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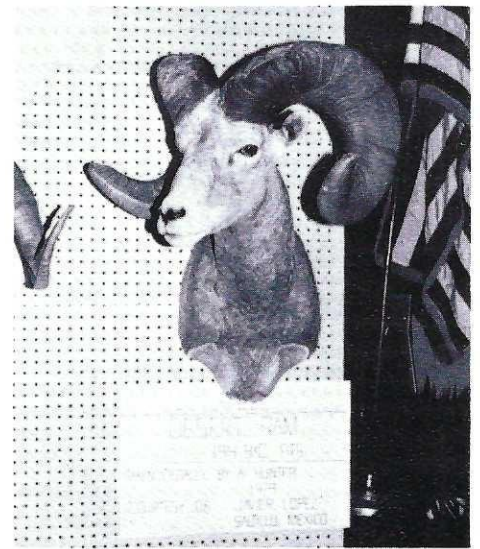
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep Convention A Big Success in Phoenix

The fourth annual convention of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep was a booming success. The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Phoenix was the gathering place of over 1,000 sheep hunting enthusiasts during late February. The conventioners came from throughout North America.

A display of desert bighorn sheep trophies was featured, which represented the most outstanding collection of trophy class rams ever assembled in one room.

The two-day auction generated gross revenues of \$430,000 for conservation work relative to wild sheep. Two custom firearms brought over \$25,000 each, and a Wyoming bighorn sheep permit went for \$26,000.

Tom Saad, past president of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., was elected to serve a three-year term on the Foundation's fifteen-member board.



Also on display was largest Ram ever taken by a hunter, 194 points. *Courtesy Cecil LaVance.*



A display board showing some of the largest Desert Sheep ever taken. *Courtesy Cecil LaVance.*

The Sheep Society made a one-hour luncheon presentation to the general assembly concerning its conservation work here in Arizona for desert sheep. The Foundation recognizes the Society and its work as being a vital component in the overall conservation of wild sheep. The Arizona Society has received national recognition and acclaim as being a model conservation group of hard working sportsmen making tangible and positive contributions to habitat improvement for the betterment of desert sheep. A strong alliance with the F.N.A.W.S. can only strengthen mutual efforts and concern for the conservation of all North American Wild Sheep.

Other highlights of the convention included special recognition awards to Arizona's Bob Housholder and the Phoenix Zoo.

Housholder was introduced to the convention during the Thursday luncheon and was recognized for his 25 years of service to the Gland Slam Club and the North American Sheep Hunters Association. By the way, Bob has been a member of the ADBSS since the very beginning! The Phoenix Zoo was applauded at the banquet for providing an outstanding home for Desert Bighorns in a natural exhibit.

New Orleans will be the host city for the fifth annual convention scheduled for February of 1982. Although Phoenix will be a hard act to follow — New Orleans offers an exciting stage for the annual convention billed as the "greatest gathering of sheep hunters in North America."

#54 BETTY LOU

Potentially One of the Best Future Sheep Waterholes in the State

The February project, named Betty Lou, became the 54th water hole development the Society has completed in cooperation with State and Federal game and fish management agencies. We were privileged to receive financial and physical support from the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep which held their annual convention in Phoenix the week following the project. In addition to the 31 Foundation members who were present for the project, the Foundation also paid for all the helicopter time to move all supplies and masonry materials involved to the project. For those who missed this project, it would be an understatement to say that the Foundation members were impressed by the size of Betty Lou and envious of the opportunity we Society members have when we choose to become involved with the projects.

Although the official date of the project was the 21st and 22nd, it actually began two weekends before for the nine men who cleaned out the natural pothole. Working Saturday and part of Sunday, they removed tons of rock and gravel to find a hole twelve feet deep and twenty feet wide, and, when filled, will hold an estimated 20,000 gallons of water. Without doubt, Betty Lou will provide a year round supply of water.

To reach Betty Lou, we had a laborious 45 minute walk into the Plamosa Mountains but the view from the top was well worth the effort. Although the project could have been called a major effect, with 147 people present, the effort was similar to a stroll around the block. We finished the four foot high dam and had most of the forty-five foot long L-shaped riprap filled by the normal quitting time on Saturday. We had a late start on Sunday (due in part to many of the stories which were told Saturday night), but we still managed to complete the project by noon. I extend my regrets to those who chose to miss this project, for it was quite impressive.



Completion of the Betty Lou Rip Rap Dam.

There are several people who deserve a special thank you from the Society:

Danny Nasca, who donated many hours of helicopter time in addition to the chopper time supplied by the Foundation;

Bob Thomas, the Outdoor Editor for the Arizona Republic, who not only handled hundreds of rocks but also wrote the wonderful article in the Republic.

All the Game and Fish Department and BLM members who made their presence known by their work and good humor;

The "cooks" — Tim Blank, Alex Holgin and John Houzenga for providing another great dinner;

Ed Shannahan for his guidance and humor around the campfire;

And the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep for all their support. And, of course, all the friends and guests of the Society members.

See you at the next project —

Joe Bill Pickrell



Construction of the Betty Lou Rip Rap Dam.

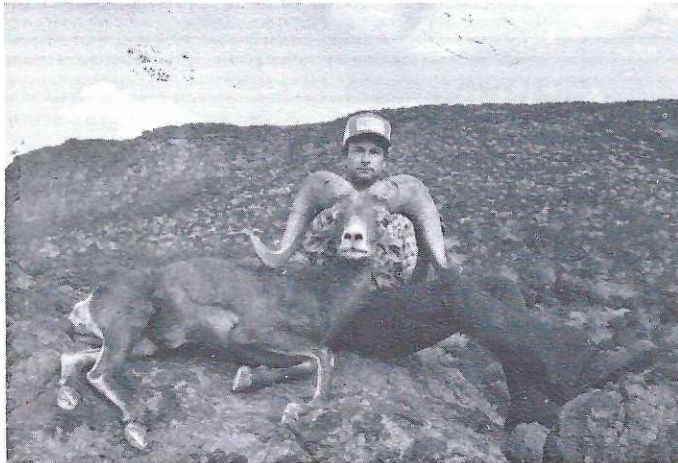
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TROPHY ROOM 1980



Tom Martin, Unit 15C, assisted by Dan and Dean Priest. Also on the hunt was K. D. Hundtly of Ada, Okla., and Cliff Saylor.



Mike and George Mendenhall of Yuma, with Mike's ram taken in Unit 45A, assisted by Gary Mendenhall.



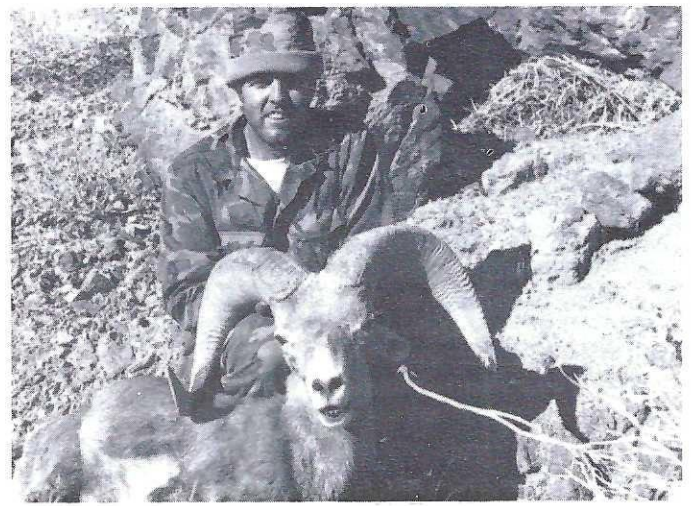
Don Shea, Unit 40A. With Don is Jim Coxon, Jack Steel, Jim MacNab.



Jane Marsalla with her KOFA ram, assisted by her father, Jim Engleman.



Dick Krause's Plamosa ram. What was it, Dick, 14 years of applying?



Gary Edwards with another Northern ram. Unit 15C.

SAVE OUR PUBLIC LAND

Members of ADBSS:

The ADBSS Board of Directors is including this letter from the Arizona Wildlife Federation in the *Ram's Horn* because the board feels that this letter could affect sheep. The Board of Directors has voted to support the Arizona Wildlife Federation in principle, although any financial commitment will be left up to each individual member of the ADBSS. Each member should think through this legislation carefully.

Dr. Tom Boggess III
President, Arizona Desert
Bighorn Sheep Society

Tom S. Boggess, President
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
1301 W. Hatcher Road
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Dear Tom:

It started when delegates at the May 1980 Arizona Wildlife Federation convention adopted a resolution opposing the so-called Sagebrush Rebellion, which we have re-named the Sagebrush Ripoff.

Dave Zinn was named Chairman of the AWF Sagebrush Ripoff Committee to keep the membership advised of the progress of the bill passed by our state legislature. This bill was vetoed by Governor Bruce Babbitt, but our legislators over-rode his veto. Since then there has been well-oriented support to turn federal lands over to state land departments in all the western states.

Led by the Arizona Wildlife Federation, a group of concerned citizens from various conservative groups are getting organized to oppose the Sagebrush Ripoff. We want to protect our public lands from the looting of private ownership and the inefficient management of state lands by our State Land Department.

Our organization is called the Save Our Public Lands Committee. We have two major goals:

(1) To circulate petitions calling for an election to repeal the Sagebrush Rebellion legislation passed in the 1980 session of the state legislature (Chapter 5 of Section 2, Title 37, Arizona Revised Statutes). It will take almost 54,000 valid signatures to get the initiative on the ballot.

These combined activities will probably entail dollar expenditures of more than \$10,000 and many man-hours circulating petitions, distributing 200,000 handouts.

We are asking for your help, as individuals, and as a club, to help repeal the bill in Arizona and defeat any legislation that may be introduced in the new Congress which will STEAL public lands from all of us. Your help is needed financially, as well as volunteering your time to get petitions signed.

No gift will be considered too small, and certainly none will be rejected because it is too large. If we could get \$1.00 from each AWF member, plus \$1.00 from each member of all the other organizations involved, we will have enough to do what needs to be done to combat those who are in favor of this great land ripoff.

You may send your donations to: Save Our Public Lands, P.O. Box 27573, Phoenix, AZ 85061, or phone the AWF office at 264-2884, to donate your time circulating petitions. Please make checks payable to: Save Our Public Lands.

Right now we have about 20 people on the committee who are donating their time and money to guarantee that Arizona's public lands will continue to belong to us — and committee membership is growing. We can only be successful if we combine our talents, time and money to give the strength and unit needed to fight the big-money, private interests.

Won't you join with us?

Sincerely Yours,
Mary Jane Shoun
President
Arizona Wildlife Federation
and Secretary of
Save Our Public Lands
Committee

New Ram at Zoo — Work Project Scheduled for July 11th

Recent rumors that the Phoenix Zoo had obtained a Ram for their Desert Bighorn Exhibit have been confirmed! Louie Coor informed the board at our May 13th meeting that the Ram was in the exhibit and that he was wasting no time becoming acquainted with the Ewes. What good news for the people in the Phoenix area. Tom Boggess, who has more pictures of sheep than most people do of their children, rushed out to the zoo and took this picture the next day.

The Society has approved plans for a work project at the Phoenix Zoo exhibit this summer. The plan calls for a one-day work session, probably July 11th, to install a water line into the exhibit and construct a concrete pad in the feed area. This is one project where we can "guarantee" that you will see sheep, so mark your calendar today. Details will be confirmed in an upcoming flyer.

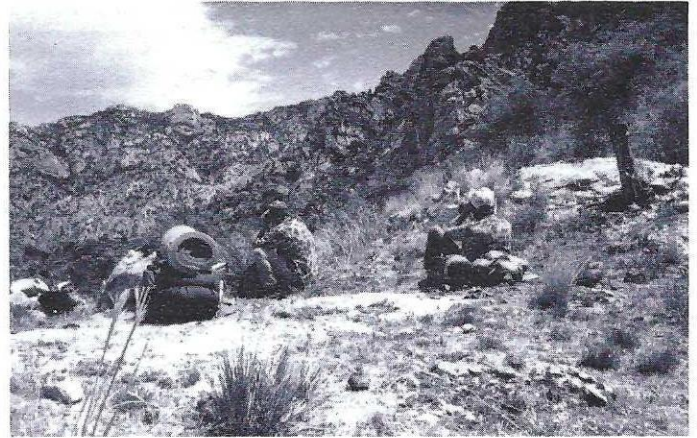


SHEEP SURVEY IN THE OAKS

On Saturday morning, April 11, a group of ADBSS members, sheep enthusiasts and Game and Fish personnel awoke to the call of whitewing doves and Gambles quail. The purpose was to find as many bighorns as possible in one and a half days in the brush-choked Catalina Mountains. For those of you who are unaware of the type of habitat these sheep live in in the Catalinas, let me explain. Much of it is as brushy as what you would hunt whitetails in only much more rugged with huge, sheer bluffs. The sheep use the brush so you can imagine how easy it would be to overlook sheep in this type of country.

Under the direction of Eddie Cocking of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the group split up into smaller groups and hiked into different canyons on the western side of the Catalina Mountains. Some groups stayed overnight, and some groups were able to cover their specific area on a day hike. At the end of the survey 31 sheep had been seen. Four rams, six lambs and the rest were ewes and yearlings. I feel that more sheep would have been seen if bad weather hadn't blown in Saturday night. Our sheep search was hampered by the Saturday night rain which was still a drizzle Sunday morning with a cold wind added. One herd of javalina was also seen and a fair number of whitetailed deer included some nice bucks.

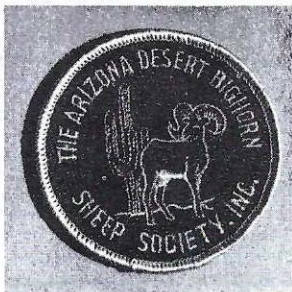
Our turnout was okay but we could have used more



Dick Mosenan and Larry Smith looking for Catalina Bighorn.

people. There were several areas that really needed to be surveyed, but there were just not enough people. We must have more people on future surveys, especially those who have had experience spotting sheep and knowing where to look for them. There is no doubt that there will be a hunt in the Catalinas next year, but it is not known at this time how many permits will be issued.

The Following Items Are Offered For Sale In Consideration Of Minimum Donations As Specified:

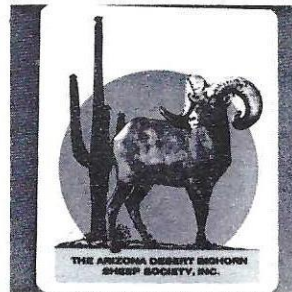


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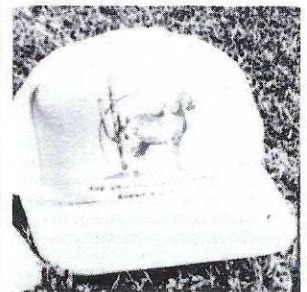


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Tough Hunt With Many Good Memories



A hard-earned ram.

By Larry Ott

After about five years of putting in I finally was drawn for Big Horn Sheep. I'll never forget the excitement. I called everyone I could think of to tell them.

After quitting my job to be able to take the full season; off, the season was just a few days away. We had just sold our house and needed to be out December 1. When keeping my hunting gear separate, I noticed my tag was missing. That's when the panic started. During the shuffle of moving it had somehow been misplaced.

I went to the Game and Fish Department where they really gave me a hard time for losing permit #00001 of the most sought after game animal on the North American continent. Finally they issued me a duplicate tag.

At last it was time to go. After doing some scouting I was very anxious to tag my ram. It didn't turn out to be as easy as I expected.

On the 9th day of looking for the right ram and being somewhat exhausted, my guide had seen a ram the night before. About eight in the morning we spotted him again. After stalking him I was finally within 100 yards. In a sitting position with my safety off and ready, I just could not make up my mind. From the excellent pictures that I had seen from the Society's clinic and them saying

ADBSS EDUCATIONAL MEETING A SUCCESS

The first Educational Meeting of the ADBSS was attended by forty-six people. The steaks were good, the service excellent, and everyone enjoyed Jim deVos' talk on the "Status of Bighorn Sheep Transplants in Arizona and What's in the Future for Transplants." Jim showed a number of slides of transplanted sheep including the Rocky Mountain Bighorn in the White Mountains. He also showed slides of the capturing techniques and the care used to prevent injury to the sheep. Arizona has perfected the capture technique to where they rarely induce trauma in the sheep.

It was indicated by the turnout that members are interested in knowing more about the Bighorn Sheep in Arizona, and it is hoped that additional Educational Meetings will be held where that is the only activity of the evening after the meal.

over and over again to harvest an old ram, I decided not to shoot. We decided to go up on top and do some glassing on the other side. After taking a break and eating our lunch, the guide spotted two rams butting heads about one and a half miles away. Getting out the spotting scope, we could see that he looked like a pretty decent ram. He asked me if I wanted to go and get him. He said if we were able to go that we wouldn't make it back to camp by night. Without any food I told him that I was here to shoot a ram and I was ready to go.

We started off the hill at 1:00 in the afternoon and at dusk we had finally made it down to the bottom. I had no idea that hill was going to be so rough. About half-way down, I knew that there would be no turning back.

We made it to the bottom and decided to camp in the wash. With no firewood around to speak of and not bringing my jacket, it turned out to be a long, cold night. The burros were making the night interesting as they were trying to figure out who we were.

The next morning we started out up the next hill trying all the time to spot the ram we had seen the night before.

When finally arriving to the spot where we had seen the sheep we couldn't see any rams with them. We decided to make ourselves visible to the ewes.

The hill all of a sudden exploded with sheep running everywhere in this rugged terrain. The last sheep had gone out of sight. "What happened to the rams?" I asked. When along the top of the ridge the last one out come this pretty decent ram. Being already in a sitting position I started shooting at about 200 yards. Little did I know that coming off the hill the night before I must have knocked my scope off some when I took a tumble. My guide was telling me I was shooting high and to the left. After four times aiming at his lower front foot I hit him high and to the rear. I needed to load up my 25.06 again. On my fifth shot he finally rolled. After I saw him fall I got so excited I didn't know if I would survive the shakes I had.

It took me 20 minutes to get to him about 200 yards away. There he was, the only ram I ever would be privileged to shoot. Thanks to the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society, I was able to shoot a ram eight years old.

News Items . . .

- Don't forget the special membership meetings, June 10th and July 8th. Both meetings start at 6:45 p.m. at the Stuckey Insurance Building at 531 East Bethany Home Road in Phoenix. Revisions to by-laws will be considered at these meetings.

- We have received word that this year's edition of the Foundation for North American Sheep Conservation Print and Stamp will soon be available. This year's print, of two magnificent Dall Rams is by Bob Kuhn, will cost \$135.00 including packaging and shipping. Those who purchased prints last year will have an opportunity to acquire the same numbered print this year. Details will be sent to these people in a separate mailing.

- There are plans to do two "bonus" work projects in June. No flyer will be sent, but we need some help. Contact the ADBSS office (274-9069) or a board member for full details.

Gila Bass Fishing Club To Host Society At San Carlos Lake

The Gila Bass Fishing Club has invited Sheep Society members to join them for a weekend of bass fishing, fellowship and tall tales about the Aravaipa sheep herd June 12, 13 and 14.

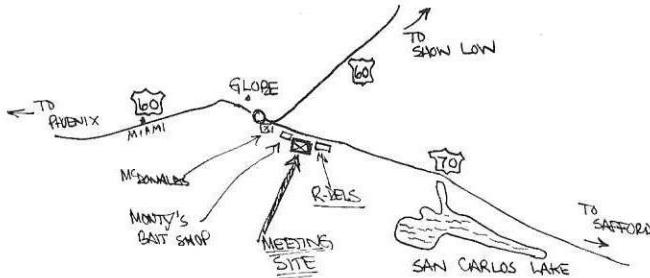
The group will meet Friday night, June 12, at 9:00 p.m. on Highway 70, just east of Globe. The meeting place is the vacant lot on the South side of the highway between Monty's bait shop and R-Del's drive-in. This is just east of the Show Low/Highway 60 turnoff. (See map below for details.)

Plans call for the purchasing of San Carlos fishing permits at the meeting site. (Cost of permit — \$2.50 per day), and a convoy to San Carlos Lake. (Keep your CB's tuned to channel 7.) If the bass cooperate there will be a fish-fry Saturday night, but bring a few groceries just in



1980 Catch

case. If possible, bring boats, refreshments, and camping gear and be prepared for a good time. For further information call Floyd Krank in Globe (1-425-1078) or the Sheep Society office (274-9069). See you there!!



PLEASE — WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

What do the Marines and the Society have in common? We are both looking for a few good men! Our membership now exceeds 850, yet only 35 to 45 members turn out for each project. We are all aware of the 80-20 rule — 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. In our organization it's the 100-4 rule — 100% of the work is done by 4% of the membership. Who suffers from this lack of involvement? It certainly is not the sheep, for every project is completed. The real losers are the members who choose not to become involved with the Society. We only have five projects per year and certainly there is at least one weekend you could spend with people who share a common desire. How many members actually know what the projects entail? You mention water hole projects and

immediately "hard work" comes to mind. "Not me," you say, "I've got enough," but projects are not the only activity the Society is involved in. We are interested in transplants, surveys, water hole inspections, the Sagebrush Rebellion, fund raising, legislation concerning sheep, and the zoo, to name a few.

If transportation or traveling alone is a problem, we can provide you with someone in your area who usually attends. Simply call the office at 274-9069. Perhaps everyone is aware that we only need a few good men and since our membership is large we assume the other person is doing it. Well, don't ASSUME anything. Plan to attend the next board meeting or project. DO IT NOW!!



Work is tailored to folks of all ages. Upper Lazarus Tank, January, 1980.



Masonry dam begins to take shape. Note rebar core. Anvil Tank, February, 1980.

Candidates Sought For 1981-1982 Board

Nominations are actively being sought for ADBSS board elections to be held in early October at the 1981 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 ensure our long standing tradition for success and dedication to purpose — promoting the sound management and welfare of Arizona's Desert Bighorn Sheep population.

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 bighorn sheep and their dedication to ensuring 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 Dr. Tom Boggess at 997-1161 or 943-5023 if you want to talk about your possible involvement as an officer of the ADBSS, Inc.

Sheldon Journal, Going, Going . . .

The Society's limited edition publication, *The Wilderness of Desert Bighorns and Seri Indians* by Charles Sheldon, is close to being sold out. These are the previously unpublished accounts of Mr. Sheldon's explorations and sheep hunting trips in Arizona and Mexico during 1912, 1913, 1915, and 1921-1922.

The Society was given an opportunity to publish this manuscript through the courtesy of Mr. Sheldon's son, William G. Sheldon. All proceeds are being used to benefit sheep in Arizona. Only 17 of 100 collector's copies and approximately 150 of 900 regular copies remain. The collector's copy is \$125.00 and the regular book sells for \$37.50. Order your copy now.

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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