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met with our local guides and they immediately informed us of an old but beautiful ibex that had been spotted in the same area for several consecutive evenings. We decided to leave immediately. I was sure my rifle was still sighted in from the previous hunt. We quickly went to the hunting house,

Ruben Velatta (Italy) hunted in Spain with **Fernando Saiz** in June 2010 and harvested a Gredos ibex. He had this to say about his hunt:

Spain is fantastic! On June 22, 2010 I met up with my guide Juan and we began the four-hour car ride to the hunting area where the Gredos ibex are found. Once we arrived, we



Ruben Velatta (Italy) hunted in Spain in June 2010 and took this great Gredos ibex.

loaded our backpacks, and rushed off.

We set out for the place where the ibex had been spotted, almost running because we were so late getting into camp. Once we arrived, our lungs and legs were completely destroyed. I found the ibex with my binoculars. He was very beautiful but still too far and out in the open. Juan and I decided to approach him without the local guides because there were too many and they were too noisy for our liking. We slowly crawled on our hands and knees closer to the ibex. I was able to get very close, but unfortunately the ibex was not as exceptional as the guides had thought, so I decided not to shoot. I stood up and the ibex saw me and ran over the hill. We started down the mountain and even though I did not shoot, we were still happy because the stalk was perfect.

The next morning, we climbed to the top of the mountain and walked all day long. We saw many ibex but none were good enough to shoot. By 7:30 p.m. we decided to go down the mountain. All at once, we saw a very beautiful ibex standing out against the blue sky. He was about 400 meters away from us on a nearby ridge. We went downhill slightly and began our approach. We got to within 200 meters and hid behind a rock. I waited until he turned broadside and took a shot, hitting him perfectly in the shoulder;

but the animal stood still, petrified. Ibex are very tough animals and I was using too light a bullet. I decided to shoot again and he collapsed to the ground. I used a Blaser K95 single shot rifle with a Swarovski Z6l 2.5-15 x 56 Ballistic Turret scope on this hunt.

Congratulations, Ruben! For our other members' benefit, we will mention that Ruben has started a European Chapter of GSCO. We encourage all of our members in Europe (and even nearby Asia) to contact Ruben to join up. We have a special deal where a person can be both a European Chapter member and an international GSCO member too. This is similar to the SCI chapter program that has always worked so well.