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**Wyoming FNAWS Winter Meeting**

**Friday, December 4th, 8 a.m.**

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## 2009-2010 Calendar of Events

December 4, 2009 (Please Note: This is a Friday)

Wyoming FNAWS 2009 Winter Meeting, 8 a.m.

Best Western CottonTree Inn, Rawlins

February 4-6, 2010

Wild Sheep Foundation 2010 Sheep Show ([www.wildsheepfoundation.org](http://www.wildsheepfoundation.org))

Reno-Sparks Convention Center & Silver Legacy Resort

Reno, NV

May 1, 2010

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at Wyoming FNAWS 2010 Summer Meeting

June 4-6, 2010

Wyoming FNAWS 2010 Annual Fundraiser & Banquet

Sheridan Holiday Inn, Sheridan

## Wyoming FNAWS Board and Membership Meetings

Wyoming FNAWS holds its winter board meetings on the first Saturday of December and summer board meetings the first Saturday in June at the Wyoming Chapter's annual fundraiser. General membership meetings accompany both board meetings. Details and locations are listed in the Calendar of Events and online at [www.wyomingfnaws.org](http://www.wyomingfnaws.org).

Funding requests for consideration at the winter board meetings are due no later than Nov. 1. Requests for consideration at the summer board/general membership meeting are due no later than May 1.

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Offer valid for:

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## President's Message

In my first six months as your president, things on the forefront have been fairly quiet, but much has been happening behind the scenes.

There will be a change of date and venue for our upcoming winter meeting due to a long-anticipated event: a bighorn sheep transplant in the Seminoe/Ferris Mountains. The transplant will take place the first week in December after extensive work and effort from our liaison Kevin Hurley and the Wyoming Game & Fish Department (*see related article on page 2*). We are looking forward to the transplant and it will be reviewed in detail at our winter meeting.

The 2009 winter meeting will take place in Rawlins at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 4 at the Best Western CottonTree Inn. All Wyoming FNAWS members are invited to attend to learn what is taking place with Wyoming FNAWS and what we plan for the future.

One of our "works in progress" is establishing an improved relationship with the Wild Sheep Foundation (formerly National FNAWS). Positive steps have been taken, with WSF CEO Gray Thornton as the leading force behind bringing WSF and its Chapters together. He has been working endlessly – and successfully – to strengthen communications and to bring us together to continue our mission of putting sheep on the mountain. I was able to attend the second Summit meeting with WSF and the Chapters in Reno earlier this year and found it to be very successful and informative. New Chapter charters are being created and finalized that will ultimately require approval from all Wyoming FNAWS and other Chapter members. When these are presented to our membership for a vote, I hope all of you will consider approving them.

Another benefit that has resulted from Gray's efforts is the WSF Board of Director's approval to provide a free one-year membership to all Chapter members. If you haven't received word from WSF already, watch your mail.

Gray has been the epitome of the mantra he created, "One campfire, one tent." It is my hope that Wyoming FNAWS and all other chapters will continue to move forward – together – to bring this goal to fruition.

Have a safe winter,  
*Jack L. Morey, Jr.*  
President

### ***Wanted: Your Hunt Story!***

If you have a hunt story that you'd like to share, we want to print it! Just send it to Wyoming FNAWS and we'll publish it in *The Rampage*. Photos are also welcome. Send your story and photo to:

Wyoming FNAWS  
P.O. Box 845  
Dubois, WY 82513

Stories can also be e-mailed to: wyfnaws@dteworld.com. E-mailed photos should be in jpeg format, 300 dpi.

## Wyoming Game & Fish to Supplement Ferris/Seminole Bighorn Sheep Herd this Winter

The Ferris/Seminole bighorn sheep herd will receive a boost this winter when Wyoming Game and Fish officials release approximately 60 bighorn sheep from Utah and Oregon in the area. Although previous attempts to supplement this herd have not been as successful as hoped, Game and Fish officials are changing strategies and focusing on obtaining sheep from areas with habitats more comparable to the Ferris/Seminole region.

Between 1957 and 1985, 236 bighorn sheep from Whiskey Basin above Dubois were released in the Ferris/Seminole area via six different releases. No releases have occurred in the past 24 years, and WGFD biologists believe that less than 20 sheep remain in the herd.

“Sheep released in the Ferris/Seminole area have been brought in from the Whiskey Mountain herd,” said WGFD Bighorn Sheep Coordinator Kevin Hurley. “These sheep were adapted to different ecological conditions (e.g., alpine-adapted, seasonally migratory, late lambing chronology) than conditions found in the Seminoe Mountains, and those differences may have contributed to poor lamb survival and limited population performance. This time we are getting sheep from areas with similar ecological conditions, in the hopes that this release will be more successful.”

Working with Oregon’s Department of Fish and Wildlife, WGFD plans to pick up 20 sheep net-gun captured from the Diablo Mountains of south-central Oregon in December. GPS radio collars will be placed on most adult bighorns and the sheep will then be transported to the Ferris/Seminole area for release. WGFD personnel will use data collected from radio collars to determine movements and habitat use to decide where to release the next batch of bighorns. In mid-January, this time working with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, WGFD plans to pick up 40 additional sheep captured from Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake, Utah. Half of these sheep will be radio collared before release.

“We chose these source-sheep based on the type of habitat they are adapted to,” said Hurley. “These sheep should lamb earlier in the spring than did sheep from the Whiskey Mountain herd. Earlier lambing will coincide with peak vegetative green-up in the Ferris/Seminole Mountains. Lambing during peak green-up should increase the nutritional status of females during the period they are nursing their lambs. Mothers in better condition should result in more lamb survival and more sheep on the mountain down the road. Earlier releases attempted to fit ‘round’ sheep into ‘square’ habitat; we feel these releases will more successfully fit source-sheep into target habitat.”

In recent years WGFD has successfully implemented this tactic of matching transplants with habitat at the release site in supplemental releases at Devil’s Canyon above Lovell. Kick-started in 1973 with a release of 39 bighorns from Whiskey Basin, 30 years later, 50-60 sheep remained in the herd. In December 2004 and January 2006, this herd was supplemented with 40 sheep adapted to similar habitat conditions. Today this herd is estimated at around 175 animals.

The entire project will cost approximately \$150,000, most of which is already secure. Partnering with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in the project are the Wyoming Governor’s Big Game License Coalition, the Wyoming, Minnesota/Wisconsin and Eastern Chapters of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, the Wild Sheep Foundation, and the Grand Slam Club/Ovis.

“This supplemental release has been a long time coming, almost a quarter century,” said Hurley. “We’re glad to see this project finally coming to fruition and will be glad to see more bighorn sheep in the Ferris/Seminole country.”



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Wyoming FNAWS will not share your e-mail address with any third parties, nor will you receive solicitations or "spam" from our organization.

## 2009 Fundraiser Brings in Highest Gross to Date

Wyoming FNAWS and its membership enjoyed a highly successful fundraiser and banquet. This year's annual event took place at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Casper, with over 300 in attendance.

Your Board of Directors is proud to report that the 2009 fundraiser grossed the highest total to date at \$118,749. Thanks to the support of our membership, Wyoming FNAWS netted nearly \$50,000 after expenses to put toward wild sheep conservation efforts. The following is a breakdown of the highest money makers:

- ◆ Live auction: \$67,560
- ◆ Life member breakfast: \$8,150
- ◆ Silent auction: \$4,700
- ◆ Christiansen Arms rifle raffle: \$4,200

Money wasn't the only object, however. There were games to be played, wine and cheese to be sampled and a laughs to be had. Turn the page for more....

Our thanks to our "resident photographers" Scott Shreve and Freddie Goetz!



The life member breakfast was one of the weekend's highest money makers, bringing in \$8,150.

### Learn more about wild sheep efforts in Wyoming!

Final reports have been written and produced for sheep transplants and studies in Wyoming.

Wyoming FNAWS was proud to contribute to these transplants and studies, and we couldn't help fund such efforts without your support. See the photo and caption to the right for a sample of these successes!

To learn more, copy and paste the following links into your web browser:

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<http://gf.state.wy.us/wildlife/sheep/Laramie%20Range%20Sheep%20Report.pdf>

**Devil's Canyon BHS Transplant Final Report**  
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**Clarks Fork BHS Final Report**  
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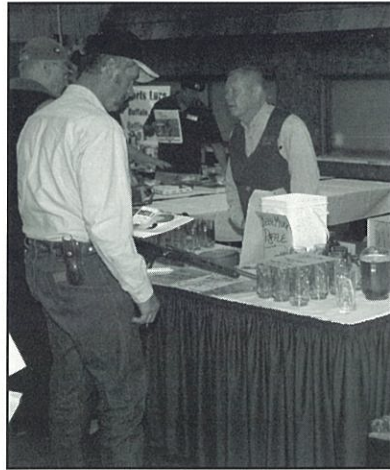
### Devil's Canyon Success Story



This 10½ year-old ram was harvested in Hunt Area 12, Devil's Canyon, by Bill Adkins (right) of Cody, Wyo. Though sheep transplants took place here in 2004 and 2006, this is a bona fide Wyoming ram, as none of the transplanted sheep have attained this age.

# 2009 Annual Fundraiser in Casper

## Time for a cold one!



Newly elected board member Dan Hinz made certain that everyone's beer mugs were full.

## Pick a card, any card



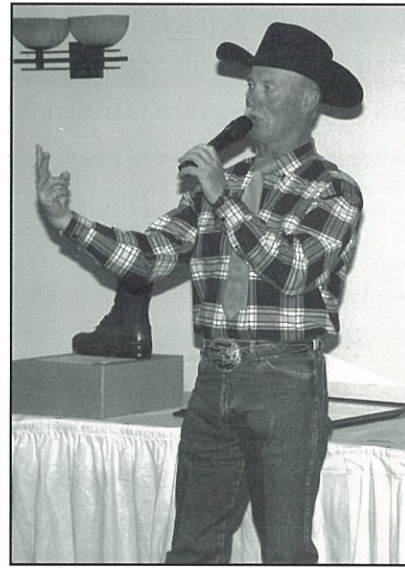
Past president Jim Collins offers 'Trapper' Morey his choice of cards for a raffle at the Life Member breakfast.

## A raffle here, a raffle there...



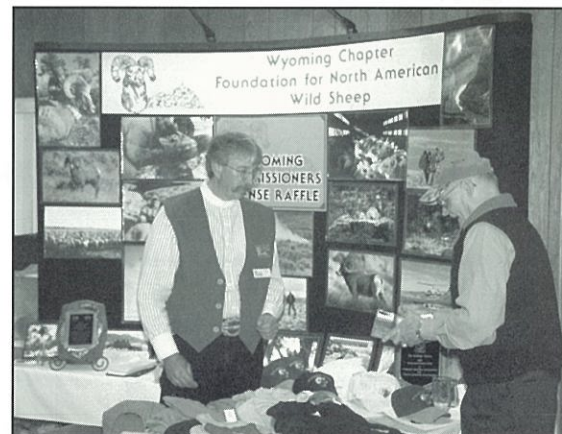
Life members Rusty Gooch & Rosemary Turk take a chance on one of the many raffles, drawings.

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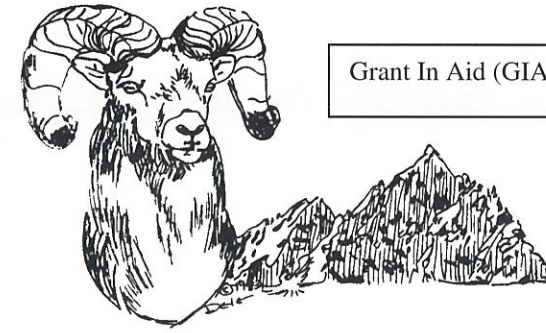


Auctioneer Steve Price generously donated his talents for the life member breakfast and banquet auctions.

## Sure you only want one?



Lynn Stewart sells a Wyoming FNAWS hat at the Chapter booth.



Grant In Aid (GIA) Form

Wyoming Chapter

Foundation for  
North American  
Wild Sheep

Are you a current member of FNAWS?  Yes  No Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of WY FNAWS?  Yes  No

|   | Cost to be funded<br>by WY FNAWS Grant | Cost to be funded<br>by other cooperators |
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| Equipment.....  | \$ _____                               | \$ _____                                  |
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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING FINANCIAL AID OR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT (Include any pending amounts applied for):

### ENDORSEMENT

I hereby agree to abide by the stated requirements of a WY-FNAWS grant. I also understand all WY-FNAWS funding stipulations and will provide all necessary reports if I receive a grant from WY-FNAWS.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDIA CONTACTS

Please list one or more media sources in your area that we may contact with details of your project:



Grant In Aid (GIA) Form

### Wyoming Chapter

### Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Waterhole/Transplant/Habitat/Research/Education/Other (Explain)

Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Outfitter Organization/BLM/Game & Fish/Forest Service/Other (Explain)

Location Of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Territory/Area

Description Of Project:  
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Problem to be Solved:  
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Describe How You Propose Solving Problem:  
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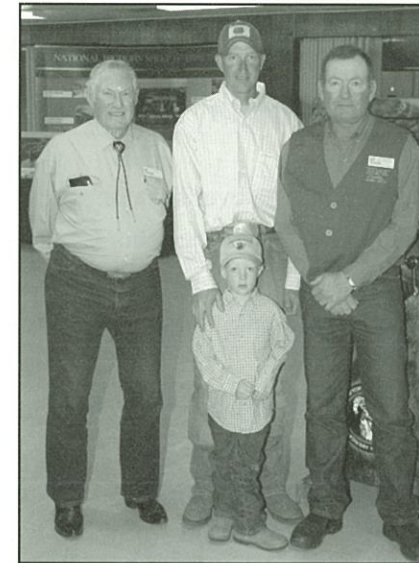
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## Proves to be the Best One Yet!

### Four generations



Four generations of WY FNAWS life members. From left: Al Benton, Tyler Benton, Cole Benton and Kale Benton.

### Recognizing contributions



WGF Habitat Program Manager Gary Butler was awarded the 2009 Ron Ball Memorial Award for his contributions to wild sheep. Butler, pictured holding the award, is also a WY FNAWS life member.

### Great Zebra!



Life member Freddie Goetz visited with the owners of Hawk Creek Taxidermy

### I'm so confused!



Life member Bob Sherd displayed his taxidermist's sense of humor.

### Yukkin' it up



WGFD biologist and life member Ron Lockwood, also known for his comedic talents, entertained a couple of guests.

# Hunt Stories

## Shatzer Makes the Most of Help from His Friends

Most stories begin with the day you find out you're going to get the opportunity to hunt sheep in whatever state or states you apply in. Mine starts long before that. The time when I realized how important sheep hunting was when the school principal told my father that applying for a bighorn sheep tag maybe wasn't the best idea through my high school years. His response was, "He can always repeat that year. He can't always go sheep hunting." (Buying a preference point was not an option at that time).

And, 23 years later, I had the day everybody waits for when the license is mailed...or in today's world, posted on the Internet. It didn't take long, maybe four or five hours and a couple phone calls, the hunt was planned. Being on the WY FNAWS Board of Directors as well as a life member, I am very familiar with some sheep experts. I am also guide hunters for former WY FNAWS board member and life member Cole Benton, so naturally, I wanted him involved. The only problem was he and his son Tyler were scheduled to be in Alaska on a Dall sheep hunt. Cole and I agreed that Bob Sundeen was the most logical choice for the hunt of a lifetime. Not wasting any time, I touched base with Bob and plans were made.

I was set to meet Bob at the trailhead on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. The hunting party would consist of Bob, Quint Gonzales, Josh Martoglio, and another hunter from Laramie. The trip in was uneventful, but breathtaking. There had been reports of an exceptional ram being spotted along with as many as 16 other rams. I know, as well as most, that finding a certain ram, buck or bull does not usually work out. The day prior to the season opening was spent putting the finishing touches on camp. Plans were made for Josh and his hunter to hunt up the drainage where we were camped.

On the first morning, Bob, Quint and I left camp a little before daylight to head up to one of the many different vantage points Bob uses to glass for sheep. We immediately saw nine rams with one that we knew we needed to get closer to for a better look. Before we could head that way, something or someone spooked the rams and sent them on a dead run for parts unknown. The rest of the first day was spent looking at more rams and glassing the big country. We did come within 400 yards of four rams, with one being in the low- to mid-160s. I had set my sights on a 170 ram, and Bob said he was holding out for me. I will admit it was very difficult not to get caught up in the moment and shoot any ram that presented itself.

The second day of season was a repeat of the first. I think we quit counting different rams at 41 that day. Mark, the other hunter in camp, was successful in harvesting a nice seven-year-old ram. It was still too warm and, not wanting the meat and cape to spoil, Bob made plans to take Mark to the trailhead the morning of the third day. That left Josh Quint and I to do some looking around. We rode up the Greybull River and started seeing rams right away. Not seeing the one we were after and still having a lot of time left, we moved on. After riding to the head of one drainage, looking into the next one and not seeing much for sheep worth chasing, Josh decided that we needed to hike to the top of the main ridge above us and look into a different



Wyoming FNAWS Life Member #220 and past Wyoming FNAWS vice president Curt Shatzer, pictured with Quint Gonzales and Josh Martoglio, harvested his ram of a lifetime after 23 years.



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|-----------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1         | Doug McWhirter, Cody  | 527-7125                         | Chris Queen, Powell  | 754-5290                                     |
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| 8,23      | Dean Clause, Pinedale   | 367-4353                         | Bubba Haley, Pinedale  | 367-4353                                     |
| 9,10      | Greg Anderson, Lander   | 332-2688                         | Cole Thompson, Dubois  | 455-2424                                     |
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| 12        | Tom Easterly, Greybull  | 765-2742                         | Rick King, Lovell  | 548-7310                                     |
| 17        | Greg Hiatt, Sinclair  | 324-7927                         | Bill Brinegar, Rawlins   | 324-2973                                     |
| 18        | Rich Guenzel, Laramie<br>Will Schultz, Saratoga                         | 745-5180<br>326-3020             | Biff Burton, Saratoga<br>Bill Haley, Laramie   | 326-5583<br>745-4046                         |
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| 20        | Joe Sandrini, Newcastle   | 746-4646                         | Dustin Shorma, Newcastle   | 746-2248                                     |
| 21        | Will Schultz, Saratoga  | 326-3020                         | Biff Burton, Saratoga  | 326-5583                                     |
| 22        | Greg Anderson, Lander   | 332-2688                         | Cole Thompson, Dubois  | 455-2424                                     |
| 24        | Gary Fralick, Thayne<br>Dean Clause, Pinedale                           | 883-2998<br>367-4353             | Adam Hymas, Big Piney  | 276-3359                                     |

WGFD Bighorn sheep population objectives and estimates for 16 herd units, plus Yellowstone National Park, post-season 2008.

| Area(s)   | Origin     | Herd Unit                                   | Objective | Estimate |
|-----------|------------|---|-----------|----------|
| 6         | Native     | Targhee                                     | 125       | 150      |
| 7         | Native     | Jackson                                     | 500       | 393      |
| 24        | Transplant | Darby Mountain                              | 150       | 50       |
| 1         | Native     | Clarks Fork                                 | 500       | 500      |
| 2         | Native     | Trout Peak                                  | 750       | 550      |
| 3         | Native     | Wapiti Ridge                                | 1000      | 950      |
| 4         | Native     | Younts Peak                                 | 900       | 850      |
| 5,22      | Native     | Francs Peak                                 | 1360      | 1351     |
| 12        | Transplant | Devils Canyon                               | 200       | 150      |
| 18        | Transplant | Douglas Creek                               | 350       | 100      |
| 19        | Transplant | Laramie Peak                                | 500       | 250      |
| 21        | Transplant | Encampment River                            | 200       | 50       |
| 8,9,10,23 | Native     | Whiskey Mountain                            | 1350      | 661      |
| 11        | Transplant | Temple Peak                                 | 250       | 20       |
| 16        |            | Sweetwater                                  | 400       |          |
| 17        | Transplant | Seminole/Ferris                             | 300       | 10       |
| 20        | Transplant | Elk Mountain                                | N/A       | N/A      |
|           |            | Total                                       | 8735      | ~6035    |
| YNP       | Native     | Yellowstone NP                              | ---       | 200      |
|           |            | Grand Total Population Estimate for Wyoming |           | ~6235    |

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## Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Expo 2009

Wyoming FNAWS has been a proud sponsor of the annual Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo for many years. In addition to providing funding for the Expo year after year, Wyoming FNAWS has manned its Chapter booth and Laser Shot game during the Expo. The following is an excerpt from WGFD project coordinator Wendy Hayes' recap of this year's event:

Expo '09 offered over 100 exhibits representing agencies, organizations, industry, special interest groups, and businesses that gave both novice and experienced outdoors-people of all ages and abilities the chance to learn about responsible natural resource management and the ethical use of these resources. All Expo participants were given a greater appreciation of Wyoming's wild places and wild things and were provided information about programs and organizations that can extend their learning of outdoor pursuits beyond the Expo. In 2009, WY FNAWS was an integral part of the Expo's success by being a valued sponsor and exhibitor with exceptional hands-on materials and the ethical hunting simulator for attendees.

At the 2009 Expo, 11,976 people (8,120 students) were provided learning and participation opportunities that communicated the relevance of wildlife and habitat management as well as encouraged ethical behavior and stewardship while enjoying and working in the out-of-doors. Families, youth groups, and others wanting to learn more about the responsible use and management of Wyoming's great outdoors made up the 3,856 people attending on Saturday.

Twenty-eight percent of the Wyoming participants traveled 50 miles or greater to attend the Expo and 72% in attendance were from Natrona County. Seventy-four vehicles came from out of state, 481 from counties around Wyoming and 1,403 were from Natrona County.



WY FNAWS board member Katie Luthy and WY FNAWS executive assistant Sheri Howe helped 'man' the Chapter booth at the Expo.

### *Mays Hunt, continued*

again and in sight of three groups of rams, totaling 25. After lunch, we decided to make a run on a group of eight rams that had two good shooters. John picked out a route that would get us there quickly with minimal exposure to the rams.

We led the horses down a steep slope and got to a creek under the sheep with no problems. We noticed five elk romping on the same ridge in sight of the sheep. A Golden Eagle was harassing the sheep, too. We moved up carefully, but it helped that the sheep were watching the elk and eagle.

A big log provided an excellent rest for the rifle. After some discussion about the quality of the rams, I decided to try for the slightly broomed ram that looked to be nearly full curl rather than the heavier more broomed ram. I sighted on my choice of rams with John's custom "The Best of the West" 7mm mag., but the sheep started to move away. John let out a loud howl and the sheep stopped. I shot. The elevation was perfect but a strong cross wind pushed the bullet too far back. I hit the ram but he made it to the woods before I could get another shot. We moved toward the woods and John jumped the ram. I missed a shot just as the ram cleared a small ridge. At this point, I was very concerned that my ram would get away, but we found the blood trail and it was heavy. Encouraged, we followed the trail carefully and just over the ridge the ram had gone down again. I finished him with a neck shot.

I was emotional, shed a few tears, and gave John a big hug. After five trips, I finally had my Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, which completed my slam of North American Wild Sheep!

Page Mays

Life Member #318

## Hunt Stories

### *Governor's Tag is the Lucky Charm for Mays*

I must be the world's worst sheep hunter or unluckiest. Four times I've hunted the Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep with negative results. All hunts were in Canada. The outfitters were good. We worked hard but had bad luck.

My results trying to collect the other North American sheep were not good either. Two hunts for a Dall, three for a Stone and only one for the Desert Bighorn (lucky me)! I had to get a Rocky Mountain Bighorn in order to complete my slam of North American Wild Sheep.

For years I've entered bighorn sheep draws in several states, and even have 13 preference points for the sheep draw in Wyoming. After being frustrated, disappointed and out of patience, I decided to buy a Governor's Sheep tag in Wyoming. That's something I should have done a long time ago.

A good friend of mine recommended that I contact John Porter of Morning Creek Outfitters in Cody, Wyo. I did some checking and found out that John was the premier sheep hunter guide. John and I talked and he said he would help me. We put together a strategy to buy a Wyoming Governors sheep tag at one of the several conventions. All we had to do was bid the most money to get the tag. We got "lucky" with the winning bid for the Eastern FNAWS Wyoming tag.

John and I decided to begin our sheep hunt in Unit 5 of Wyoming on September 5, 2009. We trailered horses and pulled a camper to a trailhead in Greybull river drainage. After a hard day of hunting, the trailer would be a good place to cook meals and get a good night's sleep. I've spent many nights sleeping in backpack tents on the hard cold ground of mountains, so the trailer sounded great to me.

Last fall I went on a Tur hunt in the Caucasian Mountains, which was one of the most difficult hunts I've done, made even more difficult because of my arthritic knees. I vowed not to try any more mountain hunts until my knees were repaired. In December 2008, I had double knee replacement, followed by quick improvement. I did some local hunting and made two safari trips to Africa but this mountain hunt to Wyoming was going to be the real test for my knee replacements. Two months prior to my Wyoming trip, I started repetitive lifting with light weights and pulled a heavy log chain nearly one mile up and down the hills of my gravel drive, three times per week.

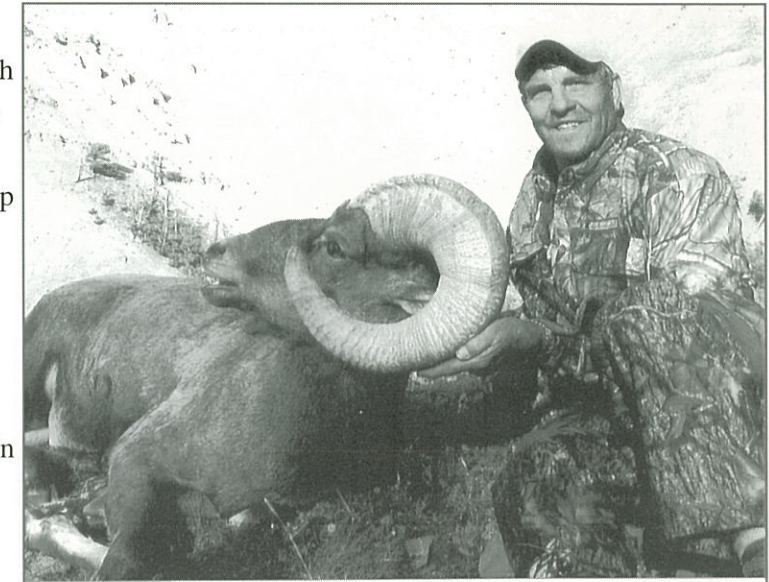
After the pain I put up with on previous hunts, my new knees were a pleasure on this hunt. Much of the hunt was on horseback but we still had to walk steep and dangerous areas and I never had any problem with knee pain.

John's horses are well trained and take good care of the hunters. Sometimes when we had to walk up steep dangerous trails, I found it helpful to grab the horsetail in front of me and let him pull me up the mountain. Our hunt took four days, over some difficult landscape and we never had a horse mishap.

Most of our scouting for rams was done at elevations above 10,000 feet. On the first two days, we spotted rams but the distance, location, or lateness of the day made stalking unreasonable. On the third day, we were in the range of good rams, but wrong wind direction and noise spooked them before I could get a shot.

We finally hit the jackpot on day four. After a three-hour ride and walk up, we were on top

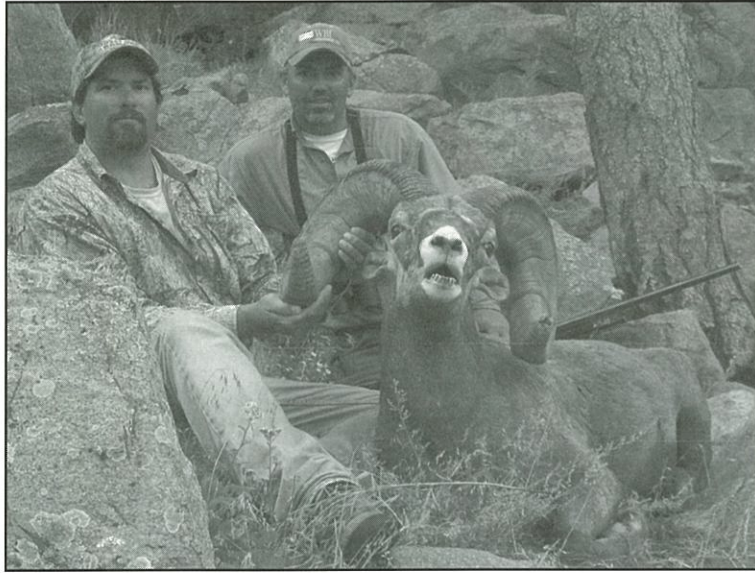
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Buying a Wyoming Governor's License paid off for Page Mays, Wyoming FNAWS Life Member #318.

# Hunt Stories

## *Twenty-Five Year Wait Pays off for Wilson*



Wyoming FNAWS member Shawn Wilson (left) took this 182+ ram, making it well worth the 25-year wait.

This quest began, of course, by reading the shocking word “successful” on the result website. After picking myself up off the floor, I sent out an email to a few friends and family. Within a mere two hours, two great friends, Greg and Brenda were rearing to go. My son Parker (nine) loves to hunt and I have known since he was four that he would have to go on my sheep hunt if and when I drew. I even bought points for a few years just to wait for him to catch up. His school year started with only two days in before we where to leave. His teacher was very understanding and gave us some homework to do on the mountain, which he did on breaks from his spotting scope. I wish my dad could have made this trip, but the mountains have gotten bigger. He took me with him every hunting season since I was age three. I am sure I scared off more than one critter he was after. He has taught me so much about hunting and instilled the bug for life.

I didn't think the summer could go by fast enough, but the wait went kind of quick. I attended the (Wyoming) FNAWS banquet and joined as well. Greg and Brenda made their long drive a few times throughout the summer to go on scouting trips with me. We didn't find many rams at all, but watching the lambs was entertaining. Their behavior interacting with each other and the ewes was great. I watched a ewe jump off a huge rock and tried and tried to get the lamb to jump. She finally had to go back up and take him off another route.

On the eve of the opener, we headed into the mountains and glassed for a few hours. I finally, right at dark, located six rams. We spent the opener on a ridge glassing and glassing and wondering if the six would show back up. They didn't and not a single ram was spotted the first day. We did get to watch a black bear and her two cubs playing like toddlers for a good 30 minutes.

That night in the tent I started questioning my original goal of a 170 ram and lowered it to 165. I know – only after the first day. The once in a lifetime (basically) chance of drawing starts building a panic and messes with you. The second day found us on the same ridge glassing til 3 p.m. and that is when Greg picked up a ram! The chances of having your glasses or spotting scope in the right spot for that split second in time when a sheep turns just right, feeds across an opening, etc., are very slim. The rocks in this part of the country are the same size and color as sheep, making them extremely tough to spot. This is, however, the challenging and fun part. There were four rams; two young ones and two that looked promising.

Greg said, “Let's go!” Fifteen minutes of lightening up our packs and we were off on a huge decent and a vertical climb that took us 3½ hours to get to the position we wanted. Once on the rock we chose, we spotted a small ram just 80 yards below us, but where were the other three? A large tree blocked our view of the upper part of the bowl. Timber cracked loudly every five minutes. I was getting nervous that the three were leaving. After waiting them out for 45 minutes, darkness was approaching. Greg carefully peeked around the tree and met the big ram at 50 feet, eyeball to eyeball. The big ram brought the other three out and was ready to leave. The big ram was easy to tell apart as he was a chocolate-colored dark ram, much darker than his three lighter colored buddies. Shooting lane after shooting lane he went through. Following him in my scope, I looked up

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## *Shatzer Hunt, continued*

We rode and led the horses and mules as far as we could then took off on foot. When we topped out, the view was absolutely breathtaking. Looking to the west, we could see the Tetons and to the east, the Bighorns. I took my GPS out and it confirmed why: we were over 12,000' in elevation. After some picture-taking and a quick drink of water, we moved on. I told Josh there was no sense in all of us peeking into the next drainages and taking a chance in being seen. He agreed and started looking and staying as low as possible. In the second drainage he glassed, we hit the jackpot. Fortunately, the wind was in our favor and the three of us snuck over the top and got below the skyline. There was a sight I will never forget: 12 rams feeding up the opposite ridge. It did not take long to realize that after setting up the spotting scope, we had found the band of rams that people were talking about. One look was all I needed to see there was no doubt that this was a ram worth taking. We had not watched them for 15 minutes before they bedded down. I'm not sure how all three of us were able to get back over the skyline without being detected. I have always said it's better to be lucky than good any day.

We came from above the area they were bedded down and closed the distance as much as possible – to 425 yards. The ram we wanted happened to be in the back of the band and I had a lane to shoot through. What seemed like eternity (but was probably only a few minutes), I was able to get comfortable and control my breathing somewhat. Josh and Quint watched through the spotting scope and binoculars while I squeezed the shot off and all the rams were up and moving. Due to the recoil, I lost my sight. Quint and Josh both said, “You hit him!” I couldn't tell which one he was and about that time I saw him fall. I was overwhelmed with emotion, sad in the fact my father could not physically be there, even though I knew he was in spirit and happy because of the reality of a dream come true in harvesting the ram of a lifetime.

When I was finally able to see the ram, we all realized it was the ram everybody had seen before the season started. He exceeded my goal of a 170 sheep. The ram was over 10 years old and carried the mass clear to the end.

I cannot appropriately express my gratitude for all the help from Bob Sundeen, Quint Gonzales and Josh Martoglio. There is no way I could have done what we did without all the help. I also thank my family for their support of my desire to hunt. One other note is the work of the Wyoming Game & Fish and WY FNAWS that has definitely paid off. We saw 85 different rams in three days of hunting, with a large portion of them mature. I don't know of anywhere in the sheep world you can make that statement.

Curt Shatzer, Life Member #220  
Past WY FNAWS Vice President

## *Wilson Hunt, continued*

and realized this was the last opening! He paused for a split second; I didn't get the shot off then and he continued on his escape. As he continued the not quite run – but not walk either – I should say I slowly squeezed the trigger. It probably looked more like an uncontrollable chill twitch. The ram disappeared over the edge.

Walking up to the fallen mountain monarch and seeing all the incredible mass on his horns was so unbelievable. The chips missing from his horns and scarred face are evidence of battles one can only try to imagine. Pictures continued til dark set in. Then came the caping, quartering, and loading our backs. I took the first few steps headed out and put my boot down on a rattler. I turned to see his head coiled back in the light of my headlamp. Greg yelped and we high-tailed it into the darkness.

Arriving at camp well after midnight, we debated whether to fall into the tents or break camp and drive on out to my grandpa's. He was still awake and really wanting to see the success. Still going on adrenaline, we made it in at 2 a.m.

The reality of this dream is still setting in. After 25 years of applying, this dream came true, with much larger results than ever imagined. I knew he was a great ram, but was very shocked and surprised when he taped 182-6/8 green gross. He was aged at 9½. And it was a DIY public land ram.

Shawn Wilson  
Member