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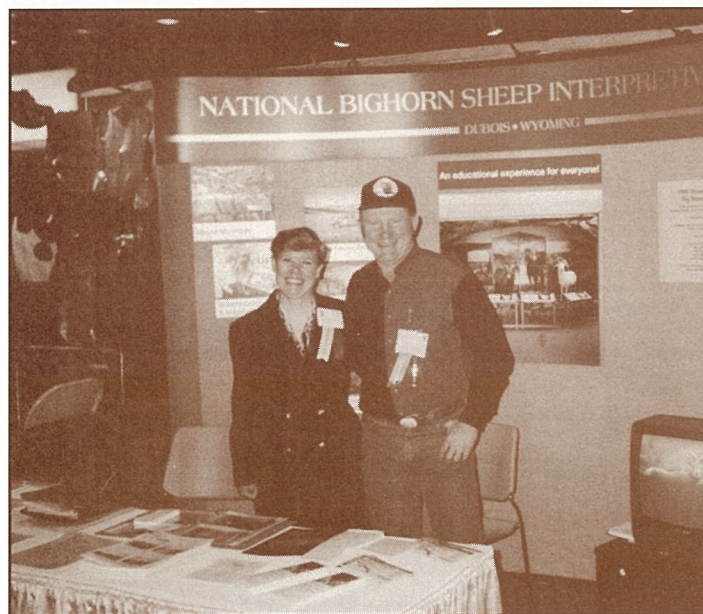
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June Sampson & Jim Collins manning the booth in Reno.

The Wyoming Chapter and The National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center shared a booth at the National FNAWS Convention in Reno last February. The National Convention was a great success. See page 4 for permit auction details.

HOW CAN YOU HELP WYOMING BIGHORNS?

Answer:
BECOME A LIFE MEMBER.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$300

Whiskey Mountain Ram, cover photo by:
Freddie Goetz

The Wyoming Chapter Newsletter is published semi-annually and your subscription is included with your paid up dues.



President's Thoughts

With the summer meeting over, its only natural to look at where the Chapter has grown in the last year. Membership has grown from 130 to over 500, with the life members list jumping from 24 to 46. These are huge raises for a Chapter that is 15 years old!. With this membership growth has come a direct correlation in the funds your Chapter raises to fund sheep projects.

I would like to thank and commend your board of Directors for their hard work in achieving these new heights, and extend a special thanks to the membership! You are the ones that make our Chapter continue to grow and fund the goals we strive for.

But, with due credit to all the above, we should never lose sight of those that laid the foundation for our success! Our Founders, Past Presidents, Officers, and Past Directors have set the foundation for us to build on to excel to the heights your chapter has achieved, and the great successes that we claim for the Chapter today. The past is gone, but those of us wishing to carry on their legacy and build on it, would be well advised to remember our great history.

To this end, we have completed a Chapter history, through the enormous efforts of Kevin Hurley. This history will run in the upcoming publication from National FNAWS in a hard back book, "WILD SHEEP" to celebrate 25 years of "putting sheep on the mountain".

Please feel free to contact your Secretary or President and request your free copy of the Chapter History, and place your order for "WILD SHEEP".

Jim Collins

Sheep Foundation Member Hunt Rarely; Contribute Often

In a society that some say is increasingly apathetic, here's a refreshing example of commitment.

Of the 500 members of the Wyoming Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, none will hunt a wild sheep annually as many hunters do deer, elk, or game birds. Some will never even hunt a bighorn sheep in Wyoming, and most are thankful to draw a precious license once in their lifetime.

Yet, while these enthusiasts see bighorn sheep in their cross hairs only slightly more often than a total eclipse, they have put up over \$185,000.00 and countless volunteer hours for the benefit of Wyoming bighorns since the Wyoming Chapter organized in 1982.

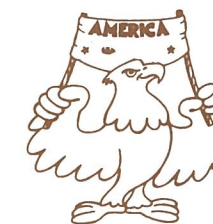
"The dedication to bighorns comes from the lure of their high country habitat and the animal's perseverance to survive there," said Randy Taylor of Lander, past member of the Wyoming Chapter's Board of Directors. "Our commitment is to improve their current habitat and expand their range in Wyoming to all the mountain ranges they formerly inhabited."

The Chapter is always there to provide money and labor to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and federal agencies for bighorn habitat improvements and transplants, but their charitable scope extends to other activities.

Wyoming classrooms have big game fact-finding wheels courtesy of the Chapter and National FNAWS located in Cody. Women had their first experiences with hunting and fishing through "Becoming and Outdoor Woman" workshop subsidized by the group. And the Chapter is a regular contributor to the "Stop Poaching" program which pays cash rewards for information leading to bighorn convictions.

This is a reprint of a portion of a Wyoming G & F news release that ran in the states newspaper, the month of 11/97. We are running it again here to once again thank our members for their great support.

Call To Arms



We need each members help:

- 1) Hunting pictures and stories.
- 2) **Auction Items and Door Prizes** for Casper.
- 3) Sponsors for coffee and events at Casper.
- 4) Ad's for newsletter.
- 5) Help recruiting new mebers and life members.



Jim Mills missed the summer meeting, but we guess this archery Canadian bear is excuse enough.

Wyoming Governors Bighorn License Donated Back For Sheep Projects!

Dan Poapalia purchased the Wyoming Governors Bighorn license at the February FNAWS Convention for \$35,000. Then Dan donated it back with the resale, \$30,000 to benefit Wyoming Bighorns. This generosity will give our sheep program a big boost. The Wyoming Chapter THANKS Dan Poapalia for helping put "More Sheep on Wyoming's Mountains".



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Member T. K. Atkinson with his area 3 ram scoring 183 2/8



Wyoming Chapter Members Have Diverse Interests

While striving to draw a sheep permit, our members are far from dormant! These two lifers are examples of the energy spent as we dream of hunting bighorns. The Chapters "Atta Way" on dreams come true.

Richard Petty Speedway Dream Come True!

On May 2nd, 1998, life member #6, Freddie Goetz got to fulfill his life-long dream.

I went to Charlotte Motor Speedway at Concord North Carolina and enrolled in the Richard Petty Driving Experience. I got to ride with a pro driver in a 700 horsepower Winston Cup Stock Car at speeds over 165 MPH. For over 6 laps I was having



the time of my life. When we passed one of the cars on the back straight away on the high side, we were 8' from the wall. Then we got to pass one of the other cars on the low side, you could reach out and touch the driver. MAN, what a thrill of a lifetime!

Then after all this, it was my turn, to try my hand and to get one of those cars around the 1 1/

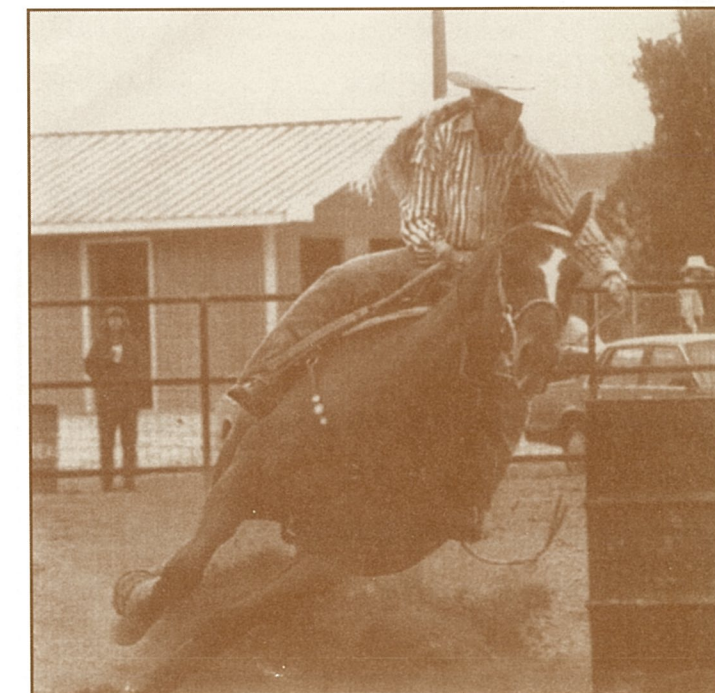
2 mile track with a 24 degree banking in the corners. My Speed for 8 laps was 98.1, not quite what I wanted but I was having the time of my life. Just me and that 107 High Octane Gas Gussying Ground Pounding Stock Car making our way around "The Charlotte Motor Speedway".

TURN & BURN

Cindy Reynolds, life member #25, won the 1997 World Championship in barrel racing on the Senior Pro Circuit. She earned the title last November in Reno at the National Senior Pro Rodeo. The title is the culmination of points earned throughout the 1997 rodeo season.

1997 was Cindy's third trip to the Senior Pro Rodeo finals.

Congratulations Cindy!



Cindy and her 11 year old quarter horse, Cat, at work.



FNAWS Tag Auction Breaks Records

National FNAWS February 1997 auction in Reno NV Broke all previous records, raising over 3.5 million. Twenty two hunting permits raised over 1.8 million.

ALASKA CARIBOU	\$2,200
ALASKA DALL	\$50,000
ALBERTA BIGHORN	\$405,000
ARIZONA BIGHORN	\$140,000
COLORADO BIGHORN	\$56,000
COLORADO MOOSE	\$7,000
COLORADO GOAT	\$6,500
IDAHO BIGHORN	\$55,000
MEXICO BIGHORN	\$200,000
MEXICO BIGHORN	\$195,000
MEXICO BIGHORN	\$51,000
MEXICO BIGHORN	\$58,000
MONTANA BIGHORN	\$300,000
NEW MEXICO BIGHORN	\$77,500
NORTH DAKOTA BIGHORN	\$30,000
OREGON BIGHORN	\$59,000
UTAH DESERT	\$44,000
UTAH BIGHORN	\$36,000
WASHINGTON BIGHORN	\$27,500
WYOMING BIGHORN	\$35,000
WYOMING BIGHORN RESALE	\$30,000
WYOMING MOOSE	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$1,872,200

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A NATIONAL MEMBER THIS SHOULD CONVINCCE YOU TO JOIN!

CASPER AUCTION LINE UP COULD BE BEST EVER!

Lamplighter Lodge, Saskatchewan, Canada
Black Bear Hunt: This is the hunt to get your different color phases of black bears.

Cowboy Polaris, Dubois, WY
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Kenneth B. Koon, Baker City, OR
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Mountain Bike.

Trophy Stone Safaris Ltd., Yukon, Canada
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Vivi Crandel, Casper, WY
Both of Vivi's latest sheep prints, Eye of the Storm & Prickley Heat.

Nancy Claman, Farson, WY
Stained glass bighorn window.

National FNAWS, Cody, WY
7mm FNAWS rifle.

Griener Ford & Chris Navarro, Casper, WY
Artwork.

Quality Petroleum & Coast to Coast, Casper, WY
Hamilton Beach mixer.

WOW, what a lineup, and just mentioning a few of the highlights! Don't miss out, plan on attending the Fundraiser, December 5, 1998.

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WY CHAPTER - FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN WILD SHEEP FINANCIAL REPORT

6/4/1998

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORT AT SUMMER MEETING

Receipts - 12/1/97 thru 6/4/98

97 Convention/Banquet	\$41,359.80
License Sales	53,200.00
Donations	1,450.00
Dues	2,560.00
Interest income	1,473.69
Newsletter advertising	100.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$100,143.49

Dispersments - 12/1/97 thru 6/4/98

97 Convention/Banquet	\$19,571.43
98 Convention/Banquet	837.20
Licenses	36,810.00
Sheep projects	13,683.73
Printing/office/and other	5,557.46
TOTAL Disbursements	\$76,459.82

Receipts over Disbursements **\$23,683.67**

Cash & Invesments available 11/30/97	<u>\$63,365.55</u>
Increase (decrease) awards outstanding	<u>\$2,570.30</u>
Cash & investments available 6/4/98	<u>\$89,619.52</u>
Unfunded grants 6/4/98	<u>\$37,122.80</u>
Unrestricted cash 6/4/98	<u>\$52,496.72</u>

According to BLM's Fish and Wildlife 2000 Strategy Plan: 20% of Wyoming Bighorn Range is on land privately owned.



Weed Pull-en Weekend

Huge Success, must do it again next year, I had no idea the problem was this severe, are just a few of the comments one could hear after the afternoon of hard work pulling Dalamation Toadflax. Nearly 100 volunteers reported for duty June 20 to help the Wyoming Chapter and the Cody Weed and Pest, control Toadflax. Spreading from a spot infestation just a few years ago to over 1600 acres today, its past time, to make this problem a number one priority.



The Wyoming Chapter's "BURGER FLIPPING CREW"

Despite all the hard work, fun was had by all, camaraderie and hard work coupled together for a very enjoyable day. The buses and crew chiefs were coordinated by the Cody weed and pest district and the Conservation District, with the Wyoming Chapter furnishing the evening meal.



Thermopolis 1998 Summer Fun Weekend

The fun started at high noon! A record number of shooters signed up to try their shotgun skills out at sporting clays. 3 men's squads and one ladies squad competed for overall championship. Corbin Ball, Jeff Reynolds, and Jim Collins were the men's squad winners, and with a short shoot off, Corbin



1998 summer BBQ-sirloins were great!

was declared the overall men's winner. Our secretary, Nancy Collins, devastated the competition to win the ladies overall.

The business meeting was conducted after the shoot, with a full agenda. The membership voted \$1253.00 to fund a UV sun protection film at the Bighorn Sheep Center in Dubois, this will protect the sizeable investment in life size mounts. We also heard of sizeable upcoming requests on sheep projects that should be presented at the Casper Convention in December. The By-laws were amended and revised to allow Company membership, allow the Board authority to set the winter meeting site and dates and give the Board the power to approve emergency funding for sheep projects. Kevin Hurley gave us an update on the Weed Pull'en Weekend coming up June 20th on the South Fork of the Shoshone River.

The President thanked Kevin Hurley, David Luzmoor, Jamie George, Surge d'Elia, and Hugo Killian for their hard work on Chapter projects. The

meeting concluded with reports from Tom Ryder on the progress to transplant sheep in the Sweetwater Rocks, hopefully in the winter of 1999-2000, and a report on the Chapter funded lamb survival study on Whiskey Basin, by Pat Hnilicka.

This years evening meal was served as an outside BBQ, and everyone agreed that once again the Holiday Inn of the Waters did a great job, and we want to give a big Chapter thank you to the Holiday for sponsoring the wine and cheese hour during the business meeting.

For the third year, Kevin Hurley took us on an early Sunday morning bighorn search in Wind River Canyon. The third time turned out to be the charm, as we found 4 ewes with new lambs at their side. After much discussion it was decided that credit for finding the bighorns should be given to Kyle Hurley age 7, we are sure he showed his dad the sheep!



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Past President Ron Ball - Tough Duty!

Whiskey Mountain Lamb Survival Study

The Wyoming Chapter has funded \$15,000 in the last two years toward the goal of determining the cause of poor ewe-lamb ratios in the Whiskey Mountain herd unit since the pasteurella die off in 1991. Fifty ewes have been darted and blood and fecal samples have been taken and many of the ewes collared. With these blood samples we have learned that a very high rate of the ewes are bred in March. It also appears that the blood analysis of minerals is adequate but on the low side. Plans are being made to collect liver samples from harvested rams this fall to further check the mineral levels. Hopefully with observations this summer of the collared ewes, we will start to get an answer.

Nineteen of the sheep from this years darting where relocated to the Red Creek area, an unused part of the winter range, trying to spread out the



19 sheep were released in the Red Creek area.

winter usage. Ron Ball and Fritz Meyer were on hand to help with darting and collaring last year.



Frik Muller, Wyo. Chapter Member from Zimbabwe, Africa, with one of the last rams taken on the Ferris Mountains in 1987. With the new guzzler, and some prescribed burns, hopefully we can again harvest rams in this area some day soon.



Life #29 Sam Green with Vice President Cole Benton. Sam killed this area 5 ram in 1997.

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Casper Hilton hosts Chapter Convention December 5, 1998

Kicking off with a 8:00 am Membership meeting on Saturday, the membership will address funding, elections of all officers and two directors, and hear updates on funded projects. After lunch a full afternoon of seminars await. At 12:40, Joe Brandl will present a sheep eater Indian seminar in the theater, followed at 1:50 pm by Duncan Gilchrist presenting "Super Rams of West" in the theater and Peter Kummerfelt's presentation on high altitude health hazards in the Tetons room. Seminars at 3:00 will include a wine and cheese seminar in the Tetons room and a rundown on our bighorn herds by the Wyo. G & F sheep guys. Booths will be set up in the terrace for your inspection Friday afternoon and all day Saturday.

The cocktail hour will start at 5:00pm, with dinner starting at 6:00 in the ball room. The auction will begin after dinner.

For those interested, the Board will meet Friday morning at 8:00, and we welcome all members. The auction set up will take place right after the board meeting and we could sure use your help!

Mark your calendar and join the fun December 4 & 5, 1998, at the Casper Hilton.



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Officer and Board Nominations Needed!

All Officers and two Board members will be elected in December at the Casper Convention

The Nomine must be a member in good standing of the WY Chapter, be able to attend Board meetings in all areas of the state, and be willing to donate a substantial amount of time toward the Chapters goals.

Nominations made at the summer meeting are: Directors: Dirk Edington, Lynn Stewart, Kevin Hurley, for Secretary: Dave Luzmoor, and Kathy Gay, Vice President: Cole Benton, Treasurer: Jay Reddon.

If you are willing to serve or know someone who is please contact The Secretary Nancy Collins or Vice President Cole Benton.

Problems: Hunt Area 22 (Badlands)

Habitat - Habitat improvement potential high - Wiggins Fork to Badlands. Private meadows play an important role in some localized areas.

Domestic Sheep -

Predation -

Genetics -

Disease - Small farm operations - goats?

Recreational goat use (pack animals).

Migration - Movement between HA 5 and HA 22.

Herbivore Competition - Elk competition - segregate?

Livestock - indirect conflicts - too much use in some places created elk movement and subsequent competition with sheep.

Recreation/Development Encroachment -

Poor/Inconsistent Classification Data -

Hunting Related -

Other - I&E use - high potential.

Problems: Wind River Canyon

Habitat - Burn in canyon a plus, turned good sheep habitat into great habitat.

Domestic Sheep -

Predation -

Genetics -

Disease -

Migration -

Herbivore Competition -

Recreation/Development Encroachment -

Poor/Inconsistent Classification Data -

Hunting Related -

Other - Ultimately include in Francs Peak herd? Other sites located for transplants.

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