



## Smith & Wesson's Elite Silver Grade I O/U Shotgun

Talking about gunsmithing on these guns, yes, there are things to do, like lengthen the forcing cone out a bit. This is the part in the barrel just ahead of the chamber where the shell sits. This softens the recoil a bit and generally gives you a little better pattern or hit ratio of pellets on the target. A trigger job of course, but you have to remember, shotguns generally aren't pointed, aimed and the trigger squeezed, they are swung and the trigger smacked a bit, a whole different mode of shooting. You know this from Mom or Dad showing you. We can always polish metal to metal parts to make things smoother but usually just working the guns take care of this.

Stick with brand names such as Benelli, Beretta, Browning, Charles Daly, Kreikhoff, Legacy, Mossberg, Remington, Ruger, SKB, Savage, Smith and Wesson, Rossi, and Winchester, are always good. Naturally, specialty shotguns for the shotgun shooting sports such as skeet, sporting clays, and trap can be somewhat expensive. When you get out of the normal steel realms, be watchful of the older, cheap guns from Turkey, Philippines, or Spain, as it has been my experience they don't hold up as well or as long.

Since we use our shotguns in more harsh conditions we also need to wipe the outside of the guns down with some lube, and DON'T store them in a wool or heavy padded case with no air flow, great way to rust a gun quick. Actions open safety on, as always, and of course unloaded.

Any questions - send me an email or give me call. Shoot safe and have fun,

We'll talk soon,  
Robert "Doc" Krone  
RK Gunsmithing  
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Right: Charles Daly youth pump 12-gauge is a superb shotgun - check it out at [www.charlesdaly.com](http://www.charlesdaly.com).



# USA Skeet Team Best in the World!

By: Andy Fink

The Tulsa Gun Club hosted the 2009 NSSA International Skeet World Championship August 27-30, 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Skeet shooting is one of the most popular shooting sports there is and is shot all around the world. Ages 20 and under are considered juniors in International Skeet Competition as the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) considers a junior anyone who is less than 21 years of age for that calendar year.

The U.S. Skeet Team took the honor of being the best team in the world this year. Wow, what an accomplishment! Eight junior men and three junior women were among the team.

Caitlin Connor (18) started things off in the preliminary event shooting 100 x 100 to become the second woman in U.S. Shooting history to do so. Haley Dunn (24), a member of the USA National Team, did it in July, 2009 and did it again in the main event in Tulsa.

On Saturday of the main event Jon Michael McGrath (17), one of Junior Shooters staff writers, posted a perfect score of 125 x 125. He only missed one target in the whole match. By the end of the day on Sunday the USA Team had posted some of the highest scores in US Shooting history for International Skeet.

The U.S. Skeet team results are shown below, the only one not there for the event was four time Olympian Kim Rhode. This is exceptional shooting! It is something that each member of the team can be extremely proud of. According to U.S. Shotgun Team Coach Mark Weeks, "These are the highest scores I have ever seen in an International Skeet event." Numerous records were broken this year by the U.S.A. Skeet Team.



(L to R) Caitlin Connor and Haley Dunn, the only women to run 100 straight in USA Shooting history according to USA National Team Coach Mark Weeks.



Granger DeWitt, a member of the USA Shooting Junior Olympic Team



Left: 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist Vincent Hancock shoots during the Gunzilla Doubles Competition at the 2009 NSSA International Skeet World Championship at the Tulsa Gun Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. (L to R) 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist Vincent Hancock, 2009 NSSA International Skeet World Champion Jon Michael McGrath, Chief Referee Chuck Maddin, Oklahoma Chief Referee Jim Beavers, US National Team Member Caitlin Connor.

Shawn Dulohery , the 2009 USA National Champion and member of the US Army Marksman Unit, was tied with McGrath with a score of 199 but dropped one target in the match final to claim the silver medal.. Haley Dunn (24) claimed the bronze with a score of 223 x 225. 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist Vincent Hancock ended with a score of 222 for 4th after a shoot-off with Hunter Wise with 222. The top 15 USA Shooters averaged a score of 95 or better. People are checking the records, but I believe this has never been accomplished before.

"Going to the Olympics was a dream come true for me". Vince Hancock said. "It's nice to see so many juniors shooting skeet from all across the country." Vincent, a 20-year-old from Eatonton, Georgia, is a member of the USA Shooting National Team, the 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist in International Skeet, and won the 2009 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Shotgun Championship earlier this year in Maribor, Slovenia. Vincent is a member of the US Army Marksman Unit stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

T. J. Baylor said, "The atmosphere at the Tulsa Gun Club was so relaxed that it allowed the athletes to perform at their peak performance levels."



Brandy Drozd, , a member of the USA Shooting Junior Olympic Team

*Left to Right Granger DeWitt and T. J. Bayer. Right: Vincent Hancock, 20-years-old, a member of the USA National Team and 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist.*



# FIREARMS SAFETY

BY: JON MICHAEL MCGRATH II  
PHOTO COURTESY  
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# AND YOU!!!

## NEVER SHOOT WITHOUT THE PROPER SAFETY GEAR

The shooting sports are unique in that you can enjoy these activities for a lifetime. In order to help you do that, there are a few things you always need to keep in mind. There are two things you will always need when you go to a gun range or go to a place where firearms are discharged. Those items are Eye Protection and Hearing Protection. It's also a good idea to have closed toe shoes. Even when you're just observing someone at a range it is a good idea to have your safety equipment. Just like gun fit, it's important that your hearing protection has the proper fit. This will insure that you not only can participate, but also can enjoy many years in the shooting sports.

There are a number of types of hearing protection on the market.

1. Foam Ear Plugs
2. Reusable Ear Plugs
3. Custom Fit Ear Plugs
4. Passive Earmuffs
5. Active Earmuffs
6. In-the-ear Custom-fit Elec  
-tronic Ear

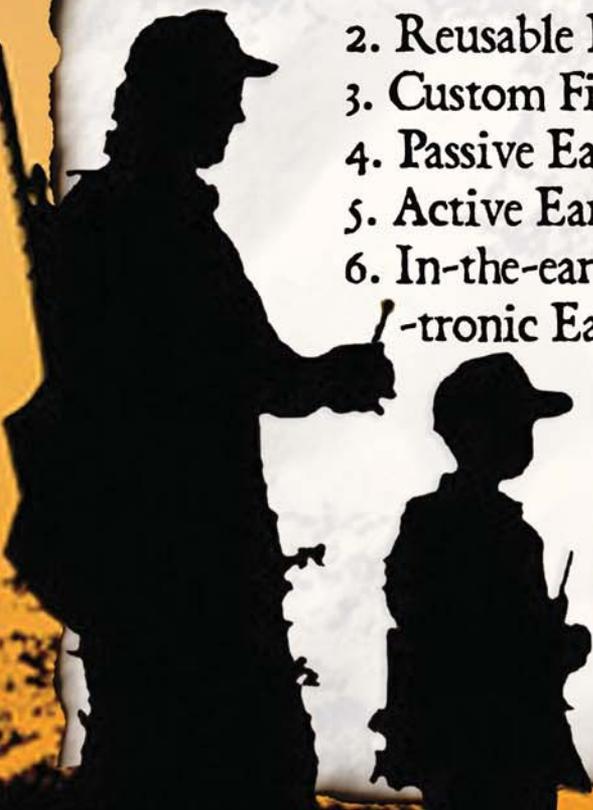


*Skeet Shooter Sophie Sevenoaks from the University of Texas at Austin dons a pair of Peltor Tactical GS Electronic Earmuffs with a noise cancelling feature.*



*Caroline Fouch from the University of Texas at Austin is wearing a pair of foam ear plugs*

The important thing to know is the Noise Reduction Rating (NRR). It will be printed on the package. The higher the number the better the hearing protection is. Foam Ear Plugs are readily available at your local sporting goods store or safety supply house and provide very good protection for the casual shooter. This option will be the least expensive for the casual or recreational shooter. You can just throw them away when your activity is complete. It's a one time use.



# FIREARMS SAFETY AND YOU!!

Reusable Ear Plugs are a few cents more and you can get a few more uses with these. I have found them to be uncomfortable at times. One size does not fit all.

For the more serious shooter, custom fit ear plugs may be a better option. They are custom molded to your ear with a latex substance. I have found them very comfortable and I used them for years; however, to have a conversation with someone, you will have to remove them from your ear to hear.

Passive Earmuffs are also available at your local sporting goods store or safety equipment supplier. They cover the entire ear and provide excellent protection. Be sure to check the Noise Reduction Rating (NRR). The price range varies greatly. There can be a big difference in quality.

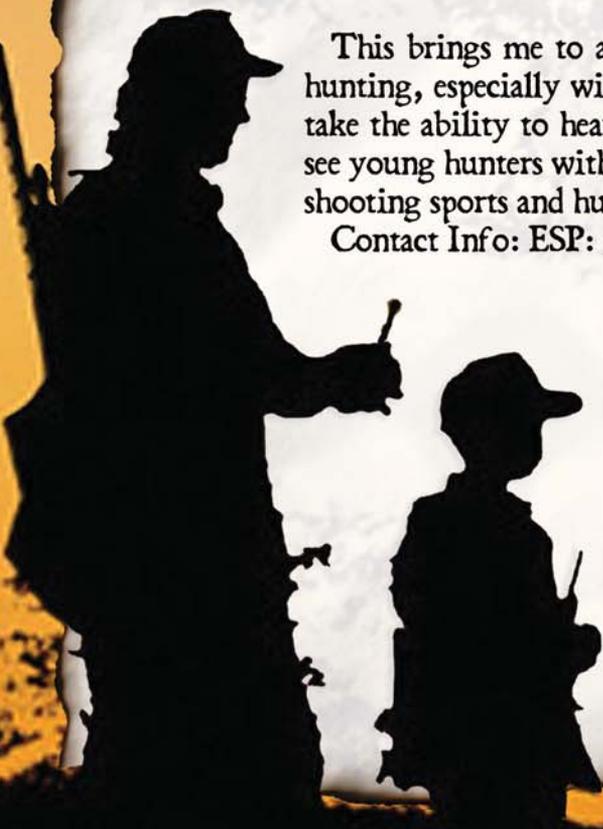
Active Earmuffs can be electronic with a noise cancelling feature. This is a very desirable feature. This will be a little more expensive, comfortable to wear, but can be warm in the summertime. You will be able to carry on a conversation and never miss a beat.

In-the-ear Custom-Fit Electronic Ear Plugs are the top-of-the-line in hearing protection. They can include a noise cancelling feature so you can carry on a conversation and still enjoy hearing protection. At the time you shoot, it will sound like a muffled clap. Ear molds are required and they are very comfortable. They come in analog which works well and digital which sounds like natural CD quality sound. I wear In-the-ear Custom-Fit Electronic Ear Plugs manufactured by Electronic Shooters Protection (ESP) Series 2 Digital. As a competitive shooter, I want to be aware of what is going on around me. ESP Digital ear plugs work the best for me and are also preferred by a number of my teammates. They are also great for hunting.

This brings me to another point. Don't forget to use hearing protection when you're hunting, especially with a young shooter. Young ears need hearing protection too. Don't take the ability to hear for granted. Always be prepared and make it a habit. Too often, I see young hunters without eye and ear protection. Set a good example so they too can enjoy shooting sports and hunting for a lifetime.

Contact Info: ESP: [www.espamerica.com](http://www.espamerica.com) – CALL THEM

*Jon Michael McGrath from the United States Shotgun Team wearing a pair of ESP In-the-ear Custom-fit Digital Ear Plugs*



# DAISY'S

## INTERNATIONAL BB GUN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH (IBBGCM)

By: A.J. Fink

I had never heard of a BB gun match much less an International BB gun championship until visiting with Daisy at the 2008 Shot Show. I had the privilege of attending the 2008 match and though unable to attend in 2009, followed it, the results, and received photos through Daisy from Dwight Watt. This fantastic competition is held every year in Bowling Green, Kentucky at the Basketball Annex at Western Kentucky University. This five meter match is put on by Daisy and supported by the National Rifle Association (NRA.)

Was your first gun a BB gun? If it was, I'll bet you it was a Daisy. Do you remember the thrill of that first shot and hitting your target? If you aren't involved in shooting maybe it is time to start with a BB gun. Are you interested, or know someone who is interested in getting involved in shooting? Not only are BB guns and airguns a great way to get started; shooting them is a lot of fun. Just about anyone can learn to shoot them and learn to do it well while having fun and learning safe gun handling at the same time. Knowledge of safe handling of firearms is a skill everyone should have even if they don't compete in the competitive shooting sports.



Each member and team exhibited fairness, good sportsmanship, discipline, and a great attitude. It is evident that all of their parents and coaches have worked hard at instilling life skills as part of their progress in learning to shoot. These kids have a ball at this event!

Naturally, the primary firearm was the Daisy Avanti 499 BB Gun, a precision spring-loaded air rifle that is extremely accurate. Check it out at [www.daisy.com](http://www.daisy.com). They have all sorts of information like how to select an airgun, firearm education, safety, and a new set of website pages for the IBBBGCM.

It is easy to learn how to shoot the Daisy 499 in competition but acquiring precision shooting skill is another matter. Each BB is loaded one at a time through the muzzle of the barrel prior to cocking the lever. Remember, with the kind of precision and physical effort required in these matches, the competitor's breathing and heart rate increases so that after each shot is completed and the next one fired, the competitor needs to relax their breathing and then focus on a single dot five meters away. For all those adults out there who think they can shoot, well, let me tell you this is a tough, tough sport. The skill that these youngsters show is amazing. I wish I was half as good. The learning experience you receive definitely prepares them to be championship shooters.

I told you about the Daisy BB gun competition. What I didn't tell you was that some of the kids make sure these are some of the prettiest BB guns ever. They are very creative as to how the stocks are carved, and painted, and Daisy even has a competition for the best looking BB gun. Everyone has a lot of fun with it.

Saturday night is Barter Bar. All of the kids, and many of the adults, come and put items they have brought from their state or city to trade. Shooting pins are one of the top items featured and there are quite a few Olympic pins.

Okay, Okay, you still want to know what a BB gun competition is, and especially how to participate in such an event. BB gun competitions are held across the country, many by 4-H clubs. They are organized shooting sports under NRA rules for BB gun competition open to any youngster up to and including 15 years of age. They must be an NRA member and belong to an NRA affiliated junior club or organization. Seven person teams made up of boys and girls compete, with five primary members for whom the score counts and two alternates. Competitions are well organized and safety always comes first.



Official NRA Bullseye five meter match BB gun targets are used where the eight, nine, and ten rings are black. The rings are extremely small with the thickness of the 10-ring being 0.125 inches, nine-ring 0.425, eight-ring 0.725, seven ring 1.025 inches, increasing 0.300 inches per ring. Each target sheet has 12 targets with the two in the middle being for sighting shots. The targets are shot from four different positions: prone, sitting, kneeling and standing. Ten shots are fired from each of the four positions resulting in 40 record shots for the match plus sighting shots. The finale consists of the top eight competitors with 10 shots fired from the standing position.

One of the other interesting things Daisy does for this contest is hold 50 questions, true or false, test which covers firearms, safety, and shooting areas. It is not only a great idea but the kids seem to enjoy it and strive to be the best. It is part of the overall match with trophies awarded for high team, and the most improved team.

For result information go to [www.ibbgcm.com/](http://www.ibbgcm.com/) and Click on 2009 results and it will take you to this year's results.



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Junior Shooters magazine: [www.juniorshooters.net](http://www.juniorshooters.net)

NRA: [www.nra.com](http://www.nra.com)





# Who is Millisecond Motly?

By: Molly Smith  
Photos By: Dave Wilson

I just turned 13 years old, live near the beach and collect beach glass, love to read, play on my computer and blogging. Yep, I blog. What about? You got it, shooting. By the way, I shoot revolvers, pistols, rifles, shotguns and even sling shots! By looking at me, most people would never guess that I love to shoot, but I do. And I have a great "range family."

I'll tell you why I shoot. First off, it's the brilliant personalities in the shooting family. It's the "range" people that really hold my interest. I have been so fortunate to meet so many people from all over the world that have proven to me that we are one big "range" family. It's the fun that surrounds shooting, it's the cheerful moods, up-beat characters, and characters in general, it's the actual shooting... I ask you what's not fun is. Now, there's also the cheerful moods, up-beat characters, and really shooting, but still, out-running R.O.s, and flinging those bullets into the middle of the target and doing all that with your friends? I love the excitement when I complete a great string/stage, my squad cheering me on and I feel like I want to do it again and again. And I love watching the other shooters grin, when they get the fantastic run. The ever-present smirk while they re-holster/bag their gun, glance down at the score sheet, and then chuckle.

I am often asked "why a revolver?" Simple, it's the feeling. It's totally different when I'm holding a revolver rather than a semi-auto. My \*ahem\* short stature doesn't necessarily fit a revolver, but when I finally could get my finger around the trigger, I knew there was no going back. I love the way the trigger feels, being able to pull it back smoothly and feeling the "click...click..." and pause before taking the shot. It kind of gets me caught up in the moment, (or the millisecond) when I'm just about to hear the bang, I see my sights aligned, my gun is still, and everything is like it should be.



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That's the sort of feeling I can only get with a revolver. And not to mention how the reloads are fun (when necessary), flipping open the cylinder, grabbing a moon clip, tossing it in, and flipping it closed, done in milliseconds. Even if I take up different firearms, I know I'll always be shooting my revolver.

I love being a junior shooter, guess I'll stay one for a while! There is so much encouragement from the "seasoned shooters." "Everyone at my home range seems to take an interest in the junior shooters. First or hundredth time out shooting juniors are always met with a welcoming smile, always a story or two of the "olden days" and always a bit of information, a suggestion or a perception. If it was not for the adult "seasoned shooters" the junior shooters would not have their experiences and the lessons to learn from! Besides its fun being able to bug them about kid things! And then, if you can get away with it, there is always the stolen opportunity to roll down the berms in a barrel. ....shhhhh!

I am "Millisecond Molly" I'd love to meet "Ballistic Billy", "Dead-Eye-Rene" or "Double Barrel Bobby". Juniors just need to go for it, know that they can do it, accept any and all suggestions, and put into practice the ones that work. Junior shooters are very blessed to have a "range family" and honor them for their knowledge and expertise. Mine is the GREATEST, and guess what... they are yours too! Happy Shooting!



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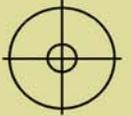
# **Eye Safety Systems (ESS) & Pro Ears**

By: Andy Fink

## **Through December 31, 2009 Only!**

Safety is the most important aspect of the shooting sports. We all want to have fun and we can do that by being safe. Safety is not only about safe gun handling. It starts before you ever shoot that first shot - with the eyes and ears. It is essential that the eyes and ears are protected at all times while shooting. This means spectators as well as participants. Juniors need to have that ingrained in them so they can teach their own kids. Junior Shooters is supports all companies and organizations promoting and supporting safety. Pro Ears (ear protection), and ESS (safety classes & goggles), have combined together to offer one of the best discounts on firearms safety products around! If you buy a product from one company you receive a one-time 25% discount if you purchase a product from the other company. This is a super savings! You could get \$75.00 off a \$300 set of ear protection like the Pro Gold or 25% off the most expensive set of safety glasses!

For more information visit: [www.esseyepro.com](http://www.esseyepro.com)



## **Parents.**

You need to check this out next time you are in the market for safety glasses or ear protection!



# Team up for Big Discounts!



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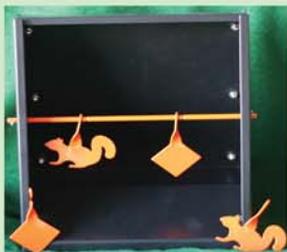
## Lyman's Revolutionary Gun Vise



Whether you are cleaning a gun, mounting a scope, disassembling or assembling, or working on any firearm, you want a stable platform. It is here! The revolutionary multi-function gun vise from Lyman is ideal for the active gunsmith or the casual shooter - adjustments like angling, clamps, tilts, length, and inserts. Check out Lyman's products at [www.lymanproducts.com](http://www.lymanproducts.com).

## ATK'S CHAMPION TARGETS

Champion Targets has some of the best targets you can get. They have paper targets, clay targets, metal targets, and interactive targets. Junior Shooters received an excellent sampling: paper targets, a four target stand you can take with you anywhere, a pellet trap target, a .22 LR (lead only) trap target, a target stand with six reactive metal targets that flip back & forth, a duraseal flip over target, and a monkey shooting rest. Champion Targets also has a great line of clay traps and shooting accessories. Check them out at [www.championtarget.com](http://www.championtarget.com).



## SPORTSMAN'S GUIDE SHOOTING BENCH

We received an outstanding shooting bench made by Yukon Tracks from The Sportsman's Guide. It easily collapses for storage or putting in the bed of a truck, has a shooting platform with four pouches for ammunition, empty cases, or tools, a comfortable seat, "Y" shaped rest that screws into the platform and a spotting scope stand that also screws into the platform. This is great to take out to the range or for hunting varmints. Check out this and other great shooting products at [www.sportsmansguide.com](http://www.sportsmansguide.com).



## RUGGED GEAR'S SHOOTING CART

Rugged Gear sent us one of their shooting carts to try out and boy am I impressed. They sent us their two gun set-up with the swivel wheel shooting package. This thing came out of the box ready for action. With a little help from one of my junior shooters we had the cart ready with the patented Rugged Gear Hook System securely holding my rifle and shot gun ready for the next three gun adventure. From the hugh dump bag, to the shooting cart towel, to the protective cover, and great over sized wheels, I'm impressed. See for yourself the great products they have at [www.ruggedgear.com](http://www.ruggedgear.com)



# SUREFIRE FLASH- LIGHTS



Surefire makes some of the best, strongest, most dependable flashlights there are. Whether you are camping, hunting, hiking, at home, or on the road, you can't go wrong having a Surefire flashlight. They are well worth the extra cost.

Most of Surefire's flashlights, including the LED models, provide extra strong light, constant as well as push button hold on, run off of Surefire Lithium batteries, and come with either a clip or lanyard. Surefire batteries have a 10-year shelf life so you can always be sure your flashlight will work every time. Check them out at [www.surefire.com](http://www.surefire.com).

# SIGHTRON'S S33-4R ILLUMINATED RETICULES

Sightron makes excellent optic devices including red dots. The one Junior Shooters received is the S33-4R. The 4R is for the four different illuminated reticules that it provides. This red dot scope has a 1X magnification and unlimited eye relief and comes with battery, ring set, polarizing filter, front and rear extensions, and an Allen wrench. We found the reticules easy to pick up under any light conditions and it provided a quick sight picture that helped improve accuracy over iron sights. This is a great red dot. Check out Sightron's great product line of red dots, scopes, binoculars, and spotting scopes at [www.sightron.com](http://www.sightron.com)



# WARNE SCOPE MOUNTS RAPID ACQUISITION MOUNT PLATFORM (RAMP)

Warne Scope Mounts has some of the best engineered, most heavy duty mounts I have ever seen. Warne followed that same train of thought with their new red dot offset mounting system. This system allows you to mount a medium to long range scope on your gun along with a removable section of a picatinny rail on either side to mount a close range reflex site system such as a JP, Trijicon, or Burris Fast Fire. This enables you to slightly roll the gun to the left (for right handed shooters) and look through the reflex site to engage closer targets.

I have tried quite a few of these systems and the Warne mounting system is by far the fastest I have ever used. Every time you roll the gun over, the dot is always right on target.

RAMP, the Rapid Acquisition Multisight Platform, is the name for the new mount from Warne. The scope mount



that Junior Shooters received for testing came with a Trijicon Ruggedized Miniature Reflex (RMR) red dot which has a minimal footprint. It also came with a Leupold Mid Range Tactical (MR/T) 1.5 X 5 scope. This combination of a fantastic new scope mount with these two sights, combined with the MGM Switchview for fast magnification adjustment would be hard to beat. What a combo! Check out the full article and more photos at [www.juniorshooters.net](http://www.juniorshooters.net) and go to [www.warnescopemounts.com](http://www.warnescopemounts.com) to view Warne's outstanding product line.

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# *This Ain't No House Cat*

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*Take a lion with a bow? You have got to be kidding! Nope, it's for real! (Editor's note)*

Wow! Where do I start! A year has passed since my lion hunting adventure with Limeroma Safaris and I can't stop thinking about it! Kids, visit [www.Limeroma.com](http://www.Limeroma.com) and click on "Photo Album" and "Safari Videos" to see some cool pictures and videos of African critters.

Dad and I spent 23 days in Africa; I still think that I am dreaming

Dad and I spent most of our time bow hunting in the Limpopo Province of South Africa, but on the 19th day of our safari we found ourselves traveling in a Toyota buckie heading for the Kalahari some ten hours away with Hannes and Johan. Kids, a buckie is a truck in the native language of South Africans. The journey was mostly dirt road and sometimes no road at all. We traveled all afternoon and well into the night on roads and terrain that was gut pounding! The weather started off as a warm 75 degrees during the day, but when we arrived at the hunting area in the Kalahari at night the temperature dropped to 35 degrees. It is amazing how the climate in the desert area can change from hot to cold when the sun goes down.

At the Kalahari camp we were greeted by Freddy and his wife Zerna. They waited up for us and even had a warm meal waiting for us. Remember when I said the terrain was gut pounding? It was, but Zerna served us some black tea and toast as an appetizer to help settle our stomachs that were still bouncing from the journey. The camp was beautiful and warm. Dad and I had a hard time falling asleep. We lay in bed talking about Lion and wondering what will tomorrow bring. We were up early the next morning for breakfast, hot tea, coffee, pastries, breads, and jam. At breakfast we were greeted by twin Suricates, we call them Meercats. They walked right up to me. They were a little shy at first, but soon after our initial greeting they were sitting in my lap. That was cool!

After breakfast we decided to take a few practice shots with my bow. We placed a target at 45-yards. I practiced everyday from this distance in preparation of the lion hunt and I was shooting great every day, except the morning of my lion hunt. Every day I could hit a three-inch square at 45-yards with my Martin Bow and Crimson Croc Broadheads. This morning my arrows were going everywhere but in the three-inch square. We moved up to 20 yards and my shooting was not getting better! I could not understand what was going on? I was starting to get worried and my confidence was losing altitude at mach speed! Dad pointed to my arrow rest. I use a Whisker Biscuit arrow rest. My Whisker housing, part of my rest, was bent badly from the rough trip through the Kalahari. Dad and Freddy used a Leatherman tool to reshape the housing. A few arrows later and a minor adjustment of the sites, my arrows were smacking the three in square at 45-yards. This proved to be a great lesson learned. Keep your equipment as simple as possible. The Whisker Biscuit rest is simple and easy to work on even in the middle of the Kalahari! If I would have been using a mechanical rest, my hunt may have been over. Now with my bow and confidence repaired, we were off looking for lion tracks.

Hannes and Freddy Were in the cab of the Toyota Land Cruiser Pick-up, Dad, Johan, and me were in the bed of the truck sitting in comfortable safari seats, and two trackers were sitting on the hood of the truck watching for lion tracks in the sand. We drove miles through the Kalahari sand in search of tracks. We saw a ton of animals but no sign of lions. After several hours of driving Freddy eased the truck to a stop, while Hannes hung out the window, pointed to a big track in the sand, looked back at us and said, "Boys, this ain't no house cat!" When I heard that my heart started pounding and I got a hot taste in my mouth and my ears were buzzing! The trackers told us that the track was very fresh.



Left: Ty's bow and arrow that took the big cat down. A Martin Leopard Bow and the Victory Arrow that I shot my Lion with. On the tip of the arrow is the Crimson Croc Broadhead. Right: Playing with the meercat.



We quietly got off the truck and discussed a plan. My heart started beating fast when Hannes told me to be alert at all times because we are now hunting dangerous game. Lions hunt and feed all night and sleep most of the day. Our plan was to quietly track the lion and catch it resting in hopes of getting close enough for a bow shot! Freddy with his .505 Gibs Rifle and the trackers would lead, I would follow Freddy with my bow, Hannes and Johan would back me up with their .458 Winchester Magnum and CZ .375 H&H Magnum Rifles, and Dad would take up the rear video taping the whole amazing adventure. Dad was also carrying a back-up rifle chambered for .35 Whelen. The trackers were amazing, even when the tracks lead into tall grass they were able to track the cat. We were tracking for two hours and caught our first glimpse. The cat blended in amazingly well, almost like a ghost. There was one problem however, this cat was not sleeping or resting. This cat was on an impala kill. The cat spotted us and quickly disappeared. I can not describe what it feels like to stare in to the golden eyes of a lion when it wrinkles its lip to show you its teeth while you are holding a bow and arrow!

For the next four hours we tracked the lion only to see it two more times for a split second. No telling how far we have gone. My calf muscles were aching from walking in the fine sand. The temperature had climbed to 85 degrees. Just about the time that I was thinking we would never see the lion again, the trackers yelled and grabbed me by my collar and started dragging me backwards. Hannes, Freddy, and Johan jumped in front of me with their guns raised like they were ready to fire. We almost stepped right on the cat! We were with in five yards of a lion lying in some fallen brush. We backed way off to avoid a charge! The cat had hooked to its back trail! My heart was now pounding in my head. I could feel my eyes twitching at every beat! WOW!

We took a short rest to gather our wits. The cat had made a hook to see what was following it. Freddy said that the cat will do it again. I had to be ready and 100 percent alert. Sure enough an hour later while following the tracks in a northerly direction we spotted the cat 30-yards to our left hiding in some brush. Freddy was right, the cat made another hook to catch its back trail. We eased around some brush, closing the distance to 26-yards. Hannes told me to draw my Martin Bow as the Lion stood up. The Lion stared right in to my eyes, I could feel the stare, and my entire body was pounding to the beat of my heart. When the cat turned and quartered away from me I released a Victory Arrow tipped with a Crimson Croc Broadhead. The arrow flew true finding its place on the lion. The lion roared and like a ghost disappeared! Dad caught the shot on video. The cat was at 26-yards when it roared. When you play the tape, the roar sounds like you stuck the microphone in the Lion's face, LOUD! For a minute, things seemed a little foggy, or in slow motion until all the guys started slapping me on the back. My heart was beating faster than ever!

We walked to where the lion was standing at the moment of the shot. My arrow laid there covered in blood. I got a total pass through! That is a good thing! We waited several minutes before picking up the track. Hannes, Freddy, and Johan lead the way with rifles ready. Lion can be very dangerous in this situation. They are called man-eaters for a reason. About 75-yards in to the follow up, the trackers pointed and quietly, but excitedly, started talking fast to Freddy in their native language. The lion was lying under some brush. We slowly approached to with in 30-yards. Everyone's adrenaline was flowing, mine like Victoria Falls. We had to be certain that the lion was down for good. Hannes told me to place an arrow in to the lion's chest for an insurance shot. My arrow found its mark! After several more minutes Freddy approached the lion from the side while Hannes and Johan backed him up. I was focused on Freddy and the lion. Freddy touched the lion's eye with the barrel of his gun. The lion did not move. Freddy then placed his foot on the lion to shake it. Freddy snapped the safety back on his rifle and said, "One dead Lion!" Cheers erupted in the Kalahari! Dad gave me a huge hug! So big that I was light headed for a second! We were pumped!

We took a bunch of pictures and celebrated for an hour or so while the trackers hiked to get the buckie. Hannes shook my hand and said, "Congratulations, this is your first of the Big Five!" Kid's, the Big Five is what they call the five most dangerous animals in Africa. They are the Lion, Leopard, Cape buffalo, Rhino, and Elephant. We loaded the huge cat in to the buckie and headed back to camp. The skinners performed their magic and caped out the lion for a life size mount.

We quickly gathered up a few cold drinks (I had soda pop) and headed back out in to the Kalahari to celebrate the sunset of one of the most exciting days of my life! Wow! How do I end?!



## Adults remember; "Every kid is waiting to be invited outdoors." "Ask them!"

*Top: My Zebra that I shot on safari with my Martin Leopard Bow. I used Victory Arrows and a Crimson Croc Broadhead. Above Left: My jackal that I shot right after my lion. Above Middle: Here is my award from the Houston Safari Club for being the youngest person ever to take a lion with a bow. It is a solid bronze cast. The big guy with me is Hannes Els from South Africa. He is the owner of Limcroma Safaris and he was my PH (Professional Hunter) on my lion hunt. He is also one of my best buddies. Above Right: Me and my backup crew armed with rifles.*

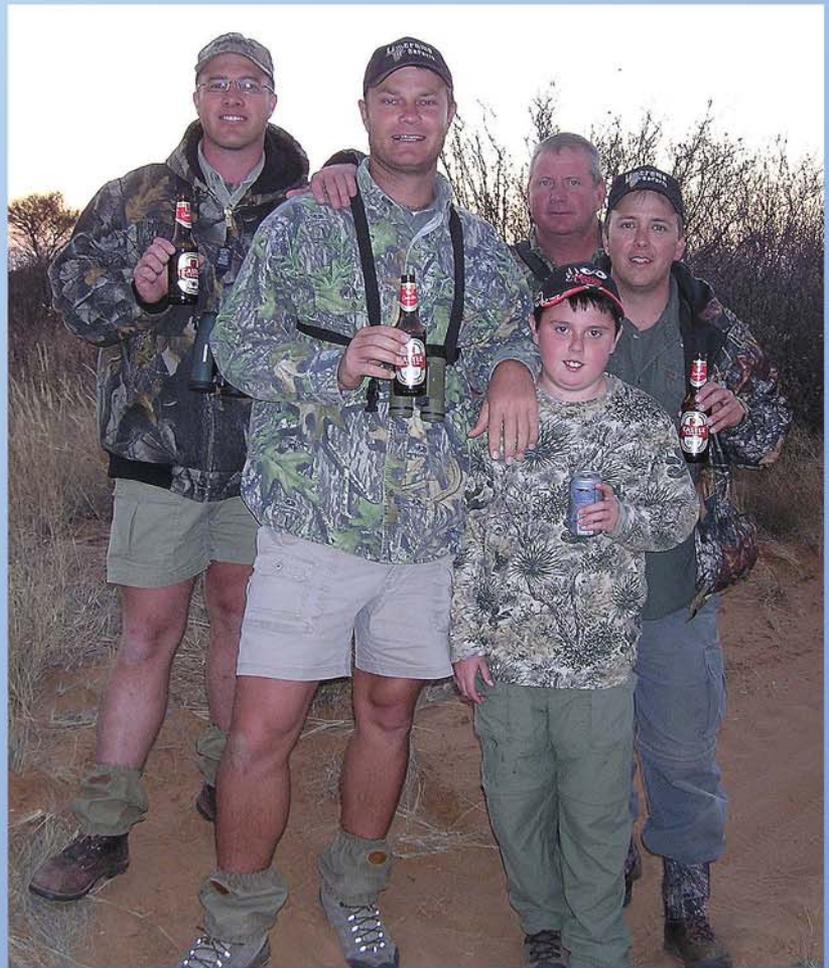
*Right: The celebration at the end of the day after the big hunt. All firearms and bows are put away. Note, I am the one with the soft drink.*

*This is my award I received 2 weeks ago at The Trophy Game Records of The World Banquet (TGR).*

*It is called the Jason McCullen Memorial Youth Hunter of the Year Award. Jason was a terminally ill young hunter that had a wish to hunt an axis and fallow deer. TGR along with Hunt of a Lifetime sent Jason on that hunt in 2003. He was successful and his animals were scored for entry in the 2003 TGR record book. Jason died before the banquet. Ms. Betty fly's to the TGR banquet each year since 2003 to present the winning youth the Youth Hunter of The Year Award in honor of her son.*

*My lion and a bunch of other critters helped me to win this award.*

*The picture of me and the woman is Betty. She is Jason's mother. I am honored to have won this award 4 times. My most cherished time was in 2003 when I was the first to win this award since it was renamed in Jason's honor. When Ms. Betty presented it to me; it was a very emotional moment.*



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# Remington's Model 5 Youth .22

By: Craig & Jaxson Hixson

"Dad, today was the best day of my life! I love you dad." That is what my 7 year old son Jaxson said as we pulled away from the range.

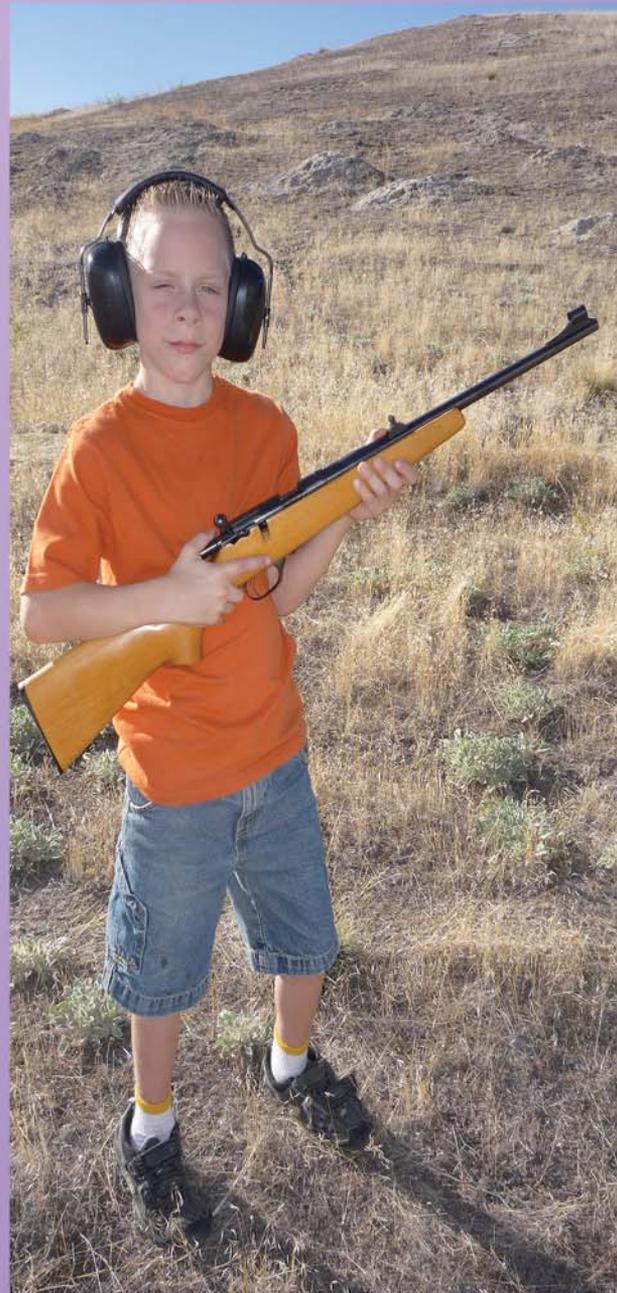
A few weeks ago, while at our weekly junior shooters Youth Steel Shoot in Emmett, Idaho, Andy Fink, the publisher of Junior Shooters magazine, walked over to my suburban carrying a Remington Model 5 .22 youth rifle. He said he had an assignment for Jaxson. My two older boys, Dallin and Hayden have spent the summer testing some firearms for the magazine, but now, it was little Jaxson's turn. I could hardly wait to drive the 20 minutes it took to get home. I knew how excited Jaxson would be to learn Andy had a special project just for him.

It was only a few days after Andy gave us the rifle until we could go out shoot it but for Jaxson, it seemed like an eternity. He could hardly hold back his excitement. "All I've ever wanted to do is shoot a real kid sized gun" he'd say.

Growing up as a kid I never had the chance to shoot guns. There were a few times when I found myself over at a neighbor kid's house when they were shooting a BB gun but it wasn't until the scouting program that I had the opportunity to get into shooting. It was a sport that I grew to love very quickly, but there was still a big hurdle in my way that I was determined to overcome. My father was a great man and very influential in my life while growing up. He taught me many important things and we had lots of fun times together. But the one thing that didn't interest him was guns. He didn't care that I had an interest, but because he didn't have an interest, he felt uncomfortable and wasn't sure how to fill this void. This was an easy fix.

My uncle John soon picked up on my love for the outdoors and hunting. It was through him that I began to really explore my passion for hunting and guns. When it came to the outdoors, my Uncle John was the man. It was Uncle John that also introduced me to the Remington family. He would tell me that If you were going to buy a gun, it had to be a Remington. As a result my first three guns were all Remington's and my love for Remington has not stopped there.

This was one of the reasons I was so excited when I saw that the gun Andy wanted Jaxson to test was the Remington Model 5 youth. Jaxson could hardly contain himself as I set up the shooting table and target. I made sure we spent several minutes talking over important safety tips and the dos and don'ts of shooting.



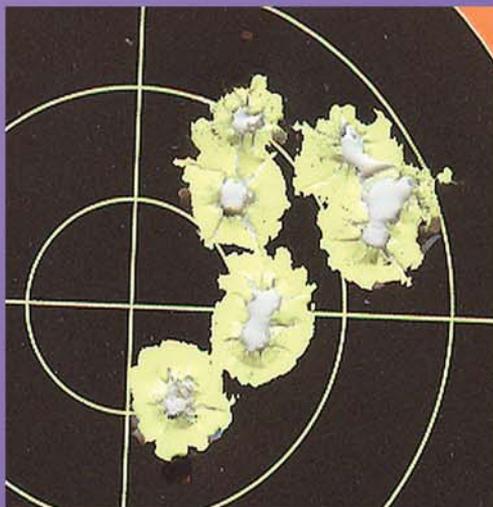
Once we finished all the safety commands and everything was set up, we were ready to get down to business. He patiently waited while I loaded the five-round magazine. It only took Jaxson a few shots to get comfortable with the feel of the gun. It seemed to fit well in his arms and he looked natural holding it. It seemed to mold to his little body. The shortened stock and barrel was a big plus.

This definitely looked like the gun for Jaxson. He did have some trouble getting used to the sights. It was a struggle even for me to find the target looking down to barrel. I wish that the bead at the end of the barrel was white which would make it much easier to acquire the target and get a good sight picture. It was also a challenge for Jaxson to locate the target. If I were to purchase this gun for Jaxson I would consider changing out the front sight.

The gun cycled with ease and Jaxson had no problem chambering another round. I found that the magazine was extremely hard to load. The .22 bullets wanted to slip off to the side rather than fit in the magazine. Perhaps this is due to the small 5 round capacity. The only way of knowing is to try a larger capacity magazine. This would be another thing I would do right away, especially when shooting with a 7 year old. Having to load the small capacity magazine gets old quick.

All in all, it was an extremely fun gun to shoot and a blast watching the joy in my 7 year olds eyes as he fired the gun over and over. Driving away from the range after shooting the Remington Model 5 with my son was defiantly one of the best day of my life as well. The biggest problem that I have now is having to give the gun back to Andy. Try explaining that to a 7 year old!

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*Editor's Note: The Remington Model 5 Youth .22 is very accurate. Left: Eight shots with a five shot group at 0.5-inches shot at 15-yards.*

# Anschutz Intermediate .22

**FOR KIDS** By: Sarah Bowers

**BY KIDS** Photos By: Andy Fink

I am 17 years old and I've been shooting precision smallbore and precision air rifle for almost seven years now. I began shooting Anschutz rifles about three years after I started, and have been shooting the same rifles ever since. I've taken the rifles to state as well as national competitions all over the mid-west and they have held up very well to everything I've put them through.

Precision shooting is very different than any other genre of shooting. Instead of trying to shoot within a time limit like in tactical sports such as IDPA and cowboy action, you're trying to stay as still as possible and take as much time as you need for each shot. Some shooters take as long a minute per shot. Obviously, there is a time limit. If there wasn't matches would go on for hours and days! In International precision smallbore there are three positions; prone, kneeling and standing. In prone you receive ten minutes for ten shots, and kneeling and standing you receive 15 minutes for ten shots.

Anschutz, through Champion Shooter's Supply, provided us two precision rifles to test and use: an 8002 S2 Compressed Air



ALU air rifle used for standing international & Olympic precision shooting and the 1903 JR .22 Long Rifle (LR.) intermediate smallbore competition rifle. The Young Marines in Boise, and the juniors in the EE-DA-HOW Long Rifles, used them for a while with great success in training new shooters and then I got a chance to perform some tests.



*Anschutz 8002 Precision Air Rifle specifically designed for the standing position. It shoots as good as it looks!*

# & 8002 Precision Airgun



*Two guns were provided to Junior Shooters from Anschutz through Champion Shooters Supply. Wow! These guns can shoot!*



The Anschutz Intermediate 1903 JR, and the 8002 Compressed Air - air rifle, are both great rifles for any young person to use. They have two stage triggers, 21.2" barrel, adjustable butt and accessory rail, and only weigh 7.8 pounds. Because they're so light weight, and have shorter stocks than other full sized rifles, they're extremely easy to adjust to fit the shooter perfectly every time. This makes them just about the perfect rifle for the beginning precision smallbore and air rifle shooter.



Since the rifles are German the sights are a little different than say a Remington or other American made rifle. The sights are basically the exact opposite of most rifles. Clockwise is down and left, where as on most rifles clockwise is up and right. Also, since Anschutz sights are so precise it generally takes seven to ten clicks (clicks is how we measure how much we change sights) per ring on an A-17 target. So if I wanted to move my sights up two rings, I would move my elevation knob counter-clockwise twenty clicks.

Anschutz triggers are generally very light. Most precision shooters want their trigger to be as light as is safe. The goal is to be as still as possible, and pulling a heavy trigger could cause some movement, at least enough to effect where the bullet goes.

Another great feature on Anschutz rifles is the adjustable stock. All of their newer precision models have adjustments for just about everything you would want to adjust. You can move the cheek piece to different heights, the butt plate to different lengths, angles, and heights.



I shot the 1903 Jr. rifle with four different kinds of ammunition. They all worked well in the Anschutz, but some worked exceptionally well. We tested the Super X Long Rifle High Velocity ammo, Select Precision 40 grain, Lapua Pistol King, Winchester and Super X High Velocity ammo. The one that had the best group out of all of them was the Select Precision ammunition, which kept a five shot group within the 9 ring on an A-17 smallbore target at 50 feet. Almost equally consistent were the Winchester Super X High Velocity and Super X Long Rifle. The Lapua Pistol King wasn't quite as consistent, keeping a 5 round group within the 7 ring on an A-17 target.



Some things we look for in a rifle as a precision shooter is easy adjustment, consistency, and most of all accuracy and these two rifles accomplish all of those things very well. They're great guns for any shooter, whether they're a beginner, a junior or an advanced shooter. Because of their simple structure they're easy to use and adjust, which makes an Anschutz especially appropriate for beginners or junior shooters.



#### Contact Information:

Anschutz precision rifles can be purchased through Champions Shooters Supply.

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#### Technical and Summary Data:

##### Smallbore Model 1903 - Match Rifle

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**Stock** – This is an anatomically perfect walnut stock with vertically adjustable cheek piece. The cheek piece is adjusted via unthreaded steel columns. The butt plate 4709 A is adjustable in height and length by 8 mm spacers 4709 P. The backend is prepared for the clamping element and the aluminum carrier 4759-2000 and can be extended. If demanded, this carrier can take the aluminum butt plate 4759, the hook butt plate 2213-8700 or the rubber butt plate 4709A.

Delivered with

Hand stop 6226, screw driver, allen key, manual with test target.

##### Technical Data:

Total length: 109.00 cm / 42.91 inch

Length of barreled action: 79.00 cm / 31.1 inch

Weight approximate: 4.40 kg 9.68 lbs – Junior model is only 7.8 lbs

Version: Single-loader



The Model 8001 Compressed Air is derived from the renowned barreled action of the compressed air rifle 8002.

This model is especially interesting for beginners and clubs who are looking for a high quality, attractive but low-cost air rifle version. The cocking lever is at the right side. It is possible, however, to attach it to the left as well.

The light aluminum barrel jacket is as long as the one of the model 8002, the JUNIOR model, however, is equipped with a shorter JUNIOR compressed air cylinder. As this beginner model is based on a modular principle it is possible for the advanced shooter to attach all of the other ANSCHÜTZ accessory components.

The 8001 Compressed Air JUNIOR COLOR is equipped with a colored right/left stock. The cheek piece is variably adjustable in height via steel columns without thread; the backend is equipped with the butt plate carrier with tiltable column guide and the aluminum butt plate 4758.

Delivered with:

Accessory box with filling adapter, air release screw, sight raiser block, special grease 4425, Allan key (5 pieces), safety discs, o-rings, barrel weight, manual, and original test target.

##### Technical Data:

Total length: 95.00 cm / 37.4 inch

Length of barreled action: 67.00 cm / 26.38 inch

Weight approximate: 3.70 kg / 8.14 lbs

Version: Single-loader

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## TIPS & HINTS FOR AIRGUN AND SMALLBORE COMPETITION

BY- BOB BENBOUGH - COACH BOB

Dear Cam,

First, I want to thank you for your e-mail thanking me for helping you prepare for your very first rifle match. A "Thank you" is sometimes the only reward a person gets for taking the time and energy to help another person out, and yours was very gratefully received. I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to go back over what we did to get ready for your county wide 4-H shooting event.

At our first practice, we checked out each piece of equipment, talked about the three competitive shooting positions and practiced them, finding out where the most convenient places were to put each item; shooting mat, ammo block, shooting stand for off hand, and kneeling roll for the kneeling position. Then we attended your 4-H .22 rifle workshop and got some live fire practice. This was a good learning experience because some practice was had as well as a chance to see some wrong ways of doing things. (You can always learn by watching people do things the wrong way as well as the right way).

At our next practice, we went to the range and both you and I shot five different brands of .22LR ammo to see which one would perform best in your rifle. We already knew that your Savage Mark I, Cub, was just about a perfect target rifle for a beginning rifle competitor. The weight and stock configuration were both comfortable and workable for you. Then the addition of a William's Foolproof rear sight with an adjustable aperture and a Lyman 17A globe front sight completed the requirements for a great piece of competitive rifle equipment. After firing quite a few rounds, we picked the one that shot best. In the process we also learned that holding the butt of the rifle against your shoulder with your left hand helped to tighten up your hold and improved your accuracy, both in the supported and the prone positions.

Two weeks later, I went with you to your muzzle loading workshop (as if getting ready for the .22 event wasn't enough). That event gave you some more practice time cleaning, loading and shooting your Thompson Center .45 cal "Seneca" and you did very well, including paying attention to all the additional safety rules that apply to muzzleloaders.

Then, the day before the county shoot we went out and you had a chance to shoot at steel targets at the approximate distances that you would shoot in the match. I know that you agree that this was a big help in determining how far off you would need to aim to hit the targets at the greater distances. Every day of practice helped you gain more knowledge and experience in shooting both .22 and muzzle loading rifles.

Then came the big day and (unfortunately), results did not match expectations! Again however, although you didn't shoot as well as you had hoped, you still took First Place (after an exciting shoot off) in the Junior category, Muzzle loader and a third place in the Junior category for .22 rifle. So, even though your scores weren't what you had hoped for, you performed quite a lot better than most of the others in your category, and you have every right to feel proud! I certainly am proud of you!

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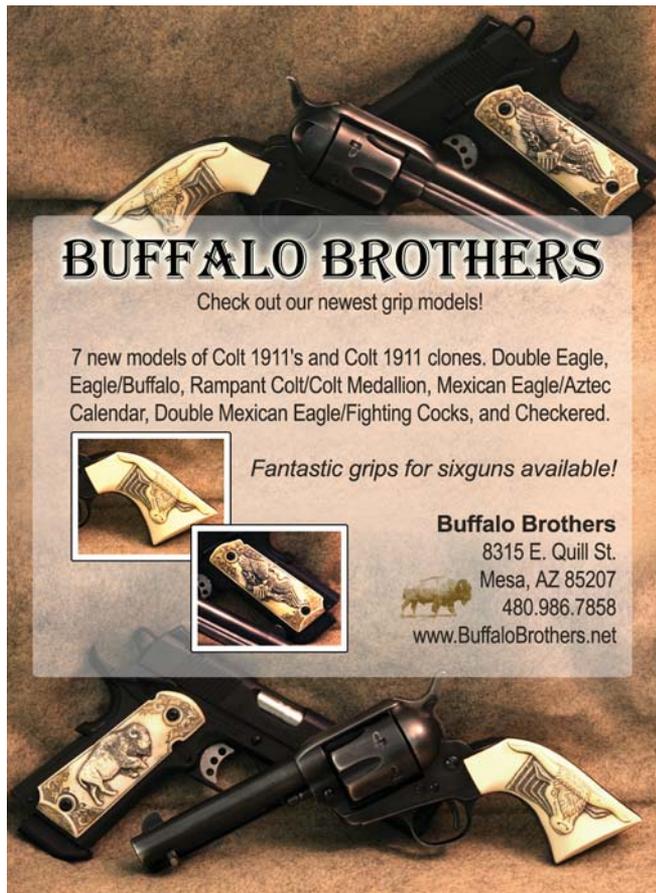
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