

ELITE HUNTER PROFILES

CONGRATULATIONS TO **MARK HAMPTON** FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN **ELITE HUNTER***



Dagestan Tur



Giant Forest Hog

HANDGUN HUNTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Mark Hampton has hunted with a handgun for over 40 years. He has taken over 200 species of big game on all six hunting continents with a handgun. And he has also taken many species with a rifle in the countries that do not allow handgun hunting such as Canada, several European countries, New Zealand, Namibia, Sudan.

Handguns Typically Used

Mark's favorite handgun for dangerous game is a T/C Encore in .375 JDJ. For long-range opportunities, he likes Nosler and H-S Precision in 6.5 Creedmoor, .308 Win., or .270 WSM. He also shoots Freedom Arms and Smith & Wesson revolvers.



East African Sitatunga



Tian Shan Argali

SOME OF HIS WORLDWIDE HANDGUN HUNTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Asia

25 trips to 11 countries. Some of his adventures were for Blue Sheep in China at 15,000 feet ... Tahr and Himalayan Blue Sheep in Nepal ... Transcasian Urial, Red Sheep, and Persian Desert Ibex in Iran ... Marco Polo Argali in Tajikistan ... all 3 sub-species of Tur in the Caucasus Mountains ... Urials and Ibex in Pakistan ... in fact, he has taken all the species of Ibex in Asia.



Marco Polo



Sindh Ibex

Africa

In 32 safaris, Mark has taken the Big Five, the Dangerous Seven, and the Big Three of African Antelope: Mountain Nyala, Bongo, and Lord Derby Eland. He has also shot such difficult trophies as Yellow-Backed Duiker, Forest Sitatunga, Giant Forest Hog, and Dwarf Forest Buffalo. In fact, he has shot all the major African Buffalo species.



Mountain Nyala



Dwarf Forest Buffalo

North America

Mark has taken the North American 29 (as recognized by SCI) and the Super Slam of North American Big Game (as recognized by Grand Slam Club/Ovis); all with a handgun except for those species found in Canada where handgun hunting is not permitted.

The Rest of the World

Mark has also hunted extensively in Europe, South America, and South Pacific for a wide variety of Big Game, and with a handgun wherever allowed.



Dall Sheep



Rocky Mountain Goat

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GRAND SLAM CLUB/OVIS

Grand Slam Club/Ovis is one of the oldest hunting organizations in the United States. It was started as Grand Slam Club by Bob Householder in 1956 following a 1948 magazine article by Grancel Fitz titled "Grand Slam in Rams" (at which time only about 20 hunters had taken all 4 North American Wild Sheep). Dennis Campbell took over in 1990 after Mr. Householder's stroke in 1989. The "Ovis" designation (signifying international Sheep, Goat, and Ibex hunting) was added in 2001 (thus GSC/O). When Mr. Campbell died in 2018, Mark Hampton was elevated from being a Director (for 7 years) to Executive Director. **So MARK HAMPTON IS ONLY THE THIRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN THE 65 YEAR HISTORY OF GRAND SLAM CLUB/OVIS.** The organization has donated over \$10,000,000 to hunting and conservation. It's membership consists of avid mountain hunters, with many having taken the Grand Slam as well as the Ovis and Capra World Slams and the North American Super Slam (Mark Hampton included).

NEXT MONTH, ANOTHER ELITE HUNTER* WILL BE PROFILED. WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF RENOWNED HUNTERS **ED YATES, REX BAKER, and RENEE SNIDER.**

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