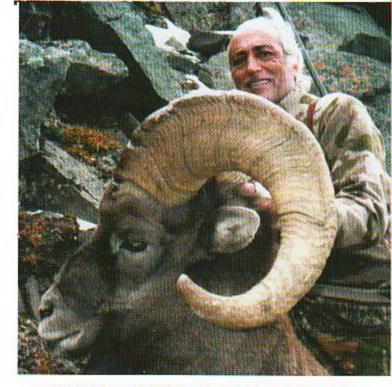
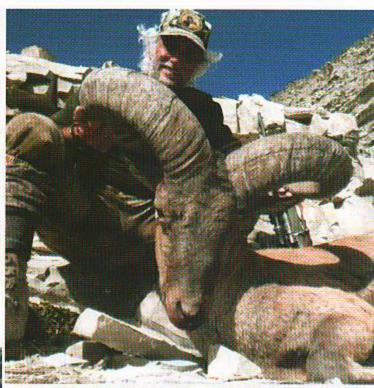
Just HOW tough is hunting the turs of the Caucasus Mts.? Our member Reza Golsorkhi (NY) is pretty much an expert. He went in 2005 for a month and faced unbelievable obstacles, including some really crappy weather. He got ONE of the THREE. Well, in the last issue of OVIS you saw a Milestone Feature about Reza completing his Ovis World Slam Super 20. He did so by taking a five-week trip to Russia, Azerbaijan and then back to Russia to get #'s 18, 19 and 20. He started with a Kamchatka snow sheep, went next for Dagestan (Eastern) tur, and finally the other tur he needed, the Mid-Caucasian. As I read his Milestone Feature and saw the photos for probably the third time, I was struck by a visual image. Reza's photos SHOW what it is like to do such a crazy thing that many of us do. Here you are going to see three photos in a row. The first one was made five weeks before the third one, and all three are from his 2007 trip. Reza did not shave, and the weather and sun took their tolls on him too. Reza, you look quite different in photos #1, #2 and #3. You paid your dues and WON in 2007, my friend!



Reza Golsorkhi (NY) reached the Ovis World Slam Super 20 with this Mid-Caucasian tur in Russia, October 2007. Reza, you sure look different from five weeks earlier!



Reza Golsorkhi (NY) took this Kamchatka snow sheep in Russia, September 2007. Notice that Reza has no mustache and practically no beard.



This Dagestan (Eastern) tur was taken in Azerbaijan by Reza Golsorkhi (NY) on his September 2007 hunt. Reza has a good start on a mustache and beard.