death at what officials describe as "an alarming rate." *Bighorn sheep* have taken to raiding farmers' stocks.

Those animals too weak to forage simply lie down and die, their bloated appearance a grotesque contrast to what they looked like in health. Motorists are getting perturbed at hitting animals that have staggered onto roadways.

Some of the weakened animals that don't drop dead or get hit by cars are being chased by roaming domestic dogs. They die of exhaustion. Colorado expects to lose 35-50,000 deer and 20,000 elk before the thaw.

A lot of money is needed to feed these animals. Hay, alfalfa and a special diet for the sensitive digestive tracts of deer needs to be flown to the animals by helicopter. Exasperated biologists are pleading to lawmakers for money to feed the critters. But the bureaucratic wheels are grinding as if they are square.

Now my question to you and anyone else who will listen is: Where are the people who preach their deep concern for wildlife through their opposition to sport hunting?

Where is Cleveland Amory and his fund for Animals? Where is Alice Herrington and her Friends and Animals? Where is Sandy Rowland and the Humane Society of the U.S.?

I'll tell you where. They are in their offices opening envelopes full of money they talked out of their emotional followers. They are putting that money into advertising campaigns and administrative salaries. They aren't putting a seed of alfalfa in any starving animal's mouth, I can assure you of that.

You know what the animals have to depend on right now? A beer company, a number of whose chief officers are sport hunters. Anheuser Busch is donating \$100,000 to feed these starving creatures because nature has dealt them a blow infinitely more cruel than any hunting season.

Maybe the animals should be ignored. Maybe we should just let nature take its course. But then we would have to write off a lot of animals that development will make extinct, animals that just couldn't make it on their own after bulldozers chase them from their homes — animals like peregrine falcons, wild turkeys, bald eagles, deer and canvasback ducks. The list could go on.

So it would seem that helping animals in time of dire need is the "humane" thing to do.

But the "humane" groups aren't doing any of the real work. The workers who now are risking life and limb in the Western states to deliver food to the starving animals are being paid with funds from (hold onto your hats, sports fans) the sale of hunting licenses and taxes on hunting equipment. No money comes from income taxes. And certainly none comes from the zealots who would stop all hunting.

You want to talk to me about stopping sport hunting? Fine. But first give me the name of a group other than hunters concerned enough to put up the money to help the animals in times like this.

Otherwise, my friends, tell it to the marines.

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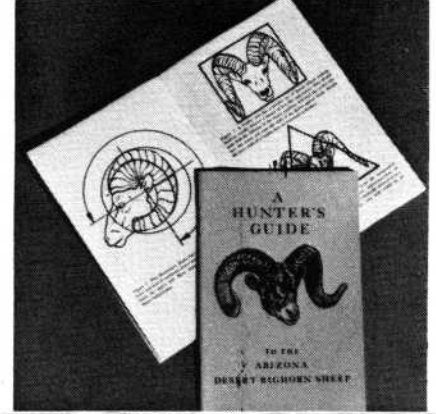
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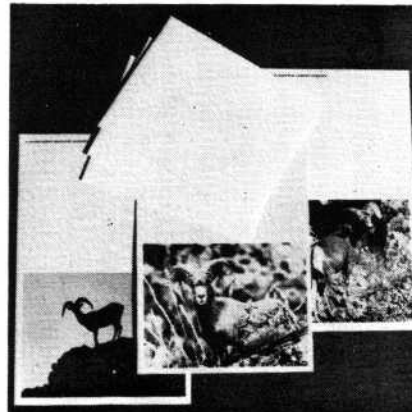
This 6 x 4.5" four-color ADBSS decal should be on every member's vehicle. Also can be used on notebook covers or mounted on plaques. Also helps your Society become known in the community.



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



The Hunter's Guide is a must for interested desert sheep hunters.



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.



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