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Official Newsletter
of the
Desert Bighorn Council



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Happy New Year everyone,

This is a brief newsletter to remind you to register for the DBC meeting, submit your abstracts for talks and/or posters, and to make your travel plans to join us in Texas in April. Clay Brewer and Billy Tarrant have been busy planning this meeting, and it should be a great one! Don't miss it!

The deadline for early registration is March 1 (just a couple of weeks away). Abstracts for talks and posters should also be submitted by March 1, so don't delay! ☺ You'll find all the information below, including a copy of the registration/membership form.

We are also encouraging you to submit nominations for DBC awards, and to consider donating items for our Silent Auction. You'll find more details on both of these below.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with friends and colleagues, and to post the meeting announcement at your office or school.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Texas in April!

Esther Rubin

DBC Secretary (erubin@sandiegozoo.org)

Visit the DBC website for more information: www.desertbighornCouncil.org

*****Call for Papers*****

**48th Biennial Meeting of the Desert Bighorn Council
April 6-9, 2005 in Alpine, Texas**

The state of Texas is pleased to be hosting the 2005 Desert Bighorn Council meeting in Alpine, Texas, April 6-9, 2005. The meeting will be held at Sul Ross State University (SRSU). We would like to thank the Texas Bighorn Society, the Texas Wildlife Association, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Foundation for helping to fund this meeting.

Preliminary Schedule:

April 6 – Wed	Kokernot Lodge, SRSU Meeting	Arrive - Registration - Reception -Technical Staff
April 7 – Thur	University Center, SRSU Kokernot Lodge-SRSU	Registration - State Status Reports - Technical Papers Banquet (Evening – Chuckwagon Dinner)
April 8 – Fri	University Center, SRSU Elephant Mountain WMA	Tech. Papers - Business Meeting Evening Steak Dinner
April 9 – Sat	Elephant Mountain WMA	Field Trip

Transportation:

El Paso (218 miles): West on I-10 to Van Horn (115 miles), South on Hwy-90 to Alpine (103 miles)

Midland/Odessa (160 miles): West on I-20 to Monahans, south on State Hwy 18 to Ft. Stockton, west on I-10 (10 miles), south on Hwy-67 to Alpine (56 miles).

Hotel:

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BestWestern-Alpine Classic (**35 rooms blocked**) 800-528-1234 or (432) 837-1530

- All rooms- \$70 (**Mention “Desert Bighorn Council meeting” when making Reservations!**)

Ramada Inn (432) 837-1100 (First come-first serve - hotel would not block rooms)

- Single - \$72
- Double - \$68

Registration:

You are strongly encouraged to register via mail before the meeting, as this will assist us in planning the conference. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website and a copy of the form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please send completed form and payment to Esther Rubin, at the address indicated on the form, by **March 1, 2005**.

Cost: \$70 (\$90 if paid after March 1, 2005) - Does not include membership dues (\$20) or transactions (\$15).

Fee includes:

- Reception (Wednesday evening)
- Breaks (Thursday and Friday during presentations)
- Lunches (Thursday and Friday),
- Banquet (Thursday evening)
- Evening Meal (Friday evening)

Call For Papers: Individuals involved in desert bighorn management and research are strongly encouraged to present a technical paper at the meeting. Alternatively, posters may also be presented at this meeting. If you

would like to present a paper or poster, please send an abstract (electronic version – MS Word format preferred) and contact information to Billy Tarrant (Vice Chairman) at btarrant@overland.net or P.O. Box 2083 Fort Davis, Texas 79734 **by March 1, 2005**. Status reports are requested for all states and Mexico. Individuals presenting status reports should also notify Billy Tarrant by **March 1, 2005**. Please forward this call for papers to others who may be interested in presenting or attending the workshop

Questions: Please contact Clay Brewer at (432)426-3770 or cbrewer@overland.net if you have questions or need additional information.

CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We are planning to have a silent auction at the Texas meeting, to raise funds for the Hansen-Welles Scholarship. If you have items related to bighorn sheep (or other wildlife) that you would like to donate, please contact Esther Rubin at erubin@sandiegozoo.org. Items to consider are books, artwork, jewelry, clothes, field equipment, etc.

AWARDS

Do you have anyone in mind for Council awards--The Ram Award or Award of Merit? Or a Certificate of Appreciation? If so, please contact Dick Weaver, DBC Awards Chair, at HC61 (Route 10) Box 590, Glenwood New Mexico 88039 (phone: 505-539-2378, fax: 505-539-2722), or you can contact Rick Brigham, 1617A Stafford Court, Clarkston Washington 99403-1514 (phone: 509-751-0310, email: rick-ceil@syringa.net).

Please send in your nominations ASAP. Thanks!



2005 DESERT BIGHORN COUNCIL MEETING REGISTRATION
AND
2005/2006 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Name _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Email Address _____

Can we include your contact information in future DBC Transaction membership lists?
Yes ___ No ___ If "NO", please specify which information should remain confidential:

Please select from the choices below:

- A) 2005/2006 Membership only (no Transactions included) _____ (\$20.00)
B) 2005/2006 Membership and 2004 Transactions _____ (\$35.00)
C) 2005 DBC Meeting Registration (if paid by March 1, 2005) _____ (\$70.00)
D) 2005 DBC Meeting Registration (if paid after March 1, 2005) _____ (\$90.00)
D) 2005 DBC Meeting Registration – Student and Spouse rate _____ (\$35.00)
(students please enclose proof of current enrollment)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Membership is good for 2 years and will start April 1, 2005. Transactions will be mailed to you or distributed at DBC meeting in April 2005. Please send completed form and check, payable to the Desert Bighorn Council, to:

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Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species
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Escondido, CA 92027-7000

For additional information please visit our website at www.desertbighornCouncil.org