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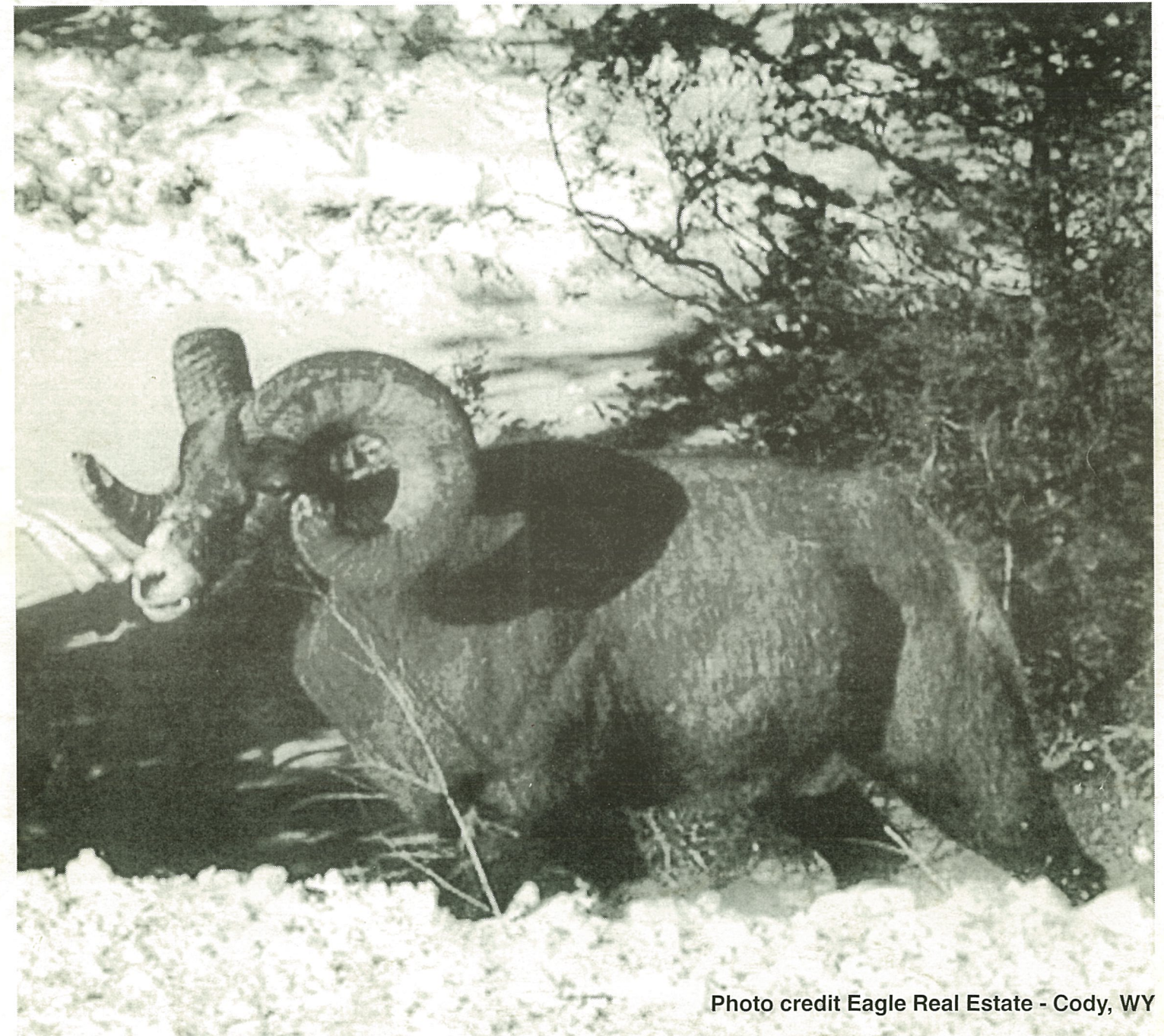


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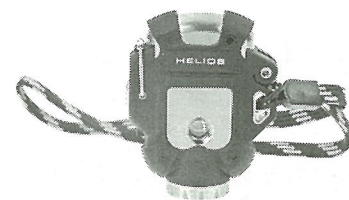
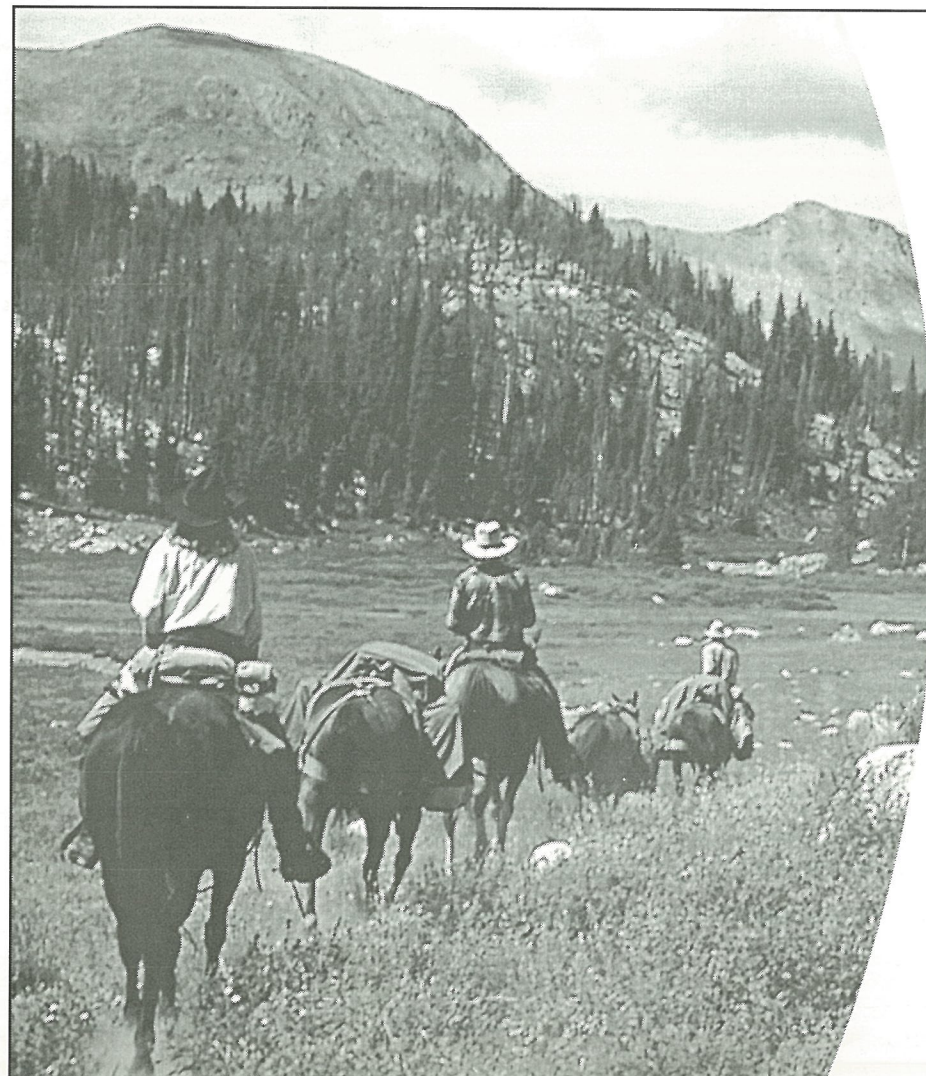
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Correction: The cover photo for Winter 2001 issue of *The Rampage* was identified incorrectly. Photo credit should have gone to James Yule of Worland, Wyoming.



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GOVERNOR MEETS WITH WYOMING CHAPTER

Governor Jim Geringer met with members of the Wyoming Chapter of FNAWS and displays his STATE STATESMAN AWARD. During the Governor's visit to the annual FNAWS Convention held in Reno, he took the time to meet with WYOMING members who were in attendance.

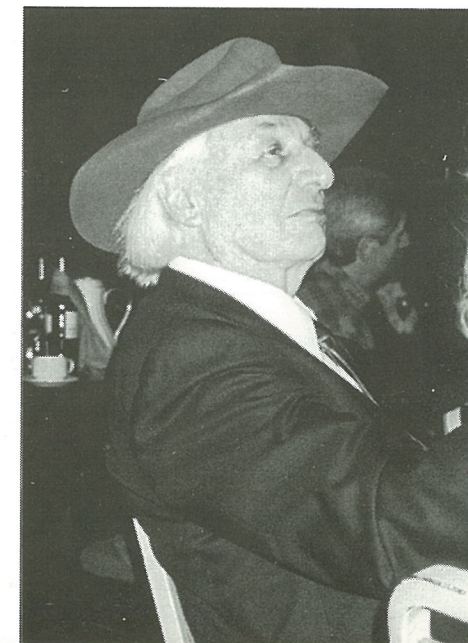


There was a productive exchange of ideas regarding funding for the WY G&F Dept., to use on projects designed to improve the range and quality of habitat for our bighorns.

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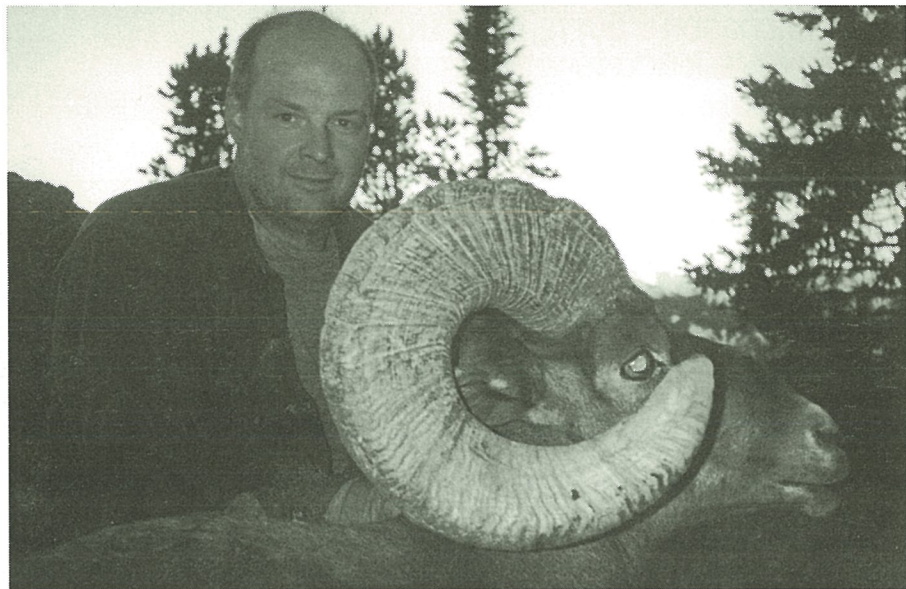
DAN POCAPALIA of Rancho Palos Verdes, was presented with an honorary life membership in the WYOMING Chapter by President Cole Benton and Vice-President David B. Connor. Dan has made huge financial contributions for Wyoming bighorn sheep through his bidding on the Governor's bighorn tag at the annual convention over the past several years. More than once Dan has purchased the permit only to turn it back to the auctioneer for a second purchase!

DAN, Thank You from all of us in WYOMING!!!



HUNT REPORTS

JOHN WILSON from ROCK SPRINGS was one of the fortunate applicants to draw a bighorn tag in 2000 and reports as follows. "During my successful November 1999 whitetail deer hunt near Wheatland, with Mike and Myron Wakkuri of ELK MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS, we spent the greatest portion of our energies discussing sheep and sheep hunting. I came to know of Mike, Carrie, Myron and Karma Wakkuri's enthusiasm for sheep hunting and the rich history of sheep hunting in their area. I would book with Elk Mountain Outfitters if I was ever so fortunate to draw a bighorn tag. Little did I know that I would indeed be so fortunate. Just 4 months later Mike phoned me to say tat I had drawn an area 3 tag! Five agonizing, long months passed with images of ram horns motivating my daily runs which added up to an approximate 700 sweaty, knee pounding miles. Late September mercifully arrived and I was finally able to do what I had been dreaming about for so many years, hunt Bighorn rams in Wyoming! I was expertly guided by not 1, but 2 great hunters, Mike Wakkure and his long time right hand man, Clint Menke. Let me tell you, these guys would not just make the all-star team of sheep guides, they would be the co-MVP's of the All Millennium Super Star Guide Dream Team! I was continually impressed by their capabilities of woodsmen, horsemen, storytellers, hunters and sheep spotters. In Fact, Clint actually spotted my ram among a group of 5 others across an immense expanse of beautiful country we estimated to be around 6 miles. That happened early on the 8th day into our hunt. By the end of that day I was incredu-



JOHN WILSON

lously holding the horns of one of the most regal and coveted big game animals. So many pent-up emotions raced through my mind as I admired the 36" X 14" Rocky Mountain Bighorn ram that I had just brought down with my Shaffer custom .280Ackley improved rifle. Only those who have dreamed of and hunted these magnificent mountain monarchs can appreciate what that moment feels like. I expressed my heartfelt thanks to the great folks of Elk Mountain Outfitters who made my ram fantasies a reality. Thank you Mike and Carrie Wakkuri, Myron and Karma Wakkuri and to the eagle eyed Clint Menke. Thank you also to all of the great folks at FNAWS who work so hard and give so much of their means and time to the worthy cause of the wild sheep of North America."

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EDITOR'S NOTES

*The WYOMING Chapter held our summer meeting in Thermopolis on the 2nd of June and we were fortunate to have the President of National FNAWS, our own Jeff Reynolds of Douglas, in attendance. I do not know how many of you are members of National, but I am going to quote one paragraph from President Jeff's column in the latest **WILD SHEEP** magazine.*

"FNAWS needs to broaden its scope beyond the borders of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. We are the recognized leaders for wild sheep conservation in North America, but wild sheep and wild sheep hunters extend well beyond these boundaries. We must concentrate some effort in that direction."

Jeff took a brief minute to explain FNAWS is loosing membership, to a certain extent, when the Grand Slam is completed, and the individual continues sheep hunting beyond the North American border. Jeff also pointed out FNAWS does intervene in certain situations to protect our right to hunt and import legally taken "foreign" trophies.

Several of us at the summer meeting expressed concern regarding this direction of the Foundation for "North American" Wild Sheep, as the subject was also brought up in one meeting at the annual convention in Reno, January of this year. I am asking YOU to contact any board member and let us know your feelings on this subject.

All of us wish every one of you fortunate enough to have drawn a license to hunt Wyoming's bighorns much success, and have a great experience!!

The cover photo was taken on the 18th of December 2000 and this ram was poached on Christmas Eve. The bighorn ram was located west of Cody and the men involved in this poaching incident have been convicted and are awaiting sentencing.

David B Connor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thinking over the poaching cases I know of, in the past year alone, including six moose and two bull elk above Buffalo, a very large bull elk just 20 miles north of me in Montana, and two rams on the North Fork west of Cody, I would like to take a few minutes of your time and talk about poaching and the public.

If these events are going to be stopped, our law enforcement is going to need your help. Being scattered way to thin throughout our western states, the G&F cannot see or know of every illegal act that happens.

As more people move into Wyoming, more habitat is being destroyed, fenced, and more roads are being constructed, thus making our wildlife even more vulnerable. The wintering areas should be a safe place for these animals to rest, survive the cold and snow, and be in top condition to deliver and raise their young come springtime. However, this isn't just about winter, it is a year round situation. A cow moose shot and left, a ram killed with only his horns and cape taken, over the limit of fish, or too many birds taken, it's all poaching, and it is all taking away from you, the sportsperson, resident or non-resident.

Do you want to be able to continue hunting and fishing as it is today? Then I am asking for your help. The number of poaching cases that are caught and convicted would go up dramatically if only someone would just come forward immediately and tell what they have heard or witnessed.

Get the vehicle or person's description, a license plate number, or try to take a picture. This needs to be done as quickly as possible. Don't wait for tomorrow or it will be too late. Almost every poaching which takes place; someone knows information that might help bring about a conviction.

Poachers like to brag!

So, I am asking each or you out there to help our wildlife survive.

Stay tuned for more on poaching in the next RAMPAGE!!

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H U N T R E P O R T S

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JOHN JACOBSON of BUTTE, MONTANA also hunted with ELK MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS, and reports another success story! "Sheep fever is a chronic condition for which there is no cure. It is characterized by increasing intensity with each exacerbation, and gets worse with age. I first developed the condition reading Jack O'Connor's stories as a teenage boy. My son Eric drew a sheep permit in 1990 and harvested a nice Boone and Crockett ram only 40 miles from our home. He and I also got nice Dall rams in 1995 with Bill McKenzie in the NWT of Canada. In 1997 I shot a 40" Stone's sheep with Heidi Gutfrucht in Northern BC. Each hunt I have seems the best hunt of a lifetime. This year, 2000, was no exception. I drew a permit in Area 3 in Wyoming. I teamed with Mike Wakkuri and Clint Menke of Elk Mountain Outfitters. Long days were spent glassing and searching. On the 5th day of the hunt we spotted a nice sheep on a cliff early in the morning. There was no wind on a cloudless morning so the ram was content to rest. When we finally got close to him 3 hours later, he stood up and moved. We had him at 300 yards. The ram was a 12 year old veteran. This was



JOHN JACOBSON

certainly the hunt of a lifetime (until next time anyway). Mike and Clint were wonderful companions and were willing to work as hard as was necessary to climb to the good rams. Carrie Wakkuri's meals before sunup and after sun down made the trip complete. Hats off to Wyoming on their outstanding sheep management."

WYOMING CHAPTER PROUDLY ANNOUNCES 4th ANNUAL BYOH TRIP

Wyoming Chapter members are invited on our fourth annual "Bring Your Own Horse trip. We are going to tour the recent allotment waiver in the Southern Wind River Mountains. Plans are still being worked out, but the plan so far is to meet Thursday night at the Scab Creek Trail head outside Pinedale for the trip in on Friday. The dates are July 20 - 22, spending Friday and Saturday nights in camp and packing out on Sunday. The Pinedale District G&F office has offered their tent camp approximately 4 1/2 hours in from the Trail head, for our use. Backpackers are also welcome with some extra pack horse space available for their convince.

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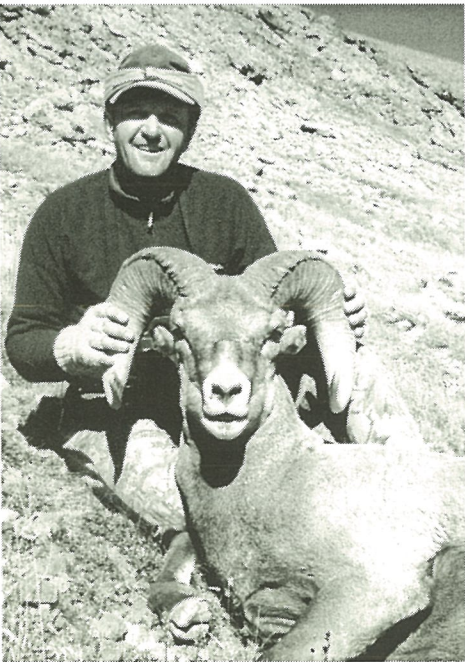
HUNT REPORTS

DAVE DAIGLE of GILLETTE was fortunate to draw an area 4 tag and had quite a story to share with me. Dave had the good luck to hunt with his son, Andy, and friends, Steve Potter, and Kent Terry. They did it the old fashioned way with their own 3 horses and a couple of mules.

It seems Dave had a sheep tag in 1981 and on the last hour of the last day of a 60 day season he passed on a couple of rams he thought might be legal, but were just too close to call. Now, 19 years later, and more experienced, the quest was to begin again. Creating additional pressure is the fact Dave's 15 year old son already had a ram trophy on the wall!

On the 15th of September they were on the trail by 7:30 AM. After 12 hours in the saddle, they topped a pass to see the Tetons, and set up camp. Then 2 days of scouting, and seeing numerous ewes and lambs, and elk, they decided to move. The 3rd day proved more of the same. A long day 4 of hiking and scouting showed promise but no rams, until snow drove them back to camp, and after settling in, two legal rams were spotted not ½ a mile from camp "just

DAVE DAIGLE



feeding in a grassy rock chute"! Well, sheep hunters being the breed they are, Dave and his friend attempted to make a run for one of the rams, but daylight just ran out and plans for the following morning were in place. The weather broke about 10 AM, and as the sun came out so did the rams. A 20 minute hike had Dave and his friend at the top of a cliff just below a basin, but no rams! So on up and over the ridge and 300 yards distant were the rams, standing there looking straight at Dave. Now the, are they big enough or not ordeal, as you look through the scope, and your friend is in a whispering yell (is there such a thing?) shoot the one on the left!!

The rams decided they had enough of this and took off, and a 500 yard shot went awry. BUT, a lone ram had been spotted during the 20 minute hike to the cliff below the basin, and at 3 PM this ram was again spotted sleeping on a rock not 300 yards off. Adrenaline City kicks in!!

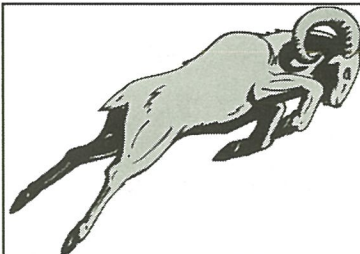
"Taking off my pack and crawling up to a rock which could provide a solid rest, thoughts of the young ram 19 years ago ran through my head. I edged the



LEFT: DAVE DAIGLE, RIGHT: STEVE POTTER

rifle over the rock only to find the ram now standing, looking right at me. I had my cross-hairs directly on his right front shoulder and with a deep exhale squeezed the trigger only to hear the roar of the muzzle and watch the ram wheel and run off. I thought to myself, I am too good a shot to miss him, and just then I saw his right leg fly above his shoulder, and the ram went straight over on his back, rolling one time. It was over and I had been given a gift only a sheep hunter can appreciate".

Congratulations to you Dave, and especially to your son and friends, for making it an event to remember for a lifetime.



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In Memoriam

The Wyoming Chapter would like to thank life member Doug Cline of Jackson for his generous contribution in honor of his grandfather. In his letter to us, Doug wrote,

"Please accept this memorial contribution in memory of my grandfather, Sylvanus D. Stoner of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Born in September 1899, he recently passed away at the age of 101.

Although he never experienced the thrill of a mountain sheep hunt, he spoke often of his fond memories of chasing pronghorn antelope in the Cowboy state. He will be missed by family and friends."

Thank you again, Doug. Your grandfather must have been a very special person and we are pleased to accept your donation in his name.

Allotment Buyout in Wind River Mountains

6/25/01

In the largest project ever undertaken by the Wyoming Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (WY-FNAWS), another domestic sheep allotment buyout has been negotiated with two willing permittees on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, east of Pinedale. Negotiations were concluded and papers were signed in Pinedale on June 6, 2001.

This project, located in the southern Wind River Mountains, calls for John Erramouspe & Sons to voluntarily waive 6 domestic sheep allotments back to the U.S. Forest Service in exchange for financial compensation of \$115,000. Once these 6 allotments are waived back to the Forest Service, Pete Arambel, a neighboring domestic sheep permittee, will work cooperatively with the Bridger-Teton NF and WY-FNAWS to move his domestic sheep into portions of these 6 allotments, thereby vacating portions of 5 other domestic sheep allotments much closer to occupied bighorn sheep habitat. The net result of this project will be dramatically increased separation between domestic and bighorn sheep, as currently used allotments along the Continental Divide will be vacated. These allotments will be held in a vacant status until the Bridger-Teton NF Forest Plan revision, scheduled for 2008.

Wyoming FNAWS, led by the efforts of Past President Jim Collins, put over two years of work toward this project. Wyoming FNAWS feels very strongly that two grazing permittees, the federal land management agency, bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, other wildlife, and recreationists, including backpackers, anglers, and hunters, will all benefit greatly from this project. "This is the kind of project that demonstrates the dedication and support of bighorn sheep advocates, while at the same time showing a positive, multiple-use approach to resource management issues and a willingness to work with, and for, agricultural producers," said Collins. Throughout negotiations on this project, and in statewide discussions with the domestic sheep industry over the past 18 months, Wyoming FNAWS has maintained a very deter-

mined multiple-use philosophy, and has worked hard with willing livestock permittees to arrive at "win-win" solutions to address identified, high-priority resource issues. This is another project the entire FNAWS network can, and should be, proud of participating in.

This project could have never been completed without the support of national FNAWS, several chapters of FNAWS, and many other dedicated conservation groups. Cooperators on this project included Wyoming FNAWS (\$22,450), National FNAWS (\$23,000), Iowa FNAWS (\$7,000), Minnesota-Wisconsin FNAWS (\$7,500), Utah FNAWS (\$12,500), Eastern FNAWS (\$12,500), Lehigh Valley (PA) Chapter Safari Club International (\$5,000), Alabama Chapter SCI (\$2,500), Detroit (MI) Chapter SCI (\$2,000), Dallas Safari Club (\$2,300), Dallas Ecological Foundation (\$3,250) and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (\$15,000). "Wyoming FNAWS would like to thank all our partners on this project," said current Wyoming FNAWS President Cole Benton. "Two domestic sheep permittees, the involved agency personnel, our funding cooperators, and many others stepped up to make this project happen; we could not have put this project together without the cooperation and support of so many folks," stated Benton.

Benefits to bighorn sheep in the Whiskey Basin and Temple Peak herds, as well as for bighorns in the South Fork of the Little Wind River drainage on the Wind River Indian Reservation, should begin to accrue almost immediately, as the possibility of co-mingling with domestic sheep is sharply reduced. Habitat improvement opportunities and possible augmentation via future transplants will be carefully evaluated in the coming months. According to Wyoming Game and Fish Department wildlife biologists Doug McWhirter in Pinedale and Tom Ryder in Lander, "this project will significantly improve the status and future of bighorn sheep in the Wind River Mountains. Wyoming FNAWS has taken a giant step with this project, and our bighorn sheep will benefit greatly."

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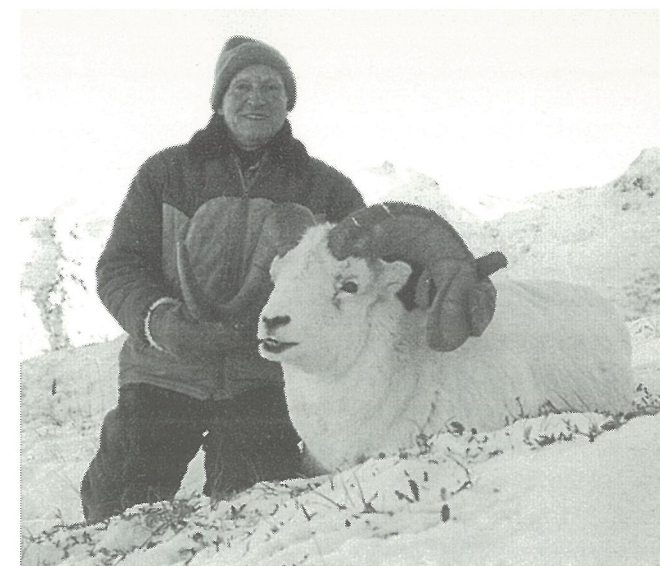
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GALE W. SUNDERLAND of **CODY** said, "Enclosed is payment for three years. I should have joined years ago, but I thought I would never draw.

Guess what!

Enclosed is a photo of my last white sheep from October 2, 2000. Many of your members will recognize my guide as none other than Stan Reynolds himself. He completes my 'Grand Slam' of outfitter Stan's. They were all great, but he is tops". OK Gale, who are the other "Stan's"?

I know Stevens, and Simpson, but fill us in, and I take it you have a bighorn, so lets see that photo!



GALE W. SUNDERLAND



DAVID CONNER

I know, you all thought I am just a great scribe and editor, but here is living proof the hunter does exist!!

Thanks to good friend FRITZ MEYER, WIND RIVER MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS, I was able to take this lion in February, 2001. Friends PAT, TIM, and JIM were also along for the fun, and I do mean this was a fun hunt. It has been many years since I have hunted over dogs, and then it was just for rabbits. Listening to those hounds baying, and having the lion slink down the mountain prior to my shot still gives me goose bumps!

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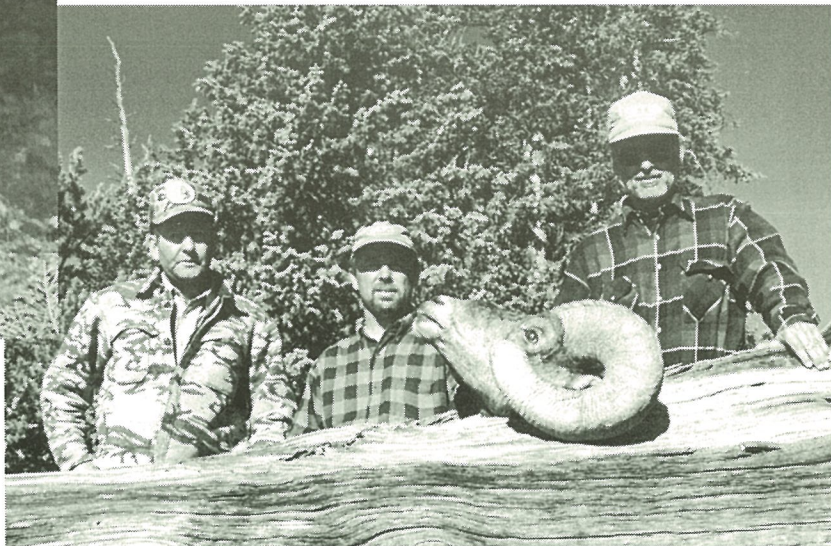
The **WYOMING** CHAPTER, FNAWS had the annual summer meeting on the 2nd of June, and one of the significant decisions approved was to have the next annual banquet and auction in **Thermopolis at Holiday Inn** on the 8th of June 2002, so plan accordingly!

HUNT REPORTS



MILES JOHNSON

Outfitter and president of our chapter, COLE BENTON of GRIZZLY OUTFITTERS sent me the following photos of MILES JOHNSON of GILLETTE with his ram taken in area 3 on September 2nd. The second photo shows Cole, Terry Janssen (camp tender), and Miles.



COLE BENTON, TERRY JANSSEN, MILES JOHNSON



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Mr. Cole Benton, President
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Dear Mr. Benton:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of FNAWS whom worked so tirelessly on the deal to retire the Green Mountain domestic sheep allotment on the Targhee National Forest. I firmly believe that this agreement will benefit wild sheep, as well as, numerous other species of wildlife. I am particularly impressed with FNAWS efforts to make the agreement beneficial to Robert Ball and his sheep business. As you know, Robert has endured numerous years of bear depredations with few options to manage the damage. The FNAWS deal helps him keep his business viable, while making a significant contribution to wildlife conservation. I believe that The Wyoming Chapter has become the leader in developing solutions that benefit both the wildlife and the people that live on the land.

Again, words cannot express how impressed I am with the work FNAWS has been able to accomplish in Wyoming.

Sincerely,

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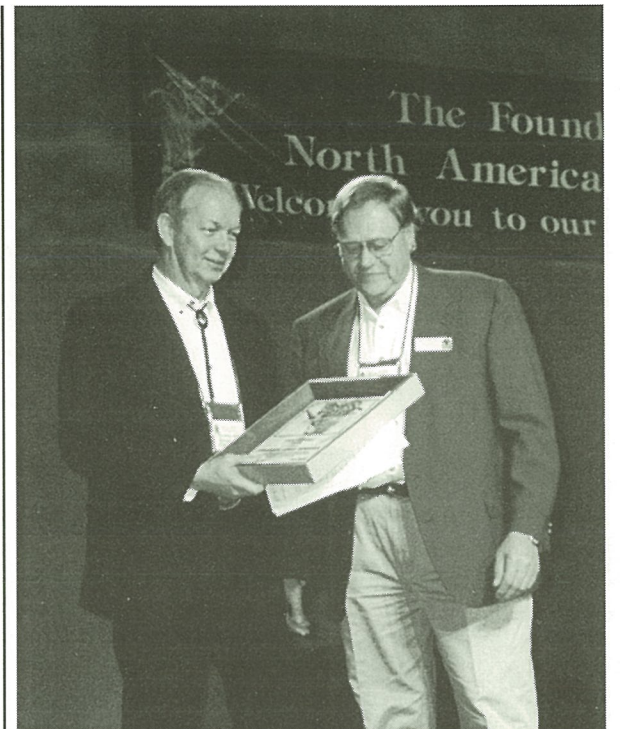
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FNAWS President Ted Schutte presents Governor Geringer with his award.

"With sincere appreciation for your dedication and continuing efforts for the wild sheep of Wyoming and commitment to our youth's natural resource education."

FEDERAL STATESMAN AWARD

Senator Craig Thomas

Received his award while he was in Cody on March 9th.

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HUNT REPORTS



LEFT: JOHN F. SANDERS,
RIGHT: GUIDE DANNY LEONHART

Another area 3 ram was harvested by **JOHN F. SANDERS** of **CODY** with the help of **BUTTE CREEK OUTFITTERS**. John hunted Butte Creek in the Thoroughfare the first week of September. He saw a total of 6 bighorn rams.

John said, "As a local resident, I had the advantage of being able to go at a moments notice. Ron & Theresa Lineberger contacted me and said they had seen 5 rams in the area with one being outstanding. We rode in 27 miles from the South fork area. After hunting for 2 days, we saw the ram's beds, but no rams! On the 3rd day we found them near the top. After climbing to their level, a smaller ram laid down in front of the big one. About an hour later, it seemed like an eternity, the big one stood up and I shot it at approximately 200 yards. I don't know who was happier, me or my guide **DANNY LEONHART**. I hear my ram was the 2nd largest in WY in 2000. It was 11 ½ years old and scored over 160 B & C points by a biologist on the Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep Technical Committee. This was the dream of a lifetime".

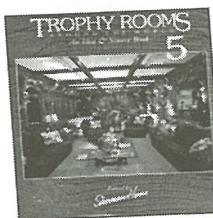
Editors note: I know of one ram in area 10 which scored 180, and one in 23 that scored 179-which takes nothing away from John's trophy, score is second to the hunt itself!



TERRY JANSSEN

Guides seldom have the opportunity to hunt themselves, but **TERRY JANSSEN** of **BUFFALO**, guide for Cole Benton's **GRIZZLY OUTFITTERS**, had such an opportunity when Cole's wife Elaine, scored early in the hunt for her bighorn. This was the fall of 1999, and the drought was forcing wildlife to the stock water wells. Knowing this, Terry and hunting partner Pat Monroe, arrived at Cole's ranch the afternoon of September 18. They immediately headed for an area Tyler, Cole's son, had spotted a large buck at a waterhole many times during the summer. They spotted the buck working his way up the drainage and immediately dropped out of sight. They finally caught movement, and Terry could only hope the buck would pass within range of his *Proline Bow*. Lady luck was on Terry's side that day, as at 35 yards the buck turned, looked away, and Terry released the arrow for a killing shot! This buck has 6 X 7 rack with 6" bases and outside spread of 28 ½", for an unofficial score of 206 6/8ths.

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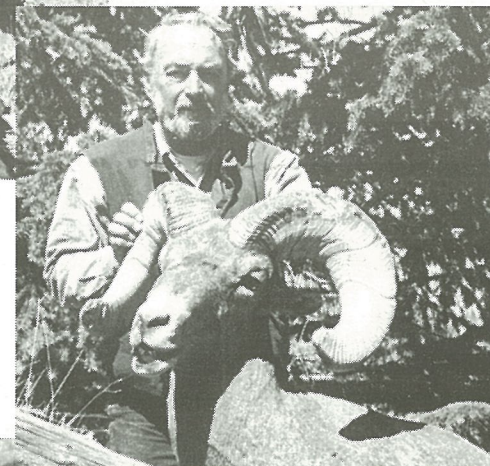
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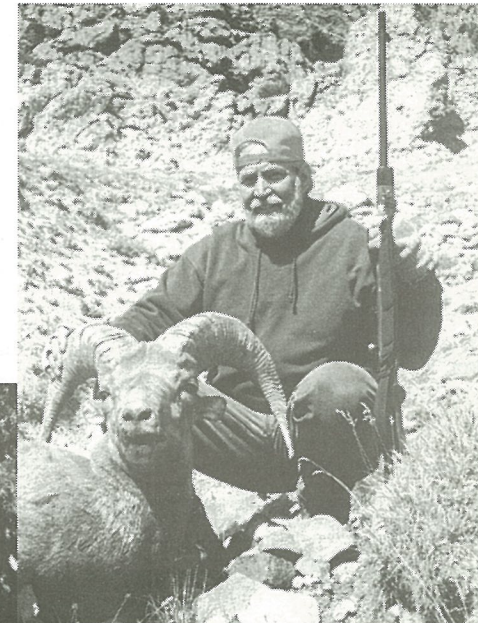
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ADAM STEPANECK



DON OLSON



KEN NEAL



RICK ADAIR

OUTFITTER **FRITZ MEYER** of **DUBOIS** forwarded the following photos for our news magazine. **KEN NEAL** from **CASPER** shot his ram in area 4.

DAVID F. OSTAZESKI of **SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN** scored in area 5. **DON OLSON** of **DUBOIS** killed this ram in area 10. **RICK ADAIR, MIDLAND, TEXAS** of the famous **RED ADAIR** oil field fire fighting family was licensed in area 4. **ADAM STEPANECK** lives in **CASPER** and hunted in area 5.



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ROBERT J. GREAR of **CLEARMONT** hunted with his friend and neighbor Gary Roebing in area 5. They hunted in the Mabel Creek drainage of the Greybull River. During late July Robert spent 3 days scouting and spotted 15 rams. Robert and Gary hunted the 1st week of September up the Wood River and spotted 14 good rams, but Gary kept pushing to look for a larger one! The two returned on the 23rd of September with the plan of spending 9 days hunting. The pack into camp was made more memorable with the adventure of a great horse wreck, which turned a reasonable trip into an all day affair. During the course of the next couple of days several bighorn rams



ROBERT GREAR



ROBERT J. GREAR

were spotted, and on the 26th 6 rams were located only 400 yards away. After watching for 45 minutes they spooked for some reason, and the boys followed their tracks into the next drainage. After stalking the rams to a distance of 200 yards, there were not 6, but 15 rams! After almost 2 hours of anxious waiting, the largest ram in the group stood up, and Robert shot him at a distance of 156 yards. Robert said "What a year! I cannot tell you what it feels like to finally draw a permit after 18 years". Robert, a lot of us are still waiting to experience that feeling! Robert also enclosed a great photo of his November Pope & Young whitetail.

HUNT REPORTS

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LARRY GORCHESKY



LARRY GORCHESKY, CODY'S Goldsmith, located in Cody, achieved his success in Area 3.

Larry was self guided and hunted the drainage between Pagoda Creek and the Elk's Fork, just south of the north fork of the Shoshone River. He hunted on and off from September 1st to the 18th. It was extremely dry and wild fires were everywhere. Along with the ever present bears, has anyone hunted area 3 and not encountered bears?, Larry saw deer, elk and moose, as well as lots of rams.

His story said, "One thing for sure, seeing rams is one thing, getting 'on' them is another, and being successful and packing your ram out is entirely a story in itself! A special thanks to all my friends who kept me posted on various ram activities throughout the area and a very special thanks to my friend Arrond Fora, for the phone tip which led to my eventual success. Good luck to all of the successful bighorn sheep applicants!"

Larry typically donates a 14K yellow gold lady's elk ivory ring to FNAWS banquet in Reno every year.

I hate writing this story! My friend Palmer and I were deer hunting with fellow WY FNAWS friend and board member Fritz Meyer when his wife **CONNIE MEYER**, the other half of **WIND RIVER MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS** in Dubois, said she would go home and make lunch for all of us. Not quite literally, but close enough to make this story interesting, she took a quick run up the Horse Creek Road with son in law Pat Poppe prior to going home to prepare sandwiches, and shot this 30+ inch muley!!!!!! Do you really expect me to comment further?



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POACHER UPDATE!!!!

In a joint effort with the Montana Game Warden Jason Snyder and Wyoming Wildlife Investigator Chuck Repsis, a Sheridan, Wyoming man has been cited. A large 6x7 bull elk and a large mule deer buck has been confiscated. The man is facing fines up to \$1050.00 and with the **WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT** losing his hunting privileges in 15 states for 2 years.

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