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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1990 Water Development Projects

February 16-18 Rawhide Mountains
Approx. 12,000 Gals.

March 16-18 Muggins Mountains
Approx. 25,000 Gals.

March 30 Gila Bend Mountains
Approx. 6,500 Gals.

APRIL 1

APRIL 20-22 Project to be determined

For Additional Information Contact
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May 12 Fund Raising Banquet

June 9 Steak Fry

October 6 Hunters Clinic and Ram Recognition
Banquet

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

— Joe Machac —

A CHALLENGE FOR 1990

In the 23 year history of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society we have accomplished a great deal for the benefit of the Desert Sheep and other wildlife here in the Arizona desert. Due to the foresight of our founding members and the hard work and dedication of the present membership, we have seen the sheep population grow in numbers. We again have populations of sheep where they had been absent for many years.

We again have an ambitious water development schedule for this year. Three projects have already been completed for a combined capacity of about 65,000 gallons. come out and join us on the remaining projects this year. Everyone can do something, and the satisfaction of seeing one of these waterholes completed is more than enough compensation for a few tired muscles.

Funding for most of our work comes from our Fund Raiser Banquet to be on May 12 this year. We need all the support we can get for this event. We need donors and solicitors for donors. Let's make this the best Fund Raiser ever. If the normal rains continue to bypass our desert,

this will be a very critical summer for our sheep. Let us see to it that no sheep goes without water. If we have to fly water in to some of these waterholes, help us to see that the funds are there by supporting the Fund Raiser.

At times you will be receiving in the mail, or by phone, a legislative alert urging you to contact your congressional representative as to your views regarding pending legislation that would affect the management of Desert Bighorn Sheep. At the end of 1989 ADBSS membership was more than 1100. We are big enough to make our vote count if we all do our share.

In 1990 are we going to see our sheep numbers decline due to lack of water and loss of habitat? Are we going to hold our own? Better still, let's continue the increase. It's up to you.

ADBSS President

Society Member Receives National Award

Charter member and Past President Dean Bowdoin has been selected as the third recipient of the Gordon Eastman Grass Roots Award. The award was originated by the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep to recognize the non-professional who has unselfishly contributed their time and energy for wild sheep conservation.

For the last 25 years Dean has dedicated himself to benefiting the Desert Sheep. It is impossible to think of a more deserving individual.

Dean will receive the award at the Foundations Annual Convention in Reno.

A Thank You —

by Dean Bowdoin

I wish to thank the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society for the vote of confidence in nominating me for the "Gordon Eastman Grass Roots Award".

I want to express my appreciation to the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep for selecting me as the recipient of the award in 1990. This award is an honor for me and does provide the icing on the cake, so to speak.

I have enjoyed the many years associated with the Sheep Society and the many projects they have accomplished.

This award is a recognition of the hard work and significant contribution made to the wildlife by many dedicated members of the Sheep Society. Without you I would not be receiving this award.

My thanks go out to all of you who have worked so hard to help sheep.

The future lies with the young people and I would hope we can encourage their participation in the years to come.

It is only through hard work, dedication and commitment by a lot of the members of the Sheep Society that the future of sheep will be ensured.

My thanks to all of you hard working people. Keep up the good work.

BUTTERFLY TANK DEVELOPMENT

ESTRELLA MTS.
JANUARY 5-7

This was the first project of the 1990 season.

Butterfly Tank was originally constructed by the Sheep Society in 1976. Arizona Public Service furnished the helicopter that airlifted cement, mixed at the desert floor, to the job site. The original development provided for 7 to 8 thousand gallons of water storage.

The purpose of this project was to increase the water storage, construct a shade to reduce evaporation and build a silt control gabion upstream.

Materials were airlifted to job site on Thursday and Friday morning. We had a good turnout of Game and Fish personnel, as well as a good turnout of Sheep Society people on Thursday and Friday.

There was a great deal of preparatory work accomplished on Friday which allowed us to complete this large development.

The existing dam was increased by 4 feet using a combination of concrete block and rock. The overall linear feet of dam now exceeds 50 feet and is over 10 feet high. The resulting water storage in the pothole will be approximately 39,000 gallons, which should be sufficient to carry us through the extreme dry times once the pothole is filled.

The gabion was constructed upstream, which will help to reduce silt.

The shade constructed will significantly reduce evaporation and help to insure good water quality.

Several sheep were observed by some of the members.



Original Dam — Note Sheep Carcass in Dry Waterhole

The Estrella Mts. are a great mountain for sheep containing many canyons, and very good vegetation. This mountain range should be able to handle over 200 sheep in the years to come.

A supplemental transplant is in order to give the existing sheep herd some new genes and a shot in the arm. We hope the Game and Fish and BLM will schedule one or two transplants in the Estrellas in the very near future.

There were approximately 65 volunteer workers on this project. The project was funded by Game and Fish out of the raffle and auction tag funds.

The project was completed Sunday afternoon about 1:00 p.m.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who gave of their time and effort to make this a successful project.

Projects such as this one are a great time for wildlife enthusiasts to get together and do something that will have a significant positive impact on all wildlife for many years to come.

Once again, thanks to everyone who participated.



Dam under construction.



Silt control gabion.

Custom Rifle

Donated To Society

Gunbuilder Joe Machac and Engraver Rudolph Bochen-ski have combined their skills and talents in building and assembling a custom rifle which will be raffled at the 1990 Annual Ram Recognition Banquet held October 6.

The total project will require approximately 1,200 man hours.

The rifle will be built on a late 1950 Swedish Husquavar-na action. It will feature a Winchester model 70 Style Safe-ty and a finely tuned custom trigger, a much reworked trigger guard and floor-plate and a nicely jeweled Bolt Body and checkered Bolt handle. A Douglas Supreme bar-rel will be installed and chambered for the 270 cartridge.

The Rifle Ser. No. S.R. 0270 will sport a classic style stock of a very fancy walnut with a hand rubbed oil finish. All of the craftsmanship, hardware, fit, finish, and engraving will exhibit Joe Machac's and Rudolph Bochenski's complete devotion and loyalty to the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society.



Engraved Floor Plate and Trigger Guard

TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH

And will be available at all Society Functions, through the mail or by calling

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WATER DEVELOPMENT INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Society needs volunteers who will assume the responsibility of periodically monitoring the water developments. Inspection and monitoring is critical. There are in excess of 120 water developments which the Society has built. It is important that the Arizona Game & Fish knows the status of each development. If you are interested in participating call **John Gunn at 942-3000.**

ADOPT-A-WATER VOLUNTEERS

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7th ANNUAL — FUND RAISING BANQUET —

MAY 12th AT THE HYATT REGENCY

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

— \$45.00 PER PERSON —

Once again several Society volunteers have been meeting on a monthly basis, vigorously making plans for the upcoming Annual ADBSS Fund Raiser Dinner. The banquet, which will be held Saturday, May 12, of this year, is the primary source of funds for the society. All the money raised at the dinner is used to benefit desert sheep in the form of water development projects, surveys, transplants, and other sheep management activities. Last year's banquet generated more than \$40,000 towards this end, and provided a marvelous evening for all in attendance.

A few auction items which have already been confirmed for this year include the two special Arizona Game and Fish Commission deer permits, plus the addition of one of the special commission buffalo permits. Both purchasers of the special deer permits bought at the 1989 banquet were successful with one taking a record-book mule deer on the Kaibab Plateau. A Dall sheep hunt has also been secured for this year, along with numerous outstanding works of art by nationally recognized artists and sculptors.

The ADBSS Ladies Advisory Committee, which met

for the first time this past summer, has provided the Dinner Committee with several valuable ideas and directions of thought to enhance the overall quality of the banquet. Participation on the Advisory Committee is encouraged and welcome. Any interested ladies should contact Cathy Cimellaro at 840-8749.

The Fund Raiser Dinner Committee would also welcome any new help and fresh ideas from Society members. The tremendous amount of planning and work for each of these banquets is done by just a handful of volunteers. For information on the time and place of the monthly meetings, call Dinner Committee Chairman Jim Fiedler at 832-8489.

If you are unable to help with your time, your donation of a prize listed on the "Wish List" or the donation of \$20 towards a prize along with the same amount given by three or four of your friends will add to the quality and success of the dinner. Contact John Vassel at 987-3295 or any other committee member for donation information. Every little bit helps.

Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society

— FUNDRAISER DINNER COMMITTEE —

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dians and Borrego**

**Wilderness of Desert Bighorn & Seri In-
dians** by Charles Sheldon... A journal of
his travel, hunts and experiences.

Borrego... "The Fall and Rise of the
Desert Bighorn"... history of sheep in
Arizona, the history of the Society,
management objectives of the Desert
Bighorn and the future of Desert Bighorn.

CONTACT
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From The Editor:

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: **Joe Bill Pickrell, P.O. Box 7612, Phoenix, AZ 85011, 602-269-7911**

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

**ANY MEMBER INTERESTED IN SERVING
ON A COMMITTEE CONTACT SOCIETY
PRESIDENT JOE MACHAC 233-0694**

“MY RETURN TO THE JEFF SIEVERS TANK”

Wishing to return to the site of my labors a few years ago, Steve Wieser agreed to guide me to the Jeff Sievers Tank. The day I had arrived, Steve had some business to tend to. We left his pickup a little after two. We are both interested in Wild Sheep so we walked a bit then glass with our binoculars. The view from our ridge offered no live sheep but Steve thought he saw some bones near a cave. Wild sheep enthusiasts are always interested in picked up heads. Sure enough, it looked like every bone was there from a young 3 or 4 year old Desert Bighorn Ram. Steve asked if I would like the skull and horn sheaths, with a big grin, my reply was “I sure would”.

Less than 200 yards away we nearly stepped on a pair of very old horn sheaths. No other bones were near this find. Unbelievable - two picked up in a hours time. Most of my good friends that live in this desert country are always looking for pick up heads. They're few and far between. Our return would be the same route so we laid them on the group and marked a Palo Verde Tree.

Within another several hundred yards Steve found a more recent bone and commented when we returned, we would go lower into the wash and perhaps find another head. We progressed to where we had a good view of the Seqmiller Tank. I've worked on both of these tanks and I know you can see the Sievers Tank from the Seqmiller Tank. We were close but maybe another hour from our goal. With the late start we ran out of time.

Our return found us lower where Steve had found the lone bone. We split up to cover the area better. Standing on a high spot in the wash I saw white under a very spreading Palo Verde. I didn't just walk over to the spot but, got there as quick as I could. Poaching through the branches I shouted out — I found it. I found the bones with the skull — no horn sheaths. Of course Steve said we've got to find the horn sheaths, without them it's not what your really looking for. He continued down the wash and I made circles around the area. When Steve came back he got on the other side of the bushy tree and fortunately found them. This was a beautiful find, no doubt the sheep died a half year ago as there was still sign of hair and tissue on it. A nature ten year old Ram that Steve sored at 164 Boone and Crockett points.

What an afternoon, finding three heads in a 1/4 mile distance in less than 2 hours and Steve gave them to me, needless to say I like Steve Wieser. Article by Curtis D. Judd

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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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Youth membership.....	\$15.00/yr.	Lifetime membership.....	\$500.00
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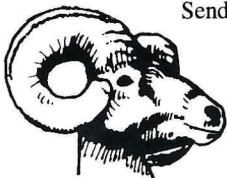
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