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April Awards Banquet Well Attended; McCasland's Kofa Ram Takes Top Honors

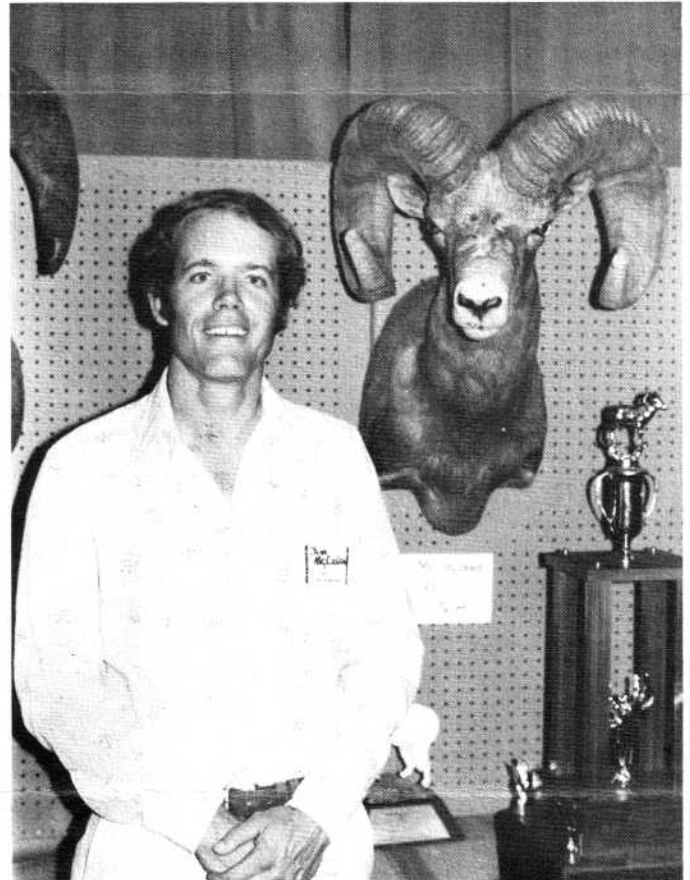
The Society's Annual Awards Banquet was a "booming" success with two hundred in attendance. Dr. Bob Ohmart, the master of ceremonies, added greatly to the proceedings with his technical expertise on the interaction and effects of burro populations relative to the native flora and fauna.

Our guest speaker, Bob Jantzen, Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, was very complimentary about the Sheep Society in his presentation concerning the effectiveness of well organized groups to shape the future of wildlife management. Needless to say, the wide range of groups active on the national scene includes many that are solely dedicated to wildlife management *regulated exclusively by mother nature*. The survival of modern game management which includes the controlled harvest of game species thru sport hunting, depends on the active participation of all sportsmen to protect that right and privilege that we hold sacred.

Jim McCasland of Prescott, Arizona, captured Top Honors for his entry in the competitions; a magnificent Kofa



*The Trophy Ram of a lifetime
182-6/8 B&C Pts.*



Jim McCasland's Magnum Ram takes home all the gold.

ram in the 182 B&C point class. The West Kofa's are known world wide for record class bighorns, but Jim's ram is the finest trophy taken there since the Dee's and Rudd rams of 1965. Congratulations once again, Jim!

The following individuals were also recognized for their outstanding trophies and accomplishments:

- Mike Jensen, Tucson, AZ 177 1/8 B&C pts.
- Floyd Krank, Globe, AZ 177 B&C pts.
- Don McGaffee, Phoenix, AZ 175 6/8 B&C pts.
- William G. Martin, Superior, AZ 174 B&C pts.
- John H. Dalton, Miami, AZ 167 2/8 B&C pts.
- M.L. Warne, Hill City, South Dakota 164 B&C pts.
- Clarence H. Grant, Jr., Prescott, AZ 162 B&C pts.

FANTASTIC!

President's Letter . . .

My Fellow Members:

As you know, the Sheep Society is now a tax deductible organization.

Your Board has discussed many worthwhile projects that we are, or should be, involved in. For example, the funding of a biologist to further the studies on the mortality of the annual lamb crop in the field, the funding of water hole projects in very remote areas of Arizona where there are small herds of sheep but no permanent waters, and our present project, the publishing of the Sheldon Journals. (You will be receiving a brochure on the book from the publishing committee shortly.)

These projects are very expensive.

As your President, I am asking for your financial help. The funds received will be used exclusively for the benefit of the Bighorn Sheep. These tax deductible donations will not be in any way used as part of our operating budget.

Your ideas and recommendations are also solicited. Each will be considered by a special committee and the Board.

I am also looking for people to become active in the Society, serve as committee members and/or run for office. There is a (working) place for every member. It is impossible for me, as your President, to contact every member by phone and ask for help.

Please give me a call, I promise no member who wants to work, donate money or has an idea will be turned away.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in the above matters, I am

Sincerely yours,
JERRY P. PETKOVSEK,
President

SOCIETY WINS AMERICAN MOTORS CONSERVATION AWARD

American Motors Conservation Awards Program

June 8, 1979

Mr. Jerry Petkovsek
President
Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
8215 E. Turney
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

Dear Mr. Petkovsek:

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society has been selected to receive one of five American Motors Conservation Awards in the current series. The award consists of a citation, bronze plaque and \$500 honorarium. Announcement will be made June 13 at a 25th anniversary dinner in Washington, D.C. A news release will be mailed on June 12, and we will attempt to include all appropriate national and local media.

We will appreciate your help in suggesting a meeting between now and December 31 at which presentation to your organization might be made.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ed Zern

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Director

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Mexico Sheep Hunt '79



Al Pellizzari's
186 + B&C Ram

The following report on some outstanding rams taken in Mexico has been abstracted from the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep newsletter of Winter 1979.

Al Pellizzari, Palo Alto, California, took a magnum ram at 186+ B&C points in the Pico del Diablo area. Clint Heber, Red Bluff, California, took a ram at 185+ points. Jack Atcheson, Jr. of Butte, Montana, reportedly took one at 185. Bob Zachrich of Holgate, Ohio, brought one in at 184.

I have learned unofficially that Mexican sheep permits for 1979, would approach \$8000 per each. In spite of the fees, Mexico obviously has a sizeable population of mature magnum class rams.

Candidates Sought for 1979-80 Board

Nominations are actively being sought for ADBSS board elections to be held in early October at the 1979 Sheep Hunters Clinic. The Sheep Society is one of the best organized and successful conservation groups in the country. We need dedicated and interested people to run for the board to insure our long standing tradition for success and dedication to purpose; promoting the sound management and welfare of Arizona's Desert Bighorn Sheep populations.

If you have an interest in hunting desert bighorns or are just plain interested in learning more about them, there is no better way to learn than serving as a board member. You will be working with people who are recognized as top level professionals and amateurs in their knowledge of desert sheep and their dedication to insuring that our sheep populations will survive for future generations.

You don't need any special skills or experience to qualify; just a little bit of time and a whole lot of desire.

Call Dean Bowdoin at 955-8636, if you want to talk about your possible involvement as an officer of the ADBSS, Inc.

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Desert Sheep Hunting: Nevada vs Arizona

Some of us can recall ten years ago when Arizona issued 80 to 90 bighorn sheep permits each year. For 1979 it is estimated that a few more than 50 permits will be issued. That is a loss of 37% to 44%. There are many reasons for this substantial decline. The most significant is the increase of hunter success from around 30% to present levels which run over 80%. However, there are also several factors that cannot be so easily documented and are speculative at best. I think management experts agree, though, that Arizona's sheep populations overall are equal to or greater than 10 years ago.

It is interesting to note that for 1979, Nevada will issue 81 permits for sheep. That is 60% more than Arizona. Nevada's sheep populations are reported to be no greater than Arizona's. They have only 16 hunt units as compared to our nineteen. No unit has less than two permits and the highest number of permits is 10. They also issue 9 non-resident permits compared to Arizona's 5.

Nevada's legal ram requirements are much higher than Arizona's.

Arizona 3/4 curl or 28 inch horn length.
Nevada At least 7 years old or Boone & Crockett score of 144 points (best horn score doubled).

Nevada requires all hunters to attend a hunters clinic — Arizona does not.

Nevada allows for the taking of more than one ram a life-time. If you take a sheep you cannot apply again for 10 years. Arizona has a "one a lifetime" rule.

You draw your own conclusions. Anyone have any comments?

Sheep Clinic Set For October 6, '79

The Sheep Society's Annual Sheep Hunters Clinic is scheduled for early October. The September issue of the Ram's Horn will give all the particulars.

Although it cannot be documented accurately, it is speculated that these hunters clinics have had some positive effect on the harvest of higher quality mature trophy rams over the last several years. Hunter success is also running at all time highs. Over the past several years, around 60% to 70% of the permit holders have attended the clinics. How about it, Jim McCasland — did the Clinic experience help you hold off for that block buster ram you took (see front page)??

Corrections to March Issue

Bob Householder caught several errors in the last newsletter. The most notable was the reference to the Aravaipa ram as being possibly the number four desert bighorn in the world. Bob cautioned that it may rank somewhere closer to number seven or eight. He also reported of hearing about two rams taken in Mexico this year that were over 190 points. That a boy, Bob, keep us honest!

Publication of Charles Sheldon's Southwestern Field Journals



Charles Sheldon — Famous Naturalist

Charles Sheldon is recognized as one of the foremost naturalists of the early nineteen hundreds. His three prior publications, *The Wilderness of The Upper Yukon* (1911), *The Wilderness of The North Pacific Coast Islands* (1912), *The Wilderness of The Denali* (1930), are considered by many collectors to be the foundation of any comprehensive library of hunting books. He is also thought of as the "father" of desert sheep hunting, based on his extensive collection of desert bighorns in his gathering of biological data on desert sheep.

The Sheep Society will publish Sheldon's field journal under the title of *The Wilderness of Desert Bighorns And Seri Indians*. Being the fourth and probably the last published works of Charles Sheldon, the book will be a valuable collectors item and a must for any hunters library.

The Sheep Society will underwrite the project to preserve this priceless work on "desert sheep and Seri Indians" and to raise monies for future conservation projects concerning desert bighorns.

We plan an extensive pre-order campaign in the next few weeks and Society members will be receiving a special mailing outlining all the specifics about that publication. Watch for it!

GRIPES & BITCHES:

Offered As Constructive Criticism Hot Seat — Arizona Game & Fish Department

The Game & Fish Department has adopted a policy during the last few years of establishing hunts units for desert sheep in late April. Permit numbers for sheep hunting will not be set until June 29 & 30. The deadline for making application for all 1979 hunts is July 2nd. In other words, sportsmen have two days, one of which is Sunday, to find out how many sheep permits have been set for each unit before the application deadline. The department explains that this time table is necessary to properly assess survey information and to comply with deadlines for inputting of data into the computer.

The Sheep Society would encourage the Department and Commission to strive for a process that would set all hunt units and permit numbers not later than the May meeting. Preferably units and permit numbers would be established at the same meeting.

'A Tangible Contribution to Our Wildlife'

Waterhole Development Projects, '79

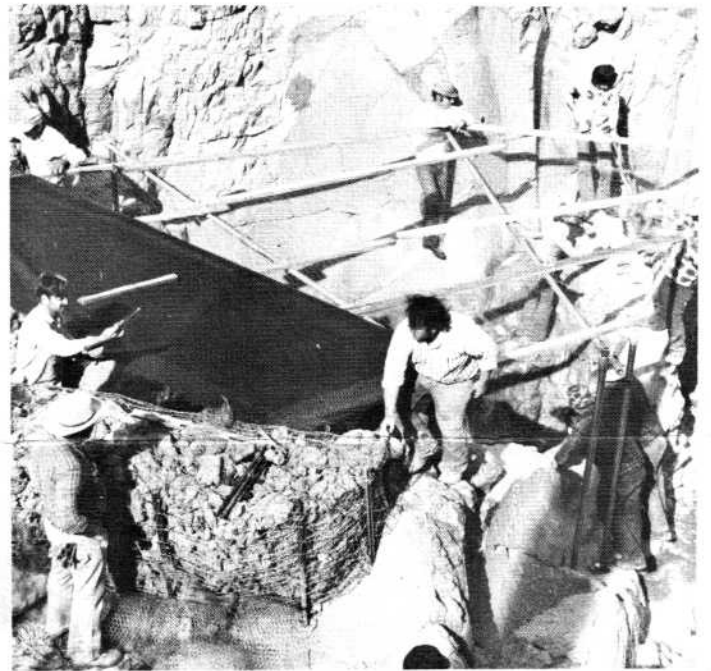
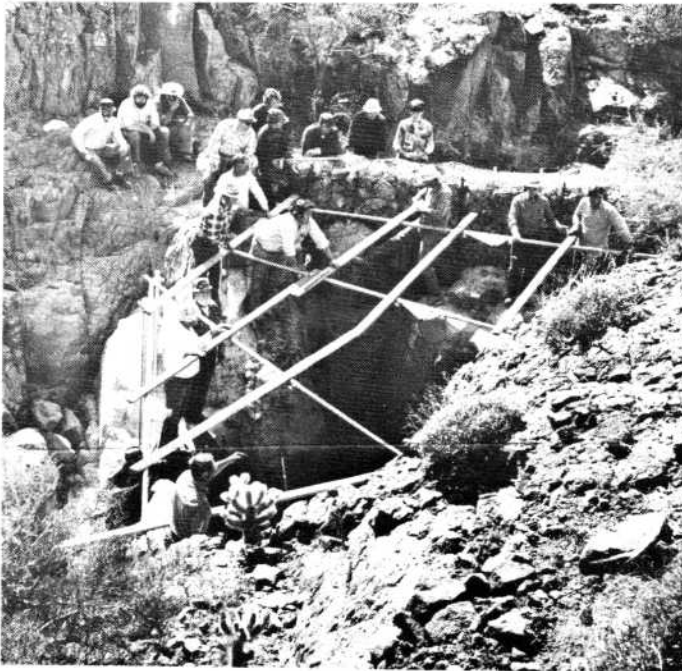
Over the past 12 years, Society members and supporters have constructed over 60 major waterhole projects for the benefit of Arizona's desert sheep populations. Supervision and management of these projects is provided by the Arizona Game & Fish Department. This cooperative joint venture stands as a classic model and example of conservationists working hand in hand with professional wildlife management people.

We extend our sincerest appreciation to the Arizona Game & Fish Commission and agency officials for allowing us to participate and share a little of the burden and concern for the management of our desert sheep populations.

RECAP '79

A.D.B.S.S. Project Leader — Win Welch
Arizona Game & Fish Department — Dan Schadle & Don Belknap

Black Tank — February 24, 25



Location: Crater Mountains south of Gila Bend, Arizona, located on the Air Force Gunnery Range.

A special thanks to the project crew for your time and effort to insure a stable water supply in this remote area.

Don Scrivens, Floyd Krank, Joe Sheehy, Don Johnson, Patrick Adams, John McCabe, Carl Scrivens, Jim Fiedler, Jr., Jim Fiedler, Sr., Bob Wolf, Cecil La Vance, Tom La Vance, Rick Shively, Marvin Silva, Jim Macnab, Ruben Conde, Jr. Barry Worley, Charles Rubio, Ruben Conde, Bruce Barnes, Gary Warnica, Bill Hook, Dave Richter, Joe Beard, Bob Nowak, Rod Rish, Earl Rish, David Thornburg, Gary Warnica, Jr., Leonard Lawson, Dan Lawson, David Blouin, Bob Furst, Steve Farley, Bob Farley, Larry Stafford, Jeff Wolf, Harvey Smith, Eric Lawson, Mark Smith, Larry Hines, John Carroll, John Houzenga, Frank Farley, Shon Farley, Ed Shannahan.

The Game and Fish Department was represented by Dan Schadle and Don Belknap of the Development group, and Jim De Vos, Wildlife Manager from Yuma, Arizona.

Triple Eye Tank — March 17, 18 & April 20, 21



Location: Eagletail Mountains, located west of Buckeye, Arizona.

This project is probably the largest one ever undertaken by the Society. A total of 70 sacks of cement (7000 lbs.), 18 bags of lime, 13.5 tons of sand, 3.5 sacks of Aluminite, 7 sacks of thoroseal, plus a gob of rebar, fence posts, and fence wire.

Special thanks to the project crew:

David Mitchell, Cary Diffe, Brad Deffner, Kent Buckwold, Pat Adams, Joe Sheehey, Floyd Krank, Don Scrivens, Carl Scrivens, Floyd Scrivens, Bob Farley, Steve Farley, Cecil La Vance, Tom La Vance, Leonard Lawson, Dan Lawson, David Blouin, Eric Lawson, Ray Slater, Bill Hook, Bob Nowak, Brian Nowak, Brian Harvey, Cliff Schleusner and sons, Gene Johnson, Craig Furst, Bob Furst, William Robinson, Mike Davis, Bill Furedy, Rob Cavin, Ed Shanahan, John Houzenga, Gary Mills, Frank Farley, Dennis Welsh, Harry Hazlett, George C. Ride, Frank Tennant, Duane Burkley, Bill Carney, Cary Campbell, Bob Wilkins, Marc Hamner, Harry and David Hussey, Steve Houser, and Dan Schadle, of the Game and Fish Department.

The following people made both projects and are especially thanked; Jim Fiedler, Jr., Jim Fiedler, Sr., Ed Mikac, Bill Hook, Don Johnson, Dean Bowdoin, Charlie Rubio, Pete Hanna, Don Belknap, of the Game and Fish Department and Joe Machac.

Little Bones & Tule Springs — January 20, 21

Location: Little Bones — Plomosa Mountains North of Quartzsite, Arizona
Tule Springs — Dome Rock Mountains

Special thanks to the project crew.

Joe Machac, Bruce Barnes, Randy Barnes, Gary Warnica, Gary Warnica, Jr., Don Scrivens, Carl Scrivens, Eric Lawson, Rob Gray, Michael Davis, Bill Furedy, David Blouin, Dan Lawson, Mark Fredlake, BLM, Bob Gray, Harry Hussey, Dan Nasca, Steve Weisser, Paul Mills, David Hussey, Raymond Grant, William P. Robinson, Frank Murphy, Jim Fiedler, Sr., Jim Fiedler, Jr., Rob Calvin, David Mitchell, Kurt Buchwald, Bruck Deffner, Kim Deffner, Leonard Lawson.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department was represented by Dan Schadle and Don Belknap of the Development Group, Richard Remington, Parker, Arizona, and Jim De Vos, Yuma, Arizona.

Socket Tank — May 14, 20

Location: Tank Mountains north of Dateland, Arizona

Special thanks to the project crew:

Herb Garlitz, Joe Machac, Cliff Schleusner, and his sons Mike and Cliff, Keith Kopeschke, Mike Sheehey, Leonard Lawson, and his son Eric, Joe Guglielmo, Floyd Lee Krank, Gene Turk, Jobe Beal, Dean Bowdoin, who also headed up the cook crew; and The Society also thanks Don Belknap and Lowel Whitaker, of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

ARIZONA DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP SOCIETY, INC.

The following items are offered for sale in consideration of minimum donations as specified



Colorful Blue and Gold ADBSS Patch.



Sterling Silver or 14 kt. Gold Replica of the Desert Bighorn.



Four Color 6" X 4" ADBSS Decal.



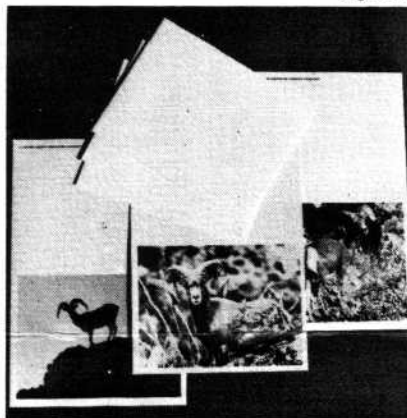
Lightweight outdoor caps in two color combinations with ADBSS patch.



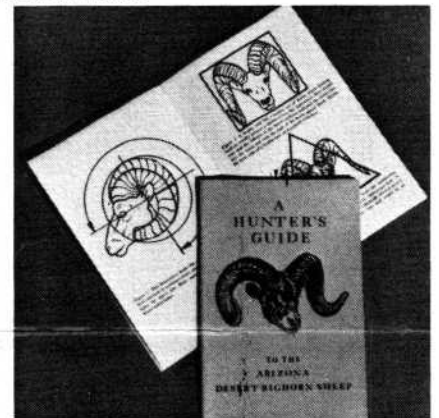
A limited edition, individually numbered. Hand finished bronze logo on silver. 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches.



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