

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 2¼ 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."