



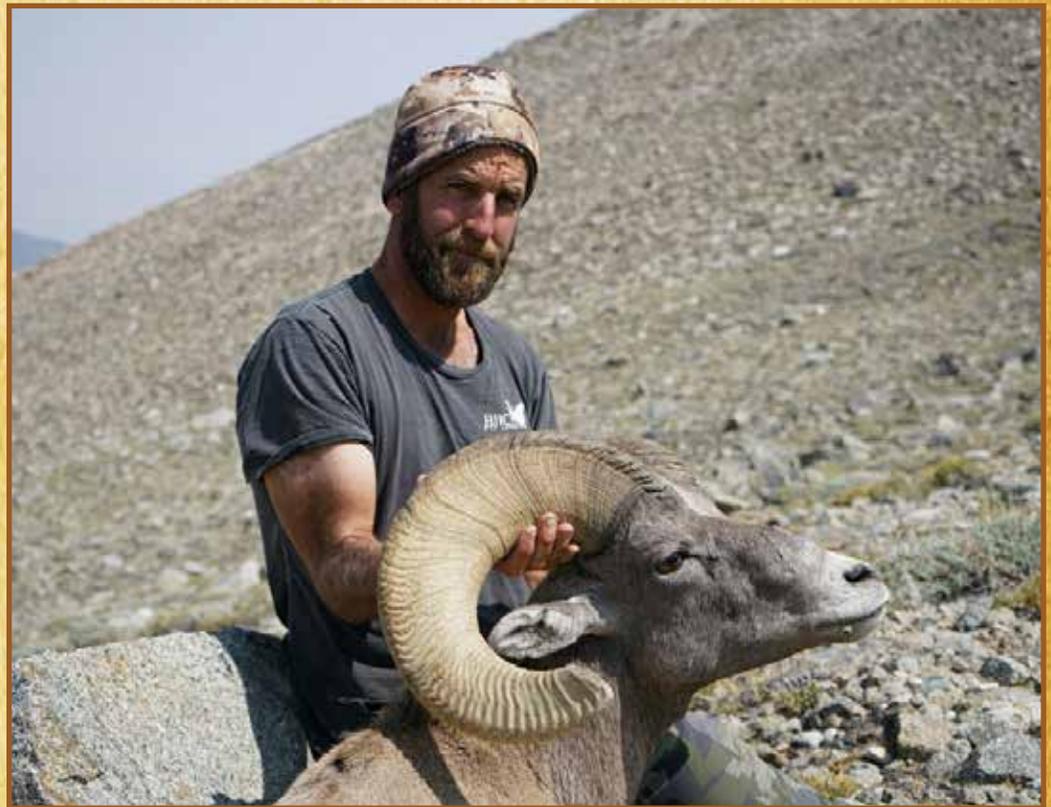
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ULTIMA THULE LODGE

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From the Editor's Desk

The holiday season has begun, hunting season is in full swing, conventions are coming soon – life is good, and I am happy! I hope you enjoy this issue; we do our best to create one each quarter that you will enjoy.

We love wild Ovis and Capra . . . and their mountain haunts! We want to do all we can for them to flourish in as much of their historic range as possible. I also want the opportunity to hunt one or two species of them each year (for as long as my legs, lungs, mind and savings allow).

My hunting was/is doubled up due to the complete postponement of 2020 plans due to COVID-19. I've been in Greece and Slovakia, soon to be in Mexico! I hope you still have some hunting to do before the conventions.

Feedback, ideas, articles & requests for the newsletter are always welcome. Best way to reach me is email: mike.borel@contextnet.com. Due date for input to the 1Q22 issue is February 20. Special thanks to Zack Walton and Beverly Valdez for their help and support on the Newsletter.



NO-BAKE ALMOND PROTEIN BARS

By Irma at FoodTalk.com

Cook time: 0 Minutes , Total time: 1 hr

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE ALMOND PROTEIN

1 cup almond butter
2.5 tbsp melted coconut oil
3 tbsp maple syrup
1.5 tsp vanilla
2.5 scoops of vanilla protein powder
Dash of Himalayan sea salt
Cinnamon to taste
Flaky sea salt (opt)

FOR THE CHOCOLATE TOPPING

1 cup chocolate
4 tsp melted coconut oil

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE ALMOND PROTEIN

Mix until all ingredients are combined and a paste forms.
Spread onto a non stick pan, pressing firmly.
Sprinkle with a few mini chocolate chips if you desire. Freeze until the next step is ready.

FOR THE CHOCOLATE TOPPING

Combine ingredients in a microwave safe bowl and microwave for 30 sec at a time until the chocolate melts and it is smooth and silky.

Final Steps

Remove almond butter mixture from freezer. Pour chocolate over the almond butter layer until it's completely covered and has a smooth coating.

Sprinkle with flaky sea salt and place in freezer for 45 min to an hour or until chocolate and almond butter have solidified. Slice & Enjoy!

PEAR & APPLE CRUMBLE

From yummy.com

Perfect fall recipe that can use many different combinations of fall fruits. Easy to make, never fail recipe!

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE TOPPING

1 1/2 cups rolled oats
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened

FOR THE

2 cups peeled and diced apples
2 cups peeled and diced pears
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup sliced almonds, or to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Mix oats, flour, 3/4 cup brown sugar, and butter together in a bowl until crumbly.

Mix apples, pears, 3/4 cup brown sugar, and cinnamon together in a separate bowl; spread into the bottom of a 9x9-inch glass pan. Sprinkle oat mixture atop apple-pear mixture; top with almonds.

Bake in the preheated oven until the top is golden brown, about 40 minutes.

Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream topping. An easy last minute dessert but also great for breakfast.

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Events

2022

January 12-15	WSF Sheep Show, Reno
January 19-22	Safari Club Convention, Las Vegas
January 26-29	GSCO Convention, Las Vegas
February 20	Due date for articles for 1Q2022 CAWSF Newsletter
April TBD	Desert Bighorn Council Mtg
April 29	Sheep Summit XXXI Sacramento DoubleTree by Hilton
April 30	CA WSF Annual Fundraiser Event 20th Anniversary! Sacramento DoubleTree by Hilton
May 20	Due date for articles for 2Q2022 CAWSF Newsletter
June 1	Ballots out for Board of Directors election
June 28	Completed election ballots due
August 20	Due date for articles for 3Q2022 CAWSF Newsletter
November 20	Due date for articles for 4Q2022 CAWSF Newsletter

President's Letter

For most of us, our hunting season is winding down, if not over. There are still a lot of members with opportunities before them for deer or elk through the end of the January. More importantly, a lucky few will soon be embarking on their "once in a lifetime" California desert bighorn sheep hunts. On behalf of our entire membership, I wish every one of those lucky hunter's success.

I want to thank all of our members who have reached out to me and have sent photos of their successful fall hunts. But I would like to extend a special thanks and congratulations to three of our Distinguished Life Members who were able to hunt in Alaska with me this year.

First off, a huge thank you and congratulations to CA WSF Distinguished Life Member Mason

Rogers. Mason was the lucky winner of CA WSF's 2020 Life Member Random Drawing. He took full advantage of his 10 day 1x1 guided dall sheep hunt with Paul and Donna Claus' Ultima Thule Outfitters (UTO) and was able to beat the odds under arduous circumstances. Let's be honest, it's a sheep hunt, they're all hard. Mason, and his brother Stephen, hung in for the full hunt and Mason was able to harvest a true Wrangell Mountains giant measuring over 42" on day 9 of his hunt. His brother Stephen was also able to harvest a black bear for an all-around successful hunt. I'm sure a write up of his adventure will appear in a future issue, see the photo on page 17.

Secondly, I'd like to personally thank and congratulate my long-time close personal friend, CA WSF Distinguished Life Member and CA WSF Board Member, Shawn Wood. Shawn was the lucky winner of the CA WSF 2021 Life Member Random Drawing for the Dall Sheep hunt with UTO. Through an unusual turn of events, Shawn was able to hunt this past year with us at UTO. We had a tremendous hunt together and with a little luck and a tremendous display of marksmanship, Shawn was able to take home a jaw-dropping Dall sheep ram on the 2nd day of his hunt measuring over 40" in length. I expect, you'll be hearing that story soon as well and you saw his photo in the Fall 2021 issue. In addition, I'd like to thank Shawn and his entire family for their long legacy of wildlife conservation in California.

And lastly, I'd like to personally thank and congratulate another CA WSF Distinguished Life Member, my friend, John M. Pestorich. Again, through an interesting circumstance, found himself hunting Dall sheep in Alaska this past year with UTO and myself. John endured especially harsh conditions and literally weathered the storm to find himself, on the last day of his hunt, standing over the Dall sheep of a lifetime. I'd like to thank John for his hard work, patience, endurance, and ability to execute under pressure. John checked a "bucket list" item for me on this hunt and I cannot thank him enough. No doubt, that full story shall come to light soon as well.

So...what's the takeaway from all of that? Here it is, and if you haven't been paying close attention up until this point, please read carefully. **This Ultima Thule Dall sheep hunt, offered through CA WSF, is an incredible opportunity.** I can say, "It will not last forever." There is a 5 year waiting list to hunt with Ultima Thule. Now is the time to become a life member of CA WSF! Now is the time to upgrade to Distinguished Life Member! Now is the time to make plans to attend our annual fundraiser at the Doubletree by Hilton in Sacramento on April 30, 2020 for your chance to win the CA WSF Life Member Random Drawing and hunt Dall sheep with Ultima Thule Outfitters. Your odds will never be better. Life and Junior Life Members (Age 10+ per AK Law) will receive one chance to win. Distinguished Life Members will receive 3 chances to win. **YOU MUST BE IN THE ROOM TO WIN!** So make plans now to save the date of April 30, 2022 and plan to be in Sacramento for our first, in-person event, since these COVID closures began.



In addition, tickets are on sale now for our 2022 random drawing Grand Prize. We are offering up a chance to win a 16-day guided 1x1 hunt for Stone sheep with Golden Bear Outfitting (GBO). Golden Bear is highly respected and CA WSF Director Adam Casagrande can personally attest to the quality of this hunt. So much so, that he solicited this hunt for our Chapter and we thank him. If you need a Stone sheep, or you dream of a Stone sheep, but can't afford it — HERE is your chance. \$100 will put you in the hat to win one of the best Stone sheep hunts in North America. We're proud to offer this once-in-a-lifetime hunting opportunity to our members and friends. Please go to the link below and buy your tickets now.

<http://cawsf.org/store.html>

For those of you that are already members of the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep, you are aware of the ambitious winter and spring drinker Build/Repair/Replace schedule. If not, please keep an eye on your emails as CA WSF will pass along all the upcoming volunteer opportunities that exist for water projects in Southern California with our affiliate SCBS. If you are available to volunteer for one of these projects, it's a great way to see where some of your dollars are going and how they benefit CA wildlife. I can promise, you'll never have more fun moving rocks than on a drinker build for desert bighorn sheep.

Now, I'm literally walking out the door to guide a tule elk hunt so I will not be writing a "teaser" article for our 2022 fundraiser. All I can do is tell you how important it is to attend our fundraiser, April 30, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Sacramento, CA. This is our only fundraiser of the year and it yields huge benefits for CA's sheep and wildlife. Our funds will go to water projects in the Southern California desert to help our wildlife endure the long hot summers. Those drinkers also help to expand Nelsoni Desert Bighorn sheep herds and increase hunting and public viewing opportunity. Keep in mind your dollars are also working hard to protect hunting and fishing in California, explore disease research that impacts our sheep, as well as serve to boost our state fish and wildlife agency in the management and protection of CA's endangered Sierra Nevada Bighorns and Peninsular Desert Bighorns.

Never forget, there is no greater party than a wildlife conservation party! Please make plans to attend today! I look forward to seeing all of you there. I want to thank you for reading and thank you for supporting California Wild Sheep Foundation.

Good hunting! Donald C. Martin



PROOF OF "SD TANK" WATER HAUL SUCCESS

*by Scott Gibson
SCBS and CA WSF Member*

As reported in the Fall 2021 publication, volunteers from Desert Wildlife Unlimited and the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep, hauled 11,000 gallons of water and repaired vandalism damage to the "SD Tank" on June 26th. The SD Tank is located in the Sheep Hole Mountains, Hunt Zone 6.

Within two weeks of our water haul, Terry Anderson and Andrew Pontious of SCBS reported sheep tracks near the replenished water source. A trail camera was placed and we successfully photographed no less than six (6) individual bighorn at the water source. I am pleased to report that desert bighorn sheep have found and are using the much needed water. Thank you again to the California Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, without your generous support, there would have been fewer sheep on this mountain.



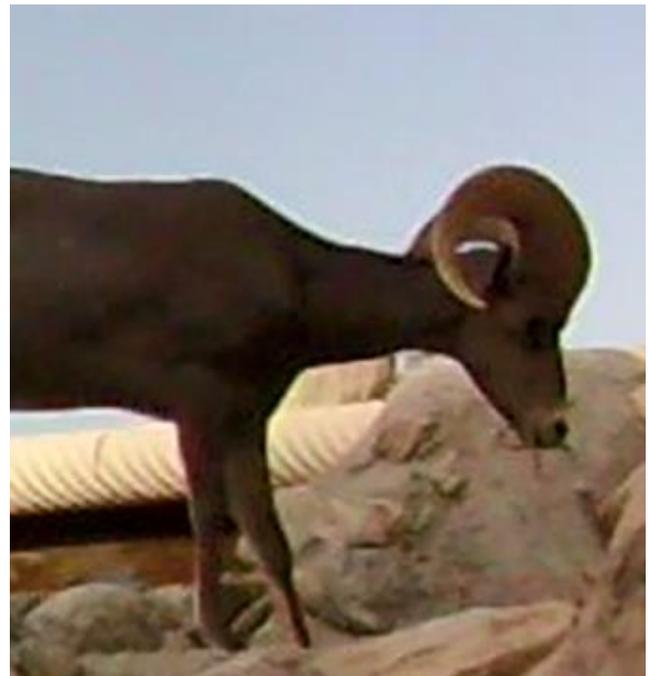
Screenshot of young ram visiting the SD Tank for a drink 8/8/2021



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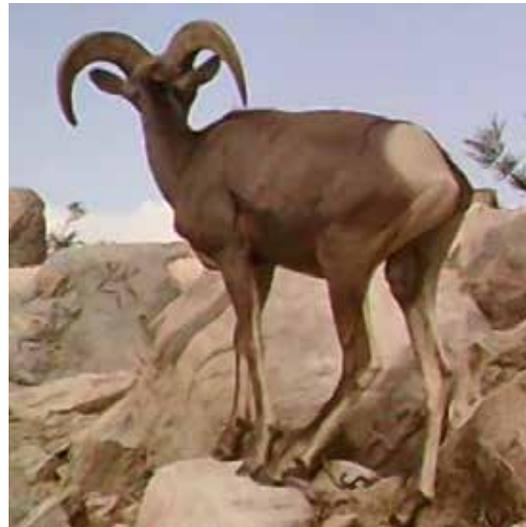


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SD Tank Trail Camera: August 1st to September 26th



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**CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE
UPDATE**

Since our last issue Stafford Lehr, Deputy Director has retired, and Paige Prentice has resigned to put full effort into her Masters Degree at Oregon State.

We are expecting new placements soon.

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Congratulations to all on one or more of these lists! If you see someone on here that is not coming to our banquet and fundraiser, please give them a personal invitation.

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WHO KNEW — SOUTH AFRICA HAS HOT ARCHERY HUNTING!

by John Ware, Distinguished Life Member

As part of a month-long trip to South Africa Beverly and I had the pleasure of hunting with Limcroma Safaris in the Limpopo River area of South Africa. This region is known for rivers and is the northern most area of South Africa. Limcroma actually gets its name from the names of the three rivers that come together on the ranch: The **L**impopo, the **C**rocodile and the **M**arico. These rivers form a natural border between South Africa and Botswana and provide water to the species even in the height of summer. This region is one of the top hunting destinations in all of Southern Africa and we loved hunting there.

This outfitter has many different areas accessible within 30-60 minutes from the beautiful lodge where we stayed for 10 days of hunting in a very nice private room and enjoyed mornings and evenings at the lodge.

During the first week of our hunt we had three other couples hunting at the lodge. All of them were archery hunters! We had not realized that Limcroma specialized in archery before heading there. However we learned that Professional Hunter/Outfitter and Limcroma owner Hannes Els is an enthusiastic bow hunter himself and he certainly understands the special needs of bow hunting. Although we were hunting spot and stalk, every place we hunted had well-deployed blinds close to water sources and game trails. All three of the bow hunters filled their bags with multiple species, including taking Cape Buffalo, one of the most dangerous game on the Dark Continent, with their bows. Each evening they came in to dinner and gave us great stories of their escapades of the day. One of the bow hunters made most of his kills spot-and-stalking, eschewing the blinds.

In return we were able to let them know about our own



John Ware and Beverly Valdez with Beverly's Waterbuck



John's Blue Wildebeeste



One of the bow hunters took home this beautiful 42" Cape Buffalo.



Beverly's Imoala

hunting excursions. It is a completely different experience to hunt with a rifle and as we all shared stories it was clear that we would soon be looking forward to a bow hunt and they would be looking for a rifle hunt — with Limcroma!

Our adventures were certainly memorable! African hunts can be as easy or as difficult as the hunter wants -- and we wanted to be in spot and stalk mode since that's what we enjoy most.

I shot a white blesbuck at the end of day one after we had been looking for a zebra all day for Beverly to shoot. We had many stalks through the high vegetation that day, chasing zebra, blesbuck, blue wildebeeste, and waterbuck as well as anything else that might be interesting.

On day 2 we again were looking for that perfect zebra for Beverly (she's already got two but wanted this one for her brother). I was looking for a blue wildebeeste and thought we had one coming in but a herd of buffalo sent him the other direction from us. Day 2 left us with no new game in the bag.

Day 3 and I went out alone as Beverly stayed in the lodge. Wouldn't you know it, we saw a large herd of zebra and many smaller groups throughout the day. I was able to get my blue wildebeeste after stalking him and relocating numerous times to try to get in front without the wind. The final stalk was long and careful, and ended with an ambush where I took the blue wildebeeste at 12 yards, so much for the bow hunters bragging about getting up-close-and-personal to animals at 30-40 yards! Just goes to show — you can always make a hunt more challenging if you want or circumstances dictate (in this case, very thick brush).

On day 4, after several stalks where we tracked to get ahead of the zebra and waited while they turned off in a new direction, as the day ended we still returned to the lodge empty-handed. This is one of the things non-hunters will never understand — it is the hunt, not the kill.

On day 5 Beverly finally got her zebra. But we were looking for an impala. It's the way it goes sometimes! We saw the zebra and there was one that was huge so

we set up to see if they would come towards us. They did and Beverly took a single shot right in the heart -- we could see the blood pumping out. It was an amazing shot and the zebra ran in a circle with his herd but coming right back to end his journey directly in front of us.

Day 6 and we are still looking for an impala or waterbuck for Beverly or a black impala or bushbuck for me. We went back to where we saw the impala previously. After two stalks we found two that looked really good in a herd of about 15. They made their way to us slowly and Beverly was ready when they got into range. Again it was a straight heart shot with the impala running to within 20-30 yards of us. She is shooting so good! That afternoon we created a temporary blind where we had seen the impala earlier. It was over 100° so would have been difficult to do the long stalks like earlier. We had a lot of game come by as we were on a game trail and near water but in the end we came back with nothing but good memories and lots of photos.

Day 7 and we realized we better be getting busy! Only 3 days left to hunt. We did a morning blind at the same location as yesterday afternoon since we could tell it was a well used trail. Within minutes of getting set up we saw herds of kudu, eland, and more. Finally a really nice waterbuck came in. But he was a little bit skittish so he just stuck his nose out far enough that we could see him. He was out of range. I saw him first, which is unusual -- in a blind I am usually asleep! It took several hours for the waterbuck who kept coming and going, to come back and get into a comfortable zone for Beverly to shoot. There was a bit of miscommunication between Beverly and our PH where she thought he said shoot and he thought he said wait. She shot and the waterbuck ran. He did not run far as we found him later about 200 yards into the bush. Her shot was low and hit the gut.

On day 8 we are looking for a bushbuck. Beverly stayed at the lodge to have a spa day with manicure and massage. After many stalks we drove to an area closer to the river where we found a bushbuck but I wasn't able to get a good bead on him so we'll get an early start tomorrow and try again.



John's Bushbuck



John and Beverly with John's White Blesbuck

Day 9 and we head right back to where we saw the bushbuck yesterday -- we found him within a half hour and this time I had a great shot at him! I was also able to get a very nice black impala, completing my impala color phase slam.

Day 10 we spent getting ready to travel, enjoying relaxing at the lodges and of course "settling up", tipping, and sincere thanks personally delivered to the trackers, skinners, cooks, housekeepers, etc.

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John's Black Impala

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Wyoming, September 2021
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October 2021



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BIGHORN SHEEP HABITAT MANAGEMENT AT OLD DAD PEAK: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (PART I)

by *Vernon C. Bleich, Ph.D.*
Second Line

Similar to an article that appeared in the Fall 2021 issue of *California Wild Sheep* (Bighorn Sheep Habitat Management in the Marble Mountains: A Historical Perspective), this article provides a brief history of the population, and many details regarding habitat enhancements that have been implemented at Old Dad Peak and the Kelso Mountains (hereafter, ODP), an area that was to become the second zone opened up to the hunting of bighorn sheep in California.

With the ongoing acceleration in the loss of corporate memory, bits of history such as this will, hopefully, be useful in the future. Indeed, the phrase ‘generational amnesia’ seems to become more applicable with each passing year. It is my hope that these bits of historical information will help slow that process, and that they may even generate increased interest in this type of information. As emphasized previously, history is important, and science and wildlife conservation become less informative if they are not viewed in an historical context. One of my earlier articles addressed the importance of fire history and its impacts on habitat in the San Gabriel Mountains, and a second summarized habitat enhancements that have been implemented in the Marble Mountains. In this article, I provide a brief account of the history of our knowledge of bighorn sheep in the vicinity of Old Dad Peak, and a detailed description of the habitat enhancements that have occurred in that geographic area.

As was the case in the Marble Mountains, the population of bighorn sheep at ODP has served as a source of translocation stock used to reestablish or augment bighorn sheep populations in a number of other mountain ranges. From 1983 until 1989, a total of 222 bighorn sheep were translocated from ODP to 8 different mountain ranges (Bleich et al. 1990), and 13 additional animals were removed for translocation in 2006. Additionally, many dozens of mature males have been harvested by recreational hunters since 1987, when a season was established in that area.

The population history at ODP, however, suggests that far fewer animals inhabited that area until the recent past. No population ‘estimates’ were available prior to 1940, at which time 24 bighorn sheep were thought to inhabit that area; that estimate was reduced to 10 in 1946, and revised upward to



30 in 1957, and was listed as 25 from 1970 to 1972, as summarized by Wehausen (1999). Subsequent population estimates included that of 100 in 1980 (V. C. Bleich, unpublished data), as many as 250 in 1985 (Wehausen 1999), 365 (160 , 205) in 1989 (Jaeger et al. 1991), and from 201 to 300 during 1994–2011 (Wehausen 1999, Epps et al. 2003, Abella et al. 2011). A substantial decline occurred following an apparent epizootic in 2013, and the population was thought to number between 51 and 100 individuals in 2018 (Prentice et al. 2019).

Old Dad Peak itself is a limestone mass, and perennial water sources normally are not associated with such geological formations. Nevertheless, several natural water sources are located in small ranges adjacent to Old Dad Peak, among which are the Marl Mountains, the Kelso Mountains, and an area known as the Cinder Cones (Figure 1). Weaver et al. (1969) described a widely known natural water source at Marl Spring in the eastern Marl Mountains and a natural source on the west side of Old Dad Peak they referred to simply as Old Dad Tanks. In addition to these natural sources, Indian Spring and Cane Spring are located in the area known as the Cinder Cones, Jackass Spring (also known as P-U Spring) is located in the western Marl Mountains, and two locations that were not mentioned by Weaver et al. (1969) are known as Old Dad Seep and Petroglyph Spring. Although Weaver et al. (1969) estimated that only 25 bighorn sheep occurred at Old Dad Peak and rated

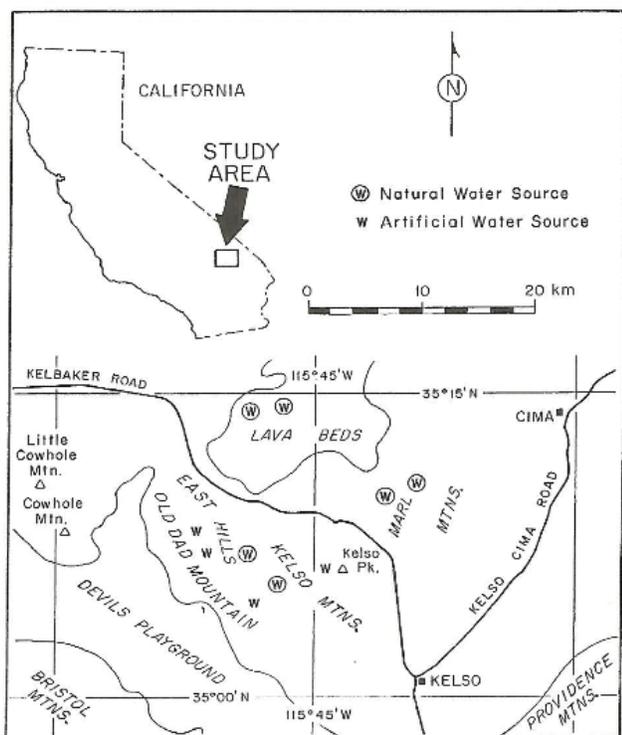


Figure 1. Schematic diagram and approximate locations of natural and man-made water sources used by bighorn sheep at and near Old Dad Peak (Old Dad Mountain in this figure); adapted from Bleich et al. (1997).

habitat quality only as 70 (i.e., a zone of periodic use [Hansen 1980], it is noteworthy that those authors recommended one specific location be enhanced to improve the amount of water stored in a natural tinaja (i.e., Old Dad Tanks), and a specific location in the Kelso Mountains was identified for construction of an artificial water catchment and drinker. Subsequent to the completion of bighorn sheep investigations in California (Weaver 1972, 1973), efforts recommended to enhance habitat at Old Dad Peak began, and were carried out by Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Project W-26-D, which was known as “The Desert Habitat Crew” or, more simply, as “The Crew”.

The first habitat project implemented by The Crew was an effort to enhance storage capacity at the location known as Old Dad Tanks. Enlarging the tinajas at that location was a near impossible engineering task and, consequently, the Crew instead developed an artificial water catchment just up the canyon from Old Dad Tanks. Installation of what now is known as the Old Dad Peak Big Game Guzzler (and also as San Bernardino County BGG 10) occurred on 27 September 1975. The Crew (which at the time consisted of John Massie, Les Coombes, and Mike Bird) oversaw construction activities, and were assisted in the project by dozens of volunteers representing the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep (SCBS), Southern Council of Sportsman’s Clubs, and numerous unaffiliated individuals that otherwise had

been recruited to assist with the project, as well as representatives of the Bureau of Land Management. At the end of the day, water storage capacity near the Old Dad Tanks was 4,800 gallons that would be available on a perennial basis and augment ephemeral water available at Old Dad Tanks.

Eighteen months later, the recommendation of Weaver et al. (1969) to construct an artificial water development in the nearby Kelso Mountains was fulfilled. The Kelso Peak Big Game Guzzler (San Bernardino County BGG 13) was installed on 2 April 1977, and The Crew again was assisted by members of SCBS and volunteers representing a number of local sportsman’s organizations, as well as unaffiliated individuals. Once again, employees of the Bureau of Land Management offered enthusiastic support and assisted with the development. By June of 1977, this installation was 100% full, and 4,800 gallons of water was available for use by bighorn sheep in a location where previously there had been no water on a permanent basis. In 1977 Mike Bird and John Massie transferred to other positions in CDFG; in early 1978, Jim Davis replaced Mike Bird on The Crew, and Vern Bleich replaced John Massie as Project Leader.

Beginning early in 1978, The Crew assumed the responsibilities of (1) assessing the need for repairs and immediately completing those repairs to ensure that man-made water developments across the Mojave and Sonoran deserts were fully functional following the extremely cold winter of 1977–1978; (2) making modifications, as needed, to enhance the reliability of each of the catchments; and (3) evaluating the effectiveness and dependability of artificial water sources developed specifically for the benefit of bighorn sheep. Several methods were initiated to evaluate effectiveness and reliability, and to assess use of the water developments. Among these were the implementation of ground and aerial surveys, development of time-lapse photography techniques, and the installation of pellet transects to yield information on relative use of areas surrounding water developments on both a seasonal and an annual basis. In addition to providing labor and other in-kind contributions to support construction activities, representatives of the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep and other organizations contributed important information from waterhole counts through their participation in the Desert Water and Wildlife Survey (Massie 1975, Bleich et al. 1982).

Although one cannot point directly to cause and effect, all available evidence suggested there had been a rapid increase in the population of bighorn sheep at ODP following construction of the aforementioned water sources. For their senior project, Crossley and Moody (1980) conducted extensive field work on Old Dad Peak and, on 18 March 1979, observed 53 individual bighorn sheep on a single day. Shortly thereafter, in August 1980, The Crew observed 43 individual bighorn sheep

while hiking into the Old Dad Big Game Guzzler; 11 individuals also were recorded at the drinker (Bleich 1980). Additionally, 55 bighorn sheep were counted during a brief overflight in May of 1981 (Bleich 1981). Based on these observations and combined with consecutive years of increasing use of habitat near the Old Dad Peak Big Game Guzzler (Bleich et al. 1980, Coombes et al. 1981), the population estimate was revised upward to 100 animals. It is especially noteworthy that Coombes et al. (1981) described the area near the Old Dad Peak BGG as receiving heavy use by bighorn sheep and that in May of 1981 the tanks contained only about ~1,200 gallons of water, or ~25% of the designed capacity. One year earlier, the tanks had been 100% full, and Coombes et al. (1981) warned that heavy use could cause the catchment to go dry during the upcoming summer. This observation led The Crew, the Society for the Conservation of Bighorn Sheep, Bureau of Land Management personnel, and other interested stakeholders to consider the potential for additional water developments at ODP. Those additional habitat improvements will be described in part II of this article, which will represent the next installment in this series documenting bighorn sheep habitat enhancement activities in the Sonoran and Mojave deserts of California.

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SCBS NEWBERRY CREW: UNPRECEDENTED DRY SEASON AND WATER HAUL EFFORTS

*by Scott Gibson
SCBS and CA WSF Member*

The Society for Conservation of Bighorn Sheep's Butch Rhodes and his team of dedicated volunteers, have pulled off one of the most monumental water haul efforts in this State's bighorn sheep conservation history. More than 24,000 gallons of water has been hauled via 4x4 truck deep into Newberry's wilderness location this 2021 calendar year.

The Newberry wildlife drinker is located deep within BLM's Newberry Mountains Wilderness, east of Barstow. The I-40 freeway to the north of the Newberry Mountains prevents sheep connectivity with the Cady Mountains and the Mojave River. The primary natural water sources (springs), south and within a few miles of the guzzler, are impacted by human development and popular local recreation areas. The sheep have come to rely on the Newberry drinker due to its remoteness and lack of human disturbance.

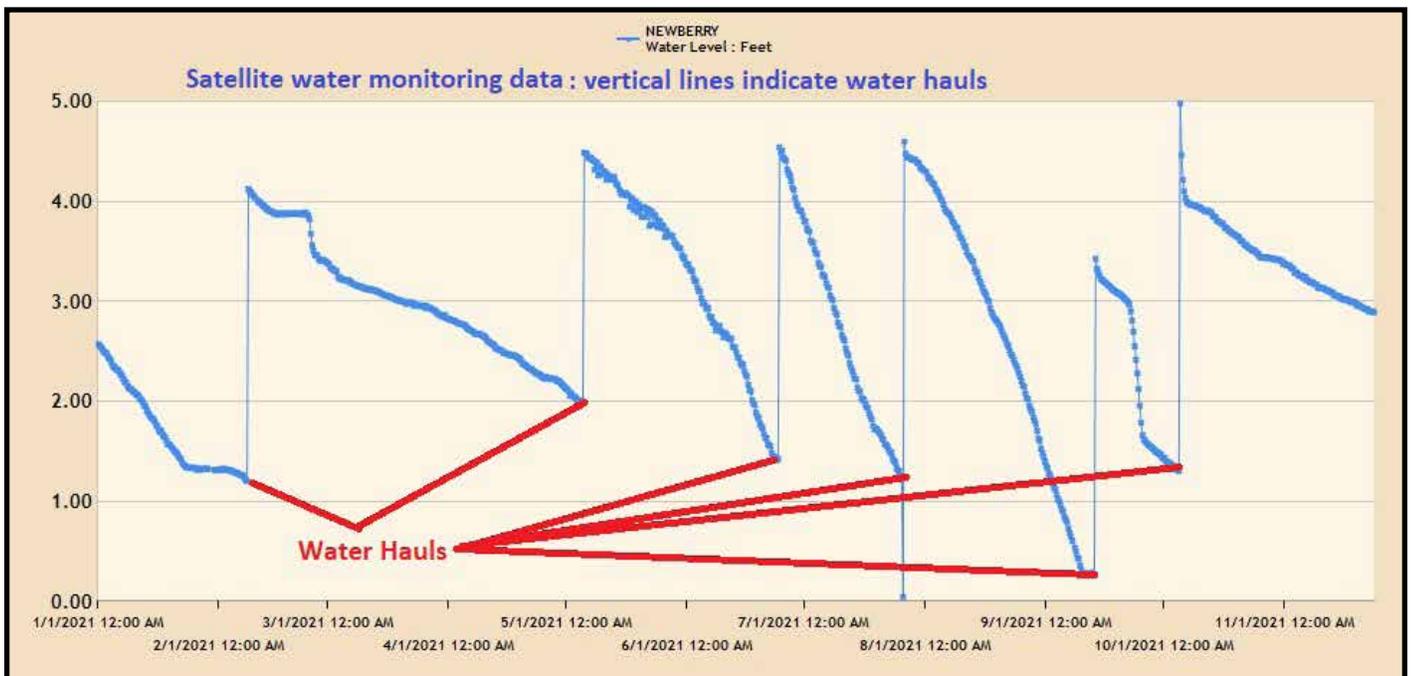
The Newberry Guzzler was installed many decades ago by the then-department of Fish & Game along with volunteers from the Society. When the system was built, there were very few sheep in the Newberry Mountains. As a result of the success of efforts by the Society, CA WSF, and CDFG, the population in the Newberry Mountains has increased to the point where bighorn sheep consume upwards of 150-gallons of water per day

at the guzzler.

The legacy Newberry Guzzler is a priority No.1 Guzzler replacement/upgrade site in the CA WSF GALAD and SCBS projects. The current water collection system is a dam in the canyon and the tank capacity is inadequate for the numbers of bighorn that now rely on the water. The Society has proposed installation of a new Raincatcher Wildlife Drinker system, which will improve water collection ability and increase tank capacity.

We would like to thank Butch Rhodes and his team of volunteers for their efforts to keep the sheep population in the Newberry unit well supplied with water during this unprecedented drought. His dedicated crew travels long distances from all over Southern California and then haul heavy loads of water with their personal vehicles through some extremely rugged 4x4 terrain. Temperatures during most of the water hauls were well up in the triple digits. Volunteers also hike, carry and lay out many hundreds of feet of heavy hose up a steep canyon to reach the tanks.

All told, volunteers drove more than 12,000 miles and expended more than 2,100 volunteer labor hours for this years effort so far.



Volunteers for the Newberry water haul included:

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PHOTOS FROM THE "NEWBERRY" WATER HAUL PROJECT



GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

by Don Priest

Brightline West High Speed Rail Line

The Brightline West High Speed Rail Project (Project) from Victorville to Las Vegas continues towards being built. CA WSF has been working with a coalition of partners in attempts to make wildlife overpasses a mandatory part of the Project's construction plans. We have been in discussions with both federal and state agencies to determine which have oversight and permitting responsibilities. Through this long process of conversations, fact gathering and coalition letters to different agencies, we have determined that Caltrans is the linchpin to our efforts to make these overpasses a reality at three locations as determined by wildlife biologists.

In mid-November this coalition of over thirty-five wildlife conservation organizations, land conservation organizations, Indian tribes and hunting rights groups sent a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, with Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin included as an additional recipient. The letter outlines the blocking of wildlife corridors this Project presents, ruining the necessary connectivity for desert bighorn sheep and other wildlife, along with the mitigation needed to resolve the problem with wildlife crossings across the rail line and I-15.

In fact, this issue has reached other California political leaders as last month both of California's Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, also sent Governor Gavin Newsom a similar letter raising their concerns with the Project. Please see the CA WSF website to read this letter.

CA WSF leadership is now reaching out to you, our fellow members, for your help. We are having a letter drive, so please write to both Governor Newsom and Director Omishakin raising your concerns with the Project. Below is a sample letter (find a Word version on our website www.cawsf.org) that you may utilize, but feel free to put your concerns in your own words. The importance is that you write to the Governor and Caltrans Director. Thanks so much for your support and time, and let's get these important wildlife overpasses built.



Further information on the project and its effects can be found in these two newspaper articles printed recently by the Los Angeles Times and the Sacramento Bee.

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See next page for the sample letter for your use.



SAMPLE LETTER

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RE: Brightline West High-Speed Rail Project – Wildlife Crossings

Governor Newsom and Director Omishakin,

I strongly urge you to require Brightline West (Brightline) construct three wildlife overcrossings as part of its high-speed rail project connecting Victorville, California with Las Vegas, Nevada.

As currently designed, the project will erect a 170-mile barrier of concrete wall topped by chain-link fences that will impede wildlife from ancient pathways between wildlife habitat ranges. This loss of habitat connectivity for iconic wildlife including desert bighorn sheep as well as desert tortoises, mountain lions, badgers and kit foxes will further fragment and isolate their populations. Adequate wildlife crossings will 1) reduce this habitat fragmentation and consequent inbreeding issues through movement corridors, and 2) increase highway safety by reducing potentially fatal collisions between vehicles and animals trapped on the I-15.

Caltrans has jurisdiction over the project's right-of-way, along with existing authorities, that can ensure the building of these wildlife overpasses by being made part of the project's construction requirements. With the inclusion of these overcrossings, the project will be consistent with the State of California's biodiversity protection efforts while also providing reductions in greenhouse gasses.

Brightline is seeking to raise hundreds of millions of dollars in tax-exempt bonds through the State of California for this more than \$8 billion project. A project that Brightline estimates may earn an expected \$1 billion in annual operating profit. The construction costs of three wildlife overpasses would represent a tiny fraction of those profits — yet bring lasting, lifesaving benefits to both desert wildlife and human travelers.

By requiring the Brightline project include wildlife overcrossings in its construction plans, California can protect our world-class biodiversity while championing greenhouse gas-reducing high-speed rail.

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The 2021 California State Legislative Session – the first year of the two-year 2021/2022 Session – wrapped up late in the evening of September 10th with the drop of the final gavel in the chambers of the State Assembly and State Senate. With State Legislators done with their share of the legislative load for the 2021 calendar year, all eyes quickly turned to the Governor, who had until October 10th to sign or veto those bills that made it to his desk.

Below is the latest on important bills the California Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation (CA WSF) worked at our State Capitol in 2021 right up to the final curtain. The below listed bills are in bill order, not in order of priority.

Legislators will return to the State Capitol from their “Interim Study Recess” on Monday, January 3rd, to begin the 2022 State Legislative Session.

2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP

• AB 173 (Committee on Budget) – Public Safety – Information Access: Research Institutions: Firearms – SIGNED

If you were wondering where the heck AB 173 came from, so were we.

When AB 1237 – legislation by Assembly Member Philip Y. Ting (D/19-San Francisco) which proposed to require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to release the confidential information of individuals who legally purchase ammunition and/or firearm parts to the California Firearm Violence Research Center at the University of California at Davis, and also allow the release of the data to other nonprofit research institutions and agencies – failed to pass out of the Assembly fiscal committee in late May we thought we were out of the woods on the terrible proposal. However, it soon became clear that we were not.

In early September, with only a few days left in the 2021 Legislative Session, AB 173 – legislation introduced by the Assembly Committee on Budget, which Assembly Member Ting chairs, had its existing language gutted out and replaced with the verbatim language from AB 1237.



AB 173, as amended, was promptly back to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee for approval of the new language, where it passed out and was then sent back to the Senate Floor. Reacting quickly, within hours, CA WSF and our conservation partners delivered a letter to all 40 Senate offices urging their opposition to the bill. Irrespective of our efforts, AB 173 swiftly passed off the Senate Floor via a party-line vote.

Following approval of the full Senate, AB 173 then had to go back to the Assembly for approval of the “gut and amend” on the Senate side. After a quick blessing from the Assembly, AB 173 was on its way to the Governor’s desk.

CA WSF again reacted without delay, promptly firing off a letter to the Governor’s office requesting he veto the bill. But, despite our efforts, Governor Newsom signed AB 173 into law on September 23rd. Further, because AB 173 was technically a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill, it took effect immediately.

• AB 804 (Dahle) – Free Hunting Days – SIGNED

As highlighted in the Fall 2021 Issue of California Wild Sheep, in an effort to stem the long-term decline in hunting license sales, at our request Assembly Member Megan Dahle (R/1-Redding) graciously agreed to author AB 804 – legislation which would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate two days each year as “free hunting days”. AB 804 stipulated that to take part in a free hunting day, an unlicensed hunter

must have completed the Hunter Safety Course and must be accompanied by a licensed hunter, 21 years or older. To ensure safety in the field, AB 804 also restricted mentors to only accompanying one unlicensed hunter at a time and required the unlicensed hunter to remain within close visual and verbal contact. AB 804 further limited those participating in a free hunting day to taking only resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur bearing mammals, nongame mammals, and – if 12 years of age or older – wild pigs with a wild pig tag.

Moving surprisingly quickly, AB 804 passed through the Assembly over to the Senate by the end of April. Once on the Senate side, AB 804 maintained its momentum, passing through the Senate and to the Governor's desk by September 2nd without a single "no" vote.

Governor Newsom signed AB 804 into law on September 30th. AB 804 will go into effect in 2023.

AB 1223 (Levine) – Firearms and Ammunition: Excise Tax – ASSEMBLY FLOOR

As also reviewed in our Fall 2021 Issue, AB 1223 by Assembly Member Marc Levine (D/10-San Rafael) would impose an additional excise tax in the amount of 11% on the price of long guns, firearm parts and ammunition and 10% on the price of handguns. The bill would require that the revenues collected be deposited in the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Fund, which the bill would establish in the State Treasury.

AB 1223 would double the excise tax currently assessed on the sales of firearms and ammunition. Law-abiding hunters and shooters already pay an 11% excise tax on long guns, ammunition, archery, and other hunting equipment and a 10% excise tax on handguns pursuant to federal Pittman-Robertson Act. But those dollars are appropriately allocated back to the states to fund positive programs – including wildlife habitat projects, hunter safety classes and shooting/target ranges.

Because AB 1223 would result in a taxpayer paying a higher tax, the bill requires approval of 2/3rds of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

AB 1223 easily passed through two Assembly policy committees and through Assembly fiscal committee and to the Assembly Floor by late May. In early June, AB 1223 failed to pass off the Assembly Floor – falling eight votes short of the 2/3rds vote necessary to pass. But the bill was quickly amended to add an "urgency clause" – which allows the bill to ignore standard legislative deadlines and linger on the Assembly Floor ready to be brought up for vote at any time – all the way up to January 31, 2022 deadline for each house to

pass bills introduced in that house during the 2021 Session.

CA WSF and our conservation partners will continue to actively oppose AB 1223 throughout the current Interim Study Recess and up to the January 31st deadline to ensure the misguided measure fails to clear the Assembly Floor.

• SB 264 (Min) – Firearms: State and County Property – SIGNED

As introduced, SB 264 by Senator Dave Min (D/37-Costa Mesa) proposed to ban the sale of firearms and ammunition at all state and local properties. However, following intense opposition from CA WSF and other conservation and firearm interests, the bill was narrowed to only prohibit such sales in the buildings that comprise the Orange County (OC) Fair and Event Center.

SB 264 was similar to three bills introduced in the past thirteen years – all of which were vetoed. Each time, proponents of the legislation have falsely argued that there are "gun show loopholes" which allow firearms and ammunition to be freely traded to attendees without any background check or ten-day waiting period. However, in reality, one could argue that gun shows are held to a higher bar than your standard gun store.

Before the gun show even starts, vendors must submit their licenses to the DOJ for review and approval. Once the event begins, all firearm sales are subject to all the same stringent California laws that apply to brick and mortar gun dealers – including background checks and ten-day waiting periods. In addition, contrary to standard gun shops, there is a constant enforcement presence at gun shows.

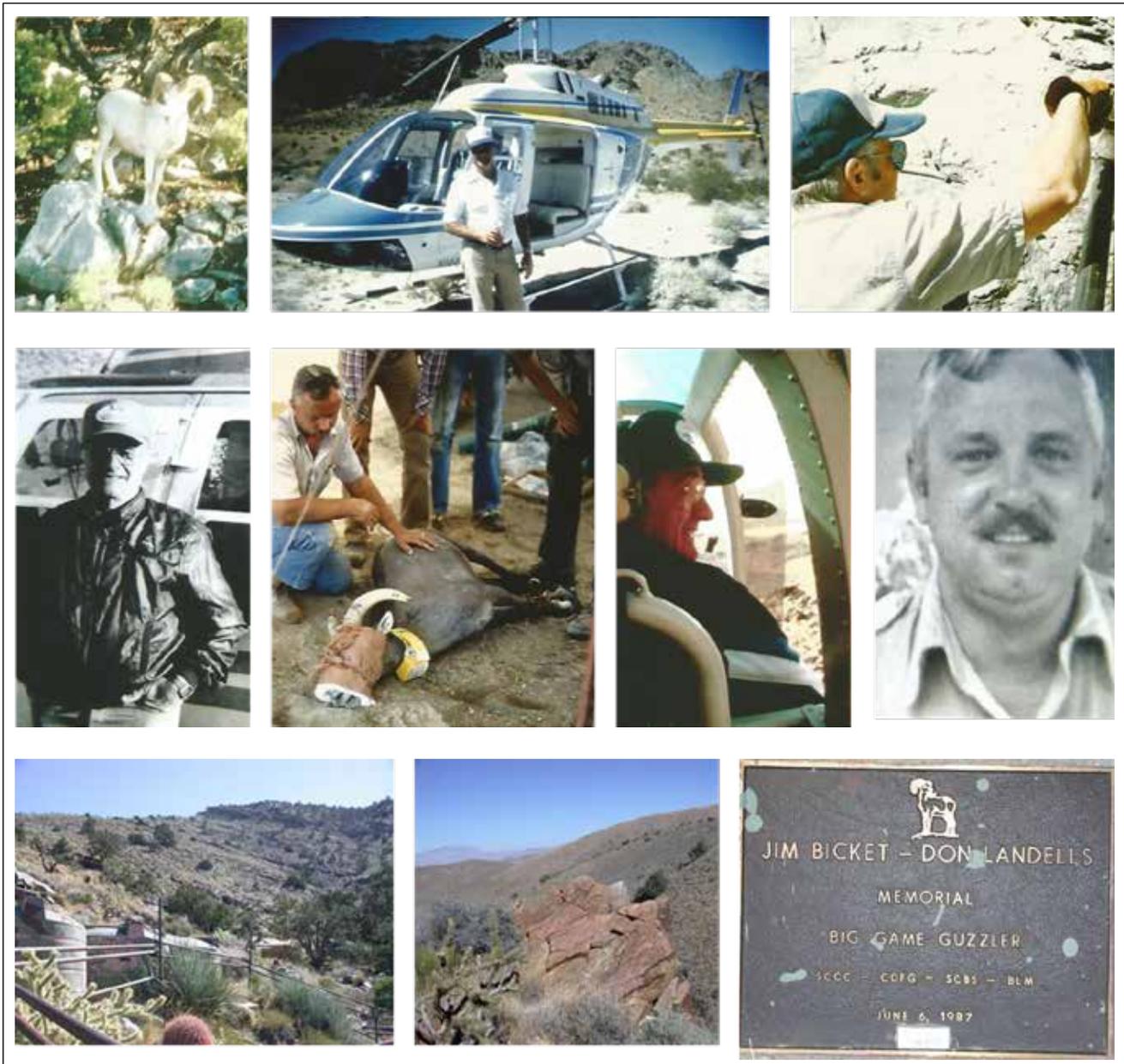
Finally, it must also be noted that a prohibition of gun shows at the OC Fair and Event Center will not only impact promoters who put them on, vendors that participate and law-abiding citizens who attend, but also conservation organizations and other non-profits that may wish to hold fundraisers at the location that "sell" firearms and/or ammunition at auction or via raffle.

Regardless of our continued ardent opposition, SB 264 easily passed through the Senate by early June, and out of the Assembly by early September and was on its way to the Governor's desk.

Governor Newsom signed SB 264 into law on October 8th.

In Memoriam

James C. Bicket (1947–1986)
and
J. D. "Don" Landells (1927–1986)



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