

clear shot through the brush in a very awkward position. When all was right, this ram was tumbling down the mountain but hung up in an easy to get to spot. We had the pictures, caping and meat ready to go before the sun got really hot. From there it was back to our terrific village hotel for tapas and beer.

Ken Sardegna (VA) hunted Kamchatka snow sheep with Professional Russian Outfitters in August 2019 and took a great ram. He reports:

After chatting with SCI and GSCO friends, I became much better informed about traveling to and hunting in Russia. That's a huge membership benefit; access to a wealth of hunting/travel knowledge and experience. To me, Kamchatka was a truly remote adventure, and seemingly a value-buy in the international sheep hunting market. I was hunting with **Max Vorobiev** of **Professional Russian Outfitters**.

Things were looking very good when I arrived in camp. It was late afternoon on a beautiful day, and one of the guides showed me two rams on the closest mountain to camp, one of them being a shooter. The plan was simple: Put them to bed, get up in the morning, reacquire the rams and climb into position for a shot. But with a confirmed track record as a last-hour of the hunt kind of guy, something in me doubted it would be that easy and I was right. We hunted hard for the first three days, saw tons of sheep sign and bears everywhere we looked. On the way back to camp on day three we spotted the rams we had seen on day one, but I just could not close the deal.

After a string of rainy/foggy days, it finally cleared up, and early on day nine we spotted several rams on the furthest mountain from camp. We knew it would be a struggle, but it was literally now-or-never. It took us many miles and about nine hours over some of the steepest, nastiest terrain. Then, finally! Many grueling mountain miles after spotting them, we laid eyes on the rams. But just then fog rolled up from the valley as the rams fed away from us. When the fog broke, we spotted two shooter rams, one with much better mass than the other. My shot opportunity finally came at 480 yards with a good crosswind. The shot was less than perfect but the ram was hit hard. He hadn't gone far from where we'd last seen him and we recovered him



Ken Sardegna (VA) took this Kamchatka snow sheep on day nine of his hunt in Russia with Professional Russian Outfitters.

quickly. He was an absolutely gorgeous 13-year-old warrior that was broomed off. This was the ram I came to Russia for, made even more special by all we endured.

Debby Smit (Netherlands) is up next with a pair of reports from her recent trip to Mongolia for Altay and Gobi ibex, which she booked through ProfiHunt:



Debby Smit (Netherlands) took this Altay ibex in Mongolia in July 2019. She booked with ProfiHunt.

Altay Ibex (July 2019): This is the seventh goat species on my way to the Capra World Slam. After a long trip we finally made it to the base camp. It is amazing how the local people managed to get us there with no real delay. Our flights were canceled and switched several times, but the locals did everything for us in a great way.

After four hours of sleep and a very good breakfast, we went up the mountain by horses. A few days earlier, two local guides went up to search for ibex. When we came up the mountain, we immediately saw a big group of males. We only had to climb over one mountain and go down the other side to get in a good shooting position. I had many ibex to choose from. My guide said which ones were the best. They were moving, but I saw which one I liked. I took a shot from 200 meters at a big dark billy and he was down. I was very happy with this nine-year-old dark billy.

After we took care of my ibex, we went on to search the group again for my husband, **Connie De Jong**. It was a long stalk, but Connie was able to take a good 10-year-old male. After caping his billy and eating some lunch, we went back to the horses. It was a long way back to camp. The rain and the steep, slippery mountains made it hard work. Several hours later we made it back to camp where our dinner was waiting. What a great people! A big thank you to our translator, the local people, and to **ProfiHunt** for the great hunt and organization. We cannot describe how welcome we felt.

Gobi Ibex (July 2019): After our Altay ibex hunt, we continued for Gobi ibex. Two years ago, I was in Mongolia for a Gobi, but I didn't succeed. ProfiHunt fixed this perfectly. After a long drive we arrived at the Buur Mountains in the south Gobi Province. We went out hunting at midday because there was a festival going on. It was hot and after a short car drive, we began climbing up the mountain. We glassed the mountains around us but only saw