

Respondents also mention that their gun choice sometimes depends on a particular personal preference which may be based on a physical impairment such as sight...

"I'm blind on the right side
and to me a bolt is very
clumsy on the left side -
a lever is better for me."

...or a special concern such as safety and misfiring...

"I have a Savage 99 I bought
in 1950-51 and I've shot 5
boxes of shells a year and
it's never misfired. You
can't do better than that."

...or a particular feel or style of hunting...

"I shoot a lever action for
a totally different reason.
I like the hammer and I can
tell right away it is off.
It's a personal preference
with me."

"A model 88 has a 2½ inch
spread which takes the gun
off the game every time you
crank it whereas a good hunter
who shoots with a bolt won't
take it off the game."

"A lever action lends itself
to hunting on a horse whereas
with a bolt it's harder to do."

"It depends which type you are
more familiar with."

"To me its all subjective -
personal preference. I just
like using a bolt action better."