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AirForce's Talon SS



By: Terry Bowers

I have come to the conclusion that I need to expand my vocabulary as well as that of all my shooting buddies who have seen the AirForce Talon SS for the first time. You see, my goal is simple -- have others help me write this article by seeing and shooting this marvelous new rifle. But all I can get out of them is "Wow!" And, after they shoot all of my pellets, again, "Wow!" is all I get. You'd think their vocabulary didn't include any other words beyond "Wow!"

The AirForce Talon SS has to be the best concept in compressed air rifles to come along in some time. It incorporates some very innovative ideas. Available in .177 or .22 caliber, it is really an eye-catcher. With its high-capacity air tank with a fill pressure of 3,000 psi and a fill capacity of 490 cubic centimeters, it has a variable velocity capability from 400 to 1,000 feet per second depending on caliber and pellet weight. It also comes with a choice of two barrel lengths. The adjustment for velocity is a thumbwheel that is recessed into the barrel above the forend. It is easy to adjust and has a sliding scale on the left side of the rifle.

First let's look at the air tank. The ingenious rear stock, air-tank design has a rubber coating that has a comfortable and durable feel. It threads into the frame of the rifle easily and smoothly. Once in place, the butt plate can be tightened to the correct orientation with the Allen screw that holds it in place. I found that once I had the butt plate where I wanted it, I didn't have to readjust it, meaning that the tank threaded into the same point each time. I liked this for all of the obvious reasons. And of course, this shows the quality of the parts. The tank is easy to fill with the K-valve and a standard SCUBA tank. Follow all of the rules of safe gun handling and high pressure fill tank usage at all times. The owner's manual is a

Above: The Talon is the perfect air rifle to take care of those pesky ground squirrels, and the bi-pod is really handy.

great reference.

The heart of any firearm is the action. I found the Talon's top center, cocking knob handle very accessible and smooth. No sharp or out-of-place edges. Opened, the action gives good space to place the pellet into the chamber. Once in place, closing the breech was also a snap. Simply pull back on the cocking knob. The automatic safety engages every time the bolt is pushed forward to the locked position. This surprised me at first, but I found I really like this feature. The safety is a small lever in front of the trigger, yet inside the trigger guard. It has good resistance to forward pressure and a very distinct "click" when disengaged.

One noticeable feature of the Talon is the built-in scope mount rail. Although I don't think it was designed to be a carry handle, I found it a convenient one-hand carry point. It isn't perfectly balanced carrying that way, but it is very easy to manage safely.

Discussing the barrel is, of course, a must. Looking at the outside, you will see a top and bottom rail system. These rails can accommodate fixed or laser sights on the top and a bi-pod on the bottom. My Talon came with a bi-pod, and I found myself using it regularly when varmint hunting. However, the real innovation is the muzzle cap. The design reduces sound and air turbulence. This probably increases accuracy, particularly in a crosswind. Although accuracy wasn't a problem for this rifle, good groups were achieved every time. However, as with any compressed air system, consistency will be affected by pressure. Tank pressure below 2,000 psi can cause widely varying velocities. That is the only thing I wish this rifle had—a way to see the remaining air pressure in the



Above: The combination of the velocity adjustment and the scope really works out well.

tank. So air up before you go to the field or take the optional hand pump with you.

I like the scope. It was easy to adjust power and focus. It had good light transfer and the eye relief works well for me, standing or prone. After sighting in the 3-9x AirForce scope at Snake River Sportsmen's, Vale, Oregon, range, my first target came into view just 24 yards away—a furry and very destructive ground squirrel who had been destroying the area around our pistol pits. One well-placed shot, and problem solved.

In my view, the Talon is as at home on the range or in the field. Although the AirForce target scope we received for testing had target turrets with crisp 1/4-minute adjustment and adjustable objective, my time shooting squirrels and helping my friend eliminate the pigeon problem in her hay barn proved to me that this combination was accurate and deadly. I also found this aspect of the Talon good for some point and snap shoot training with the scope on low power.

I have used this rifle around my place for pest control, in the field, for hunting, and for target practice. I think it's at home wherever you choose to put it to the test.

Also watch the video that comes with the Talon. Like most of us, you might be more inclined to watch a video than read the manual, but don't overlook the video as merely promotional. It isn't. It will take you through all of the basics about this rifle, and if you're like me, you'll learn something new at the same time. But fair warning: Your vocabulary, too, may be reduced to a one-syllable exclamation—"Wow!"

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Nine juniors compete against adults!

By: Andy Fink and the Juniors at the MGM Ironman

I can't believe it! There were nine juniors that participated in the MGM Ironman this year. I think this is remarkable considering this match is one of the hardest 3-Gun matches in the country. A junior for the MGM Ironman 3-Gun event is defined as below the age of 18 at the time of the match.

3-Gun competition is becoming very popular, and more juniors are starting to attend on a regular basis. *Junior Shooters* magazine sponsored five of these juniors, and we also had two adults in the match. I am not going to tell you about the match this year, but instead let some of the juniors tell you about the match and themselves. They had a lot of positive things to say, but there wasn't enough room to put them in the print magazine, so go check out the articles at www.juniorshooters.net. Just type "MGM Ironman 2010" in the search box and scroll down until you find the title and click on it.

Kyle Jameson (17):

"As far as my equipment goes, my pistol was



L to R: Jake Denno with the five juniors from Junior Shooters magazine: Dallin Hixson, Hayden Hixson, Corey Shaw, Cody Leeper, and Danny Garcia.



Kyle was the top junior. He shot in the Limited Category (no optics allowed) and was the first junior ever to qualify to shoot in the FNH 3-Gun Nation Championship Series. He is shown here on stage 3 at the MGM Ironman 2010 shooting a FNH SCAR .223 at the knockdown plates. Stage 3 was set up as the 3-Gun Nation stage, and the shootoff of all of the top placing shooters in each category was conducted after the regular match.

a STI Edge .40 S&W Caliber, and the shotgun a Winchester Super X2 Practical. The rifle I used was an Olympic .223 AR-15 with a 1-in-8 twist, stainless, ultramatch barrel. I competed in the limited class so was not allowed to use optics. My rifle's front sight was a 10,000th of-an-inch wire crosshair and a stock ultrafine back peep from DPMS Panther Arms. All of our pistol and rifle ammunition was hand reloaded at home. I used a 180-grain bullet for the pistol and a 69-grain HPBT for the rifle.

"This was my first time ever competing in the MGM (and only my dad's second time). It was very different from the other matches that I have been to, both in the variety of challenges and the level of competition. One of the coolest parts about it for me was getting to watch (and sometimes meet) some of the best shooters in the world. I also enjoyed the physical aspect of the match.

"Being young and athletic helps to give me a little of an added advantage. As far as the 3-Gun Nation shoot-off goes, I was taken completely by surprise. I had no clue that I had placed top limited or top junior, and I had never even seen a shoot-off before, so I really had absolutely no idea what was going on. In retrospect, it was fun and a very unique experience that I am glad I got the chance to have, but at the time I was very nervous and uncomfortable, like a fish out of water.

"All in all, it was a very fun match and I had a great time."

Cody Leeper (15):

"For the rifle I used a Next Generation Arms 5.56mm NATO MP 168 with a Horus Vision 1-4x24 Talon scope. My load was 23.5 grains of Hodgdon Varget powder with a 77-grain Sierra Match King. My shotgun was a Remington 1100, and I used Winchester 2-3/4 "7-1/2 shot and Winchester 2-3/4" 1-oz. rifled hollow point slugs. My pistol was a brand new 4th Generation Glock 17 9mm. I used UMC 115-grain FMJ.

"Some of the other gear I used included: 3 Gun Gear which included magazine pouches and shot-shell slides, a Viking Tactics sling, AR-15 30-round magazines, CR Hi Torque competition belt, and a bi-pod from Brownells, and electronic hearing protection from Radians. All of my equipment



Cody Leeper on stage 4 with his Remington 1100 shotgun. Sidesaddle shotgun loops from 3 Gun Gear.

functioned flawlessly and helped me come in 30th out of 103 shooters in the scoped tactical class.

“This was an awesome match and my first 3-Gun event. Being an assistant RO was fun, and the stages were challenging. I really appreciate all of the support from *Junior Shooters* magazine and their sponsors for I couldn’t have entered without it. I would also like to thank Travis Gibson from MGM Targets. Travis was the Match Director and also provided the juniors with a number of hours of training prior to the match.”

Danny Garcia (17):

“Coming to the Ironman I wasn’t exactly sure what to expect. I had shot other 3-Gun matches before but nothing this big. When I arrived at the match, I could feel the excitement and anxiety building. When we started on the first stage, it seemed very overwhelming. I didn’t even know where to start my focus. The stage that took the least amount of focus I think was the zip-line stage. It was pretty straightforward,



Danny Garcia shooting his Glock 4th Generation 17 9mm.

and going on the zip-line was thrilling. One of my favorite stages was the surprise stage, or also known as the secret stage. The reason why I liked this stage the most was because I didn’t have any idea how the stage would look, and I also didn’t have a way to prepare for the stage.

“I felt pretty lucky not timing out on any stages when I saw many others do so. Training for this match helped so much to prepare me for this big match. This was one of the greatest

3-Gun matches I have been to, and I am looking forward to attending this match next year. I would personally recommend this to any junior wanting to shoot a match that gets your adrenaline flowing and heart pumping. If you do shoot this, I definitely recommend dry firing or going to the range at least three times a week preparing yourself for this amazing match.

“My equipment included a Rock River Arms AR-15 National Match rifle with an A4 upper and fixed stock. I used reloads with Hornady 55-grain Vmax bullets in front of 748 powder. I had an Alpen Outdoors 1.5 X 4.5 power duplex reticule scope mounted on this rifle along with a STS-081 Mini Red Dot sight from Sig Sauer using a Warne RAMP (Rapid Acquisition Multisight Platform). This combination made all the difference. Federal ammunition worked out great for the new 4th Generation Glock 17 I shot and for the shot and slugs I used in my Winchester Super X shotgun.

“All of this gear, along with the training I received from my dad, *Junior Shooters*, and Travis Gibson, made a big difference in being able to place 38th out of 103 shooters in the scoped tactical class.”

Corey Shaw (17):

“The MGM Ironman held in Parma, Idaho, was so exciting. It was a tough match with a lot of challenging targets. It gave me a shooting experience I will remember for the rest of my life. Travis Gibson, the Match Director, had the *Junior Shooters* team shoot with the Range Officers three days before the match, and then we helped them RO the stages during the main match. All of the *Junior Shooters*’ team had their guns loaned to them by *Junior Shooters* magazine. I was lucky enough to be able to shoot all the guns from FNH who was *Junior Shooters* magazine’s major sponsor. I shot a SCAR-16 .223 for my AR rifle, a SLP shotgun, and the FNP-9 for my pistol. I had a Swarovski Z6i 1-6X24-L-CD-I scope in Warne mount rings on the SCAR. This package was awesome! The rifle I used for the real long-range portion of stage three was an FNH SPR .308 with a Swarovski 5-25x scope that we had dialed settings that were pre-sighted for different ranges. I also used a lot of 3 Gun Gear products and so much stuff from Brownells I can’t count it all.

“I would totally do it again in a heartbeat! The Ironman

was immensely difficult, but that's what makes it fun and exciting. If I do it again, I plan on shooting it with iron sights only – the limited division. It will be a challenge, but it is also a lot smaller division.

The long-range targets really weren't all that far. I could see the 450-yard targets with the naked eye, but the bonus targets at 720 and 950 yards were not easy to see. Most of the rifle targets were between 50 and 400 yards so they really aren't that hard to see or hit.

“The most difficult targets were the dueling trees and the spinners. I didn't spin a spinner until the middle of day two! There is definitely a learning curve with them. If you plan on shooting the Ironman, bring buckshot to spin the spinners! Plate racks, whirligigs, and clays are all fairly easy to hit.

“Stages - the stages were awesome! I like stages where there's a lot of movement, and the Ironman had quite a few! I would have to say my favorite stage was the surprise stage. The surprise stage was a shoot house that had been completely blacked out, with a lot of targets and no-shoots in it. Before you entered, they would give you an objective to shoot clays



Corey Shaw on stage 6 with his FNH SCAR .223 and Swarovski scope.

in the order they told you. Then they hand you your shotgun and tell you to shoot the door open! I liked that stage because it was very movement oriented, in low-light conditions!

“I loved the zip-line stage! It was amazing! And I have a fear of heights, but as soon as I had my pistol in my hand, I was all right because I knew I had a job to do. The worst part is the waiting at the top of the tower with the gate open, and then the timer beeps and you jump off. And everything after that is just point and shoot. On the zip-line stage, I had a time of five seconds and change!”

Dallin Hixson (16):

“The Ironman was one of the best experiences I have ever had in my life! It was brutal, physically and mentally challenging, and definitely not meant for slackers. The stages were absolutely insane! When I first received the stage designs to look over, I could not believe how complicated and intense the courses of fire were. But they were extremely fun stages!

“My favorite stage would probably have to be Stage 7, the Surprise stage. I really loved this stage because there was

no walk through. It was inside a big shoot house, and it was dark. There is no way anyone could've known how to shoot this! To start the stage out, you had to breach a door with your shotgun, continue through the shoot house and engage targets as you see them, if you can. It made most shooters look like they had never shot in any competition before and some rose to the challenge!

“During this match, I realized how much a miss of steel, clay, or any other type of target can take away from your time and/or penalize you. There were tons of shotgun poppers that would throw one to two clays in the air. This occurred frequently. It was happening to everybody. I would recommend that new shooters looking into shooting the Ironman in the future keep this in mind. On the other hand, the shotgun was probably my most favorite gun to shoot during the Ironman. It is a gun that is not easy to shoot, reload, or even get a sight picture. That is why I loved it so much - it challenged me to become a better shotgun shooter because of the challenge it presented. The rifle and pistol were fun to shoot, too!

“Most 3-Gun competitions you may go to have courses of fire that only last one to three minutes long. The Ironman stages last about eight minutes. All stages have a maximum



Dallin Hixson on top of the tower on stage three with an Alpen Outdoors scope in Warne scope mount rings mounted on his Ruger SR-556 .223. Ear protection from Radians.

time limit of eight minutes. If you don't finish the stage in that amount of time, you time out. If you time out, your recorded time is your last shot fired. Generally, it is not good when you time out, but most people will time out on at least one stage and sometimes more. That just makes the Ironman more fun.

“I would definitely recommend the Ironman multi-gun competition to other juniors if you think you can handle the brutal conditions, not just physical but mental, too. Most of all, if you think your guns can take on the Parma moon dust and the thousands of rounds you put through it, go ahead and take on the Ironman.

“My gear included a shot-shell vest, shotgun side saddles, and magazine pouches from 3 Gun Gear; a competition belt, 30-round magazines, safe chamber indicators, Viking Tactics sling, a bi-pod, and a shotgun shell slide from Brownells; safety glasses from Rudy Project; and ear protection from Pro Ears.

I may have been the only one there to shoot a Ruger SR-556 autoloading rifle in .223, but I was really happy with it. In fact, I love that rifle. An Alpen Outdoors 3.5 to 10x Apex scope was mounted on it using Warne scope mount rings. The combination was perfect for me. I also used a Ruger SR-9

pistol which I really like and have been shooting for over a year. My shotgun was a FNH SLP Mark I with an eight-round tube which my brother and dad shot as well. This shotgun went all three days without a hiccup even after getting mud splattered on it. I also shot a FNH SPR .308 with a bi-pod from Brownells at the long-range targets – 720 and 950 yards.

Hayden Hixson (15):

“I thought that the Ironman was going to be an incredibly hard shooting competition, and it was. I learned a lot from it, like how to control how much you shoot, what you need with you, how you transition, and a lot more. It is really important that you control your shots because if you don’t, it will cost you time. With a big shoot like the Ironman, time is the enemy. I thought I did really well, but not my best. I kept messing up and getting upset because of it. This happened until I thought about it and told myself I’ll try more for practice and for fun. Once I did so, I was much better.” *(Editor’s note: Hayden came in 50th out of 103 shooters in the scoped tactical class which is very, very good!)*

“Another thing that was important was teamwork. Without it, everything would fall apart. During the time we got to RO, I realized that it’s not about who wins or loses; it’s about having fun for most people. There was this one guy who shot all the no-shoot targets and still walked out with a smile and had a good time.

“I used 3 Gun Gear; and a bi-pod, Viking Tactics sling, CR Hi Torque competition belt, safety indicators, from Brownells; a bore-sighter from Laserlyte, and hearing protection from Radians. My safety glasses were the ICE model from ESS. Boy, was I lucky about the firearms and optics I used. My rifle was a Sig Sauer 556 .223. I had an Eotech holographic sight with a 3x magnifier that was awesome mounted on it. The pistol was a P226 USPSA 9mm. I shared a FNH SLP Mark I shotgun with my brother and dad. I also used the Sig Sauer 522 (.22 RL) and the Sig Sauer P226 conversion in .22 LR extensively for practice. The FNH SPR .308 with a Swarovski 5-25x long eye relief scope was really cool for the long-range portion of stage three.”

Jake Denno (12):

“The people of MGM Targets have always made their products and events top-notch, especially the Junior Shooter Camp. I think MGM really hit the Ironman out of the park. This past competition was the most fun competition I have ever participated in. I have shot in small 3-Gun events, IDPA, USPSA, and shotgun competitions locally, but they don’t compare to the diverse and complex stages that make up the MGM Ironman.

“The stages were very physically challenging, not only for me, but for the performance of my firearms as well. Because of the wide range of diversity between the stages, the rifle portions can range from cardboard silhouettes a couple of yards away to a steel silhouette 450 yards away. On the shotgun portions, the targets differ a lot, such as the steel half-silhouettes at 100 yards away to pepper-poppers at about 5 yards away.



Hayden Hixson shooting through the window on stage five with his Sig Sauer 556 and Eotech holograph sight and 3x magnifier. The pistol is a Sig Sauer P226 USPSA model and magazine pouches are from 3 Gun Gear.

“The zip-line was possibly the most fun stage in the event. The sniper tower was a cool structure, and I thought the slide was really fun. I was fortunate to be the first shooter to get to run the zip-line. Sadly, I timed out on the first three stages, but it was mostly because my rifle lost its zero due to the change in altitude. I thought the crazy targets like the swingers and stars were actually pretty fun because of their exotic designs. The long-range targets are not my specialty yet. I have never been very good at long distance so I tried to get through the long-range targets as quickly as possible. There was a massive amount of running in the stages, but it was fun. Carrying the dummy was really fun but really tough. The stages took so long because the range and the sheer quantity of the targets



Jake Denno, the youngest person at the match at age 12, harnessed up ready to go down the zip line. Jake used his Kimber Stainless Target II single-stack in 9mm.

would throw me off my game-plan.

“My shotgun and pistol were just fine, but my rifle was off its zero and the new stock I had on it was apparently warped. As for the ammo, my shotgun reloads bulged due to the change in altitude, but then we purchased shotgun shells and everything was fine after that. Even though I was the

youngest shooter, my training prepared me pretty well for the Ironman. I was a little frustrated my first day because of the problems with my weapon. But the next two days were a lot better. Everyone at the match--adults and juniors--went out of their way to help and encourage me.

“My pistol is a Kimber Stainless Target II 1911 pistol in 9mm and my rifle a Springfield M1A Scout Squad .308 with a Troy Industries MCS stock. The shotgun is a Benelli M4 12 gauge. I used a CR speed belt and TUFF products and Blackhawk Leg rigs, TUFF products MOLE and Blackhawk thigh rig. The scope and mount are a Nikon Monarch mounted in a LaRue tactical scope mount. My ammunition is Winchester White Box 7.62x51 147-grain FMJ, Winchester AA shot-shells 7-1/2 shot, Ballistic Products AQ slugs, and Atlanta Arms 9mm 115-grain FMJ.”

Mac Olson (13):

“I have been shooting matches since I was 9, and started shooting 3-Gun when I was 10. The equipment I use is a .223 AR-15 with Mega Receivers, a bunch of DPMS Parts and a Burris 2x7 scope, a Saiga 12-gauge Shotgun with 10-round magazines, and a Springfield Armory XDm 9mm. I went to the 2008 Ironman, but did not shoot, and competed in it for the first time in 2010. Locally, we shoot 2 or 3 matches most months (rifle or 3-Gun) at ranges between Portland and Albany Oregon.

“I came to the Ironman early this year to be able to help out with set-up and to work during the match. This year’s Ironman was especially tough. I ended up with pneumonia just before the match, wasn’t able to help set up, and had to make up stages during the match since I didn’t get through all of them with the rest of the RO’s. It was a good learning experience, even though I didn’t make it through all the stages. I think the large number of targets on each stage really helped improve my pistol skills.

“As soon as I’m able to build a 9mm carbine I want to shoot in the Ironman in Trooper class.”

Nick Erickson (14)

This was Nick’s second trip to the Ironman. He was the only junior to shoot it in 2009. He did very well again and we hope to see him back next year. You can check out the full story on Nick and the MGM Ironman 2009 in Volume 6 of Junior Shooters magazine. It is available as a free download at www.juniorshooters.net.

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Mac calling home from the zip line tower.

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Match Director for the MGM Ironman, still gave us the benefit of his time and expertise by assisting *Junior Shooters’* staff in training our juniors before the match. We thank you.

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By: Corey Shaw (17)

I had the opportunity to shoot Fabrique Nationale Herstal (FNH) USA's model FNP-9 semi-automatic pistol by shooting in the MGM Ironman 2010. I, along with four other juniors, was sponsored by *Junior Shooters* magazine. They were able to acquire a number of sponsors to provide them with firearms and gear. We were able to shoot and test them and then asked to write about the guns and equipment. Their biggest sponsor was FNH USA, who donated a rifle, two shotguns, and a FNP-9 pistol. I was lucky enough to be able to shoot all of the FNH firearms in the match. The MGM Ironman is a tough 3-Gun match where you can easily shoot 40-60 pistol rounds on one stage.

I really liked this pistol. I loved that it was 3/4 of an ounce lighter than a Glock 17. I liked the way it looked and the way it fit in my hand with its thin frame and magazines that overhang to allow for more grip. I also loved that it was made in the USA.

The FNP-9 pistol has ambidextrous safety/decocker controls and a massive magazine release button. When you push the magazine release, the magazine just falls right out, which I like. Its ergonomic grip is nice for people with small hands. It also comes with an arched backstrap and a flat backstrap. I used the arched one. Plus, it comes straight out of the box with three 16-round magazines. FNH also sent us a holster, dual magazine pouch, and a yellow plastic training barrel to use with the FNP-9.

The FNP-9 is a double-action/single-action semi-automatic. This means the first shot is double-action. It has

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a longer and heavier trigger pull for the first shot similar to a double-action revolver as you are cocking the hammer back when pulling the trigger for the first time. The slide moves to the rear after the first shot, cocking the hammer for you which results in single-action operation - less trigger-pull that is crisp and quick.

The sights were the standard white three-dot sights that were presighted for 25 yards. The one thing I wasn't prepared for was how accurate this pistol was. I could repeatedly hit six-inch plates at 25 yards offhand. The trigger was fair.

It does have a plastic trigger that has a little flex in it, and the double-action pull is not as smooth as I would like, but when it breaks, it is very crisp. Other than that, I think the gun is great. I liked it so much that I decided to shoot it two weeks later at the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) Area-1 Championship. The decision paid off. I took first place in Junior Production division.



*Corey wearing his
FNP-9 with his FNH
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Corey checks out and sights in the FNP-9.



FNH USA FNX-9 top and FNP-9 below. Both of these pistols are very reliable and accurate. Check them out at www.fnhusa.com



The slide lock lever is easy to use and is in the proper position to push down with the thumb allowing the slide to move forward.

The pistol is very reliable too, if you aren't using wimpy ammo. Normally, I shoot a 124-grain bullet with around four grains of Hodgdon's HP-38 powder through my Beretta 92FS because it functions flawlessly. But shooting that low-recoil ammo threw the FNP-9 off causing it to malfunction because it wouldn't cycle all the way. Before the Area-1 Championship, I had my Lee Pro 1,000 reloading press increased to put about 4.3 grains of HP-38. This gave me the higher velocity I needed which worked great, and after that, it never even had a hiccup. So I would give the FNP-9 two thumbs up for reliability and accuracy.

If I were going to buy a new FNH pistol, I would probably buy the FNX-9, which is basically the same gun as the FNP-9. It has a larger magazine capacity and the barrel is lower, which mean less recoil. I also like the trigger on the FNX-9 a little better. The FNX-9 we just got in has a smoother double-action trigger pull than the FNP-9. It is also just as reliable. I saw one shoot 1,500 rounds in two days with absolutely no problems. This was at the 2010 FMG Shooting Industry Masters.

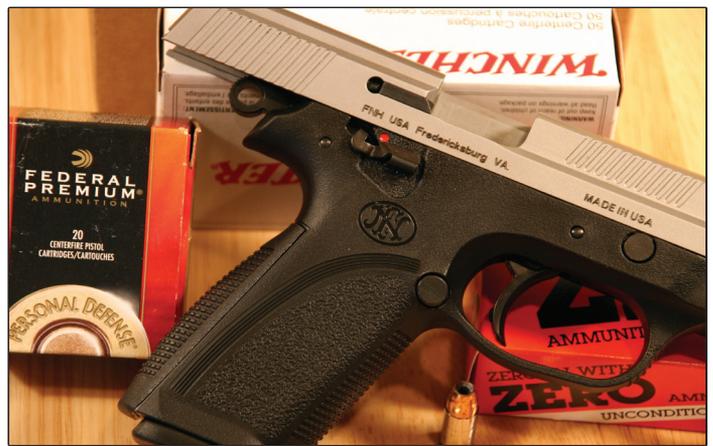
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Specifications:



Above: The FNP-9 has an ambidextrous safety which also functions as a decocker.



Changing magazines on stage 2 at the MGM Ironman 2010 3-Gun match.

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- Operation: DA/SA with Decocker
- Twist Rate: 1 in 10" RH
- Barrel Length: 4"
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- Height: 5.4"
- Width: 1.55"
- Weight: 24.7 oz. empty
- Magazine: 16- or 10-round magazines

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BB Guns Rock at

By: Andy Fink

BB gun competition rocks! Seven-person teams from all over the country descended on Daisy's hometown of Rogers, Arkansas, this past July 4th weekend. This year was the 45th year for the Daisy International BB Gun Championship. There were 47 teams, and they had a blast! This is not just a shooting event. It is a happening, an event that is fun for the families, coaches, siblings, parents, and of course the participants. Now that the event has moved to Daisy's hometown as of July 2010, there are many more activities centered on the main event. The event seemed to be supported by the whole town.

The activities began Thursday night with everyone going to the baseball game. Daisy provided free tickets for the participants, coaches, and families. Rogers' AAA baseball team, the Naturals, won the game by one point, and a great time was had by all.

Friday was not only practice day, but it was also tour day. Participants could choose either the morning or afternoon to practice at Rogers High School, which gave them the opportunity to visit the Daisy museum and the Daisy plant where they saw Daisy Red Ryders being manufactured. A bus was provided by Daisy that shuttled back and forth from both locations. These tours were fun and very interesting.

A replica of the first Daisy BB gun was displayed at the museum and it was for sale! The Daisy museum has an impressive collection of early model airguns dating to the



Above: Kirley Shooters team - love the flag.

18th century as well as practically every Daisy gun ever made. The history of the company was interesting, and I really enjoyed seeing all of the different models of BB guns. The first BB gun named "Daisy" was made in 1888 at the Plymouth Iron Windmill Company in Plymouth, Michigan, but it wasn't until 1895 that the name of the company was changed to Daisy. Daisy is the oldest airgun manufacturer in the country. Specials on some of Daisy's products, including limited editions, were also available at the museum for purchase.

The plant tour was fun. Two coaches out of each plant tour group actually got to build their own Red Ryder BB gun that was then boxed up and given to them to take home. Many of the juniors simply couldn't resist passing

Check out the Daisy Plant and Museum at:

www.juniorshooters.net/2010/07/29/visitors-love-the-the-daisy-museum-and-the-daisy-plant/



The replica of the first Daisy BB gun held by one of the Daisy BB Gun National participants.



Young lady BB gun shooter holding a camouflage Daisy BB gun.

Daisy Nationals



One of the coaches receives instruction in making his own BB gun.



"Many of the juniors simply couldn't resist passing the barrels filled with BBs without plunging their hands in."

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Opening ceremonies took place Friday night at the high school where each team was introduced along with various dignitaries. An award for the team with the best team colors representing their state was presented. Typically teams enter the arena wearing matching shirts and pants to create a uniform team look. One of the teams from Virginia won that one hands down. This year's winners of the Team Colors Award were dressed to the hilt. The team, all girls, was dressed as southern belles in flowing gowns, and the coaches were in 1880's style tuxes. The MC was



The Virginia team won hands down!



Above: Nancy Johnson 2000 Olympian - the first person at the 2000 Olympics to be awarded a gold medal gives the keynote speech.

Joe Murfin, VP of Marketing for Daisy. Ray Hobbs, Daisy's President and C.E.O., welcomed everyone. Joe introduced Tom Galyon, Executive Director of the Rogers' Convention and Visitors Bureau; Raymond Burns, President and C.E.O. of the Rogers - Lowell Chamber of Commerce; Steve Womack, the Mayor of Rogers; Arkansas Representative Debra Hobbs; the superintendent of schools, Dr. Janie Darr; Bruce Vandersanden, the Match Director; and NRA Airgun and Muzzleloading Program Director, Jessica McClain. All of these people expressed their appreciation in bringing the event to Rogers.

The keynote speaker was Gold Medal Olympian Nancy Johnson who got her start shooting with her brother's Daisy model 25 pump-action BB gun. Nancy won the very first gold medal that was awarded at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, and she won it in air rifle. Nancy was very inspirational. She is a real role model. Check out her story and speech at www.juniorshooters.net.

The competition started on Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. It was evident that all of the parents and coaches have



Top: Craig Dow is showing an excellent standing position with his Daisy BB gun forend and stock painted blue. Middle left: Levi Pumlhrey Phillips-Rooks team in the prone position. Middle right: Grace Blasi using her sling in the prone position. Above bottom: Shooters line standing.

worked hard at instilling life skills as part of the progress in learning to shoot. Everyone exhibited fairness, good sportsmanship, discipline, and great attitude. These kids had a ball! Some of them had competed as alternates at a previous Daisy National match while others had siblings, or even parents, who had.

Naturally, the primary 5-meter BB gun approved for use in this competition was the Daisy Avanti Champion 499 BB gun. This BB gun has an excellent adjustable peep sight and a hooded front sight with aperture inserts, and it is extremely accurate at 5 meters. Check out the detailed review in Volume 7 (Summer 2010) of *Junior Shooters* magazine.

It is easy to learn how to use the Daisy 499. 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 after each shot is completed and the next one is fired, the competitor needs to relax his or her breathing and then

focus on a single dot 5 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 experiences definitely prepare them to be championship shooters.

I already told you about the Daisy competition BB gun that is used for the championship. What I didn't tell you was that some of the kids make sure these are some of the coolest looking BB guns ever. They get very creative as to how the stocks are painted and carved, and Daisy even has a competition that is put on by Pilkington Guns (www.pilkguns.com) for the best looking BB gun. Many of the coaches use this activity as a reward. The participants

are not allowed to have their guns painted or decorated in any manner until they achieve a specific score. One coach I talked with said that they even require an excellent score on the written test as well.

One of the other interesting things Daisy does as part of this contest is to hold a 50-question, true-or-false test which covers firearms, safety, and BB gun competition. It is a great idea, and the kids seem to enjoy it. Certificates are awarded to each individual competitor who scores 100% on the written test. This year, there were 29 certificates awarded! Additionally, the Paul T. Teifer Award is presented to the team with the highest combined score from the written test. This year, the award went to the Wyandotte County 4-H



Above: A young lady who achieved 100% on her written test!



Above: The barter bar is always fun, and the adults seemed to enjoy it as much as the kids.

Shooting Sports team from Kansas City, Kansas.

The Barter Bar took place immediately following the test. Each team has a table upon which they put interesting items to trade with the other team members. Many of the items are from their state. Even the coaches get involved, and everyone seems to really enjoy it. Shooting pins are one of the top items featured, and I saw quite a few Olympic pins.

BB gun competitions are held across the country and are organized sports under NRA rules for BB gun competition. Many of the teams come from the Jaycees or 4-H shooting clubs. They are open to any youngster 15 years old or younger. They must be an NRA member and belong to an NRA-affiliated junior club or association. Even non-U.S. citizens who are also non-residents who are members in good standing of their own national association may compete. Seven-person teams are made up of boys and girls, with five primary members for whom the score counts and two alternates. The kids have to actually be a member of an organization and from the same county, though exceptions are made for competitors who do not have a shooting program in their county and need to cross counties.

Official NRA Bullseye 5-meter BB gun match targets are used where the eight, nine, and 10 rings are black. The rings are extremely small with the diameters being: 10-ring, 0.125 inches; nine-ring, 0.425 inches; eight-ring, 0.725 inches; seven-ring, 1.025 inches. The diameter increases 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 finals consist of the top eight competitors with 10 shots fired from the standing position.

The overall gold medal winner for the Daisy International BB Championship with the highest aggregate score was Lydia Patterson from the Wyandotte County 4-H, Kansas City, Kansas, with a score of 386 out of a possible 400. The highest overall aggregate alternate gold medal winner was Mary Reed from the Highmore Junior Shooters, Highmore, South Dakota, with a score of 381.08 out of 400. The team with the highest score overall, winning gold with a score of 2,384.00, was Britton, South Dakota's Marshall County 4-H Sharpshooters. The Washington Missouri Shooting Team won silver, and the Penns Valley Shooting Team won bronze.

Each year, the Eddie Harper Memorial Award is given to the team whose score at the Daisy Nationals has the most improved score over their qualifying team score. This year, the award was presented to Tennessee 4-H Team B from Dickson, Tennessee, with an improvement of 152 points! That is some improvement. Congratulations Tennessee Team B!

There were two perfect scores shot during this event. Abigail Keeven of the Washington Missouri Shooting Team took the gold medal in the prone position with a perfect score of 100.00, and Lane Ardhler from the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team in Norton, Kansas, took gold in the standing



Above left: Lydia Patterson Overall Aggregate Gold Medal Winner - Wyandotte County 4-H Kansas City, KS, score 386. Above right: Overall Aggregate Alternate Gold Medal Winner is Mary Reed, Highmore Junior Shooters, Highmore, SD with a score of 381.08.



Above: Overall 1st Place score of 2,384.00 Britton, South Dakota, the Marshall County 4-H Sharpshooters.



Abigail Keeven with the Washington, Missouri Shooting Team won Gold in prone and Lane Ardhler with the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team Norton, Kansas, won Gold in the standing position. Both achieved this distinction with a perfect score of 100.

position with a perfect score of 100.

If you would like to know detailed results or have questions on how to enter, check out www.ibbgcm.com, which has just about all the information you need. For questions on the results or to learn more about how to put a team together, go to www.daisy.com/daisynationals. For more photos taken at the event, go to www.juniorshooters.net, click on the www.flickr.com link on the left sidebar, look under “Your Sets,” and search for “Daisy.”

The National Rifle Association has the NRA BB Gun Rule book which defines the rules and shooting positions and can be acquired, along with official targets, directly from the NRA at www.nra.org or call (800) 336-7402. The event is run under international rules.

The Daisy USJCC Junior Open Air Gun Championship continues after the BB championship and has its own match the following two days (Monday and Tuesday). You shoot both days, and the awards are presented on Tuesday. Many of the shooters compete in both the BB gun and the 10-meter airgun competition. There are two classes: sporter and precision. The airgun championship is governed by the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rule book. This rule book is available from the National Three-Position Air Rifle Council at Camp Perry, and the events are run under the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). You can get more information at competitions@odcmp.com or call (419) 635-2141.



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Above: Khorey Washington from the North Little Rock HS JROTC team, Little Rock, Arkansas, shows excellent standing form with her sporter rifle.

Below: Jordan DiPaola, Little North Mountain 4-H VA, standing.



Above: Montana had nine in the sporter class and one person in the precision class. Below: Allison Weiz, Montana, shoots in precision class.



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By: Robert "Doc" Krone
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EMF'S GREAT WESTERN II

Hey, Shooters. Doc here. Are you asking, "Is this Doc and a single-action revolver? Where are all his uber cool semi-auto tactical guns? Don't panic, gang; good shooting is good shooting, right? These revolvers, these single-action sixguns, these cowboy guns are accurate and fun! What more is there?"

There are many flavors in the cowboy gun market: Colt started it, there's Ruger, USFA, Uberti, Pietta, Beretta, Cimarron, Taurus...whew. Anyhow, this gun is from EMF. It is a Great Western II, an Italian copy of the Model P Colt 1873, the TRUE single-action cowboy gun. No safeties, no transfer bars, no hokey junk that detracts from the allure of the range, the smell of cattle in your nose...just kidding.

EMF guns are built in Italy under the Pietta label and are forged, not cast, making them strong as well as good looking. It also makes them fairly easy to work on. A basic disassembly shows you that the 1873 replica guns have not changed very much in the last 130-plus years: flat hammerspring, flat trigger and bolt spring. Current upgrades include a coil handspring and modern machining. That's it really. Simple is good. We've talked



Oh yeah, the Old West is back!

about this.

My upgrades are just as simple: replace the springs and some polish on said parts. Well, maybe a little bit more than that. Let's see. The hammer: Good polish at the point where the back of the bolt works on the hammer, blend the edges and move on. Polish the back side of the hammer hooks, and also the faces. These are pretty tight spaces, but that's why I'm here. Polish the top of the hammer spring where the roller on the hammer rolls on the spring. Polish any other burrs you find. Pay attention to the sleeve in the cylinder and the ratchet edges. Depending on the game you shoot, check the gap between the end of the cylinder and the forcing cone, the front portion of the barrel where the bullet enters. It needs to be exactly so far from the cylinder and opened in such a manner. More technical stuff, again-you-me-we'll talk.

A little light oil of your choice on the metal-to-metal portions, clean as needed, and have fun. Oh, current production cowboy revolvers like these and others are not - and I repeat NOT, - meant for fanning. Fanning is when you draw a single-



Above: Modern .357 Magnum ammunition can be shot in today's single-action .357 Colt peacemaker replicas. EMF's model shown here is the Californian model Great Western II with a 4-3/4" barrel.



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action revolver from the holster with your finger on the trigger and quickly and forcibly smack the hammer with the edge of the palm of your off hand. They are not built for it and will be destroyed from it very quickly. That stuff is a special game with big money spent on custom builds. Look up the great Bob Munden online, and check out his ability - crazy great stuff.

Past that, the Cowboy Fast Draw Association (CFDA) has the best game in town, super great folks, and a simple yet exciting game. The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) is the cowboy 3-Gun game and also a ball of fun. Again, any trigger time is a good time.

Shoot safe, and we'll talk soon.

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Right: True single-action revolver replicas had a hole in the rear of the frame for the firing pin, located on the front of the hammer, to fall through and hit the primer of the cartridge just like EMF's Californian.



Below: The loading gate is opened and the hammer is placed on half-cock so the cylinder can be turned to load and unload cartridges.



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By: Andy Fink & Dallin Hixson



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Rudy Project

By: Dallin Hixson (16)

*For Kids
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My Rudy Project sunglasses are the best set of glasses I have ever put on my face. They rest perfectly on my nose, and the sleek design makes it even more comfortable when I am wearing them. The nose piece is made of non-fatigue copper beryllium and can be molded to your nose for both a perfect fit and to allow for airflow. This is important to reduce fogging. The temple arms (black, back

portion of the arms on each side) are also made of non-fatigue copper beryllium allowing them to be bent 360 degrees. This ensures a fit that is both comfortable and completely adjustable. They can bend back around the ear to fit any head shape. Rudy Project says they have a 99 percent fit factor. The temple arms are also so thin they won't interfere with earmuffs. The frames have a no-questions-asked, three-year guarantee. The lenses are guaranteed for life.

The lenses are hydrophobic coated, non porous, and are created at a high pressure so the lens doesn't have an open weave. It is very tight so moisture slides off due to the higher



Julie Golob IPSC champion and captain of S&W shooting team (see article page 60) wears Rudy Project glasses and is sponsored by Rudy Project.

tensile density of the lens. It is so tight that is hard to scratch. The lenses are NXT impact photochromic and polarized photochromic technology exclusively formulated for Rudy Project.

Junior Shooters magazine received two pair of Rudy Project shooting glasses: the RYDON Hunting/Shooting set with three lenses and a Genetyk Shooting Kit also provided with three lenses. I got the latter, and boy, are they cool!

I have used different kinds of sunglasses such as ESS, Oakleys and many others, but I still feel like these are the best. I use my Rudy Project sunglasses while I shoot, and I feel like they improve my performance much better because they reduce the glare and allows me to see my targets better than I ever could have before! If you get the set with the extra lenses, then you can adjust to different light conditions. They never get in the way of the gun when I am resting it on my cheek, I rarely need to clean the lenses, and they never scratch. These sunglasses have been through long shooting days both in training and at matches like USPSA and 3-Gun events, and they still have come out unscratched and unbroken.

These sunglasses don't only work for shooting - you can also use them whenever you do any outdoor hobbies, or even just to go out and relax. They are very stylish, too. I have received many compliments while wearing them. They are some of the best sunglasses I have ever used, and I would recommend them to everyone.

All of Rudy Project's glasses are hand-assembled, and are of the highest quality. They also manufacture goggles and high-impact bike helmets, as well as glasses.

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Dallin, author, wearing his new Rudy Project glasses.

How I Got Started

A Champion's Story



Top: Julie shooting a Smith & Wesson M&P open gun with compensator and a Doctor Optics red dot at the Steel Challenge 2009.

By: Julie Golob

S&W Photos by: Yamil Sued

When *Junior Shooters* offered me a chance to write about how I got started in shooting, I jumped at it. I know what it's like as a young competitor because I grew up going to the shooting range. When other kids were attending summer camp or hanging out with their friends during vacation, I was spending time getting ready for one of the biggest matches of the year, the Miller Invitational. All the top action shooters came to Pathfinder Fish & Game in Fulton, NY, my home club, to compete. Each year I helped my dad build a stage and even worked with him as a range officer, too.

I enjoyed working the matches with my father and being a part of the staff. I wasn't just a kid there. I was doing my part to help to make the events successful. I took great pride in designing courses of fire. One year I created a circus stage. It had a carousel with moving targets and a house of mirrors. When shooters walked up to the stage and saw all the detail, they were excited and so complimentary.

Working matches made me feel special. I looked forward to spending time with all my adopted range "aunts and uncles." Volunteering as a range officer also helped me grow. I was pretty shy as a kid. Knowing the rules and being responsible in enforcing them really helped boost my confidence.

I learned a lot, too. Watching how the pro shooters handled their firearms gave me a front row view of the best of the best in action. I felt like I was getting a lesson on how to perform every time I was at match. It wasn't long before I wanted to try my hand at competing.

When my dad and I decided I was ready to start shooting, I felt like I had a huge family behind me. I received a wealth of great advice, and it felt wonderful to have so much support. I was 14 when I shot my first match. In the beginning, I often finished at the bottom of the results. I admit it was a little discouraging, but my dad helped me to set realistic goals for myself. I knew I wasn't the fastest, but I set my sights on a goal to shoot all A zone (center) hits at first. When I started doing it consistently, I pushed myself to shoot faster and move

up in classification.

By the time I was a junior in high school, I was showing promise. My parents surprised me with a trip to my first USPSA national championships. I was so nervous. I had competed outside of my home state several times, but going to the nationals was a total thrill. I didn't shoot my best match, but I did come home with some exciting news. I caught the eye of the US Army Action Pistol Team's Head Coach. He was interested in me coming to shoot for the Army!

Me on the US Army Shooting Team? I was giddy. I made up my mind to go for it almost immediately. It was the chance of a lifetime. After all those years of watching the top shooters in their sponsor uniforms, I was so excited to think that I could be one of them.

Being on the Army Shooting Team opened so many doors for me. I had the opportunity to compete full time and was able to fulfill all my shooting goals. I visited different countries, tried exotic food, and made many new friends.

While I was on the shooting team, there was a lot of pressure to win. I worked so hard for so long that after eight years in the Army, I started to forget the reasons why I got involved in the sport. I felt I needed to step away from competition.

It wasn't long into that break that I figured it out. I missed having fun competing and spending time with the wonderful people in the sport. I missed that sense of family and support. When I came back, I didn't put any pressure on myself to win. I just set out with the goal to have fun. I had to relearn how to balance wanting to perform well with enjoying the sport.

Shooting has taken me all over the world and has given me some incredible experiences. I have been on a photo safari in Africa. I have stood on the steps of the Parthenon in Greece. I have even had the opportunity to be on MTV!



Above: Bianchi gun provided by the U.S. Army with a Lupold scope at the Bianchi Cup in 1999.

Now I get to do what I love most - compete and help the shooting sports grow. I am part of Smith & Wesson's amazing shooting team with some of the best shooters in the world. Being able to represent a company that supports shooting sports and juniors makes me so proud.

Here's some advice for all you juniors out there from someone who started out as a young shooter like you:

- Safety is ALWAYS first. As a junior shooter, you have a huge responsibility to follow safety rules. NEVER EVER compromise when it comes to safety.
- Be your own person on the range, but understand you are in the adult world. You can excel as a shooter, show respect towards adults, and still have a great time.
- Learn the rules of your shooting sport and follow them. It will make you a better competitor.
- You'll probably get tons of advice. Some of it will be



Above Julie with her S&W shirt, S&W 1911, and Safariland competition rig at the 2010 USPSA Single Stack Nationals.

good, some of it not so good. Listen, have an open mind, and be courteous.

- Be a sponge. Study good shooters and learn from mistakes.
- Offer to help out. Consider becoming a range officer, design a stage, or volunteer at your local range. The experience will make you appreciate your fellow shooters and volunteers.
- Don't be too hard on yourself. Set realistic goals and celebrate when you reach them.
- If you dream big, work hard and have fun, shooting

can teach you things that will take you far.

I am blessed with a wonderful daughter. She's just a toddler, but I am hopeful that she will love shooting as much as her mom and dad do. I look forward to the day when she shoots for the first time. When to start kids shooting depends on a number of things. Shooting firearms includes a huge responsibility for all shooters regardless of how old or young they are. Safety is always first! After that I suggest focusing on the fundamentals. Even professional shooters work on the basic skills to help them perform at the top.

Editor's Note: Julie is now 33 and has won numerous awards during her shooting career starting out as a junior where she was successful in both the ladies and junior category. While competing for the US Army, she added 40 titles to her credit including four national, three international, two world titles and US Army Female Athlete of the Year. Julie is now a ten-time USPSA Ladies National Champion, seven-time Ladies World Speed Shooting Champion, two-time Bianchi Cup Ladies National Champion and the only Five Division USPSA Ladies National Champion and Triple Crown USPSA Ladies National Champion. Julie is also the captain of Smith & Wesson's talented shooting team.



Above: Here I am posing with a white rhino and her baby while in South Africa for the 2002 IPSC World Shoot.

Hunting Black Bear in Canada

By: Ty Weaver (14)

*For Kids
By Kids*

After a successful 2009 Quebec bear hunt, we immediately booked for 2010. In 2009, I got a nice bear on day number two, and Dad and his buddy Shocker, each shot one on day number three. We had a great time fishing as well. We ate a ton of fish... I can still smell them cooking.

We thought June 3rd would never get here. Finally, it did, and after overpacking, Dad, Shocker, and I were on a plane in Houston headed for Allentown, Pennsylvania. My Memmy and Pappy Dotter picked us up at the airport, and after a short, twenty-minute drive, I was in my home town of Lehigh. Pappy Dotter had the trailer ready for our borrowed quads and gear. He also bought us a bunch of goodies for the trip including Moxie, my favorite soda pop! We met my great Uncle Ernie and finished packing and making all the safety checks with the trailer.

Everything was working out great. After a sleepless night, we were on the road, and after 425 miles, we would be in Fort Coulonge, Quebec! Ron Henry lives in Fort Coulonge, but the camp we wanted to hunt was 110 kilometers north of Fort Coulonge via a dirt logging road. We loaded up with groceries, fuel, and bought our hunting and fishing licenses from Ron's wife.

It took us three hours to drive the logging road, but it was worth it when we arrived at Black River camp. Ron has three cabins at this camp. He also has camps much closer to town. Now is a good time to tell you how the hunt works. Quebec is huge, the bugs are bad, hunting can be tough, and there are no guarantees other than a great feeling of self-achievement if you are lucky and crafty enough to outsmart a Quebec bear. This is bow hunting only (crossbows are legal). Ron, or one of his staff, will have several bait sites pre-baited before your arrival. Once you arrive, usually on a Saturday morning, you have the responsibility of baiting. The bait is supplied to you, and Saturday you are shown your locations and a few extra spots so you can hang your own stand. You are now on your own until you need help, like when retrieving and skinning a bear.

This is a semi-guided bow hunt, which is really cool. You prepare your own food. Each cabin is equipped with a full-size gas stove and propane refrigerator. Propane is provided. There is a shower stall in each cabin, but water must be heated on the stove and hung in the stall for a shower. A generator is turned on to light up the skinning shed and cabins when needed. An aluminum boat will also be provided to each cabin for fishing. You will check out the following Saturday morning. I won't quote you the exact price of the hunt because I don't know when this will be published, but you can plan on the hunt price being in the \$750 to \$900 range. This does not include your



"When he got to the log pile, he walked to the right, and as he was turning broadside with his head down, I came to full draw."

license fee or food.

My buddy Mitch was overseeing the Black River camp for Ron this year. He took us out to our bait sites, which we were familiar with from the previous year, so we could hang our stands. Every bait site that we visited thus far was hit hard. We stopped at the site where Dad and I got our 2009 bears from. This is the place to get bear! My heart sank when we discovered the site showed very little bear sign about. I made my decision to hunt here anyway. Last year we videoed way too many bears to ignore this spot. We finished hanging the remainder of the stands and headed back to camp for a shower because it was almost time to head back out.

Dad and I shared a quad, and Shocker and Uncle Ernie shared a quad. Our stand was 15 kilometers from camp, and that first afternoon it seemed like we would never get there. I wanted on that stand bad! Dad and I decided to sit together with Dad running the video camera. We arrived at the stand at 3:30 p.m. and BAM! Our bait had been hit while we were taking showers at camp. Talk about a confidence booster! We quietly climbed on the stand - and I stress quietly. After making several bear hunts and more mistakes than I know, I figured out that most bears that are not right at the bait site are resting close by with both ears wide open. If they hear you, they will not come tonight or for up to a week, and if only one bear is hitting your bait, that could be disastrous. I believe this is why active baits turn cold. I also believe that non-familiar bait smells can spook a bear. In the remote parts of Quebec, meat and fish scraps are used predominately for baiting. If you dump a bunch of sweet smelling stuff on a remote bait site that only ever had meat on it, you will alert bears unless you

are hunting an area that has “people food,” trash, etc. close by.

The bear rut is another issue. It is an opportunity that I have not figured out yet. Big boars can visit bait sites, often sniffing for sows, but when the sows catch on to this, they stop visiting bait sites and the boars follow. This is why you will hear that the rut can either be great or down right terrible.

Dad and I are both settled in, and all is quiet except the buzzing of black flies and mosquitoes. The Goat Tuff Opti-Vane fletched Victory Arrow is knocked in my Martin Leopard bow and hanging on the camera arm. At about 5 p.m., Dad and I spot the bear at the same time! I’m up and ready, and Dad has the camera running. The bear is a nice size, and it almost looks like he is tip-toeing to the bait. I can immediately tell it is a boar by his posture and bow-legged walk. He approached the bait and quickly snatched a piece of meat and moved away to eat it, no shot. He had the bait down in two gulps and started his way back. When he got to the log pile, he walked to the right, and as he was turning broadside with his head down, I came to full draw. He sensed something and stopped in a very awkward position with his front legs crossed. Now quartering towards me, he looked up and his facial expression looked like he had seen a ghost. He ever so slowly lowered his head, almost like trying to hide, and slowly turned to sneak away. When he turned broadside, my Victory disappeared in the crease of his shoulder. He scampered off and I heard a crash and faint death moan.

Dad and I were fired up! We gave the bear plenty of time before tracking. Actually, we didn’t even look for blood. He only went forty yards! It is very easy to get turned around in thick timber, and since we forgot the GPS unit at camp, Dad told me to wait at the bait site until he called. Dad was only gone for a minute when he called for me. My feet didn’t even touch the ground. I made a bee-line for Dad. I saw Dad with the camera rolling but not the bear. Dad bent down and pointed to his left; there was my bear! Not even two hours on stand. WOW! We did a quick interview on how the hunt had gone, took a couple of photos, and then the work began. Even though it is hard work getting a bear out of thick brush, it is all part of the fun!

Temperatures dipped down into the forties at night so we field-dressed the bear and waited until morning to get some more photos and finish the life-size skinning. Dad and I do some of our own taxidermy work. We skinned the bear off the skull and paws. The only thing left to do when we get home is fleshing and tanning.

I forgot to mention that Dad messed up his shoulder and could not draw his bow. He saw six bears this trip but could not draw his bow. However, his shoulder did not slow him down from fishing! One morning we caught 34 pike from shore. We ate two tons of fish this trip. We took the boat out a few times and had a blast. My Uncle Ernie made the most incredible not falling out of the boat save I have ever seen. I just knew he was going in, but somehow he made a few Nadia Comaneci moves and landed back in the boat! Mitch was not so lucky...and I will leave it at that.

Out of eight guys, we got four nice bears. Actually, a bear



Shocker and Dad and a pile of fish for dinner.

was shot each night for the first four nights. Two other hunters saw bears. One of the bears was spooked by a noise from his camera....oops! Unfortunately, the two others did not see any, but had a great time anyway. One of those hunters was Shocker. Sorry, Shocker, but you’ll get ‘em next time!

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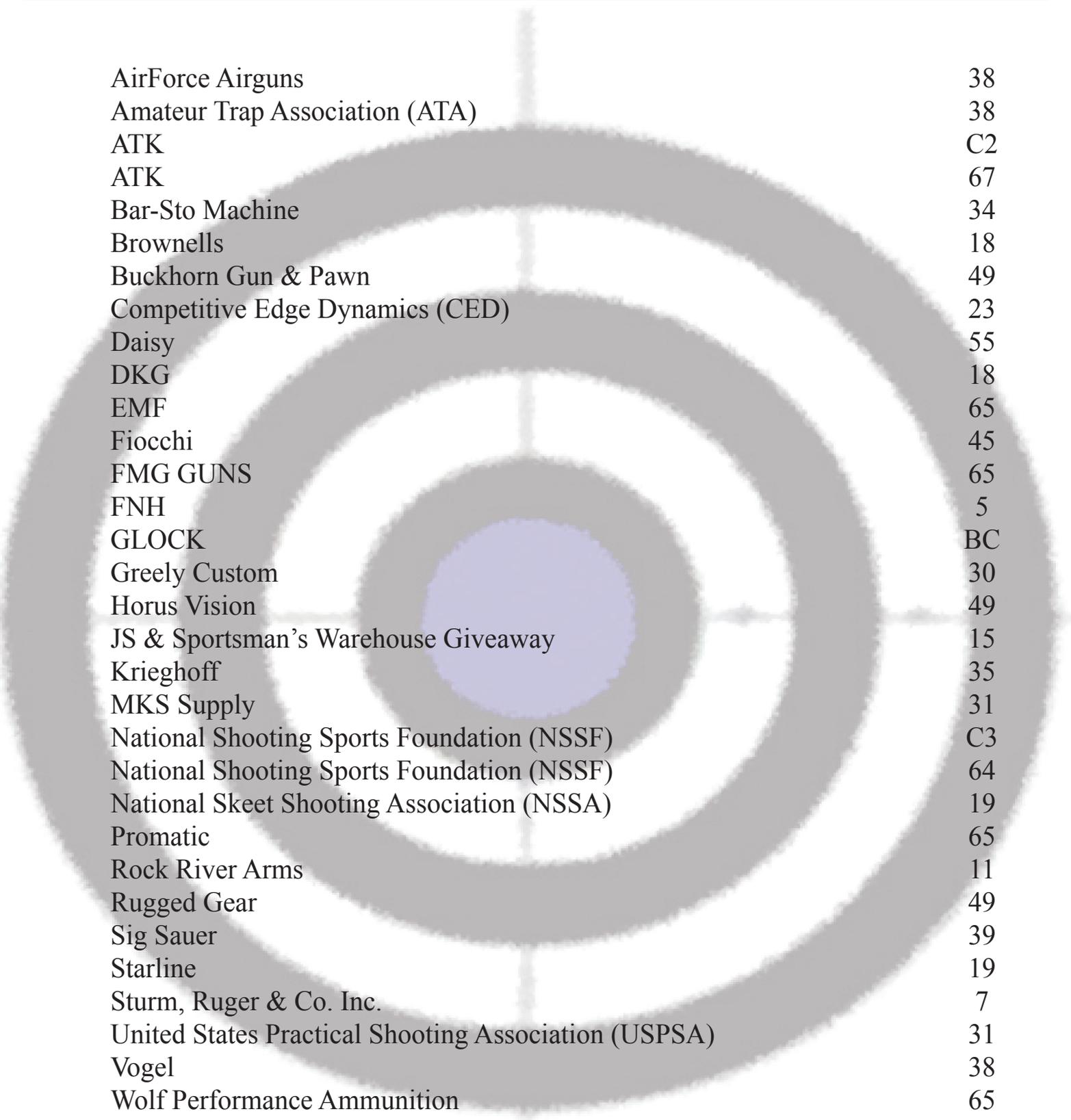
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