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# The Death of Samia and Samuel.....

We are sorry to report that Samia, the black rhino handraised by Anna Merz, and her calf, Samuel died on Wednesday, 23 November 1995. The ten-year-old rhino and her seven-month old son died from injuries sustained after being chased over a 40-foot cliff by a male rhino at Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (formerly Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary). AAZK supplies partial funding for the Conservancy through its annual "Bowling for Rhinos" fundraiser.

Samia was born to Solio on 15 February 1985 and promptly deserted by her mother who had no milk. Anna Merz began raising Samia when she was only three days old and at the age of three and a half years, Anna weaned her and Samia began to lead the life of a normal wild rhino, integrating without problems with the other rhinos living in the area. Anna gathered an extraordinary amount of valuable new information about rhino behavior during this process and this information has been valuable to researchers both in the wild and in captive situations.

In 1994 Samia was bred by Kenu several times and on the 11 of April 1995 gave birth to a male calf, Samuel. She proved to be an affectionate and protective mother to him. His birth presented a unique and unprecedented opportunity to closely witness the maternal behavior of a rhino raised with substantial human influence. Anna's painstaking efforts to help Samia adapt to life in the wild proved successful and this special rhino provided a model for examination of many of the behaviors which might be anticipated if a captive-bred rhino were released in the wild. It was hoped that Samuel would also adjust and adapt naturally, completing the circle and the dream of returning captive-bred rhinos back to the wild in protected habitat situations. The experiences at Lewa prove that this concept can be a reality.

Visitors to Lewa were frequently awakened by the squeaks of Samuel as he would follow Samia through the tall grass just outside Anna's guest house. Samia bedded down each night close to the safety of Anna's house, but as soon as she woke and showed off her calf to Anna, she wandered into the bush to become just like the other rhinos — wild but protected in the safe haven of Lewa.

However, all the efforts of the folks at Lewa couldn't save these rhinos from a natural death. When Samia began to cycle once again, it attracted an aggressive male to the area. He chased Samia over the cliff and Samuel, who never left his mother's side, followed. If there can be any consolation in this loss, it is that Samia and Samuel did not die at the hands of poachers, but in an accident that could have happened in any group of rhinos.

A documentary film has recently been completed on Samia and her calf and it was Anna's hope that Samia would thus act as an ambassador for her species - galvanizing we humans into action to prevent their extinction. Samia and

Samuel will indeed continue to serve as ambassadors for their species—their remarkable story will hopefully continue to move people to the plight of the rhino and encourage their participation in efforts to preserve it. In 1996 we will bowl in memory of Samia and Samuel - their deaths do not signal the end of our commitment to their species or the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.

As you can imagine, Anna, who spent seven years of her life teaching Samia all she could to be able to survive as a wild rhino, is devastated by this tragic loss. Although Anna knows that they died of natural causes and an incredible amount of knowledge was gained from Samia and Samuel, she can use everyone's support to help her through this time. Please write Anna Merz, Lewa Downs, Ltd., Private Bag, Isiolo, Kenya.

Andy Lodge, Director of the Ngare Sergoi Support Group, Inc., wishes to thank all those keepers who have contacted him with expressions of sympathy and support following this loss. Their concern is very much appreciated.

*>Information for this article was provided by Andy Lodge, Director of the Ngare Sergoi Support Group, Inc., the staff at Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, and Patty Pearthree, Coordinator of AAZK's "Bowling for Rhinos".*



Samia and Anna

but left with only two, then arrived in Kenya with seven. It then arrived in Zambia with six, left with two, and arrived in Zimbabwe with four. The number of lions in the circus has been as high as ten and as low as six; the number of endangered parrots have varied from nine to zero. The only consistent number on the circus' papers is for the four Siberian tigers, which cannot be found in Africa.

Spokespersons for the Zimbabwe SPCA said the circus is headed for South Africa at this point. Mr. Akef denied having any chimpanzees in his possession and objected to the expulsion from Zimbabwe on the basis of diplomatic immunity.

*Source: New York Times, 29 November 1995*

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## **Arabian Leopard Faces Extinction**

Hunting and land development projects have severely reduced the population of Arabian leopards in the Gulf, bringing it to the edge of extinction. In an attempt to reverse this trend, representatives from four Gulf states met in the United Arab Emirates to develop a regional wildlife conservation plan to protect this species.

The Arabian Leopard Trust (ALT), a new organization formed to investigate the situation and propose solutions, sponsored the two-day workshop which brought together wildlife experts from Oman, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and the UAE — the only countries which still have leopards extant. Earlier this year, the ALT funded a scientific study about the animals of the UAE mountains. The study discovered evidence of the presence of the Blanford fox and the Arabian tahr, a goat-like animal that was believed to have become extinct. While a rare Caracal lynx was spotted during the study, there was no evidence of any Arabian leopards in the study area.

Because the leopard has little in the way of natural foods left to survive on, its easiest prey is domestic sheep and goats. The villagers who raise these animals kill the leopards to protect their livestock. Additionally, the animals are still trapped in the UAE and Oman and then sold in the exotic animal markets.

The Arabian Leopard Trust is privately funded but is seeking corporate sponsorship and governmental support for the initial development of a captive breeding center for the leopards.

*Source: International Press Service, 31 October 1995.*

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## **Nepal Debates Sale of Endangered Animal Parts**

A nature reserve in Nepal's southern plains is the home to a number of warehouses stacked high with rhino horns, tiger bones, animal fur, musk and other animal parts worth millions of dollars. These parts were confiscated from poachers and the Nepali government is currently debating the future of these items.

On the one hand, "selling the accumulated contraband would provide a massive one-time infusion of funds for conservation in Nepal, whose disbursement would be decided by local specialists themselves rather than under the direction of donor agencies," said one Nepali official. The alternative is to destroy the products on the

basis that CITES, to which Nepal is a signatory, prohibits any commercial trade in the animals from whom these parts were taken.

Time is of the essence since wildlife experts and government officials both report that the items are not being stored properly and the risk of damage or theft remains high. A governmental task force investigated the storage situation in early 1995 and reported that the condition of the stored materials is poor: hides are decomposing, furs are disintegrating, rhino horns are under attack from parasites.

The task force also wrote to the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland asking for guidelines on what to do with these parts and possible future caches. CITES has not responded. One possible solution has been posed by Shyam Bajimaya of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife and a member of the task force: "A better bargain would be sending some of our stocks to Western museums to be used for educational purposes in return for funds for our conservation projects which urgently require support." The matter is continuing to be debated by Nepal's government.

*Source: International Press Service, 30 October 1995.*

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## **Interpol Joins Fight Against Illegal Wildlife Trade**

Smuggling endangered species and their by-products generates \$5 billion in revenues each year, more than illegal weapons or gemstones. At a conference held in Jerusalem in November 1995, Interpol, the international police agency, was invited to become involved in finding a solution to this problem. The Nature Reserves Authority (NRA), with representatives from 20 European and Middle Eastern countries, says the problem of smuggled wildlife is the second largest source of illegal trade, trailing only drugs in revenue generated.

Israel took the lead in the effort to enlist the resources of Interpol. An Israeli spokesperson, Bill Clark, stated that since each nation has its own method of dealing with protected species, investigators pursuing leads run into bureaucratic snags when pursuing cases because of a lack of a uniform international system. The NRA believes that the involvement of Interpol would change this.

Several proposals were put forth at the conference including the creation of an international hot line and a list of contacts that will allow investigators to cooperate with one another quickly enough to intercept ships and planes carrying contraband. A second proposal had Interpol compiling a profile of a typical smuggler, similar to that used by airport security with respect to possible terrorists. An Interpol spokesperson stated that they were receptive to the plan and hoped to coordinate with both law enforcement and administrative services in all of the participating NRA countries to help prevent these types of crimes.

*Source: Jerusalem Post, 15 November 1995*

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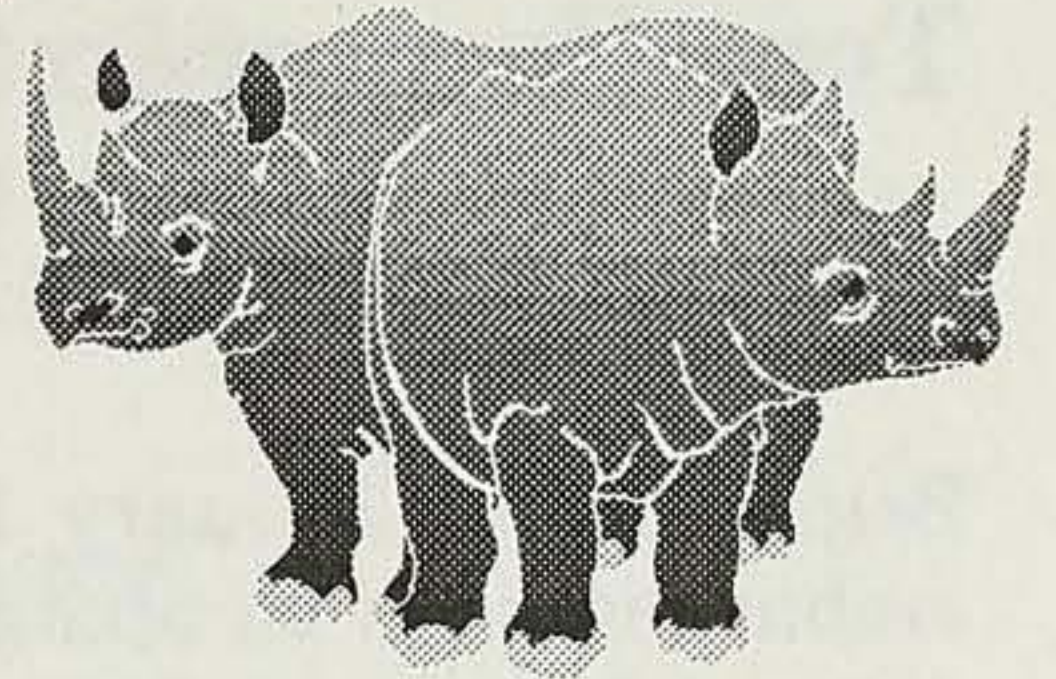
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# ***Bowling for Rhinos Update***

*from Patty Pearthree, BFR Coordinator  
Indianapolis, IN*



In 1995, BFR raised over \$120,000 for Lewa Wildlife Conservancy -LWC (formerly called Ngare Sergoi rhino sanctuary) in Kenya and for Ujung Kulon National Park in Java, Indonesia. The first \$100,000 each year will continue to support LWC with the remainder going to Ujung Kulon.

Katrina Osborne from Miami Metro Zoo and Ken Smith from Jacksonville, FL along with their guests will soon be taking their prize-winning, two-week trip to Lewa for raising the most funds in 1995.



**In order to be eligible to win the 1996 trip, all monies must be received by me no later than 1 September 1996 and you must be a National AAZK member!**

Make checks payable to AAZK, Inc. and please write "FOR DEPOSIT ONLY" on the back before mailing. This will keep them from being cashed by anyone else. Send to: Patty Pearthree c/o

Bowling for Rhinos, P. O. Box 199026, Indianapolis, IN 46219-9026.

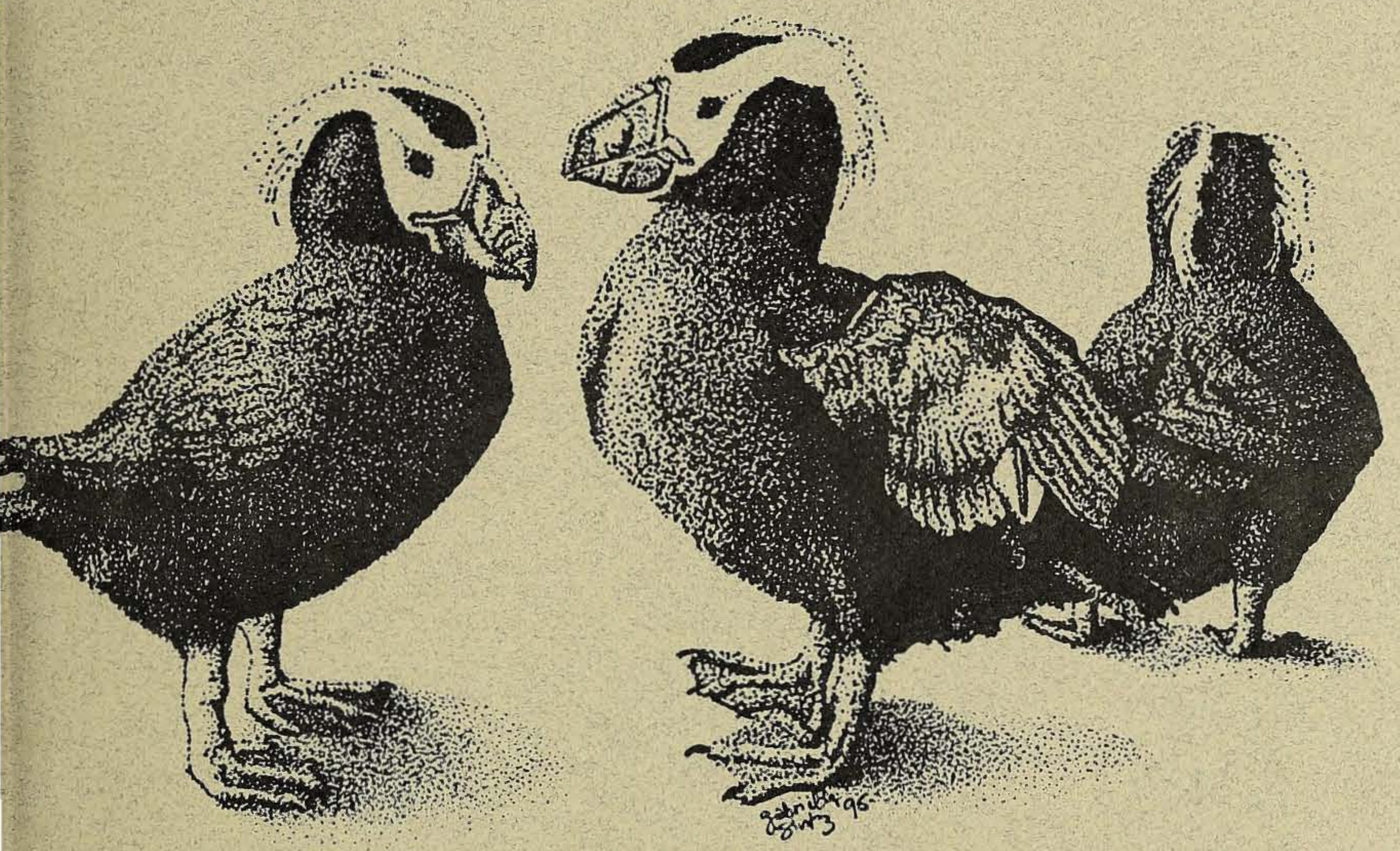
We are delighted to announce that we have a new prize for the individual who raises the third highest amount of money in BFR '96 (after the two trip winners). It is a handmade ceramic rhino statue that measures about 2' x 1' (see photo inset) and was kindly donated by Toni Nichols from California. Thanks, Toni!

I have received many inquiries from individuals who would like to join the nearest Bowl-A-Thon. In order to help them, I need to have the postcards I sent to each Chapter returned to me as soon as possible to have current information to give these individuals. I also have BFR posters for anyone holding an event.

Bowling for Rhinos is not limited to just bowling. Some other BFR funds are raised through "Rock n' for Rhinos", "Rummage for Rhinos", "Run for Rhinos", "Recycle for Rhinos" or outright donations. If you have questions, please call me at (317) 322-8723.

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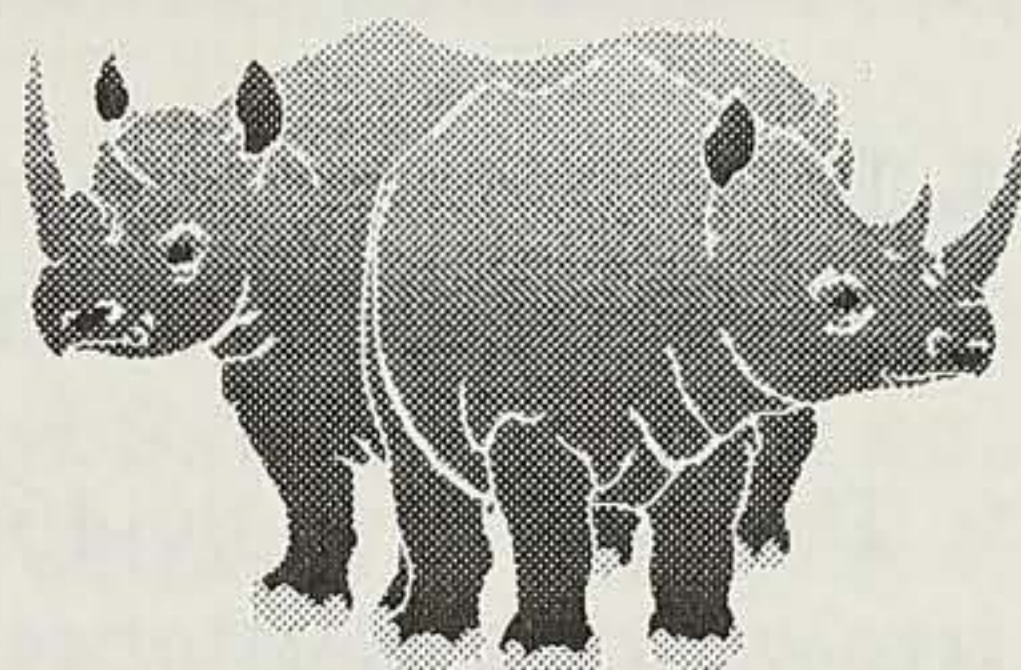
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*Patty Pearthree, National BFR Coordinator  
Indianapolis, IN*



In 1995, BFR raised \$120,600.00 for Lewa Wildlife Conservancy-LWC (formerly called Ngare Sergoi rhino sanctuary) in Kenya and for Ujung Kulon National Park in Java, Indonesia. The first \$100,000.00 will continue to support LWC with the remainder each year going to Ujung Kulon.

BFR funds will be used to partially pay the nearly \$400,000.00 operating costs of LWC. This includes such things as the purchase of new vehicles to patrol the sanctuary, along with salaries for the security guards who keep the wildlife of Lewa safe. The \$20,600.00 for Ujung Kulon will be used to either purchase a new patrol boat (the best mode of transportation for this rainforest peninsula) or build a new guard post in a more strategic location. I am currently waiting to receive word on which of these two items is more desperately needed.

I have received many inquiries from individuals who would like to join the nearest Bowl-A-Thon. In order to help them, I need to know when each Chapter will hold their event and the current contact person to give these individuals. **If you have not already given me this information, please do so at your earliest convenience.** I also have BFR posters for anyone holding an event. The artwork for these posters was designed and donated by Christine Joy Pratt of XY Design in Honolulu, HI.

Anna Merz, founder and patron of Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary, has decided to retire to South Africa and left Lewa the first of this month. She has been looking forward to retirement for some years now, but with the deaths of Samia and Samuel, she felt now was the time. She will continue to support LWC as always, continue to do fundraising talks/tours for LWC, educate on the plight of the rhino, and will make her home at Lewa for a few months each year. She will now be able to enjoy a more comfortable life and attend cultural affairs such as musicals, plays and the opera with a new set of friends. She will be missed at Lewa but everyone knows she is well deserving of retirement life. With BFR and Anna's continued support, LWC will continue to be the success story of Kenya.

The administration of BFR has changed slightly over the last year, but this should not affect the event except to make it run more professionally. The administrative costs will no longer be covered by the Ngare Sergoi Support Group, but will be covered by AAZK, Inc. and LWC. A formal agreement has been signed by these parties to ensure the future of the project. Due to these adjustments, please note the changes in the **Rules to Win the Trip**.

## "Bowling for Rhinos Sanctuary" Trip Rules

1. The top two money raisers each year in "Bowling for Rhinos" will each win a two-week trip to the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary near Isiolo, Kenya.
2. The two (2) individuals will visit the Sanctuary together and arrange their trip with the assistance of the BFR Coordinator and through the Administrative Office of AAZK, Inc.
3. The two winners may each bring a guest, but the guest must pay their own expenses and be able to lodge in the same room as the winner.
4. The winners' trips are paid for from a fund administered by the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and AAZK, Inc. These funds are derived from 4% of the yearly BFR monies raised and/or funds contributed by LWC and AAZK, Inc. The allowance for each plane ticket shall not exceed \$1700 (1996).
5. The winners **must** be a paid, National AAZK members at the time of their bowling event.
6. The same person can only win the trip once. This is to encourage more people to try to win, and give an opportunity for more people to visit the Sanctuary and see the benefit of their hard work.
7. Canadians count their total funds raised in Canadian currency. Therefore, if a Canadian member raises \$5,000 but it only equals \$3,000 in U. S. dollars, the \$5,000 amount counts in the contest.
8. Only money which is turned in to the BFR National Coordinator **by 1 September** of the same year can be counted in the contest.



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## *A Letter from Anna*

February 1996

As so many of you will be aware, total disaster befell Samia and her baby very soon after I completed my last newsletter. Both fell over a 40 foot cliff on the night of the 21st November 95. Both died; my beloved Samia instantly and little Samuel broke his back and had to be shot. The cause of the tragedy is known only to the trees, rocks and stars and they guard their secret. Her tracks and those of her mate, Kenu, were together on top of the cliff. Did they love, fight or play? We shall not know.

Three months have now passed but the pain of their loss has not. I miss them both all the time. But I have, however, been both comforted and astounded by the incredible outpouring of compassion their death has provoked. I have received over 200 wonderful letters, cards and faxes. I hope I have replied to everyone personally, but anyone who wrote and has not heard from me, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the courage you have all given to me. It makes me feel that perhaps Samia's life and my love for her have not been in vain and that all of you who have cared enough to write to me will also care enough to ensure the continuation of her species on the beautiful earth for the next millennium. I am also deeply grateful that the documentary film made about her by Jack and Pauline Bollamy for BBC Wildlife was completed and will be shown in the late spring, narrated by David Attenborough. I hope so much that it will show the whole world what wonderful animals rhinos are and make people care for them enough to create the political and economic pressure needed to ensure their survival.

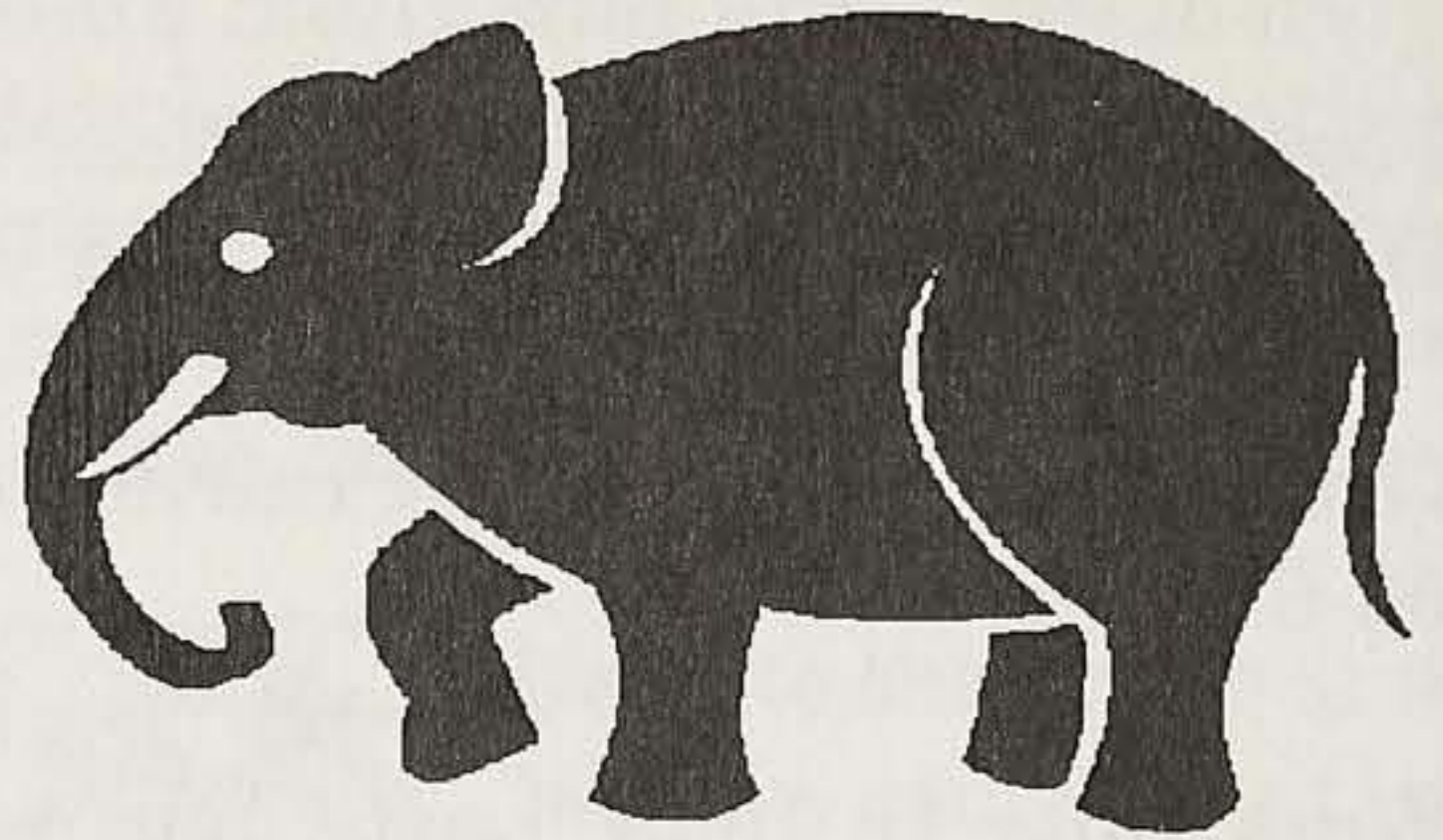
Here at Lewa our work has to go on. The November rains having virtually failed, we are terribly dry and longing and hoping for rain in April. On the 24th January the young black cow, Juniper, herself born here in 1988, produced her first calf. She is being an excellent mother. The three calves born last year to Morembo, Solia and Stumpy also continue to make good progress.

This week the team of volunteers brought by Janet and Spencer Golsthrope of the Guernsey Rhino Trust arrived and have already laid the foundations for our new clinic. Last year they built a clinic for the Lake Nekuru Rhino Sanctuary. We are so lucky that this year it is our turn. Ten cases of supplies and medical equipment have already been donated by Dr. Marjorie Harmon's Support Group in Springfield, MO, and six more cases are enroute. The clinic is expected to cater to some 500 people on completion, but half will be our own people and the other half our neighbors. It will be under the supervision of Dr. Harmon. The nurse who it is hoped will staff it is now completing her training with AMREF.

So, despite tragedies our work must go on and I hope you will all continue to give us your support and encouragement, and I would thank once more all of you who have written to me for your caring and kindness. We will not let Samia's life be in vain.

*--Anna Merz*

# Chapter News Notes



## Greater Baltimore Chapter/AAZK

In December we had our elections and following are the new officers:

President.....Tony Barthel  
Vice President.....Joann Shaffer  
Secretary.....Megan Dudek  
Treasurer.....Cheryl Ladota  
Bowling for Rhinos.....Brad Hange  
Chapter Liaison.....Rick Jones

Highlights for the Chapter from last year included our first Bowling for Rhinos for which we raised over \$2000.00. We also donated money to help protect the Javan rhino and increased our Chapter's membership.

—Rick Jones, Chapter Liaison

## Topeka AAZK Chapter

The year has gotten off to a fast start here. We have managed to complete a zoo improvement project, had new officers take office, coordinated our education programs, and we are starting to organize the Bowling for Rhinos event. There will be a later article with design details on the zoo's new giraffe stocks, but their successful construction was a notable achievement for the Topeka Chapter. A generous donation from the Chapter allowed the stocks to be constructed out of metal instead of wood and to feature a rotating side as designed by the zoo's veterinarian, Dr. Ray Ball.

Our new officers took office at the January meeting. Two new non-officer

positions were filled this year in addition to last year's posts. The position of Historian was revived and a Special Events coordinator slot was created. The 1996 officials of the Topeka Chapter are:

President.....Darrell Agee  
Vice President.....Warren Waters  
Secretary.....Luanne Webb  
Treasurer.....Darrin Webb  
Liaison.....Michael Davis  
Education Coordinator.....Tammy Root  
Historian.....Kathy Waters  
Special Events  
Coordinator.....Jennifer Agee

The Special Events Coordinator is already hard at work on Bowling for Rhinos which is tentatively scheduled for sometime in April or May. In the area of education, our coordinator recently attended a meeting in which the Chapter's six educational programs were officially outlined for the Friends of the Topeka Zoo (FOTZ). Hopefully this will clear all the remaining obstacles which we have been encountering and stimulate requests.

That's it for now. With any luck the rest of the year will continue to be as productive.

—Michael Davis, Chapter Liaison

## Queens Wildlife Center AAZK

The members of the Queens Wildlife Center Chapter of Corona, NY are please to announce the adoption of a new Chapter logo. It was designed by Chapter Vice President Laura Schwartz and officially adopted in 1995 (see inset).



## Metro Boston AAZK Chapter

Our newly elected officers for 1996 are:

President.....Bob Hayes  
Vice President.....Shanna Abeles  
Treasurer.....Colleen Dougherty  
Secretary.....Ian Ives

Our Chapter Liaison, Tom Aversa, recently resigned and we are currently accepting letters of interest from Chapter members to fill this position. Tom has been an active member of AAZK for many years at both the local and national levels, and his service to our Chapter in this position will be a great loss.

In 1995, we supported two main conservation projects. Our annual Bowling for Rhinos event raised over \$1300.00 and a very fun silent auction netted almost \$1000.00 which we sent

to the Bali Mynah Species Survival Plan.

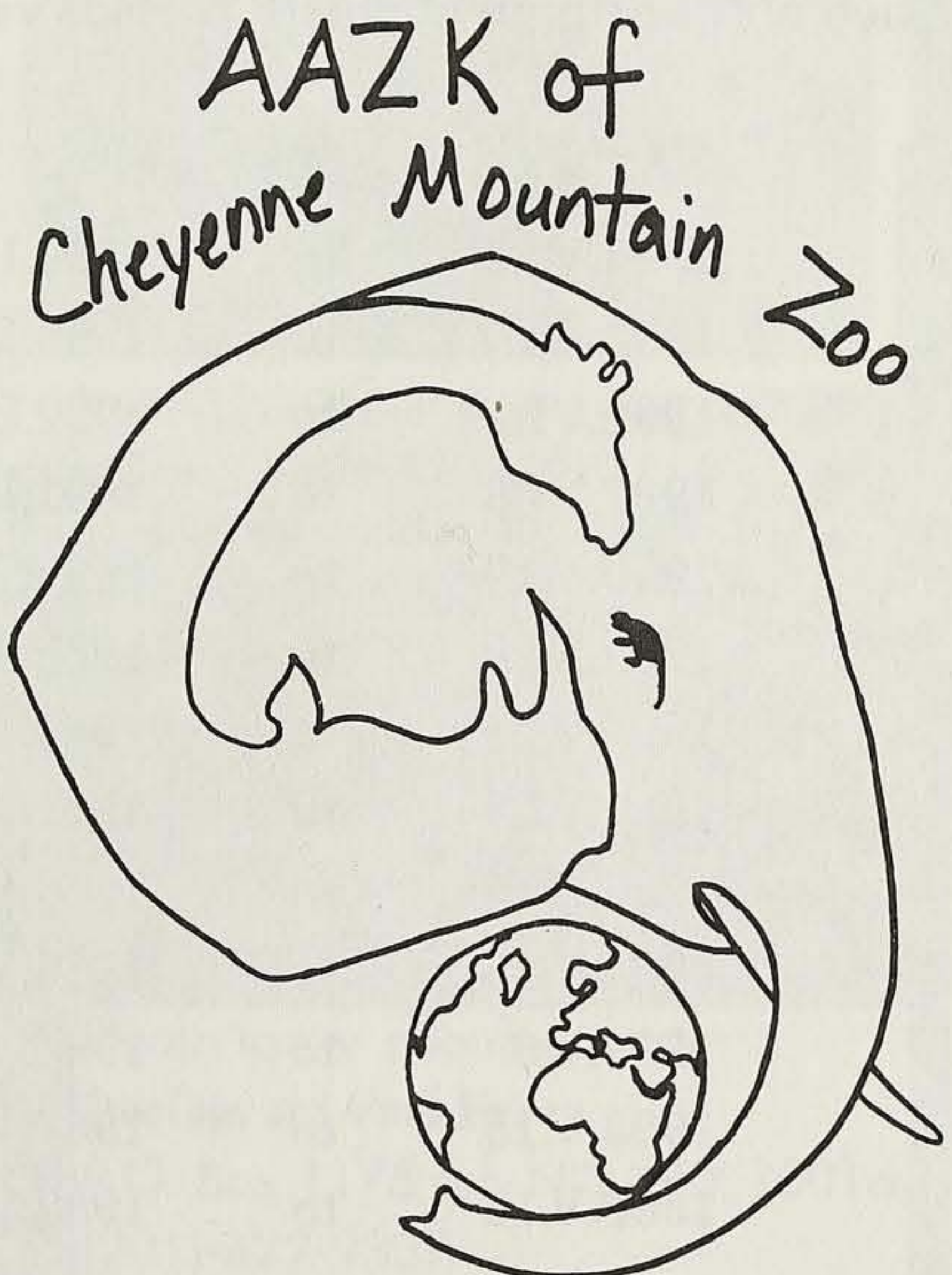
Through Chapter T-shirt sales, soda sales, and bottle redemptions we were able to support a variety of other projects such as the purchase of the ZIDP Notebook and an AAZK membership for our zoo library, and the Afrotropical Suid Poster Project.

Our main objectives for 1996 include increasing our membership, participating in more *in-situ* conservation efforts, and becoming more integrated with our zoo. Our office is located at the Franklin Park Zoo, Boston, MA.

--Bob Hayes, President

## Cheyenne Mountain AAZK

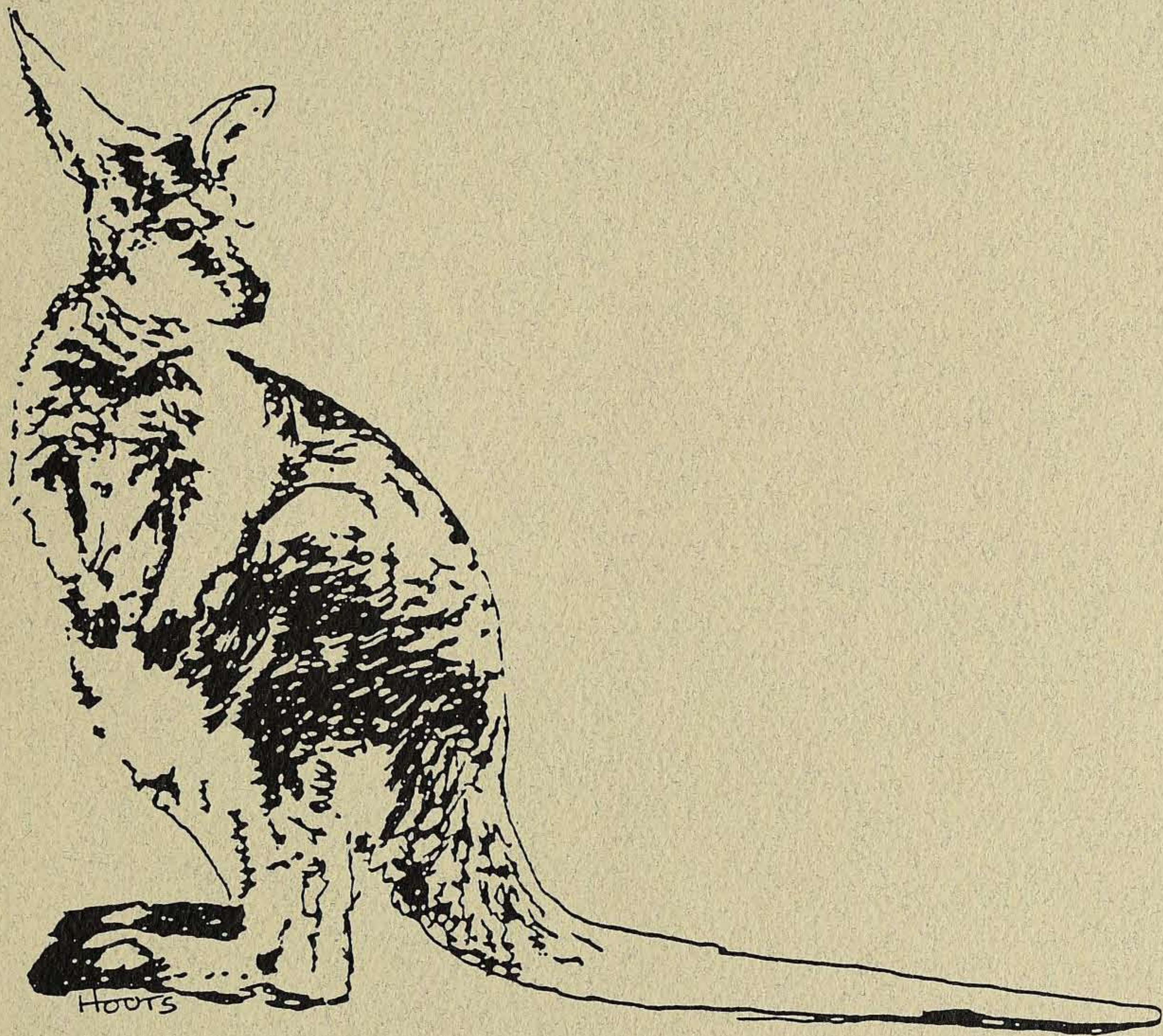
Below is the new logo adopted by the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo AAZK Chapter (Colorado Springs, CO) in May of 1995. It was designed by Keeper Heidi Genter.





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# Advice for Bowling for Rhinos Auction Chairpersons



By Tony Nichols, BFR Volunteer  
Huntington Beach, CA

To all Bowling for Rhinos directors, "raffle chairmen", and event staff - I have learned a lesson I want to share. Don't forget to give credit to your donors. In the March 1996 issue of the *Forum*, I was incorrectly identified as the donor of the third prize to be given 1996's fundraisers. It made me sick. When I was given this object, I assumed the responsibility of properly accrediting the source and failed. The person who donated this beautiful and valuable rhino statue to BFR is Helen Brauer of Ft. Collins, CO. She did it to honor the memory of her husband Herb Brauer who was a consummate rhino-lover and a face that many a zoo's rhino keepers had seen. Herb was amiable and knowledgeable, attending conferences and contributing to conservation organizations. He would be proud of the destination of "his rhino" and Helen will be also.

I did the worst thing imaginable, getting undeserved praise. All I did was present the idea to the right person at the right time. Mrs. Brauer gave it up! There is no blame for the article's writer Patty Pearthree. I had opportunities to check the text, even speaking to Susan Chan while the feature was in production. My failure to emphasize the subject is the guilty action.

Each BFR Chapter has a person like me. We are raffle chairmen - Ha! A staff of 1 (my wife) and a few kind volunteers the night of the event. Mostly we write letters full of hyperbole to prospective donors. Our mailing list is on computer software. We have codes or categories of donors so we *know* that after three years of asking Animal Kingdom (an example), a toy store, that they will not give up a stuffed animal to please a poor, underpaid zookeeper. We know who the current and repeat donors are and treat them like family. When writing or visiting, I always give them a photocopy of the last H.O.R.N. issue published. We keep a list of what has been contributed in the past and what is sent this year. Describing the donated object in the Thank You letter is advisable. Never miss a thank you letter, and don't be late with the gratitude.

The night of the BFR event, preparation is the key. Have all your signs prepared. The price of raffle tickets should be posted in numerous places. Make a list of donors and post it. If many are local, make it prominent. If you're lucky enough to have a silent auction, place a folded placard with the donor's name printed on it next to the item. Many donors give you business cards or catalogues, use these or be sure they have a place to be picked up with a big FREE sign on it. The BFR event announcer is important to you, so write down for him/her the schedule you plan on. Give the "DJ" a list of prizes and donors too. Get them mentioned, it's your job! Especially if you see someone is present who gave or

helped collect. Oh yeah, sell many tickets along the way. Sometimes a premium for \$20 of raffle tickets works well. Be sure the items are displayed well. We hang T-shirts on cardboard forms; let people see and touch *their* prizes. Sometimes a person stares at one item for a long time, then takes out a \$20, seemingly wishing he could win IT. If you do the "first choice" method of prize selection, pay attention to the first few taken. We watch and learn, it is excellent to tell a donor his gift was chosen second. We also maintain order at the raffle table.

Afterwards the proceeds of the raffle should have a quantity in dollars - don't have this money mixed in immediately with the pledge dollars. Count it separately, it will help you judge how the effort was spent. Costs such as a 32 cent stamp for a letter, copies at a nickel apiece, and envelopes all add to your investment. It isn't selfish to want to know how your investment paid off.

And don't let up. Keep an eye out for potential donors all year long. Be creative - and *gracious*. Ouch! I can never make amends for the statement in issue No. 23, No. 2, but I hope you avoid a mistake like mine. I won't do that again. Don't be afraid to mention something twice. Also, keep good records. Many times the responsibility will shift to another person and they appreciate a legible list of donors to make their job easier. Do most of these and you can be proud that you truly contributed to the success of your BFR event. Most, importantly, I sincerely apologize to Mrs. Brauer.

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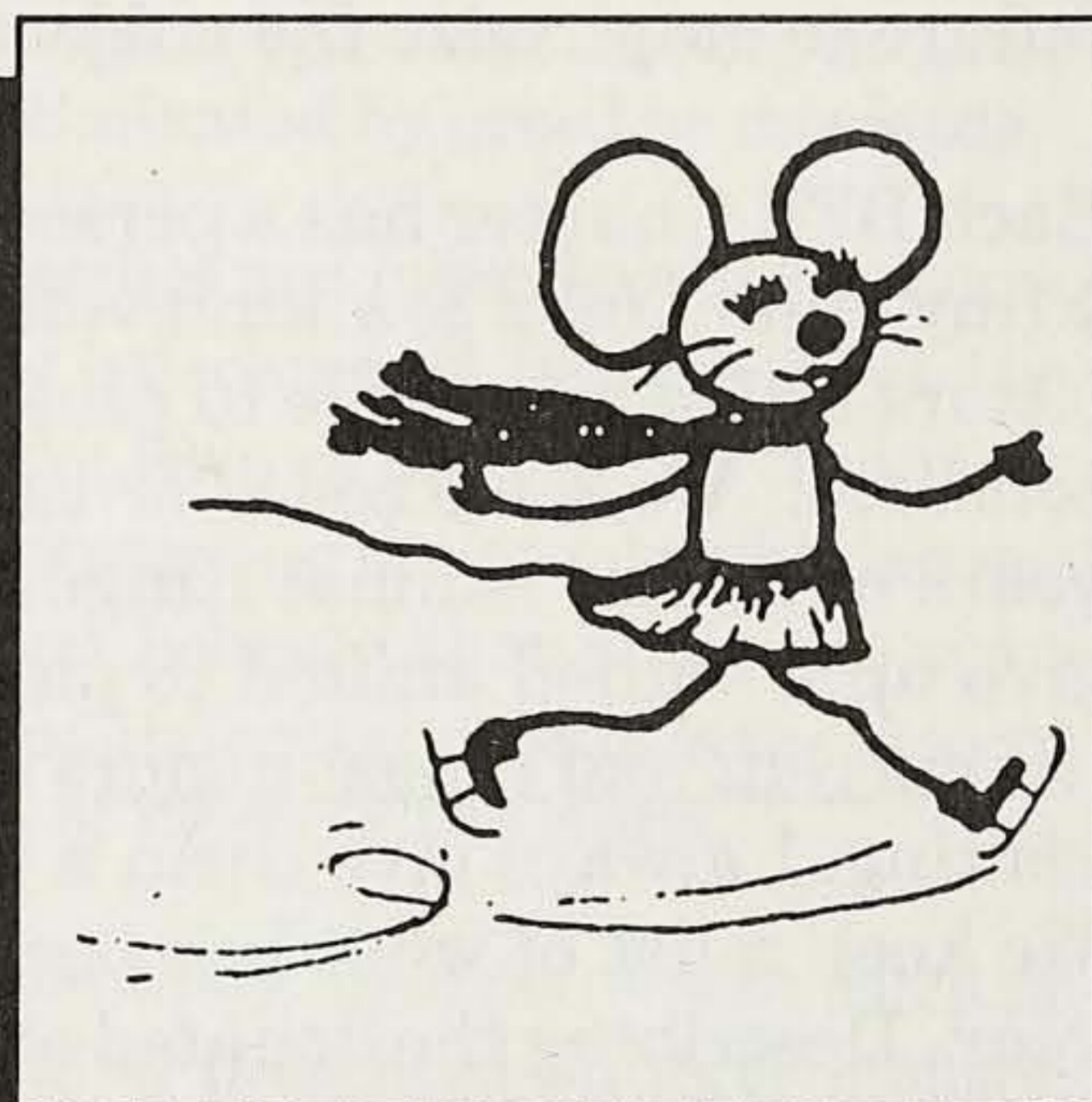
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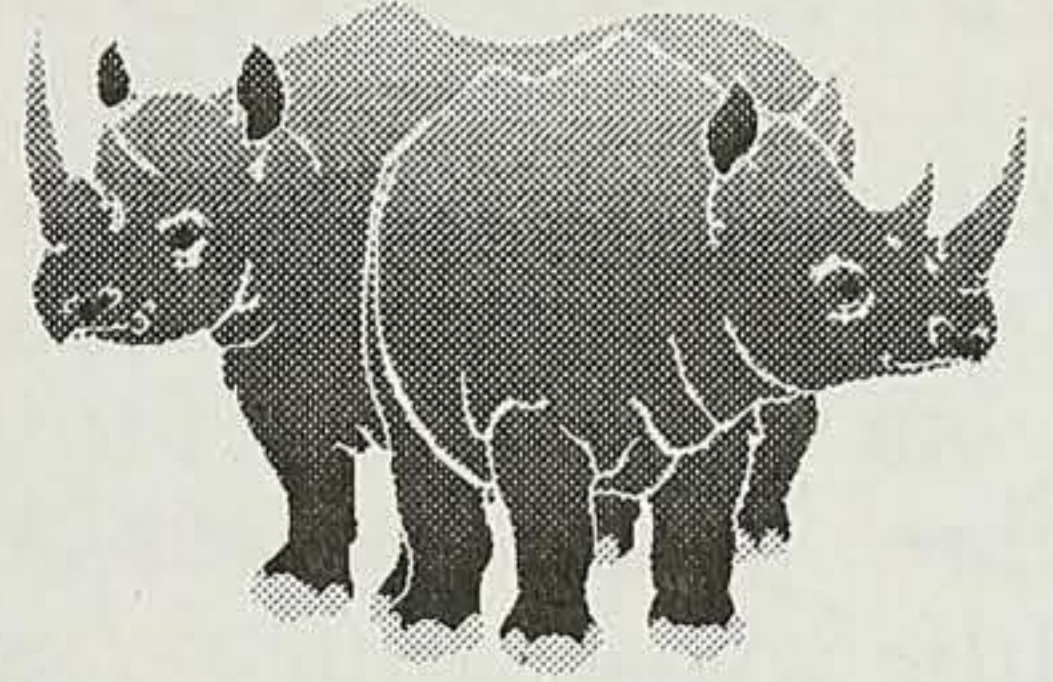
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# ***Bowling for Rhinos Update***

*submitted by Patty Pearthree, BFR Coordinator  
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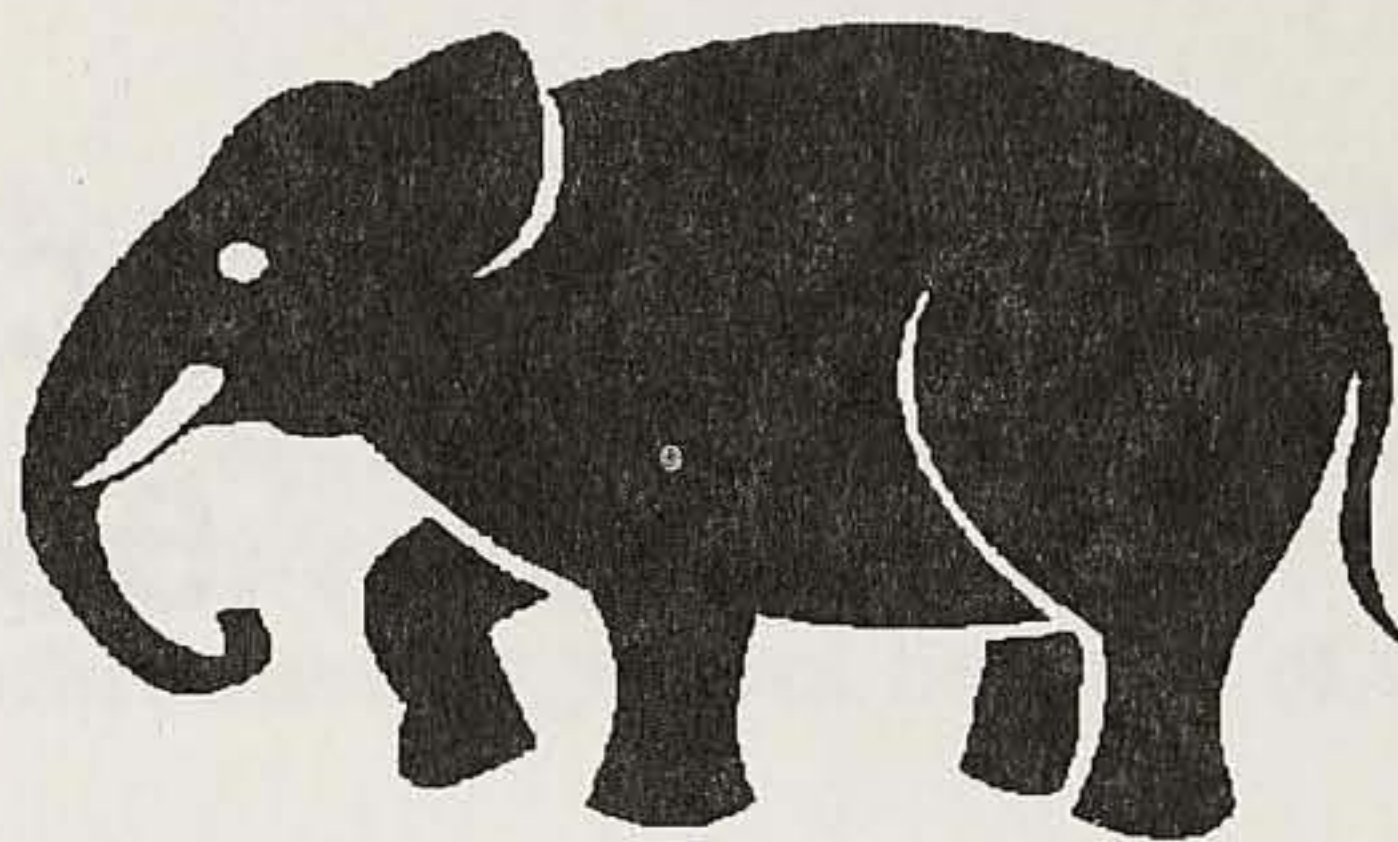
Bowling for Rhinos is not limited to just bowling. Some other BFR funds are raised through Rock n' for Rhinos, Rummage for Rhinos, Run for Rhinos, Recycle for Rhinos, Gambling for Rhinos, or donations. If you have any questions, please call me at (317) 322-8723. Checks should be made payable to "AAZK, Inc." and mailed to: Patty Pearthree c/o Bowling For Rhinos, P. O. Box 199026, Indianapolis, IN46219-9026.

If you have not done so already, please drop me a line to let me know your event date and how interested parties can join your event. I get quite a few inquiries from around the country and would like to be able to give current information.

## **"Bowling for Rhinos Sanctuary" Trip Rules**

1. The top two money raisers each year in "Bowling for Rhinos" will each win a two-week trip to the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary near Isiolo, Kenya.
2. The two (2) individuals will visit the Sanctuary together and arrange their trip with the assistance of the BFR Coordinator and through the Administrative Office of AAZK, Inc.
3. The two winners may each bring a guest, but the guest must pay their own expenses and be able to lodge in the same room as the winner.
4. The winners' trips are paid for from a fund administered by the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and AAZK, Inc. These funds are derived from 4% of the yearly BFR monies raised and/or funds contributed by LWC and AAZK, Inc. The allowance for each plane ticket shall not exceed \$1700 (1996).
5. The winners **must** be a paid, National AAZK members at the time of their bowling event.
6. The same person can only win the trip once. This is to encourage more people to try to win, and give an opportunity for more people to visit the Sanctuary and see the benefit of their hard work.
7. Canadians count their total funds raised in Canadian currency. Therefore, if a Canadian member raises \$5,000 but it only equals \$3,000 in U. S. dollars, the \$5,000 amount counts in the contest.
8. Only money which is turned in to the BFR National Coordinator **by 1 September** of the same year can be counted in the contest.

# Chapter News Notes



## Pueblo Zoo AAZK Chapter

Newly elected officers for the Pueblo Zoo AAZK Chapter (Pueblo, CO) are:

President.....Dale Berryman  
Vice-President.....Bob Hicks  
Secretary.....Audrey Adams  
Treasurer.....Melanie Haynes  
Chapter Liaison.....Jason Garnett

## Dallas Zoo AAZK Chapter

Our Chapter held our most successful Bowling for Rhinos event on 16 May. In addition to bowling, we held our third silent auction. New to our event this year were original design T-shirts - the black design of a mother and calf black rhino is screened onto a 100%

white cotton T-shirt (see inset). Due to the generosity of the artist, Janie Coleman, and the T-shirt underwriter, Rhino Linings of North Dallas, all proceeds from the sale of the shirts will be contributed to Bowling for Rhinos.

We still have T-shirts available for sale at \$15.00 each (includes s&h) in adult sizes, S, M, and L; a few XXL are also available - on a first come, first served basis. Any AAZK Chapters wishing to exchange T-shirts for auctions, raffles, etc. are welcome to contact: Lisa Fitzgerald, Dallas AAZK, 621 E. Clarendon, Dallas, TX 75203. Fax at (214) 670-6717; e-mail [cybennett@aol.com](mailto:cybennett@aol.com).

—Lisa Fitzgerald

