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I believe our Founding Fathers had in mind a citizen army such as exists today in Switzerland when they referred to a "well-regulated militia" in the Second Amendment to the Constitution. With the potential for massive destruction in today's nuclear weapons, the original concept of a citizen army may be as meaningful now as it was in 1789. As Winston Churchill stated in World War II, we, too, may be forced to fight from the ditches and the hedgerows. We should guard carefully against being legislated into a similar position. I sometimes think the fear underlying restrictive firearms laws springs from a basic misunderstanding. A gun in itself is no more dangerous than an axe or a hammer; for that matter, an automobile. In the final analysis, it is not the gun which is dangerous. It is the man behind it or the improper use of it.

Without the right to bear arms, a free people would no longer be free.

Even in this day of the atomic bomb and guided missile, I believe the Second Amendment is as important as it ever was, with referred-to "well regulated militia" including all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45. I believe the purpose of the amendment was to guarantee to the people the right, under adequate control, to own arms. Reasonable regulations for the purposes of safety, preventing or reducing crime, and preventing game poaching do not constitute an infringement of this right. Total prohibition of arms, either per se or by regulations which would result in prohibition, would constitute an infringement.

This Amendment is still of great significance to America from a defense standpoint, and the need for a citizenry able to use firearms in defense of their home and country is still as necessary as ever. The individual rifleman and his use in combat has been altered but in no wise diminished by nuclear and missile warfare. Certainly, the time for training persons in the various military arts and sciences in the event of war will be diminished to virtually nothing, and defense of the country may devolve down to what will be nothing more or less than guerrilla warfare by individual citizens.

We have witnessed this Amendment eroded away by a long series of anti-gun laws in various states, which were upheld by a Judiciary unaware of the real significance and need for individual citizens to be skilled in the use of firearms. The duty of the citizen, sportsman, hunter, target shooter and gun lover is to act vigorously to preserve what is left of his right to possess and own arms and, where possible, to turn back by a vigilant effort continued attacks by do-gooders and others who would impair the right to bear arms. It should be remembered by gun enthusiasts that the attack is constantly going on in State Legislatures, City Councils, in the Congress of the United States and even in the Administrative Agencies, which last year sought to make a tremendously hostile anti-gun regulation the law of the land on a Federal level. Vigilance, and strong, well-directed, cooperative effort by sportsmen, will preserve this right, even though the United States Constitution does provide for the right of citizens to bear arms without infringement.

Thank you for the compliment of your request for a statement and picture. The only photograph I have with a gun was taken during the World War II, alongside an antiaircraft gun, and I do not believe that would meet your requirements. I do believe very strongly in the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and I come from a part of the country in which most families have a shotgun or rifle in the home. I would strongly resist any attempt to deprive our people of this constitutional right, and believe that it is one of the basic rights of American citizenship that should be preserved at all cost. There is also some significance in the fact that in most countries under totalitarian rule, this right of the people has been severely limited or taken away. Any step toward depriving our people of the right would very probably be a step toward totalitarianism and should be resisted at all levels of government.
THE COVER

Some say men hunt to satisfy an atavistic urge to kill. Not so. The lure of the hunt is in the hunt - the matching of hunter skills against the alertness, the keen senses, and the cunning of wild things - a challenge that is partly caught, we think, in our Hunting Issue cover picture.

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Smith & Wesson K-22 WRF Magnum
We have now thoroughly tested the new K-22 Smith & Wesson for the new Winchester .22 Rim Fire Magnum. This gun has the 6" barrel and is fitted with their special ramp red-insert front sight and a white-outlined rear sight—what I wanted for a small game gun.

It was a distinct pleasure to sight this gun in after working with some with fixed sights. Only a couple of clicks on the windage screw and two on the elevation screw were necessary to sight it perfectly for 15 yards. From the start it proved very accurate, so Smith & Wesson's change to one turn in ten inches for twist of rifling for the new cartridge seems well founded. Trigger pull was around 3¼ pounds and clean. The little gun grouped consistently in one tagged hole at 15 yards when I did my part. Just right for taking the heads off cottontails, grouse, or squirrel.

Next, I was very agreeably surprised to find that the new gun grouped the old .22 WRF cartridge in the same hole at 15 yards as much hotter .22 WRF Magnum. With the new round costing $2.50 per box of 50, many will want a cheaper and lighter load for some shooting, and for these the .22 WRF is the answer, in this gun at least. While one can expect some fouling at the front end of chamber from the much shorter .22 WRF loads, this can be easily removed with a brass brush and some Hoppes No. 9 or Bore-Kleen Solvent. If Bore-Kleen is used in sixguns, they seem to foul and lead less and less all the time, as it seems to impregnate the steel.

The old .22 WRF has been a favorite with shooters all over the West as long as I can remember as a small game cartridge, and it seems to shoot just as small groups in this S&W sixgun as does the longer and much hotter .22 RF Magnum. It is inside-lubricated and can be carried in the pocket loose the same as the .22 Magnum without picking up dirt and grit. It will have much less punch, of course, but will also give a great deal longer barrel life. The .22 WRF loads retail here at $1.75 per box, so they effect quite a saving.

I next shot the little gun out to long range on old car bodies, and was surprised how well it carried up, being so much flatter than any other .22 rim fire I have ever used. Next, I flew over to the Selway Lodge with Ervin Malnarich and we gave it a practical accuracy test from his back porch. We used a string of beer cans at a measured 125 yards as targets. With this S&W K-model sighted for 15 yards, I still had to hold exactly six o'clock on the cans at 125 yards from a seated, two-hand backrest position, gun held over the knees or between the knees. When we did our part, the new gun and load nailed a can every shot. We each hit three straight before missing through faulty hold or let off. A beer can at 125 yards over the big one-eighth-inch wide front sight looks mighty small, but center it and the little gun and load will hit it.

Heles in the beer cans from the .22 WRF Magnum left no doubt in our minds that the new cartridge packs considerable punch and should prove a great deal better small game load than any of our old .22 rim fires. I have often seen jack rabbits and big blue and sage grouse take two or three hollow point .22 LR slugs before going down, but the new load should kill them cleanly with one shot. I believe the new cartridge will prove all that is desired for a small game load, and our game shooting this fall will tell the tale.

For anyone aspiring to learn long range sixgun shooting, I cannot think of a better gun and load with which to practice this sport. All that is needed is a suitable long range target with a safe background. The load is very flat and very accurate, and will offer very cheap long range practice in comparison with our big center fire sixgun calibers. Time of flight is much less than the .22 LR and it throws up much more dust, making it easier to locate hits and walk them onto the target at long range. I believe the new .22 WRF Magnum will also make a very fine target cartridge for serious match target shooting. It is wonderfully accurate.

For anyone wanting a top-flight revolver for small game and target or long range shooting, I can without reservation recommend the new Smith & Wesson K-model for the .22 WRF Magnum cartridge. Extraction of six cartridges simultaneously is harder than a Model K in the .22 LR cartridge, showing conclusively that pressures are higher in spite of claims to the contrary; but one bump with the palm of the hand will knock all six empties from the gun. Formerly, I considered the .22 LR revolvers and auto pistols useful only as target and practice (Continued on page 56)
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Why not boot all that tripe out of your excellent magazine and help me keep my collection of firearms?

L. B. Shirley
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Shirley: Years ago, I received a letter very much like yours, about a hunting accident. The writer said, in effect, "For God's sake, let's stop all this. keep guns and shooting solely in the hands of us collectors and target shooters."

Today, something like a quarter of a million people are actively interested in quick draw. Most of them are people who never before participated in a gun sport. Some of them, like notices in any line, have gotten themselves into trouble. But—should we ban a new gun sport that has recruited a quarter of a million new votes against the anti-gun legislation you fear? GUNS believes rather that we should do what we can to guide the new sport into safe channels. And I doubt very much that any single individual is doing more to make quick draw safe than the man pictured on our September cover is doing with his nationwide campaign for quick draw practice and competition with gas-operated pellet guns—without pellets—instead of with loaded firearms. What, unless possibly checkers, could be safer? — Editor.

Who Are They?
A bouquet to you for reprinting (Sept. GUNS) the sensible pro-gun views of the National Peace Officers Association of America: "Law and Order." All straight-thinking general magazines should reprint it!

As Contributing Editor of "Southwestern Law," I'm happy that our own association has the same pro-gun views. Our official magazine regularly prints the pro-gun feelings of Lawman-Editor Elston Brooks, Gun Editor Wayne Weems, and my own. Thousands of our members are intelligent law enforcement officers, solid citizens of excellent character, who share identical views, yet deal with armed criminals in the line of duty. Their feelings on anti-gun legislation would fill a large book.

Anti-gun laws seem to be the brain children of those who would wreck our American way of life, including politicians who should or do know better, and "write for hire" writers who lack ability to write anything except something that appeals to emotional thinkers or those who can't think at all. I can supply you a long, long list of pro-gun quotations by highly respected lawmen, clergymen, judges, senators, doctors, teachers, and other thinking people. Just who are the anti-gun people?

Kent Bellah
Saint Jo, Texas

Congratulations on the piece on page 52 of the September issue of GUNS. This is a fine item from a substantial and respected group of police officers. The thinking of some police officers and officials leaves us with a bad taste; it is refreshing and encouraging to have this group take the stand that it has taken.

It is my opinion that publications that do less than GUNS is doing to help fight the anti-gun laws and the sick misguided people who are the proponents of such laws are morally and ethically bankrupt and do not deserve the support of gun owners. I believe that we should make known to the editors of these publications our disgust and denounce them slanted at removing the objectionable and unreasonable laws and substituting sound and reasonable statutes that give the honest citizen the right to have guns, placing penalties on the people who use guns illegally.

GUNS has done a fine job and I'm sure that it will continue to do so. You have my support without qualifications.

E. C. Prudhomme
Shreveport, La.

Our Club would like to congratulate you on printing the fine letter written by the President of the National Police Officers Association of America. In our area we have from time to time individuals who start "crime prevention" campaigns. It seems that these well meaning people always twist the facts and try to get strong firearms regulations written into law. We feel that a letter of this sort would do much in our fight to control these unnecessary attempts to take away our guns. Therefore we are asking if it is possible for you to send us reprints. We would like to have about 100. If there is a cost please notify me.

About 90% of our 45 members are regular readers of your magazine. We would like to see in future issues a little more on how to improve match scores. (rifle and pistol.)

Donald L. Valentine, Sec.
Foothill Shooting Club
Pasadena, Calif.

As a faithful reader and subscriber, it is with the greatest pleasure that I read in your issue of September the statement by the National Police Officers Association of America, concerning firearm control in the United
States. I deeply appreciate it and wish to thank you on behalf of my organization. This statement will help our cause a great deal. In order for this information to be given all possible circulation, I wonder if it would be possible to secure tear sheets or reprints. I am very anxious that each and every member of our organization, and likewise the general public, have the opportunity to read this article.

Charles R. Gray
Legislative Vice-President
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As if a Fabulous Climate, fantastic scenery, and at long last Statehood, were not enough, Hawaii is also a gun man's heaven. Everybody knows about the girls and the flowers and the beaches that lend enchantment to our newest state, but few people, seemingly, know that Hawaii is one of the best-managed game areas in the United States blessèd with quantities of game beyond the average hunter's dreams. On the "Big Island," Hawaii, wild hogs and sheep and goats roam the lava slopes of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa in such numbers that the hunter is apt to think he has trespassed into a huge refuge... He has—except that there aren't any NO HUNTING signs.

Mark Twain called Hawaii "The loveliest fleet of islands anchored in any ocean." The Big Island, Hawaii proper, is the one from which the group is named. Honolulu is on the island of Oahu. The other major islands are Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, and Maui. The 16 game management and public hunting areas on the islands range in size from the 80,000 acre public hunting ground on Hawaii to the 750 acre public shooting ground on Kauai. Wildfowl seasons extend generally from mid-October to January 1st. Big game can be hunted the year around. Bag limits vary on the individual islands, but usually allow the hunter two each of boar, sheep, and goat per day. For hunting permits, write the Division of Fish and Game at Hilo, Hawaii.

I have hunted Hawaii twice and have talked with many of the local gunners about guns and equipment. Like anywhere else, the choice of guns is largely a matter of individual preference, but one generality does stand out, and that is that you don't need cannon or even super-velocity guns on the islands; almost any gun you carry will get you your limits, and the lighter the better in view of the...
FAMED AS A TOURIST PLAYGROUND, OUR FIFTIETH STATE IS ALSO A HUNTING WONDERLAND, RICH IN GAME RESOURCES

Crouching behind wind-twisted tree, TV’s “Yancy Derringer” picks his Hawaiian big horn sheep trophy.

Horns taken near Kohala Station on Mauna Kea in 1958 have 25 1/4” spread, measure 24 3/8” around the curl, 8 1/2” around base.
Mahoney leans into pack toting game back to camp. Terrain of volcanos is often too rough for horse or wheels, takes footwork to get hunting.

Guide Yamamoto glasses plain and slopes for sheep as Mahoney waits. Light weight rifles are best for Hawaii.

rough going, I saw .257 Roberts, .257 Weatherby Magnum, .243 Winchester, and .244 Remington rifles, plus a lot of Savage Model 99 .250-3000s, and .30 calibers in every size and shape from .30-30 to .30-06 and .300 Magnum. The tiny .22 high-velocity calibers are barred, as are the old timers like the .25-20, .32-20, .38-40, and .44-40; but aside from those, practically anything producing muzzle energy of over 1200 foot pounds is usable. And as for shotguns, any 12, 16, or 20 bore piece will get you any flying game on the islands—California and Japanese quail, lace-necked and barred dove, chukar, pigeons, all in numbers seldom seen elsewhere.

My most recent Hawaiian expedition began when my hunting partner and I boarded a Transocean Airlines Globemaster at Burbank, California. My companion was an old friend—one-time cowboy, former ace Hollywood stuntman turned actor, Jock Mahoney, presently gaining fame as television’s “Yancy Derringer.” Jock and I had been talking for months, ever since my 1958 trip when, in less than three hours, near the great Parker Ranch, another hunter and I bagged four whopping boars, all cleanly tumbled at close range. My shooting piece was, and is, a .300 Savage. My 1958 hunting partner carried another real cracker-jack for Hawaii, a Model 725 Remington, caliber .270, light in weight, convenient, powerful, and rugged as a packmule.

When we checked off the big Transocean bird at the Honolulu airport, a heavy overcast shed a delightfully cool mist on us as Dick Woodworth, Chief of the Hawaii Game Department, and his handsome family greeted us with warm alohas and beautiful leis. I couldn’t help thinking, as we gathered our guns and luggage. “Where else on earth can a hunter find a more charming reception?”

Woodworth gave us the choice of remaining in Honolulu for a spell or catching a soon-departing Aloha Airliner flight for the outer island of Hawaii where arrangements had been made for us to hunt with Slim Holt of Hilo. Since Mahoney and I were both anxious to get into the field, we checked onto the Aloha flight and in a bit over an hour the DC 3 was lowering flaps for a landing at Hilo, Hawaii, “the orchid capital of the world.”

Big Slim Holt, a rugged 6’4” of Hawaiian-French-Tahitian and one of the hunting and game authorities in Hawaii, was on hand to greet us at the airport. I had made arrangements with Slim and his Japanese cohort, Yukichi Yamamoto, to act as our guides, since both men are equipped with four-wheel drive Jeeps and are more at home on the lava slopes of Mauna Kea than in their homes in Hilo. Yama and Slim had the Jeeps packed and ready to go, so after a short stop in town for our hunting licenses and a brief stop to wet our whistles at the lovely Holt home overlooking Hilo, we roared off. (Continued on page 52)
Quick-Draw Sling Positions

Get That Shot Off Fast!

By JAY A. WARD

Left-to-right shoulder carry begins with forearm hand in place on stock. In one continuous move bring hand across body, pulling gun butt off shoulder and down; then continue swing to right shoulder, grasping pistol grip.

Hand holds small like pistol grip, forearm parallel to gun. Then rifle is swung up, caught by left hand near 3 o’clock angle, while right hand is reversed quickly to take hold on small and trigger. Don’t worry about sling; drape it over arm.

Muzzle up carry may be good in snow or mud as stumble will not cause dirt to get into front of gun. Carry leaves hands free to push away brush on hunt.

The rifle sling aids the hunter by freeing arms for balance as he scrambles in brush or up hills. With slung rifle, his muscles remain alert, arms not tired, ready to snap the gun to cheek and fire. Without a sling, the rifle drags on the end of his arm, will tire him early. But a sling must not slow fast action. These two carries let you shoot in a hurry.

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In "thirty caliber repose," Old Bruin looks peaceful with Pennsy woods' hunter's Springfield on shoulder.

BIG BORES
For Black Bear

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE BR'ER BRUIN: HE'S BIG, TOUGH, WELL ARMED, AND UNPREDICTABLE AS TO TEMPER

Rem .244 M760 did job with neck shot, but Dalrymple is skeptical of light calibers for bear.
By BYRON DALRYMPLE

THE BLACK BEAR ranks next to deer as the big game animal taken in greatest numbers over the broadest range by North American hunters. But from the next hundred hunters you meet who either have killed a black bear or wish they might, you will get at least ninety-nine different answers to the question, how tough is the black bear? Though this animal ranges over most of the continent and in places is common enough to be a nuisance, the average big game hunter knows less about the black bear, its habits and its physical characteristics, than any other of his targets. The black bear, which some hunters rate as a "push over" is, pound for pound, one of the toughest critters on earth to put down for keeps.

Why all the confusion? You have to go to the bear for the answer. He is by all odds the most shy, secretive, alert, and evasive big-game animal in our woods. The majority of kills have been made purely and simply by accident, by hunters who stumble onto a bear while hunting other game. Few hunters ever get to learn very thoroughly what this animal as a species is really like. The black is a wacky enigma. While one individual is moving like a silk-furred wraith to keep from being seen, another is standing with his head in a garbage can in some one's backyard, growling at the protesting property owner who stands a few yards away. The key word is, the black bear is an individual.

How much of an individual he is, may be shown by the fact that black bear have been killed by every caliber from .22 rimfire on up to .50-110 Winchester Express and larger. One lady, accompanying her dude husband on a fishing trip, was visited in camp by a black bear. The lady screamed: the bear just stared. Whereupon she quiveringly raised her .22 pistol, left with her by hubby as "protection," and fired. When she opened her eyes, there lay the bear, dead.

This instance might prove the black bear is the easiest critter on earth to kill. But does it actually prove anything? Consider the woodsman who had seen many black bears, always the rear end as they ran away from him. One day a black bear stood its ground, so the man shot the impertinent animal in the head with his .22 rifle. The next thing he knew, he woke up in the hospital and, some weeks after, he was still on the critical list when I visited him. The bear, after mauling the man, ran off.

Bigger calibers may still be in- (Continued on page 44)
Keith's Last Two Shots in Africa

By ELMER KEITH

Elmer points to holes made by his "last two shots in Africa." Bottom was first shot through heart; but bull kept going, was brought down by second .476 WR slug in shoulder.
FACING AN AFRICAN BUFFALO AT FIVE YARDS, KNOWING THAT HE MAY
"FIGHT TO HIS LAST BREATH—OR YOURS" IS A TEST OF NERVE

I FACED my first bull buffalo, African model, very early in my safari. It happened at our first camp, some 65 miles out of Arusha, near Lake Manyara.

Native borders had told us of a big herd of buffalo in a swamp that extends some miles below the lake, and a 15-year-old native boy offered to take us to “m’bogo,” their word for buff. He was a game lad! Mostly naked, and armed only with a long spear, he led us across a hip-deep slough and into high grass and weeds ten feet tall where buffalo certainly were (we could see the fresh green droppings) and where you could blunder into gunbarrel’s-length of one before you saw him. I had my .476 Westley Richards double loaded with 520 grain solids, carried at the ready, and John Lawrence, my White Hunter, carried his vintage .416 Rigby very much at the ready too; but the boy with his spear walked ahead of us and seemed fearless.

The herd had spread out in every direction, and I’m sure there were times when we were surrounded by buffalo. I was glad, in spite of the 110° heat, that there was no air movement to carry our scent, though we made noise enough to raise the dead, slipping and sliding in mud and water from ankle to hip deep. But our noise could have been made by other buffs, whereas our scent would have aroused them.

After a couple of hours of this, when we had worked into the swamp maybe a mile, I told John I did not like our prospects for getting a good buffalo here. The grass and cattails were so high we had no chance of seeing one at over a few feet range, and it seemed to get worse the deeper into the swamp we penetrated. If we did run into the herd or a stray, there would be no chance of selecting a good head, and it would be so close we would probably have to kill a buff we did not want for a trophy. John was of the same opinion, so we told our little guide to head back out. He did so for a short distance, then turned back into the swamp, determined, I suppose, to get his piece of buffalo meat whether we wanted it or not. But John and I were old hunters and soon saw what he was doing. John gave him a cussing in the best Swahili, and the boy turned back to a true course.

We were within 200 yards of the edge of the swamp when we jumped a buffalo bull that was lying down in the water. He came up out of the grass just five yards from John Lawrence and seven yards from me, facing us. I could see only his face and one horn, and it looked far too short to suit me, but I held
Dangerous Cape buff draws U.S. hunters. Ned Payne, Elmhurst, Ill., holds .300 W'by Imp. used in Africa.

the .476 right on the end of his nose just the same, figuring that he would charge. I learned something then about John Lawrence.

The buff grunted and shook his great head at us, and John started cussing him. For me, time stood still as I held my breath and kept aim dead center on end of his nose, well knowing one jump would put him on us and that I would have time for but one shot. John Lawrence, as far as I could see, was not worried at all, but I did notice that he had his old .416 trained, just the same. Finally, after what could have been a very short time but which seemed minutes to me, the buff grunted again, swung around, and took off through the greenery. The little native guide, too, had stood his ground with his spear poised, and I developed right there a lot of respect for both natives and White Hunters. I never found cause to change that opinion.

Many white hunters consider the buffalo the most dangerous game in Africa. I believe John Lawrence also holds that opinion, as he had his closest call from a wounded buff. John was hunting with my old friend Colonel R. L. Harrison, when the Colonel gave a buff bull a lung shot. The bull went into heavy bush, and they trailed him. John spotted a buff and was looking at him when his tracker yelled at him to look out behind. John whirled to find the wounded bull in full charge, straight at him. He had barely enough time to raise the rifle and shoot. His 410 grain solid caught the bull under the left eye, killing him instantly. The bull was only five yards away when John fired.

Norman Reed, another of our White Hunters, had a close call on buffalo the day after the Russians sent up their Sputnik containing the dog. He had a couple of clients out, and one of them wounded a buffalo bull in the hind leg. He went into a strip of heavy bush about 20 yards wide and 200 yards long, which afforded a perfect hideout. They gave him a half hour to stiffen up, then sent a tracker up a tree to see if he could locate the buffalo. He couldn’t, so Norman proposed that they have a cup of tea from the thermos bottle and give the bull more time. Then he would go in after him.

Just then, the tracker yelled that the buff was coming. As Norman whirled, the bull was in full charge and only ten yards away. His first shot from his .416 Rigby put a 410 grain solid through the bull’s heart, the bullet entering between shoulder and neck. Throwing the bolt, he put another slug in exactly the same place, and also through the heart. This shot was fired with the muzzle touching the buff.

Then the bull tossed him. Norman told me he went up so high he thought he had joined up with Sputnik and the Russian dog had bit him. Reed is a big man, well over six feet, 200 pounds, and he came down hard and in a daze. He said he shook his head to clear it, looked around, found and grabbed his rifle. One of the clients was running with the buff after him. Throwing another round into the barrel, Norman swung and fired. This shot hit the bull in the neck just back of the skull, penetrating the brain. The mad bull turned a somersault just back of the fleeing hunter.

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"Blind" Means Invisible

When I started writing this article I decided to "slant" it for GUNS Magazine. But GUNS is a photographically illustrated magazine, and this presented a problem. How are you going to furnish pictures of a thing which, as every good wildfowler knows, should be invisible—invisible not just to human eyes but even to the fantastically sharp eyes of high-flying ducks? "Well," said I to me, "give 'em the best pictures you can find and let those who read the article judge the pictures on the basis of what they learn." So I did.

Ducks won't come to blinds that look strange to them, fail to hide men, guns, and gear

By F. A. Dominy

Above, tidal blind is tiny island, oak branch cover. Below, permanent type in feeding swamp.
Rushes shield low punt or scull which wildfowler has poled into marshy edge of lake. Hunter has risen to shoot but would be completely invisible while waiting for ducks to decoy.

You see, this article is about duck blinds, and duck blinds must either be invisible or (if that is impossible) so cleverly camouflaged that ducks will think they ain’t what they are or are what they ain’t. Sometimes, where shooting shelters must be built out in open waters, they can’t be invisible, so they have to be designed to look like little islands, clumps of marsh grass, or something that won’t remind a duck of men and the sticks that go “boom” at unwary wildfowl. This isn’t easy; but then, building a proper blind on shore isn’t necessarily easy, either. It’s just essential, if you want to bag ducks successfully.

To my notion there is nothing more ludicrous than a picture showing a couple of hunters standing in something that might be an upright piano case or a medium sized pig sty, with guns to their shoulders pointing at targets presumably somewhere up in the clouds. In the foreground will also be two or three dozen duck decoys, to assure you that these men are duck hunting; otherwise the untutored viewer will probably mistake them for some sort of anti-aircraft battery just going into action. That such a blind cannot be of any practicable use should be
as obvious as the blind itself. Furthermore, aside from its being entirely too conspicuous, it has another fault: that of being fixed on one particular site. Irrespective of the direction of the wind or the height or flow of the tides, you have no choice but to set out the decoys in the water before it and hope for a lucky day.

In days gone by when unlimited baiting was permitted, this manner of hunting worked out more or less successfully. No matter how blatantly your cover advertised itself or the state of wind or tide, those yellow kernels from some farmer's cornfield were an irresistible drawing card, and many a duck paid for his folly when he forgot all caution in the desire to fill his belly.

But today, with baiting prohibited, the setup has changed and now you should look for ducks and rig your stool where they show an inclination to go. This is "here" today, and very probably "there" tomorrow, and hence the permanent blind has become of but little value, unless you consider comfort of more importance than the filling of your bag. If such is the case, you may erect as elaborate a cover as your needs require, and loll there at ease while envying some other fellow a quarter of a mile or so away who was smart enough to take advantage of the day's flight and in consequence is enjoying good shooting from a temporary but on-the-spot rig.

While it may be as unfortunate for the wildfowl as it is fortunate for the hunter, there is hardly a bit of shoreline that does not provide adequate material with which to construct a blind. With the natural growth of rushes, grass, or low bushes, a pocket knife and possibly a few feet of fairly stout cord may be needed as an aid to this construction; and an upturned nail keg, shell box, or five gallon tin will provide a seat.

In building this blind there are a few things to remember. First, is to keep it as low as possible. Don't pile up something that looks like an overgrown haystack and towers over the surrounding growth. When seated, it should be no higher in back than the top of your head, and low enough in front so that you will (Continued on page 41)
Realistic draw using DA S&W .357 and bulleted ammo against target begins with Jordan standing, finger on McAvoy electric timer release.

FAMOUS BORDER PATROLMAN CHOOSES A DOUBLE ACTION FOR FAST DRAW WHEN CHIPS ARE DOWN

1. Realistic draw using DA S&W .357 and bulleted ammo against target begins with Jordan standing, finger on McAvoy electric timer release.
2. Instant later Jordan has straightened, hand tensed, awaiting go signal.
3. Hand a blur, Texas lawman has used up .10 second.
4. Gun tips forward as Jordan starts drawing and tensing trigger finger.
5. Revolver clears leather; timer now shows .21 second has passed.
6. Circle motion brings gun level; hammer is cocking.
Much foolishness has been written about fast gun work. Tales of old time gunmen have been exaggerated until they are ridiculous. Nor has the modern fast draw been slighted as a subject that makes liars out of honest men. I have heard usually veracious persons announce that they had witnessed my dropping a coin, drawing and hitting it twice before it struck the ground. There is little here that the subject can do except assume a modest expression and keep his mouth shut. If you should point out the impossibility of such a stunt (if your bullet hits the coin, it's gone!) you gain an enemy who will hate you to his dying day. Hitting a coin once only is pretty fast, accurate shooting, but it's just not good enough when someone describes a fast draw, especially the fast draw double action style of aimed shooting.

It is assumed that you are well grounded in the fundamentals of slow fire, single action revolver shooting. If you are not, then going on to fast draw double action shooting is still in the future for you. It is in the nature of post-graduate work for well grounded shooters. So—if you can't shoot consistent tens on a regular target—file this away for future reference until you have mastered those fundamentals. You can't expect to run until you have learned to walk.

The really fast men have been made to appear superhuman; their feats impossible of emulation by the average person. Discouraged by this false standard, very few gun fans make more than a half-hearted attempt to learn to draw. Instead of starting with fundamentals, and gradually conditioning their reflexes to the muscle-memory patterns which must be developed before speed can be attained, they try immediately to make the fastest draw possible. This invariably results in a bruised hand and a chastened spirit, and, mentally comparing his blundering attempts to the mythical perfection of the old gun fighters, one more would-be fast draw artist resigns himself to the impossibility of his attaining such a goal. But the shooter should not stop here—any man with normal reflexes can master fast draw double action shooting. But first he must drastically down-grade his pre-conceived notions of what is humanly possible of accomplishment, lest he lose heart before he starts. There are only two factors upon which the speed of a draw is dependent: the physical make-up of the individual and the economy of motion which can be achieved. We will go into the mechanics, that is, the economy of motion required, later; but first let us take up the item of physical make-up.

All of us do not possess the lightning reflexes and muscular coordination of the champions, but in fast draw
Slimmed guard lets Jordan reach trigger quickly and more safely than with a guard cut away completely in front of trigger.

Official, most practical way to wear belted handgun is in high, tight holster. Jordan prefers butt tilted slightly forward and out from body to aid drawing fast as hand makes circling movement.

Rounded Herrett grip on S&W allows Border Patrolman hard, firm hold for DA fire control.

work, the times involved are so infinitesimal that it is often impossible to see the difference between a record draw and one that took twice as long. The difference is so slight that the average man can develop to the point where the only factor in determining the winner of a gun fight between himself and the fastest gunman who ever lived would probably be simply who started for his gun first. Figure it out for yourself. The mechanical limit for any man to draw and hit a target under realistic conditions, is from two to four tenths of a second. I make this statement with confidence, despite recently reported times less than two tenths in which blanks were fired actuating a timer by concussion. Such records I consider without meaning since no accuracy, no real bullet, was involved. (The history of gun fighting fails to record a single fatality resulting from a quick noise.) Below two tenths, the vanishing point of NO elapsed time is practically reached.

The old timers probably never attained a speed of three tenths second. That figure, and below, is possible only with modern guns and holsters, and then only if the signal to draw originates with the man making the draw; that is, the timing begins when his hand starts to move. If time is started with an external signal, it will take that same man from three tenths to one full second or over to draw, depending on the degree of surprise involved. The average time runs six tenths or more.

Now, suppose you can draw and fire in six tenths of a second—comparatively slow time and well within your capabilities—and he started to draw when he saw your hand move. He'll be behind you by the space of his reaction time. Your shot will hit him before he moves.

If by now your interest and ambition is aroused, let's go into details on how you are going to reach that six-tenths-second speed.

The mechanics involved in getting a hand-gun into action in the fastest possible time are simply that the fewest and shortest movements be used, and that the hand, once in motion, continue that motion without pause until the weapon is lined on the target and the shot is fired. In order for this efficiency to be attained, four points are vital to success:

1. Relax
2. Let shoulder drop back in drawing.
3. Keep body motionless and draw with arm movement only.
4. Use circular, or arcing, motion of hand.

In instructing you to relax, lack of muscular tension is implied. We can't tell you how to be relaxed in the face of a gun fight. That knowledge comes only with experience (assuming survival) and cannot be learned from a book. Here we are dealing only with trying to attain the greatest possible speed, with accuracy, that can be reached under ideal conditions. As a matter of fact, nervous tension seems to act as a spur to the speed of your reflexes, provided muscular tension can be avoided. At least, there should be no conscious stiffening of the (Continued on next page)
arm, hand, or shoulder muscles but, rather, all possible looseness of these parts should be attempted.

The right shoulder should be allowed to drop slightly back in the act of drawing as opposed to the exaggerated forward thrust advocated by some methods of teaching. This is a point which you can easily prove for yourself. If you will slowly draw a gun, using the exaggerated forward thrust of the shoulder, you will find that the weapon cannot be leveled until it is well in front of the body. Dropping the shoulder back instead, allows the gun to be pointed at the target just as it clears the holster, an economy of motion which reduces slightly the overall time.

In this connection, the theory has been advanced by the “shoulder thrust” school, probably in defense of what is obviously otherwise an untenable position, that the first shot should be fired as soon as the gun clears the holster, whether lined up on the target or not. The idea of this being that even if those first shots only plow up the dirt between yourself and your opponent they will discourage him and cause him to miss.

This theory defeats the whole idea of fast draw marksmanship, which, when reduced to its essentials, is simply to place your shot in a vital spot before you are hit by your opponent. Surely nothing could be more disconcerting to the accuracy of an adversary than a .357 Magnum slug applied judiciously in the region of his belt buckle! It will beat kicking dirt in his face every time!

There is an old adage which should be held in mind at all times as you work on the fast draw: “Speed’s fine but accuracy’s fatal!” I do not know who first made that statement, but he was a very sable hombre.

There is too much fancy gun juggling being masqueraded as fast gun work. If you cannot hit your target on the first shot you had best give up the quest for speed until you can—unless, of course, you are interested only in dexterity and not concerned with self defense.

The body should remain motionless and the draw made with the arm only. The rigid claw-like fingers and the gunman’s crouch so often seen on movie and TV screens and described by Western writers, while both menacing and impressive, are not part of an efficient fast draw technique. The crouch may, as some insist, “make you a smaller target;” but this is negative thinking. The crouch slows your shot and therefore handicaps you in your main objective—which is to stop him before he can make you a target.

There are three good reasons for the upright stance: There is no strained, unnatural position of the body to hamper smooth movement of the arm; your intentions are not disclosed by “telegraphing your punch” as they would be by assuming a menacing crouch; and, alter training your hand to a specific task of going instinctively to the same place, the gun will be at that place rather than having to be pursued and caught in movement.

The fourth point is probably the most important. The hand must not pause from the moment it starts moving until the instant the gun is fired. The only means by which this can be accomplished is that the hand moves in a circular motion, “scooping” up the revolver enroute.

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"Women and Children First" has been traditionally associated with abandoning ships at sea, or with major disasters. But if recent events in the shooting sports indicate a pattern for the future, the cry of "women and children first" may come to describe the status quo in clay target shooting. And by women and children first, I mean that the kids and the ladies are first with the best scores, and that we big, strong, sporting, he-men types will be trying to pulverize mere targets than the shavers and the gals.

Bobby Shuley, who admits to all of a baker's dozen years, and who at the advanced age of thirteen is a veteran of four years over the skeet circuit, stood the shooting world on its collective ear by coolly smashing 250 targets, plus another perfect hundred in a shoot-off, to win the world all-gauge skeet championship. Bob picked up the hardware after a shoot-off with James Kelly of Phoenix, Ariz., Charles Ward of Clemens, N.C., and the Baldwin. Michigan, skeet-shooting ace, Kenneth Sedlecky.

And winning the all-gauge title wasn't all for Bobby, who hails from Roselle, Illinois, and attends St. John's military academy in Delavan, Wisconsin. He joined with dad Al Shuley, Joe Bullock, Ed Mabie, and the ebullient Jay Schatz, on the Lincoln Park Gun Club, (Chicago) five-man team which won the all-gauge AA class team toga.

As a sort of warm-up for the big title, Bobby broke 100 straight in the 20-gauge event. He and his dad, a plastics manufacturer, took home the parent-and-child trophy, with a mere world's record of 496x500. This isn't all the Shuleys achieved in the Virginia world championships, over the skeet traps of the Princess Anne Gun Club, at Lynnhaven, but it does very well for a starter.

Now that Bobby Shuley has won the all-gauge title at the age of thirteen, lowering the champion's age by one year, we can only wonder when a Little Leaguer will be a world's shooting champion. Dick Shaugnessy was the previous youngest champion, at the ripe old age of fourteen.

A story lies in the telling of this tale. It surely is true that much of the tremendous appeal of the shooting sports lies in the established fact that championships can be and are won by men, women, and children.

Can you imagine the World Series being won by a team of Little Leaguers?

Over on the disaff side of our "women and children first" narrative, we have Kathleen Fitcheh, the Baltimore lass who dropped only one of the 250 all-bore clays to set a new women's record in this event. And, incidentally, to outscore a passel of classy skeet gunners, whose cup of glory would be more than running over if they might bumble on only one of the 250 skeet targets stretched over three days of shooting. The class of a skeet shooter who scores well during an event which is fired at the rate of one hundred targets for each of two days, then rounded out by a final half-century on the third day, is undeniable. In shooting, it is not uncommon for a gunner to be up for any given day, but the skeet nationals require that the winning shooters be up not for one day, but for three, with all the resultant pressure.

Other Lynnhaven skeet nationals wins at hand are Lee Braun's professional all-gauge and over-all, Barney Hartman's over-all victory, Mrs. Katherine Dinaring's 20 gauge and women's all-around, and fine little shooter, Miner Chlett's junior 28-gauge title.

Turning from sky to trap, a special "full orchid to the great Ralph Jenkins, a fellow Hoosier, on the occasion of his full-page treatment in "Sports Illustrated" for having racked up 200,000 registered single trap targets. The milestone took place at the Southern Zone Trapshoot in Louisville, Kentucky. Ralph's brother, Rock Jenkins, had amassed 186,000 registered targets at the time of his death, and it's typical of Ralph to trapshooters all over the world who know him that he stated he broke that 200,000th target for Rock, since Rock had wanted to reach that golden goal so badly.

By the way, can the reader visualize 200,000 clay targets? As a part of preparing a story on the lives of Ralph and Rock Jenkins a few years ago, I calculated that if all their targets were laid end to end, they would stretch in an unbroken line twenty miles long. That's a lot of clay targets!

Grinding up 200,000 clay birds is an accomplishment which may never be duplicated, and even more glitter is added by Ralph's breaking almost 95% of those targets. Most of us will settle for a 95% average on any multiple of one hundred targets, and try not to think about what our averages might be on such astronomical sums as one or two hundred thousand!

Some similar names popped up in the Central Zone trapshoot at Maywood Gun Club, in Maywood, Illinois. Young Johnny Sternberger, the Dayton flash, who doesn't know how to miss, cracked a double century. Another institution in the sport of trapshootin, Rigger by name, duplicated the feat, and took the out-of-zone 16-yard hardware back to Castle Rock, Washington. Ned Lilly of Stanton, Mich., and Bud Fisher, of Findlay, Ohio, kept up their usual fine perform-
ances, Gene Durant, Jr., whose name appears in a lot of win summaries, copped the junior award he won last year. Another Badger, Mrs. Julie Deckert, from the home of the Braves, was women's 16-yard titlist. Some of the Central Zone Class Day winners were John Kroplin of Englewood, Ohio, in Class A; Art Davidson, Jr., of nearby Northbrook, Illinois took Class B; and Edna Stark of Indianapolis was high lady on Class Day with a respectable 97x100. Dave Chappman, Yale, won the Central Zone handicap race with a 98 from 21 yards.

In keeping with our theme of "women and children first," we have to report that Mrs. Frank Howard won the handicap race at Fillionale Gun Club's Handicap shoot, with a 98. Closest male shooter was George Lowell with a 91. And this in a shoot with the likes of Tony Biagi and Al Zajicek in the field, to keep competition high.

Over in Connecticut, where such nationally known shooters as M.D. Clark have to be reckoned with, Mrs. Gloria Sirlin broke her last 75 targets straight to end in a three-way shoot-off at 95x100. John Crowley broke a straight while Mrs. Sirlin was losing two in the shoot-off, but 75 straight handicap targets by a woman made history in Connecticut, and will draw envy in fifty states.

Hahm Cain took second in the South Dakota Northern Zone shoot with a 91, just two targets under winner Bob Kukuk, at Onita, South Dakota. . . . Martha Andrews was Class B winner in the Peach Blossom Special event of the South Carolina state shoot, at Spartanburg. Could that it took a "peach blossom" to win this . . .? Gail Pierson, both young and feminine, Loui-

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The speed with which the hand can be made to move and reflexes respond represents in whole that difference, since each can attain the same proficiency in the actual mechanics of the draw.

With the foregoing points in mind you are now ready to start dry practice. That, of course, is the secret of developing a fast draw. Through hand practice alone will you be able to perfect your technique to the point where the difference between you and the most gifted quick draw artist is limited to that previously mentioned difference in the speed of hand and response of reflexes. Start in slow motion, striving always for smoothness. Regardless of the starting position of your hand, make its movement continuous. With thumbs hooked in belt, your hand describes a circle. From a "hands up" position, down and around in a circle. Always it is one movement. This practice can be performed before a mirror, for there you can see any deviation from the desired pattern of minimum movement of the hand in its circular path. There, too, you can see that the gun is raised barely enough to clear the holster before it is snapped into alignment with the target, and whether it is pointed properly at the completion of the draw.

On each draw the trigger should be pulled, starting with the time your hand touches the gun and continuing smoothly as the draw progresses to the point that the hammer will fall at the exact instant the muzzle first lines up with the target. Only after your reflexes are so disciplined that you instinctively draw and point the gun with one smooth, fluid motion should you attempt to increase your speed. And then, let the increase be gradual. Never sacrifice smoothness for speed—it is a delusion. You think you are drawing faster but the smooth draw with no waste motion is always best. And you will find that in time you will have that speed without straining. Your hand will unerringly cuddle the grip, your trigger finger will find the trigger and start its pull, and the gun will fire at the very instant it is on target.

Do not allow yourself to become impatient with the dry-fire routine. An attempt too soon to try a loaded gun can lead to disaster. Use of actual loads will impede your progress. Instinctively, you will pause after the gun has cleared the holster and then have that speed without straining. Your hand will unerringly cuddle the grip, your trigger finger will find the trigger and start its pull, and the gun will fire at the very instant it is on target. Use of actual loads will impede your progress. Instinctively, you will pause after the gun has cleared the holster and then have that speed without straining. Your hand will unerringly cuddle the grip, your trigger finger will find the trigger and start its pull, and the gun will fire at the very instant it is on target. Use of actual loads will impede your progress. Instinctively, you will pause after the gun has cleared the holster and then have that speed without straining.
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sight should be used to avoid gouging the holster and dragging. The S&W Combat Magnum appears to the writer to be the answer to a Peace Officer's dream. It is light and fast handling; has a very fast, smooth, double action, and is chambered for the hard-hitting .357 Magnum cartridge. The new S&W .44 Magnum in 4" barrel length interests me, but I have not used it enough to reach a firm conclusion as to its merits for double action quick draw. Its extra power is good, if the recoil does not adversely affect speed and accuracy. I intend to give it a thorough testing in this regard. I am convinced that the .38 Special is barely adequate for Service use and that no load with less shocking power should be used by an enforcement officer. If the individual preference is for a Colt, the Colt Three-Fifty Seven or Colt Python with shortened barrel are recommended.

Other than smoothing the double action (which can be done by anyone with time, sweat and crocus cloth) the only alterations necessary or advisable are cutting off the hammer spur, rounding the corners of the rear sight in adjustable sight models, and cutting away about half of the width of the forward part of the triggerguard.

This forward part of the guard should not be entirely removed, for several reasons. A cut guard can bend, jamming the trigger; the fingers can catch the tip of this cut-away guard, making a shift of finger position necessary before the trigger can be pulled, and, most important, it is a dangerous alteration. That trigger guard was not put there as an ornament. Reducing the width of this forward portion by about half and rounding it smoothly serves the same purpose as would its removal, without the disadvantages of that operation.

Cutting off the hammer spur and rounding the corners of the rear sight prevent damage to the hand in drawing, and remove projections which might catch on clothing. The modern double action revolver is the only gun worthy of serious consideration for use by the enforcement officer. Automatics without a double action feature are too slow. Those with that feature, such as the S&W 9mm, and the Walther P-38, while a step in the right direction, have hard, rough pulls which will not permit accurate speed shooting. With or without the double action feature, the design of an automatic makes it a poor pointer, especially when fired from the hip. The single action, while an excellent natural pointer and, possibly, the fastest in this respect to sheer speed in drawing and firing a first shot, is hard to get on target for that first shot. The single action type is too slow for succeeding shots, and the technique is much more difficult to learn than that of

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PULL!

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...showed the way to a field of men in a fifty-target handicap race at the new Many, Louisiana, Gun Club, by dropping only two clays, three birds better than the nearest male.... Men and women fired identical scores in the handicap events of Philadelphia Open Trapshooting Championship. Mrs. W. E. Worthington broke 94, as did Charles Boardman, . . . . Helen Urban broke 90 to win Class A in the Midwest Ohio Zone Shoot—and won the doubles with 43, as against Dick Urban's runner-up 41. . . . Wayne Hill, a 14-year old boy was too big for Class E in the Nezperce, Idaho, annual registered spring shoot, with a 49x50. . . . George Gillett II, a seventeen-year old, took the handicap event in the recent Waukesha, Wis., Marathon. . . . A thirteen-year old miss, Sheri Small, is Florida State singles champion for 1959. And the Florida ladies' trophy is not easily won. Several of the Florida ladies are worthy opponents in any trapshoot.

These are only a few of the shooting records of women and children. GUNS can't spare the space to list them all.

Yep, women and children first, especially in the shooting sports.

What you can do with a gun if necessary is bound to be reflected in your bearing. It is a confidence that cannot be counterfeited. It will enable you to go through many a tough spot with a poise and presence of mind which may avert the actual opening of hostilities which would surely follow either a show of force or lack of confidence on your part.

In the final analysis, it is the unexpected situation that packs the most danger, and it is in such situations that fast draw gunmanship pays off. So get in front of that mirror and start practicing. And when you reach the point where you can beat your reflection to the draw—best two out of three—Chihuahua!!! Que pistolero!!!

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"BLIND" MEANS INVISIBLE

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have to crouch a bit when birds are decoying but when sitting erect will be able to shoot from that position. Don't—and I repeat, don't—make the mistake of building the blind so high that you have to stand to use your gun. Nothing creates harder shooting than this jumping up like a jack-in-the-box.

In the first place, no matter how agile you are, there is some part of a second required to attain a steady footing and, second, there is too much motion which serves to flare your game and make the difference between an easy shot and a difficult one. It is one thing to make a target of a duck as he glides in, wings set and feet down, to brake his entry into the water. It is far tougher to try to hit a bird that is gaining altitude with every beat of his wings and also falling away from you with more or less rapidity, depending upon the force of the wind, all of which happens in the seconds that pass as you are scrambling to your feet and then steadying yourself as you bring your gun to a shooting position. And above all in importance is the necessity of remaining motionless, as the ducks approach your decoys. With clothing of a neutral color against a background of natural cover the thinnest of blinds is all that is necessary if you do not betray your presence. Motion is the red flag of warning to all wildlife, and there should be no preliminary shift in position of either yourself or your gun. Wait until the birds are within safe gunshot, and then go into action as quickly and smoothly as possible. That is why I so strongly advocate shooting from a sitting position. By so doing you have the advantage of instants gained, and that brief space of time makes all the difference as you will find when you count your unexpended shells and your bay at the end of a day's shoot.

As I stated before, the fixed shore blind has lost the greater part of its value since baiting became illegal. Today's duck hunter, if he wishes to get good shooting, or, in fact, any shooting, must find some spot to which the birds are attracted by natural food or sanctuary from rough or storm tossed waters. That is where he should set out his decoys and erect his blind. That this blind may be crude and uncomfortable and oftimes diff-
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The dimensions of the gunning box may be determined by the size of the one expecting to use it and hence the general description should be followed, there is no need to build it to any standard measurements; instead, in length, it can be a couple of inches less than its user's height, and in width at least an inch wider than across his shoulders when wearing heavy clothing. The depth, however, should be about twelve inches.

The convenience of this rig is obvious. You always have a dry and comfortable blind that practically hides itself if the shore grasses are low and when lying in it you are entirely out of sight of an approaching duck. If necessary it can be used at the extreme water’s edge or in three or four inches of water moored against a bluff shoreline, and it is not silhouetted at any time, nor is the hunter silhouette as he sits up to shoot. When the cover is heavy it can be placed where it is entirely hidden in grass shoulder high to the hunter, as he sits there in comfort. Altogether, it is about as satisfactory a blind as could be devised for marsh shooting.

Also, and of prime importance, it can be readily and speedily moved if the wind shifts, the tide rises or falls, or, as sometimes happens, you see some other point or cove that has suddenly become more attractive to the wildfowl than that particular spot where you have rigged. Sculling, rowing by oars, or an outboard motor can be used for mobility, if the transom or stern of the shooting box is made solidly enough.

Whatever blind you use, remember the statement I made when beginning this article, that a proper blind for marsh shooting cannot be successfully photographed. After you have spread your decoys, built a blind, or located the shooting box, get in your boat and paddle offshore of the rig a hundred and fifty feet or so. If the blind or box is easily discernible, imagine how it must appear to a duck with his telescopic vision. Then it is up to you to do a better job of concealment, or with it is important that you be hidden, it is just as important that you hide your blind.

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sufficient. About a hundred miles from my home, a berry picker was killed by a bear while both were working the same patch. When found, the man lay sprawled beside his old .30-30 rifle. It was empty. The bear lay nearby, full of lead, but this did not make the dead berry picker any happier.

All the scoffers in the woods cannot change the fact that the ordinary black bear is a very tough, potentially dangerous creature, and should be so treated. The measure of a woodman's expertness is not his illogical fearlessness but his logical caution.

But still the experts chatter on. Only a week before this article is being written, one “expert” broke into print claiming that, if you are camper or fisherman, you should wear at all times a .22 handgun for “protection” from dangers such as a mama bear with cubs. I can think of no better guaranteed way of shaking hands with Saint Peter in a hurry, than plinking a cub-guardsing mama bear with a .22 revolver.

Of course, these examples are extreme. I use them only to emphasize the stupidity, as well as the danger of hunting blacks undergunned. Easy kills do occur by luck now and then, and one-shots kills by the rifleman who knows what he is doing with black hear are the rule more often than not. But the same bullet that will drop a moose in its tracks often only wounds a black. For one thing, his will to live is far superior to that of the moose, which gives up rather easily. But again, keep that word individual in mind. For, of all big-game animals the bears, of whatever species, show the most individual physical differences. This is why no single black bear kill necessarily or automatically sets the pattern for the next.

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The fourth was a yearling. Even the yearling
looked rather large on the hoof, but it is
doubtful it weighed over 100 pounds. The
other three were not weighed, but their
weights were carefully assessed by several
reliable persons without intention to exag-
gerate. These bears from a short distance
as they lay on the ground looked all of a
size. Yet it was the consensus that their
weights were about 175, 275, and 375 pounds.

Suppose, now, you are hunting for a
black bear. Are you looking at a species that
averages 150 to 200 pounds—or 200 to 300
pounds—or 300 to 400 pounds? It is easy
to say that "the average will run around 200,"
but the spread among the four bears we shot,
was almost 300 pounds. It takes far more shock
and wacking power in a bullet to lay 400 pounds
of bone and muscle on the grass than it does for a
100 pound animal. Proper and expert
placement can even change things up. But then we get back
to individual experiences among hunters, and
also the laws of chance, which may or may
not allow careful bullet placement.

In other words, from a gun-and-load-view
point you have to hunt black bear as if
you expected to be faced by a 400 pound
animal. You have to be ready for that size
beast, with adequate firepower; ready for
more than that. Black bear have been
shot or live-trapped in New York state
that, officially weighed, topped 600 pounds.
Several other states and provinces have fairly
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that Harry guessed at 250 pounds, hauled up and stopped broadside in the same opening. Harry held on the shoulder and, when he let fly, down went number two. Knowing Harry's shooting, I am inclined to believe he hit it exactly where he intended.

A wild struggle ensued as both animals tore up the ground. Then both bears came upright. Suddenly, they were off and Harry was firing again. He managed to pour five more shots after them, but was of the opinion that all five missed. The bears went into a nearby cedar swamp, and though every effort was made to trail them, they haven't been seen since.

One of the things that makes a bear tough to follow except on snow and except with a perfect hit is that fat and fur inhibit copious exterior bleeding. And, as we have noted, the deceptive build of the animal makes a hit deceptive, too. It is simply amazing how many blacks get away wounded.

In general it may be said that most of the time a heavy bullet that does not travel too fast, shot from a gun of caliber that has real hard-headed whacking power, is what it takes to kill black bear consistently. I could cite simply dozens of stories of bear wounded with lesser loadings, and later found dead or never found. The will and stubbornness and determination of this animal is difficult to over-estimate. Add to this all the fur and fat and muscle a bullet must penetrate, plus the fact that nine out of ten shots are in brushy areas, the black's favorite hangouts, and you find that the requirement is a brush-cutter bullet that is also a bear cutter.

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chest shot, when offered at a range where you are sure you can make it, is lethal. I am not sure it proves that the .243 and .244 are black bear guns. Since the bear ran off, it probably proves quite the opposite.

To sum up: How tough is the black bear? Tough enough so you will never go wrong to plan on having to put down with one shot—the only chance you are likely to get in heavy cover—an animal weighing from 400 pounds up. True, the animal you finally shoot may not weigh half that. But don’t bet on it. Tough enough so you should load with a big bullet of a type not easily deflected, that has walloping power to spare. Tough enough so you are sure you can make it, is lethal. I am that has walloping power to spare. Tough enough so you should load with a big bullet of a type not easily deflected, that has walloping power to spare.

You cannot beat the tried and true old .30-06 for black bear, loaded—my preference—with the 220 grain bullet. Nor can you beat the .308 with its largest (200 grain) load. The .308 Silvertip 200 grain leaves a little faster, at 2450, with a little less energy-2670, and hits at a hundred yards with 2170 ft. lbs.: that’s still plenty. The .35 Remington leaves at 2100 (200 grain Silvertip) with 1950 ft. lbs., retains plenty. The .35 Rem. leaves at 2100 (200 grain Silvertip) with 1950 ft. lbs., retains plentiful wallop. The .35 Rem. leaves at 2100 (200 grain Silvertip) with 1950 ft. lbs., retains plentiful wallop.
These big, black, African cap buff are very large, heavy beasts, built like an Angus bull only longer legged and deeper bodied. They will weigh up to and over a ton. The sweep of the huge horns protects the brain pan on each side, and in front it is partly protected by the heavy horn bosses as well as by the thick hide and skull. When a buff looks at you, he does so with head and neck extended and the nose up. In that position, the nostrils line up perfectly with the brain, so that is your aiming point on a buff facing you at close range. At any distance, if you get him turned with the near shoulder in line with the chest cavity, drive that shoulder bone into his chest if possible. If turned quartering the other way, put your slug through heart or lungs into the off shoulder.

Big, tough, and hard to kill, the buff will, as John Lawrence says, "fight to his last breath, or yours." Roy Leny, one of the White Hunters, was killed by a buffalo back in '48 or '49. His client had wounded the bull and it took to heavy cover. Roy gave the bull ample time to die or stiffen up, then sent his tracker up a tree to direct him and went into the bush to finish the job. He never saw the bull until it charged him from five yards. Even then, Roy got in both barrels from his heavy double rifle; but he hit neither brain nor spine, and the bull tossed him, one horn going into his groin. The native gun bearer then came down the tree, found the big rifle, reloaded it, and finished the buffalo. The gun bearer got Leny to the hospital, but in spite of the best of surgical and medical care, he died. Five white hunters in White Hunters Ltd. have been hurt by buffalo in the last ten years.

It was many days and many miles later before I got my real crack at buffalo. We had moved far south of that first camp, had bagged our rhino, lion, elephant, and leopard, and needed only a good buff to complete my "big five." We spent the 13th and the 14th of December moving back through Singida and Babiti to our old camp near lake Manyarra. The morning of the 15th, we finished putting up camp, then drove south east into bush that had been open before the rains, but which was now covered with grass, from a foot to six feet high. Under the great acacia and some few baobab trees, it cut visibility to the minimum. We found tracks of some big stray buff bulls, but they were too old. The tsetse flies were particularly bad this day, and my old Oryx-tail swatter did yeoman service. We saw some lesser game such as giant, zebra, oryx, and water buck, but no buffalo; so we drove back to camp, had a good lunch, and waited. About 4 P.M. we drove out toward the lake and a Masai village we had seen when camped at this location at the start of the hunt. Beyond the Masai village, we got into a section of tall grass that was literally under-mined with 'ant bear holes, so that we had to have the boys get out and pick a trail through it. We saw a young eland, several bands of grant and tomminies, and finally a pride of lion at about 100 yards. There was an old lioness, four ¾ grown cubs, and a young maned lion. They took their time about walking away into the high grass.
After crossing a dry water pan, we came to a series of low ridges and higher ground, very heavily covered with a grey sort of volcanic boulder. Rocks were too thick and too high to get up on that higher ground and after skirting it for half mile, we stopped and John sent the boys up into the bush for a look.

A half hour later, they came back on the double with their eyes shining, and I knew with solids. I noticed that little Guyo took before they reached us that they had found a buffalo, Gali, Guye, and Songi all spoke to John at once, so I pulled the .476 out of the heavy Boyt zipper scabbard and loaded it with solids. I noticed that little Guyo took another pack of five solids out of the box near the gun rack, and stuffed them in the pocket of his shorts and six rounds in the loops of my bush jacket, but Guyo knows buff and wanted to be sure we had plenty ammo. John loaded the .416 with solids, and Gali also took another box of them along, just in case.

The buffalo herd was a big one and was in dense bush when the boys located them. Evening was fast approaching and the sun setting long over the great Rift wall. I now had all the big five of Africa, and had killed four of them with heart shots. John had spotted a lone bull off to our right and head off these buff we could see. Evening was fast approaching and the sun setting long over the great Rift wall. I now had all the big five of Africa, and had killed four of them with heart shots. John had spotted a lone bull off to our right and head off these buff we could see.

"At about ten A.M., we found buffalo tracks (this was near your old Sable camp) and followed them. One hour later, we heard the bull in a small clump of bush. I sent the boys my way and took the clients around the other. Eventually we saw the bull, and I told him to shoot. He was facing slightly away from us, with all the heart and lung area exposed.

"The .458 Winchester bullet went into the lungs, and I gave him a .416 in the lungs for good measure. He then crashed off into the bush for about 100 yards. I went up where he had gone in, saw tracks and blood trail, and thought to myself, 'give him a half hour and then follow.' With this thought, I turned around, putting on the safety on my .416, and started to walk back and sit down for a smoke. Then the boys yelled. When I turned, the bull came out at me from about 15 yards. I swung and aimed at the very easy shot—easy because he came level in a slight depression. John told me he thought he would go 40 to 42" spread and had a good curl, so I elected to take him.

We slipped up to a low pile of rocks, just 63 yards from the great bull. He did not know we were near, and was feeding broadside to us. Resting my elbows on my knees, I carefully fitted the head into the bottom of the wide-angle V sight back sight on my .476 Westley Richards and moved it up to the spinal column, and penetrated on into the heart, but this Kynoch solid broke up and mushroomed, though the core held.

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westward over the narrow but paved saddle road which traverses the Island of Hawaii. Near the edge of the gigantic 1955 lava flow at the Humpa-ula Sheep Camp, part of the fabulous Parker domain, we cut northward off the pavement and for some fifteen miles, followed rutted trails through flour-thin lava cinders toward the summit of extinct Mauna Kea, the highest peak in the Pacific, often snow-capped at 13,885 feet.

As we searched along the mountain side, Slim yelled over the seat to Mahoney, "What weapons did you bring, Jock? Nothing bigger than .30 caliber, I hope." Mahoney shot a look at the wild country around us, "I brought a 270 Remington," he said; "but from the size of this country, maybe I should've put on a scope."

Slim's answer was reassuring, "Don't worry about scopes. We'll put you so close to those boogers you can reach out and pull their tails."

Nevertheless, my own Savage was scope-mounted—a Weaver KV in Williams offset mounts—and I was glad of it. It meant a few extra ounces to carry, but—every man to his own poison.

We spent the night in a neat one-room frame hut just inside the Hunting Preserve, where gun talk and gin rummy kept us going until late that night. Shortly before daylight, it was Dick Woodworth, Hawaii Game Chief, who rolled all of us out of the sacks. To our surprise, he had flown over to be with us a couple of days prior to a game counting expedition throughout Hawaii.

Our party, now consisting of Holt, Yamamoto, Woodworth, Mahoney, and myself, piled into Slim Holt's Jeep station wagon. We skirted the cinder slopes to our hunting grounds known as the Kahiuhina (the flat land). Why it's called the flat land, I'll never know; it's about as flat as the west face of Mt. McKinley. But it is in this area that the sheep and goats go back and forth from the east-west sides of Mauna Kea. Slim painted the general region with his hand, saying "Somewhere within two or three hundred yards we will find our sheep. Let's go afoot from here." I hoped he was right about the distance. At that near-10,000-foot level, the thin air makes hard climbing seem more strenuous.

But he was right, guns were still being hauled out from the Jeep when Yamamoto spotted three ewes walking westward across the loose cinders. Mahoney hurriedly checked his rifle after uncasing it, and loaded it with Remington 130 grain P.S.P.C.L. Ammo. He stuffed a dozen extra cartridges into his light wool vest, hurriedly checked his rifle after uncasing it, and loaded it with Remington 130 grain P.S.P.C.L. Ammo. He stuffed a dozen extra cartridges into his light wool vest (Continued from page 54)
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hand shot I’ve ever witnessed. The poten t130 grain slug had ripped cleanly through the buck’s neck, killing him instantly.

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The following day was spent hog hunting on the opposite side of the volcanos. We counted over 125 wild hogs in just three hours one morning, all of them within this easy piggin’ distance with a .30-30. The largest shot would tip the scales around 150 pounds, but they weren’t what Mahoney and I were looking for. We had decided beforehand that if we would get a trophy boar or keep coming back until we did. Some of the Mauna Kea taskers weigh three to four hundred pounds, with fantastic three-quarter moon tusks.

The wild hog population is an example of the fine Hawaiian game management, by Game Department Chief Dick Woodworth, under the watchful eye of C. Eric Reppun, President of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry. Woodworth has managed the Island wildlife superbly for maximum benefit. To my amazement, I learned that Hawaii with only 6,500 square miles in the whole “leet” of islands, has more managed shooting ground open to the public than 35 of our mainland States. There are estimated to be over 100,000 parkers throughout the Islands, with a majority of them on the big island of Hawaii.

We didn’t get the tuskers we wanted, simply because we were so choosy about really fine trophies. We could have shot a dozen each of nearly thirty hogs, but I knew from past experience that the big ones were there, and we weren’t hungry. After all, failing to get the big tusher gives us an excuse to go back—and I’m going.

The wild goat hunting of the Big Isle, and the deer hunting in the mesquite country of Molokai, and the chuckar, pheasant, and quail sports for the upland gunner are just as lush, just as thrilling as the wild sheep and boar hunting. We were in silt shot position of literally hundreds of chuckar and pheasant. We could have killed them with slingshots.

The wonderful part of hunting in Hawaii is that there is a big game hunting the year around. The birds are the only game on which there is a closed season.

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arms, due to their lack of killing power on so much of our tougher small game such as jack rabbits and big grouse; but in the new Winchester cartridge we now have a .22 rim fire that will do the business if at all well placed. Due to its being safe with six rounds in the cylinder, its simultaneous ejection of six empties, and the ease of reloading as compared with the clips of auto pistols, its fine adjustable hunting sights and clean trigger pull, place this Model K Smith & Wesson .22 WRF Magnum at the top of the list as a hunting handgun.

Austrian Claw Mounts for American Rifles

The old German and Austrian claw-type scope mount was in use many years before we, in America, ever developed either a hunting scope or mount. Among the first successful ones of ours that I tested and used on big game was the old Noske scope and mount, and later the little Weaver Grasshopper mount. Good, sturdy, reliable German claw-type mounts had long been available in America on Mauser rifles, however. The only flies in the ointment were high cost and also high mounts, as a rule, so that the open iron sights could be seen under the scope. The very high mounted scopes defeated their purpose, as you could not hold hard and steady your cheek on the stock with such a high mounted scope.

Just the same, I have guided hunters who habitually carried their Mausers in one hand, using the high mounted scope as a handle for the rifle a good part of the time, and have seen those mounts and scopes take an awful beating and still replace accurately and stay in accurate adjustment. They were and are among the most reliable of all quick detachable mounts, if made by the better European makers and properly fitted. Many fine Mausers were partly ruined by having the front base dovetailed in the top of the receiver ring. Yet for over 50 years these German
claw-type mounts have been standard over most of Europe and Asia. So, in spite of American criticism, they have their good points. We found out during two world wars that the Germans could shoot, and many used this type of scope mounting on their sniper rifles.

I never did like carrying a scope sighted rifle in a saddle scabbard, and usually wound up carrying the rifle across my arm even when spending all day in the saddle, to be sure the rifle received no hard knocks that could put the scope out of alignment. The place for a scope on a horse is in a belt scabbard or case, or carrying the rifle with iron sights in the scabbard. However, one must then have a truly reliable detachable mount that will go on and off in seconds and replace accurately; and, over the years, no one has evolved a much faster combination than the German and Austrian claw-type mount, for both speed of detachment and replacement, and accuracy of replacement. I have carried my rifle fitted with a non-detachable Oneil-Hopkins mount in saddle scabbards with no change in point of impact, but most of the other mounts have come to grief under my observation over the years of big game guiding. The old Turner mount did very well, as it was so spring loaded that the spring tension cushioned most of the blows, but even it could soon wear holes in the scope tube and cause some change.

I still like auxiliary iron sights on a scope sighted rifle. Any good open sight will do that is zeroed in for a given range. Then, in case of bad rain or wet snow, when the scope is virtually useless, you have something to fall back on.

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The mounts are well finished and seem to be a precision fit of rings and bases. The top half of the rings can be removed for installation of scope and then clamped with two screws to each side. A better arrangement here would have been a hinge on one side and two clamp screws on the other, but their arrangement makes it easy to shim the rings, for a perfect tight fit, when and if necessary, with smaller scopes.

I like this mount and intend trying it on a Winchester .332 Magnum. The combined unit, made of steel, weighs 5½ ounces; any attempt to use aluminum would probably entail wear of male and female claws and result in inaccuracy of replacement. I would rather have a little more weight in a scope mount and be sure of its staying in perfect adjustment, regardless of how often the scope is removed and replaced. The bases are ample low to permit use of good open barrel sights.

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