

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.

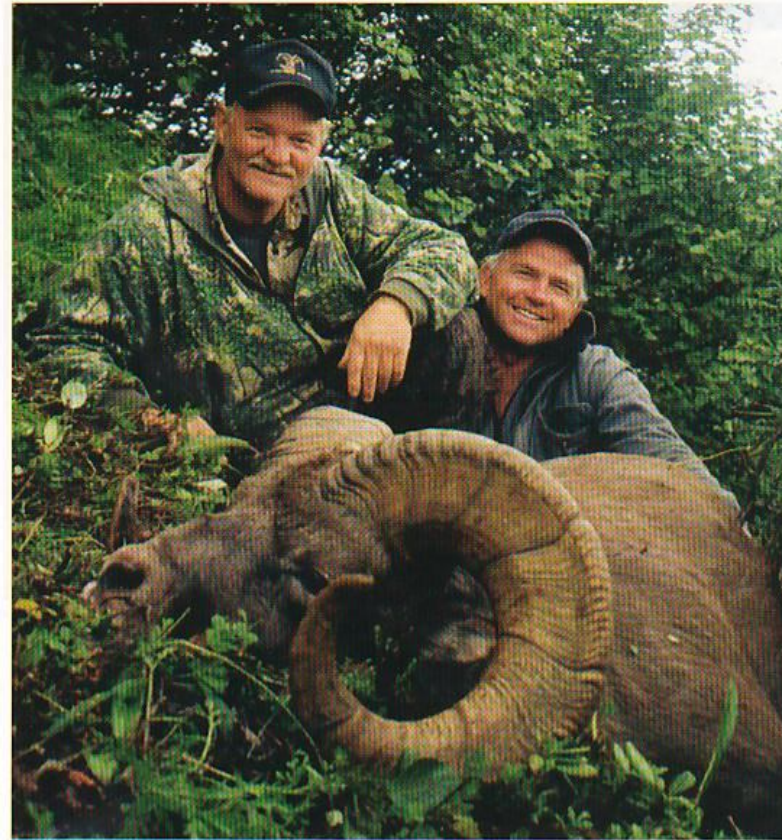
As we sat on the mountain, savoring the moment, I looked at my watch. It was 6:00 on the sixth day of our hunt. So pay attention to the little things, especially the ladybugs. Garth's ram was 10 1/2 years old, 15 x 36 1/2, scored 160 green. My ram was 11 1/2 years old, 38 1/4 x 15 1/2, scored just under 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. Yadzysnikov**, 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.*