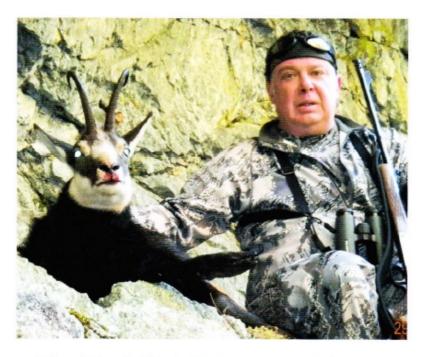


Ruben Velatta (Italy) filed the following report titled "Italy...Valsesia's Impassable Mountains":

On October 29, 2011 I was in a small mountain village named Rima, not so far from where I live. Rima is already well known for its Walser culture, old alpine people and is also famous for its steep and sometimes inaccessible peaks.

At 5 a.m. I was ready to start the hunting adventure with my usual hunting friends. After a one-hour drive we



Ruben Velatta (Italy) took this Alpine chamois from his home country in October 2011.

arrived at the hunting area. We took our rucksacks and rifles and started climbing to the top of the mountain. We parted our ways at once; Giampiero in one direction, Ivo and I in the other. We were to meet up halfway. After two hours Giampiero had already arrived at the top. Some chamois were seen by all of us on the climb up, but only females and babies. We then started walking again and at 9:15 a.m. we were very near the top. I took a look to the left and finally saw a male chamois at 200 meters. Quickly but noiselessly, I looked through the scope to check out the chamois and I liked him. I shot and he went down outright without pain, just the way I like. My friends and I celebrated, we packed up everything and the hunting was over.

I used a Blaser K95 single-shot rifle with a Swarovski Z6I, 2.5 x 15 x 56 BT ballistic turret scope. My cartridges were RWS Dynamite Nobel, with bullets KS 123-grain.

We hope Ruben's name is becoming familiar to GSCO members. He is the founder and president of the GSCO European Chapter. We are adding more and more Europeans to our membership, and it is a direct result of the hard work of Ruben and the GSCO-EC. Check them out at www.gsco-ec.eu. We hope to have a European convention in the near future.