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We welcome you to contact us with any questions you might have!

**By Tom Wondrash
 SCTP National Director**



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On July 8th and 9th my family and I went to the Renegade Shootout at Blacks Creek Range outside of Boise, Idaho. It was a really fun shoot and everyone there did really well. I ended up winning 1st in junior girls.

On the first day, my family had a few problems come up. At first, neither of my mom's or my pistols were working so we had to share pistols the whole match, we ended up using the ones I won state with last year. Then after our pistols weren't working there was a bad batch of primers so my whole family had misfires, which cost us some time because misfires are counted as misses and add 5 seconds on to your time for every miss.

There were a lot of fun stages set up. There was one where you had to shoot clays and one where you had to load one extra round in your rifle after you were done shooting the 10 that were already loaded. My favorite stage was stage six of the first day. It had a very challenging pattern to follow with pistol and rifle; even though it was hard, I liked it a lot.

There were a lot of people that went to this shoot. There were two of posses because of how many people came. The coolest part of it all is how many kids went this time, usually I'm the only kid shooting. A lot more younger people are getting involved in cowboy action shooting which I'm pretty excited about.

All and all, the shoot was a lot of fun even though it was over 100 degrees both days. I was very proud of my whole family this weekend because my dad got 1st in his category, my mom got 2nd in hers and I got 1st in mine. I thought that was pretty neat. ©

Ted Blocker's "Thell Reed" gun rig provided her with a smooth draw. Having to borrow different pistols didn't stop her from getting Top Junior.

By Macey
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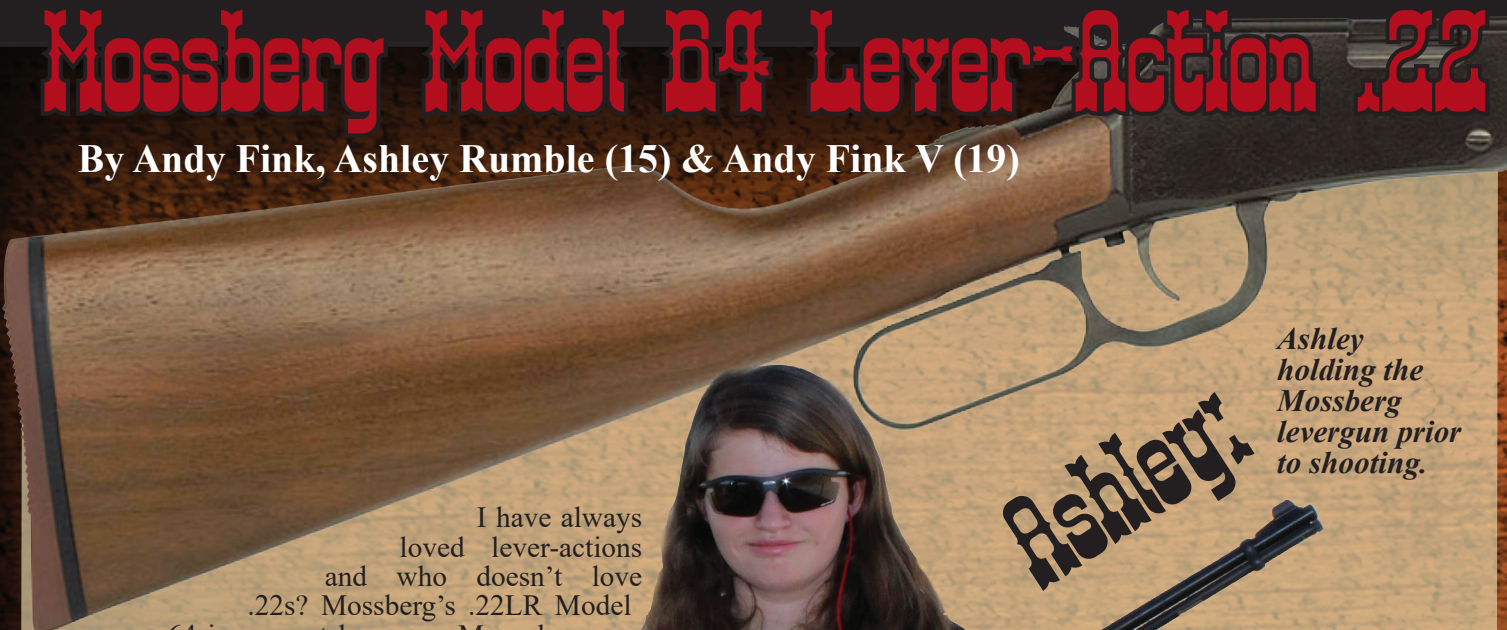


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Mossberg Model 64 Lever-Action .22

By Andy Fink, Ashley Rumble (15) & Andy Fink V (19)



Ashley holding the Mossberg levergun prior to shooting.

Ashley

I have always loved lever-actions and who doesn't love .22s? Mossberg's .22LR Model 64 is a sweet levergun. Many lever-action rifles have actions that are a little clunky out of the box. Not Mossberg's. No Way! The action is really smooth and easy to operate. It is great for beginning juniors, especially those who have grown up on Daisy's lever-action BB guns such as the new Red Ryder or Daisy's competition BB gun.

The sights are clear and the front sight is protected by a hood which I always consider a nice feature. The rear sight is adjustable for both elevation and windage.

Everything went perfect on the range. The tubular magazine was easy to load, all of the rounds fed smoothly, and it was very accurate. Three juniors got an opportunity to test it out. Ricky was hitting the rifle popper out at 100 yards consistently while Ashley and Andy were knocking down plates with almost every shot.

Everyone should have one of these in their gun safe. I am certainly glad I added it to mine.

Here is what two of the juniors thought about it.

Although I enjoy having the best and fastest equipment I can get my hands on, I decided that something a little old school might be in order for a little change of pace.

Andy had a Mossberg lever action rifle for me to try, so we took it out to the range to test it out. It was easy to shoot, though it took a bit of time to load since it was tube fed. A tube fed rifle hasn't been my main choice of rifle since I was 9 years old, so it felt almost a little nostalgic loading it up. It was fun not having to race a clock, and just be able to shoot for the pure fun of it. It had nice clear open sights, and it was quite accurate. I actually found it quite a satisfying gun to shoot. If you get the opportunity to shoot one, don't pass it up. It's a great little rifle.

So, would I add this to my gun safe? Really, what kind of question is that?

Mossberg's Model 64 with a variety of ammunition that was used. All functioned very well.

The front sight stands out and is protected by a hood. The rear sight is adjustable for windage and elevation.



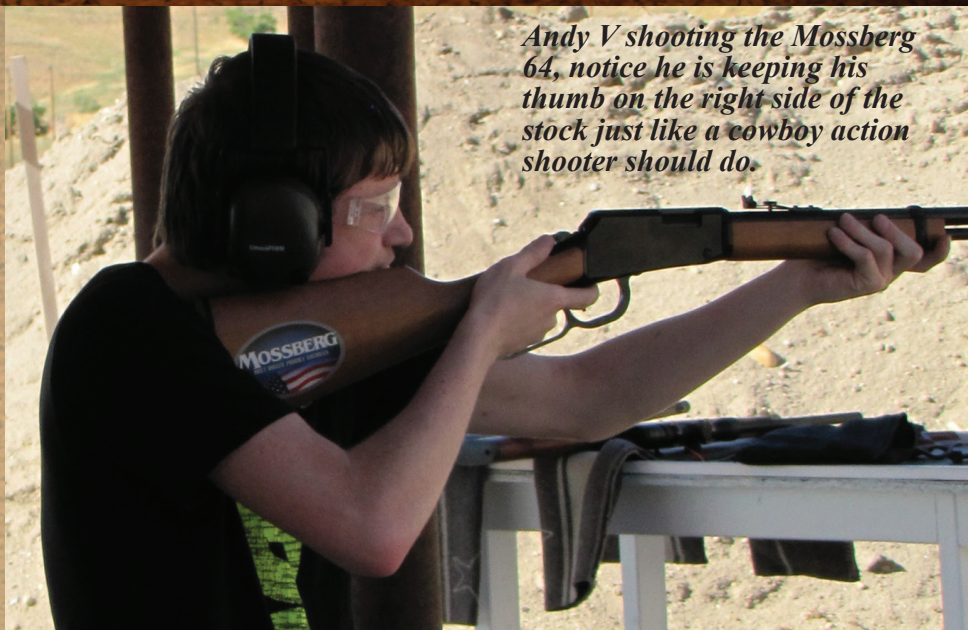
THE OLD WEST



Andy V:

The Mossberg Model 64 lever rifle is a light-weight rifle that is good for a first or second rifle for the novice or lightly experienced gun individual. When you learn to reload by cocking the handle down it becomes very easy to increase your speed in shots. You can do this without straining your arms from maintaining an ideal shooting stance. The recoil is negligible is not a concern for the shooter using it, even a very young shooter.

My favorite part about it would have to be the feeling and ease of cocking it downward to reload another round. ©



Andy V shooting the Mossberg 64, notice he is keeping his thumb on the right side of the stock just like a cowboy action shooter should do.

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To load the rifle, there is a side charging handle that when moved forward allows a pellet to be placed in a fitted trough. The most important part of loading is remembering to press the projectile into the beginning of the barrel to maintain consistent contact with the rifling.

Sighted in at 25 yards, the rifle maintained a zero until the tank was about at the 1,000 psi mark; after that the shots began noticeably dropping. A unique feature of the Texan is its tunable valve. This allows you to tune the airflow for a specific projectile maximizing the rounds accuracy and power. Left alone it will regulate its own pressure with heavier ammunition but if lighter grained ammo is used tuning for it is recommended.

Shooting a three-shot group with the flat-point ammunition produced a group of three-fourths-of-an-inch. Firing into several two-by-four boards clamped together total penetration with 115-grain flat point ammo was two-and-a-quarter-inches and with the 44-grain round ball penetration was decreased to one and seven-eighths-of-a-inch. I also tested the 44-grain round ball and was happy with its performance achieving groups only an eighth-of-an-inch wider than the flat point ammunition. The biggest difference between the two projectiles was the sound of the shot. Versus the flat point ammo, the round ball was twice as loud, almost to the point of needing ear protection. I am looking forward to hunting small game with the Texan this summer and would like to thank *Junior Shooters* magazine and AirForce for making this possible. Editor's note: The Texan is available through Pyramid Air at www.pyramydair.com. ©



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SCHOLASTIC SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION (SSSF) 2017 NATIONALS

By Joe Wieczorek

The 2017 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) National Championships, held at the Cardinal Shooting Center, July 8 thru 15, in Marengo, Ohio are officially “in the books” and here’s a look at the final numbers.

The 2017 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) National Championships brought together competitive shooters, ages 8 to 23, from 32 states to compete for national titles in the shotgun disciplines of American Trap, Handicap Trap, Bunker Trap, Trap Doubles, Skeet, Skeet Doubles and Sporting Clays. Pistol and rifle competitors competed for steel shooting titles in Rimfire Pistol, Centerfire Pistol, Iron Sight Rifle and Optics Rifle divisions.





THE NUMBERS AT-A-GLANCE:

A look at the “numbers” for the 2017 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) & Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) National Championships.

1,043,100 Competitive rounds were fired by **2,687** shooting sports competitors from **32** states during the **8** day event (Approx. **1.4 million** including the games and practice)

Participation in the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) increased **119%**, from **2013 to 2017** (from **199 to 436** athletes)

Participation in the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) increased **19.5%**, from **2013 to 2017** (from **1883 to 2251** athletes)

Women are the fastest growing segment of the shooting sports, making up **18%** of the National Championship competitors (**16%** of SCTP shooters, **30%** of SASP shooters)

\$425,000.00 (SCTP) and **\$84,750.00** (SASP) MidwayUSA Foundation Team Endowment Funds earned at the **2017** National Championships

SSSF has awarded **\$100,000** in scholarships to SCTP and SASP participants this season and over **\$300,000** in total scholarships since **2013**

SCTP and SASP make up the largest youth shooting program in the country with over **16,211** youth athletes in **45** states (**14,854** in SCTP, **1,357** in SASP)

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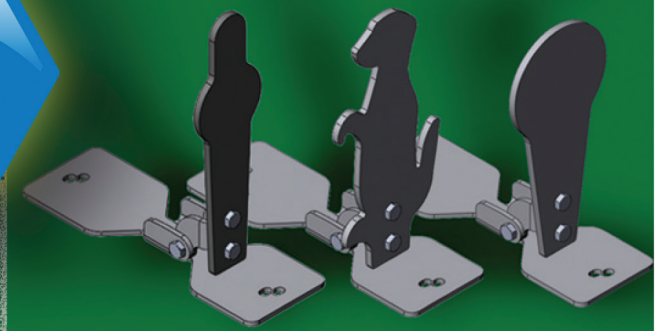
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Electronic Ear Plugs - Safe

By Andy Fink & Dave Furney

Ear protection is a MUST! Comfortable ear protection is always better, and unobtrusive ear protection that is comfortable and has modern enhancements is preferred.

I have been wearing earmuffs for years and gravitated toward electronic earmuffs right after they came out. There are many on the market. There are some that are now available with Bluetooth. These are really nice, whether you are on the range or hunting. (DON'T USE THE BLUETOOTH WHEN YOU ARE ACTUALLY SHOOTING – this can be a distraction and NOT safe!) However, many times I will go back to just using plain foam earplugs. Why? The answer is in comfort!

If I am coaching or just shooting a pistol and wearing a baseball cap, earmuffs work great; however, if I am shooting a rifle or a shotgun or wearing a cowboy hat, that is not the case. Earmuffs are just plain uncomfortable to me if I am trying to place my cheek on the comb of a shotgun or rifle buttstock. They REALLY don't go well with a cowboy hat!

In the last few years we have seen technology produce electronic earplugs that can be customized, are comfortable, and prove many of the capabilities that electronic earmuffs do. I think this could be the wave of the future. I know that I am just starting to appreciate them.

The GunSport PRO, High-Definition Electronic Earplugs from ETYMOTIC is one of these. They come with different foam inserts and tiny batteries making them convenient and very comfortable.

Here is what Dave Furney, one of our team coaches and our smithing expert, has to say about them:

“The instructions are very important. I found the right fit for my ear and installed the batteries. I

then put them in and turned them on to the high mode. I listened to my stereo and had to immediately turn them down as it was loud (good thing)! I could hear more of the music than normal, especially on the high frequencies, probably due to my years of shooting. For hunting purposes, the high setting would be awesome! On the low setting, you can still hear normal conversations, and it is optimal for range use.

“These reduce load blasts significantly and seem to muffle them more than my regular earmuffs. For training purposes, the student can hear instructions better. I really like them as they don't hurt my ears as other earplugs have a tendency to do.

“I think they are keepers. The only drawback may be the price. However, what price are you going to put on your hearing? These get an A++ rating.”©



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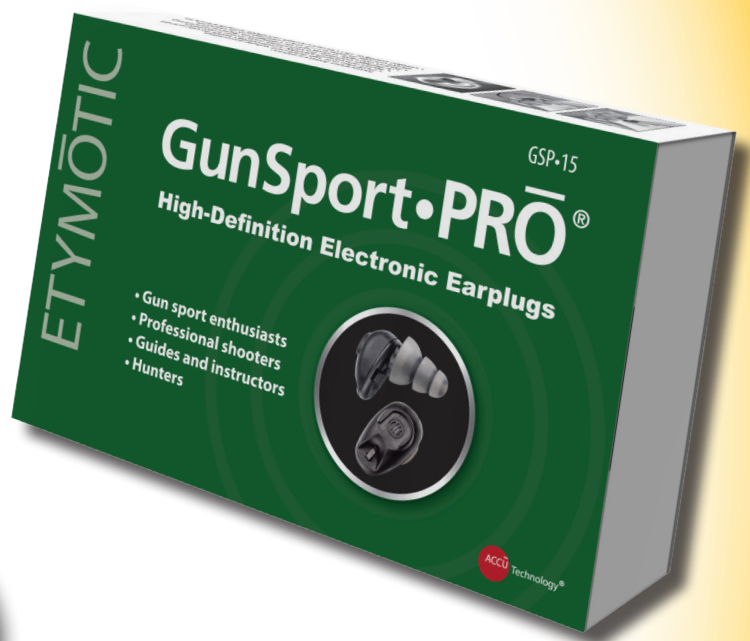
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RCBS Pro Chucker #5 Progressive Press

By Rick Marston with Ricky Marston (16)

When it comes to the world of reloading, I am no stranger. I have been reloading my hunting and target ammo for better than 35 years. The last four years, I have loaded not only my ammo, but my son's large ammo count from him joining *Junior Shooters* specifically speaking his 9mm, .223, and 6.5 Creedmore for his competition shooting he has taken up over the years. Ricky's competition shooting eats up hundreds of rounds every time he has a practice or match. Therefore, I have loaded tens of thousands of rounds.

This is certainly not a subject to be taken lightly. All of the reloading mentioned above was done on my old reliable RCBS Rock Chucker single-stage press. On this press, I produced about 80 to 100 complete rifle rounds an hour and a few less for pistol due to the additional die step. While this was manageable, it was a feat in itself because of life in general i.e being a full-time small business owner, having 40+ acres to maintain, kids, educational and extra curricular activities, junior shooter activities, and most importantly family time with my wife and kids. When I was recently given the opportunity to take home and demo the RCBS Pro Chuck 5, I jumped on it. Anything that would make the reloading process more efficient would be an advantage in the long run as it would free up more time.

You might be wondering what exactly is the RCBS Pro Chuck 5. It is a five-station, auto-indexing, progressive press that is rock solid and built in the United States of America. It has a loaded cartridge bin, Zert fittings for effortless lubrication and maintenance, a die cast aluminum frame, quick change powder measurer with metering components off to allow one to drain the powder without removing the measure from the press,



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In terms of the demo, the set up took a little longer than expected--about four hours before the first actual round was loaded. However, the set up was relatively easy with the instruction manual and its step-by-step instructions. To this date, I have not hit my goal of 350 rounds an hour; however, this may be due to operator learning curve due to going from a single stage press to my first progressive press. However, at this time the Pro Chucker has cut my

reloading time in half.

The Pro Chucker 5 runs extremely smooth with minimal effort. Currently, I run primarily .233 Remington on it. The progressive press has created a massive difference-- instead of pulling the press handle five times to resize, prime, powder, seat, and crimp, I pull the handle one time and all five steps are completed. On other terms, I did find the index arm to be the only weakness as I managed to break one and bend the other in the time I have been using the press. However, I find this press to be a welcomed addition to anybody's reloading bench. Go Green!!

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BUSHNELL Rimfire Optics



By Ben-Moody (18)

SUNJACK

The importance of electronics in our daily lives has risen considerably in the past decade. In the shooting world, much of our equipment is now battery powered. Everyone has a cellphone and some ranges even use tablets for score keeping. How do you keep everything working at the range when heavy use drains your battery? The Sunjack Portable Solar Charger from Gigawatt is a great solution. Made to be compact and practical the Sunjack is useful in a wide variety of situations. In the precision, long-range discipline many shooters use a ballistic calculator on their phone or tablet to calculate their long range shots. Several matches involve hiking five miles from the truck with no way to charge your phone. The Sunjack folds out into four panels about twenty-six inches long and has clips at one end. The clips, chord, and battery zip into a mesh pocket on the back of the panels. The pocket is big enough for most smart phones as well. The best way to utilize the Sunjack system is to clip the package to your backpack while you're walking or waiting to shoot. On a clear day, the external battery will charge in as little as five hours. The battery can fully charge up to four devices or sustain one device for an extended period. There is even a built in LED which can be used as a flashlight; very useful at night. The Sun Jack is the best way to keep all your devices running on the range or while traveling in remote areas. The Sunjack Portable Solar Charger is one piece of equipment which has become a staple in my pack.

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