

is small, but, since all three guns are basically the same, greater differences cannot be expected. It was pointed out that this same situation arises in the case of the Model 870. Sales requested that this be borne in mind in connection with the design of the Sportsman-X, with a view to making a greater weight differential between gauges if possible.

h. 3-Inch Magnum Shell

Research and Development reported that, although we do not recommend it, the Sportsman-58 can be chambered for the 3-inch magnum shell. Because of the limited length of magazine, only one of these longer Remington shells can be handled in the magazine, giving a total capacity of two. Winchester shells being somewhat shorter, two can be placed in the magazine, giving a total capacity of three. 83

It was pointed out that the J. C. Higgins Model 60 does not have a large enough port to handle the 3-inch shell. The Winchester Model 50 can be converted, but it requires changes in the fire control which are probably beyond the capacity of most gunsmiths. The converted Model 50 will, however, handle a total of three Remington 3-inch magnum shells.

2. SPORTSMAN-X

Because of possible confusion with the J. C. Higgins Model 60, Research and Development suggested that the designation, Sportsman-X, replace the previously used designation, Sportsman-60. This was acceptable to the committee.

As reported in connection with the Sportsman-58, 16 and 20 gauges, Sales requested that consideration be given to making a greater weight differential between gauges than is the case in the Sportsman-58. Research and Development will consider this possibility, and, if it is technically feasible, will evaluate the additional cost involved.