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Air Gun Revolution

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Braun mounts Tactacam and Go-Pro cameras on his airgun to record his hunts.

The lever-action single-shot Serpent Arms airgun can be cocked and reloaded quickly for multiple shots. The shotgun version can fire eight to 10 shots on one fully charged tank, and the rifle offers about four shots per refill. A hunter can carry a second tank for a day afield and have roughly the equivalent of a box of shotshells or two center-fire magazines.

Braun's shotshell is an injection-molded plastic tube that holds just under an ounce of lead, steel, or tungsten shot. A cap snaps into the top of the shell to keep the pellets in place. Five small holes in the base allow air to pop the cap and

propel the shot. When the gun is fired, a burst of air forces the entire shell down the barrel.

The choke at the muzzle works the opposite way of a conventional shotgun choke. A tighter choke holds the shell in the muzzle longer and lets the shot leave the barrel sooner, creating a wider pattern. Less restriction lets the shell exit the muzzle sooner, which keeps the shot charge in the shell longer and creates a tighter pattern. The shotgun has a muzzle velocity of about 1,000 fps, about the equivalent of a gunpowder target shotshell load.

In the rifle barrel, the same mechanism propels a .45 bullet at up to 900 fps and delivers accurate, killing shots out to

about 75 yards.

"It's a little more like bowhunting than shooting a centerfire rifle," Kevin Grotelueschen said. "But that also adds to the excitement and challenge because you're getting a lot closer to your game."

This past spring, I killed two turkeys stone dead out to 30 yards using the Serpent Arms shotgun loaded with tungsten No. 7 pellets. This fall, Braun has been shooting ducks with the shotgun, and he, Kevin and Eli plan to hunt deer with the rifle.

Most seasoned hunters might consider airguns a novelty, but new hunters, especially women, young shooters, and anyone leery of the recoil and loud noise of a firearm, should be attracted to them.

"There is virtually no

recoil, and the noise levels are 100 decibels or less," Kevin Grotelueschen said. "A lot of the things that scare people away from firearms aren't there. It's a great entry-level gun."

Come Nov. 23, I'll be sitting in my usual deer stand in Bayfield County with a Serpent Arms rifle. I'll have a second air tank in my pack, but I shouldn't need it unless I have a chance to fill a couple of antlerless tags.

I won't be the first hunter to shoot a Wisconsin white-tail with an airgun, but I'll be happy to join the revolution.

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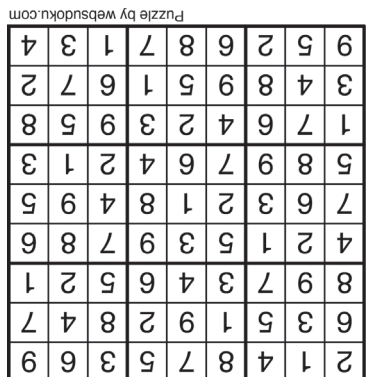
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Inside, the bino caddy features a water-resistant, soft lining that cuts down on noise and protects your objective lenses. The caddy fits up to 12x50 roof prism binoculars and can be adapted to fit smaller binos with an included riser that sits in the bottom of the pouch. Mesh pockets on the sides of the caddy are a handy place to stash mouth calls or wind checker bottles, while a zippered pocket on the back of the caddy can hold a smartphone or your tag. MOLLE webbing on the bottom of the caddy allows users to attach a handgun or bear spray holster.

Overall, the caddy is designed to be low-profile and compact so it doesn't interfere with movement. To learn more about these products or to see the full lineup of Bushnell optics and gear, check out www.Bushnell.com.

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SPYPOINT is proud to unveil the latest addition to its innovative FLEX series lineup – the SPYPOINT FLEX-M. The FLEX-M delivers unparalleled quality and connectivity at an unbeatable price, making it the best value on the market.

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Integration with the SPYPOINT app offers easy camera activation, customizable maps, weather information, and BUCK TRACKER technology that utilizes AI image recognition to scan images with species filters. The app allows you to manage settings and update firmware remotely, putting the entire hunt in the palm of your hand.

The FLEX-M is now available for purchase at participating retailers and at www.spypoint.com, where you can also find more information on the launches of the other 2024 trail cameras; the FLEX-PLUS, FORCE-48, and FORCE-PRO-S 2.0.

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