

This comes in from my friend **Mark Jackson (IN)**:

What a great fall I've had. It started with a trip to Kamchatka for snow sheep and ended with a trip to Alberta for a Rocky Mtn. bighorn with my bow. I was fortunate to harvest both sheep. Enclosed is a brief report on both hunts. Thanks again for your help on the snow sheep hunt, and keep up the great work promoting sheep hunting and sheep hunting conservation around the world.

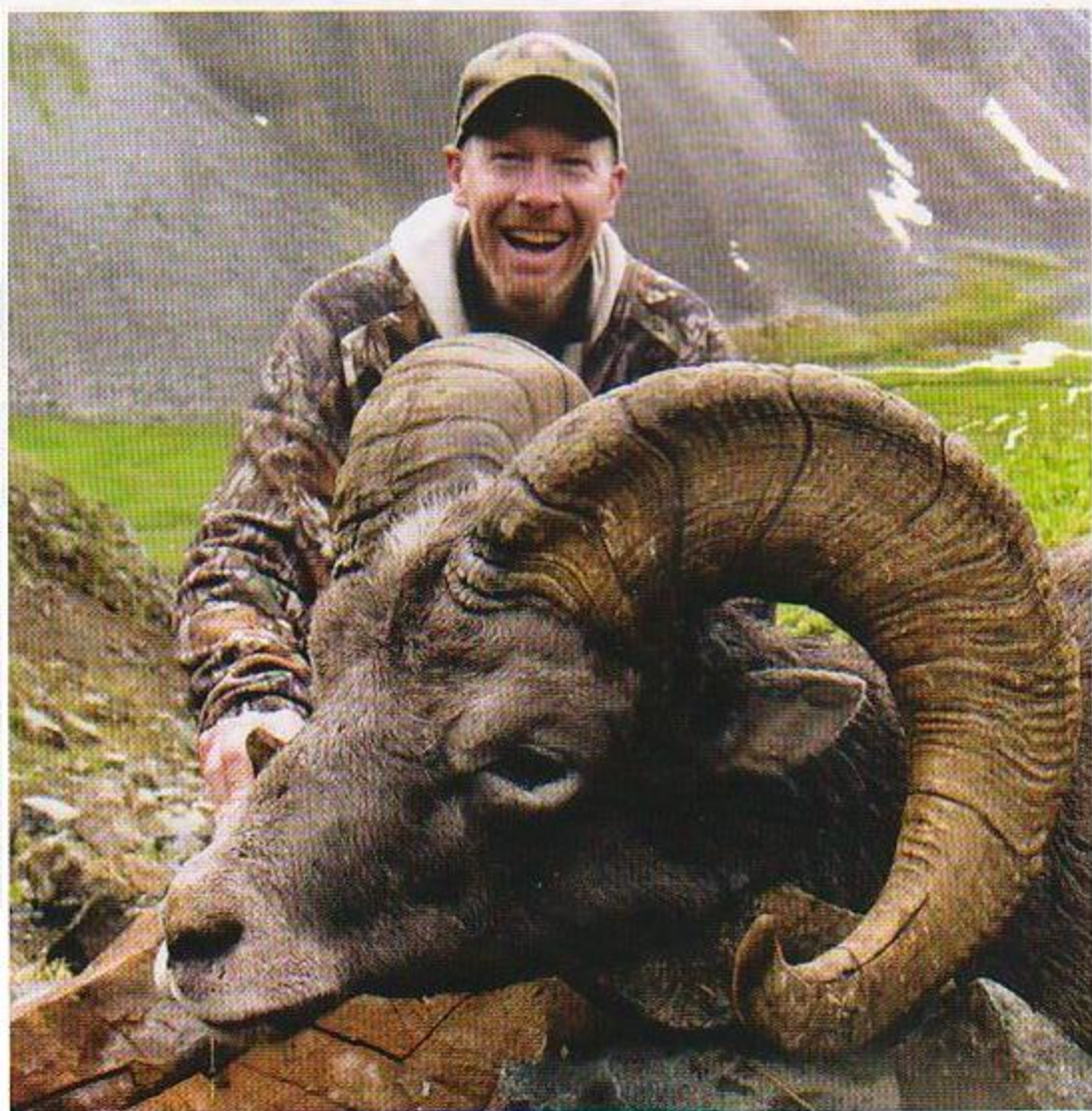
*I booked my hunt with **Vladimir Melnikov of Profi-Hunt**. I was able to hunt with a great bunch of hunters. They included **Dennis Campbell, Garth Hardy, Gary Rigotti, Lou Rupp, Dave Myrup, and Michael Stough**. We all met in Anchorage then proceeded to Petropavlovsk, and finally to our camps on a 2-hour helicopter ride without any troubles. The weather was beautiful making the helicopter ride very enjoyable.*

The camp provided by Vladimir was the nicest Russian camp I have ever experienced. Large wall tents with wood stoves and cots were provided. A separate cooking/dining tent, along with a great cook, topped off the camp. The only problem with the camp was the snoring of my tent companion. Fortunately my trusty earplugs remedied that problem.

My guide Igor was wonderful. We hiked long and hard for four days and had a 5-hour stalk culminating in a great ram. Fortunately we made it up and down the mountain with the ram before dark. But, we still had a long walk back to camp in the dark. It's wonderful celebrating with friends in camp after a great hunt and a sheep has been harvested.

The trip home was an adventure. Our 2-hour helicopter ride to camp was replaced by 15 hours of driving in a Russian halftrack, 4-wheel drive SUV, and a converted Russian military truck. Then we had the fun of transferring tickets back to Anchorage early.

I did have a bad experience back in Anchorage shipping the trophy to my tannery. Federal Express managed to lose my bag. It showed up a week later and it appears that the hide is okay. I can't wait to go back to Russia and hunt another ram.



Mark Jackson (IN) is one happy fella with his August 2004 Kamchatka snow sheep he took with Vladimir Melnikov of Profi-Hunt.