

METHOD OR EQUIPMENT?

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The muzzle must be in the right spot when the shot leaves the barrel. If you do this you will always score a hit. All the new gizmos and gadgets are of little value if you do not put the muzzle in the right place at the right time. Remember, method is a lot more important than equipment. Shooters use a multitude of different equipment. It is quite evident that most if not all of it is capable of hitting the target. The question that must be asked is, why is it all targets are not scored dead, if all shooting equipment is up to the job? The answer is, the shooters who execute their method correctly hit more targets than shooters that fail to execute their method correctly.

Few if any shooters will ever develop their shooting potential to the point that they out perform their equipment. The average shotgun is capable of hitting all the targets. How many shooters ever shoot 100 percent at clays or game birds? Even at skeet only a small percent ever shoot 100 straight and very few ever maintain a 100 percent average for a full year. If the top shooters can not out shoot their guns, why is it that so many average shooters thing that equipment is the answer to their shooting woes? Personally I think it has more to do with not wanting to take responsibility for a poor performance. How many times has this phrase been repeated?

“It’s not me it’s the gun or ammo.”

It is very easy to blame other people or equipment when we are not successful.

When you pull the trigger be prepared to take responsibility for the results. If you do not like the results do something different. Take a shooting lesson then practice. Lesson and practice should be at the top of your list for improvement.

If your equipment is in good condition and has served you well in the past then it should be near the bottom of the improvement list.