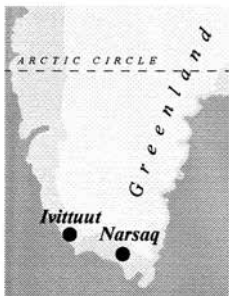




In Report 9878, subscriber Phillip Scott writes that he enjoyed a successful July bowhunt with abundant muskox, along with what he calls „the remarkable scenery” of **Greenland**. „The muskox make for a very challenging stalk with a bow, and there will be plenty of good opportunities whether you are hunting with a bow or a rifle. I saw many animals from different herds, and The Icelandic Hunting Club (www.huntingiceland.com; bb@islandia.is; +354-894-3095) had very good access to prime habitat. Patient hunters should be rewarded with older bulls.” We called Scott, and here’s what he tells us:

„I booked this hunt after running into owner/operator Bjorn Birgisson at SCI Las Vegas. He had a full mount there, and I kept coming back to talk.

„I have nothing but positive things to say about this hunt. Of course it took a while to get there: Seattle to Iceland, then a quick flight to Greenland. After that we had an hour boat ride, and stayed over night waiting for the high tide so that we could take another four hour boat ride into the backcountry. The whole Greenland leg is seven days, with two to four hunting days. „We stayed in a comfortable lodge in Ivittuut, a mining ghost town. From there, we used a very comfortable boat with a nice cabin to look for muskox. When you see a group with a bull, you go ashore in a skiff and make the stalk. The grassy terrain can be steep, but the grass and hills provide some cover. The muskox have good noses, and if the



wind changes, they are gone. I took two large males on this trip. Both were big, gold medal trophies. The first was one of the most exciting and challenging stalks I have ever experienced.

„I hunted (at different times) with two local guides, both very good. They were not specifically bowhunting guides, but they were very good at getting up to the animals. The staff, trophy preparatory and the food were all excellent. Communication was no problem. If you are looking for a big muskox and an interesting trip, this is the place to go. Highly recommended.”

We also contacted Bjorn Birgisson, the owner of The Icelandic Hunting Club, for more

details. Birgisson told us, „Clients overnight in Narsaq in a nice hotel. We also run reindeer hunts 20-30 minutes by boat from Narsaq. The ‚ghost town’ is Ivittuut, where clients stay in a house/lodge.” Birgisson says that clients can do a combo in August for muskox and reindeer. „Most of our trophies are SCI gold medal, with muskox generally from 72 to 79 inches. We still have one or two open dates for combo hunts in 2015, and more open spaces in July for muskox-only hunts.” Prices on combo hunts vary depending on the size of the party, with a four-day combo hunt at 12,800 EU per hunter for two hunters.

Birgisson also told us, „Bowhunts were legalized July 2012, too late for us to book any of these hunts until 2013. So far we have 100 percent success, with excellent trophies.”

We also have another new report on a reindeer hunt with Icelandic Hunting Club, this time in **Iceland**. In Report 9879, subscriber Douglas Yajko says he hunted with guide Reimar Asgeirsson this past August. We spoke with Yajko about his experience. „Getting there is not difficult, since there are direct flights to Iceland from many major American airports. We hunted out of a little town which was a 1 hour flight from Reykjavik.

”The hunt was excellent. I was only in the field for three days, which was plenty of time to look over a lot of reindeer. Unlike caribou in Quebec, these do not migrate and are very dependable. My guide was excellent and very knowledgeable. He is an accomplished taxidermist, and handles the trophies well. I took a big, beautiful 347 SCI reindeer in full velvet. Asgeirsson is doing the mount for me with the velvet. I could have



Phil Scott with one of two muskox he took in Greenland,

stayed in the camp longer, but I wanted to get back to Reykjavik, an enjoyable city.

„Birgisson enters you into the draw for a permit. It took me four years to draw. There are not many tags for nonresidents in Iceland, and most of them go to Birgisson’s clients. If you do not draw for five years, you are guaranteed a tag the sixth year. I’ve taken all six North American caribou, so I was very interested in getting a different caribou hunt. Birgisson does a great job running these hunts. He picks clients up from the airport and handles everything. Food and accommodations are excellent.”

Yajko gives the cost of his hunt as Usd. 7.900. If you hunt in Iceland or Greenland, let us know. We would also like to hear from anyone who is planning any muskox hunt for 2015. Enjoy!



Doug Yajko and his Iceland reindeer.