

Before going to Mark's second report, I want to talk about his recently published book *HANDGUN HUNTING*. This book contains lots of great information AND reports on hunts from around the world. Yes, of course, his sheep and goat hunts are highlighted. Frankly, this is a fantastic book. You see here the cover and the ordering information. You will not regret getting this one! Now, to Mark's second report...

*Just returned from Russia on a hunt for Western tur and Caucasian chamois. The hunt was booked*

*through the Trophy Connection and I was hunting with Maxim Vorobiev of Profi-Hunt. Enclosed you will find a photo of the chamois I took on the second day.*

*At the end of Day 6 we still had not found an opportunity for a tur. On the way back to base camp on Day 7, as the hunt was over, I took my tur from long range. Shooting from one mountainside to the other, the lucky shot toppled the ram off the mountain and he landed where it was impossible to reach him. The local guide said he would send his 17-year old son after this tur and then forward the horns and cape.*

*I believe you will see Maxim during the upcoming SCI convention, so you must ask him about this hunt. As you know, a tur hunt in the Caucasus Mts. is tough work, and this hunt was no exception.*

*I have a mountain goat hunt booked for the end of October and that will conclude my Capra hunts for this year. I will send a photo of my Western tur horns when I receive them.*

Mark, tur hunting just has to be the toughest, ugliest, meanest, baddest, most disappointing, most exhilarating, most rewarding, etc. etc. all rolled into one. Just choose from the words above, any or all of which



*Mark Hampton (MO) took this Caucasian chamois hunting with Profi-Hunt and booked through The Trophy Connection, August 2002.*

explain any given tur hunt. It is impossible to explain the Caucasus Mts. And the savvy of heavily hunted turs. I see you now have the Eastern and the Western with your handgun... quite an accomplishment, even if the last hunt was a little ugly and difficult. I marked your three latest entries on your

Capra list and see that they get you to 15. That is most impressive, and to have all be taken by handgun is even more so.