

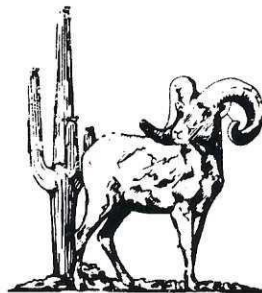
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1988

Waterhole Projects

January 9/10 AGF (Completed)
Jan. 30/31 Fish & Wildlife
February 20/21 Foundation for North American Wild
Sheep
March 5/6 Minn/Wisc Chapter
March 19/20 AGF
April 9/10 AGF
April 23/24 AGF

1988

EVENTS

February 13 5th Annual Fund Raiser
Hyatt Regency, Phoenix

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WE NEED SUCCESSFUL SHEEP HUNT

PICTURES

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Society Loses Long Time Member

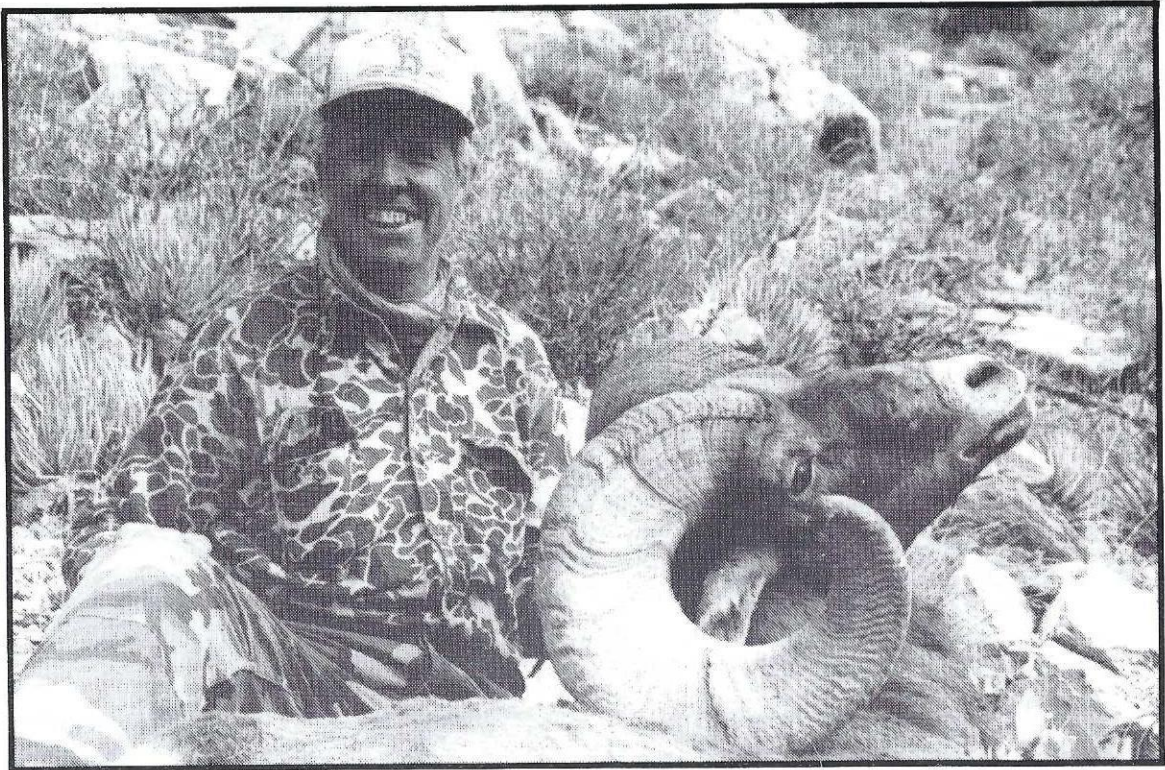
To most members he was known affectionately as the "Colonel". William P. Robinson, 65, retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel passed away on February 9 in Mesa. For many years, Robbie was one of the guiding spirits of our organization. He served on the Board of Directors in many capacities. He was forever dedicated to the Society and its goals. With his passing we lose one of our strongest waterhole project advocates.

He has left behind a legacy few can match. For years Robbie made and placed at each society waterhole, our brass markers. These markers name the project and give the date and participants that made it possible. They are spread all over Arizona sheep country, and will serve to remind us all of his dedication.

To his wife, Marguerite and the rest of his family we say Thank You for allowing us to spend time with him and we all share in your loss.

1987 RAFFLE WINNER

Everett Hodge



After nine days of hunting, Everett Hodge became the fourth raffle permit holder to take a desert sheep in Arizona.

After purchasing tickets for the last three years, Everett reports being elated at his luck in having his ticket drawn.

Mr. Hodge was assisted on the hunt by Floyd Krank, Joe Guglielmo and Gerry Nikolaus.

FUND RAISING BANQUET

Most of Arizona's sportsman recognize the success the Society has had in the auction and raffle of desert bighorn sheep tags. ALL of the monies raised are being spent to enhance the states bighorn sheep management program. These particular funds are managed by both the Arizona G & F and ADBSS and do not belong to the Society alone. It is for this reason the annual fundraiser has been established.

The fundraiser has become one of the Society's most important social functions. It offers a great time to all that attend; at the same time it serves as the main money maker for many of the society's projects. It is with these funds the Society is able to continue the work we all feel is so important.

This year's fundraising banquet was held February 13th, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix.

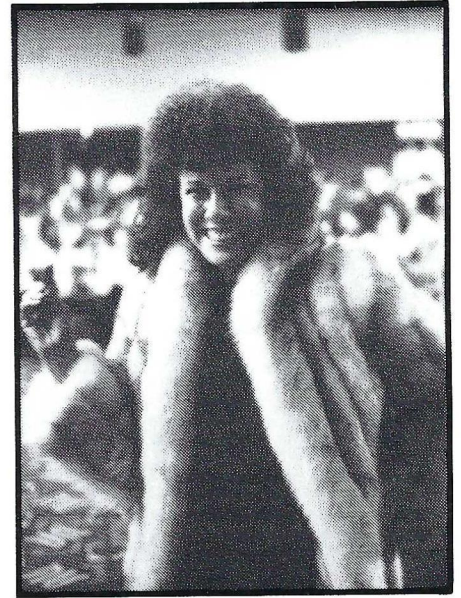
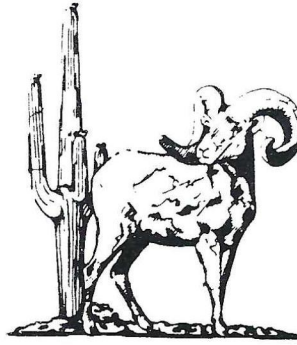
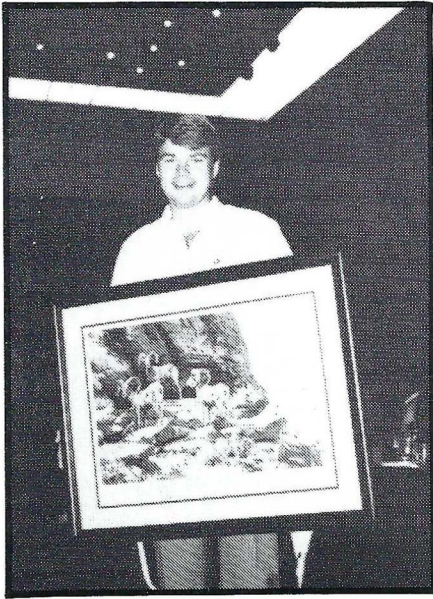
Four hundred fifty attendees gathered to raise money for desert bighorn sheep and to share the experience with friends. The sponsored waterhole was courtesy of the ADBSS and the hotel did another magnificent job with the accommodation and the prime rib dinner. For the 5th year Bob Hirsch did an excellent job as M.C. Bob has always been willing to help the Society and he deserves alot of credit for the enjoyable evening. The auctioneer was Dave Yoke. This was the first year Dave served in this capacity and he did an exceptional job.

The evening included 92 raffle items, 31 auction items and 62 silent auction items. The raffle included 30 firearms, numerous outdoor items and taxidermy certificates. Each year the quality of the raffle items improves, 15 hunts, 2 custom coffee tables and several pieces of original art and bronzes made up the auction. The 62 silent auction items were mostly framed art and bronzes.

The evening netted \$42,000 plus that will be utilized for habitat development and management programs. This money is so important for the continuation of the desert bighorn sheep program and the ADBSS thanks everyone who attended and all the donors who generously contributed.

A list of donors is included with this article and its hoped we all will support those who support the desert bighorn sheep program.

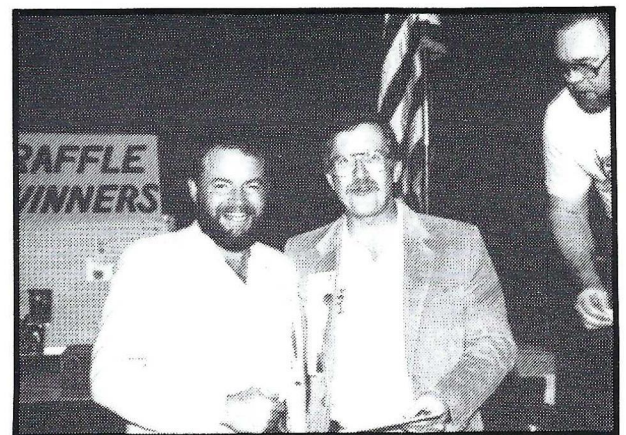
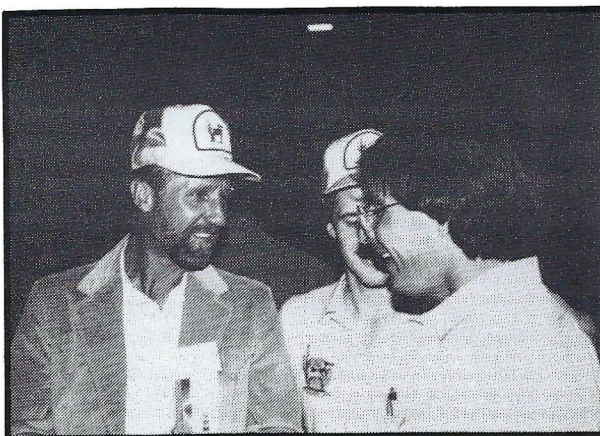
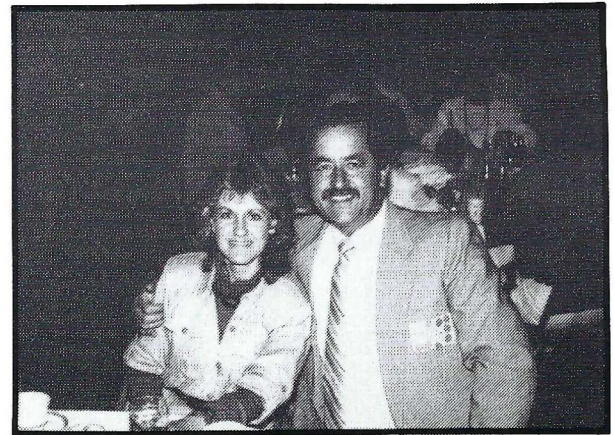
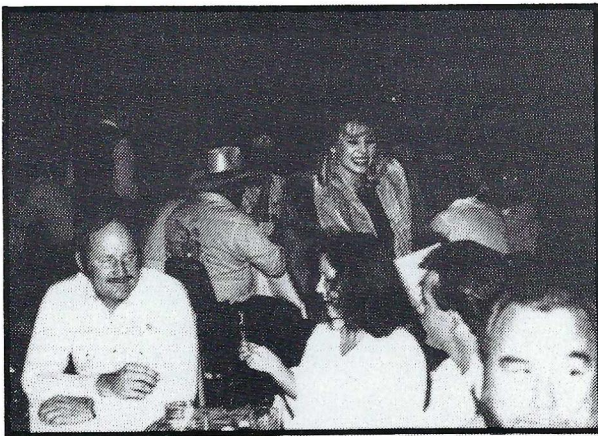
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| Cheyenne, Wy. | Desert Wilderness | Mark Kessler | Jim Munty | Low Starbey |
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| Az. Bear Society | Trout Creek, Mt. | Debra Listy | Hospital | Santa Rosa, Ca. |
| Beeline Trap & Skeet | John Ebrhardt— | Los Campadres Mexican | Phoenix Tent and | Tombstone Pizza |
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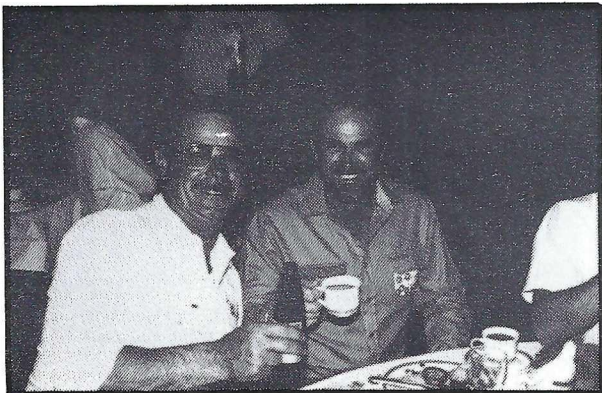
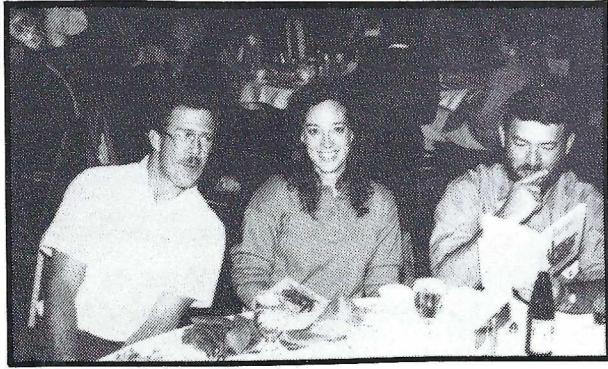
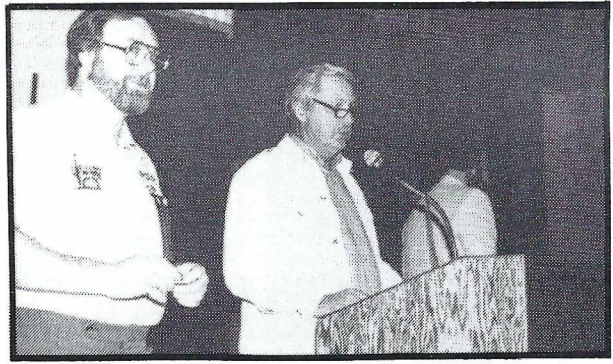


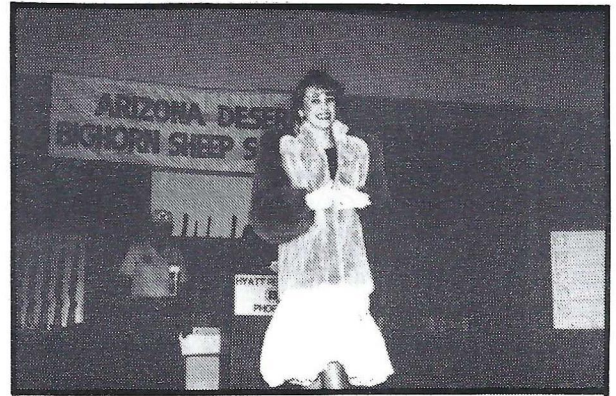
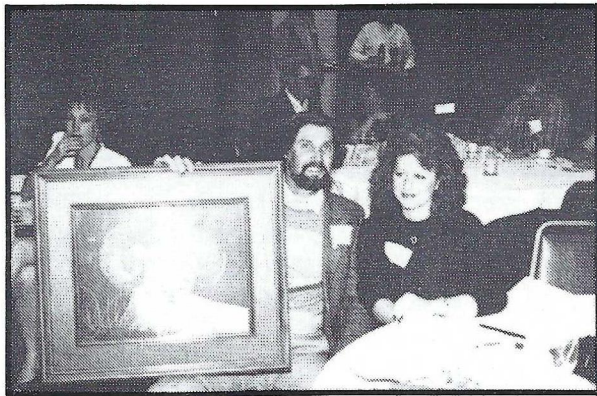
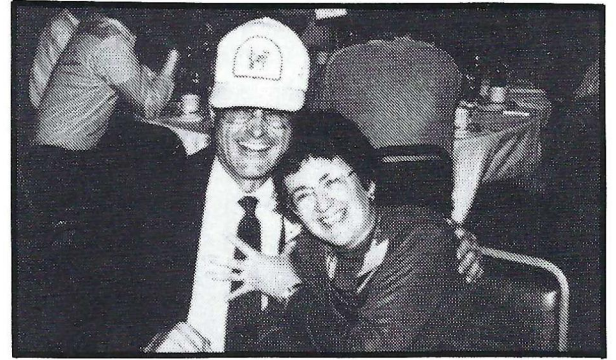
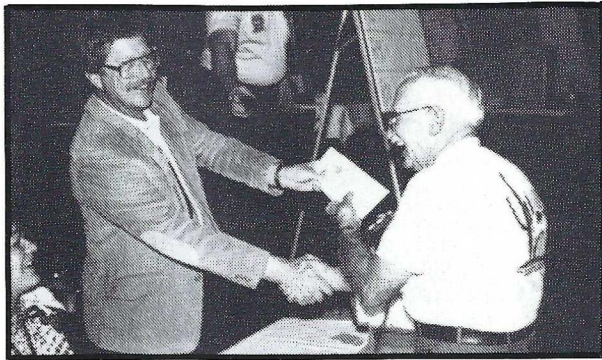
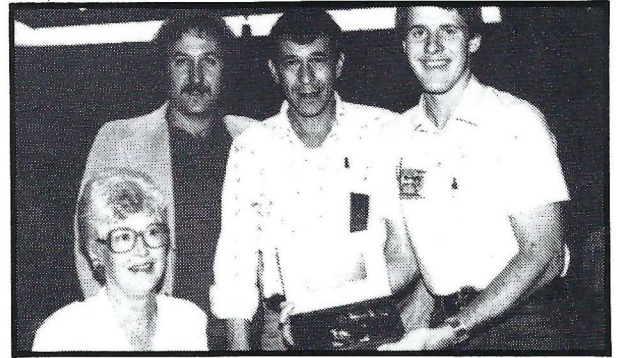
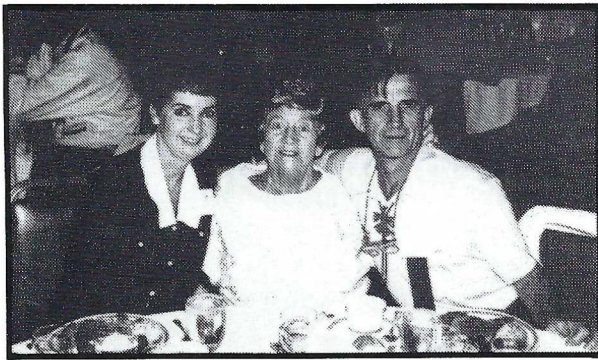
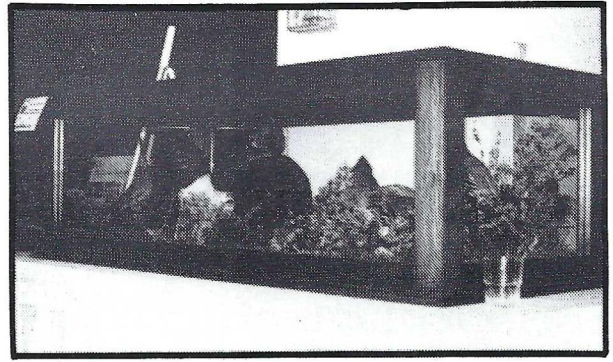
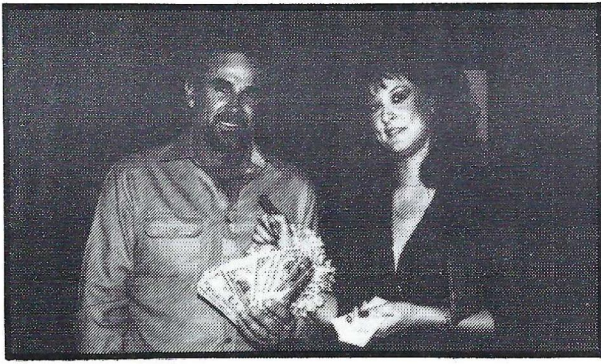
Fund Raising



Pictures







The Wilderness Designation Process

By Jim Currivan

Throughout the western United States the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is reviewing Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) under a mandate from Congress. BLM is to determine whether or not this land is suitable for wilderness designation, and inform Congress no later than October 31, 1993, if the Congress has not acted beforehand. Only Congress can designate an area a wilderness.

In Arizona the BLM is studying 2,140,748 acres described in seven Wilderness Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). About 14,700 acres are outside the borders of Arizona, but are under our jurisdiction and are studied by Arizona District Offices. To date, Arizona offices of BLM have recommended 1,015,656 acres (includes 2220 acres outside Arizona) as suitable for wilderness. These recommendations have been made after wilderness studies, public meetings and hearings, BLM staff reviews, and comment by other agencies and the public on draft EISs. The final EIS is published after a review by the Washington Office and the Secretary of Interior's Office of Environmental Project Review (OEPR).

As of February 1988, Arizona BLM has published four final EISs, two draft EISs, and is awaiting OEPR review of the remaining EIS — a joint study with the U.S. Forest Service. The two drafts, the Yuma EIS and the Arizona Mohave EIS, are now being revised to reflect the public and other agency comments on the documents. Next are adequacy reviews of the document by the BLM Washington Office, and then publishing of the final EISs in August and September 1988. This will conclude the environmental impact assessment portion of the wilderness studies.

The last phase of the wilderness study process will be to write summary documents, called Wilderness Study Reports (WSRs), about each WSA. These WSRs will be individual reports and contain briefs on special features, conflicts, mineral reports (for suitable wilderness areas), a map and rationale for the BLM wilderness recommendation. The WSRs are to be presented by the Secretary of Interior to the President no later than October 21, 1991, and to the Congress by October 21, 1993. Congress may or may not act on the recommendations — only Congress can designate an area to become part of the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS).

Similarly, but 12 years before BLM involvement in the wilderness process, other agencies were directed by The Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964, to study their management areas for wilderness values. Portions of these studies, along with some BLM studies started in 1976, were acted upon by Congress and have resulted in additions to the NWPS in Arizona in 1964, 1970, 1972, 1976, 1978, 1980 and 1984. The results of these Congressional actions in Arizona are:

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| 272,520 acres in 9 areas managed by Bureau of Land Management |
| 1,315,657 acres in 36 areas managed by the U.S. Forest Service |
| 443,700 acres in 4 areas managed by the National Park Service |
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| 2,031,877 acres in 49 wilderness areas |

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviewed their refuges and game ranges under the criteria of the 1964 Act, but their recommendations have not been acted upon by Congress.

The following is a summary of the remaining Federal lands in Arizona which have been or are being studied:

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| 2,125,000 acres in 75 areas managed by the BLM |
| 67,900 acres in 3 areas managed by the USFS |
| 1,575,900 acres in 4 areas managed by the USFWS |
| 3,947,900* acres in 4 areas managed by the NPS |

Totals 7,716,700 acres in 86 areas

*Some of the NPS land is in Nevada and Utah

About 4,767,600 acres (62%) of the total in Arizona are recommended by the agencies as suitable for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System. Many acres support excellent desert bighorn sheep herds and contain sheep habitat. Having sheep habitat makes these areas prime for ADBSS projects and sheep reintroduction supplemental programs. On Arizona BLM lands alone, it is estimated that sheep populations could, with management and protection, be increased from the present 2,600 to at least 4,600 sheep.

Presently, the Arizona Congressional Delegation is looking to its interested constituents for knowledge and thoughts about wilderness areas under review. The Delegation wants to formulate and introduce in 1988 a consensus wilderness bill, much as they did in 1984. That bill became the Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984 and created about 1,058,000 acres of wilderness. The Act also released from further study practically all U.S. Forest Service wilderness study area land in Arizona and about 774,000 acres of BLM-administered land north of the Colorado River.

Let your Congressmen know your thoughts on wilderness values. Some tough decisions are going to be made for Arizona land, and constructive input about areas, roads and boundaries will be appreciated by your representatives.

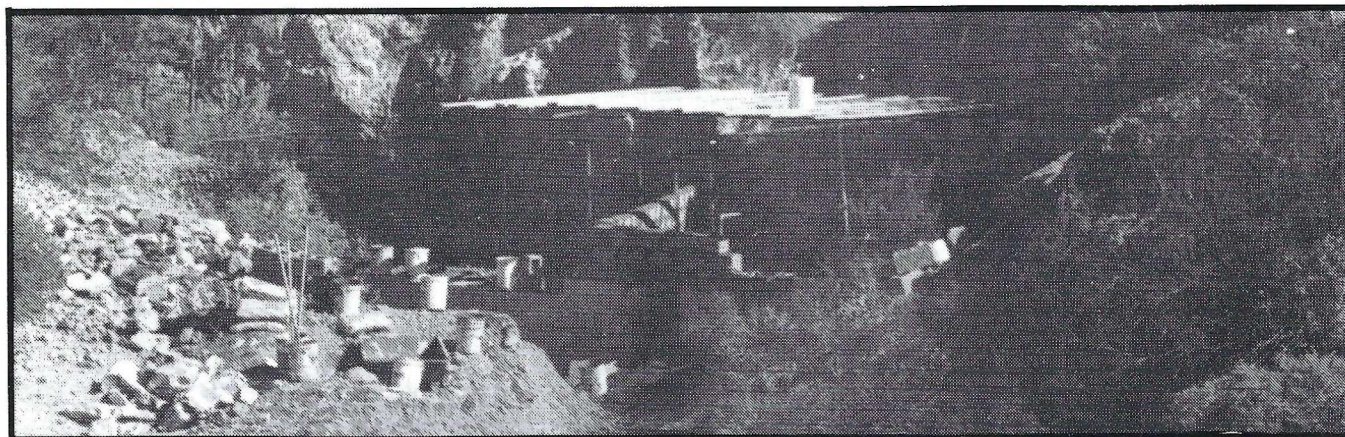
BLACK MESA POTHOLE

Black Mesa Pothole was the first waterhole project for the year. Approximately 85 hardworking souls worked to clean out an existing pothole and seal the cavity to enable the pothole to hold water for extended periods of time.

A dam was also built to increase the capacity to approximately 20,000 gallons.

Lots of new faces were present including Rick Taylor, renowned artist from Canada, who has been a supporter of the Society through generous donations of art items. Don Beluap, former Arizona Game and Fish Department Development Supervisor, was on hand. Don's familiar face was a welcome sight.

In addition to the pothole a silt control gablon was constructed to slow the process of silt collection in the pothole. An evaporation shade completed the badly needed waterhole project.



We need pictures of this year's projects. If you would like to share them with us, please mail the pictures to the Society's P.O. Box.

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| Andrew Marquardt | Don Hill | Don Johnson | Larry Dalton | Bruce Barnes |
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| Frank Tennant | Tom Settle | Gary Drake | Bill Dunn | Donald Stroesseureuther |
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| Steve Hill | Andrew McCormick | Larry Landes | | |

Statistics From California's Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt

California held their first Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunt, December, 1987. This was the first hunt since the late 1890's. There were 9 hunters (8 as a result of a draw and 1 auction buyer). Listed below are the statistics of the rams taken and the hunters.

| HUNTER | ESTIMATED AGE OF RAM | B & C SCORE | MOUNTAIN RANGE |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Robert Howard | 11 | 166-7/8 | Old Dad |
| Steven King | 10 | 167 | Marbles |
| Brian Hawes | 9 | 168 | Marbles |
| Joe Castello | 8 | 168-2/8 | Marbles |
| Deborah Jardstrom | 8 | 166-4/8 | Marbles |
| John Moore | 8 | 164-1/8 | Old Dad |
| Larry Ott | 8 | 153-7/8 | Old Dad |
| Robert Levett | 7 | 163 | Old Dad |
| Dennis Selich | 6 | 155-5/8 | Old Dad |

1988 Steak Fry

LAS LOMITAS RAMADA AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK

Friday, May 13, 1988

6:00 p.m.

**Everyone Welcome: Society Members, Guest, Sheep Hunters
and Non-Members**

— BRING YOUR OWN UTENSILS —

Cost: \$10.00 Per Person

\$15.00 Per Family

All 1987 Arizona Sheep Hunters are Guests of the Society.

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To Noted Arizona Outdoorsman

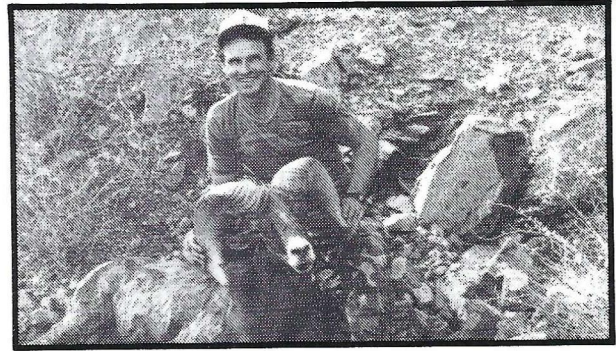
An appreciation plaque was given to Bob Householder of Phoenix, by the Society for his continuing support for desert sheep in Arizona.

Bob's accomplishments range from Charter Membership of the Society to being the founder of the Grand Slam Club; Founder of the Arizona Big Ten Club; First Arizonan to take all 27 species of big game on the North American continent. Bob was the first licensed guide for desert sheep in Arizona. Once again, the Society thank's Bob Householder for his role in Arizona's wildlife picture.



Silverbell Hunter Takes Beautiful Ram

Jerry Morgan of Phoenix, took a 10 year old ram from the West Silverbell Mountains that scored 169-2/8 on the 9th day of the hunt. Jerry thanks everyone for the help and information he received prior to the hunt and encourages all future hunters to attend the Society's sheep hunters clinic.



Society Publishes Book — BOREGO —

The Society's new book "Borego" is about to go to print and pre-publication sales orders are now being taken. This interesting and informative book will tell the story of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society from its charter conception. Chapters on waterhole projects, hunts, banquets, the past and future, and more make this a piece of literature every Society member should have. Pre-publication costs for "Borego" are \$25.00 per copy. The book will sell for \$35.00 after publication. For information contact either: Bill Hook at 949-3474 or Pete Cimallero at 275-5198.

Ancient Ram

A hiker found the old bighorn ram about a year ago, dead near a lake in Oregon's Willowa Mountains. Known as Scarface because of a gash some mishap once carved across his nose, he had roamed the fastnesses of the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area for nearly fifteen years, eluding the hunters who pursued him for the massive horns that curled past the sides of his head. Even dead, he was the subject of discussion and wonder, and a little mystery as well.

The hiker took the horns, which were subsequently confiscated by state agents and turned over to Vic Coggins, a biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The hiker was charged with illegal possession of the horns and is now performing community service for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. When the horns were measured, they proved to be the biggest ever known from a U.S. bighorn sheep, surpassing a record from 1883. Only four rams have scored higher, and they all came from Canada.

Scarface, also called Spot because of a spot on his chest, could in fact trace his roots to Canada. His father had been transplanted from Alberta's Jasper National Park to Oregon's Lostine Range in November 1971. Scarface had been among the first born in the Lostine Range, back in 1972. His death at fourteen and a half years is itself a sort of record, since no bighorn rams are known to have lived fifteen years.

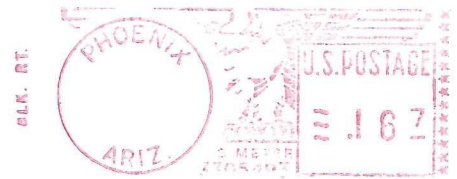
In 1978 Oregon opened a hunting season on Lostine bighorns, permitting six hunters, out of fifty who won bighorn permits in a special annual drawing, to hunt the reestablished herd. Though Scarface eluded them every year, he was often photographed on his winter range in a state wildlife management area below the federal wilderness.

Hunters will not return to the Lostine Range this year, however. Scarface's death, biologists discovered, was only a prelude to disaster for the 100 to 110 sheep that made up the Lostine herd. Within weeks after he died in October, the herd was mysteriously decimated by disease, apparently the same to which Scarface succumbed. Only thirty-three bighorns survive.

Biologists think the deaths were caused by a bacterial pneumonia spread to the bighorns by domestic sheep grazing on the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, the bighorns' summer range. The domestic sheep are allowed on the wilderness area under permits issued by the U.S. Forest Service. Survival for the carefully managed herd now hangs in the balance, and the hunting season in the Lostine Range has been closed for the first time in nine years.

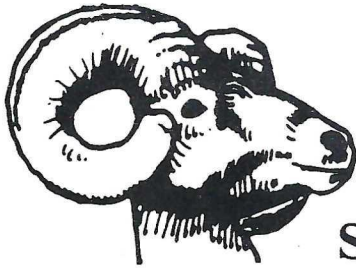
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Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society shirts, books, Koozie cups, prints and pins are available.

Contact Tom Martin, 581-2219

Any member interested in serving on a committee, contact Society President Pete Cimallero, 840-8740 or 275-5198.

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 follow:

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

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