

THE GRAND SLAM CLUB

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It has taken a lot of doing, but I finally have assembled the names and addresses of the 140 names on the grand slam list. Enclosed is the latest list.

The origin of this list deserves comment. In 1956, I guided Bernard Briggs of Nebraska to his grand slam in Arizona. I was curious as to how many persons had taken the four rams, so I wrote Jack O'Connor to see if he knew. He said 8 or 10 but suggested that I write many of the better known big game hunters in this country. A couple of years later, I came up with 20 men who had the four rams. From that time on, I'd estimate some 5000 letters have hopped out of my typewriter trying to locate persons who have the grand slam. Today I think perhaps 99% of the persons who have the slam are on the list, but if you guys know of any others, please let me know. By the way, I need the addresses of Myles Brown of Ohio and Vance Corrigan of California. Anyone know?

For a start, I'd like to use this bulletin to pass on information on the sheep of N.A. So if you people have some dope we all could use, send it in. I hope to be able to put out this bulletin on a regular basis of 3-4 times annually, but I'm sure going to need some help. We could try to organize the group, but that would take a hellova lot of work. Anyway, let's have some suggestions.

I am in touch with 600 sheep hunters and about 50 sheep guides in N.A. and from them come an awful lot of dope. For instance: a 40" dall is becoming uncommon; good stones are still being taken and Red Sorenson and Frank Cooke seem to be the "hot guides" now, although George and Robin Dalziel take several record book rams each year. John Muska is producing some good dalls in the Yukon. A Rocky Mt. bighorn over 40" with age is now a real toughie, but a 15-20 day hunt with Bill Mihalsky of Lundbrect, or Jim Babala of Cadomin, Alberta should produce a trophy bighorn.

Phil Temple, Sundre, Alberta, has bought out the Jacquot Brothers of Mile 1083 Alaska Highway, Yukon Territory. This area is at Kluane Lake next to the big game sanctuary in the St. Elias Mts. In the fall of 1968, Phil will begin hunting dall, moose, caribou and bear out of there. In 1966, he took 16 Alberta bighorns and 12 of them made the book and too, Phil won all three Klineburger awards with rams scoring from 185 to 190 points.

The desert ram, of course, remains the bugaboo. With Nevada and Arizona allowing about 15 permits annually to non-residents of those states, a man seeking the grand slam is faced with the possibility of never getting a legal desert ram. Baja has held two highly controlled hunts, but the odds against another at this time, appear quite slim.

If any of you have an interesting item to report on sheep, please send it in so we can share in it. If you wish to promote a guide say so. This will be a good way to get the word around in the sheep hunting fraternity. Fifty persons of the 140 have taken their desert rams in Arizona and Jack Walters and I have taken about 35 of these. The list shows only three professional sheep guides who have taken the four rams: Don Dehart of Alaska; Win Condict of Wyoming and the writer.

Right now before you forget it, look to see if I have your correct mailing address and also zip code.

Let's hope this first bulletin is the beginning of a strong organization in legislation and the preservation of the mountain sheep of North America.

Shoot straight, keep your powder dry and keep a loose reign going over the pass.

Bob Kousholder