

President's Message



Dear Members,



Mike Bertoldi speaks at the Sheep Show

Greetings, I hope you all enjoy the 2011 pre-banquet edition of the NBU News. Our 31st Annual Fundraising Banquet is just around the corner, Friday March 25th, and we are all working very hard to get ready. We would like to thank those of you who participated in the Early Bird Raffle by paying for your tables before January 31st. Make sure those tickets go into the properly identified ticket drum near the main entrance. The Early Bird

Raffle for the Zeiss Spotting Scope will be the first raffle of the evening. It looks like we will have another great crowd. There are still a few tables and some open seating tickets available through the NBU Directors. If you would like information about the banquet or about tickets please contact us via our web site at <http://NevadaBighornsUnlimited.org>; on the NBU phone message machine by dialing (775) 323-1177; or contact any NBU Director. We are also going to set up the website so open seating individual tickets can be purchased on-line.

I hope you all enjoyed the Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) Sheep Show. This year's convention was very successful and brought some much needed revenue to the local economy. Next year the WSF show will be in Reno January 19th-21st. WSF is a very effective national and global advocate for wild sheep and sportsmen and NBU is an affiliate and sponsor of the event. To learn more about WSF you can visit their website at www.WildSheepFoundation.org.



NBU Past President Jim Nelson & current President Mike Bertoldi share a story at the Sheep Show

Not much new to report regarding the bighorn die-off in the East Humboldt and Ruby mountain ranges. Sheep are continuing to die, but at a much slower rate. The good news is that there are still at least 20 or so left in each mountain range. We should know a lot more this spring when the surveys are conducted. NBU continues to support NDOW in their efforts to gather as much scientific data as possible and we are committed to eventually restoring the sheep populations in these mountain ranges.

Our volunteer project season has begun with exhibitor move-in and move-out for the "Sheep Show" in February. The next major volunteer effort will be set up and take down of the NBU fundraiser at the Peppermill. Setup will be Thursday, March 24th

from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, and Friday March 25th from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm. Take down will be Saturday, March 26th from 7:00 am until 12:00 pm. In addition, we currently have at least 8 guzzler projects on the schedule from the end of February until the fall and we are currently working with NDOW to set those dates. For more information on, or to volunteer for, upcoming projects you can go to our website, click on "Projects", and scroll down to "Upcoming Projects". We will also soon be posting a full calendar of wildlife, sportsmen's, and volunteer related events on the website. If you would like to volunteer you can also e-mail our Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator Steve Field at SteveField@msmsheetmetal.com or call the NBU phone message machine (775) 323-1177. By registering to be added to our volunteer contact list you will be notified by e-mail of all upcoming volunteer projects.



NBU Volunteers Work the Sheep Show

If you have had occasion to visit the Reno-Tahoe International Airport recently, hopefully you have seen the exhibit of Nevada's 3 species of wild sheep at the top of the "B" Concourse escalators. If you have not seen it yet, please make it a point to do so. This exhibit was funded entirely by NBU and we would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their contributions in helping make this very impressive exhibit a reality:

- ◆ Artefice by Dianda and Q&D Construction, Norman L. Dianda
- ◆ Capital Glass
- ◆ Desert Pines Taxidermy, Richard Herb
- ◆ GlassFab Tempering Services
- ◆ Nevada Department of Wildlife
- ◆ Room with a View Murals, Chris Lacey
- ◆ Reno-Tahoe International Airport, David Pittman



Reno Tahoe International Airport Bighorn Sheep Exhibit



Mike Bertoldi, Jim Nelson, Greg Smith & his Nelson Bighorn Sheep & Paul Bilbrey

We should finally have our website General Store and Events Calendar up and operational by early March. We will be featuring some exciting new NBU logoed merchandise and we will be selling open seating tickets for the fundraising banquet. For those of you that follow NBU on Facebook we now have over 300 friends, so please log on and join our network for wildlife and sportsmen.

We know many of you will renew your NBU regular membership by attending our 31st Annual Fundraising Banquet, but remember membership renewal can be accomplished any one of four ways:

1. By attendance at the annual fundraising banquet, as previously mentioned, and filling out the requested membership information on your ticket stub, and placing the stub in the drum.
2. By paying dues either as a Regular, Corporate, Outfitter or Life Member.
3. By participating at least once a year as a volunteer on a NBU volunteer project.
4. By making a donation of \$50 or more a year.

Please also consider one of our three levels of Life Membership: Gold Ram at \$2,500, Silver Ram at \$1,500 or Bronze Ram at \$500. Since our last newsletter we have added two new Silver Ram Life Members and two new Bronze Ram Life Members. Don't forget you

can also upgrade your Bronze Ram Life Membership to a Silver and then to Gold by making annual installments of \$500 a year. Join the best of the best by becoming a NBU Life Member.

Well, that's it for now. As always if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve please e-mail them to us using our "Contact NBU" link on the website. I hope to see you all at the 31st Annual Fundraising Banquet or at one of our upcoming volunteer projects.

Sincerely,

Mike Bertoldi
President
Nevada Bighorns Unlimited

Event Calendar

March 3 – 6	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation 27th Annual Elk Camp & Expo in Reno, NV www.rmef.org/AboutUs/ElkCamp	Or call (775) 323-1177 Follow Us To Where The Action Is!
March 5	25th Anniversary Celebration Carson Valley Chukar Club For Tickets Contact: Todd Wilkes (775) 690-3853	April 15 & 16 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Reno, Nevada – Topic: Legislative & Committee Work, Non-Regulatory Meeting
March 11	Northern Nevada Chapter SCI 16th Annual Fundraising Banquet & Auction For Tickets Contact Jeremy Drew (775) 843-9109	May 13 & 14 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Reno, Nevada – Topic: Big Game Status Report And Quota Setting
March 11 & 12	Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Reno, Nevada – Topic: CABMW Workshop	May 21 The Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Fundraising Banquet South Pointe Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas Nevada For Tickets Log on to: www.desertbighorn.com
March 25	31st Annual NBU Banquet & Fundraising Auction For Tickets Contact Any Director via E-Mail from http://NevadaBighornsUnlimited.org/contact.html	June 24 & 25 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Eureka, Nevada – Topic: Set/Revise Upland Game And Furbearer Seasons and Limits

For more information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities or the NBU annual banquet, please contact any Board member or visit us on the web at www.nevadabighornsunlimited.org and the [Nevada Bighorns Unlimited - Reno](#) Facebook Page.