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## Hunters' Clinic Was A Big Success!

All but 10 drawn hunters attended our big "to-do" at the Sheriff's Posse hideout in the hills October 4th. And more than 200 guests and members said it was a big success.

Arizona Game and Fish representation was excellent with guest speakers from AG&F, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, as well.

One Educational Program discussed the status of the sheep herd, habitat conditions, transplant programs, disease, parasites and predation.

Beautiful slide and film presentations were shown, and the final portion of the program was an informative question and answer session with a panel of sheep experts who knew what they were talking about.

Gerry Nikolaus was presented the NRA Silver Bullet Award by Mary Peterson, Arizona NRA representative.

Our auction was a big success, thanks to the many donated items of our members and friends.

The Society is still benefiting from the good p.r. generated at the Clinic, and we made many new friends.

We again thank the MCS Posse for the use of their facilities. The barbecue and the whole shootin' match was terrific!



Bob Furlow, Kofa Wildlife Refuge.

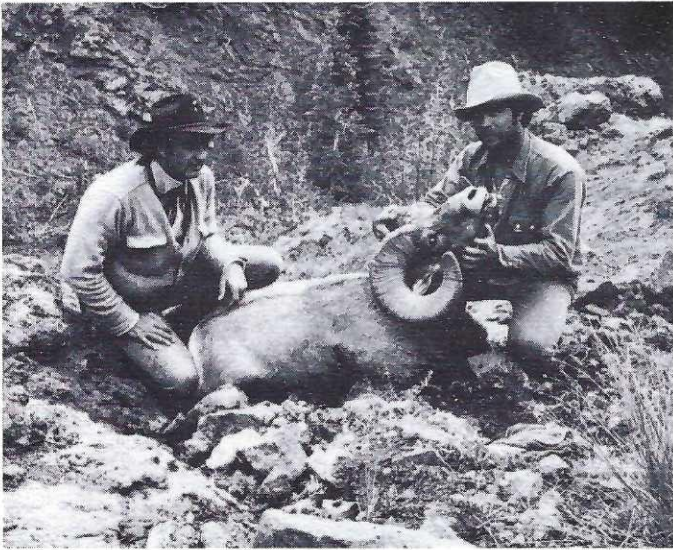


Eddie Cocking, Arizona Game and Fish.

## Note To 1980 Sheep Permit Holders

As in the past, we are asking successful hunters to send in a picture or two of their ram. It's also of interest to know what unit you took your ram in and the approximate area. Any notes you have made of your hunt such as number of sheep seen (rams and ewes) would be of interest. We need the pictures for future RAM'S HORN issues.





Tom Saad, left, and Dan Priest.



Tom Boggess and Wyoming guides.

## Tom Boggess Draws Rocky Mountain Permit

In the spring when everyone was thinking of planting a garden, I went to the mail box and got a letter from Wyoming Game and Fish. You guessed it, a BIGHORN SHEEP PERMIT! Too bad, Lindley, we will have to take that family vacation some other time.

Dean Priest and I went to Wyoming in mid-August to scout for sheep and bow hunt outside the wilderness area. It is Wyoming law that you must hire a guide to hunt sheep in the wilderness areas. You guessed it again, all the sheep live in the wilderness. We left the bow at the edge of the wilderness and then saw 100 ewes and lambs and 20 rams in four days of scouting.

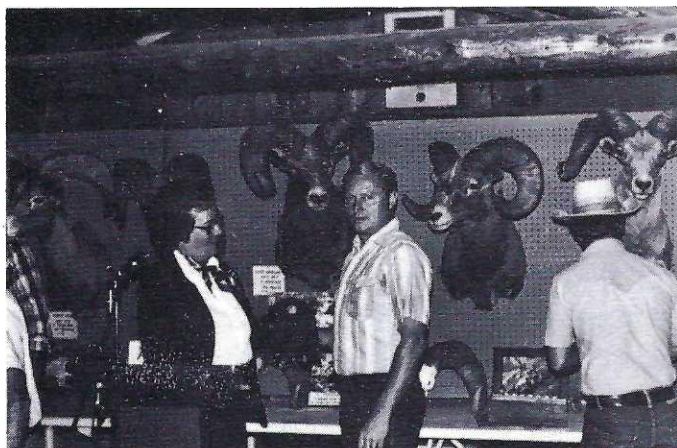
I proceeded to hire a guide and, after picking up Tom Saad at the airport, went back to the K-Z Ranch. Dan Estes was the outfitter who led us into the North Absaroka Wilderness 15-30 miles (depending on whether you ask me or the guide) to our base camp.

August 29th we had 6" fresh snow which put a stop to looking for that rump patch. It was think black, brown,

grey or whatever for awhile. Tom Saad located four rams frolicking in a snow field with a ewe and lamb. This is quite unusual in Wyoming as the ewes and rams aren't generally together that time of year. We passed them up the first day and went back to that area after a few days of unsuccessful hunting. We located the rams moving to heavy timber and expected to find them in the woods. There were many sheep beds on the benches in dense timber. We were fortunate and spotted them at the edge of the timber and slipped through the trees for an easy shot.

On our way back to the K-Z we rode four miles down a trail with a Grizzly track in the middle. It would have been interesting to have met him with the 15 horse pack train with a white mule strapped to my Bighorn Sheep head. That mule is lucky to be alive; he really looked a lot like those desert buffalo.

I am looking forward to reading someone's Desert Sheep story in the next RAM'S HORN.



Mary Peterson, Arizona NRA representative, presents NRA Silver Bullet Award to Gerry Nikolaus at ADBHSS Hunters' Clinic.

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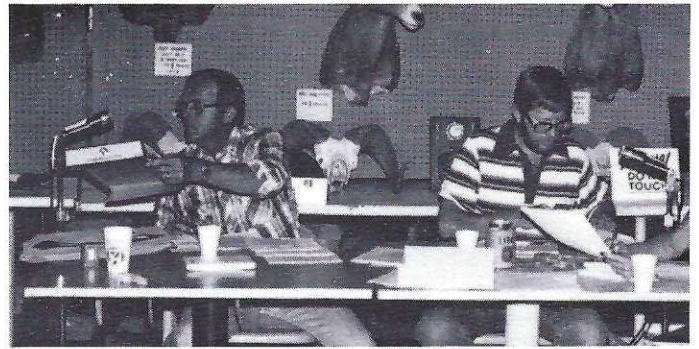
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## Upcoming . . .

In the next issue of the RAM'S HORN I will have a schedule of the months you can expect to receive your RAM'S HORN and also some articles of interest to look forward to in some of the future issues. Any suggestions would be welcome.

Dan Priest, *Editor*



Tom Blank and Don Johnson reviewing clinic agenda.

## Foundation Convention To Be Held In Phoenix

The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep will hold its Fourth Annual Convention in Phoenix on February 25, 26 and 27, 1981 at the Hyatt Regency, 122 North 2nd Street. Registration begins 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25th and exhibits open at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. there is a Mexican theme reception and cocktail party in the hotel atrium. After that the hospitality room doors swing open and the fun begins!

Breakfast is served buffet style from 8:00-9:00 A.M. each morning and the convention program begins at 9:00 A.M. Registration is \$125.00 single and \$225.00 per couple if you pay in advance. At the door, registration is \$140.00 single and \$240.00 per couple. Should you have to cancel a pre-paid registration, we'll refund all but \$10 per person until Friday, February 20th.

Registration price entitles you to attend all convention programs, movies, exhibits, displays, the hospitality room, auctions and free cocktails at the auction Friday and Saturday afternoons. Your registration also includes coffee breaks throughout the convention, seven meals served in the main ballroom (Breakfast and lunch Thursday, breakfast and lunch Friday, breakfast, lunch and the awards banquet Saturday evening).

**RAWHIDE STEAK COOKOUT** — This is our one outside function during the convention not included in your convention registration. On Thursday, February 26, we'll leave the Hyatt via bus at 5:00 P.M. sharp . . . with some cold drinks if you like . . . and head out for Rawhide — an authentic 1880 western town with gun fights, wagon train, old west museum, saloons and western shops. A "shootout" is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. and we'll board the wagons at 6:30 P.M. for a private cookout in the desert.

There'll be western entertainment, a huge bonfire, plenty of cocktails for those wanting to indulge, and at 7:30 you'll be treated to the best 22-ounce Western T-bone steak with all the trimmings that you can find in the West. We have some surprises in store, too, and Rawhide promises to be a highlight of the convention. Price is \$25.00 per person for the Rawhide Cookout.

With more than 1,000 persons likely to attend all or part of the upcoming convention, you'll have a chance to renew acquaintances with old friends and make many new ones. Plus you'll be able to find out anything and everything that's happening with wild sheep. You may even go home with the hunt of a lifetime for the fall of 1981 . . . or an outstanding rifle, sheep painting or bronze. There's something for everyone.

### 1981 WATERHOLE PROJECTS

The following calendar has been selected for the 1981 Waterhole Projects:

#### JANUARY 10 & 11:

The first project of the year will be at Dead Deer Tank in the northwest Eagletail Mountains to clean and seal the tank, and construct a wire basket silt diversion dam.

#### FEBRUARY 21 & 22:

Bettylou pothole in the Plumosa Mountains is a new development. This project will require helicopter assistance and will be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

#### MARCH 21 & 22:

The annual St. Patrick's Day project will be in the North Trigo Mountains. We will build a shade for Ten Sheep Tank and a small masonry dam to increase storage capacity at Recluse Tank and at a new development to be called Crotch Tank.

#### APRIL 25 & 26:

The project for April has not been defined pending further investigation of the site.

#### MAY 16 & 17:

The last project for 1981 will be in the Kingman area. The exact location will be announced later.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND RESERVE THESE DATES. A special notice will be mailed prior to each project giving details.

## News Shorts

**DUES NEWS!** 1981 Membership Dues are due. Look for your dues billing in the mail and send in your check pronto!

**MEAL TICKET.** Anyone who participates in a work project will get a free dinner at the annual steak fry in October. It's an incentive to get involved and the Society's way to say "thanks."

**VOLUNTEER.** Anyone who wants to work at the annual banquet April 18th should call Harry Hussey, 942-8104 (after 6:00 P.M.), or the ADBHSS office, 274-9069. Your help is needed!

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.** The Society is considering publishing a membership directory. If any of you would be interested in buying an ad, please contact the ADBHSS office — 274-9069.



# Letter from President

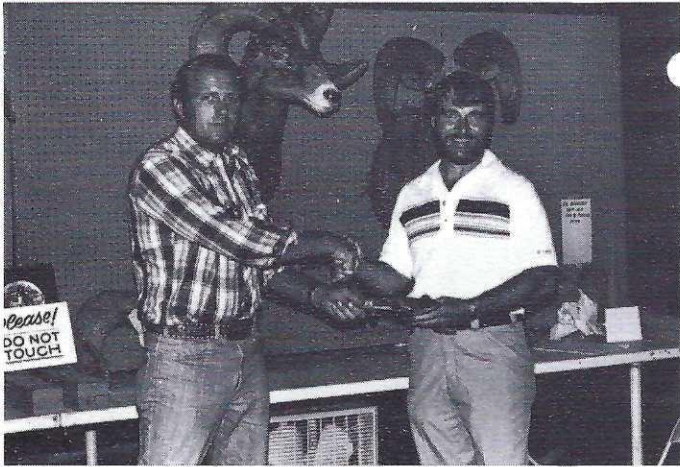
In 1981 I am looking forward to a great year for the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and Desert Bighorn Sheep. It is evident that the Arizona Game and Fish Department have made quite a commitment to Bighorn Sheep. They are involved in new transplant populations and a major sheep study. The ball has started rolling and with our help and support it won't stop.

There are many battles to fight and problems to solve. Burro problems, sheep habitat without sheep, deterioration of existing sheep habitat, and disease problems are some of the major ones. We have good financial backing and hope to increase our contributions to help solve these problems.

We are planning to be active participants of the Foundation of North American Wild Sheep Convention, February 25-28, 1981 here in Phoenix. We are going to need all the help we can get to make our participation successful.

I challenge you all to come to our open Board Meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Phoenix Zoo Education Building and get involved with Sheep Society work.

Good Sheep Hunting,  
Tom S. Boggess



The gavel passes from Tim Blank to Tom Boggess.

## 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.

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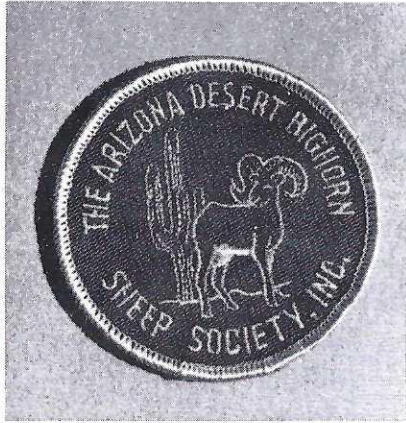
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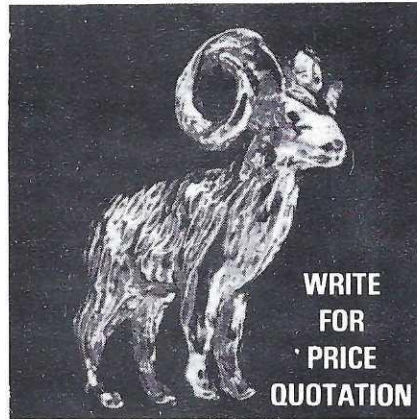


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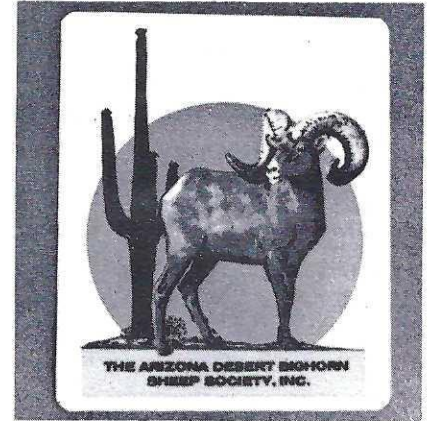


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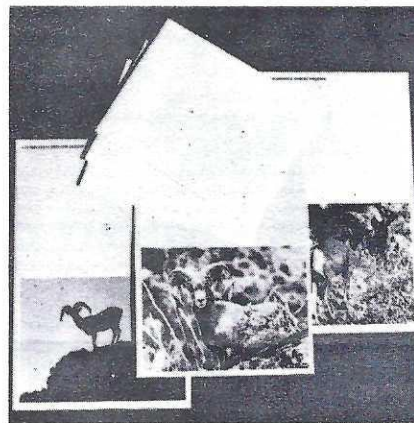
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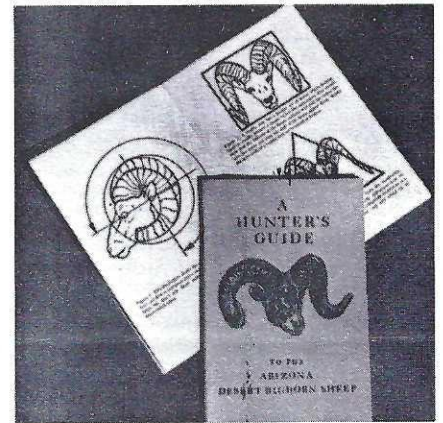
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