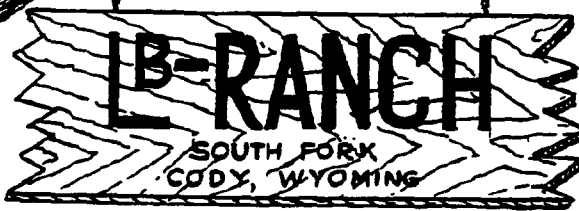


Got a letter from Sporting Shooter (Australias gun mag) asking me to write up new guns and gun reviews for them on guns made over here. Will do. They don't know it yet but this 221 will be the first I'll give 'em. Soon as you release it and I get the story to Guns and Ammo.

Les and Martie Bowman



Jan 28, 1963

Wayne Leek
Ilion, N.Y.

Dear Wayne:

Have a question or two that I'd like answers to and will get them down while I think about it. Have never heard from you since I sent the mount to be checked some 5 weeks ago. But guess that you are just busy.

What's the trigger pull in lbs that you think good for the 221? This one is set at 2 1/2 # and about the way I would like it. Make even a bit lighter. But then I use my rifle triggers at 2 3/4 #. Many guys can't use one that light. I have used them at 2 1/2 #.

What is the lock time do you figure? What is the lock time on a single action revolver?

What powder and load have you found best with 50 gr bullets? With 53 gr bullets? What with lighter bullets? Any heavier bullets tried?

I am anxious to see what accuracy we get here out of the 1 in 12 twist against the 1 in 14 that we have now. I made up some pix for tom of himself and gun holding a target with 1/2" group made at 100 yards. Just one tho. Some are big. Make 1 1/2".

Your 50 gr bullet blows and is no good for deer. But boy, does it kill if in the brain area. Just blows it to a mess. A big buck too. Tom did that one. Mine was with the 53 gr HP bullet I make in B&A dies for my bench rest rifles. I like those bullets best in the gun. It broke a bucks spine, neck shot. Zowie. How dead can dead be. Have taken beaver, bob cats, coyotes, porcupine and rabbits with head shots but gosh don't shoot a rabbit with your 50 gr if you want it to eat. even a head shot blows it all to hell back to the hips. I hit one in the neck sideways and cut the head right off.

Have had no chance for prairie dogs or rock whucks as they are sure as hell not out in this weather. But it'll be fun come spring when they do come out. Got one big eagle just before the prohibiting bill was signed. That damn law is gonna' raise hell here with the antelope, deer and sheep and they kill a lot of each. If they had just passed a law prohibiting the SALE or BUYING or TRADING of eagle feathers it would have curbed the excess kill. But this one is just no good for this country.

Gotta' get some big ole' jack rabbits and pix of them. And at distance.

Nuff now.

Les B