"The shorter barrel length affects its range and accuracy. A carbine is accurate up to a certain range."

"Accuracy is a function of range."

"Because of its shorter barrel length there is a loss of velocity because it's not holding in pressure. This lower velocity means less range and less accuracy."

Several men mention that, because of its smaller size and lightweight, a carbine makes a perfect "starter" gun for their sons and/or wife:

"I have 3 sons and I have to buy each of their first shotgun and rifle. I bought all carbines to start with. Psychologically it is easier for them."

"I bought my wife a carbine because it is lighter and easier for her to handle."