

The RAMPAGE

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

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Plan to Attend the WY-WSF 2015 Convention!

June 5-6, 2015 in Casper!

Please see page 10 for details. Bring your family,

bring a friend, bring a kid!

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

June 5-6, 2015
Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Convention/Fundraiser
Parkway Plaza, Casper, WY

December 4-5, 2015
Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Winter Fundraiser
Location TBD

January 21-23, 2016 Wild Sheep Foundation Convention Peppermill Hotel/Reno-Sparks Convention Center Reno, NV

Cover Photo: Braden Reichl from Green River with a dandy Hunt Area 5 ram taken Fall 2014, accompanied by his father Aaron, Meade Dominick, and Ryan Roemmich. Congratulations, young man, on a great ram!!

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Wyoming WSF Board & Membership Meetings

Wyoming WSF holds its winter board/membership meeting on the first Saturday of December and summer convention/board/membership meeting the first Saturday in June. Details and locations are listed in the Calendar of Events and online at www.wyomingwildsheep.org.

Funding requests for consideration at the winter board meeting are due no later than Nov. 1. Funding requests for consideration at the summer board meeting are due no later than May 1.

The Grant-In-Aid request form is available on the Wyoming WSF website www.wyomingwildsheep.org. Contact address:

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation P.O. Box 666 Cody, WY 82414

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WYOMING WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION

The RAMPAGE

Newsletter

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Wanted: Your E-mail Address!!

Wyoming WSF is looking for e-mail addresses from our membership so that we can convey important information and communications in the timeliest manner possible (e.g., E-Newsletters). If you have not submitted an e-mail address or need to update the one we have on file, please send it to info@wyomingwildsheep.org. Wyoming WSF will not share your e-mail address with third parties, nor will you receive solicitations or "spam" from our organization.

WY-WSF President's Message

WY-WSF Past Presidents

1983	Dave Steger
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1985	Dave Steger
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1987	Ed Novotny
1988	Ed Novotny
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2004-05	Cole Benton
2005-06	Cole Benton
2006-07	Cole Benton
2007-08	Bob Sundeen
2008-09	Bob Sundeen
2009-10	Jack Morey
2010-11	Bob Sundeen
2011-12	Mike Porter
2012-13	Mike Porter
2013-14	Mike Porter
2014-15	Mike Porter

Dear WY-WSF Members: The wet snow has arrived and hopefully it will help with green grass, horn/antler growth, and full lakes. With the hope for a sunny spring day comes the anticipation of applying and drawing a sheep license. Best of luck in the drawings! Please remember to send in your pictures to info@wyomingwildsheep.org of kids and yourself in the great Wyoming outdoors.

Your Board has been busy working on the summer banquet scheduled for June 5th and 6th, 2015 in Casper, WY. We have kicked off a Life Membership drive. Any Life Member in attendance on June 6th at the banquet has a chance to win a 10-day Dall Sheep hunt in Alaska; you must be registered and present to win (see rules on page 12). We also have some great auction items including a Cabo fishing trip, Baja desert sheep hunt, WGF Commissioner tag, and a Wyoming Governor's bighorn sheep tag. We have increased our Gun Board to 10 great firearms. We plan to have the kids games back this year, so bring the whole family, neighbors, cousins, and friends to help "put and keep sheep on the mountain." We are also going to online banquet registrations at www.wyomingwildsheep.org.

With the great success of raising money come the many responsibilities to properly invest in our bighorn sheep. Your Board and membership have approved many great projects over the years. This year is no different, as your Board meets regularly with great partners at Wyoming Game & Fish to enhance habitat, conduct disease research, expand hunting opportunities, and transplant more bighorns around the state.

Recent Board highlights: Announcement of Board member Bob Sundeen's marriage to Janice Cronin, a new member of the sheep family, a new baby girl Zu Zu Dominick to Meade and Andrea Dominick, purchase of radio collars, drop-nets to capture and study bighorns, a March 2015 transplant from Devil's Canyon to the Seminoe Mountains, great sales for the first four Wyoming Governor's Bighorn Sheep Licenses, and ongoing legislative work on bighorn issues. The Board has launched a new website www.wyomingwildsheep.org; please take a look and give us your feedback. One of our younger members, Sierra Amundson of Wheatland, was selected as the first-ever National WSF Youth Board Intern position (see page 20). This amazing award comes with a great college scholarship as well as attending all quarterly WSF Board meetings, as a non-voting Board member. Congratulations Sierra!

As the Board continues to grow your chapter, we encourage membership participation. Whatever your involvement, we appreciate it. Please consider running for the Board, stretching

a little more on a donation, or attending our banquet. Bighorn Sheep continue to need our help.

The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Endowment is a great option for estate planning and giving. Please consider naming WY-WSF in your estate plan through a specific bequest or gift in your wills and trusts. The chapter needs your help to be successful. We look forward to seeing you and YOUR FAMILY in Casper on June 5th and 6th. Thank you for supporting Wyoming bighorns. I will be stepping down as President in June; I plan to stay on the Board, and want to thank you for the past 5 years; it has been a wonderful experience. Our bighorn sheep family members are the greatest supporters in the world!



Sincerely, Michael J. Porter (Life Member #323) WY-WSF President

WY-WSF Executive Director's Message

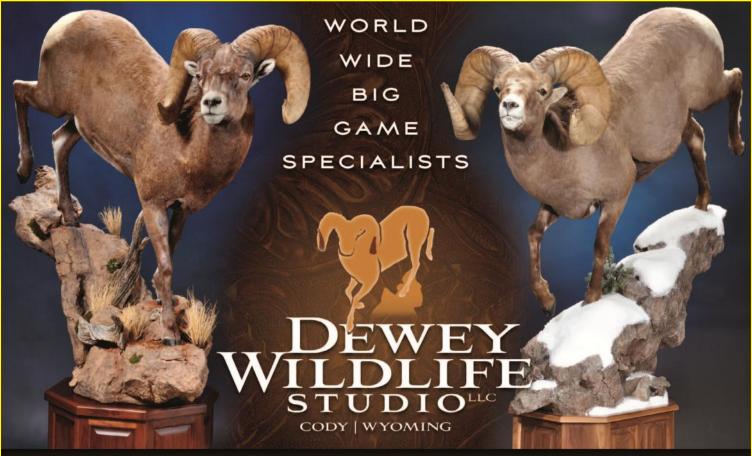
Greetings to all our members! It has been a very busy winter and early spring; hope you got outside a bit, to cast a line, watch some sage grouse strut their stuff, cross-country ski, or just enjoy big, beautiful Wyoming! As you'll read, your Board and dedicated volunteers have been busy, prepping for our 2015 Convention/Fundraiser in Casper in early June. We encourage our members to step up, make a donation, recruit some fellow sheep enthusiasts, and y'all come to the Parkway Plaza on June 5-6. Be sure to bring one or more young folks with you!

Many thanks go out, but of note, Dean DiJenno and Kurt Eisenach have put in many hours of dedicated service on our on-line banquet registration and chapter webpage, respectively. This is a huge step for our chapter, and we strongly encourage our members (and others!) to visit/peruse the website, and take advantage of the online registration, to help with our logistical planning. Of course, constructive suggestions are most welcome, to improve both.

It has also been a busy and challenging year for Wyoming's bighorns, from captures and transplants, to ongoing disease surveillance by WGFD and body condition/nutritional assessments with the WY COOP Unit. Hang in there bighorns; green grass is coming!!

As always, if I can be of service to any of our members, or other interested folks, resident or non-resident, please contact me, and I'll try to assist. See you in June!

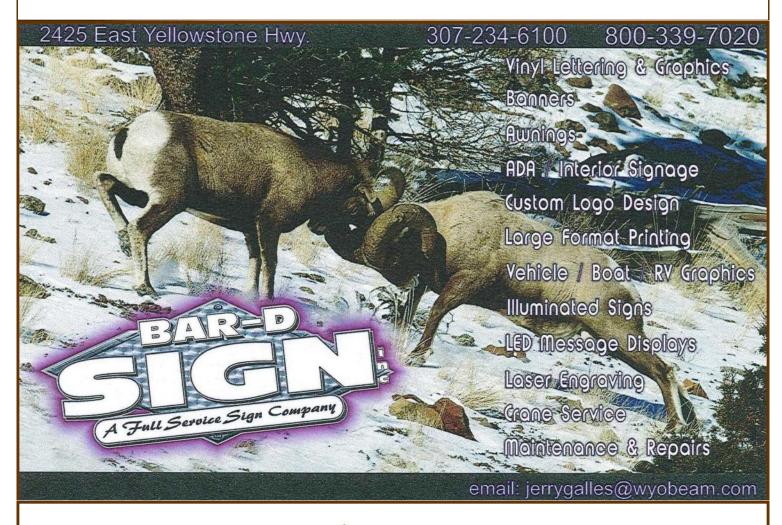
Executive Director Kevin Hurley (WY-WSF Life Member #20)



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Wyoming WSF 2014 Full Curl Table Purchasers

Businesses and individuals listed on the opposite page (if logos were available) made significant investments for Wyoming's bighorn sheep by purchasing a "Full Curl" table for 8 attendees at our May 31, 2014 banquet in Casper. We thank them for their support, and invite others who might be interested in a Full Curl table for our 2015 fundraising banquet to please contact President Mike Porter, Executive Director Kevin Hurley, or any WY-WSF Board Member. We appreciate your outstanding support, and look forward to another great banquet/fundraiser in 2015!!





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Dr. Rodney Hill / Dr. Roy Paulson

2014 WY-WSF Winter Convention, Cody, WY!!

Wyoming WSF Treasurer Joni Miller (Life Member #247) and Mack Miller (Life Member #172) from Lander assist WGFD Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Mary Wood as she draws blood from a radiocollared bighorn ewe, darted and processed during Wyoming WSF's December 6, 2014 winter convention field trip, up the South Fork of the Shoshone River. A great experience, as field trip participants got a first-hand look at how and why WGFD conducts disease surveillance work!!



Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

2015 Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioners License Raffle Tickets \$100.00 each; Only 300 tickets!!

1^t PRIZE: WYOMING GAME & FISH COMMISSIONERS ELK, DEER, OR PRONGHORN 2015 LICENSE (Donated by WGF Commissioner Mike Healy, Worland)

2nd Prize: 7 Day Caribbean Cruise (or \$2,000 travel credit toward Caribbean cruise)

3rd Prize: Nikon 13 30X50 Angled Body ED Field Spotting Scope

4th Prize: Ruger Hawkeye Varmint 22-250 Remington Rifle

5th Prize: Ruger All Weather 300 Win. Mag. Rifle

6th Prize: Ruger Mark III Hunter . 22 Auto Pistol

7th Prize: Monarch 7 10 x 42 Binoculars

8th Prize: Olympus Tough TG-3 16MP Waterproof Camera

9th Prize: Nikon Monarch Rifle Scope

10th Prize: Samsung Galaxy Tab 48" Tablet

Drawing will be held June 6, 2015 at the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation annual banquet in Casper, Wyoming. Winners need not be present to win. For more information, and to order tickets online, please visit the WY-WSF web site: http://www.wyomingwildsheep.org

OR

For tickets, contact: WY-WSF, P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY 82414 (Phone): 307-899-9375 info@wyomingwildsheep.org

Commissioners License is good for Elk or Deer or Pronghorn in Wyoming, and is independent of regular WGFD license draw. Winners are responsible for all applicable license fees and taxes. Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation Board of Directors members are eligible to participate in all fundraising activities.

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation 2015 Annual Convention and Fundraiser

June 5-6, 2015 - Parkway Plaza, Casper

Join us for our 32nd Annual Convention and Fundraiser! Friday evening kicks off the weekend with a social (cash bar, munchies), games, and other activities. Saturday events include a complimentary breakfast for WY-WSF Life Members, the general membership/business meeting, Ladies Luncheon, informative seminars after lunch, no-host happy hour, and pre-banquet games. A photo contest will also be held – bring your favorite hunting or wildlife-related photos to enter. Enjoy a delicious dinner, then get ready for an exciting live auction, which will include hunts, trips, artwork and much more. Proceeds go toward Wyoming WSF's goal of "putting and keeping more sheep on the mountain."

Friday, June 5th 9:00 am - noon Board Meeting, Parkway Plaza, Railroad Room (Including funding requests) 6:00-9:00 pm Social (cash bar), games, Tiffany Room Saturday, June 6th 7:15-9:30 am Complimentary Life Member Breakfast, Grand Ballroom (Life members only; reservations required by May 29th) 10:00-11:30 am Membership/Business Meeting (including funding requests), American Room Break for Lunch (on your own) [FYI: Parkway Plaza will have lunch buffet set in the Parkway Café] 11:40 am Ladies' Luncheon (\$25/person), Adrians @ Parkway Plaza (Reservations needed by May 29th. [Please call: 11:40 am 1:00-3:45 pm Seminars (TBA) American Room 5:00-6:30 pm Happy Hour (Cash Bar), Games, Raffles Mardi Gras/Natrona/Wyoming Rooms 6:30-7:45 pm Buffet Dinner 7:45-10:30 pm Fundraiser Auction A room block has been reserved (\$75/night/room) at the Parkway Plaza (307-235-1777 or 800-270-7829). Make reservations by May 29th and mention you are with "Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation" to receive the convention room block rate. Please visit the WY-WSF Events page on our website http://www.wyomingwildsheep.org/events.asp for on-line registration, purchase of Gun Board and other raffle tickets. On-line registration is being offered as an alternative to "paper, hard-copy" registration; we encourage our attendees to help us with this process by registering on-line. Alternatively, our attendees may continue to complete and return the lower portion of this form to: Wyoming WSF, P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY 82414. Send payment by May 29th to be eligible for the early bird drawing for \$100 auction credit! Questions? Call (307) 578-8613, (307) 899-9375, or e-mail info@wyomingwildsheep.org. Your registration packet/envelope will be available for you to pickup during Friday evening's social, or Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. × -----Please sign me up for WY-WSF Banquet, Ladies Luncheon, Gun Board, & Raffle tickets! Spouse/Guest (if applicable): Mailing Address City, State, Zip Daytime Phone: (E-Mail Address: Additional Guests Contact Info (Name(s), Address, Phone #, e-mail, etc.): Single Annual Membership Ticket (includes 1 meal and 1 annual membership) Couple Annual Membership Ticket (includes 2 meals and 1 annual membership) \$95 Couple Annual Membership Ticket (includes 2 meals and 2 annual memberships) \$120 Life Member Single Ticket (includes 1 meal for current life member) Children under 16 (Youth Menu To Be Determined) - NO CHARGE!! Bring the kids!! \$ No Charge Ladies Luncheon Early Bird Raffle Tickets (6 sheets for \$100, \$20 savings) I'm unable to attend the WY-WSF Convention, but please accept my membership renewal \$25 Gun Board (N=10 Guns!) Raffle Tickets \$50/each or 5 for \$200 (Only 400 will be sold!) "Full Curl" Table Package (includes 8 meals, 2 bottles of wine, WY-WSF mer chandise, \$850 8 memberships, \$300 in general raffle tickets, 3 \$50 "gun board" raffle tickets, and 1 chance to win a special "Full Curl" drawing rifle GRAND TOTAL Signature (if paying by credit card): Expiration Date (mmyy): ☐ Check (made out to WY-WSF) enclosed for: \$ E-Mail Address: For Life Members Only: Will you be attending the complimentary Life Members breakfast?

Please register on-line, or fill out/return this form, to help us make plans for our 2015 Fundraiser! Also, please note the Early Bird registration deadline of May 29th, which is also the "release date" for our room block at the Parkway Plaza!!

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2015 Convention/Fundraiser Highlights!!

- 2015 Wyoming Governor's Bighorn Sheep License (Final One!)
- 2015-2016 Southern Baja Desert Bighorn Sheep 10-Day Hunt
- Two 2015 Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioner's Licenses
- Alaska 10-Day Outiftted Dall Sheep Hunt giveaway to WY-WSF Life Member (must be registered and present @ our banquet)
- Mid-Asian Ibex Hunt in Kyrgyzstan
- · Cabo Fishing Trip/Stay for 6 People
- California Wine Country Getaway for 2 People
- Bahamas Week-Long Beach House Stay for 8 People
- Spring 2016 3-Day Turkey Hunt 2 Adults & 2 Youth Hunters
- 2015 Glendo Guided Walleye Fishing Trip for 1 or 2 Anglers
- Banquet Rifle Kimber 7mm Mag Classic Select
- "10-Gun" Gun Board (only 400 tickets will be sold!)
- Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms Package (Thompson .45 ACP)
- WY-WSF WSF Life Memberships #440 and #444
- WSF Life Membership
- WSF 2016 "Sheep Show" Couples Registration, Reno, NV
- Unique Log Patio Table with 4 Chairs, specially etched!
- 10-Prize Wyoming G&F Commissioner's License Raffle
- · Las Vegas "Escape" Packages
- 3-Day Long Range Shooting School
- · Stone Glacier Pack, Sitka Clothing, Pendleton Package
- · Wrapped Gun Safe, Wrapped Yeti Coolers
- Awesome Silent Auctions, General Raffle, Blue Chip Packages!

Other Activities/Featured Events

- Friday Night Social/Mixer
- (Complimentary) Breakfast for WY-WSF Life Members
- · Ladies Luncheon
- Informative Seminars on Wyoming Bighorn Sheep Projects
- WSF Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience Kid Events



FREE Life Member's Only Drawing for a Dall Sheep Hunt!

June 6, 2015, one lucky Life Member of the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation (WY-WSF) will win a 10-day Alaska Dall Sheep Hunt. All Life Members of WY-WSF in attendance at our 2015 Fundraiser Banquet will be entered into this drawing for a 10-day Dall sheep hunt with Alaska Wilderness Enterprises for August of 2015 or 2016.

Go to www.wildernessenterprises.com for more information about the outfitter.

Rules

- The winning WY-WSF Life Member <u>must be registered and present</u> at our WY-WSF banquet to be held Saturday night, June 6, 2015 at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Casper, WY.
- All new WY-WSF Life Members will be entered once at the cost of a Life Membership of \$500.00.
- Every WY-WSF Life Member registered and present will have their name entered once into this
 drawing at no additional cost.
- All new WY-WSF Life Member must be paid in full before their name will be entered into this
 drawing.
- The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Live Auction.
- The winner will <u>only</u> be able to transfer this Dall sheep hunt to another WY-WSF life member that is paid up, present and registered at our 2015 WY-WSF banquet.
- Since many Life Members and sponsors have donated to help purchase the hunt, the winner of this
 Dall sheep hunt cannot sell, trade, or exchange this hunt for profit.
- The WY-WSF board reserves the right to transfer the hunt to alternate Life Members drawn the night of the banquet, if the first winner attempts to sell or trade this hunt.
- If the winner is unable to go on this hunt or unable to gift this hunt to another WY-WSF Life Member attendee, WY-WSF will drawthree alternate Life Members names, at the banquet.
- Alaska Wilderness Enterprises will be notified of the winner by the WY-WSF.
- The winner is fully responsible for all tags/licenses, airfare, charter flights, trophy fees for wolves, tips, associated taxes, hotels before and after the hunt, taxidermy and shipping.
- Any Board member, volunteer, Director, or Officer, who is also a Life Member of Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation that is present and registered is eligible to win this hunt.
- The value of this hunt may not be redeemed for cash.
- One WY-WSF Life Membership will be auctioned at the Saturday June 6th Life Member breakfast and one WY-WSF Life Membership will be auctioned at the live auction in the evening; both of these Life Memberships will be auctioned, prior to the drawing for this Dall sheep hunt.

To purchase a WY-WSF Life Membership please go to the WY-WSF website www.wyomingwildsheep.org/membership.asp or contact the following individuals:

Mike Porter 307-258-7040 or Kevin Hurley 307-899-9375

Mark Your Calendars for our 2015 Annual Convention



(For WY-WSF office use only)

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If you know someone who might be interested/willing to make a donation to WY-WSF, please provide them with one of these donation forms, and ask that they contact WY-WSF (info@wyomingwildsheep.org).

Wyoming WSF would like to thank, and recognize, Life Members who have signed up since the Fall 2014 Rampage was published in October 2014. A complete listing of WY-WSF Life Members is included on pages 42-43 of this Spring 2015 Rampage, and is also available for viewing on the WY-WSF webpage, under "Life Members" tab: http://www.wyomingwildsheep.org/content/life-members

If you would be interested in signing up/upgrading to Life Member status with WY-WSF, please refer to our Membership Application (opposite page). A \$500 payment not only invests in Wyoming's bighorns, it will get you or someone you know a high-quality engraved knife (either fixed- or folding-blade) or plaque. AND, if you're registered and present at our June 6th banquet in Casper, you might just win a 10-day outfitted Dall Sheep Hunt in Alaska, in 2015 or 2016! Be there!!

We thank all of our past, current, and future Life Members!!

#404	Jay Koetsier
#405	Daryl Tiltrum
#406	Dennis Magnusson
#407	Joseph Bennick
#408	Frank J. Maestri II
#409	Casey Tiltrum
#410	Kurt Eisenach
#411	Jeff Muratore
#412	Scott Buckingham
#413	Jesus Gutierrez Aja
#414	Scott Mooney
#415	Greg Petersen
#416	Dale Sims
#417	Janet Marschner
#418	Bruce Roumell
#419	Julie Swanson
#420	Ann Allard
#421	Jacque Sims
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#422 Rory Shogren



WY-WSF Membership Application

If you see a "**" next your name on the mailing label, your WY-WSF membership has expired. Renew your membership today using the form below. If you've changed your address, use the form below to advise us of the change or you can email address changes to info@wyomingwildsheep.org



Annual Membership _	\$25.00
3-Year Membership _	\$65.00
Lifetime Membership_	\$500.00*
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P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY	82414	

WY WSF Name Tags are available for purchase. The name tags are \$10 each. Life members who order them will have their life member designation included. To order a name tag, complete the form below and mail it along with a check (made payable to WY-WSF) to: Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, P.O. Box 666, Cody, WY 82414



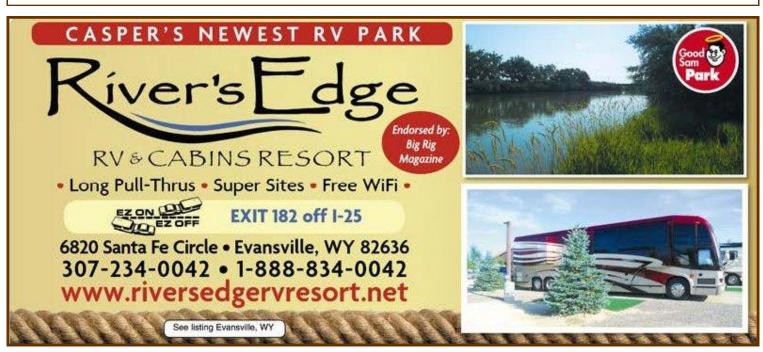
Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation nametags (\$10):

Please print your name below as you would like it to appear on your nametag. Other information to only be used for WY-WSF mailing purposes, or in the event of followup questions.

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Special thanks to Kirt, Ames, and John at DieHard Creative for their professional work to update the Wyoming WSF webpage, assist with online ticket sales and banquet registration, streamline some of our email capabilities, and a host of other IT assistance. The Board and membership of WY-WSF appreciate your efforts and patience!





Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation is one of 21 state and provincial chapters and affiliates of the Wild Sheep Foundation, whose purpose is "to promote and enhance increasing populations of indigenous wild sheep on the North American continent, to safeguard against the decline or extinction of such species, and to fund programs for professional management of these populations, keeping all administrative costs to a minimum." In recent years, efforts of the Foundation and its state chapters and affiliate organizations have expanded beyond the needs of wild sheep to include all wildlife, its habitat, and support of sportsmen's

Wyoming WSF was formed in 1983 and has a long record of actively working for Wyoming's bighorn sheep, other wildlife, education, and hunter's rights. Led by an all volunteer Board of Directors, Wyoming WSF annually raises thousands of dollars through the energy and efforts of conservation-minded sportsmen and women throughout Wyoming,

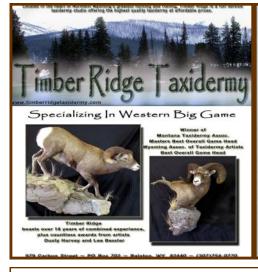
As a non-profit organization with 501 (c)3 status, contributions to Wyoming WSF are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Annual and lifetime memberships are available at a bargain price. Won't you please consider joining us in our efforts on behalf of Wyoming's bighorn sheep, wildlife and sportsmen?



QUICK LINKS

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- WSF Chapters

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Notice to WY-WSF Members: per the June 1, 2012 membership meeting discussion, a copy of the draft minutes of the Membership meeting may accessed/reviewed from the WY-WSF website www.wyomingwildsheep.org, under the "Membership" tab. Please review these minutes prior to the June 6, 2015 Membership meeting in Casper, where the December 5, 2014 Membership meeting minutes will be up for approval. Thanks in advance!!



Christie, Bridger, and Destry Magnusson of Iron Mountain, WY, Fall 2014 WTD buck



Mackenzie Marcovitz of Casper, WY, with her 1st pronghorn buck, Fall 2014



Life Member #340 Kale Benton of Buffalo, with a prize catch, caught bare-handed, and wrestled into the boat!!

Drake Amundson of Wheatland and his Fall 2014 cow elk, with assistance from Cole Benton. Grizzly Outfitters will once again donate a youth cow elk hunt to the WY-WSF June 6th fundraiser banquet. Be sure to get your kids or grandkids into this free drawing; bring them with you to our Casper banquet!

Drake traveled to northern Wyoming to hunt elk with Grizzly Outfitters/Cole Benton in early November. Drake was the lucky winner of a raffle for a guided cow elk hunt for a youth at the WY_WSF June 2014 convention in Casper. After a full day of spot and stalk, Drake, his Grandpa Ron, and Cole located a small herd of elk in a patch of timber, a 418 yard shot was taken, and a nice young cow elk tagged. Drake dropped her in her tracks! Cole also had a tag, and was able to follow up Drake's harvest with another cow. Part of the raffle included free elk processing at Big Horn Meats in Buffalo, Wyoming. Our family looks forward to eating Drake's cow this winter! Thanks to Cole & Elaine Benton/Grizzly Outfitters for promoting youth hunting! Gotta keep those young ones involved! Ryan Amundson

YOUTH PAGES





Life Member #240 Kade Benton of Buffalo with Spring & Fall wild turkeys.

Sierra Amundson of Wheatland and her Fall 2014 cow ellk





Life Member #393 Chance Butler of Cheyenne, stalking elk, Fall 2014

The next generation of Wyoming sportsmen and sportswomen! Thanks to the adults who took these kids outside, into the Wyoming outdoors. Next time you go hunting, fishing, riding, or hiking, take a youth (or two) along! If you have quality photos of youngsters in Wyoming's woods, prairies, streams and mountains, please send them to info@wyomingwildsheep.org. Thank you!!

Sierra Amundson Selected as WSF's First-Ever Youth Board Intern

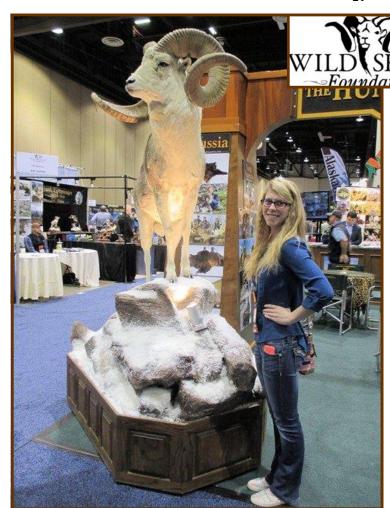
Starting May 1, 2015, Sierra Amundson will begin her 2-year term as the National Wild Sheep Foundation's (WSF) first-ever youth intern Board member. Dr. Ryan Brock, WSF Youth Education Coordinator states, "the intern will serve as an active Board member, without voting privileges, will work on subcommittees, and will apply a younger perspective on issues within our network. This is an amazing experience which will offer Sierra the opportunity for hands-on skill building and will offer her a look at the business side of wildlife conservation, from the perspective of a non-profit organization." The WSF intern opportunity was announced at the 2015 Sheep Show in Reno, Nevada in early January; college-aged students from around the country submitted applications by February 1, 2015 for consideration. The WSF Board intern position comes with a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000/year, for two years, to assist with college expenses.

Sierra is a high school senior in Wheatland, Wyoming, and will be attending the University of Wyoming in Fall 2015, studying Pre-Veterinary Science. Sierra would like to obtain a PhD in Pathology, working to find solutions to wildlife and livestock diseases, particularly respiratory diseases in bighorn sheep. During summer 2014, Sierra worked at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's (WGFD) Thorne- Williams Wildlife Research Center as a research technician, where she interacted daily with captive bighorn sheep. Her participation in necropsies of captive bighorn lambs that had died from pneumonia helped to further her interest in her chosen academic field. Sierra received financial and technical support from Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and Wyoming Department of Workforce Services in this position. In Fall 2014, Sierra worked for the Wyoming State Vet Lab at game check stations in southeast Wyoming, collecting blood samples for Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and Bluetongue virus in pronghorn and deer. Throughout the school year, Sierra has also volunteered at the Laramie Peak Veterinary Clinic in Wheatland, gaining additional experience working with livestock and pets.

At the WSF Sheep Show in Reno in January 2015, Sierra was the keynote speaker at the Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience (YWCE), and visited with over 500 school children from the Reno area about her summer work experiences, bighorn sheep disease, and her career ambitions. Sierra worked at several educational booths, and recruited families to participate in conservation education programs at the WSF convention. These varied work experiences, in addition to her academic and extracurricular achievements, helped build a strong resume for Sierra, which resulted in her selection for the WSF Board internship.

"I want to thank everybody that has contributed to my invaluable work experiences and exposure to bighorn sheep and wildlife conservation. The WGFD, WY-WSF, National WSF, and numerous individuals have invested their time and resources in me, and I am so thankful," Sierra said. "I can't wait to start this Board internship, and I'll work hard to contribute to the mission of the Wild Sheep Foundation." Sierra plans to return to the Thorne -Williams Wildlife Research Center in May 2015 to continue to work with WGFD's Wildlife Veterinary Research Services personnel on bighorn sheep disease research until she starts college in September 2015. Congratulations Sierra!

Sierra is the daughter of Ryan (WY WSF Life Member #384) and Cindy Amundson of Wheatland, Wyoming.







Statewide WGFD BHS Disease Surveillance Captures

Also in early March, 23 bighorn sheep and 3 mountain goats were captured throughout the Absaroka Mountains, including the Wind River Indian Reservation, using aerial net-gunning in order to conduct disease surveillance and gather information on sheep and goat movements. These captures were in addition to the previous captures of 6 mountain goats and 4 bighorn sheep in the eastern portion of Yellowstone National Park in December 2014. In addition to gaining information on bighorn sheep disease status, these captures are part of the Greater Yellowstone Mountain Ungulate Project, which among other objectives is evaluating the influence of expanding mountain goat populations on native bighorn sheep herds. Led by Montana State University, the Greater Yellowstone Area Mountain Ungulate Project is a collaboration among the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Idaho Fish & Game Department, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and the Shoshone, Bridger-Teton, Custer, Gallatin, and Targhee National Forests. Mountain goat captures scheduled for late March in the Snake River Canyon will add to this information. The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation has been a key funding partner of this ongoing work.

Also, additional bighorn sheep captures took place in the Jackson, Whiskey Mountain, and Absaroka bighorn sheep herds in late March to collect detailed body condition measurements in conjunction with disease sampling efforts. These captures, which include 20 sheep from Whiskey Mountain and the Wind River Indian Reservation, 10 sheep from the Jackson Sheep herd, and 10 sheep from the North and South Forks of the Shoshone River, are being conducted collaboratively by the Wyoming Game & Fish Department and Dr. Kevin Monteith of the University of Wyoming COOP Unit.



Wyoming Game & Fish Department Disease Specialist Hally Killian gathers a tonsil swab from a captured bighorn sheep.

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Devils Canyon-Seminoe BHS Transplant

by Doug McWhirter, Cody Wildlife Biologist, WGFD

On Friday March 6th, 25 bighorn sheep were captured from the Devils Canyon herd near Lovell and translocated to the Seminoe Mountains near Rawlins. The sheep (3 two-year-old rams, 21 ewes, and one ram lamb) were captured via helicopter net-gunning by Native Range Capture Services, given long-acting tranquilizers, and slung to a processing site where they received a complete health screening by the WGFD Veterinary Services crew of Dr. Mary Wood, Hank Edwards, Jessica Jennings-Gaines, and Hally Killian. The sheep were then loaded into horse trailers (including the "Ewe-Haul" donated to WGFD years ago by Nevada Bighorns Unlimited) and by 1:00pm were heading toward their new home. To prevent being released into unfamiliar terrain in the dark, the sheep were held overnight and released into the Seminoe Mountains on Saturday morning March 7th. This transplant was made possible as the Devils Canyon herd has grown in recent years, exceeding its population objective of 200 sheep. Hopefully, this herd will provide additional sheep for future transplants. The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation was a key funding partner of this transplant.



Pilot Mark Shelton of Native Range Capture Services delivers a long-line full of bighorns.



Devil's Canyon bighorns sedated and transported from Lovell, to Lander, to the Seminoes.



Greybull Wildlife Biologist Leslie Schreiber, Lovell Game Warden James Hobbs, and Rawlins Game Warden Brady Frude release Devil's Canyon bighorns into the Seminoe Mountains.

Baja Desert Ram Hunt! Jay Koetsier, WY-WSF Life Member #404, Tulare, CA (Story by Cole Benton, Wyoming WSF Life Member #30, Clearmont, WY)

This ram is #3 for Jay Koetsier. Jay had hunted with us for several years, and our conversations always turned to sheep hunting when he would walk around our trophy room and look at the life-size and shoulder mounted sheep I had harvested. I worked with Jay and helped him set up hunts for his Dall and then his Stone rams. Word came to me that WY-WSF would have a desert sheep hunt available at our June 2014 banquet. I called Jay and asked if he was interested in purchasing this hunt, and things took off from there. I assured him that if he bought the hunt, that I would accompany him to southern Baja, Mexico. With Jay on the phone the night of the banquet, we were the lucky ones to purchase the hunt with Ty Miller of El Fuerte Outfitters. Kevin Hurley, accompanied by Kyle Hurley and Gray Thornton, had harvested a desert ram on this hunt in February 2014, so I knew it would not only be a good hunt, but a safe hunt.

Jay and I stayed in touch throughout summer 2014 putting our plans together. I flew to Cabo San Lucas on January 10, 2015, and met with Ty. We spent the night and then we picked up Jay and another sheep hunter at the airport the next day. We traveled north to a small town, dropped off the other sheep hunter, and spent the night. The following morning we continued on to a small roadside café where one of Ty's guides met us; it was two hours of washed-out gravel road to our base camp. What a beautiful location! It was sitting right on the shore of the Sea of Cortez. We could not hunt the following day, so we went fishing with the guides, all five of them! Early the morning of the 14th we left camp, headed into the mountains to start glassing for sheep. I believe we counted 27 sheep that first day, of which about 18 were rams, scattered everywhere. There was one quite large ram, but he was in such a terrible place that there was no way to get to him. We had spotted four other rams earlier in the day and decided that two of them were worth a closer look. We climbed until about an hour before dark, got on the four rams, and they immediately got up and went over the mountain. They weren't spooked from us, so I don't know what happened. We walked out in the dark and went back to base camp. I told Jay that I was not disappointed, because even though two of these rams were nice, I felt we could do better; Jay agreed.

Early the next morning we bunched our gear, and the guides told us to bring our sleeping bags. My first thought was, "sleeping bags"? I was sure this would not be needed, but they were the guides. Boy, was I wrong! We went back to the same place as the day before and started glassing. The large ram that we could not get to had moved down one ledge, and the guides felt it was worth trying to get on him. We grabbed our packs, including our sleeping bags, food and water, and started climbing. I have done quite a bit of sheep hunting but this was one of the nastier climbs I have ever made. It was 4:00 that afternoon when we finally peeked over a rim and spotted our ram, bedded at 202 yards. There was a second younger ram with him. The big ram was bedded behind brush and I suggested that Jay wait until the ram stood. It seemed like an eternity, but both rams finally stood. Jay had his shot. By the time we crawled into that canyon, got to the ram, and took photos, it was dark. The guides caped the ram with us holding flashlights. One of the guides got a fire going and after the caping, we had coffee and fresh sheep loin. By now, it is 9:00 at night and I am glad that we listened to the guides and brought our sleeping bags. It is mountain desert, but still gets cold at night; crawling into these bags felt good.

The morning of the 16th we packed our gear, loaded the sheep, and started the long hike off the mountain, returning to base camp late that evening. We were driven out the following day to meet Ty and start our return trip back home. Jay and I were excited about the size of the ram he harvested. Once the ram gets back into the states, Jay will have a tape run on the horns. The hunt was first class with a good outfitter, five good guides, and there seemed to be plenty of good sheep. I hope to return in the near future with a couple more of our hunters that would like a desert ram, and if things would work out, I would like to take my son hunting there someday. Thanks to Wyoming WSF, on Jay's behalf!!



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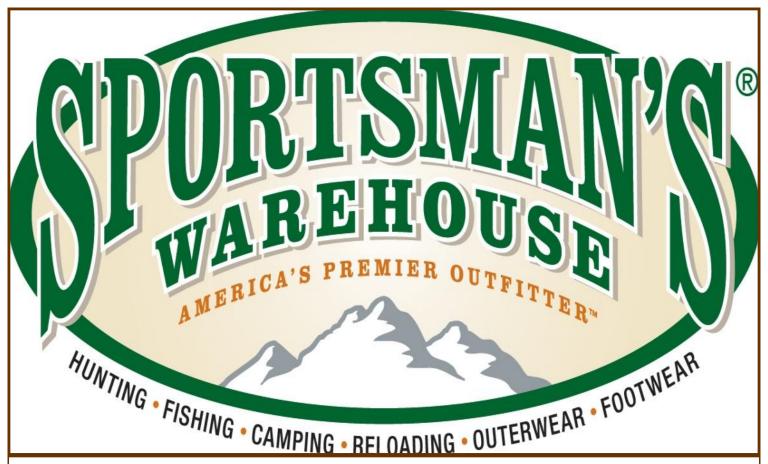












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Preferably, stories may be e-mailed (WORD .doc format, please) to: *info@wyomingwildsheep.org*. E-mailed photos should be .jpg format (≥ 300 dpi)

[Editor's Note: I could not resist including these two photos of WY-WSF Past—President and current Board Member Jim Collins (Life Member #10) of Thermopolis, with a couple fish he caught this winter on the Bighorn River, just downstream from the Wedding of the Waters. Congrats Jim!

Seriously, Jim & Cindy (Life Member #245) took a fabulous trip in February 2015 to the Amazon River, for peacock bass. If I got this correct, Jim said there are 4 kinds of peacock bass, including speckled (L photo) and barred (R photo). Here's a photo of Cindy holding a ferocious piranha (and all her fingers are still intact!

Far L: LM #380 Gage Porter + buddies gettin 'r done on some Canada geese!

2014 HA 4 Ram Hunt

Daryl Tiltrum, Wheatland, WY WY-WSF Life Member #405

I received a phone call from my son who lives in Gillette. He said "Dad you drew another sheep permit". I couldn't believe it, so I looked myself, and sure enough, it said "Successful"!

I had harvested a great ram in 2005 with Fritz Meyer of Wind River Mountain Outfitters of Dubois. My guide, Cody Brown, put me on a great ram.

Here it was nine years later, and I had drawn again. I called Fritz; he already knew, so I claimed dibs on Cody Brown for opening day. It was no problem for Fritz and Connie to set that up. I must add, Connie Meyer, is a fabulous cook.

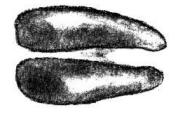
I arrived two days prior to opening day. We made our plans and packed into sheep camp the day before season. It was about a five hour horseback ride into camp with some glassing on the way. My guide the "Legend" Cody Brown brought along a wrangler, packer, all around good guy Tyson Rhoads from Lander. We arrived in camp fairly early, so Cody said we can't lay around here so let's go to this basin close by and glass a little. "I've never seen anything but ewes and lambs there, but we must look" he added.

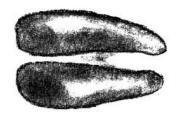
We glassed about half an hour and I kept hearing something right below me. I raised up and looked straight down at five rams. I signaled Cody to come over by me. He raised up, looked straight down and said #@&+* (never mind, can't print that!), back out real slow and make no noise. We eased back to camp and worried all night.

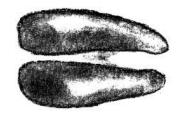
Opening morning we were back at the basin glassing. Within minutes, Cody had the rams spotted again. I crawled into position and the ram we wanted was lying down with a branch shielding his hips and a rock covering his shoulder. Cody ranged him at 386 yards, almost a 45 degree shot down-hill in a cross-wind. We laid there in snow and mud for an hour waiting for him to get up. When he finally got up, he turned and faced us. Cody said that could be our only chance because the other six rams had already disappeared. We were well chilled but I knew a frontal shot would be a hit or a miss. I didn't allow enough for the wind and missed him. I was devastated.

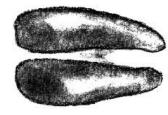
The rams went out of sight so we circled, came down the saddle and looked over the top. There he was at 80 yards, still facing me. Cody and Tyson had put me right on him. One shot, 300 Ultra Mag, the hunt was over and the work began. Ram down by 9 A.M., caped by 11 A.M. and back out of the basin by 2:20 P.M.

The right horn measured 40", the left horn 38 1/2" and aged at 9 1/2 years. A fantastic hunt with great guides and friends Cody and Tyson!



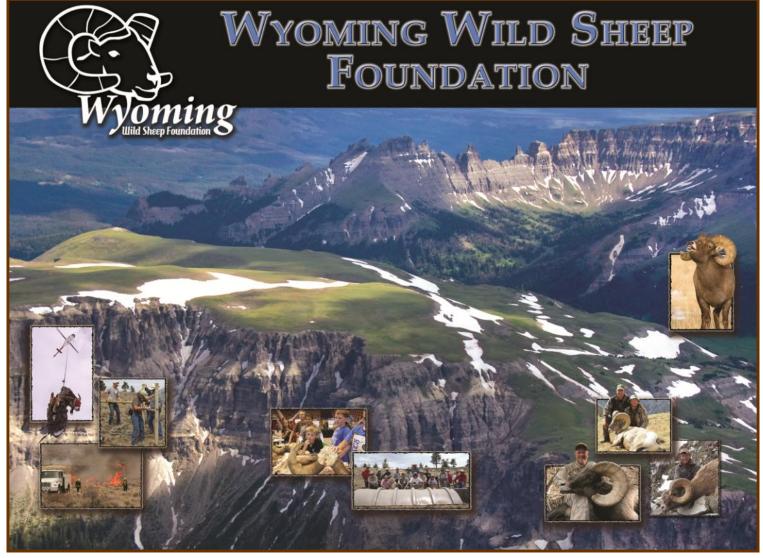












Devil's Canyon HA 12 Hunt of A Lifetime! Mike Fiedor, Sheridan, WY WY-WSF Life Member #403

I have hunted all my life, and this year, I finally drew my sheep tag! In Hunt Area 12, Devil's Canyon! I couldn't believe it! Let me back up a little bit, though. After working as an electrician, at the age of 29, in December 2011 I went in for eye surgery for diabetic retinopathy. My eyes didn't cooperate with the surgery, and I started losing my sight. Right now, my sight is a little over halfway between legally blind and completely blind.

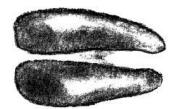
I have hunted with my cousin Gary Roebling for the past 20 years, and Gary is now my "seeing" companion so that I can still hunt, which is a big part of my life. Gary and I started practicing shooting together, where Gary holds the gun, looks through the scope and lines things up, then does a 3,2,1 countdown, then I'll squeeze the trigger. I shoot a 2611 WIN Mag with a thumb-hole stock on it, so Gary can keep a solid hold on the gun. We were shooting a 2.5" group of 5 shots @ 150 yards; we were ready to hunt sheep!

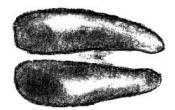
We scouted a total of 7 days before the season opened, looking at 100+ rams (no doubt there were some duplicate sightings). We spotted the ram we wanted the day before opening day, watching him in a group of 25 rams all day. Opening morning, we got to our spot and started glassing before daylight. The rams split into two groups, including a band of 11 rams with our ram in it.

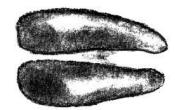


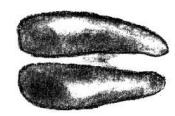
We watched them bed then made our stalk, getting within 160 yards. The ram we were after was partially hidden behind some sagebrush, so we maneuvered and belly-crawled to another knob, but some younger rams made us, and the band blew out of there. They crossed a little canyon then started to bed back down. Our second stalk put us within 250 yards, but the slope wasn't quite right. We sat on this band for ~4 hours, then late in the day they started feeding; all we could see was the tops of their horns. Gary was on the spotting scope, and his son Wade was behind us, helping keep these rams straight as they weaved back and forth, feeding. Wade was on the rangefinder as these rams drifted further away from us. The ram I was after cleared the rest of the bunch, then stood broadside. Wade whispered he was at 319 yards. Gary got me lined up, counted down 3,2,1 then I squeezed the trigger. I heard a solid hit, and my ram went 15 yards and dropped. I couldn't believe we did it! Gary said he had such a grip on my rifle it was like it was in a bench vise! Opening day and my dream came true!

I just want to say, if you have a disability, don't give up on your passions and dreams. You might not be able to do things the way you used to, you might have to do things differently, but you can still do what you love. I feel so blessed with Gary and Wade Roebling and other good friends that help me with my hunting and other passions. You cannot imagine the trust you have to place in your friends, because they're doing the spotting and judging, because I cannot. I am so blessed to have them help me; I trust them with my life. I just want to say a big thanks to Gary and Wade and Sunny and Craig for helping me with this once-in-a-lifetime bighorn sheep hunt. I couldn't have done it without you guys! Thank you!





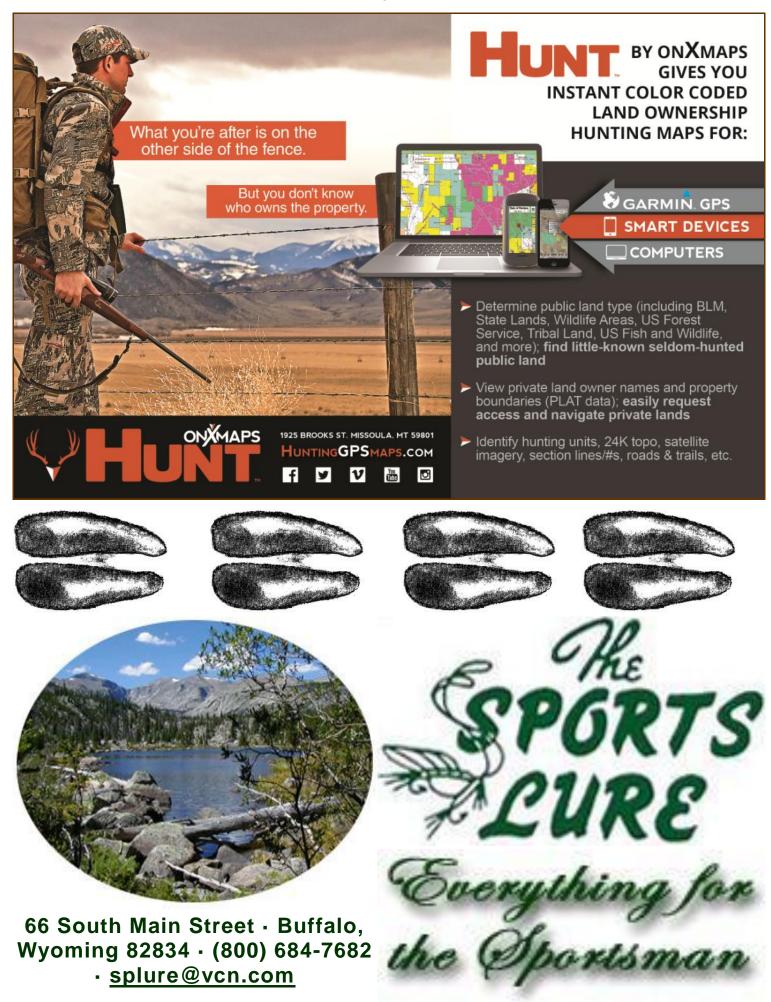




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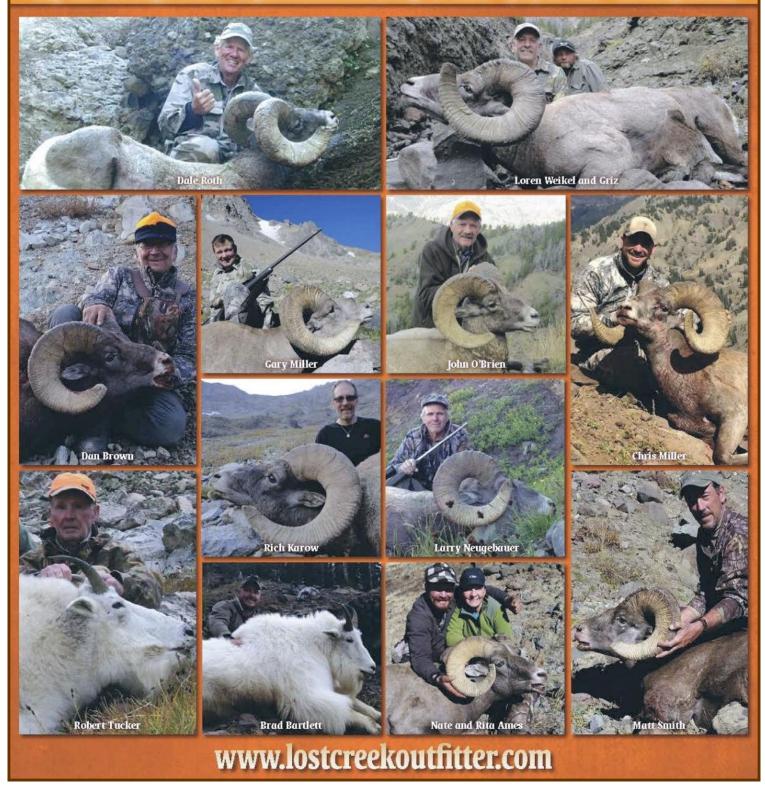
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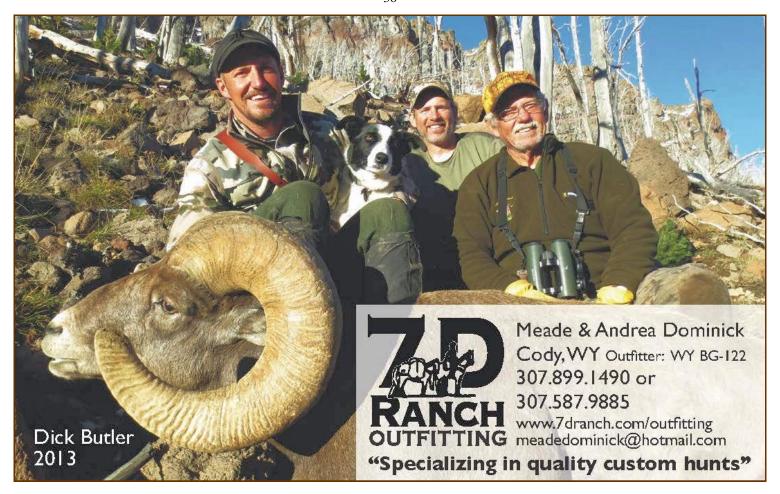


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On the Way to Kathmandu - Loren Kohnen, Life Member #281, Corcoran, MN

In October, it was myself and my cousin, Ron Vollrath, on our way to Kathmandu, Nepal. We were about to hunt for Blue Sheep, which would be number twelve of our World Sheep. Ron and I have been hunting together for approximately 66 years; I couldn't ask for a better hunting partner.

We were heading to Chicago to catch a Turkish Air flight to Nepal. At Chicago, we met the third hunter that would be going with us, Mike Borel, from California. About seventeen hours later, we were in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The next day we were on a helicopter for a 1-hour+ plus flight to the base camp. There we met all the guides, cooks, packers, porters and head camp guides; we then split into 3 groups. Each group had their own complete camp. Not wasting any time, we left in three different directions for high camps at 12,000 to 13,000 feet. Later that afternoon, along with my guides, porters, cooks and packers, we reached our camp area and set up camp.

The next morning, the senior guide, Bine, set off to scout for blue sheep. That afternoon, he returned and told us to move camp about 2 ½ miles to a higher elevation. He had found several groups of sheep. We climbed for about 3 hours, sometimes in snow 2 feet deep. We reached an elevation of about 13,000 feet, in the clouds and fog. The senior guide told me that he thought he had a ram I would like. So the three of us crawled about 75 yards and got above the sheep.

The ram was in a group of six but was laying down, not allowing for a good shot. So, it was decided that we would wait until the ram stood up. In the meantime, ewes laid down near the ram, almost blocking a good shot.

The clouds and fog moved in further, but the ram stood and started to move away. So I had to take a quick shot. It looked like a good shot but it didn't take him down. The guide said that it was too cloudy and foggy to go after it now. They would have to wait until the next day. But the shot was a good one.

The next morning we found the ram and he was a beauty. We broke camp and headed to base camp. After several days, Ron came into camp with a really good ram. Several more days later, Mike also came into camp with a great ram.

What an adventure hunting Blue Sheep in the Himalayans of Nepal! I want to thank Shova & Prem of Nepal Wildlife Adventures and their great crew for making a dream come true.



SECOND CHANCE BEAR - Kurt Eisenach, Sheridan, Life Member #410

In the Spring 2014 issue of *The Rampage* I wrote a story about my son Kalvin's spring 2013 bear hunt. If you did not read it, he took a beautiful 13 yr. old reddish brown boar with his rifle. The bad part about that hunt was that the ranch manager, Chris Galloway, missed a huge black boar the week before. Chris runs Hidden Valley Ranch, and was the contributor of the spring turkey hunt we auctioned off at our June 2014 banquet.

Well, we could not give up on this big boy, so in spring 2014, it was back to the work of baiting on the ranch. We started right at the beginning of the season, but weren't getting the number of bears on the bait we had during spring 2013. Finally, we got some pictures on the camera and discovered the reason why. The huge black boar was using the bait and keeping all the other bears away. The problem was that he was only coming in at night. Just what you would expect of an old boar that had been shot at while using this bait site. What could we do to get him to come in during daylight? We tried different baits and scents, but nothing was working. We began to think this guy might not ever make a mistake. I visited with another local bear baiting nut here in Bighorn, Darrell Meineke. Darrell has been chasing bears around here since he was in high school and he now runs the WGFD bird farm here in Sheridan. He assured me if we got a hot sow to visit the bait, the big guy might make a mistake. We kept the bait fresh and waited to see what the rut brought.

June arrived and some new bears started showing up on the bait. Finally we got a picture of the big black boar with his nose 6 inches behind a black sow during the daylight! Time to hunt! The ground blind was already set up, so Chris and I spent a couple of days watching everything except the black boar visit that bait. Thirty minutes before dark on the third evening, we sat the bait and he showed up. No advanced warning, he was just there, standing, quartering to us at 100 yds. Chris got on the gun and I started the video camera. As soon as I got back on the spotting scope I told Chris what he already knew, that this was our guy. Chris shot. The bear dropped and rolled on his front shoulder. But, just as quick, he regained his footing and sprinted fifteen feet into the dense brush.

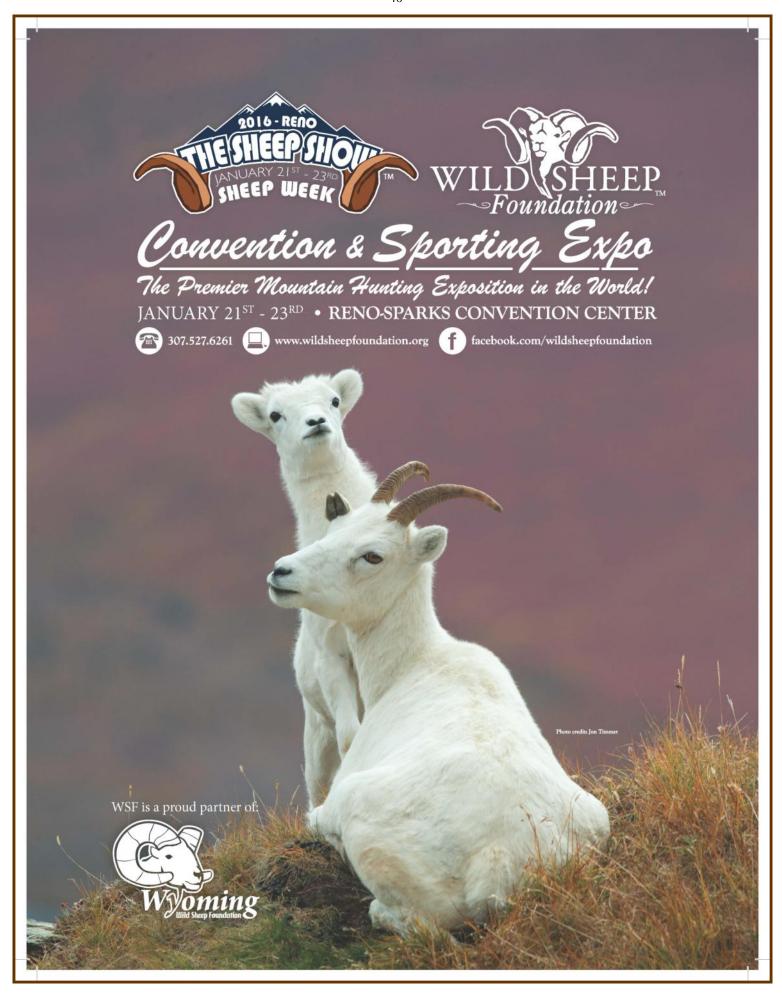


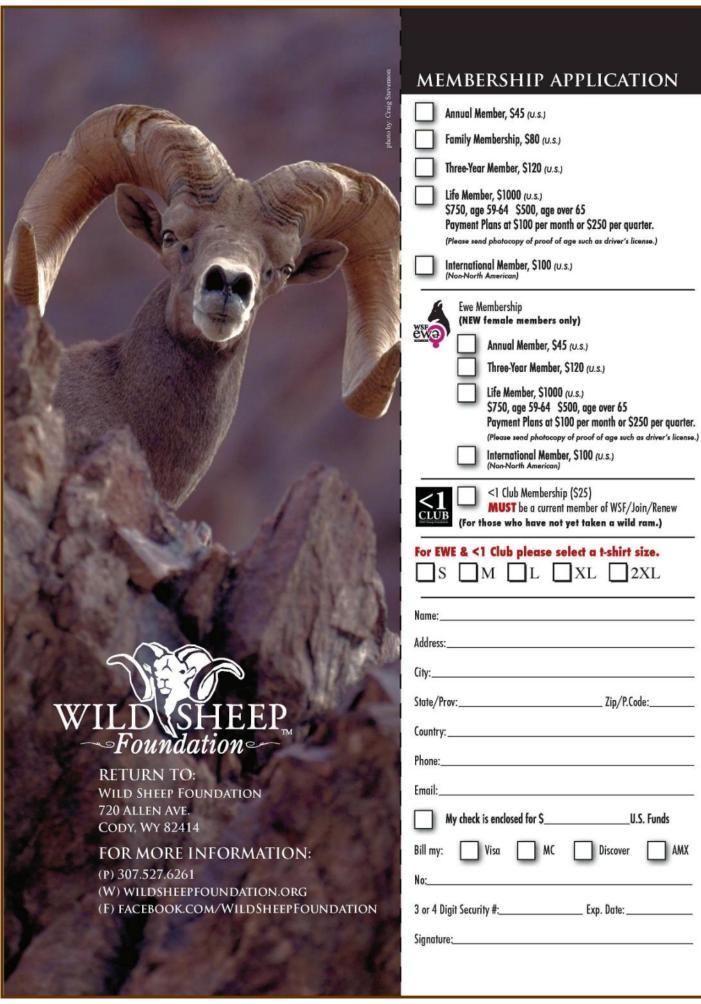


We looked at each other and smiled. But the question remained, how good of a hit was it? After reviewing the video we were pretty sure we had a dead bear. Gathering lights, gun and bear spray for me we went down to track the bear. The trail was easy to follow through the deep grass and brush. It looked like someone drug something large and heavy, crushing the grass and smaller brush. The only thing that was worrying us was the lack of much blood.

After trailing him for 50 -75 yards through the thick stuff on my hands and knees I began to wonder what would happen if he was still alive when we found him. It was going to be a very close encounter with a very large, very angry black bear. We backed off and decided as close to dark as it was, maybe waiting until the next day would make more sense. It was a long night for Chris, thinking about last year's miss and not knowing what we would find in the morning.

Bright and early the next day we were back on the trail but this time I had my shotgun as we crawled back into the brush. We found the bear stone dead about 30 yards from where we stopped the night before watching his back trail. It took us several hours to cut a trail out of the brush and load the beast in the Kubota side by side. Later at the Sheridan WGFD office he weighed 320 lbs., minus his "innards". His hide was great but his teeth were about gone. The biologist was able to pull a tooth for aging, then off to the taxidermist we went. He will make a beautiful full body mount for Chris's house as the hide was in great shape. On a final note, we just learned from WGFD that this boar is the second oldest recorded bear ever taken in WY. They aged him at 27! I don't know what will take his place in our area but next year, it's my turn to hunt!





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