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1983 Sheep Hunters

Here is the list of all the hunters who, come December, will be on the hunt of a lifetime. Good luck to all of you and hope to see you at the clinic in October.

David A. Coy (Mesa, AZ)
 Don R. Newton (Arizona)
 Jerry W. Eckard (Hickory, NC)
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 Jerry C. Walters (Winslow, AZ)
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 George A. Brabo (California)
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 Abe Martinez (Winslow, AZ)
 William G. Peirce (Arizona)
 Gordon V. Clark (Tucson, AZ)
 Bill J. Hebeker (Prescott, AZ)
 Richard A. Hensley (Holbrook, AZ)
 Wayne Bogart (Tucson, AZ)
 Floyd H. Killman, Jr. (Wellton, AZ)

Clinic Time is Drawing Near

The 1983 Clinic looks to be another great one. There will be a few things different at this year's clinic, so make plans now to be there. The date for the Clinic is October 15 with the annual Friday night steak fry to be held on October 14 at Squaw Peak Park. The Friday night meal will be free to the hunters holding 1983 sheep permits and to anyone who participated at this year's water hole projects. The price for all others will be \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. The clinic of course is free. Try to be at the steak fry at 6:30-7:00 P.M. To sum it up:

October 14 - Steak Fry at Squaw Peak Park
October 15 - Clinic, Scottsdale Country Club,
 7740 East Shea Blvd.,
 Scottsdale, 9:00 A.M.

There will be lots of displays on hand at the clinic along with lots of sheep pictures and advice. If you have any questions, call me at 942-8104 or the Sheep Society office at 274-9069. See you there.

Dave Hussey

Cover Photo

This ram was captured this summer by drop net in the Lake Mead area. The ram, along with 9 other bighorns, went to the Grand Junction area of Colorado to be the nucleus of a new herd of desert bighorns.

He is only 7 years old and scores approximately 170 B&C points — that's a good indication of how well the sheep herd in the Northern section of the State is getting along. Photo by Joe Bill Pickrell.



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Sheep Stamps

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society participates in the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep Print & Stamp program. Your purchase of these Prints will result in a financial contribution to the ADBSS along with an investment on your part. All funds raised by the ADBSS go for habitat improvement with the Arizona Game & Fish Department or the Fish & Wildlife Service in Arizona, or for trans-

planting Desert Sheep into suitable historic habitat or to supplement existing marginal herds of Desert Sheep.

The Society has available for sale copies of the 1981 Dall Print & Stamp by Bob Kuhn, the 1982 Stone Print & Stamp by Ken Carlson and the last of the Series, a Desert Ram by Robert Bateman for \$135.00 each including shipping charges. If you have any questions, call Bill Hook, 945-7379.

1983 WILD SHEEP STAMP PRINT ROBERT BATEMAN

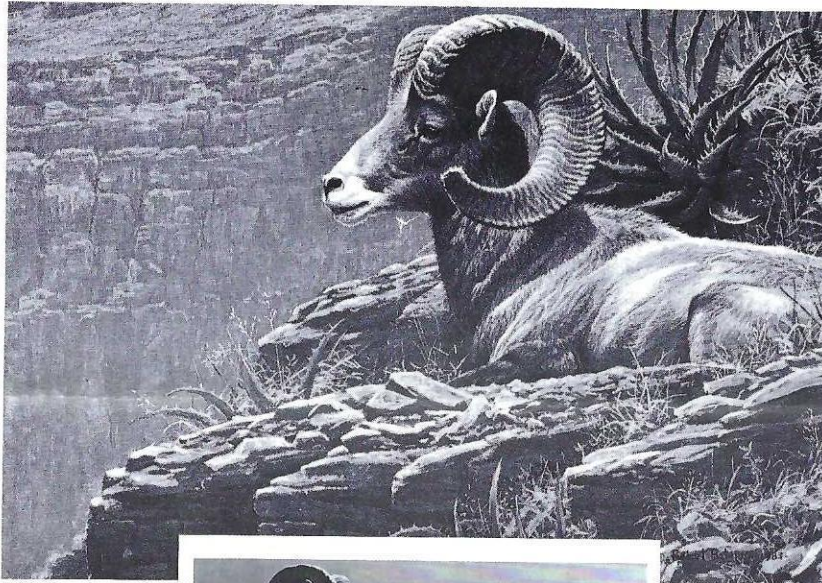
Robert Bateman's rendering of a Desert Sheep Ram is the fourth in the series of conservation stamps and prints offered by the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep. Bateman's selection only adds additional prestige to what must surely be considered one of the most important collections of wildlife artists ever assembled: Gary Swanson, Bob Kuhn, Ken Carlson, and now, ROBERT BATEMAN.

The Sheep Stamp Series has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Foundation's ability to make grants for habitat improvement, disease control and research, and transplanting wild sheep back into suitable historic habitat throughout North America.

Canadian Robert Bateman is, without question, one of the world's leading wildlife artists. Internationally acclaimed for his incredible range of subject matter and versatility of design,

Bateman's Desert Ram is destined to become one of this series' most popular prints. There is surely no artist whose original works and limited edition prints have been collected on such a wide and avid scale. No list or mention of the world's wildlife artists is complete without the name of Robert Bateman. The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep is honored to be the first to feature Robert Bateman's art on a conservation stamp and print.

The 1983 Wild Sheep Stamp Print is in a signed and numbered edition of 1300. The image size is 6½" x 9"; overall size will be 12½" x 14". The price will be \$125.00 for each print; the accompanying stamp, \$5.00. There will be no remarques. A Conservation Edition of 50 prints will be used by the Foundation for fund-raising purposes. There will be 25 artist's proofs. Shipment of print is expected in summer of 1983.



1980 WILD SHEEP STAMP PERMIT, Gary R. Swanson. Signed and numbered edition limited to 1300 points. Originally offered at \$130 with stamp. Current secondary market price, each \$400-\$500 with stamp.



1981 WILD SHEEP STAMP PERMIT, Bob Kuhn. Signed and numbered edition limited to 1500 prints. Originally offered at \$130 with stamp. Current secondary market price, each \$130-\$200 with stamp.

1982 WILD SHEEP STAMP PRINT, Ken Carlson. Signed and numbered edition limited to 1300 prints. Originally offered at \$130 with stamp. Still available.



Update on Raffle — Auction

A few years ago, some members of the Society discussed the possibility of using one or more sheep permits to raise funds for transplants. The thought was prompted, in part, by the feeling that the membership was being called upon more and more to contribute funds by way of raffles and the like. The use of sheep permits as fund raising items has been employed in other states and seemed to be a way to reach outside the membership for funds.

In early 1982, after much discussion, Don Johnson went before the Game and Fish Commission with a request that the Society be granted two permits, one to be auctioned and one to be raffled. Part of the request included a waiver of the once in a lifetime and non-resident restrictions as to the special permits only.

The Department contacted those states which have used sheep permits as fund raisers and also contacted the various federal agencies having jurisdiction over those areas which have sheep populations. In addition, the Department conducted a public poll which showed an overwhelming majority in favor of the proposal.

At the December, 1982, Commission meeting, the Department recommended that one bighorn permit be authorized. Because the permit would be transferred, legislative authorization was necessary. Since only three Commissioners were present at the December, 1982 meeting, this matter was continued to the January, 1983 meeting.

In January, 1983, a bill was introduced in the Arizona House of Representatives which would have authorized the

issuance of two special bighorn permits under certain conditions.

At the January, 1983 Commission meeting, the Department changed its recommendation to the issuance of up to two special permits for each big game species and the commission authorized the Department to seek legislative authorization. The bill in the House of Representatives was amended to accommodate the change.

With some further minor amendments, the bill ultimately passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor to become effective July 27, 1983.

To facilitate operation under the law, the Department presented proposed regulations to the Commission at the June 24-25, 1983 meeting. With some changes, the Commission approved the regulations and instructed the Department to prepare a final draft for approval at the August, 1983 meeting.

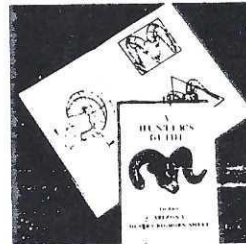
Under the proposed regulations, an organization would apply during the period July 1 - August 31 for a permit or permits for the following year. If the Commission adopts the regulations, the Society plans to submit its application immediately. The Department would forward the application to the Commission with its recommendations for action at the October, 1983 meeting. We assume the Department's recommendation will be favorable and that the Commission will set the dates and areas for the 1984 special hunt and authorize issuance of the special permits to the Society.

James Marquardt

The following items are offered for sale in consideration of minimum donations as specified:



Note cards and envelopes reflecting a variety of super sheep pictures.



Guide — A collection of facts and articles by knowledgeable sheep hunters.



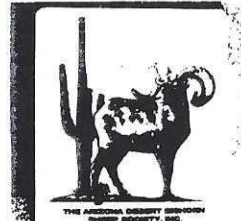
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| Koozie Kup - With Cup | 4.50 |

Postage prices are as follows:

Cap — 1.00 ea.

T-Shirt — 1.75 ea.

Kups — 1.75 ea.

All other items are .75 ea.

CAPS: Specify color and size.

T-SHIRTS: Specify size, style — emblem front or back, color.

Red Hill Pothole — Kofa Mountains

May 14, 15, 1983

This was the last scheduled project for 1983. The project took place in the Kofa Wildlife Area just north of Burro Canyon. We had a very good turnout from Society members and we thank all of them for their invaluable assistance and hard work.

The project consisted of a natural pothole located in very steep canyon walls. The pothole was, of course, filled with rock and gravel and a large amount of effort was required to shovel out the rock and sand. When the pothole was finally cleaned we had gone down twelve to fifteen feet. The pothole was then completely sealed and will hold eight to ten thousand gallons of water and should result in a permanent water supply.

In addition to the pothole work, we constructed a silt diversion basket above the hole which will divert excessive rocks/gravel and keep the pothole from filling up with dirt and sand, etc. To complete the project a shade was constructed over the pothole. This effort required members to hang from ropes to drill holes in the rock for supporting posts for the shade. Our special thanks and recognition go out to Harry VanderHoek for his drilling efforts and to Mernice Alkire for his welding efforts.

The Saturday evening meal supplied on the project was one of the best. The steaks were superb and special recognition must be given to the cook crew for all of their hard work in preparing the Saturday meal for all the hard working members. It really helped to be able to come off the mountain

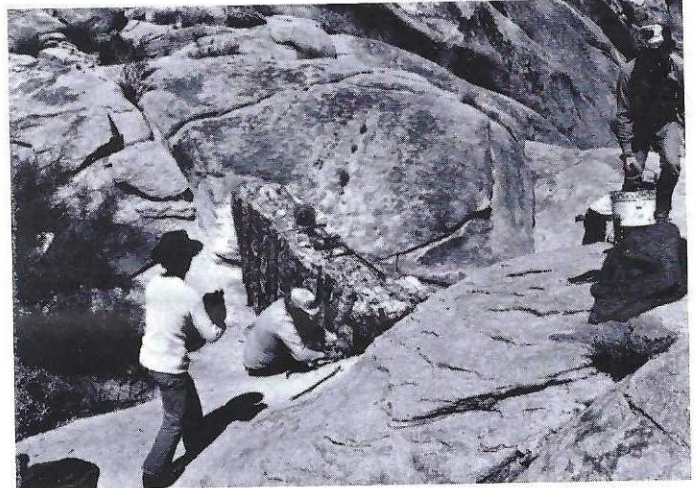


Photo by Win Welch

Saturday night and not worry about having to cook. Thanks cooks — you have done a great job.

As a matter of fact, our thanks go to everyone who participated. This type of activity certainly is vital to the future of desert bighorn and is an activity which is the backbone of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society. Hope to see everyone at next year's projects!

Dean Bowdoin

ADBSS Participants at Red Hill Project:

Dean Bowdoin (Phx)
Paul Ruskamp (Phx)
Win Welch (Phx)
R.L. Geopal (Phx)
Alex Pitsiaeli (Phx)
Steve Work (Miami)
Bob Brintnell (Tucson)
Larry Heathington (Chandler)
Larry Landes (Showlow)
Eugene Risch (Yuma)
Ronnie Clark (Higley)
Gordon Schroeder (Scotts.)
Mark T. Miller (Mesa)

Mernice Alkire (Mesa)
Harry Vander Hoek (Scotts.)
Tim Swegle (Scotts.)
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Stephen Williams (Kingman)
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Jerry Gollihar (Phx)
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Robby Simpson (Phx)

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Chris Plemmons (Needles, CA)
Ray Dalton (Phx)
J.C. Dalton (Phx)
Tom Boggess (Phx)
Dave Daiss (Phx)
Joe Bill Pickrell (Phx)
Alex Holgin (Tempe)
Pete Cimellaro (Phx)

AWF Offers Greensheet

The Arizona Wildlife Federation has offered to mail a copy of their monthly newspaper, the "GREENSHEET," to all members of the Sheep Society. The AWF has indicated that they will do this at no expense to the society or our members. We have also been assured that the mailing list will *not* be used for any purpose other than mailing the Greensheet. The Board of Directors has agreed to make our mailing

list available for this purpose. The Board also decided that we should advise our members of this arrangement and give anyone not wanting to receive the AWF newspaper an opportunity to be excluded from this list. If you do *not* want to receive the AWF newspaper, please send a note or postcard to the Society by September 15th.

FUND RAISING DINNER

Less than ten years ago the forecast for desert bighorn in Arizona appeared dismal. Sheep numbers were dwindling in many areas while many small remnant herds were dropping below a reproductive replacement level. These problems have not been taken care of entirely nor have they solved themselves. The progressive work on behalf of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the ADBSS and many of the other land-use agencies has since enabled a brightening of the picture for sheep on the local scene.

The institution of transplanting sheep into depleted, historic ranges and supplemental transplants to enhance the genetic pool of certain herds has proved very successful to say the least.

Unfortunately, these transplants are very costly. Sheep represent a very small portion of the revenue generated by the AG&F Department, therefore creating an understandable reluctance to allocate large sums of sheep work. In the past, the ADBSS has proved quite generous in providing not only the necessary monies (over \$50,000), but also a tremendous amount of manpower to aid in these transplants.

We would like to continue our support for these worthwhile projects. Your Board has consequently decided to sponsor a Ducks Unlimited-type fund raising dinner. The dinner will be held on January 18, 1984, which is a Wednesday night. A prime rib dinner will be served, with a no-host bar

starting at 6:00, while the rest of the evening will be reserved for fund raising activities. Door prizes, raffle items and an auction will include a tremendous collection of donated hunts, taxidermy work, sporting goods, optics, art work and many other goodies. Three to four hundred sportsmen are expected at the Sunburst Hotel in Scottsdale. We all feel that this will prove to be an exciting evening and hope you will all plan to attend and participate. More details about the dinner can be obtained from Joe Bill Pickrell, 943-0454 or Tom Bog-gess, D.V.M., 943-5023 or 997-1161.

Incidentally, a great deal of help is needed to make the banquet a success. Ticket sales and procuring donation items are two areas where help is desperately needed. If you have time to help organize, or if you have something to donate, both will be graciously accepted and appreciated.

We all have different interests in Arizona sheep — some of us as photographers, some of us as hunters, some of us as guides. Yet, it appears that we all seem to have at least one common goal — we want more sheep in Arizona. As a very diversified group we also have a wide range of hopes for sheep in Arizona, but what would be wrong with 10-15,000 desert bighorn sheep in Arizona's mountains? Crazy, you say?? Look at antelope in Wyoming! Someday we too will be able to claim our part in the desert bighorn sheep success story.

Steve Gruenewald

Cloud's Ram

The third day of the hunt was the big day for Wayne Cloud of Phoenix. The stalk was one of those kind that stick in the mind for a long time. The ram was seen the evening before and was watched until it bedded down for the night.

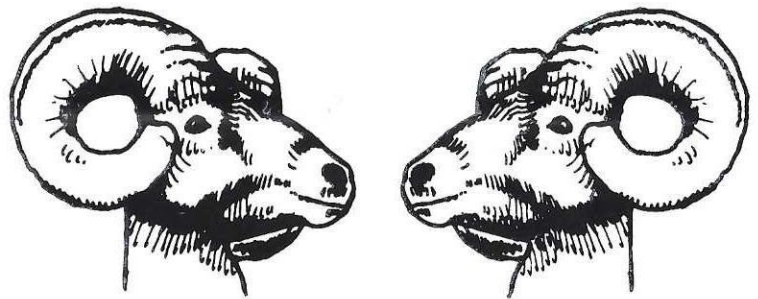
Early the next morning (way before daylight), the climb began. We were in position for a shot as the first rays of the sun lit up Unit 15B. On the second shot the ram went down — a magnificent record book ram.



Left to right: Dan Priest, Tom Martin and Wayne Cloud.

Mexican Rams

Pictures are courtesy of Dave Brown with the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Back in January of this year, Dave was poking around the Sierra de los Chinos in Sonora, Mexico. After hearing some rocks roll, he began to examine the country below and there they were — all nice rams! Later on Dave moved over to the Sierra Viejo and saw more sheep over there, but none like the nice rams pictured right. That goes to show that it's sure handy to have the old camera along when looking around in sheep country!



Annual Dinner & Educational Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1983
PIMA COUNTRY CLUB,
7330 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale
COCKTAILS: 6:00 p.m.
DINNER: 7:00 p.m.
AGENDA: Election of Officers
Other Business

Members may attend the meeting only, commencing at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Arizona Drop Net Project

July 31 - August 3, 1983 were the dates the first Arizona drop net capture was used on bighorn sheep. The technique proved to be very successful as the Grand Wash Cliffs area of the Arizona strip now has over thirty desert bighorns. The ADBSS and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep provided a good chunk of the money for the project. There will be some pictures and an article on this project in the next Ram's Horn.

Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc.

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CALENDAR

Here are some dates to mark on your calendars:

September 15, 1983: Annual dinner and educational meeting. Pima Country Club, 7330 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale
Cocktails: 6:00 P.M.,
Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

October 12, 1983: Board meeting

October 14, 1983: Steak Fry, Squaw Peak Park

October 15, 1983: Sheep Hunter's Clinic

January 18, 1984: First Annual Fund Raising Dinner

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

I hereby make application for membership in the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., and enclose my membership donation. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

New membership prices are as follows:

Regular membership \$25.00/yr.
Youth membership \$15.00/yr.
Sustaining membership \$100.00/yr.
Lifetime membership \$500.00

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