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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1989

Waterhole Projects

January 6-8	Hidden Valley Pothole (Completed)
Jan. 20-22	Little Black Mtn. #2 (Completed)
February 3-5	South Needles Pothole FNAWS (Completed)
March 3-5	Aqua Dulce Springs (Cabeza Prieta NWR)
	Minn. Wisc. Chapter FNAWS
March 17-19	Danny Nasca Tank
April 6-8	Aubrey Peak #2
April 21-23	Skull Mtn. Catchment

1989

EVENTS

February 15-18	FNAWS Convention (Reno)
May 6	Annual Fund-raiser (Hyatt Regency, Phoenix)
June 3	Steak Fry (South Mtn. Park)
October 7	Hunters Clinic & Ram Recognition Banquet

1989

MEETINGS

2nd Wed.	Monthly Board Meetings
3rd Tues.	Monthly Fund-Raiser Committee

COVER PHOTO

Provided by:

Pete Cimellaro

'88 REVIEW

1988 was a very typical year for the Society. We involved ourselves in many sheep related activities that covered the entire state.

On the legislative front the Society worked with the Arizona Game & Fish Commission to establish separate hunts for both Rocky Mtn. and Desert sheep. The Commission voted unanimously to allow hunters to take one of each species in their lifetime.

It is hoped this change will be the start of increased interest in our Rocky Mtn. sheep. It is now the Society's job to follow up, and assist the Game & Fish in a two pronged sheep management program that promotes each of these sub-species.

As always our waterhole projects were the start of our work year. From January through the first week in May we were in Game & Fish regions 3, 4 & 5. We constructed new catchments as well as repaired and improved old ones. Seven projects in all were completed, along with working to make the old sheep enclosure in Aravaipa Canyon safe.

Sheep captures took place in regions 3 & 4. A total of about 80 animals were captured and released to supplement existing transplant populations. They were released in the Galiuro, Gila Bend and Rawhide Mtns.

Other functions the Society held were the Annual Steak Fry, Sheep Tag Auction and Raffle, Fund-raiser, Hunters Clinic, and Ram Recognition Banquet. All were very well attended and extremely successful. Special thanks go to all the people that participated.

I would like to thank the Arizona Game & Fish Commission, Arizona Game & Fish Department, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service for their cooperation and caring.

Special thanks goes to the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep and the Minnesota-Wisconsin Chapter of the Foundation. Once again they provided manpower and dollars to make our program work.

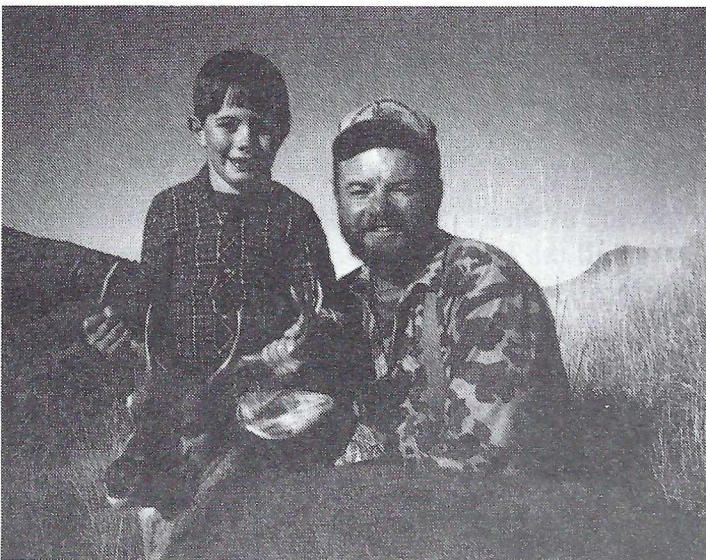
Thank You! Board members for your willingness to take time from family and work to help the Society in its efforts.

Thank You! Members of the Society for joining and saying you want to be part of an organization that has a long history of working for the betterment of our wild sheep!

Respectfully,



Pete Cimellaro
1988 President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dean Bowdoin

As we begin 1989, I would like to review the various activities before us:

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

We currently have seven projects scheduled for 1989. These projects are not only the backbone of the Society, but they provide invaluable assistance to the sheep and other wildlife. In the areas where we have developed new water supplies, the sheep herd has done very well. Some of the herds have increased sufficiently to provide a source for transplants.

Although the projects usually involve hard work, there is something for everyone to do, and each person can work at his own pace or ability level. Projects provide a great time for sheep enthusiasts to meet each other and to hear stories about the previous hunting season.

Certainly when you leave the mountain (project area), you will be leaving with a great sense of satisfaction in a job well done — one which will benefit all wildlife for many years to come.

I invite all of you to come on out and join with us on these extremely important projects.

ANNUAL STEAK FRY

Each year, in appreciation of everyone who has worked on water projects, we conduct a steak fry at South Mountain Park. Participation in water projects will earn you a free admission to the steak fry.

This event, which will be held in June, is open to all Society members and their guests.

FUND-RAISER BANQUET

In order to raise money for the various projects, the Society conducts an annual fund-raising banquet, where we raffle many items and auction others. The main purpose of this dinner is to **raise money for sheep**. Four-hundred to five-hundred people have attended each year, and have participated generously in this most important fundraising activity.

You are invited to be involved by attending the function and/or by donating items that can be raffled or auctioned off. Hope to see you May 6 at the Hyatt Regency, Phoenix.

HUNTER CLINIC & RAM RECOGNITION DINNER

Each fall we conduct a day-long hunter clinic to provide as much help as possible to the hunters who have been drawn that year. We usually get 70-80% of all the hunters to attend, and we have received some very positive feedback. The hunter clinic has proven to be significant in helping to improve the quality of rams taken each year. Everyone is invited to attend the clinic.

On Saturday night, after the clinic, we hold a "Ram Recognition Banquet", where we recognize the previous year's hunters and the hunters drawn for the current year. It is a time when we can all get together and talk sheep.

The Hunters Clinic and Banquet will be held October 7.

SHEEP SURVEYS AND SHEEP TRANSPLANTS

The Sheep Society participates each year with the Fish and Wildlife Service in doing summer waterhole

counts. This is a time when you may have the opportunity to observe sheep from a blind at close range. The counts are important to the Fish & Wildlife Service in formulation of overall management plans.

We have been working with the Game & Fish on various transplants each year. A capture is usually done in the Kingman area in the summer, and in the Kofas in the fall. These captures are not only a lot of fun, but are vitally important to the future of sheep in historical mountain ranges.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1989

1. Establish and follow an operating budget.
2. Improve membership communications.
3. Double the 1988 membership.
4. Establish a **Waterhole Monitoring Work Force**.

We need volunteers to take responsibility for:

- (1) periodically monitoring certain assigned water development projects;
- (2) installing rain gauges at all waterholes; and
- (3) gathering statistical information so that we can eventually create a true picture of what is happening at our various sheep waters.

This work force would measure and record the water level each time they visit a site. Thus we would guarantee that all critical waters are visited in a timely manner to alert the Game & Fish of any problems.

5. Kick off a task force, **BIGHORN SHEEP — THE NEXT GENERATION**, to address, very specifically, the “future” for sheep. The Task Force will take the lead in pulling together the appropriate/responsible agencies involved with desert sheep and their habitat.

It will attempt to look ahead at least 25 years in projecting what must be done to insure future generations the opportunity to enjoy this magnificent animal.

6. Establish a committee to develop short-term priorities regarding ADBSS, sheep, and associated managing agencies. This group will be involved with the more immediate concerns — “What needs to happen this year, and next?”

As you can readily see, the Sheep Society is busy, and needs all the help it can get. Volunteers are **vital** to get our job done.

We will appreciate any suggestions/input on ways to improve the Society and on ways that we can do more for sheep. Drop us a note, and we will follow through.

Here's wishing you the very best for 1989. Hope to see you at the upcoming activities.

Dean Bowdoin, President
ADBSS

Fundraising Committee Report

DATE OF DINNER: MAY 6TH, 1989
LOCATION: HYATT REGENCY PHOENIX
TICKET PRICE: \$45.00 EACH PER PRIME RIB DINNER

Committee Chairmen

Arrangements — Dean Bowdoin	Taxidermist — Joe Machac
Hunts/Auction — Pete Cimellaro	Silent Auction — Jim Marquardt
Firearms — John Harris	Special Raffles — Richard Robles/Lendell Sherrick
Ticket Sales/Silent Auction — Don Johnson	Chairman — Joe Bill Pickrell

In 1984 when the Society decided to hold our first fundraising dinner we had three goals. The first was to consolidate all our small fundraising into one large program. We were constantly requesting financial aid from the membership. The second was to have a class event. We knew it would make less but we felt, and still do, that it is very important. Third, we hoped to net \$25,000.

The Society still believes in the first and second objective, however, we have netted over \$40,000 for the last three dinners and have set that as a financial goal again this year.

To accomplish our goals we need your help. In the near future you will receive a letter requesting support for the fundraising dinner. Please take a few minutes and read the letter. Any help you can give the committee would be greatly appreciated.

Ticket prices are \$45.00 same as last year, for a very good prime rib dinner which includes one hour free waterhole. Ticket sales will be limited to approximately 500, so order your tickets now.

The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Administrators, 3602 East Camelback at 7:00 p.m. (see calendar on inside front cover). Anyone who wants to help is welcome, and believe me, we do need your help!

Here is a list of the major items we have already received. You can see we still have a long way to go!

1989 Donations

Rick Taylor Sculpture "Cimmaron #15/36	Float trip the Salmon River including Steelhead or
Hand Made Bolo Tie and Belt Buckle from	Sturgeon fishing in Idaho for party of 4 —
Western Jewelry	Whitewater Outfitters — Zeke West
30 power Redfield spotting scope — Mitch Thorson	Approximately 30 firearms
10 day horse back pack trip for 2 in B.C.	Approximately 10 framed prints
Quail and Desert Bighorn Coffee table —	\$100 certificate for head mount — Artist's Touch
Copperstate Cabinets	Taxidermy
\$300.00 Gift Certificate toward Catered Party —	\$100 certificate for any Big Game Mount —
Macayo Mexican Restaurant	Ken Marshall Taxidermy
Coleman Smoker Grill — Del Re's Sportsman Store	Lees Ferry Fishing Trip
7 Day Whitetail Deer Hunt in Wis. — Harold McEuen	18 holes at Troon Golf Course for 2
	Fully guided Rocky Mountain or California
	Bighorn hunt in Idaho — Tim Blank

SPECIAL NOTICE!

COMMISSION SAYS "YES" TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN AND DESERT SEPARATION.

At the October 15th Arizona Game & Fish Commission meeting the commissioners voted unanimously to allow hunters to take one Desert Bighorn and one Rocky Mountain Bighorn in their lifetime. This vote came about after a year of discussion and investigation by the Society and the Arizona Game & Fish Department. The door is now open for anyone who has already taken a Desert or Rocky Mountain, to now take one of the other sub-species as well.

The most important aspect of the rule change is the concept of stepped up management of the Rocky Mountain Bighorn here in Arizona. The Society has pledged to work with the Game & Fish as we do with the Desert Bighorns. It is hoped that we will be able to identify more habitat, increase survey data, and in the long term be able to expand the range of Rocky Mountain Bighorns throughout Arizona's suitable habitat.

We wish to thank the Commission for their support of our proposal. They have given us the impetus to begin, now we must respond to their directive. Perhaps the first step would be the establishment of a standing committee to deal with Rocky Mountain Bighorns!

Pete Cimellaro

SPECIAL NOTICE!

COMMISSION GIVES SOCIETY TWO SPECIAL MULE DEER PERMITS

At our May 6th fund-raiser in Phoenix we will auction two very special mule deer permits. These permits have been proposed for units 12A East & West (Kaibab) and Unit 12B. The season dates are from November 20, 1989 through and including December 31, 1989. Six weeks of hunting in some of Arizona's best big buck country!

As you are aware the purpose of these special tags is to raise funds for our big game species in Arizona. This year not one request came in for the mule deer tags.

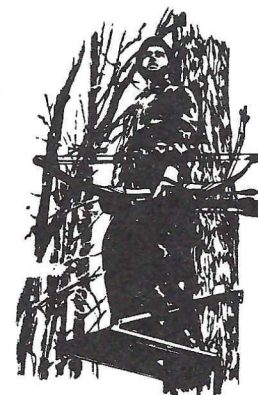
It was because of this the Society asked for and was given these permits. Come to the fund-raiser and support Arizona's wildlife.



PHOENIX SPORTSMEN'S FAIR

February 24, 25, 26, 1989

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California 1988 Bighorn Sheep Hunt Summary

Name	City & State	Date of Kill	Location of Kill	Plug No.	Longest Horn	Killed by	Green Score	Age of Sheep	Tag Type
Jim Ryan	Madison, W.Va.	11-21-88	Marble Mtns.	0010	38-4/8	Bow & Arrow	168-2/8	11	Auction
Kenneth Womack	San Jose, CA	12-6-88	Kelso/Old Dad	0011	31-6/8	Rifle	148-1/8	6	Permit
Luis Barraza	Truckee, CA	12-7-88	Old Dad Mtn.	0012	32-1/8	Rifle	155-6/8	10	Permit
Beverly Conner	Sacramento, CA	12-8-88	Old Dad Mtn.	0013	32-2/8	Rifle	163-2/8	9	Permit
Rene Estrella	San Pedro, CA	12-11-88	Old Dad Mtn.	0014	33-6/8	Rifle	165-2/8	9	Permit
Dianne Seymore	San Jose	12-11-88	Old Dad Mtn.	0015	32-2/8	Rifle	159	7	Permit
Alan Young	Pomona, CA	12-13-88	Marble Mtns.	0016	36-6/8	Rifle	169-7/8	12	Permit
Jeffrie O'Neil	Carlotta, CA	---	Marble Mtns.	---	---	No animal taken	---	---	Permit
Ursula Schalic	Santa Rosa, CA	---	Marble Mtns.	---	---	No animal taken	---	---	Permit

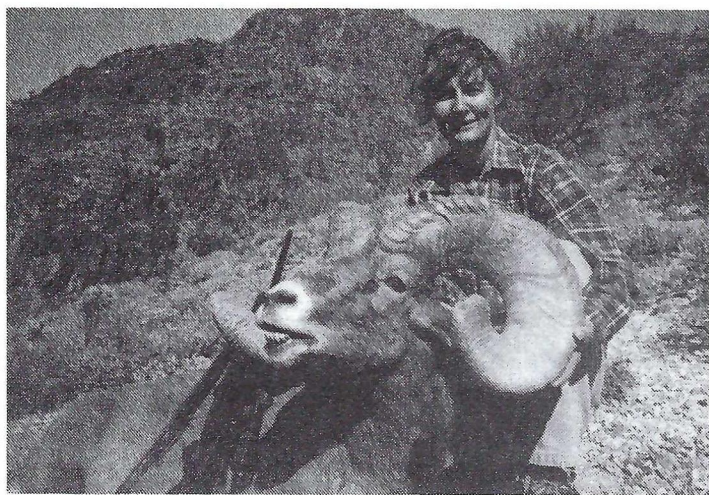
HUNTS



Jim Gerrettie and his outstanding 180+ Rocky Mountain from Unit 27. Jim took his ram on opening morning after a week of scouting. He was assisted by John Harris, Bill Crum and Kevin Mayhew. In all, they saw over 60 sheep in excellent condition.



John Knudson of Watonga Oklahoma, took this beautiful 11 year old trophy ram on the 5th day of his hunt in Unit 43B. John was accompanied by friends P.J. Workman and Jon Harding. He was assisted by Dean Bowdoin, Steve Weisser. Also helping were Joe Machac, Woody Anderson, Charley Pugh and Win Welch.



Cheryl Machac 45B

nerve-shaking excitement of spotting the 169-point ram who was certainly more magnificent than my most optimistic dreams; reflecting with wonder on the many struggles this ten-year-old ram had survived — and with regret on the finality of life; pride and satisfaction in taking my once-in-a-lifetime trophy using the Winchester 270 rifle my father-in-law Joe made for me; love and appreciation for the many hours of scouting and guiding that Jim and Joe put in for me.

My husband Jim says I'm the most unlucky person he knows when it comes to hunt drawings; so it was with smug complacency and inner excitement that I told him last August that I'd drawn an Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep tag. My memories of that sheep hunt and of the preceding months are accented by many feelings.

Sharing Jim's laughing exultation when he finally accepted that I had, in truth, drawn a sheep tag; the impatient months of planning, relieved by the good wishes and congratulations of many friends; savouring the hushed beauty of early opening morning and shrugging off all troubles in the warm contentment of bright blue skies and serene desert mountains; the heart-throbbing,

Water Development Project

1st Project of 1989

Hidden Valley — Jan. 6, 7, 8, 1989

This project is located in the Trigo Mountains, Unit 43B on the Yuma Proving Ground.

The main reason for doing the project was to eliminate a death trap. During the past two or three years, three rams and three or four large mule deer bucks have been pulled from the waterhole.

The pothole was approximately 22 feet deep and 30 feet in diameter. It holds in excess of 65,000 gallons of water.

The project consisted of constructing a stairway from the lip of the pothole to the bottom approaching 40 feet in length. A lot of 1½" pipe was used to fabricate a frame using metal PSP (runway strips). The metal frame was covered with mortar and natural stone resulting in a runway staircase that resembled natural rock. The bottom half of the stairway was constructed with rock and mortar. The ramp utilized close to seventy sacks of cement.

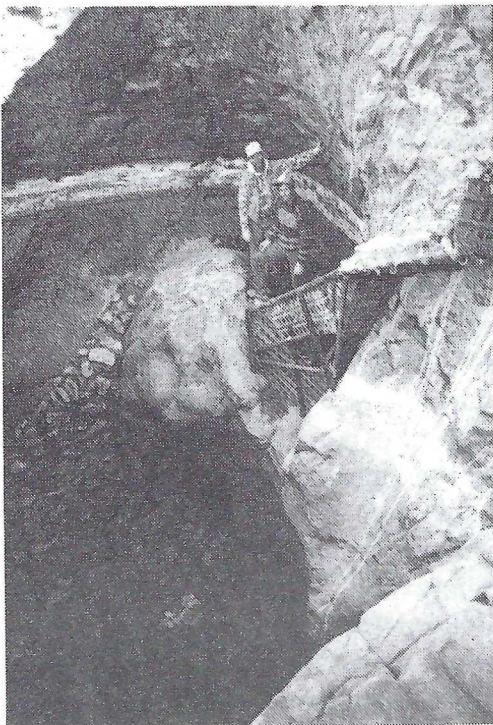
In addition to the stairway a silt control gabion was placed around the site to keep unwanted animals from using the pothole.

Approximately 50 people participated in the project with representatives from the Army, Air Force, Yuma Rod & Gun Club, BLM, Arizona Game & Fish and the Sheep Society.

The Army flew all materials into the work site and our special thanks goes to the support of the Yuma Proving Ground.

We also wish to thank everyone for braving the 4x4 road and for all the hard work completed.

Of course the Sheep Society cooks did their normal outstanding job of providing the Saturday evening meal. We extend our thanks and appreciation to them.



Thanks again to all . . .

Dean Bowdoin, Projects Chairman



NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DUANE SHROUFE!

Duane was appointed to a five year term as director of the Arizona Game & Fish Department at the January 21st Arizona Game & Fish Commission meeting. The commissioners voted unanimously after months of deliberating over some outstanding candidates, all with exceptional qualifications.

The director's job is not new to Duane, twice he has served as acting director. Since moving here from Indiana over 5 years ago he has learned all aspects of the director's job, and he brings stability to a position that is critical to the department. He is perceived as a respected leader by the legislature and governor's office. One of his strong points is his ability to work with all agencies, land use interests, conservation organizations and sportsman's groups. In short he will be a unifying force in the department and a catalyst to others outside the department.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GO TO FIRST LIEUTENANT MICHELLE MONROE!

Those of you that have come out on projects the last couple of years, certainly know Lt. Monroe, the natural-resource manager on the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Gunnery Range. She and many of her Air Force personnel have come to our projects and joined in the work.

She recently won top honors in the Take Pride in Arizona, and Take Pride in America programs. She went to Washington, D.C. and received a special commendation from President Reagan. Since then her program has been selected as the best natural resources program by the Defense Department.

Lt. Monroe we salute you!

FNAWS CONVENTION

For all of you sheep nuts the Annual Foundation for North American Wild Sheep Convention will be held at Bally's Grand Hotel in Reno, Nevada, February 15-18. Daily passes are available.

For information, contact the Foundation at: 307-527-6261.

FROM THE EDITORS:

Please! If you have any information about sheep, stories, pictures, thoughts or concerns, etc. please send them to us. We will sincerely consider all of these materials for publishing in the Ram's Horn. Send to ADBSS or:

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Those of you who take pictures at the Waterhole Projects, we would really appreciate receiving a copy.

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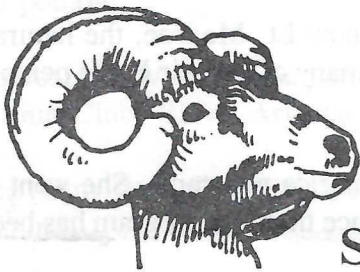
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Contact Richard Robles 833-7361

Any member interested in serving on a committee, contact Society President Dean Bowdoin 955-8636.

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:

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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