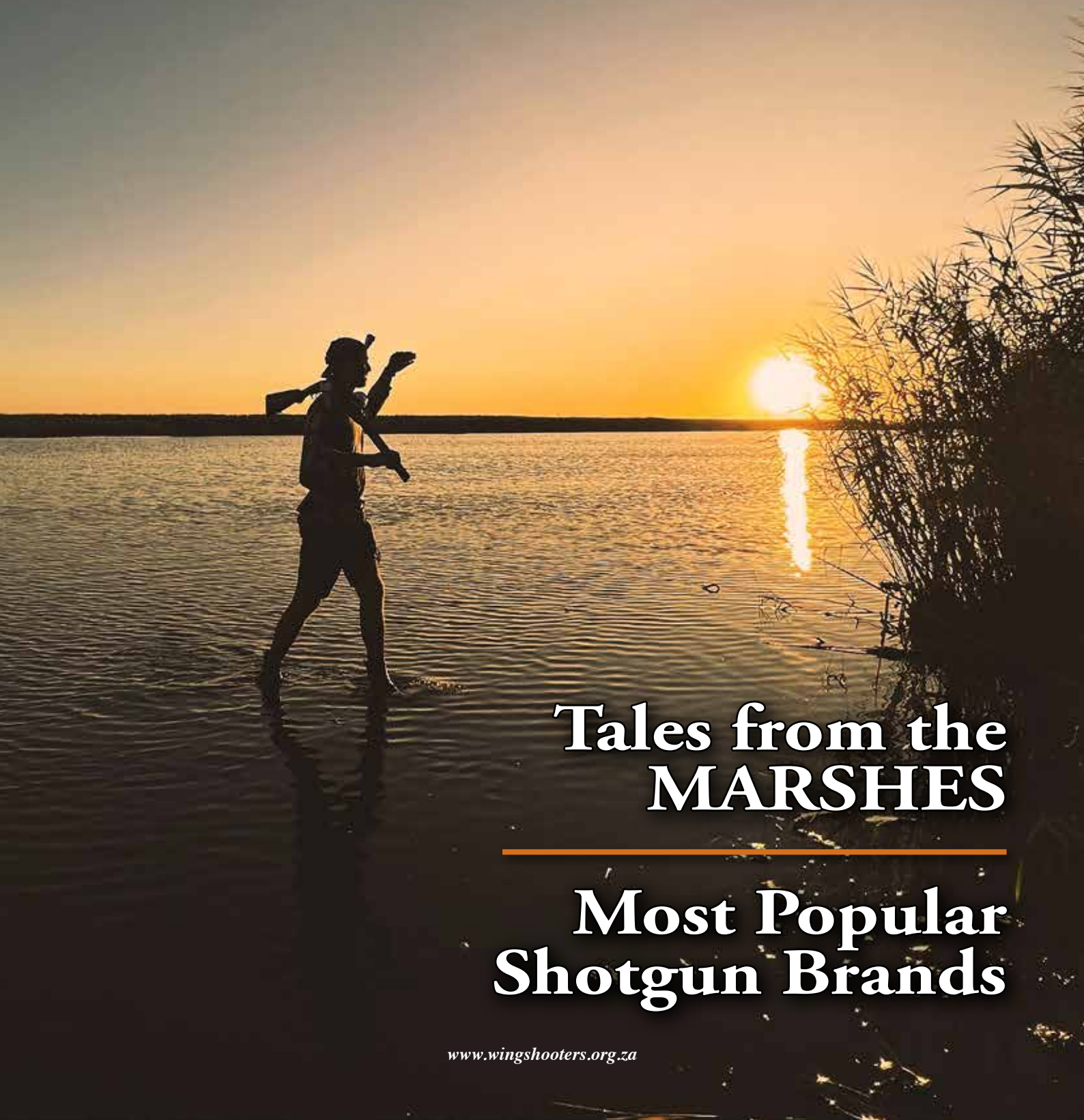




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A WORD IN YOUR EAR



Cheers to our junior members

As you know, we host shooting coaching for members to help them improve their shooting ability, to be better hunters and improve their sport shooting scores – whether shotgun, rifle or handgun shooting.

I posted the following on our Facebook page, but seeing as many people are not on social media, I thought it beneficial to mention it here too:

Once in a while you come across exceptional natural ability. Sunday 19 May was one such time! One of the attendees that morning was a bright young girl named Lexi Harding (13 years old), a member of SA Wingshooters. It was her very first time shooting clays and first time with her new 20ga shotgun, which is in her dad's name at this stage.

She's never shot a shotgun before. It took her no more than 3 shots at a clay to grasp the concept and she applied extreme focus on the target, kept her head firmly on the stock and kept the barrels swinging. Needless to say she did extremely well in both rounds that she shot and it was an absolute delight to help her and see her shoot.

Getting juniors involved as members is crucial for the future of wingshooting and shotgun shooting in our country. If you have kids, do sign them up as our junior membership fee for people up to and including 21 years of age, is a mere R253.00 per year! If you involve your kids from a young age the chances that they will become good, or even great shots are pretty high indeed. There is not a single reason not to sign your kids up.

When I was in primary school, we lived in Surrey, in England for a while. I remember my father taking me to the Holland & Holland Shooting School for a lesson as my tenth birthday present. I can still remember instances of that day... what some of the targets looked like, singles and doubles being thrown out of a bunker on top of the hill, crossing and trap-type targets and the scenery. I soon realised there, thanks to great tuition, that one can hit often using a .410!

The point is, it made an impact on me and got me to enjoy shooting and hunting from a young age. Offer your kids the same! We have such a beautiful and diverse country and the learning curve of nature is never ending. One cannot tire of it.

All the seasons have been gazetted, so get into the veld and go hunting. Make the best of this season and enjoy every minute of it.

See you in the field!

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We've launched the SA Wingshooters' Lady Birds club

We are pleased to announce the launch of the SA Wingshooters' Lady Bird club for ladies only.

The Lady Birds have been going for a few years, but in order to formalise their activities a bit more, they are now part of SA Wingshooters Association.

The idea is to grow the Lady Birds group with all the female members of the association and offer a host of exclusive



Estene Trollope & Tikka

activities for ladies only. From clay shoots, coaching days for shotgun, rifle and handgun shooting, to wingshooting, and more. The Lady Birds have already hosted an upland bird shoot that was a fun and

memorable day. If you don't want to shoot then you don't have to either. Come and work your bird dogs along with some of the other ladies that do not shoot.

We invite all lady members to contact the office for more information on how to join the Lady Birds group. The convenor of this group is member Mrs Estene Trollope and together we will get you participating in no time. See more photographs of this shoot on pages 24 and 25.

— SA Wingshooters

Kruger National Park Management Issues: Fire

Fire entered the discussion by way of my concern about the lack of vegetation monitoring. Not only elephants have an impact on the vegetation but also veld fires. At this stage it is apparent that nothing is being done to monitor the effects of what may be regarded as a highly unnatural fire regime. I am not sure whether the field rangers are still responsible for veld condition assessments, which could go some way towards monitoring.

I do, however, find it extremely strange that the Park justifies the closing of artificial water points to comply with a more natural situation, but applies a fire policy that flies in the face of its mission statement to "maintain biodiversity in all its natural facets and fluxes ..."

Fire cannot be ignored as a very important natural process, but its present mismanagement places a question mark over any other attempts to convince me that the Park is serious about abiding by the 'facets and fluxes' of nature.

I have heard arguments in support of the present policy, including the need to 'create diversity' and simulate fires applied by rural communities over the past several centuries.

Neither of these arguments is relevant: on what basis can the Park justify its claim of 'creating diversity' in direct contradiction

to natural processes, and why select one aspect of land use from earlier times and not all the others?

Why not also try to simulate the effect bygone settlements had on the environment, their monopolisation (and poisoning) of water holes or their impact on herbivores and carnivores?

The extent, intensity and effect of lightning fires are not only dictated by the fuel load but also by the prevailing conditions at the time of the fires, i.e. season, time of day (usually late afternoon) and atmospheric conditions such as temperature, humidity, wind, nitrogen fixation, etc. Lightning fires are frequently followed shortly after ignition by rain. This creates natural diversity in harmony with all the other natural processes.

Of course, in times of high rainfall and the accumulation of heavy fuel loads, fires can be severe, fully in accordance with the natural flexes and fluxes of the ecosystems.



Natural fires usually occur during spring or early summer and, in this way, preclude burnt areas from exposure to prolonged high ambient temperatures and other factors that could negatively affect the vegetation, such as concentrations of short grass grazers at a time when grass growth is retarded.

Such fires could also upset the established spatial and temporal utilisation of rangeland by herbivores.

by Dr Salomon Joubert. He is an ex-director of the Kruger National Park in South Africa and spent 40 years in the service.

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Lead Ammo Restrictions – UK...



The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has requested that the timeline be extended for the final stage of its lead ammunition review in England, Wales and Scotland.

The move comes following the HSE's consultation last December on the socio-economic assessment of restriction proposals. More than 8,000 submissions were received, including at least 5,000 from BASC members via our website.

The HSE has submitted a request to the government for more time to sort through relevant information and evidence, before it can propose its recommendations to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

A new timeline is being drawn up and will be published following consultation with policy leads, such as Defra and the Scottish and Welsh governments.

The HSE launched its initial consultation on proposals to restrict the outdoor use of lead ammunition in 2022. The six-month consultation received robust evidence-based challenges from BASC against many of the proposals, plus more than 2,000 responses from other interested parties.

Terry Behan, BASC's East of England director, said: "Alongside the subsequent socio-economic assessment consultation, the HSE dropped plans to ban lead airgun pellets and conceded that target shooting with lead rifle ammunition should be

allowed to continue at approved ranges.

"However, it continued to press for restrictions on nearly every other outdoor recreational use of lead ammunition in England, Wales and Scotland. BASC challenged each proposal, with robust evidence. Our response considered every shooting discipline, both live quarry and target.

We will provide an update as soon as we have the revised timeline from the HSE."

— BASC
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Do High-Rib Shotguns Improve Your Performance?

High-rib shotguns, or simply 'high-ribs', are not your typical shotguns. They are characterised by an elevated rib—the part that guides your eye to the target—extending from the rear to the muzzle of the barrel. This heightened design is not just for aesthetics; it serves a key purpose. It allows the shooter to adopt a more upright, comfortable head position, reducing neck strain and promoting better posture. This comfort translates into more focused, accurate shooting sessions – the first step towards improving performance.

Notably, high-ribs are also designed to provide a clearer line of sight for a more consistent point of impact, as it naturally guides the shooter's eye level to align with the target's flight path more accurately. This is a significant advantage, particularly in clay pigeon shooting, where the target's trajectory can be unpredictable.

A high-rib shotgun enables the shooter to maintain a steady line of sight and swiftly adjust their aim accurately as the target's path changes.

Beyond accuracy and comfort, high-ribs also facilitate quicker target acquisition.

This is because they naturally encourage the shooter to keep both eyes open — a fundamental technique in shooting that provides a wider field of view. This allows for rapid identification and tracking of targets, giving you an edge over your competition.

Is High-Rib Your Secret to Better Performance?

The benefits of high-rib shotguns may make you wonder: is this the secret to better shooting performance? The answer isn't a straightforward yes or no. Like any tool or equipment, its effectiveness largely depends on the user's comfort, skill level and practice. However, high-rib shotguns do provide an array of advantages that can enhance your performance if leveraged properly.

For one, the ergonomic design fosters better posture and reduced physical strain—two key factors in maintaining stamina during lengthy shooting sessions. Secondly, the superior visibility provided by high-ribs can significantly enhance your accuracy and speed. However, it's essential to remember that owning a high-rib shotgun isn't an automatic ticket to improved performance. You need to invest time to familiarise yourself with its features and adapt your shooting style accordingly.

Unlocking Victory: The High-Rib Shotgun Advantage

The potential high-rib shotgun advantage is real and tangible. Whether you're a beginner aspiring to improve or a seasoned shooter aiming for perfection, a high-rib shotgun can be a powerful ally. Its ergonomic design, superior visibility, and enhanced accuracy can prove instrumental in contributing to your shooting success.

However, as with any tool, the key to unlocking its full potential lies in understanding and mastering its features. Spend time practicing with your high-rib shotgun, understand how it alters your line of sight, and learn to adjust your shooting techniques accordingly. With time and practice, you'll not only appreciate the comfort and accuracy it offers.

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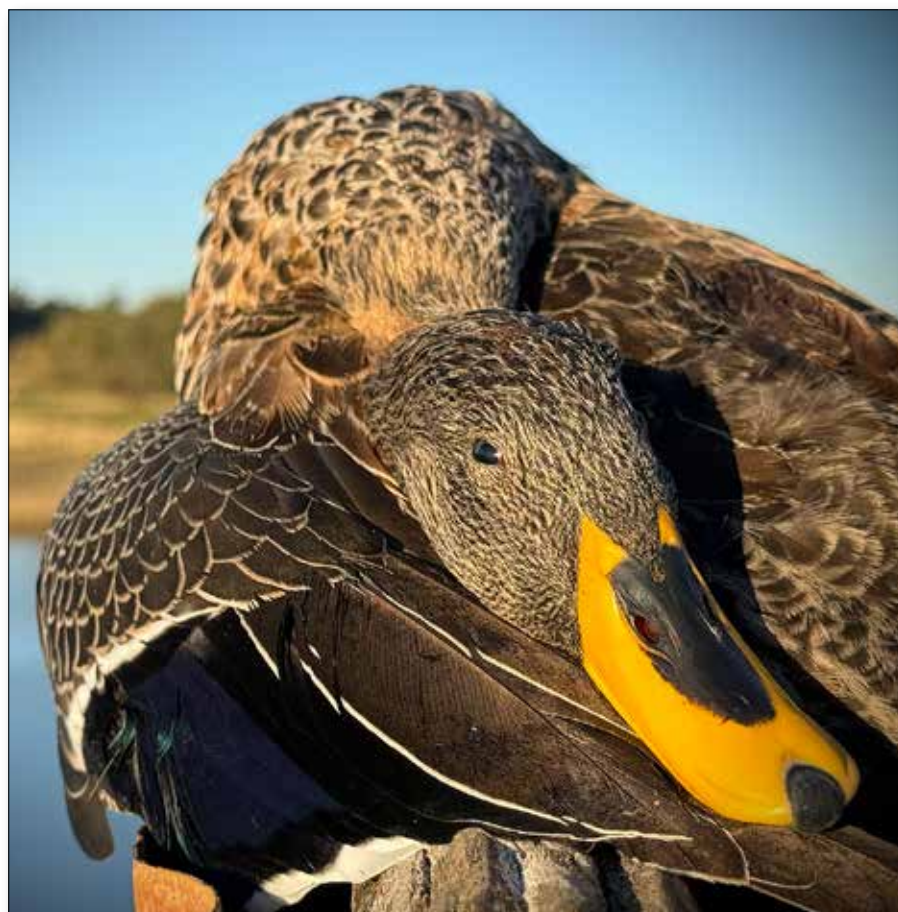
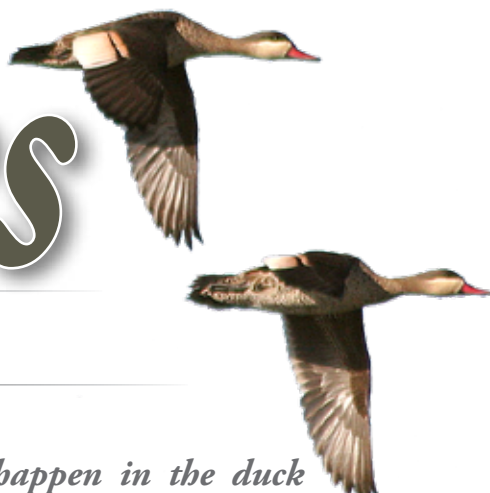
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Tales from the Marshes

by Charles Duff

Photographs – André van der Westhuizen

Wacky, weird and wonderful things can happen in the duck marshes, and I have some to share with you. Let us differentiate between the occasional hunter who haunts the edges of dams in ordinary boots and clothing, and the real dyed-in-the-wool duck hunter, who actually goes into the freezing water, slush and mud in search of quarry. Faffing around on the edges is for sissies and amateurs.



The real duck hunter wears the right gear and is quite happy to shoot ducks whilst standing in water three-quarters or more up his chest waders. His dog – and they are obligatory for the true water-fowler – either ensconced on a nearby tuft of reeds or else treading water at his side.

Back in the old days, all you could find in the way of chest-high waders were an offering from fisherman's shops made from flimsy PVC, usually in a puke-green colour, with short wellies of a similar shade attached to the bottoms. They came with a small puncture repair kit, were all you could find country-wide and suffered from a single lethal drawback. If they filled up and you tried to move under water, they ballooned, taking in more water and making movement almost impossible. If you tried to go upwards they then suctioned onto your body and were extremely difficult to get off.

Cut to a river entering a big

dam, with real marshes. The river was gutter-like in that one wrong step off from the sides and you were in water of at least 2.5 to 3 metres deep. However, where it actually debouched into the dam was a bit shallower and more spread-out. A willow tree had jammed itself across the mouth. With a bit of knee-deep wading at either end, plus a scramble along the tree, acres of duck-tempting marshy shallows opened up for the eager hunter.

One freezing morning, over I went, though Dougal had to swim. After a great shoot where I limited-out in a couple of hours, back I went, salivating at the thought of the coffee-thermos and hip-flask full of hooligan juice in the car, awaiting my return. Halfway across I slipped off the tree. As I went I jettisoned the ducks in their carrier with one hand and managed to drop the gun, in its slip, onto the tree; before the weight of water in the rapidly filling waders dragged me down. The water was very clear, which was a big plus. As my feet hit the bottom I flexed my knees and jumped upwards. However, the waders ballooned – this was the first intimation that I had of their lethality – and I stayed where I was, stuck on the bottom. Emergencies can facilitate rapid reactions and the next moment, instinctively, I was on my hands and knees, crawling along the bottom. Years of skin diving paid off in having managed to take a big breath on my way down plus the ability to hold said breath for a fairly respectable time. Nevertheless by the time my head broke the surface I was already experiencing spots in front of my eyes and getting woozy. Exiting the water, waddling like an obese duck with umpteen kilograms of water sloshing around in the waders, I tried to get them off. At which point they again suctioned onto my bod. Eventually I lay down on the bank with my head pointing downhill and let gravity drain away the water. Finally divested of this murderous garment, with the incredible headache that frigid water gives an immersed head, I slogged back onto the tree to retrieve my gun whilst Dougal collected the ducks. About 6 months later I went to the USA and at the huge Gander Mountain store in Milwaukee, a

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true hunter’s heaven, I bought a pair of chest-high neoprene waders in Advantage Wetlands camouflage, plus a matching jacket and cap. On my return I put it all on and jumped into a friend’s swimming pool and – glory be! – I floated. On my next trip I got a pair of similar thigh-high waders, a quantum advance over wellies which really don’t work for the serious fowler. Murphy’s law states that the water will always be 2cm deeper than your wellies.

Next season a member of the syndicate, let us call him Chris, took that fatal one step too many at a really deep part of the same river, went under, and got pulled out by his (loaded) barrels by an alert fellow hunter, let’s call him James. The latter said that as he got to the bank all he could see was the dangerous end of an O/U shotgun’s barrels making frantic little circles in the river, surrounded by bubbles. Grabbing the barrels, he pulled with all his might and up came a purple-faced Chris, blowing like a grampus. Once again, the PVC waders had struck and stuck. Chris said that there he was, standing on the bottom of the river next to a cliff-like edge, with nowhere to go even if he could move, which he couldn’t! Being a notable wag, after being dried off and rescued from hypothermia and promptly engaged in stripping, drying and cleaning his precious sodden shotgun; he said that in future he would only venture into the marshes

with a matched pair of Boito’s and a gun-bearer!

So, if ever you should go waterfowling in chest-high PVC waders, my advice is to take a really sharp knife with you. You might just have the time to cut yourself out of them before drowning. Oh, and it is a very good idea not to be on your own. However, the money you could spend on the now widely available neoprene waders should be regarded as good insurance and very much worthwhile.

Bird identification is a necessary skill for any ethical hunter and rapid identification of our waterfowl can be hard enough in perfect conditions. But as the morning flight kicks off half an hour before sunrise and the evening shoot ends 30 minutes after sunset, mistakes are pretty frequent. To muddy the waters the bird dynamics are going to pot. In the good old days in Mpumalanga what wasn’t a yellow-bill was a red-billed teal. If you can’t tell these two apart then keep out of the marshes. The many differences between the Spurwing and the Egyptian are enough for all but the most visually challenged to confuse them. Just occasionally the odd pair of Hottentot teal might appear, which you could confuse with red-bill. But then Cape Shovelers and Pochards started to arrive in ever increasing numbers and large flocks of White-faced Whistling ducks appeared. Even the odd pairs of Fulvous Whistlers could be encountered. Suddenly bird I.D. became a very necessary prerequisite and some people are very much better at it than others. As an aside, only the four first-mentioned birds are legal in Mpumalanga.

So, one clear morning, with the sun still low-down in the east, a fellow syndicate member, let’s call him Chris, was ensconced on a camouflaged gunning raft about 100m down-dam from me, dog and gun at the ready. Facing up-river I saw a flock of easily 48 birds approaching. Their slightly laboured flight, thick wingtips plus the thin reedy whistling clearly identified them as White-faced Whistlers. Passing directly over my head they headed for Chris, and I watched them go saluted by the usual frustrated whine from Dougal who never believed in protected species. As they neared the raft I saw the muzzles

of an O/U appear over the reed camouflage and my yell of 'Don't shoot!' coincided with a double report. As a pair of ducks plummeted into the dam and as Chris's dog jumped in after them, he yelled 'I got a left and right!' to which I shouted back 'Yes, on White-faced Whistlers!' A shocked silence ensued.

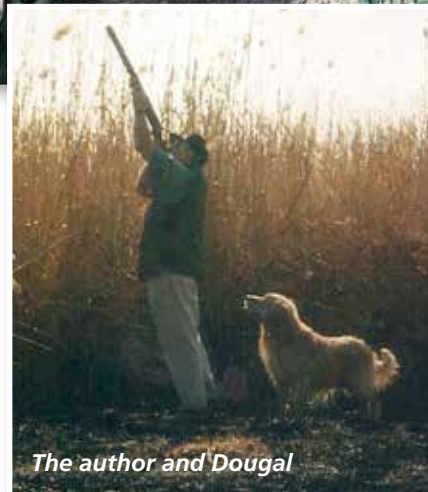
In a howling gale, one freezing morning near Morgenzon, Derek, another friend who has sadly gone on to finer things, managed to wing a large passing Spurwing from the dam wall of the big long catchment. Hitting the water, it immediately struck out upwind towards the head of the dam. Derek's normally impeccably behaved black Labrador 'broke' in excitement and set off after the Spurwing. The wind had been blowing all night, the dam was about 2 kilometres long and the wind-generated waves out in the middle were impressive. Despite all Derek's whistling and shouting to get his dog back; unavailing due to a mixture of the wind and the Lab's single-mindedness, the dog was visibly tiring, not gaining on the goose and very possibly on the way to drowning. Dogs not having a very good floatation coefficient. I was halfway up the dam, on the side but well back from the water in some cover and with me was our host. For some arcane reason he was carrying his much-loved 30-06. I said 'For Pete's sake, shoot the bloody goose before the dog drowns'. Standing up, at least 150m from the goose, he let rip, missed, shot again, missed, shot twice more and missed again before with his fifth and last cartridge he took the head off the goose. I said 'Well done, but that was a lucky shot' to which he replied 'No, I was aiming for the head all the time'. I replied 'Are you mad, why didn't you go for the body' to which he replied 'But that would have ruined the meat' At that distance, in a gale, at a small moving target that was bobbing up and down a couple of feet in the waves it was incredible and unforgettable shooting.

I don't like coot. They are completely inedible in my opinion, bossy, intolerant of other species and in my view taking away precious lebensraum from my beloved ducks. They are water-borne Indian Mynahs. They



very rarely fly, and then generally only in the twilight. But when they do, they are rather similar to ring-necked pheasants minus the long tails. A busy wing-beat propels them at a respectable rate. So, there I was, back near Morgenzon again, heading over a slight hill towards the dam on the other side, at dusk. From my left, a bird appeared at a fair height about 30 metres out, which I quickly identified as a coot. Dropping my gear, shouldering the gun and swinging through I pulled the trigger and was gratified to see it drop dead into the veld. I sent off Dougal. Another member, let's call him English Mike, shouted rather poshly at me 'But you have shot a coot!' to which I replied 'Yes, but it's a Roland Ward!' It took Mike several days to fathom the joke as I refused to explain. Ever since if any member says that he got a Roland Ward we all know that he was referring to a flying coot.

Another time, another province and another Saturday's twilight. Having chased the guinea-fowl relatively successfully for most of the day, we had retired to a marshy valley leading away from a large dam. One of the hunters, let's call him Rob, had shot there before and he said that as the sun set, ducks would flight up the valley, heading for the reaped mealie fields just over the crest. As we got to where we would split up and choose our hiding places, having no hides; he said that he had noted that the yellow-bill frequently criss-crossed in flight and he was going to shoot such a pair as their flight-paths coincided, with one shot. Bets were promptly laid. The sun retired and the ducks



The author and Dougal

started flying, shooting started desultorily. Having picked a poor spot I got no shooting and was packing up when, a couple of minutes before cease-firing time, Rob yelled that he had done it. A lady dog-handler sent out her Golden Retriever who came back quite smartly with a very dead yellow-bill in her mouth, and got sent out again.

By this time, it was very hard to see anything, but back came Amber with another yellow-bill. The gun's under barrel being the only one fired, Rob started collecting up the bets. No one noticed that Amber had gone out again until she suddenly appeared in front of her handler with a third duck in her mouth! On examination this proved to be un-pricked and unconscious. The only logical explanation being that either one, or both, of the shot ducks had hit this obviously lower bird and sent it crashing landwards.

The triple duck retrieve was quite famous for a while. I would add that Amber was the first Golden in South Africa to become a dual champion – show and field – and she did this at 2 years of age. A remarkable dog. 🐾

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Look down the BARRELS

The first thing that you should do on handling any shotgun is to open the gun and look down the barrels to check that they are empty and clear. For most of us this is an instinctive action and for those who don't, well, learn to do so!

by Charles Duff

But when last did you really look at them? They deserve a closer inspection because they are the evolved product of a very prolonged development. Their task is easy – to provide a secure container for the cartridge, its ignition and the

the barrel. However, the quality of the gunpowder varied widely from different makers, and was such that the rather coarse powder produced for cannon was not effective in small diameter tubes, which required much finer grain powder.

As late as the mid-17th century,



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subsequent passage of the shot charge out towards the target, plus deliver the shot in an effective small cloud to kill the prey. But how to do this was, in the early days, not so easy at all.

It became rapidly obvious that, to exert the maximum effect of the gunpowder, the whole charge must be ignited within the confines of

smoothbore barrels were as much as 6 feet (1.83m) long to achieve complete ignition and ensure that no unburnt powder blew out of the barrels. Nobody attempted to shoot at moving targets, let alone flying ones. As the powder quality improved, so the barrels shortened, until by the advent of nitro powders, there was



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specifically for woodcock shooting, and at the other extreme, the introduction of extra-long external choke tubes, giving overall barrel lengths as much as 36" (91.5cm) long, right up the clay shooters wants list!

But what sometimes gets forgotten is the fact that your physique and barrel length should be associated. The short, slight shooter is not well served with 32" barrels, since long barrels and a short stock makes for an unbalanced gun. This is especially true for women and children who can lack the necessary upper-arm strength to get long barrels moving quickly, and weighting the stock to achieve a correct gun balance makes a heavier gun, not suitable for these users.

Ideally the length of your shotgun barrels should be allied to your height and build; so conversely a tall shooter who needs a longer than normal stock should not go for short barrels. A slightly forward bias to the balance point – usually just in front of the action hinge pin – is always preferable to one behind the pin.

I would not recommend anything over 28" (76cm) barrels for any woman unless she should be an ama-

acceptable on the clay target ranges, toddling around all day chasing francolin or guinea-fowl will soon have you wishing for a lighter gun.

The first smoothbore barrels were made by heat-forging spirally-wound and pre-twisted strips of steel and iron around a cylindrical rod of the required diameter. This is the well-known 'Damascus' form of manufacture and at its ultimate devolution, unbelievably pretty patterns were being formed by the colour contrast of the metals used. Some even managed to produce words in the patterns.

Over the years since, this was almost entirely supplanted by 'fluid-pressed steel' barrels introduced by Whitworth. There came about the story that it was dangerous to use Damascus barrels with modern nitro powders. These, unlike black powder, have abrupt pressure curves instead of black powder's much more extended curve and lower peak. The rights and wrongs of this are still being debated and there are manufacturers who have re-introduced new nitro-proofed Damascus barrels. The next step was the introduction of hard chrome linings to steel barrels, immeasurably lengthening useful barrel life and reducing cleaning chores. Nowadays, most barrels are entirely chrome-moly steel, though titanium is creeping in.

Look down the barrels and you will see, just beyond the chambers, a section of the tubes that tapers into the barrels proper. Frequently this, the forcing cone, appears to be quite a short dark band; this indicates an abruptly tapered cone. The modern trend is paying much more attention to this section than before, and longer and longer cones are now the fashion as the effect upon the shot charge as it exits the crimp of the cartridge and enters the cone is one of a quite tight choke. Consequently, makers are experimenting with longer and longer cones – Beretta's DT11 boasts ones of 18" (46cm) long.

Shotgun chambers are well oversized and the cartridge expands to fill the available space, this is so that the cartridges drop into place and should never be pushed into the chambers. This is because the rim on the cartridge and the corresponding cut-out

Titanium barrels – Longthorne now manufacture our barrels in Titanium for our Trigger Plate range of guns, these are currently available with flat or high rib in 12g, 30" or 32" long in weight 950 grams (in 32").



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no difference in barrel length, at around 30" (76cm). Since then, akin to women's skirts, the fashion has yo-yoed between 25" (63.5cm) and 34" (86.3cm).

Lately there has developed a fashion, in Europe, for very short-barrelled guns, as short as 21.5" (55cm),

zoni! It is true that it is easier to shoot long-distance crossing birds with long barrels and that a heavier gun is steadier and absorbs more recoil, but it is necessary to have the concomitant strength and frame to move the gun smoothly and quickly.

Further, while a heavy gun is quite

on the ejectors or extractors are both quite small, and with a well-worn gun it is quite easy for the cartridge rim to over-ride the ejector grooves and thus jam the gun.

Another quite recent innovation has been the use of back-boring, or increasing the barrel size by several thousandths of an inch. This has been shown to have several advantages. Firstly, in improving the pattern thrown by the barrel. Secondly, in reducing friction on the shot charge and thus reducing recoil, and lastly, but not least, increasing the muzzle velocity.

It is rare to come across ideas that produce win, win, win situations, but barrel back-boring is indeed one. Add to this a much elongated forcing cone and you really are cooking with gas! The limiting factor is the highly efficient skirt of the plastic wads in current use, going beyond its diameter and gas escape will occur with its concurrent loss of pellet velocity.

The introduction of interchangeable chokes was revolutionary and universally accepted, except of course the average user (as opposed to the fanatical clay shooters) puts in chokes that he thought, or was advised, would cover his shooting requirements and leaves them there. Initially 5 chokes were used – full, three-quarter, half, quarter, modified and, of course, cylinder. At 40 yards, a full choke should deliver 70-75% of the shot charge inside the standard 30 inch circle; a cylinder bore should deliver 40%, the rest fall between these two extremes.

Naturally, the fanatics couldn't leave this alone, and promptly doubled the number of available options. The length of the parallel section of the choke after the constriction is very important for even patterns. Decreasing the barrel gauge means that to achieve the same degree of choking as the 12ga, their chokes require less and less constriction; those on a .410 are barely perceptible.

The initial method of joining two barrels in a side-by-side gun was the 'chopper lump', these being the lumps of metal below the chambers which are forged together to form the lock-up. This has, in modern CNC manufacture, been replaced by the much more economical mono-bloc where a separate steel block, with its locking-up lugs, is bored through to take the chamber ends of the barrels, which are either heat-shrunk, silver soldered or glued into place.

The ultimate in barrel manufacture has been achieved by Longthorne Guns in Yorkshire, where they make the complete set of barrels, ribs and lumps from one block of steel, and the last task is to bore out the barrels.

Many years ago, Whitworth did the same but started with the barrel boring. This was in pre-CNC days and it was just too expensive and time consuming to succeed. Though their guns are not exactly cheap.



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Why hunt with a *Vintage Shotgun?*



by Matthew Every
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If you're on the fence about taking an antique shotgun out bird hunting, here are a few reasons you should give it a try.

Being part of the hunting and shooting industry, I get to try the latest and greatest new guns every year. But when I'm not toting a gun for work, I'm usually carrying a vintage shotgun. My duck and pigeon gun turned 100 this year, and my grouse gun isn't far behind it.

I have a safe full of old pumps, semi-autos, side-by-sides and over-unders, and I'll probably never get rid

of them. Sure, I'm a sucker for patina, nice engraving, and all of the little things that make an old gun great. But what I love most about vintage shotguns is learning about where they came from, how they were made, and how they handle in the field.

A good vintage shotgun will serve you just as well, if not better, than a modern gun. It will do it all with style, and going vintage can save you a few bucks. If you aren't convinced yet, here are a few more reasons why you should try hunting with a classic shotgun.

Sometimes, They're Made Better Than Newer Guns

American gunmaking has always been about building the best guns for the best price, and today, we're living in a golden age of cheap guns. You can find a new shotgun that's capable of breaking as many clays and killing as many birds as you want for less than what you pay for groceries every month. To cut costs, though, manufacturers use fewer craftspeople and more machines than they once did. Overall, this is a good thing, as machines have gotten better and more precise. But something got lost along the way.

Back when craftsmanship and labour were cheap, a lot of handwork went into making a gun. You'll pay a premium for things like hand engraving and hand checkering on a new gun today, but you can find comparable (and sometimes better) craftsmanship on vintage guns for a fraction of the price.

Vintage guns were made with exceptional attention to detail, even under the hood. If you take apart a new over-under and an old over-under of similar quality, you may notice that the older one was finished better. Don't get me wrong, they made crappy guns back then, too. But some classic guns have a level of quality you won't find on a modern gun unless you're willing to pay higher prices.

You Just Need to Know What You're Buying

Some classic guns don't work well anymore. Their stock dimensions are wonky, or the steel is too weak. But there are a lot of classic shotguns on the market today that work just fine.



The best way to find good classic guns is to consult an established dealer who's knowledgeable on the subject. I buy guns from Safari Outfitters in Millbrook, New York, and I trust them to know what they're talking about. I'd stay away from big box stores no matter how pretty their gun rooms look. Good gun dealers can tell you about things like wall thicknesses in barrels, provide choke measurements, and more about the history of a gun. They usually price guns accordingly and can work with you even if your budget is low.

My best advice to those who want to hunt with vintage shotguns—versus collecting them—is to start humbly. Go for a vintage Auto 5 Sweet 16, an old Remington Model 31, or a Winchester Model 12. You can find them hanging around in many local gunshops around the country, and they are usually pretty affordable.

Most vintage American guns were also built like tanks, and it's easier to find replacement parts should you need them. All the while, educate yourself on historical shotgun makers and market values before making a big purchase and try to consult with someone who knows what they're talking about before handing over your credit card. If you're ever in doubt about the condition of a classic gun, bring in a gunsmith to look it over.

If You Plan to Hunt With the Shotgun, You Can Get a Good Deal

Gun collectors prize original condition above just about everything else. It's rare to find vintage guns that haven't been used in the field, and they command high prices. These are the kinds of prices that scare most hunters away from buying vintage shotguns and actually using them. But, if you plan to hunt with a classic and don't care as much about the condition, you can find some good deals.

Refinished guns are of little value to the collector. Refinishing will actually devalue a gun (unless it was restored by a well-known specialist), but many are in good condition for hunting. The main thing to look out for on a refinished gun is barrel wall thickness. Every time a bore gets the pits polished out of it, it loses a little metal. Talk to a dealer or gunsmith and have the wall thicknesses measured.

You can also get a good deal on guns that have seen some time in the field. I recently bought a Parker that had a new recoil pad installed, and a slight blemish in the bluing from wear. It still locks up tight and shoots great, making it a perfect field gun.

I've gotten burned like this, too, with a heavily used Browning Superposed. It had been shot a lot, and the rib eventually separated itself



gun has been to make skinnier barrels and smaller actions. Just look at vintage Parkers. European and English guns are different, though. The 1939 British 12-gauge I brought was just as light as the 20-gauges I hunted next to because it was made to be that way. One ounce of shot coming from my 12 gauge will pattern better than that same ounce coming from a 20 because it's less constricted by bore diameter. I can also hunt grouse with 1-ounce target loads from just about any gun shop in the country instead of having to track down uncommon subgauge loads, like 28 gauge.

You could spend anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000 on a modern gun from overseas that would carry and shoot a lot like my vintage gun. Or you could buy a vintage 12-gauge like mine for less than \$2,000 when you come across it.

Vintage Shotguns Have Style

I'm a big believer in the aesthetics of hunting. And before you accuse me of being a hipster hunter, consider this: hunting for sport is anything but practical. The vast majority of us are not subsistence hunters — especially upland bird hunters. You'd likely starve (or eat a lot more veggies) trying to bag enough birds to sustain you through a year. We hunt today to carry on traditions, connect with the natural world, take part in conservation, watch dogs work, and because it's fun.

If hunting is supposed to be fun, then part of that fun for me is carrying a vintage shotgun, provided that I can use it as efficiently as a modern gun. Being able to use a tool that was made so well that it still works today is something I get a kick out of. And I spend a lot more time admiring my shotguns than I do actually shooting at birds. It's like driving a vintage car or wearing a vintage watch.

There's an element of style with a classic gun that enriches the whole experience of hunting for me. I hope it does the same for you, too. 🍀

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from the barrel after a long day of sporting clays. It still hits where I point it, so I take it out on rainy days when I leave my nicer guns at home. I also look at it as a small price to pay for a big education on buying old guns.

With guns that have some wear and tear, check to see how the action mates up to the barrels. If it's tight, it probably wasn't shot too much, or had some work done to it. Old pump shotguns should lock up tightly, too.

Finally, you should measure chokes on a vintage gun before buying it, look for things like dents

in the barrel, and test that the safeties still work.

Some Vintage Guns Handle and Shoot Better Than Modern Ones

I recently went to a grouse camp where everyone was carrying a subgauge shotgun. Americans tend to like subgauges because they're light and trim, and we do a lot more walking than our European counterparts.

It's also because American guns tend to be overbuilt when compared to shotguns from across the Atlantic. Our answer to making a lightweight



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The most desirable shotgun brands:

revealed!



Every game shot has a dream gun, but taste change from person to person. Using data from the Game Shooting Census by GunsOnPegs and Lycetts, we discover which gunmakers are the most desirable, and how that has changed over time.

by George Browne

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One of the things that game shots love almost as much as they love shooting is drooling over shotguns – unslip a new gun at the start of a season and you're sure to spark a conversation about your choice, and depending on what you've chosen, you could provoke gasps of jealous admiration or ridicule (believe it or not, there are still places where an over-and-under is viewed as deeply nouveau, and there are others where to be using a

side-by-side marks you out as a fusty old stick-in-the-mud).

Arbitrary gunsnobbery aside (gunsnobbery: a new word I just made up, quite like it), there is one thing that unites most game shots – a love of fantasising about what they would buy if their 200-1 outsider at Epsom ever came in, and everyone loves a bit of #gunporn. That's why back in 2016's Game Shooting Census we asked people a classic "gunbus" question: If money was no object who would you get to build you a gun?

After a few fallow years, we decided that it would be interesting to see how that had changed. So in the 2021 Game Shooting Census, we asked people the same question, and then again in the 2023 Game Shooting Census.

The results show some very interesting changes.

What are the most desirable shotgun brands?

Let's start with the obvious. Since 2016, in many regards, not much



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has changed. Of the top ten brands back then, all but one are still there, Westley Richards being the 2016 entry that dropped to 12th place this year. Apart from that, the list looks pretty similar, especially at the top

where Purdey, Hollands and Beretta keep their 1-2-3 locked down.

Further back in the pack there is a bit more jockeying for position: Boss gain a couple of spots to retake 4th place, where they were in 2016,

leapfrogging both Longthorne and Browning. Perazzi hold on to 7th place, while McKay Brown and E.J. Churchill gain a couple of places each to take 8th and 9th respectively, with William Powell dropping back to 10th. From this we can conclude that Brits still covet British guns, for the most part. Of the top ten, seven are British brands, even if William Powell's and E.J. Churchill's guns are manufactured in Europe.

Both Purdey and Holland & Holland have been making fine guns for hundreds of years and it clearly shows. They are the pinnacle of gun ownership, and which one you'd choose probably can't be explained. The anecdotal feedback we've had is that an individual's preference has been decided over a long period of time and usually comes back to marketing – "they just seem the best".

It is tough at the top

This is most notable in the case of market leaders Purdey, who have seen the proportion of people who would take their lottery cheque to Audley House slump from 30% in 2016 to 17.5% in 2023 – that's a huge drop. Even since 2021, their share of the vote has dropped by 5%, down from 22.9%.

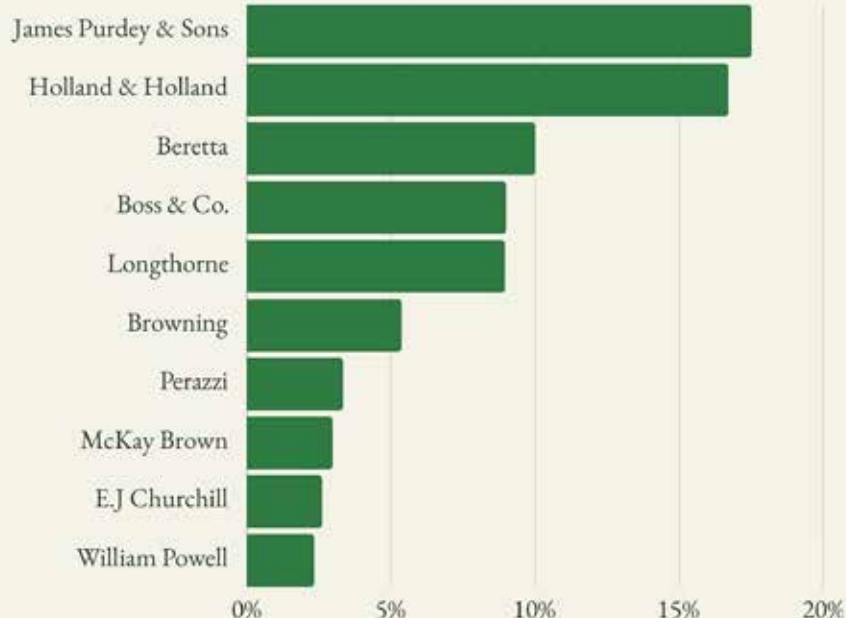
However, while the storied history and handmade gunmaking chops of Purdey and Holland & Holland sees them still undeniably the most desirable brands of all, it is an inescapable fact that their grip on the imaginations and dreams of game shots appears to be slipping.

Hollands have suffered a similar, if less dramatic, fate, with their share of the vote slipping 8.7% from 25.4% to 16.7% in 2023. New owners Beretta can perhaps take heart that the brand has managed to maintain its 16% share since 2021.

With just 1% of the vote splitting the top two, might Holland & Holland's new model, the Noble, help to see them overtake their London rivals?

Since 2016, the big winner has been the relative newcomer to the scene, Longthorne, whose share has leaped from 2.8% in 2016 to 9% in 2023. Longthorne's approach is pretty different when compared to the hand-made London gunmakers.

The most desirable shotgun brands



Market share

Position	Brand	Change vs 2021	% change since 2016
1	James Purdey & Sons	-	Down 12.6%
2	Holland & Holland	-	Down 8.9%
3	Beretta	-	Down 3.0%
4	Boss & Co	Up 2	Down 1.0%
5	Longthorne	Down 1	Up 6.2%
6	Browning	Down 1	Down 3.9%
7	Perazzi	-	Down 2.4%
8	McKay Brown	Up 2	n/a
9	E.J. Churchill	Up 2	Up 1.0%
10	William Powell	Down 2	Up 0.9%

Longthorne Shotguns



Employing cutting edge tech and machinery, Longthorne have built a brand based upon the solidity and reliability of their guns, and their innovative engineering. It is also notable that Longthorne's guns are far less expensive, so it could be possible that people see them as representing better value for money.

Most desirable over-and-under shotguns

When it comes to taste in shotguns, there are so many different factors to consider, from engraving style to stocking and more. But the biggest choice might well be between over-and-under and the more traditional side-by-side. People have strong preferences where this is concerned, so what happens to our leaderboard when we filter for this preference. First, let's look at the more popular over-and-under categories.

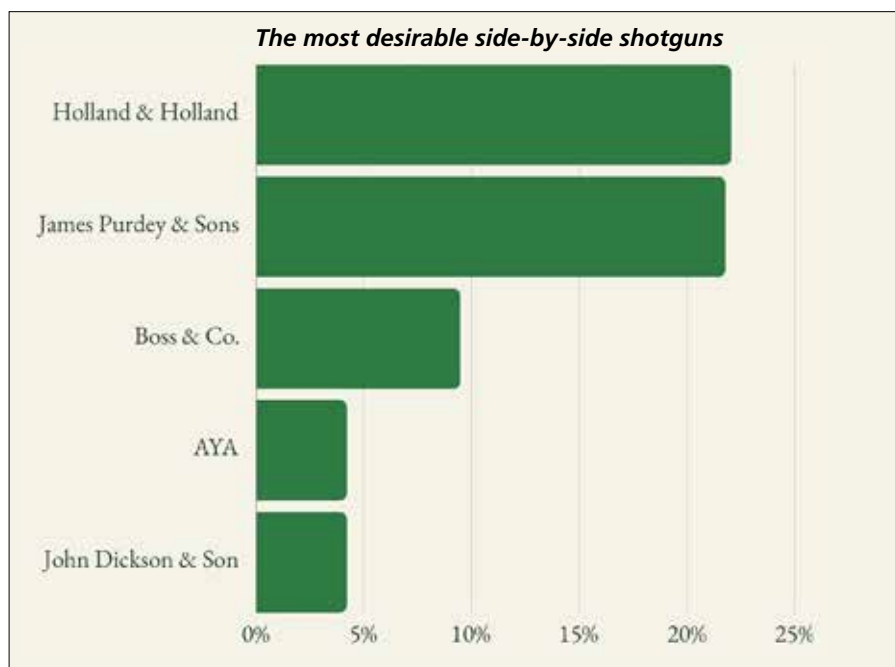
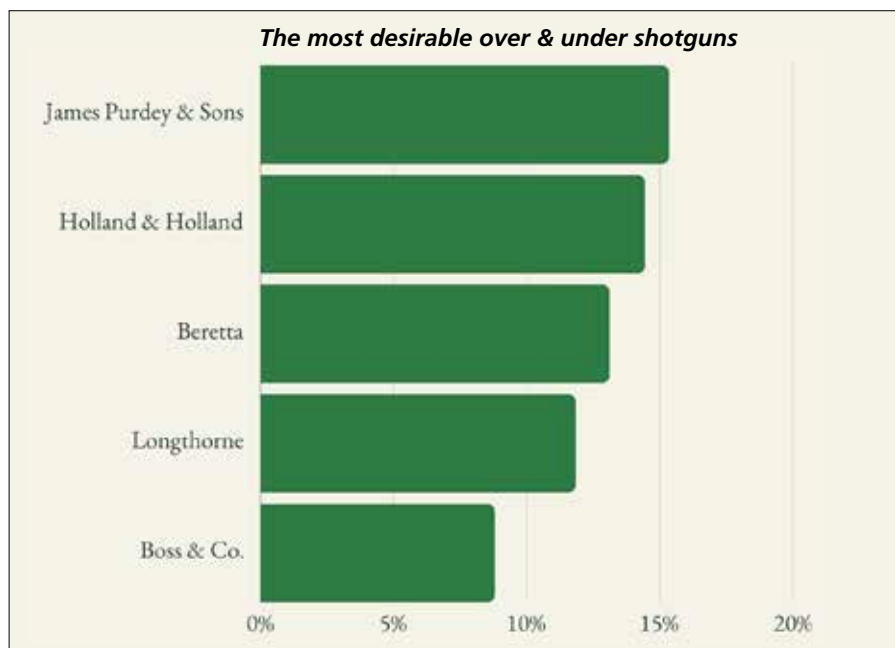
Here we see a similar drop in the dominance of Purdey, whose share drops to 15.4%, down from 20.7%, as well as good showings again from Longthorne – whose guns are even more popular with o/u users, with 11.8% of the vote. Browning, who occupied 4th place in 2021, slip out of the top five, replaced by a resurgent Boss & Co.

Most desirable side-by-side shotguns

Over the last few years, side-by-sides have been enjoying something of a renaissance. I think lots of people – even those who mainly shoot an over and under – dream of owning a stunning side-by-side; there's something about the lines and the flow of these guns that make them objectively desirable pieces. When we look at the 'dream guns' of those who habitually use a side-by-side, we see some interesting changes.

First, Holland & Holland overtake Purdey, whose popularity with the more traditional guns has dropped from 29% in 2021 to 22% in 2023. Even though Hollands' share actually also dropped slightly, Purdey's decline was sufficient to see them fall back into 2nd place. Boss take third and John Dickson & Son take 5th.

It is perhaps not all that surprising that with these traditionalist game shots the UK brands perform well.



AYA, the third most popular shotgun brand in terms of what people actually use, is the only non-UK brand, but their popularity overall makes it not surprising to see them here. As an AYA user myself, I'd be hard pressed to choose between an AYA no.1 or a Holland and Holland Royal, upon which the AYA is based! AYA, who we know are the third most-used shotgun brand after Beretta and Browning, make it into the top five. AYA have a loyal following, and are comparatively affordable. Speaking from personal experience, I adore my AYA, and if the horse that I backed was only at 50-1 rather than 100-1, my first call would be to Edward King, the UK importer of AYA. **We**

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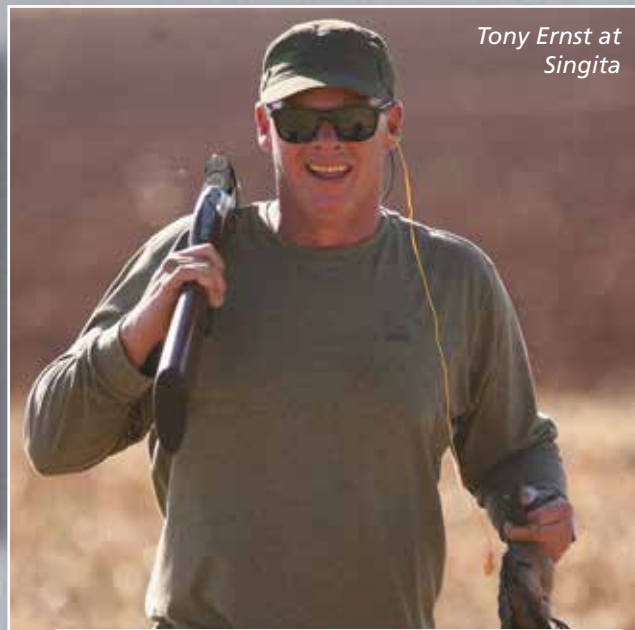
It is no doubt the dream of every game shot to have a gun (or pair of guns) made by their favourite gunmaker to their exact specifications – it would be an expression of your personality, and the ultimate in self-indulgence. In the end, very few of us are ever likely to have deep enough pockets to justify that luxury, even if we tell ourselves that it is really an heirloom, so it's a gift for the generations to come (let's face it, we're fooling nobody).

It is heartening to see that the traditional gunmakers still command such reverence and respect, and that handmade guns remain an aspiration for so many game shots.

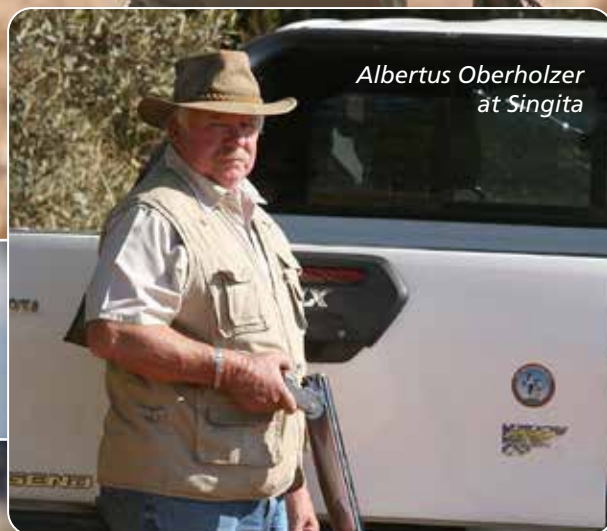
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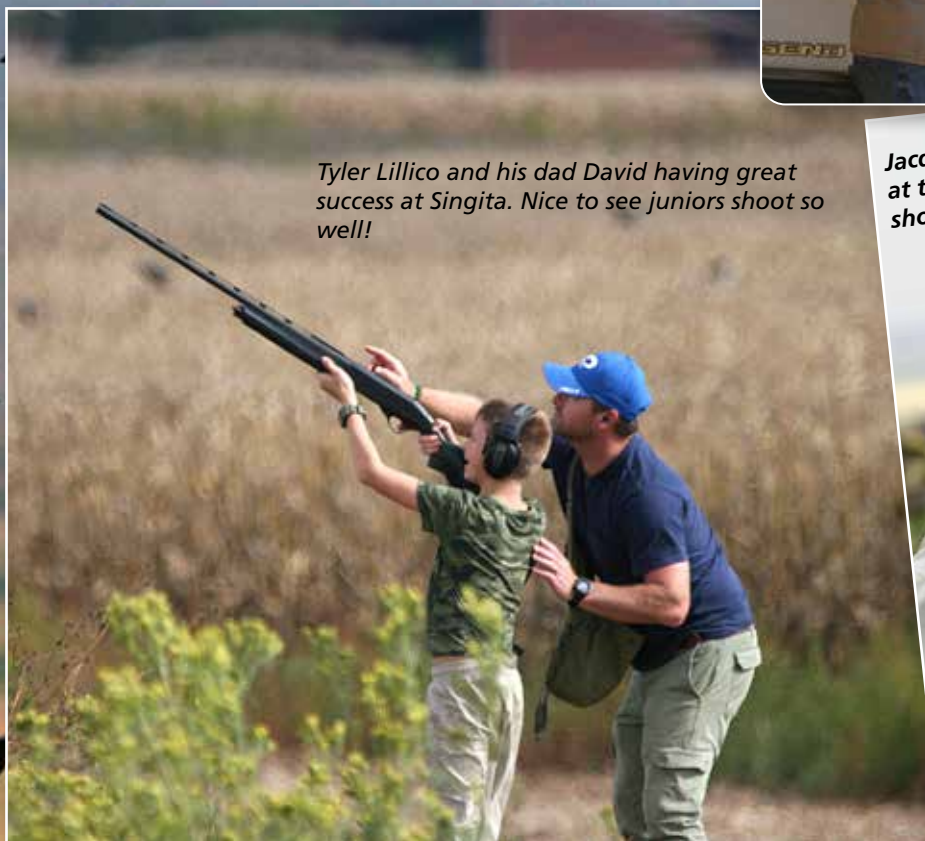
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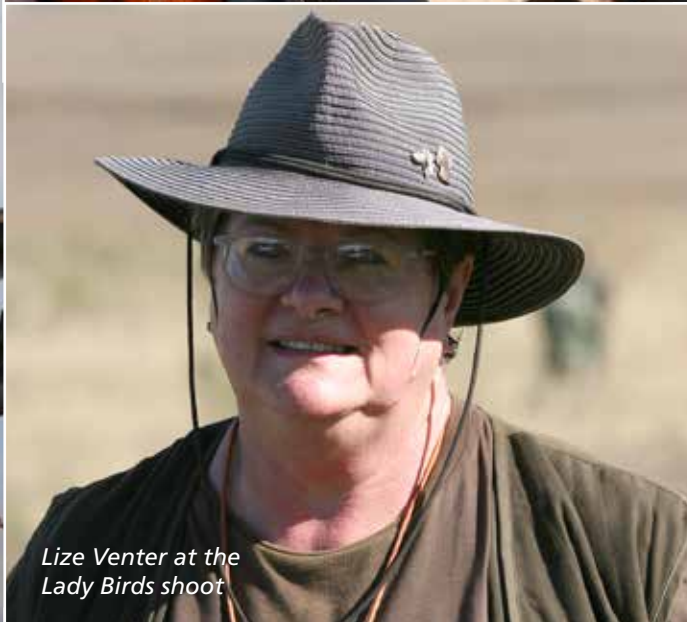
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Jacques Naude at the Uitkyk shoot





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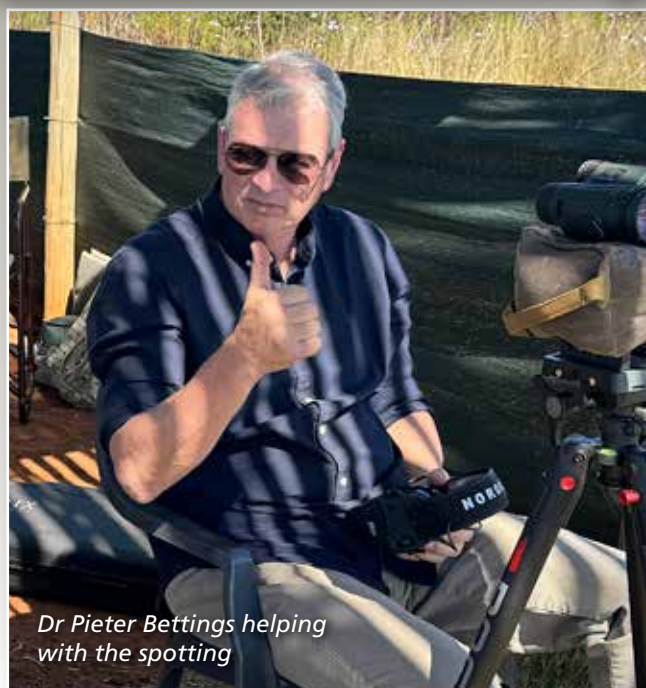
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Learning to Read a Dog's Body Language for Training

Being able to read a bird dog's body language can increase effective training and communication.

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I'm sure you noticed that you can't make a move your bird dog doesn't notice. It's kind of creepy at times finding your dog at the door staring at you the moment the thought crosses your mind to go out dog training or hunting, as if they are somehow reading your mind. It's because they've been studying your every move since the day you brought them home. They know things about you that you don't even realise. They have learned to become a bilingual behaviorist to be able to read you as well as their own doggy world. We owe it to them, and it's to our benefit, to attempt to figure out how to read their language to become bilingual ourselves. It's only then we learn to develop that harmonious hunting relationship we all dream of having with our dog.

Canines primarily communicate with their world through body language. It is paramount for their survival in the wild to be motivated to learn important pack behaviours and mimic the social behaviours around them. As explained in Roger Abrante's book, *Dog Language*, "The concept of motivation is highly relevant to communication patterns. There is no behaviour without motivation. Most of the dog's facial expressions and body postures are motivated by fear, aggression, dominance/superi-



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ority and/or submission/inferiority. Motivation is also vital when teaching a dog various tricks or exercises."

If you're going to have any chance at all of having the right timing in dog training and drawing out your dog's maximum hunting potential, you need to figure out how to utilise motivation in your training and be able to read what they're telling you. Every thought, every emotion is right there for you to see, expressed throughout the dog. Every inch of a

dog is like a page in a book that you can read. In the twitch of a paw, ear, tail or eye, you know how the story will end.

Similar to choosing your own adventure novel, you can often manipulate the story or at least prepare yourself for the twisted tragedy that is about to unfold. Often in gun dog training, more so in hunting, you can't see the dog's expressive face to see what they're thinking. With a few tips and a little practice, you

can learn to read them nose to tail, increasing your chances of avoiding mistakes, and catching those trainable moments. Mistakes being situations that move us back in our training, trainable moments being situations that provide us with learning opportunities to move forward. Commonly, new handlers avoid situations they perceive as mistakes, denying their dog a learning opportunity. A good example would be introducing puppies to game. For some, we want to see the pup pursue and capture the game, promoting drive where it strengthens their predatory instincts and draws out their pointing. For others, it could be detrimental, decreasing the frequency of pointing due to teaching them they can catch. How do we know if our pups need to capture game or they need birds to fly away? It's all in reading their body language.

Becoming literate to what dogs are telling us, puts us in tune with what they are thinking and provides us with the information we need to predict the future. It prepares us for that perfect timing we need, though so often eludes us. It's the secret behind any successful trainer.

Breaking down bird dog body language

The inspiration for this article came from a photo by Nancy Anisfield of her four dogs sitting in her field, out on their daily run. It got me thinking about reading dogs and the ability of handlers to get into the heads or mindset of their dogs in correlation to their body language. Thinking about the dog's ability to learn based on having a calm, alert or alarmed mindset. (Read: *The Five Mental States of Bird Dog Training*). This photo (above) has all three. I thought it was pretty cool that based on the eyes and body language, we can tell the story of how this photo played out. Far left needed to be forced to sit causing the half-moon eyes slightly alarmed; really wanted to be somewhere else based on the head, eyes and spine alignment (alert). Second from the right is obsessive-compulsive about the bumper which had to be given



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to pacify him so he would sit happily though would prefer to be alone (alert). And the far right is a patiently and obediently connected dog that is confidently waiting for whatever comes next (calm).

Now let's walk through the dog from nose to tail and investigate the anatomy of the dog in relation to some of the more easily recognisable trainable moments we can read from our dog's movements.

Reading a dog's nose

The cornerstone of any good hunting dog starts with the nose. The nose should drive the dog's behaviour in the field, making it essential for us to recognise and conceptualise our dog's acute abilities to scent. We need to be able to tell when they are making game, working old scents or crittering non-game.

When a dog is pointing, you can tell a lot about the situation by watching the structure of the nose itself. You can tell when the wind shifted, if they lost the scent, if the bird is moving, is stressed, wounded or is about to fly by watching the nose. You can watch your dog scent in stereo, where each nostril moves independently of the other, sampling the air currents to determine the location of the bird and angling the nostril itself towards that scent.

When a developmental dog locates a bird they may be tempted to crowd the scent cone, wanting to get deep into that scent buffet. In

doing so, they are learning how to use their nose to decipher the variants in the scent that preempt the escape of the bird. The endorphins that are released prior to flight, the scent of blood on crippled birds, the flux of scent from increased respiration, the departing body scent of moving birds, all elicit reactions from our dog which we can read.

In that learning process, the dog learns to trust their nose and improves accuracy, and the pointing instinct begins to be triggered more towards the fringes of scent — an important upland skill necessary to be successful at pinning birds without crowding. It's amazing how quickly they can learn this. You can take most any finished gun dog from one region and within a matter of hours, have them successfully handling new species from across the country. It's less about the trainer and more about the dog's nose skills and having the ability to scent discriminate, adapting its behaviour to specific scents and the bird behaviour connected to those scents.

Reading a dog's eyes

The eyes tell the whole story. It's the most efficient way to communicate to your dog and for the dog to communicate with you. In training, it's extremely important to be able to get your dog to focus and get them to lock in on you and patiently wait for your commands. During steadiness we always attempt to influence our

dogs by approaching from the eye versus challenging them from behind where you can't visually influence them, and where you challenge them for ownership of the game. Also, in the steadiness process, you may see your dog soften on your approach and the whites of the eye begin to show, signifying your dog is alarmed by your presence. In those moments I change my mannerisms towards a supportive role that emboldens the dog.

The eyes are so expressive and difficult to ignore. To that point, we sometimes fall victim to "The Puppy Eyes" at which point the training plan goes out the window. When a dog learns to manipulate us, our training can become inconsistent and unpredictable as does our dog work.

Lastly, in a perfect world our dog locates the game scent, locks in on game, the eyes bulge forward and become affixed, telling us without any doubt that the game is there ready to be harvested. It's in those moments we get to enjoy the fruits of our labour, making sense of all the money, time and effort we put in. Take a second, look into those eyes and be thankful for what your breeder provided you.

Reading a dog's mouth

We can even glean information from the mouths of our dogs. As dogs become submissive they tend to yawn or lick their lips. For example, the ADD alert dog who is a distracted adolescent will likely have alternative ideas about what they would like to do. Through persistence and insistence we get our dogs to meet our training demands.

In that process, your dog attempts to resist, and then there's a moment where you will see them let out a low level submissive whine, followed by a yawn and licking of the lips. They essentially said, "Fine, you win" and become far more compliant for the time being.

Also, the gums and tongue can be used to assess the health of your dog. When a dog becomes excited by scent they will use their Jacobson's organ located behind the top jaw

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incisors to literally bite the air to taste and smell simultaneously; this is called the Flehmen response and can be seen while dogs are tracking or excited by a female in heat. Watering our dogs frequently keeps that gland moist, allowing the dog to capture scent more efficiently. If you notice your dog panting uncontrollably, they are overheating and need to be cooled down ASAP. Dogs that are panting heavily struggle to scent well. Keeping your dog cool improves their safety and productivity in the field.

Reading a dog's ears

I spend a lot of time training on a long lead and watching ears. I find the ears to be one of the most informative tools I have, next to the eyes. From the long lead position I can tell from moment to moment when I matter and when I don't to the dog. I can tell instantly if I'm influencing the dog the way I hope to – or not.

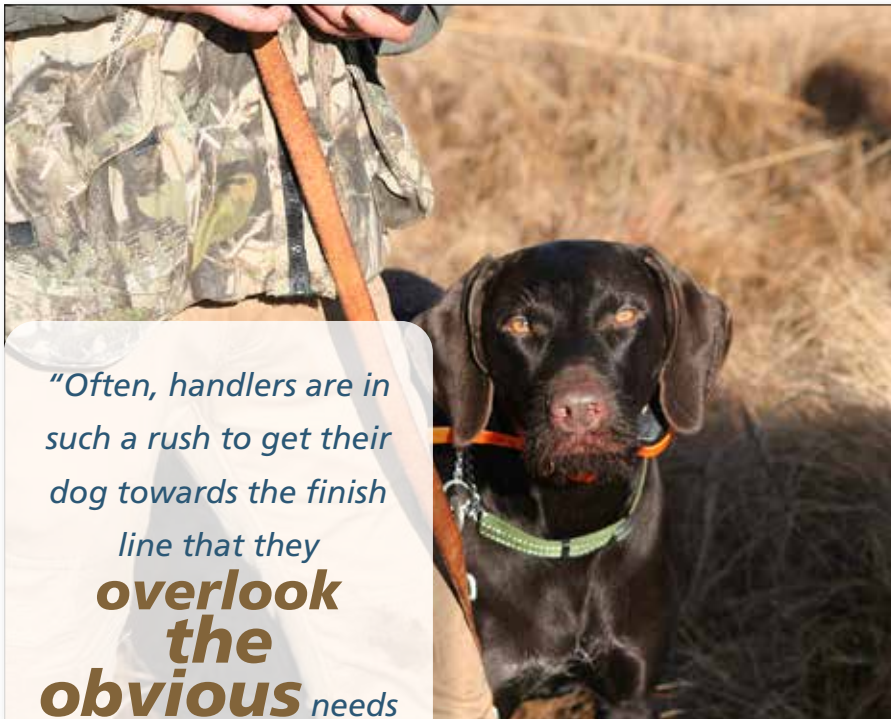
For a dog that is alert and engaged, the ears stand forward and erect. For a dog alarmed and submissive, the ears fold back. For a dog who is ambivalent or passively disobedient, the ears will lay flat. In young dog steadiness, the dog's decisions change very rapidly and often. I'm going to

catch it. I'm going to stand. I'm going to walk away, I'm going to point. Nope, again I'm going to catch . . . You need to be on your toes watching those ears to know when to encourage the point and when to discourage the catch, remembering to keep the dog's drive and focus forward on the bird, not on you. Watching their ears provides us with the instant feedback necessary to accomplish this.

Reading a dog's chest and body

For those of you who have teenage boys, you know far too well the mannerisms that go along with having their new girlfriend over. They suddenly walk and talk differently, flexing to let everyone know they're the big man on campus. They puff out their chest and can potentially become defiant. Ever notice your dog standing taller, chest out, ears erect with their tail held high, looking larger than life and not listening?

It's a sign they need a reminder that you are the leader and that they should refocus on the job at hand. (Read: Resetting Your Bird Dog in Training) A dominant dog exhibiting this behaviour over time, could become aggressive if allowed, and needs a reminder of their pack position. The opposite is true for dogs



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that shrink with the body low and curled in a submissive position. Both dogs need to be brought back into balance.

An example would be during steadiness. You may see the chest and body drop down close to the ground as the dog demonstrates self control in anticipation of the flight of the bird. At other times, when too much pressure is applied, the dog may lay down completely or begin to stand soft and small, possibly flagging or pulling off the bird completely. For dogs in the process of breaking on a bird, you can watch the body tense up, the weight shifts and how the body loads up prior to the pounce, giving you time to make the correction.

Reading a dog's legs and feet

Look at that classic point with the foot up. This may be a shock,

but they are simply between steps. Their pointing is strong enough to lock them in place. I've had folks go as far as telling me the front foot up indicates a woodcock, the back foot up a grouse. That step, however, is very important.

A dog that takes a step routinely will mean loss of shot opportunities. It's the dog selfishly crowding the scent cone, unable to control its own emotions. With the foot up, you will see them attempting to maintain position or slowly starting to creep forward. If allowed one step, they'll take two, then three and eventually you have created a creeper. Or worse. A foot that is planted on the ground during pointing has to load up to move. The muscles engage and the leg flexes, giving you time to prepare for the correction.

Reading the spine on a dog

A straight spine demonstrates a sure or confident dog. It can also signal dominance. Spine alignment in training clues us in on our dog's intent. Often the spine curves towards where your dog will go next. The head and eyes may say one thing, but the spine alignment clues you into alternative ideas. This is super important when teaching retrieving

and recalls, specifically lining drills. You want a dog to be able to align itself properly to the line you want them to take.

Reading a dog's tail

Though at times misleading, the tail in certain situations says a lot about what the dog is thinking, usually in conjunction with the rest of the dog. A tail that flags on point is not ideal. Flagging is the wagging of the tail in the presence of game. (Read: Understanding and Fixing Flagging in a Bird Dog) It often means the dog is in the process of breaking. I call it, "The Catch Tail." It could mean the dog is about to catch, lacking intensity or is nervous. Improper training can encourage flagging and should be avoided. A tail puffed out could mean fear and aggression or over excitement at times. A happy tail can mean whatever you're teaching will be for life, as a dog that likes and wants to work and easily digests information. It can also mean aggression, anxiety, and stress. A tail that is drooping is an indicator of questioning, confusion or displeasure and the dog will resist or avoid those activities. Negative reactions such as this are fine when snake- or porcupine-proofing, though we need to be careful not to create passivity around important areas of development.

Why reading a dog's body language is important

Often, handlers are in such a rush to get their dog towards the finish line that they overlook the obvious needs of their dog unfolding in front of them and thereby miss that visually obvious trainable moment. Not paying attention to our dog's behaviours is like driving blind. You don't have to be a behaviorist; simply pay closer attention and do your part to learn from what you see. It will pay itself back in dividends, I promise. Good luck all and happy training. 

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SHOOTING TIPS

*Some tips to help you shoot better —
clays or birds...*

by Don Currie

Winter Butt Pads

Question: If you wear heavy clothes or add a spacer to your gunstock to lengthen the LOP, it would seem to change the point of impact, as your face would be lower on the stock. So would sporting clay shotguns be better off using a parallel stock?

Answer: The short answer is “no.” For shooters who initiate the gun mount to the cheek and shoulder after the bird becomes visible (game shooting, FITASC, International skeet), a sloped comb makes for a more successful mount and more consistent cheek/stock connection. Since the process of mounting a shotgun is dynamic rather than static, the shooter can more consistently “slide into” the comb and make a good cheek/comb connection. For the disciplines of American trap and American skeet, premounting is commonplace. In these cases, and among sporting clays shooters who always premount, parallel combs are more appropriate. I don’t recommend a parallel comb for any shooter who mounts the gun to the target, as it tends to result in a less consistent mount and cheek/stock connection.

As for changing the length of pull on a shotgun with a parallel versus a sloped comb: It is true that changing LOP on a shotgun with a parallel comb has no effect on the drop at comb. It is also true that changing the LOP on a shotgun with a sloped comb changes the drop at face (and thus the position of the eye over the rib) assuming no other variables are changed. However, changing the LOP by



changing butt pads to compensate for winter clothing will not change the drop at face or position of the eye as long as the amount of LOP increase or decrease matches the thickness of the clothes you are adding to your shoulder.

Parallel combs are not for everyone. Each shooter has to weigh the advantages and disadvantages against their style of

shooting, but having two butt pads — a shorter one for winter and a thicker one for summer — is not a bad idea.



— Don Currie is NSCA's Chief Instructor, an Orvis Wingshooting School instructor, and Master Class competitor. You can also see more tips from Currie at www.doncurrie.com.



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The NGO Wildlife Poisoning Prevention & Conflict Resolution (NPO 132-047) was born from a need to address the problem of wildlife poisoning, initially in South Africa; but also across the sub-region since vultures and wildlife ignore human political boundaries. The training project over the past 5 years aimed to train 100 rangers and enforcers per year (target 500). This goal was addressed by fund-raising internationally; and the goal was exceeded by 20%.

The Annual Report of March 2020 shows 601 rangers trained. Whilst others claim to train many people, their training simply comprises anti-poison information, whilst we enable trainees to respond appropriately as first arrivals/responders at a toxic wildlife crime scene; in a scenario where mistakes lead to loss of court cases. Another significant observation is that poisoning of elephants in and around Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe has decreased annually since Zimbabwe Republic Police trainees conducted roadblocks, and confiscated almost 6 tonnes of Sodium cyanide from Zama-zama miners and their associates. Whilst there is no direct link to our training we feel this assumption is plausible.

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Financially, we operate solely as a non profit organisation, so any profit on income re-cycles through our activities. We rely heavily on international donors, since the exchange rate makes international donations very valuable and significant to us. Covid-19 has closed the gates of many zoos who are our primary source of funding; however, we are registered in South Africa as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 930047988), which enables us to issue certificates of donation in terms of Section 18(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act. This enables tax deductions in the hands of the donor, whether corporate or private. Such donations must be used within South Africa. As a non-profit, we are required to report annually to the Department of Social Development, both on activity and financially; and we follow good accounting practices, including Annual Independent Financial Statements. A business stress-test conducted in August 2020 indicates success as we have repeated financial surpluses, albeit with poor cash flows and poor sustainability indications. Perhaps this indicates a very frugal operation where all income reaches the projects?

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We currently offer the following sport shooting disciplines to our members, either at our own facilities/ranges, or at any range country-wide and internationally:

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- The .22PSBC (Precision Small-Bore Club)

- The TPS (Tactical Precision Shooting) multi-gun club for 3-gun and 2-gun shooting and competition

- The LR Open Sight club (Open Sight rifle division)

- The LR Handgun and Revolver sub-club – for handgun shooting in various divisions.

The Long Range Shooting Club (LRSC) and the PSP (Postal Shooting Programme) are part of SA Wingshooters and are subject to its constitution, disciplinary codes and rules of ethical conduct.

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PROVINCIAL BIRD HUNTING SEASONS (and bag limits in brackets)

MPUMALANGA – Gazetted

All year	Rock pigeons (need licence).
1 May-31 Jul	Yellow-billed duck, red-billed teal, Egyptian goose, Spurwing, Guineafowl, Spurfowl, Crested francolin, Coqui francolin, Orange River Partridge, Shelley's.
1 June-31 Aug	Grey Wing, Redwing

FREE STATE – Gazetted. Same as 2023

All year	Rock pigeons, Cape turtle dove, Laughing dove, Red eye dove.
15 May-15 Sept	Greywing & O/River partridge, all Spurfowl, common quail, guineaowl, all Francolin (except Redwing), yellow-billed duck & red-billed teal, Egyptian goose, spurwing, Red KnbKoot
1 Jan - 30 Apr	Shelduck (1)
Note:	(maximum 10 land & 10 water birds pp per day)

GAUTENG – Gazetted

1 May-30 April	All year. Rock Pigeons (need licence) (20).
1 May-31 Jul	Egyptian geese (5); Red-bill teal (5); Yellow-bill duck (5). Note: Spurwing remain closed!
1 Jun-30 Sep	Swainsons francolin (5). Helmeted Guineafowl (5).

N-WEST PROVINCE – Same as 2023 for now (Draft in process)

All year	Rock pigeons (No limit), Red eyed dove (20), Cape turtle dove (20), laughing dove (20) (licence required).
1 May-30 Sep	Francolin: Red-billed (3), Crested (5); Partridge: Coqui (5), Guineafowl (10).
1 May-30 Aug	Partridge: Shelleys (5), Redwing (5); Quail: Harlequin (5), Common (10); Rameron Pigeon (5).
1 Apr-31 Jul	Partridge: Orange River (5).
1 Apr-15 Jul	Namaqua Sandgrouse (5).
1 Nov-31 Apr	Sandgrouse: Burchells (5), Double-banded (5).
1 May-31 Jul	Duck: White-faced (4), Yellow-bill (4), Cape Teal (4), Red-bill (4), Cape Shoveler (4), Southern Pochard (3), Knob-bill (4), Spurwing (4).
1 Jun-30 Sep	Swainsons Francolin (5), Natal Francolin (3).
1 Jan-31 Jul	Egyptian Goose (4).
1 Jan-31 Mar	Shelduck (2).
Note:	A Maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

LIMPOPO – Gazetted

All year	Rock Pigeons (licence) (50), Red-eyed Turtle Dove (50)
1 May- 30 Sep	Guineaowl (10), Crested Francolin, (6), Shelley's (2); Natal francolin (6).
1 May - 31 Jul	Egyptian (6) & spurwing (4), white-faced whistling duck (6), Yellow-bill duck (4), red-billed teal (4).
1 Jun- 30 Sep	Swainson's francolin (8).
Note:	Total combined daily bag of (10 land & 10 water birds)

WESTERN CAPE <https://www.capenature.co.za> – Gazetted

1 Jan-31 Dec	Spurwing (3) & Egyptian goose (10), rock pigeons (and Cape turtle dove, Laughing dove, Red eye dove, Speckled Pigeon) (40 in total), guineaowl (10), Yellow-billed duck, red-billed teal, shelduck, Cape teal, Cape shoveler, southern pochard (5 in all total combined).
1 Jan-30 April	Yellow-billed duck, red-billed teal, shelduck, Cape teal, Cape shoveler, southern pochard (5 in all total combined).
1 May-31 Jul	Greywing Partridge (3); Red-necked Francolins (3); Cape Franc. (6). 1 March-30 April – Common quail (2).

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE – Gazetted Same as 2023

All year	Egyptian Goose (10); Red eyed, Laughing, Cape turtle Doves (10 each) and Rock Pigeons (50).
1 April-31 Dec	Helmeted Guinea-fowl (10);
1 Jan-31 Mar	Shelduck (5).
1 May-31 Aug	Spurwing (5).
1 May- 30 Jun	Orange River Partridge (5), Red-billed Francolin (5), Cape Francolin (5), Natal Francolin (5), Swainsons Francolin (5), Grey-wing Partridge (5).
1 May-31 Aug	Northern Cape Excluding Namaqualand Magisterial District Yellow billed duck (10), Red-bill Teal (10), Cape Teal (10), Cape Shoveler (10), Southern Pochard (10). Namaqua Sandgrouse (10). Burchell's Sandgrouse (5).
1 Apr-15 Jul	Namaqualand Magisterial District Yellow-billed duck (10), Red-billed Teal (10), Cape Teal (10), Cape Shoveler (10), Southern Pochard (10).
1 Jan -31 Mar	A maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.
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EASTERN CAPE – Gazetted

1 Jan-31 Dec	Red eyed, Laughing, Cape turtle Doves and Rock Pigeons. (need licence).
1 Jun-31 Jul	Rameron Pigeon (Olive Pigeon) (5).
1 Jan-31 Mrt	Shelduck (4).
1 Feb-30 Sept	Egyptian Goose (15).
1 Mrt-30 Sept	Spurwing (5).
1 May-31Aug	Red-billed Teal (3), Yellow-billed Duck (3), White-faced duck (2), Southern Pochard (2), Cape Teal (2), Cape Shoveler (2).
1 May-30 Sept	Guineaowl (5).
1 Oct-30 Nov	Quail (10). (Note: Different in former Ciskei)
1 May-31 Jul	Red-Wing Partidge (2).
1 May-31 Jul	Grey-wing (4), but in Queenstown (2), Orange River Partridge (4), Red-Necked Francolin (4).
1 Jan-31 Dec	Exotic Anseriformes

KZ-NATAL – Same as 2023

31 May-31 Aug	Ordinary Game Licence Required for all. Common Quail, White-faced Duck, Red-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, Egyptian Goose, Spurwing, Helmeted Guineafowl, Rameron Pigeon. Francolin: Red-necked, Natal, Swainsons. Partridge: Grey-wing, Red-wing, Coqui, Crested & Shelleys.
Note:	A Maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

Other game birds can be shot under a SPECIAL PERMIT during the open season, please contact KZN Hunting & Extension Department on 033 845 1652.

PLEASE NOTE that all members must still consult the respective provincial ordinances, as we do not list species that are not traditionally gamebirds. All exotic Anseriformes are open all year.

Please Note: You have to return your licence to the respective provinces, after each season, stating on the licence all the relevant details as asked. This applies to provinces who require this, such as NW Prov, and is stated as such on your licence.



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Lock

Time!

Understanding lock time in firearms and how it could affect your shooting...

by André van der Westhuizen



Lock time in rifles, shotguns, etc is a critical aspect often overlooked by many shooters, yet it plays a significant role in accuracy and precision. Simply put, lock time refers to the duration it takes for the firing mechanism of a rifle to release the firing pin and ignite the primer of the cartridge. In competitive shooting or hunting scenarios, where split-second precision matters, understanding and optimising lock time can make a notable difference in performance and, indeed, outcome. Let's look into how lock time is measured, methods to improve it, and some factors influencing it.

Measurement of Lock Time

Lock times of standard bolt action rifles are usually around 2.6 to 9.0ms. For example, a Remington 700 short action has a lock time of around 2.6ms, a Lee Enfield measures around 8 to 9ms and an Anschütz Model

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Improvement in Lock Time:

Reducing lock time is a goal for many shooters seeking enhanced performance. Several methods can be employed to achieve this:

High-Performance Firing Mechanisms: Upgrading to high-performance firing mechanisms, such as precision-engineered sears and firing pins, can significantly reduce lock time. These components are designed for minimal friction and optimal energy transfer, ensuring swift and precise ignition.

Improved Springs: Springs play a crucial role in the firing mechanism's operation. Upgrading to high-quality, low-mass springs can reduce inertia and friction, resulting in faster lock times. However, it's essential to strike a balance between lighter springs and reliable ignition to avoid misfires or light strikes.

Enhanced Firing Pin Designs: Innovations in firing pin design, such as tapered or fluted pins, can reduce mass without compromising strength. Lighter firing pins accelerate quicker, contributing to faster lock times without sacrificing reliability.

Smooth Bolt Cycling: A well-lubricated and precisely machined bolt assembly ensures smooth and swift cycling, minimising the delay between shots. Regular maintenance and proper lubrication of the bolt mechanism are essential for optimal performance.

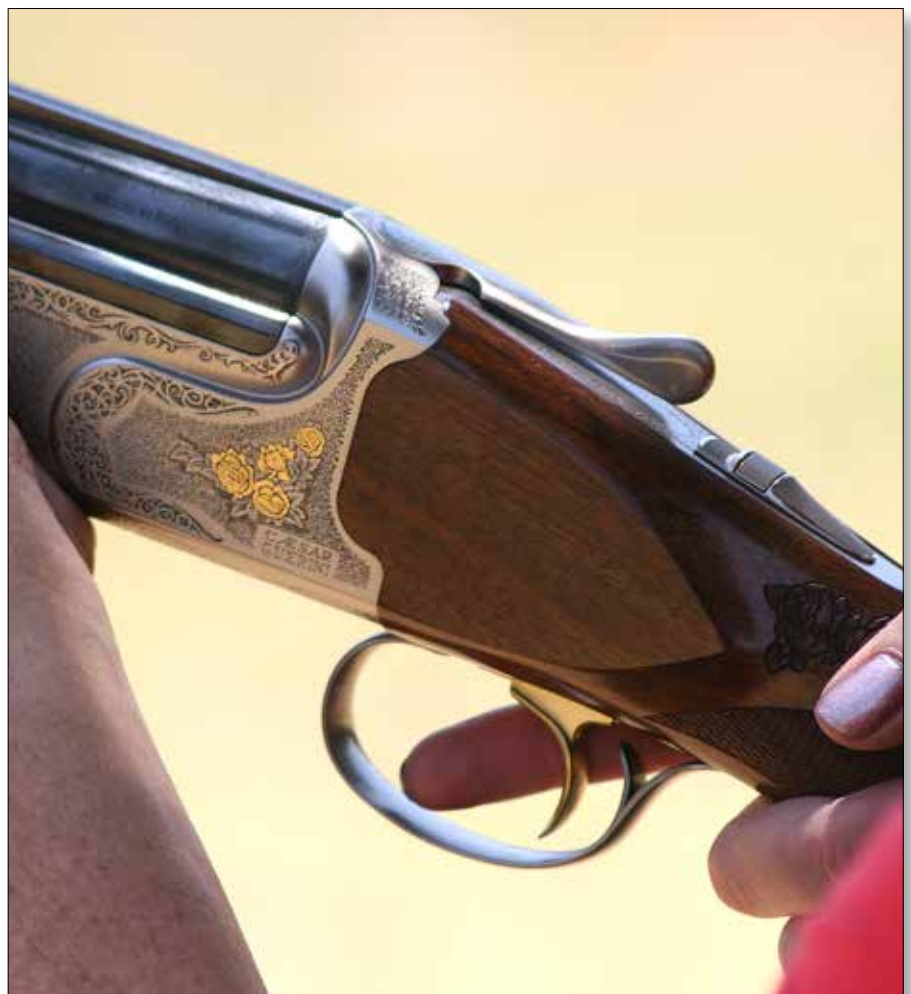
Factors that could influence lock time:

Several factors influence lock time in rifles, and understanding these variables is crucial for optimising performance:

Trigger Quality: The quality and design of the trigger mechanism can have a significant impact on lock time. A crisp, clean-breaking trigger with minimal overtravel reduces the time it takes to initiate the firing sequence.

Mass of Moving Parts: The mass of moving parts, including the trigger, sear, firing pin, and bolt assembly, directly affects lock time.

Heavier components require more energy to accelerate, resulting in lon-



ger lock times.

Spring Tension: The tension of springs within the firing mechanism determines the force required to overcome inertia and release the firing pin. Adjusting spring tension can influence lock time but must be done cautiously to maintain reliable ignition.

Friction and Lubrication: Friction between moving parts can significantly impede the firing sequence, increasing lock time. Proper lubrication reduces friction, allowing components to move smoothly and quickly.

Cartridge Design: The design and composition of the cartridge primer can influence ignition time. Some primers are more sensitive and ignite more quickly, resulting in shorter lock times.

Environmental Conditions: Extreme temperatures and humidity levels can affect the performance of firing mechanisms, potentially increasing lock time. Shooters should be mindful of environmental factors and make adjustments as necessary.

In conclusion, lock time is a critical factor in rifle performance that directly impacts accuracy, precision and shooter confidence. By understanding how lock time is measured, implementing strategies to improve it, and considering the various factors that influence it, shooters can optimise their rifles for maximum performance. Whether in competitive shooting or hunting situations, minimising lock time can make the difference between hitting the target or falling short.

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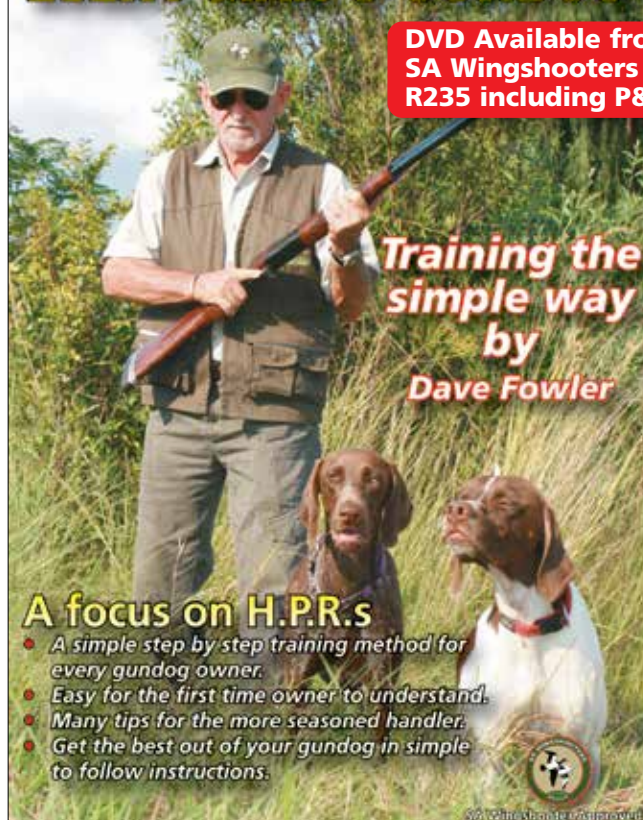
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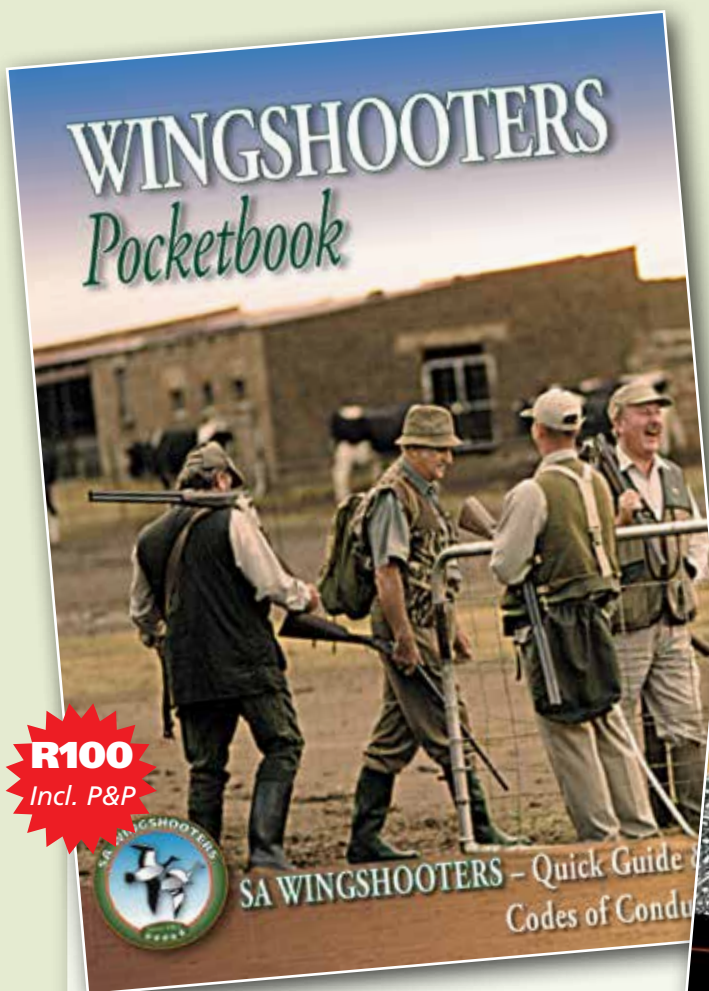
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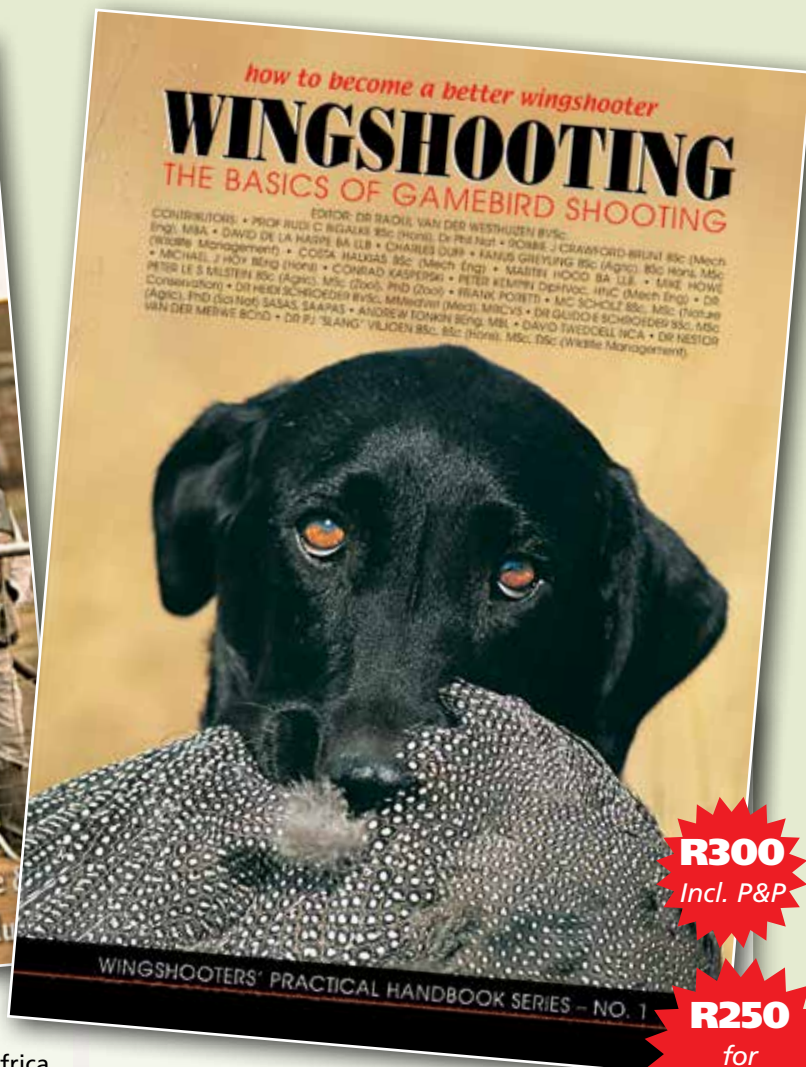
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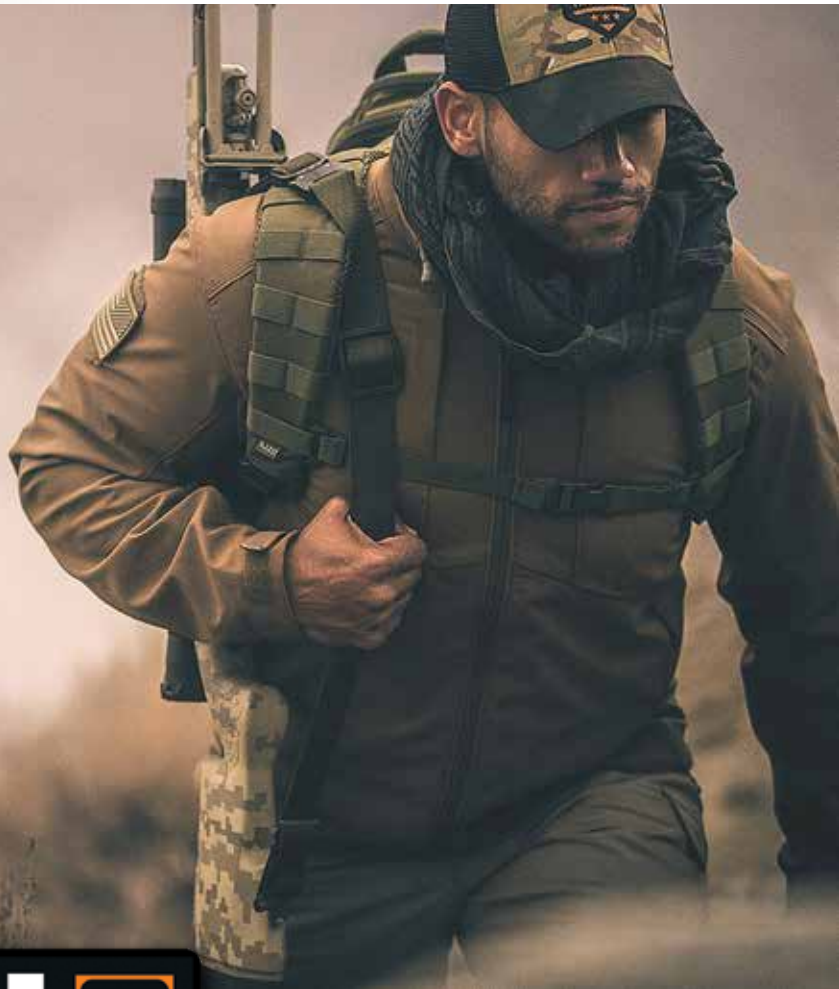
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