

Douglas Dollhopf (MT) is seen elsewhere in this publication in a Milestone Feature documenting his Capra World Slam and Triple Slam. In that feature we used five of Douglas's Capra animals and here we want to share a few more:

Kuban (Western) tur

Many tur were spotted on this hunt, gen-



Douglas Dollhopf (MT) took this Kuban (Western) tur in Karachayevo-Cherkesiya, Russia in August 2005. Douglas hunted with Vladimir Melnikov and ProfiHunt.



This Dagestan (Eastern) tur was taken near Vladikavkaz, Russia by Douglas Dollhopf (MT) in August 2005. Douglas hunted with ProfiHunt.

erally in precariously steep and difficult landscape positions, making risk assessment an important factor during the hunt. Persistence and luck go a long way. Being a horseman all my life, the site of these small 14 hand horses equipped with a saddle composed of rebar and wood indicated the 12-mile ride to base camp might be crippling. Thankfully, the wrangler shoved a 3" thick pad across the saddle frame and to my great surprise it was the most comfortable ride of my life, putting my expensive western saddles to shame. (I suggest bringing a rifle saddle scabbard for use on the horses.) Also, these mountains were generally obliterated by fog most afternoons and evenings, requiring pre-daylight climbs to reach a high elevation by dawn.

Dagestan (Eastern) tur

Upon reaching base camp on the face of mountains reaching up to 14,000 feet, a non-stop rain set in for two days that produced zero visibility. On the third day, intermittent showers and fogbanks flowed across these mountains. However, we were able to climb up into a basin fully concealed by the fog. The occasional break in the fog revealed we were in close proximity to several mature rams, which provided the opportunity for a 250-yard shot.