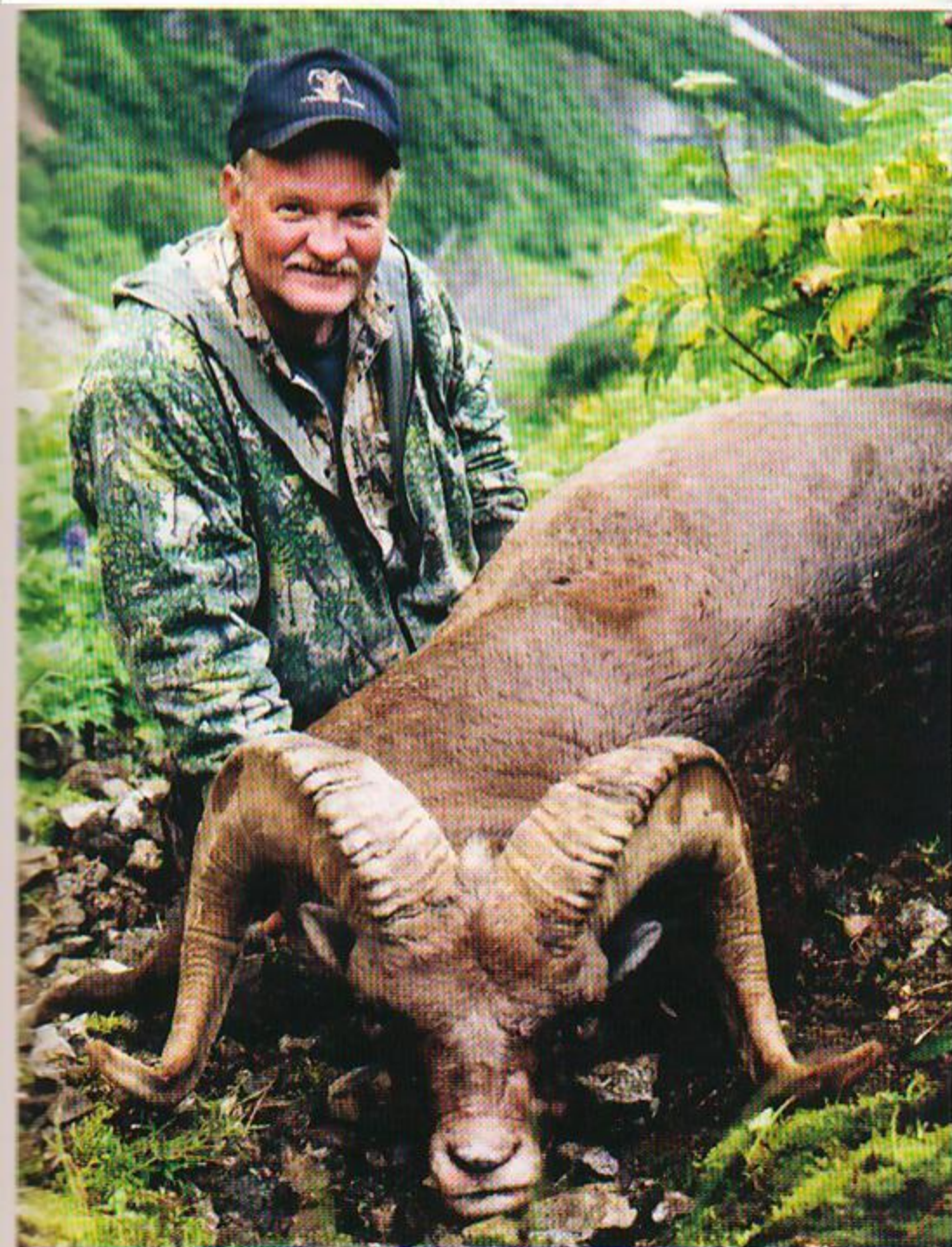


Dave Myrup (UT) and Garth Hardy (UT) hunted Kamchatka snow sheep in August 2004. If those names sound familiar to you, they should, because there have been other reports this time about the group of seven who went on that hunt. Without further ado (since we have had enough ado already), we now go to a report from Dave with his perspective on the whole deal:

*Well, here goes..... Seven hunters took seven Kamchatka snow sheep with **Profi-Hunt** in August 2004: **Dennis Campbell, Mark Jackson, Mike Stough, Lou Rupp, Ovis Rigatoni (Gary Rigotti), Garth Hardy and me.** To say we had a great hunt would be an understatement. The weather was good and the guides, cooks, interpreter and whole crew were outstanding.*

I took a Super 20 while there... 20 mosquitoes in one swat. Yes, the bugs were bad, but not all of them. Let me



Dave Myrup (UT) got this outstanding Kamchatka snow sheep on his August 2004 hunt with Profi-Hunt.

explain. The first day, I told Garth I had a ladybug on my backpack. His reply was that was good luck! As the hunt went on, we had counted six different ladybugs on our backpacks and gear. We located a band of eight rams the first day we hunted. It was decided we should go as a group, as there were two or three big rams in the group.

The next day we put on our backpacks, ladybugs and all, and went after the rams. After nine hours of hiking, we came up short and had to stay on the mountain that night. The next morning it started to rain and Vladimir decided we must go back to our base camp and get more food and two tents. Seven hours of hiking and we were at our base camp.

The next day it was back after the sheep. We didn't go as far as the first day, but we got into a good position for the next day. We had a brown bear just 40 yards from our spike camp just at dark and, needless to say, no one got much sleep.

The next morning we were once again after the sheep. We had climbed and gotten into position to spot the sheep, but we just couldn't find them. At five in the afternoon, Vladimir said we must go, as it was getting late. His concern was we would be out in the open for about 500 yards and if we were spotted it would be over. We worked our way slowly, glassing and watching in every direction.

Then Peter ducked down. The sheep were in a saddle right in front of us. We worked our way around a rocky peak and just below us feeding were the sheep, at about 50 yards. Garth said we had flipped a coin and I was to shoot first. Vladimir said I should shoot that ram and Garth should take the one standing next to it (two big sheep). As my ram walked through a cut in the rocky pinnacle, I shot and watched as he rolled off the mountain. Vladimir told Garth, "To the top! To the top!" as sheep scattered in every direction. I got to Garth just as he shot his ram.

As we sat on the mountain, savoring the moment, I looked at my watch. It was 6:00 on the sixth day of our hunt. So pay attention to the little things, especially the ladybugs. Garth's ram was 10 1/2 years old, 15 x 36 1/2, scored 160 green. My ram was 11 1/2 years old, 38 1/4 x 15 1/2, scored just under 172 green. Actually, Garth, we never flipped a coin. Thanks a million for the first shot.

We had taken two great sheep, and mine the biggest ram I have ever taken. Garth and I agreed the highlight of the hunt was being able to share it with one of your best friends. Special thanks to Profi-Hunt and **Vladimir Melnikov**, Garth's guide **Peter A. Shnyrev**, my guide **Victor N. Gridnev**, our interpreter **Vladimir V. Koshcheev**, cook **Michael D. Yadzyshnikov**, and to you, Dennis, for putting it all together. Profi-Hunt means Professional Hunters and they are the best. Want to hunt Kamchatka snow sheep? Two words - Profi-Hunt!

Garth is off hunting desert sheep in Utah, so I told him I would do the report for him. Speaking of desert sheep, our friend Don Mace (UT) finished his second Grand Slam last year, and has a desert sheep tag this year. If he connects, he will have three Grand Slams.

You did a good job with the report, Dave. That now leaves only **Lou Rupp** (MO) and **Mike Stough** (OH) to report. Great rams you guys got!

Before leaving Dave Myrup I must report on the neat gift he sent me. When I opened the package I immediately knew what it was. You will see a photo of the GSCO logo proudly displayed on my pickup truck, just under my OVIS license plate. Thanks, Dave!



Dave Myrup (UT, left) and Garth Hardy (UT, right) with Garth's fine Kamchatka ram taken in August 2004.