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*Left to Right: Drew W. Getgen, Ed Shannahan, Dan Nasca, Dean Bowdoin, Karl Koons, George W. Welsh, Robert E. Orth, Bob Stonoff, George Hill*

**Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society Charter Members in Attendance  
at the 15th Annual Awards Banquet**

# LAZARUS UPDATE

Last fall, society members along with a handful of Game and Fish and BLM people met in the Plomosa Mountains to clean out and seal Lower Lazarus tank. Lazarus is an early Society project site consisting of an upper and lower pothole, a shade, and two riprap baskets. The removal of sand and rock from the lower pothole increased its capacity by several hundred gallons and the subsequent sealing insured its ability to carry water through the hottest part of the summer. There has only been one problem. Since then, it has not rained and Lazarus is an important lambing area. So little runoff had collected that it was feared the tank would be completely dry before the summer rains could replenish it. Betty Lou pothole barely ten miles north has been full practically since the day it was built.

Rick Remington of the Yuma office of the Game and Fish began formulating plans to somehow get water into Lower Lazarus tank. The logistics of getting water into a desert tank almost 2000 feet from where a vehicle could be parked

seemed insurmountable. A decision was made to enlist the BLM and their fire fighting equipment. The plan was to use the Game and Fish tanker truck and the BLM fire hose and pumper over the Memorial Day weekend. Mark Fredricks of the Phoenix BLM office coordinated the effort. Sections of 1½ inch hose were connected in 100 foot lengths and carefully laid from the pumper to the tank 1800 feet up the canyon. Society members were posted along the route to watch for leaks and any problems that might arise. Fingers were crossed and the Mark III pump was started. Within a few minutes a steady stream of water was pouring into the tank. In less than an hour the 1700 gallon tanker was empty. The truck made two more trips to Quartzite and eventually a total of 5000 gallons was added to the tank raising the level enough to carry the sheep in the area through the summer.

Special thanks goes out to the BLM for making their men and equipment available for this emergency project.

## STATUS REPORT

### Unit 15B

In early May 1981 the Arizona Game and Fish biologists classified 568 bighorn sheep in Unit 15B. A possible reduction in sheep numbers, suspected to have taken place in 1981, was not confirmed. Instead the unit was found to have a high sheep density. Few old bighorn rams were seen but many 4-7 year old rams were observed. The availability of numerous young unbroomed and less than ¾ curl broomed rams has resulted in the average age of the harvest drop from 7 to 4.9 years. In an attempt to stabilize the age of harvested rams and remove possible unnecessary restrictions on sheep hunters, an experimental "any ram" hunt will be held in December 1982. The new regulation will allow the taking of older broomed rams which may or may not be ¾ curl. Hopefully, few unbroomed 4 year old rams will be harvested.

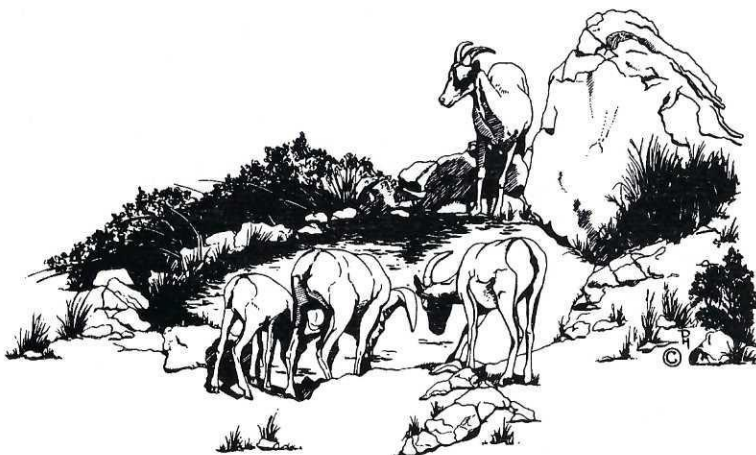
Enough rams, 7 years old and older, inhabit the unit to

allow each hunter to harvest an older animal; but many hunters take the first or second legal animal they see. The result is a gradual lowering of the age of harvested rams.

In an attempt to reduce sheep density in Unit 15B, a total of 34 bighorn were captured and removed in November 1981 and May 1982. The high sheep densities found this spring, gives the Arizona Game and Fish Department another opportunity to make further transplants using sheep from 15B.

Two major problems confronting the Department are lack of a cooperative agreement with the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and lack of available funding for sheep transplants.

A. Fuller  
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# SOCIETY MOURNS LOSS OF JEFF SIEVERS

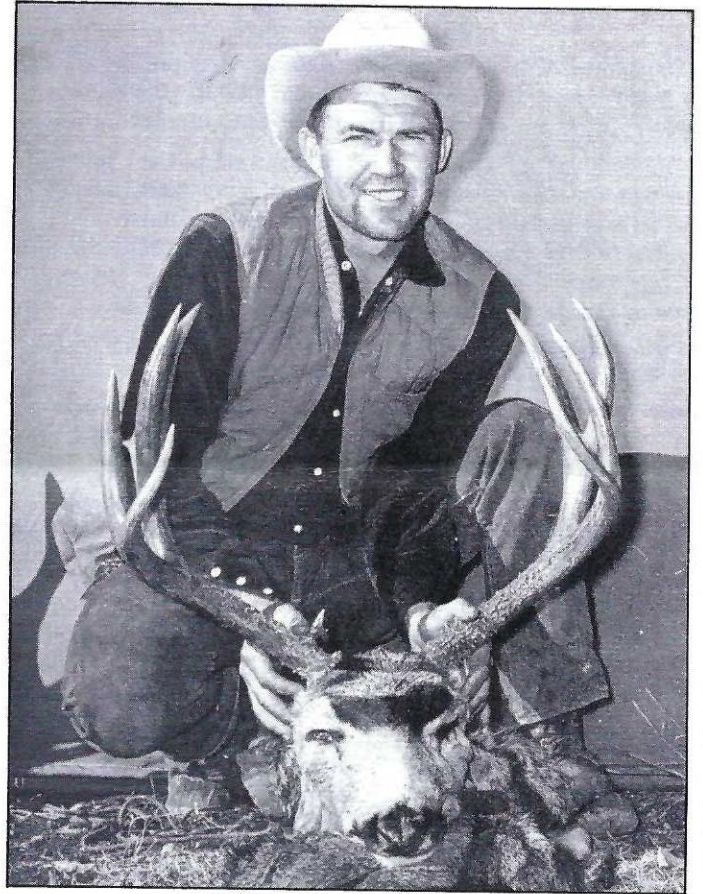
Sportsmen in Arizona and across the country were saddened by the death of Jeff Sievers on May 20. Jeff died in an automobile accident north of Globe, Arizona during an outing with his wife Peggy. Mrs. Sievers has since recovered from her injuries.

Jeff was born in Colorado and served in the Navy during WWII. He went to work for Jonas Brothers in Denver after the war and moved to Arizona in 1947. Jeff and Peggy opened his taxidermy business at the familiar 20th street location in 1948.

Those who knew Jeff remember him as an active outdoorsman who loved to get away and go hunting or fishing. Jeff was a charter member of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and was an active member from the beginning. Many of the Society's early meetings were held in the trophy room at Siever's Taxidermy. Jeff was a frequent participant in the Society's hunter clinics and rarely missed an awards banquet. Many a member or guest has departed one of our clinics or banquets as the excited owner of a mounted quail or pheasant donated by Jeff.

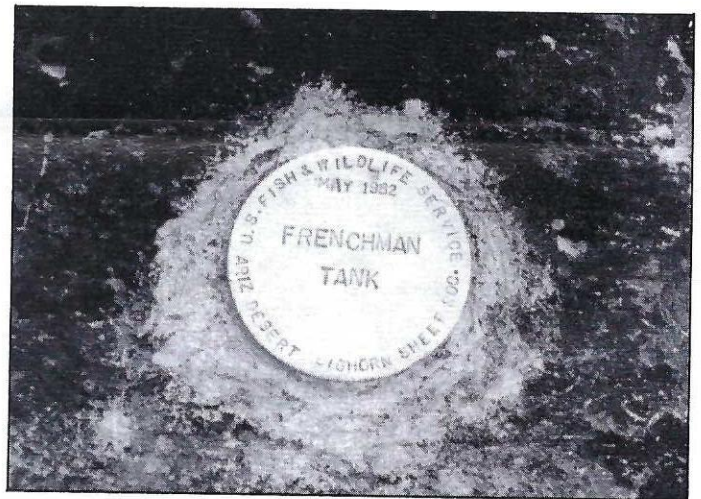
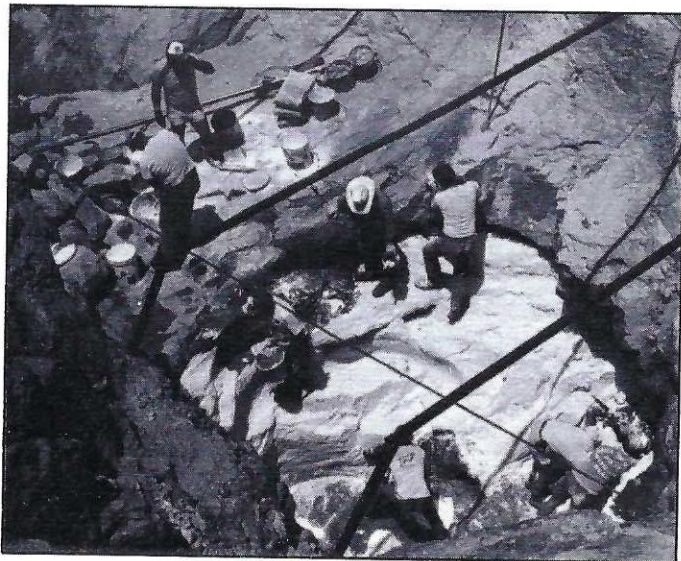
Jeff was also a member of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Safari Club International, Ducks Unlimited, The Sportsmen's Rod and Gun Club, and the Arizona Wildlife Federation.

In February 1982, the Society and the Foundation will construct a major sheep project dedicated to the memory of Jeff. This project will be done in the Little Horn mountains. Jeff's memory will live on in the hearts of us who knew him and in the dens and trophy rooms of thousands of sportsmen.



# FRENCHMAN TANK

Kofa Game Range, AZ. May 16, 1982. On the western slope of the Tank Mountains in the Kofa Game Ranges is a new shiny brass object that was not there last week. This Brass Survey marker marks the location of the latest habitat development of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society. This development, Frenchman Tank, was the May project in consort with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Many of you may not know that on each project that the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society works on is marked; with one of these markers. Each marker gives the date, the name of the development, and the organizations involved with either planning, labor or money. Almost, if not all of these markers were lettered and personally installed by Robbie Robinson of Mesa. Next time you visit a water development in Sheep Country, look for the marker and see how far Robbie had to climb to install that thing.

# AWARDS BANQUET

The annual ADBSS Awards banquet was held on May 8 at the Safari resort in Scottsdale. I would like to thank John Carroll for the fine job he did as master of ceremonies.

The evenings activities included recognition of the Charter Members for their contribution to the society. Dean Bowdin gave an excellent synopsis of how the society got started. The winning trophy this year went to Jerry Clarno from Tucson for his tremendous Aravaipa ram. The beautiful Nelsoni taken by Earl Smith from Region III was also featured.

The raffle for the Redfield Canyon Transplant Fund was held with Jay Burkland of Phoenix winning the 375 Winchester and Paul Rochester from Midland, Texas winning the Weatherby Mark V grand prize. Joe Bill Pickerell deserves a lot of credit for his efforts toward transplant fund raising.

A video film of the Redfield Canyon Transplant was provided by the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. with Dave Daughtry getting some much deserved credit for his work on the tape.

We had lots of sheep heads to look at, and a bunch of door prizes and raffle items to keep things interesting. Two beautiful oils were provided by Metro Art Galleries for the silent auction. With a total of seventeen plaques, trophies, certificates, and awards being presented during the evening, a good time was had by all.

Bryon Wiley  
Program Chairman

## Banquet Contributors

2 Quail mounts  
12 bottles German wine  
2 Photo enlargements  
Family Zoo Membership  
Dinner for Two  
Spotting scope case  
Lantern Box  
\$50.00 discount  
6 pairs boot socks  
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1 Clark Bronson Print  
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## ADBSS Transplant Raffle

- Grand Prize: Mk V Weatherby ... Paul Rochester, Midland, TX
1. Model 94 Winchester ..... Jay Burkland, Phoenix, AZ
  2. Spotting Scope ..... Jim, Bob, Tom Sarale, Stockton, CA
  3. Down Sleeping Bag ..... Roy Haskell, Tucson, AZ
  4. Rifle Scope ..... Jeff Reynolds, Douglas, WY
  5. Dall Print ..... Gordon Rockefeller, Vestal, NY
  6. Dall Print ..... Reinhart Fajen, Warsaw, MO
  7. Sheldon Journal, Collectors ... Dr. Wm Hunter, Phoenix, AZ
  8. Larry Toshik Print ..... Metal Products, Phoenix, AZ
  9. Chuck Bronson Print ..... Roger Voekli, Monroe, WI
  10. Gold Tie Tack ..... Ed Kopplin, Litchfield, MN
  11. Dozen Koozie Cups ..... W.C. Duffy, Jr., Phoenix, AZ
  12. Sheldon Journal, Regular ..... Curt Carter, Bakersfield, CA
  13. AG&F Buck Knife ..... J.C. Thompson, Mission, TX
  14. Evans Plate & Print ..... W.C. Duffy, Jr., Phoenix, AZ
  15. Silver Tie Tack ..... Tom Shaw, Klamath Falls, OR





## Hunters Receiving Awards

### 1st Place Winner:

**Jerry Clarno** (Tucson)  
Arivaipai Canyon (unit 31)  
182 - 2/8 B.C. points

Largest Nelsoni (Northern) ram  
taken in modern times

**Earl Smith** (Sun City)  
Black Mountains (unit 15 C south)  
178 7/8 B.C. points

**William C. Duffy** (Paradise Valley)  
Kofa Mountains (unit 45 A)  
177 - 7/8 B.C. points

**Pat Hurley** (Phoenix)  
Plamosa Mountains (unit 44 B north)  
175 - 3/8 B.C. points

**Larry Landes** (Phoenix)  
Kofa Mountains (unit 45 D)  
172 - 6/8 B.C. points

**Paul Harrison** (Tucson)  
Sauceda Mountains (unit 40 A)  
172 - 6/8 B.C. points

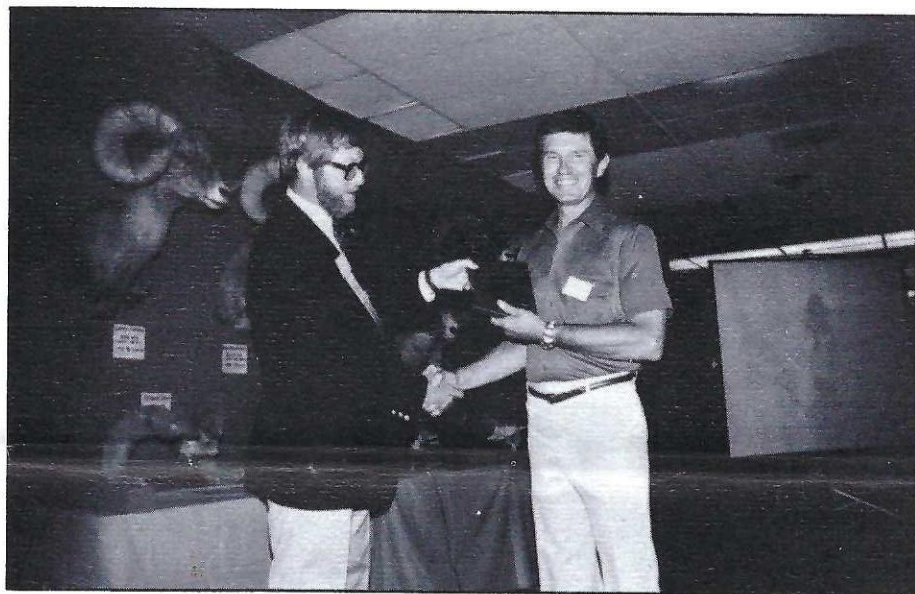
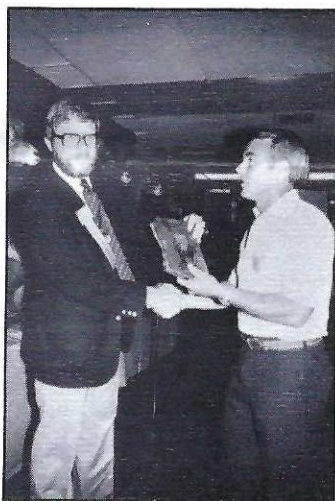
**Richard Bass** (Phoenix)  
Kofa Mountains (unit 45 B)  
171 - 3/8 B.C. points

**Bruce Williams** (Roll AZ)  
Little Horn Mountains (unit 41)  
167 B.C. points

**Russel Hemanes** (Kingman)  
Black Mountains (unit 15 D)  
166 - 5/8 B.C. points

**Bill Beatty** (Tucson)  
Castle Dome Mountains (unit 45 C)  
164 - 6/8 B.C. points

**John Blushkofski** (Phoenix)  
Black Mountains (Unit 15 C north)  
164 B.C. points



# STEAK FRY AND HUNTER CLINIC

OCT. 8 and 9

In the early fall, when hunter's minds become preoccupied with scouting for the annual deer hunt or extra hours are spent glued to the loading press in readiness for the quail season, the sheep society holds its annual clinic. The Society has its clinic primarily to orient the hunters lucky enough to draw a sheep permit. However, anyone interested in sheep and sheep hunting is encouraged to attend the free clinic.

This year the clinic will be held at the Camelhead Granada Royale, 1515 N. 44th St. in Phoenix on October 9th beginning at 9 AM. The program will include slide presentations by Arizona Game and Fish personnel from all regions having sheep hunts. There will also be talks on hunter conditioning,

use of binoculars and spotting scopes, sheep hunting techniques, and most importantly how to choose that once in a lifetime ram.

The evening previous to the clinic has always traditionally been reserved for the annual steak fry. This year is no exception and we have reserved the "Apache" ramada in Squaw Peak park just north of Lincoln Dr. and 22nd St. in Phoenix. Everything starts at 6:00 PM on the 8th of October and lasts until the free beer and soda is gone. We will again have the auction so bring your unwanted sporting and not-so sporting goods for donations. The cost will be \$10 per person or \$15 per family. This is also the time we honor the waterhole project tickets.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

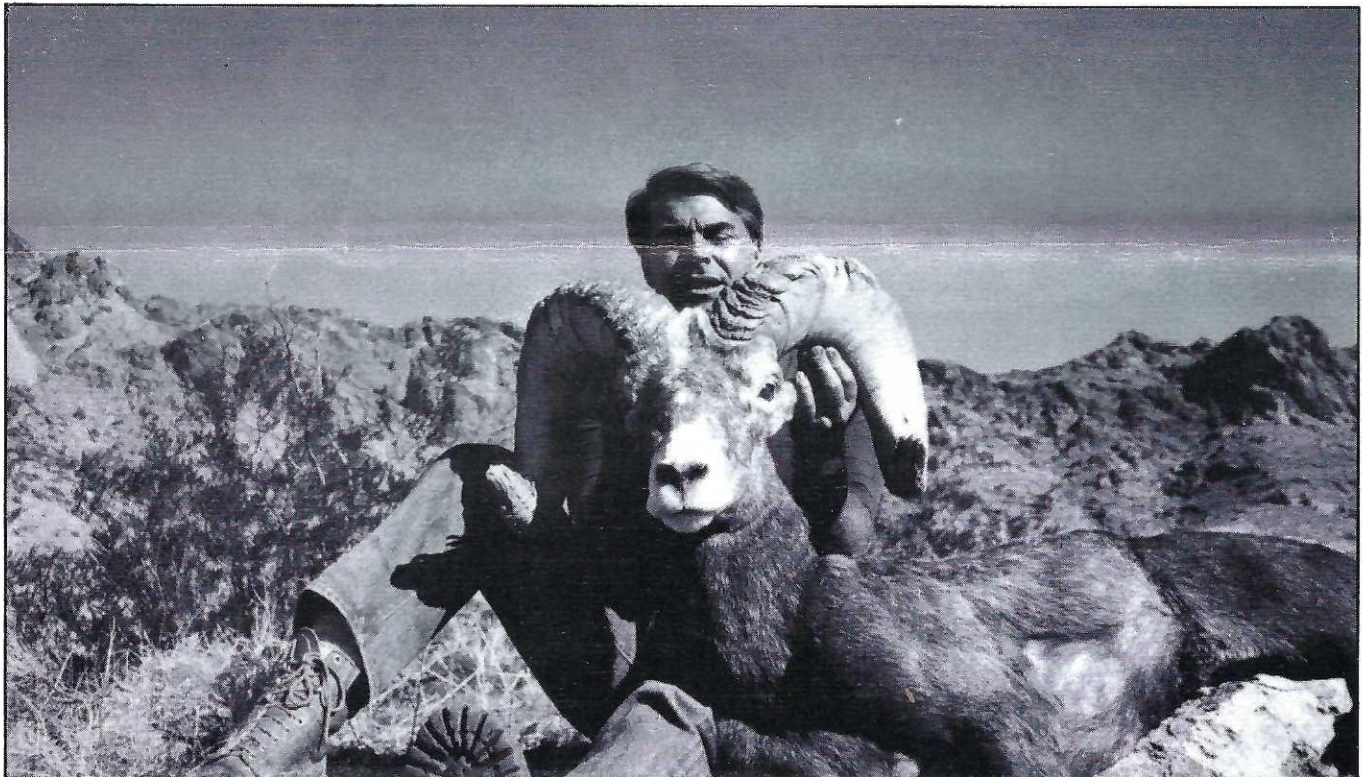
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This year's annual membership meeting will be held September 21st at the Camelhead Granada Royale located at 1515 N. 44th St., Phoenix. Cocktails will be at 6:00 pm and the dinner meeting starts at 7:00.

The guest speaker will be from the Pinetop office of the Arizona Game and Fish and will give a presentation on the growing herd of Rocky Mountain bighorn in Arizona. Along

with the election of next years board, there will be door prizes and raffle items. This year some lucky attendee will win a custom lightweight rifle with a fiberglass stock.

The dinner will be glazed baked ham, baked potato and all the trimmings. Advance reservations are \$12.50 and must be received by Sept. 13th. Reservations may be sent to ADBSS 49 E. Thomas #108, Phoenix, AZ 85012 or call Bryon Wiley at 996-2247 for more information.



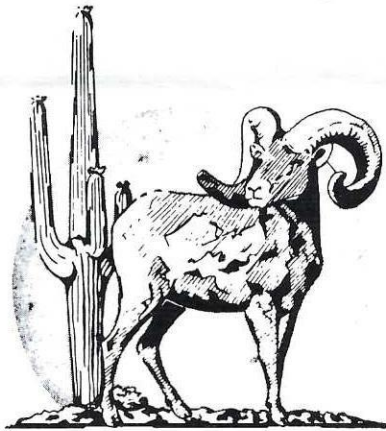
*John Blushkofski with his 164 pt. Nelsoni from 15C North*

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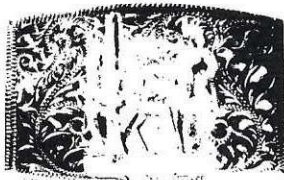
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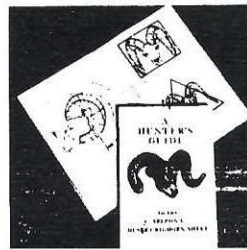
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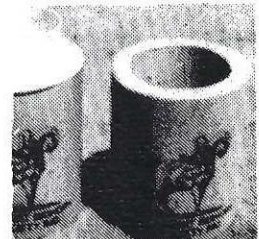
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# Memorable Event

This past season, I was granted a permit to allow me the opportunity to harvest a Desert Bighorn Sheep in my native state. This was my first application submitted, and my first choice of Unit 40A was granted.

The receipt of my permit packet initiated six months of preparation. Little was I aware of the involvement to come from mailing my pink envelope. I contacted the "Arizona Game & Fish Department" for statistical information on sheep in my unit. They were very co-operative and complete in response to my request. Also, I contacted Dean & Dan Priest and Tom Boggess for in the field assistance, along with local contacts in Tucson. Later, I attended the "SHEEP CLINIC" conducted by the A.D.B.S.S. The clinic was very helpful and instrumental in the success of my hunt. The topics of discussion by guest speakers were most appropriate, as the use of binoculars, locating and identifying legal rams, along with physical conditioning were all major aspects of the hunt.

The evening of the fourth day of the season was spent bedding a "Trophy Ram". Daybreak of the fifth day found Dean and myself atop the ridge where we had bedded the ram.

Dan Priest, Tom Martin, Duane Barkley, Bill Carney and K.D. Hunley positioned themselves at a distance with spotting equipment to observe the outcome. Approximately an hour later, Dean located the ram feeding, and the stalk was on. The ram was taken at a distance of approximately 30 yards. The ram was in good condition, eight to nine years of age. It scored 172.6 B&C points following 60 days required drying time.

Cliff Saylor had also assisted in the hunt but, unfortunately, he had to return home before its success. My thanks to him and to all who shared in making this hunt a memorable event.

I wish to commend all those involved with the "SHEEP SOCIETY" for their continued time and effort in the preservation of the Desert Bighorn Sheep.

Paul Harrison  
Tucson, AZ

## 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 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

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