

Since the desk is now empty, I have saved one final report as our grand finale. It will be easy to write, as it is for Yours Truly, **Dennis Campbell** (AL). Coming into 2005, I found myself two sheep short of the Ovis *Super 30*. I had the Punjab urial booked for March 2005, and sure enough I got that ram, which put me at 29 on the list. I also had a Hume argali booked in Kyrgyzstan for November 2005, so with a little luck it appeared I would get to the *Super 30* this year.

Well sir, I also found myself at 18 on the Capra list, and planned to try for a Mid-Asian ibex on my Kyrgyzstan trip in November – but even if lucky there, I would still be one short of the Capra *Super 20*. I kept thinking maybe I could squeeze in a trip to Europe for a Balkan and/or Carpathian chamois, but finally decided against that and booked it for 2006 – the Capra *Super 20* would just have to wait a year.

Then, in July I got a frantic e-mail from **Vladimir Melnikov** of **Profi-Hunt**. He had donated a Kuban (Western) tur hunt to our February 2005 convention auc-

tion, and that hunt had been purchased by **Dan Smith Jr.** (CA). Dan had contacted Vladimir and needed to postpone his hunt to 2006. Vladimir's e-mail explained that he did not have an opening for 2006, and how was he to tell this good client and auction buyer that it was not possible? I quickly

solved Vladimir's problem, because I was booked with him for 2006 – I would gladly swap with Dan!

So, the deal was made and my brain began to click. If I could be successful on both trophies, it would give me the Capra *Super 20* in 2005, rather than waiting until 2006. Also, since the Kuban tur counts for both Ovis and Capra, that would give me the Ovis *Super 30* too! Wow, what a great turn of events. I knew both trophies would be tough, as all three turs and the chamois from the Caucasus Mts. certainly are.



Dennis Campbell (AL, left) and Alexie Maximov of Profi-Hunt (right) with Dennis's Kuban (Western) tur taken on September 3, 2005, to complete his Ovis World Slam *Super 30*.