

TRAPSELECTRIC TOURNAMENT TRAP

R & D reported that the autoloading feature was added to the Tournament Trap. Excellent results were obtained in our testing. The trap is now being used at Lordship. Reports are excellent.

New quotations from Textile Machinery, a Division of North American Rockwell, are expected about September 30. Their quote will include complete manufacture and assembly.

Marketing reported in detail on the testing at Lordship on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12. Trap functioning was observed and shooter reaction was obtained in discussions after each round. The trap threw good birds and only one shooter became aware that it was autoloading. He noticed one time the trap boy was not in the house.

Two functional items needing improvement are: (1) Release on birds from magazine - flash on targets will catch on rubber on the release causing broken targets. Could a harder rubber be used? On targets with the flash removed, there were none broken. (2) It was difficult to clear broken targets off the plate. Suggested adding a brush on back side of throwing arm.

Testing with competitive targets will be done September 18.

Marketing is impressed with the trap and will pursue the possibility of offering both the Tournament and Autoloading types. A program to place one trap in each Marketing region for demonstration will be investigated.

R & D indicated that the trap would require revision to be competitive as a skeet trap. It will fit into existing skeet trap houses.

The Chairman suggested that several traps be obtained and put into use for evaluation by potential customers.

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