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## DeVault Winners Box

**Tom Lieb** ~ Krieghoff K-80 , DeVault Shotgun & Custom Stocks, Double D Shooting Clinic ~ Redlands Trap & Skeet, Tom had his first ever 100 straight in registered, this was following 8-99's. Congratulations & great shooting Tom.

Remember if you have a winning score, personal best or a win in a league send me an e-mail so we can add your name to the winners box. Everyone likes to see their name in lights.



This makes me want to cry and I would love to be where this is right now. All I would need is my shotgun, plenty of shells & a target thrower mounted off the back deck. That just isn't right but then again it is me that is doing the commentary.

## *The World According to Me ~ "Dennis DeVault"*

It's hard to believe that another month has gone by. I was hoping for the weather to change a little but that has not happened. Everyone has been a little cranky here at home and I think it is due to no sunlight for the whole month of April. Now it is rain, thunderstorms & tornadoes almost every-day in the forecast. Kind of depressing but I either live with it or relocate, not much of a choice.

A little update on the new guns. The production has started on 20 new single barrel shotguns and we should start making wood by the end of May to get ready for the finished metal. The single barrel will have the same great barrels that we have always produced and all the barrels will have Briley Extended choke tubes. The barrel will have three tubes .020 ~ .025 ~ .030 constriction. The rib design has been changed but it will be fully adjustable in the front of the barrel. The new design will not require a tool to operate the adjustment.

The trigger system will be about the same and there will not be an additional charge for those that shoot a release trigger. It is your choice, pull or release. The gun will have a lifetime warranty on all parts. We have made a few changes to the locking block area. A replaceable insert was added so in the future if the pocket or locking lug ever shows signs of wear it will be as simple as removing a screw, pop out the worn part and install a new part. The change should take about 10 minutes. This lessens the need for a gunsmith, the mechanically inclined person can perform the change themselves.

As in the past the receiver will be made of 17-4 heat treated stainless steel and there will be a Laser engraving on the standard gun. We will also have 4 to 5 special engraving patterns that a shooter can choose from for their receiver for an additional cost.

The wood will be hand selected from our inventory and all stocks will be a true right hand or left hand model. Custom fitting will be available if a shooter does not find a standard model that fits them. All the standard stocks will feature a 4-way adjustable comb and hand cut checkering.

Another change is that all the guns will be sold factory direct . By beginning this program we can offer a little lower and attractive price for a custom made shotgun. The price for a standard shotgun will begin at \$ 9,800.00. This is a great price for a gun with a little engraving and beautiful wood. Anyone that has seen our guns in the past knows that when it comes to wood I have never settled for second best in looks or quality. The guns will come with English, Claro, Myrtle, or American Black Walnut. All the wood that we will use comes from American Suppliers and the wood has been grown here as well.

I am very proud to say that this new gun is 100% American Made down to the standard wood that is being used.

If anyone is interested in reserving one of the first 20 guns call me and with a deposit you can be assured of getting one of these beauties. Thank you for allowing me to give a little plug for our new product and now on with the rest of the newsletter.

## ***GETTING IT BACK***

As a new trap shooting season begins in the northern half of the U. S., here are some points that may help you smooth out your return to achieving the scores you want.

Cut yourself some slack. After a 4-5 month long break in shooting, even the best shooters need to break quite a few targets before they start to get it all together again. By “quite a few”, I mean at least 500, one thousand would be better. Be patient during this time, looking for good “breaks” not necessarily good scores.

You need to recover your prior foot placements, gun holds, eye holds, moves to the target and mental pictures of the proper target and muzzle or bead relationships at the instant of firing. Imagining or visualizing how you did all these things last season helps you prepare for each new shooting season.

Remember as you change the amount of clothing you shoot in, your point of impact may change requiring changes in comb or rib height. Try to use a consistent load with respect to muzzle velocity, as this makes it easier to see what you need to work on.

Remember to check your current body weight and compare it to your prior season’s body weight. For some shooters, a 5% change may require changing their comb height a bit in order to achieve the point of impact they want or remember.

Lastly, don’t forget to check the prescriptions of your shooting glasses. Just look into the distance on a bright day and close your dominant eye and remember the “sharpness” of a distant object. Then close the non-dominant eye and remember the “sharpness” of the same distant object. It’s best if both eyes see image sharpness the same; if not, then at least you need your dominant eye to provide the sharpest image. As I get older, I find my distance prescription can easily change a little over the course of 4 or 5 months, especially if my eyes haven’t been working on rapidly moving targets.

Above there was a mention of getting the eyes ready to make rapid movements to a target. In the coming months there will be more written on how to train for this as well as a device to help the brain train the eyes to make this rapid move. You will be able to train your eyes to pick up and acquire a target faster and enable you to make the moves you feel are not achievable or you feel you have lost as we age.

I hope you find these points helpful in “getting it back”.

Until next month,

Rodeo Man Out



**We are starting to Schedule dates for 2011. If anyone wants to schedule a clinic at their favorite club let Dean or Dennis know so we can put you in the schedule. Watch the web site for dates and locations as we post the schedule [www.ddshooting.com](http://www.ddshooting.com) Contact Dean @ 270-886-2095 or Dennis @ 330-456-6070. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2011.**

**May 13th thru May 15th ~ Buffalo Gun Club, Buffalo Minnesota**

**June 4th & 5th ~ Fort Worth Trap & Skeet, Fort Worth Texas**

**June 17th thru June 19th ~ Redlands Trap & Skeet, Redlands, Ca.**

**July 23rd & 24th ~ North Side Sportsman's, Pa.**

**Check back at the web site to see our schedule for 2011**

*We are proud to announce the opening of our newest Company*

## **Wood Sales LLC**

*This company has been set up to offer hard to find large blanks that will accommodate the new High Rib guns that have dominated the market for the past few years. If you are in the market for a good piece of wood that is dry and ready to carve have a look and come back from time to time to find your dream piece for your next project. The site can be found at*

*<http://www.customwoodblanks.com>*

*Below is a great piece of English Walnut for the shooter that doesn't want to tie up a ton of money in a large dry ready to carve blank. This is English Walnut and it is on our site # WE-1001-20 This month's May special price will be \$ 500.00 Call me at the shop if this blank would be a consideration for a future project.*





I pray that everyone had a wonderful and Blessed Easter. I certainly did, the Lord is good, he has risen and living in us.

I have been extremely busy this past month with my checkering. An outside gun manufacturer has been sending me their stocks to checker for them and I just don't know where my days go. My mother told me many years ago that the older I get the faster time goes by. My mother is very wise but in this case I don't like it that she was right. My mother will be 85 years young this September and she can still work circles around me and my sisters. An amazing woman.

A friend of ours and also a fellow trapshooter was in town for a few days and he gave me some good advice to put in my newsletter, to let everyone know that I am able to refresh the checkering on your firearms if it is worn and tired looking. I can re-cut it and make it look new again. So if you are interested in a little cosmetic work and would like me to sharpen those diamonds you can give me a call 330-456-6070 or email me at [ckdevault@yahoo.com](mailto:ckdevault@yahoo.com)

For many years I cooked for one of our local gun clubs and the guys were always asking me to make my Cheeseburger Soup. So that is the recipe that I am sharing with you this month, one of their favorites:

### **Cheeseburger Soup**

1/2 pound ground beef  
3/4 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup shredded carrots  
3/4 cup diced celery  
1 tsp dried basil  
1 tsp dried parsley flakes  
4 tblsp butter  
3 cups chicken broth  
4 cups diced peeled potatoes  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
8 oz cubed Velveeta cheese  
1-1/2 cups milk  
3/4 tsp salt  
1/4 to 1/2 tsp pepper  
1/4 cup sour cream

*In a 3-qt saucepan, brown beef; drain and set aside. In the same saucepan, sauté onion, carrots, celery, basil and parsley in 1 table-spoon butter until veggies are tender, about 10 minutes. Add broth, potatoes and beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10-12 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour; cook and stir for 3-5 minutes or until bubbly. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Add cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from the heat; blend in sour cream.*

*Yield: 8 servings (2-1/4 quarts)*

*Of course a good cook will always taste and adjust their seasonings as they go. (By the time my dishes are finished I have already had my meal, ahaha)*

*Enjoy,*

*Cindy DeVault*



There are days that my mind seems twisted just like the road above. Just wanted to display an engineering marvel that is testament to man's ability for abstract thought and a way to make you just wonder what kind of twisted childhood this engineer had. Enjoy

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