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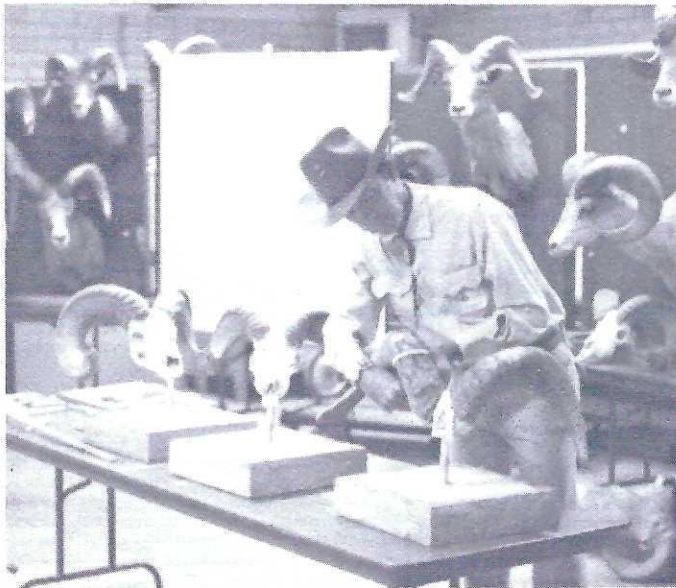
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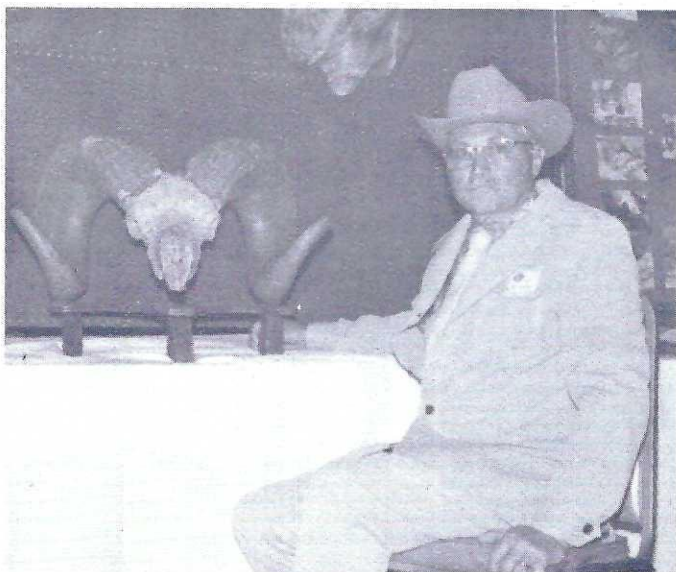
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Sheep Hunters Seminar Oct. 4 *Free Barbecue Dinner Evening of Oct. 3*



John Houzenga lectures on scoring sheep heads.



Worlds record Desert Bighorn, 205 B&C pt's. Carl Scrivens, owner. "A record that may never be broken."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 1980 DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP PERMIT HOLDERS!!!

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Society Inc. extends a personal invitation to the 1980 sheephunters, to attend our 14th annual hunters clinic and business meeting. Needless to say, everyone is invited to attend. The Maricopa County Sheriffs Posse Headquarters located on 7th Street south of Thunderbird Road, will be the site.

The Friday night barbecue dinner and refreshments are compliments of the Sheep Society. Nobody leaves hungry and the food is fantastic. Just bring your own eating utensils and *be ready to start at 6:30 PM.*

An auction will be held after dinner featuring a variety of sporting goods including something for the gals too! Members are reminded to bring any auction items that they have.

The Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, October 4, begins at 8 AM with the election of officers scheduled for 9:30 AM. The highlight of the business meeting will be presentations made by personnel from the Arizona Game & Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Grand Canyon National Parks. The topics will include status reports on the state sheep herd, habitat conditions and transplant programs.

Lunch will be provided from noon until 1 PM at a nominal charge.

The Hunters Seminar begins at 1 PM. The day's activities include presentations and educational films concerning all the aspects of hunting desert bighorns. You'll meet professional game management personnel, past sheep hunters, and sheep guides who are willing and able to share their sheep hunting expertise with anyone who wants to listen.

The Sheep Society's objective in hosting this hunters seminar is to help each permit holder to harvest the highest quality desert bighorn possible.

DON'T MISS THIS BIG EVENT!

Annual Awards Dinner Is Well Attended

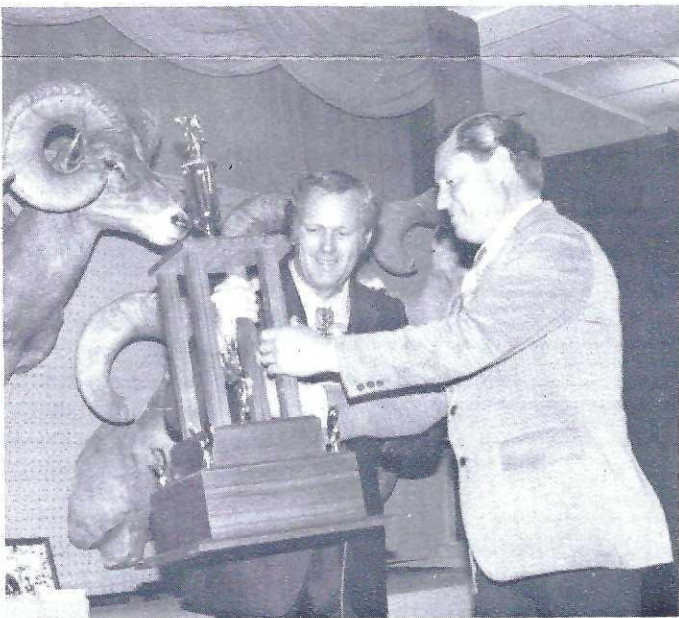
The Society's awards banquet of April 12 was another booming success with close to 200 people in attendance.

Foe Foss, our guest speaker, made an excellent and entertaining presentation.

The highpoint of the evening was the presentation of awards to those hunters of 1979, who harvested exceptional trophy class rams. Gerry Nikolaus of Show Low, Arizona, took top honors for his Kofa ram which measured 186 B & C points.



Joe Foss addresses the Society's Awards Banquet on his Bighorn Sheep hunts and concern on gun control. From left are Mr. & Mrs. Tim Blank, Joe, and Bill Hook.



Tim Blank, ADBSS President, presents Gerry Nikolaus with the outstanding trophy award.

Grateful Appreciation To Merchandise Donors

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society raised over \$1,000 through drawings, raffles and the sale of items donated by the businesses and individuals listed below. We applaud their generosity and their support. The funds will be used for bighorn sheep conservation projects.

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Judy Bartlett.

Crossroads Gallery Incorporated, Metrocenter, Phoenix, Arizona.

Ed Harris, 7739 E. Buena Terra Way, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mark Rossi.

Society Receives Conservation Awards

The Sheep Society received the State Conservation Organization of the Year award, presented by Governor Bruce Babbitt on behalf of the Arizona Wildlife Foundation, which is the fundraising group for the Arizona Wildlife Federation.

The Society was also honored by the "Wildlife Society", a very prestigious organization of professional wildlife biologists headquartered in Washington, D.C. We were doubly honored in that Robert Jantzen, Director of the Arizona Game & Fish Department, received the "Group Achievement Award" on our behalf at the Wildlife Society's annual banquet held in Miami Beach, Florida.

On behalf of the A.D.B.S.S., Inc., membership, we do

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Arizona's First Desert Sheep Hunt — 1953

In the beginning . . .

Arizona's first sheep hunt was in January 1953 and 20 hunters took 10 rams. The 2nd hunt was also in that same year in December and again 20 hunters took 10 rams. In December 1979, Arizona concluded its 28th hunt and 790 rams have been taken by smoke pole and thunderstick and one by the William Tell method.

The late John Nutt of Eloy was the first to legally take a desert sheep in this state when he downed a fine ram at 8 a.m. first day in the Chocolate Mts. Harvey Davison, Alpine collected a 37x14 = 172 later that same day. Other well known hunters who scored on that first hunt were: Bill Beers (currently on Game & Fish Commission), the late Bill Boettl, Phoenix and Georgia and Duard Sanford, then from Klondyke.

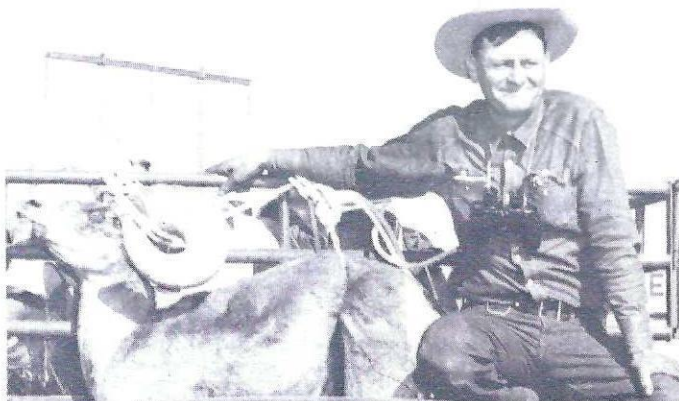
In 1955, the late Bernard Briggs, Nebraska, was drawn and contracted me to guide him. The game department issued me the guide license for the first professionally guided sheep hunt in Arizona. He collected a fine ram on the 7th day to complete his grand slam.

Back in the 50's, sheep lookin' and sheep guiding was tough, lonely work. Everything we learned, we learned on shank's mare absorbing all the information we could uncover. This could come only from personal experience on the mountain . . . not from books, articles or printed material which are available today. In those days, there weren't any.

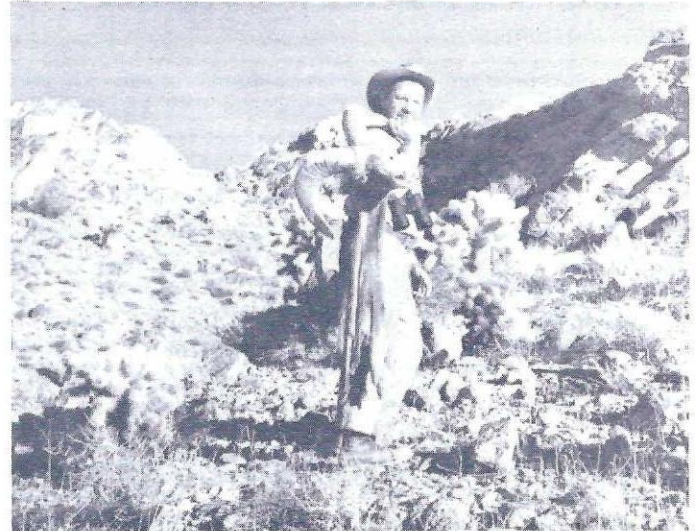
Before the use of the helicopter for counting and classifying sheep, several of us volunteered to sit over water holes in June and July to help the game department and the KOFA people. Believe me, that is quite an experience and 2-3 days was about all a guy could take. Ground temperature where I was sitting one day was 165 degrees. The "lowest" reading on the thermometer was 90 degrees and this was at 4 a.m. and several times when it was too hot to sleep we would soak a sheet with water, then pull the sheet over us and a little breeze would cool it enough for us to get 3-4 hours of much needed sleep.

We camouflaged ourselves under palo verde or mesquite trees, sat on a folding canvas chair, wore a long sleeved shirt, wide brimmed hat, binoculars and a gallon jug of water wrapped in wet towels under the chair. We sat there (sometimes standing to stretch) 12-14 hours a day for 2-3 days. Tough, but we counted and classified sheep. And we learned.

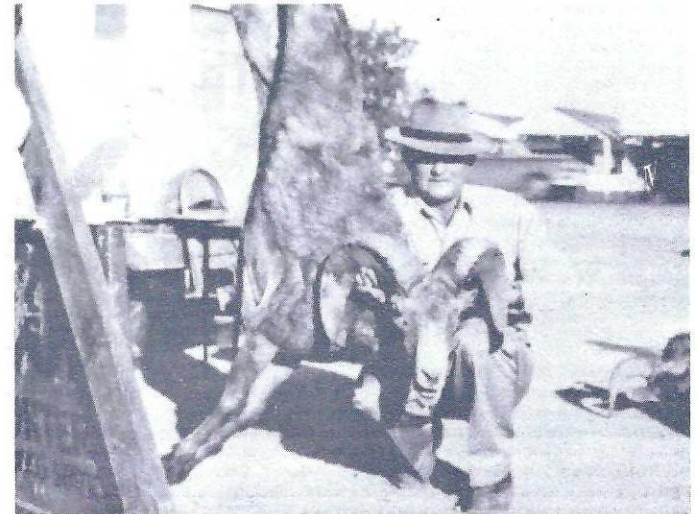
—Bob Housholder



Duard Sanford, formerly of Klondyke and his 1953 record book ram from the Plamosa Mts. It was on his ranch where the now famous Aravaipa ram was raised and . . . released.



Bob Housholder is shown packing out horns and cape of Bernard Briggs' ram in 1955. This was first ram taken by a non-resident on a professionally guided sheep hunt since sheep hunting began in Arizona in January, 1953.



The late Johnny Nutt, Eloy, shows his fine ram taken January 12, 1953 in the Chocolate Mts. in old Unit 43. This was first legally taken desert ram in Arizona.



Bill Beers, currently on Arizona Game and Fish Commission, shows his 1953 ran at checking station in Quartzsite . . . the late Gabby Blazer in charge.

Society Receives Conservation Awards

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hereby acknowledge the great support given to our organization by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Without the Department's encouragement and support, our direct contributions to sheep conservation through water development projects would be very very limited.

"Mr. Bob Jantzen, we greatly appreciate your leadership, the support of the Game & Fish Commission and especially the work of Dan Schadle and Don Belnap. Our success is your success . . . we want to share it with your people.

We can all be proud of our hard work and hopeful that our conservation efforts promote a healthy, growing population of desert bighorn sheep for the benefit of all."



Governor Bruce Babbitt presents the "Conservation Organization of the Year Award" to Tim Blank, president. Bob Davies of KOOL-TV News who sponsored the award looks on.

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.

Annual Minimum Donation Is \$12.00

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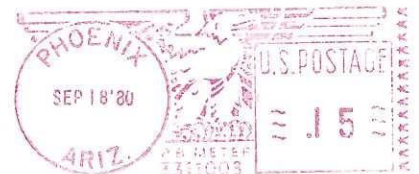
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