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Dear All.

2022 has been an interesting year, to say the least, but I guess that can be said about the last 3 years. At the end of 2020, I was thinking - 2021 will be a normal year; at the end of 2021, I was thinking 2022 will be a normal year.

- While we are all navigating the new economic, and political realities of our country and the world, one thing is undeniable - we are seeing less disruption in our daily lives than we have all experienced over the past 3 years.
- Disruption could be bad or good. Disruption can take away part of our brain's power to deal with it - we either get used to new routines or have part of our brain focused on something that it has not had to deal with before. Or it can make the brain explore new paths, start thinking in unconventional ways, and see things you may not have noticed otherwise. I love a good disruption.
- Because of all these disruptions, I expect good things to happen. I expect new inventions to come to the market because inventors have been disrupted and are thinking up new and crazy ideas. We might see new ways of using airguns or crossbows, new power plants, new and innovative projectiles, new and innovative ways of shopping, new ways of living, and new things that I can't even think of. After all - isn't this what makes life interesting?
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People always talk about "The good old days" when ... you fill in the blank. Well maybe we're living in the good old days.

Multi-Pump Struggles

I'll talk about stuff that wasn't around ten years ago. And I'll start with something that was, but didn't succeed until this year - the pumpassist multi-pump.

Back in 2006 Pyramyd Air brought out a Benjamin 392 that was easy to pump. It wasn't more powerful than the standard rifle; it just pumped easier. The modification added more than \$100 to the price of the 392 and 397, so airgunners stayed away from it in droves.

This year, though, the Seneca Dragonfly Mark 2 came out. It has the pump assist mechanism built in from the factory. And if that was all it had it would be great, but the Dragonfly Mark 2 is extremely accurate. And it is more powerful than the Benjamin multi-pumps. Right there is a watershed new air rifle at a great price.

Breaking the Bank Compressors

Back in 2012 if you wanted to fill a carbon fiber air tank to 4,500 psi, the compressor cost over \$3,000. But then a host of powerful compressors hit the market for half that. The dark side of precharged pneumatics began to brighten.

But what the market said it really wanted was a \$500 air compressor. Then several small compressors came out that were for filling airguns and not tanks. They didn't make it down to \$500, but they were less than half what the new crop of big machines cost. The Nomad 2 is an example of

such a compressor.

And the Nomad can fill your airgun from a car battery or household current. Everything vou need for that comes with it. It really is a nomad that wanders!

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN 2022

BY TOM GAYLORD

Cost Effective PCPs

- Air regulators have been around for decades, but only recently have users been able to adjust them. And those that are adjustable from the outside of the airgun, like what is found on the Air Venturi Avenger, are the latest rage.
- In 2017 the world saw the introduction of the precharged pneumatic (PCP) airgun that retailed for less than \$300. The Benjamin Discovery was the first back in 2007, but it had no competition for years. Then in 2017 Umarex brought out the Gauntlet.



The thing is - these new inexpensive air rifles had features the Benjamin Discovery never dreamed of.

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- And, as you read this catalog, more of these thrifty PCPs are coming to the market with even lower prices and the same features. A great trigger is the one thing that has eluded all of them so far, but watch for it in the near future.

So, these may indeed be the good old days. Airguns are certainly at the forefront and the technology is advancing rapidly.





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TRAINING WITH A BB PISTOL

BY TOM GAYLORD

Let's talk about using a BB gun to train with your firearm defense pistol. I carry a 9mm Sig P365 for

defense. There are many great lookalike BB pistols on the market, and one probably comes close to, or is an exact replica of yours. My P365 has an exact replica BB pistol, so that is what I train with.



In the garage with the BB gun

- I pasted a 6-inch Shoot-N-C target onto my 12-inch rubber mulch BB trap box. Standing 10 feet from the target, I drew the BB pistol and fired two quick shots, called a double tap in the security trade. To my surprise, two things happened. I didn't have time to take aim and I put two rounds into the X ring! Both things surprised me. I shot holding the gun in both hands, which for defense shooting is essential.
- I reloaded the magazine and took my stance at 12 feet, shooting at the same target. I did the same as before, drawing from the holster and firing twice, then holstering the pistol and going again. Once again I kept all the shots inside or on the 10-ring.
- I was amazed how easy it was to put BBs into the 10-ring of a target
- I know what you're thinking 12 feet? Come on! But we know that in defense situations, 21 feet or 7 yards is the expected engagement distance. What about with my 9mm firearm?

At the range

- Can I draw and fire a firearm quickly and accurately enough to get the job done? As it turned out, I learned several valuable things besides whether I can draw and fire quickly and accurately — which I can.
- Once drawn you have to be careful where that handgun is pointing. When drawn slowly this isn't a problem, but as I practiced at the range I noticed that a couple times the pistol got a little crossways in my hand and I had to slow down and regrip the gun.

- The point is, make haste slowly and deliberately. And don't practice this drawing and shooting on a firearm range that's populated. This is something you'll want to do by yourself, or with as few others as possible.
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- Since this was the first time I tried this with live 9 mm ammo, I decided to take things slower and to be more careful. I stood 21 feet from the target, which was another 6-inch Shoot-N-C bull.
- I stood still, then drew the pistol from the holster. I moved to a 2-hand hold and shot two times on each draw. I would like to say that it was a double tap, but the truth is, it was two distinct shots that were fired about a half second apart.
- To my amazement, both of those first two shots hit the paper within inches of the bull. They were a little to the left. I shot again and got two in the bull. I shot again three more times.
- A friend put a stopwatch on me as I drew and fired. From the moment he said go I took three and a half seconds to draw and fire the first two shots. The next draw was 3 seconds because I sped up. That was a mistake.
- On the next two draws I found the pistol sitting on an angle in my hand and I had to shift it to get a good grip. On one first shot I put the green dot to the right of the bull, hoping to hit the bull because I was pulling my shots to the left, but all I did was shoot one to the right of the bull. That was both intentional and also the last time I did it!
- On the last engagement I drew and fired a rapid double tap that surprised even me. I have never done one before and was surprised how fast I got the second shot off — perhaps two shots in a quarter second or less. Even more surprising was they were on target, meaning in the bull!
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tions and classic platforms is an almost un-

limited array of weapon styles. Perhaps one

of the most intriguing examples of this is the

modern crossbow. While universal adoption

remains an unsettled debate, few will argue

the efficiencies of using a crossbow. Every

benefit of compound bows with more op-

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A common objection from traditionalist holdouts is that crossbows remove too much of the human element from archery hunting. As if having the opportunity to make a more accurate shot, send an arrow at a higher speed, or go hunting with elevated confidence is something we should look to avoid. It's also worth mentioning that many of these self-appointed hunting referees have no issue making their case while standing in line to buy a new flagship compound bow because their current setup is a full year behind in technology.

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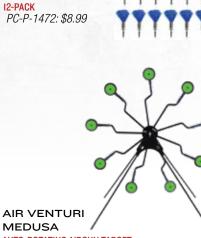
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