

WYOMING OUTFITTERS & GUIDES ASSOCIATION 2018 HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD MARION SCOTT SPONSORED BY **SCI** FIRST FOR HUNTERS

AM A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF NORTHEAST WYOMING

and lived all my 85 years on the Ranch on north Wildcat Creek where my grandfather homesteaded 101 years ago. I started hunting at an early age and shot my first Mule Deer buck at 14 years old. We started taking non-resident hunters about 1949 so began my guiding experiences for Mule Deer and Pronghorn Antelope.

I married the love of my life, Mary McClure in 1953 and she has continued to be my best friend, hunting and business partner since. We raised 4 wonderful daughters and have 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand child, all great family additions and such a blessing for us. Mary and I got the sheep-hunting bug and over 40 years hunting, each of us has a Grand-Slam of North American Wild Sheep along with 15 other North American species each.

Mary and I started building our outfitting and guiding business on our Ranch soon after our marriage. My good friend and outfitting mentor, Leo Tass of Buffalo, WY encouraged us to join the WY. Outfitters Association. We began growing the business leasing hunting on nearby ranches and hired part time guides. In 1975 we attended our first WYOGA meeting in Dubois where Leo was elected President and chose me for his Secretary. Thus began my long period of working with the Association as a board member and two years as president.



For several years I helped my brother Bill Scott guide for the Chrystal Springs Ranch where Teton Village is now. When the Ranch sold, Bill and I got the wild idea to buy a hunting camp in Jackson Hole. Larry Moore, who had come to Jackson with Bill after they were discharged from the Armed services, died at a young age. We bought Larry's Granite Creek hunting camp from his widow and leased the Ranch. Bill was the licensed Outfitter. We operated the camp for about ten years until

it was interfering too much with our Ranch outfitting so we sold it. Safari Club Int. now owns the Granite Ranch and runs their Outdoor Leadership School there.

It's been a great life, Ranching, Outfitting and hunting has been very good to us. Over the years we have developed a very successful outfitting operation and made many friends worldwide. We are now booking two and three years ahead as our hunts are very popular with our many clients. We know our hunting and ranching business will continue in good hands with our grand-son-in-law and granddaughter Pat and Amanda Fiedor taking over. I was honored to serve my country by serving eight years in the Wyoming Army National Guard and still ranch and guide. Safari Club Int. honored Mary and I with the North American Professional Hunter Award in 1993 and the C. J. McElroy Award in 2007.

Thank you WYOGA for this very special award, Mary and I are honored and humbled to receive it.

Marion Scott 🍷

