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Here would be a great place to mention **Ruben Velatta** (Italy) and all the work he has put into the Grand Slam Club/Ovis **European Chapter**. We have mentioned many times that in the international arena we have active members from 64 different countries. Ruben has started the European Chapter of GSCO and it has really taken off. We sure do hope that more of our European members will start documenting their Grand Slams, Ovis & Capra World Slams and Triple Slams as well as attend our convention at Paris Hotel & Casino on February 23-26, 2011.

Ruben recently sent in a report about his June 21, 2010 hunt in Spain with **Fernando Saiz** that reads:

*Once arriving in Spain, I found **Juan Mitjans** of Fernando Saiz's company waiting for me. When the weapons had been collected we started our trip to Ancares in Siera Cantabrica. We spent about six hours chatting about this and that and receiving the information I needed to hunt the Cantabrian chamois. The period is not the best for this type of hunt; it is very hot and all animals are on the mountain ridges on the highest tops. I was able to fire my rifle and it was perfectly on! I have it set with ballistic turret at 100, 200 and 300 meters.*

*The next morning we left at dawn. My pace was constant and I am happy about this. But, I have always hunted chamois in the mountains - it is part of my life! Usually the mountains where I hunt are higher and more impassable, therefore I think "it will be a promenade." What a mistake! The tempera-*

*tures of 30°C dehydrated me slowly. We walked for 10 hours with nothing happening. On the back to the hunting house I was worried about the next day and if I would be okay.*

*The next morning, after drinking mineral salts, I felt quite well. In the early afternoon I saw my chamois in the distance. We started a slow approach. I was ready to shoot using a*

*stick as a rest. The chamois was not very far at 96 meters. I shot and the chamois was killed outright with a well-placed shot! I used a Blaser K95 single shot rifle with Z6I 2.5x15x56BT Swarovski scope, ballistic turret with RWS Dynamit Nobel ammunition KS 123 grain bullet.*



Ruben Velatta (Italy) took this Cantabrian chamois in Spain, June 2010. Ruben hunted with Fernando Saiz and was guided by Juan Mitjans.