

RB Big Bores

Just What You'd Expect & A WHOLE LOT MORE



One meeting with Ryan Breeding and you come away impressed with this very likeable big fellow. He builds beautifully balanced five-shot, high-capacity big guns designed for fast-handling dangerous game "stopping" situations. Although he advertises his services for rifles from .22 caliber up, it's the heavy calibers that really showcase his outstanding and no-nonsense design and craftsmanship.

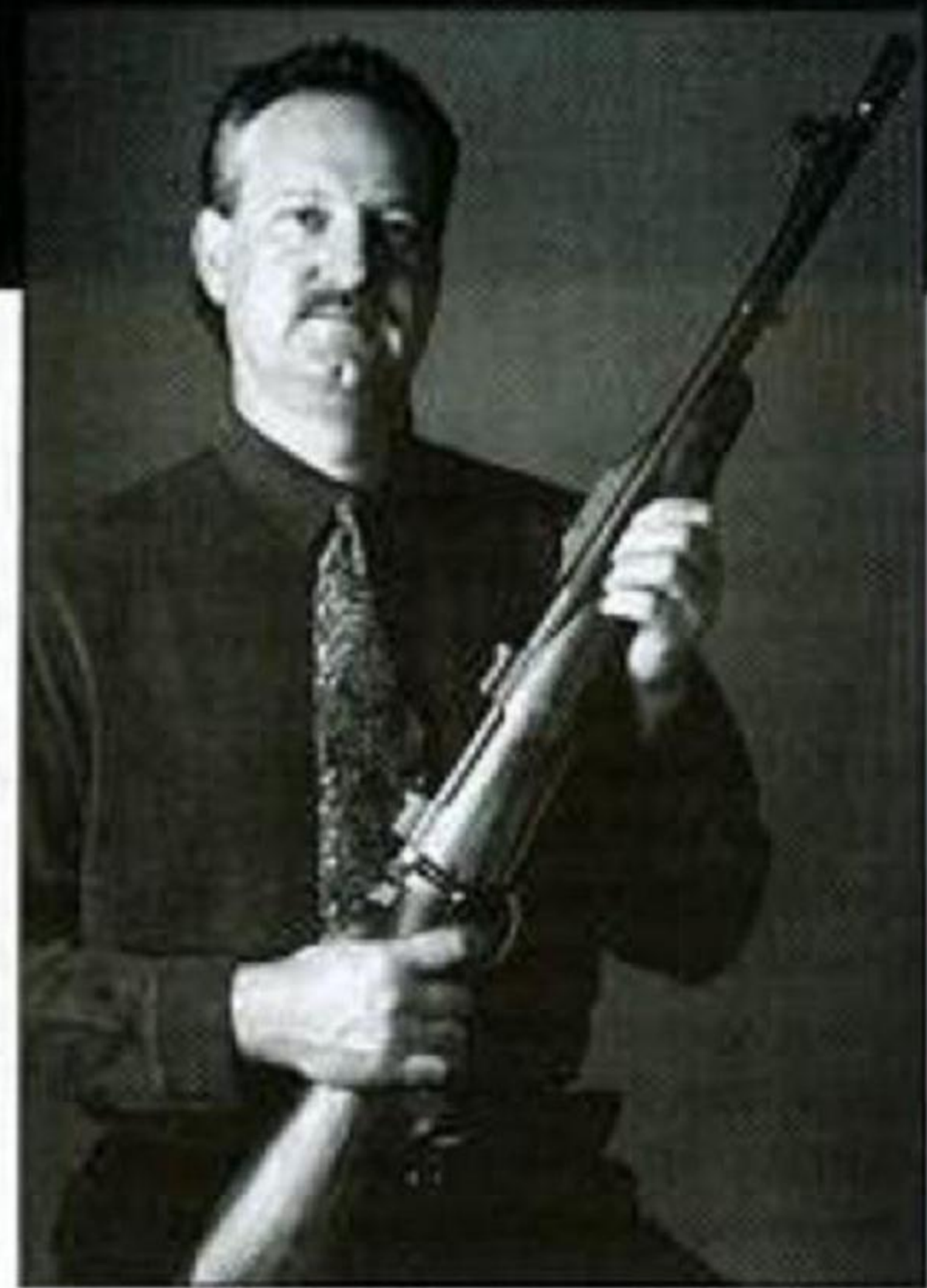
At first glance one of Ryan's big-bore custom guns appears a bit bulky when compared to the older traditional, old classic rifle lines. One reason for this is the shorter barrel length he prefers to ensure fast handling in hunting dangerous game. This makes sense. The barrel must be long enough to burn all the powder, but it is not a benchrest 1,000-yard rifle. The front edge of the trigger guard to the forend tip is pretty much a straight line, but this area seems thicker, and it is. The deeper-than-normal magazine for these five-shooters needs more wood than usual. However, with this straight-line effect and additional weight, the result is a very well-balanced rifle.

A close examination of the stock just aft of the pistol grip shows a well-thought-out comb location that puts the shooter's cheek and shoulder much more in line with the axis of the bore. This arrangement offers extremely fast sight alignment when shouldering the rifle quickly and also lessens perceived recoil dramatically.

Perhaps the most surprising features of one of these big-game, five-shot bolt guns are the excellent balance and the lack of anticipated weight. These guns actually run from 10 to 12 pounds in even the largest calibers.


Ryan has spent the past 22 years gunsmithing. He has worked extensively with noted riflemaker and African hunter, Gil Van Horn to perfect his custom rifles. He prefers Granite Mountain's Magnum Mauser actions and the legendary Winchester Model 70. The best components such as Talley scope rings, Blackburn floorplates, London pistol grip caps and Timney triggers are used although he also makes many of his own components including the sights, floorplates, etc.

Ryan uses the finest available California English walnut or Bastogne.



Ryan Breeding shows one of his rifles.

Ryan does his own fine checkering, usually 22-line-per-inch.

Of course, this riflesmith also performs the countless tasks that are unseen, but so extremely important for any custom accurate and reliable rifle, such as lapping the bolt lugs, truing the receiver, and full-length glass bedding of the stock channel. 

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