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79 Sheep Hunters Clinic Oct. 6 *Annual Barbecue Dinner Evening of Oct. 5*



Clinic scene in prior year



Hunter orientation

The 13th annual sheephunters seminar and the annual meeting of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., is all set for October 6, 1979.

The Maricopa County Sheriffs Posse Headquarters, located at 7th Street South of Thunderbird Road, will be the site.

Friday, October 5 Barbeque is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. Beer and soft drinks will be provided in addition to a fantastic barbeque dinner *free of charge*. Just bring your own eating utensils.

Sometime after dinner an auction will be held featuring a variety of sporting goods and something for the gals too! Don't miss this informal gathering — it is a **BLAST!**

Annual Business Meeting Saturday, October 6, begins at 8 A.M. A very special door prize is offered to those present for the meeting.

The Hunters Seminar begins Saturday, October 6, at NOON. The day's activities include presentations and educational films concerning all the aspects of hunting desert bighorns. You'll meet and talk with professional game management personnel, sheep guides, and hunters who have spent their lifetimes studying desert sheep.

As in past years, the Varmettes will provide lunch and dinner. American Motors officials will be on site to present the Society with a national award for its conservation work.

Sheep hunters of prior years have credited the clinic experience as of great value to their hunt success.

Congratulations to the lucky permit holders! Keep your luck rolling — attend the hunters clinic. See you there!

DONATION OF GAME MEAT NEEDED

Please call John Houzenga at 946-6914 if you have any game meat or "top sirloins" you could donate to the Society for the barbeque and work projects.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please mark your calendar!
Annual Bar-Be-Que — October 5th
Dinner 6:30 P.M.
Auction immediately after

Society Petitions Membership To Raise Annual Dues

Dear Member:

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society from its inception twelve (12) years ago has maintained its annual dues at \$5.00.

Due to the rapid rise in inflation, the 1978 cost per member was \$11.13. Our projected expense for 1979 is \$11.88 per member.

Your Board of Directors is proposing a dues increase from \$5.00 to \$12.00 per year, beginning January 1, 1980.

As your President, I am calling a special meeting 7:00 P.M., September 12, 1979 at the Phoenix Zoo, to read this

proposed By-Laws change. For your convenience the proposed change is listed below.

At the annual meeting, October 6, 1979, this proposed change will be read and voted upon.

I would appreciate your support in the above matter and would welcome your written comments, particularly from those members living too far from Phoenix to attend these meetings.

Sincerely,
Jerry P. Petkovsek
President

Article X

Membership Requirements

Section 1 — Any person who believes in the purpose and objectives of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc. shall be eligible for membership. Regular annual dues shall be \$5.00 per year, payable in advance on or before January 1, of each year, and shall extend to December 31 of each year. Each paid up member shall be entitled to one vote. All dues accepted from new members will apply only to the balance of the calendar year.

Delete — Regular annual dues shall be \$5.00 per year, payable in advance on or before January 1 of each year.

Proposed — Regular annual dues shall be \$12.00 per year, payable in advance on or before January 1 of each year.

THE WILDERNESS OF DESERT BIGHORNS AND SERI INDIANS

The pre-sale response has been outstanding. Approximately thirty percent of the books have been sold in the first month of offering to the membership.

The publication is at the printer and will be available in October in plenty of time for Christmas.

This project is going to provide a significant amount of funds so that the Society can undertake a very sizeable and important project which will better the Desert Bighorn. Everyone placing an order for this book is not only getting a very fine publication but is also taking part in an invaluable project to make positive contributions to the conservation of desert sheep.

The book is going to have about 375 pages and is written about a variety of aspects concerning the Southwest. The material will be very enjoyable reading for conservationists, hunters, and history buffs.

The first edition is strictly limited to 1,000 copies. Mr. Sheldon's three previous publications are valuable collectors' items. In addition to 75 photographs, each chapter will contain an artist's illustration depicting the contents of the chapter. These illustrations have been created by Mark Rossi of Tucson; and are some of the finest line drawings we have ever seen.

Those who have already placed your order — we thank you! You may even consider additional copies as Christmas gifts for special friends.

If you have not ordered your copies, we urge you to do it right away.

Clip out the order blank today — we need your help!

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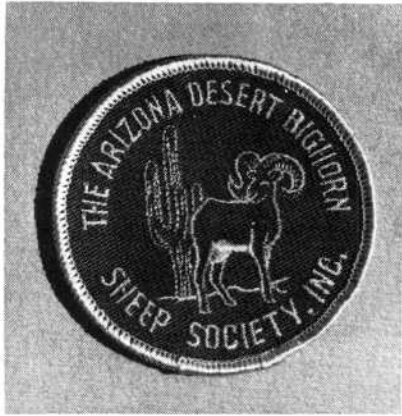
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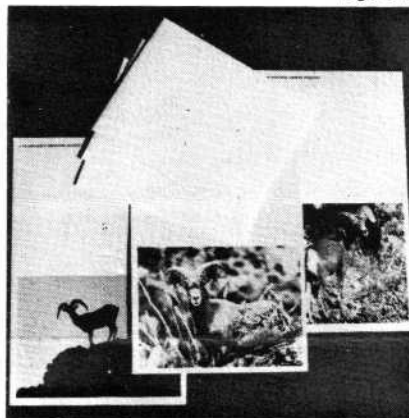
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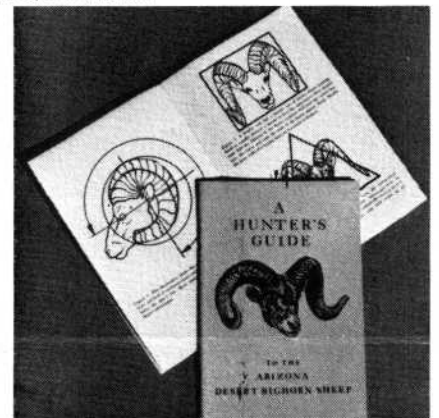
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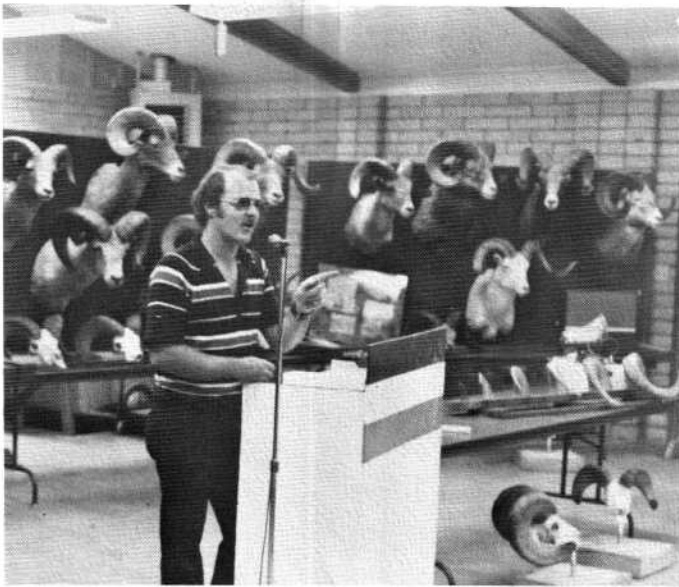
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Clinic scene — merits of big rams



Clinic skit — Do's and Don'ts

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 membership donation. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD
Annual Minimum Donation Is \$5.00

RENEWAL NEW MEMBER DATE _____

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August 7, 1979

Mr. Tom Saad, Editor
The Ram's Horn
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Dear Editor:

Thanks again for your quarterly publication, "The Ram's Horn". I have read with interest the numerous activities of your membership (ADBHS Society) and the worthwhile projects you have accomplished to date. Keep up the great work and congratulations on your recent award from American Motors.

With regard to the recent article "Desert Sheep Hunting; Nevada vs Arizona", the similarities and differences were quite interesting. I offer additional information that hopefully will enlighten your readers and defend Nevada's rationale for allocation of greater numbers of bighorn sheep hunting permits than Arizona despite the fact that Arizona probably has a larger resource base.

1. In Nevada, annual hunting permits are issued strictly on the basis of population analysis. The analysis includes an estimate of numbers and their trends, age class structure of the ram population, sex composition and average hunter success.
2. The primary source of population information is gathered from the annual or semi-annual aerial (helicopter) surveys. These surveys are presently conducted during the fall season usually late September and early October.

Herd composition obtained during this period appear to be more reliable indicators of sex and age composition of the herd, since all age and sexes are more homogeneously grouped.

Production information gathered during the fall season is more meaningful. The lamb/ewe ratios reflect the survival of lambs following the season of greatest stress, therefore, the surviving lambs probably more closely reflect the annual increment than a spring or mid-summer survey.

Mr. Tom Saad, Editor
August 7, 1979
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3. The objective in Nevada is to maintain a resource and a harvest program. In this respect it has been determined that no more than 8% of the ram population or approximately one third of the rams seven years old or older will be harvested annually.
4. Harvest and other management decisions are determined on a herd unit basis. Individual herd units may differ from adjacent units or the Statewide average, therefore, managers are continually monitoring population information by herd unit.
5. In Nevada we have determined that an average of 17% of the ram population over one year of age will be replaced annually. It has also been concluded that the fall herd composition ratio of 26 lambs/100 ewes is the absolute minimum fall survival rate required to maintain a stable population.
6. The "trophy ram regulation" is an important regulatory tool of bighorn sheep management in Nevada. It states a legal ram is, "a male trophy ram, mature desert bighorn sheep at least 7 years old or with a Boone and Crockett score of 144 points using the horn with the most points doubled". The regulation has definitely discouraged hunters from harvesting the very young 2, 3 and 4 year old age classes. The 5 and 6 year old animals are still prevalent in the harvest. While it would be even more desirable if all of the harvest were limited to rams 7 years old or older we are short of achieving this goal and may never achieve it.

Whenever a preponderance of young rams appear in the harvest, over a period of years, it could eventually jeopardize the continuance of a harvest program in the future. For this reason we closely monitor the age class of rams harvested.

7. Harvest quota decisions are made almost a year in advance. Since harvest decisions are made on population information keyed specifically to rams 7+ years old it is not necessary to know the current years production information to recommend a harvest program. We presently make recommendations to the Commission in mid-March and the season is set by April 1.

Sincerely,

GLEN K. GRIFFITH, DIRECTOR


George Tsukamoto
Staff Specialist