

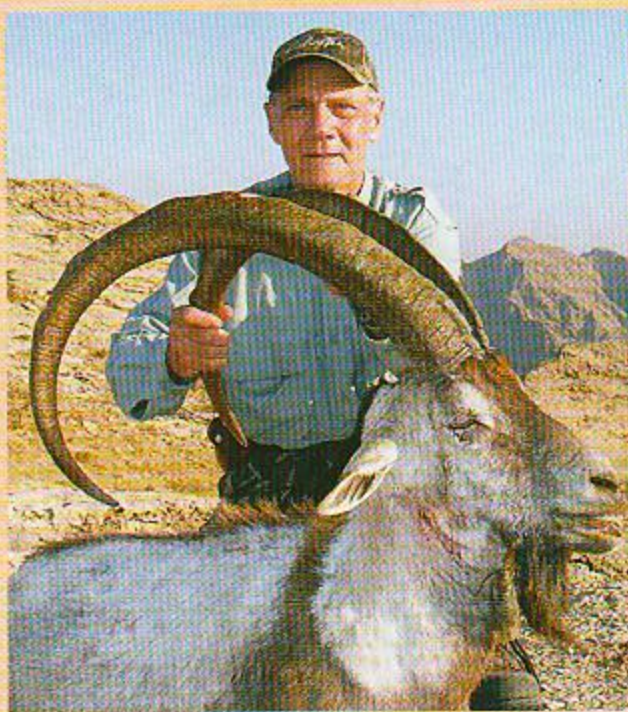
Gary Parker (NE) completed his Capra World Slam with a Sindh ibex from Pakistan. While on that hunt, Gary was also able to get a Blanford urial and he has written a good hunt report for us to use here. Gary writes:

*I finally got things worked out for a hunt in Pakistan for Blanford urial and Sindh ibex, and then a few days prior to scheduled date for departure, was advised by **Caprinae Safaris** that I would*

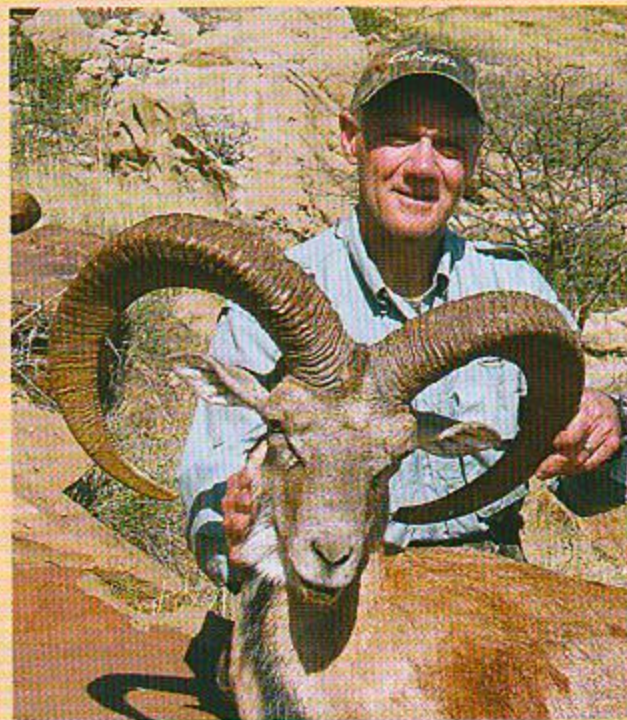
*not be able to take my hunting rifle, but a reliable "camp rifle" would be available. On top of that, **British Air** announced they would be going on strike the day I was to leave. I began to feel this hunt was not going to take place after all, and perhaps was not meant to be. The British Air strike was called off at the last minute, and although I was not comfortable going on an important hunt without my own rifle, **Caprinae Safaris** convinced me I would be happy with the "camp rifle" available in Pakistan. Once arriving in Pakistan, I was met by **Asad Khan**, and four hours later we were on a flight to Karachi. Upon arrival we were met by **Riza Gozluk** from **Caprinae Safaris** and **Zulfiqar Bhootani**, and a few hours later I was finally in Zulfiqar's comfortable Dureji compound. With a few hours of daylight left, I even had time to check out the "camp rifle," a B&S 300 Win. Mag.*

During my hunt for Blanford urial we saw 20-30 sheep a day, with many in the 24"-27" class. The guide's response to every urial we spotted was "shoot, OK." After passing on several urials over the course of the hunt it was obvious the guides were not very happy with Riza and me. However, Riza and I had agreed we wanted to hold out for something larger. During the course of the hunt we saw one exceptional urial that had to be in the 32"-34" class, and at one time were within 75 yards, but were pinned down by the other urials and could not get into position to shoot before they winded us. This did not create any goodwill with the guides. However, later that same day I took a respectable 30" urial.

We then turned our efforts to hunting for Sindh ibex in a different mountain range, which was about two hours from the Dureji camp. We started the climb early in the mornings to take advantage of mountain shade at sunrise and lack of early morning heat. The climb took about two hours, and we reached a point where the mountains opened up to a high valley surrounded by ridges on all sides. It truly looked like ibex country. I was amazed at the habitat and numerous areas where grass patches were available. We had not covered more



This Sindh ibex was taken by Gary Parker (NE) in Pakistan during February 2007. This ibex completed Gary's Capra World Slam. Gary hunted with Riza Gozluk of **Caprinae Safaris**.



Gary Parker (NE) hunted in Pakistan during February 2007 and took this great Blanford urial.

than a few hundred yards and started to spot ibex. Same story as with the guides on the urial hunt, as they wanted me to shoot every time we spotted ibex, and each time we passed they were somewhat upset. Late in the hunt the guides spotted two ibex on a steep ridge below us working our direction, and I got into position just as they rounded a narrow ledge about 75 yards below us. The two ibex came around the rock, and Riza indicated we better take the bigger one. The 200-grain bullet fortunately anchored him on the widest area of the ledge, or he would have taken a long and steep fall. The guides expended considerable effort to get my ibex to an area where we could assemble to take pictures. It was late in the day and we had a long way off the mountain in the dark, but the setting sun provided great light for some quick pictures. It was a long four hours off the mountain in the dark.

*A note of thanks to **Profi-Hunt** and **Mehmet Alkan** of **Caprinae Safaris** for front end arrangements and organizational efforts, and Riza Gozluk of **Caprinae Safaris** for his experience and guidance during the hunts. All sheep and goat hunts are memorable, and hunting the Blanford urial and Sindh ibex in Pakistan was unique. Also, the Sindh ibex hunt was kind of special because it resulted in my reaching the status of Capra World Slam.*