

Charles Askins

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Just received a letter from Les Bowman. . It appears that he's making plans for a trip up into Alaska to go bear hunting. He indicates considerable amount of enthusiasm on the new Magnum 600. As you know, the accuracy reports around the country indicate extreme accuracy with this caliber which wasn't surprising to me, having had some good luck with it. It was surprising to a lot of others.

We here at Remington enjoyed reading your article and appreciated your fine comments, which we know were honest and not opinionated. I think this is what makes your articles well worth reading, Charlie. I believe that this is the only way that any of you fellows who are tops in sporting arms writing can achieve success such as you have, and maintain it, and that is to give your correct and honest appraisal and not what you think the customer wants to read or what the manufacturer wants to hear. In this way I think the customer, the writer and the manufacturer, all benefit.

I suppose by this time your plans for the 1965 hunts are well in order and you'll be taking off for all parts of the world to keep your hand in the hunting picture. And again I must say I envy you and your experiences. I'll be glad to hear from you at any time, Charlie, and especially on how the new rifle works out.

Best regards,

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