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Membership Count: 703

### COVER STORY



Charles Wagner keeping an eye on his one of a kind High Powers.

## BCA Members came up with a wall full of Display Tables showing many Remarkable Browning Firearms and Patents

The Display Show at Ron Dickson's GunDay Gun Show in Louisville, KY October 2 – 4 brought out many of our members with different types of Browning Displays and Firearms. Show Chairman, Director Richard "Doc" Desira worked on this show for months and actually ran out of display tables, although a couple displayers backed out for personal reasons at the last minute. Even "Doc" put on a display with Frank Crupi, of many different types of Brownings, including his father's old Auto-5, and won 3rd Place. Rodney Herrmann brought down his Tulsa display of BAR Grade V's, including the Louis Vrancken Prototype and a display of Olympians in all Game Scenes, including a Special Order .243 Win. with small game scenes, satin finish, and factory letter, winning 2nd Place. Charles Wagner brought a bunch of different Pre-War high powers, with detailed descriptions, including one of only 2 made, and this is the only known to exist. Charles won 1st Place. Director John MacDonald and his smiling wife Donna brought a lot of different guns, including 2 semi-auto machine guns. They had a great time. Paul Clark brought a huge display of I think every type of Browning made. He had one of everything, and it proved very educational to the attendees. He did get talked into selling one off his display, only mistake made, was doing it before the judging. Director Sean Duffy flew in from California and helped make the show enjoyable for everyone. Lenny Rees, Browning Historian came in from Utah, presented Browning pins and answered many questions. He was one of the 3 judges, and was very uncomfortable with judging so many well done displays. Lots of BCA Members came and found easy unloading, a great facility, and a get-together Saturday night.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The October display show at National Gun Day in Louisville is over. It was a success due to the hard work of our director,

Richard 'Doc' Desira. He, without any help, worked on and set up the show, obtained displayers, arranged for the hospitality room and arranged for the Browning Historian, Lenny Rees, to be present at the show. I believe that this consumed all of his free time for the past few months.

We had more displays at the National Gun Day show in Louisville than we had at Tulsa this past April, both in number of displays and number of tables. Again due to the sole dedicated work of Doc Desira.

We should also thank Ron Dickson (the head of the National Gun Day Show) for his advertising of the BCA display show. He advertised the BCA in his printed media and in his radio and TV spots. Consequently, many more people are becoming aware of the Association.

The hospitality room worked well as the members who attended mingled well with each other. Perhaps we should use this setup in Tulsa.

The Judges viewed the displays and made their selection. Rod Herrmann won Second place and Richard 'Doc' Desira won Third place. There will be pictures of the displays elsewhere in the newsletter.

Rod Herrmann's display (BAR and Olympians in all game scenes) was overwhelming yet tasteful. Doc's display (rare B-4 center A-5), rare grade 5 Browning Citori hand engraved, Master engraved take down 22 Grade III) were tastefully arranged. Both of these displays received a grade of 100% by each of two of the three judges,

Doc has mentioned to me that he has received many good comments on the Louisville display show. Likewise, I have received a few such comments.

In concluding my comment on the display show at the National Gun Day show in Louisville, we should express our grateful appreciation to Richard 'Doc' Desira for his work on the display show. (I think he has more gray hairs now that he had a few months ago.)

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As to another matter, Bill McCully, for personal reasons, resigned as a director of the Association.

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The weekend of October 16, 17 and 18 I was at the South Carolina Arms Collectors show in Greenville, South Carolina. I had the opportunity to meet a few members of the Association. All of the people at that show are friendly. There was only one down side - which was that the temperature Saturday morning was 38 degrees. The people there could not understand it and were wearing coats and jackets. On the bright side Greenville was dry as all of the rain water went downhill to Columbia. On the bad side, I do feel sorry for the people in Columbia as from what I was being told they got a lot of water.

The Board of Directors, by majority vote, elected Renny Perez as a director to serve the unexpired term that existed by reason of the resignation of Bill McCully.

Also the Board of Directors, by majority vote, established an Emeritus Committee to be an advisory committee of and for the Association. The Board, by majority vote, elected and appointed Rodney Herrmann to said committee.

Additionally, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, decided to have a Hospitality room format for Tulsa instead of the Annual Banquet format that has been previously used. The Hospitality room format was used in Louisville and the members present were able to mingle with each other and enjoyed themselves. Actually, it was going so well that the members were sort of forced to leave because it was getting late. The cost for same in Tulsa would be less than the banquet cost. It was thought that such a format in Tulsa would keep the cost down for the members and it would promote the mingling and comrade-

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



We've had a beautiful Fall season here in Northern New England. The Autumn colors have been magnificent, although the temperatures have started to drop and

we've seen our first snow. I want to remind all annual members to check their BCA subscription expiration date and if you see that it is past due, please send in your dues. The BCA wants to keep growing our organization, and with your help we can make it happen. Please note towards the end of the News Letter there is a merchandise section. With the holiday season fast approaching, please keep in mind that these items make great gifts; it also helps promote our organization. If you are interested please place your order and we will get it right out to you. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me with any questions or comments.

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## New Members

**Stephen Campbell – TX**  
**Paul Clark – OH**  
**Richard Fleming – TX**  
**James Herbener Jr. – KY**  
**Barbara Miller-Nelson – TX**  
**Curt Nizzoli – CA**  
**Donny Olbert – CO**  
**Albert Peterson – OH**  
**William Watson – FL**  
**Gary Woodard – KS**

## Apology –

I hope this doesn't become a permanent part of the newsletter, but here is another Apology. This one goes to our newest Director Sean Duffy, of Lafayette, California for not listing him on page 16 of the newsletter under "Directors". I am sorry we missed it and believe that he will be great for the association. You can now call him if you have any questions or suggestions.  
Rodney A. Herrmann, Editor



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## PRESIDENT

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ship among the members. Other matters could also continue to occur, but would happen in a less formal situation. Since there will not be another newsletter for a few months, I wish all of the members a good Thanksgiving and a good Christmas.

*Charles Wagner*  
*President/Former Secretary*  
*Charter Life Member*

## Musings:

With the death of Rod Fuller and other members dropping their Display Ads for one reason or another, we have a lot of room for those members who always wanted to submit a business card size ad in that section. Please submit an electronic file or camera ready copy to Rodney A. Herrmann, Editor, 1709 Douglass Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221-1109. Oh include a check for \$60.00 to cover one full year of advertising in that section. You may also send more in \$15.00 additional accruals for insertion in additional issues. The check should be made out to BCA.



To All my friends!

Last night was a great success for Team Trump. A rally was held at Trump Doral Country Club in Miami, Fl. The crowd was pumped up and it really could not be better.

I had an opportunity to answer some questions in reference to the Cuban American community support and Hispanics as a whole as to pertaining issues to immigration.

And as you all know me I said let's make America Great Again!

*Stay safe, Your friend*  
*Renny Perez, Director Elect*



## Obituaries

**Keith A. Anderson, born January 18, 1937 in Ogden, Utah, died October 4, 2015 in Taylor, Utah.**

A long time Browning Collectors Association member. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. A dedicated member of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. Along with his wife, Janice Stratford, they raised four children, three daughters and one son. Attended Weber State University and received a Masters Degree in Education from Utah State College. He served in the U.S. Army and taught in the Weber County School District for 35 years.

*The Browning Collectors Association offers their sincere condolences to the families and friends of this member and those we might have missed.*



## COVER STORY

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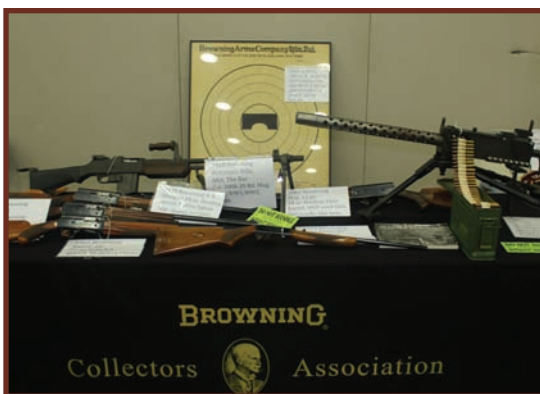
Rod Herrmann's Olympian Display, consisting of all 5 game scenes and Special Ordered .243 Win. with small animals, satin finish, and factory letter.



Display Chairman and Director "Doc" Desira with President Charles Wagner



Rod Herrmann and Lenny Rees enjoying the time together.



Donna McDonald keeping an eye on John's table and John's Display of John M. Browning's firearms across the aisle.



Meeting of some of the BCA Board members Friday night.



Display Judges BCA Charter Member Keith Ammons and Browning Historian Lenny Rees





# Consignments Wanted

## Important Firearms Auction | March 2016

The March 2016 Firearms auction is shaping up to be an extraordinary sale which will feature a superb private collection of Colts, great collection of antique and military collectible firearms, rare Class III, superb sporting arms, great Winchesters, and much more. Our October 2015 auction was another extraordinary success at

# \$15 Million

The Julia Auction Company regularly and consistently offers and sells more high end, expensive firearms than any other auction house on the planet Earth. This sale generated 412 lots which sold in excess of \$10,000; 176 sold in excess of \$20,000; 36 lots which sold in excess of \$50,000; and 7 lots which sold in excess of \$100,000. In addition the Julia Company also handles more high end, iconic collections than any other auction house in the world. This last sale boasted over 17 private collections and estates of rare firearms. This very action itself confirms that the major collectors in the firearms collecting fraternity recognize the prowess of the Julia Auction Firm. If you have one item or an entire collection please give us a call to learn how we could best maximize your return. Here are a sample of consignor successes in our October auction.

Exhib. Grade 20ga Superposed w/3 color gold inlay Watrin & Vranken (est. \$30,000-40,000)



**Sold for \$39,100**

Rare 28 ga Pointer Grade Superposed (est. \$13,500-18,500)



**Sold for \$27,600**



Extraordinary Original Two Millionth Browning Auto-5 Presentation Shotgun

**Sold for \$54,625**



Pigeon Grade Superlight .410 Superposed w/orig. box (est. \$11,500-15,500)

**Sold for \$19,550**



Sideplated "Exhibition" Custom Shop Superposed 12ga (est. \$8,000-12,000) (Rod Fuller Estate Collection)

**Sold for \$16,100**



Midas Grade Superlight 12ga (est. \$10,000-15,000) (Rod Fuller Estate Collection)

**Sold for \$14,950**



Olympian Grade Long Extractor .308 Norma (est. \$7,000-12,000) (Rod Fuller Estate Collection)

**Sold for \$16,100**



Olympian Grade Long Extractor 7MM Rem (est. \$7,000-10,000) (Rod Fuller Estate Collection)

**Sold for \$14,375**

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# THE DOUBLE AUTOMATIC

by Waldo Hager, Born July 28, 1934 and Died February 7, 2010.



*From Browning's November, 1963 "Guns by Browning" Catalog.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This model was originally designed by Val A. Browning who was John M. Browning's son as a response to a request by F.N. for a lightweight version of the Auto-5 for the European market. Many European sportsmen thought the Auto-5 as an unsporting shotgun because of its magazine capacity, therefore, this gun was designed to fire only two shots.

Although advertised in the 1952 catalog, they were not produced and sent to the U.S. until 1954. The double Auto was made in 12 gauge only and discontinued in 1971.

Not many of these were produced. The American public just didn't go for the two shot limit when game laws allowed three shots for both upland and waterfowl shooting. It is a very enjoyable gun to shoot and I have always liked it, actually, the two shot feature probably just saves you money on the typical dove field. If you used this shotgun for what it was intended, you would have appreciated its reliability and good looks.

The main selling point for this model was the weight and handling versus a regular 12 gauge shotgun. Browning advertised that they could shoot and load just as quickly as a three shot gun without having to take the gun down from your shoulder for reloading.

This was the reason the speed load feature was put into the Auto-5, Browning shooters demanded it when they saw how great it was in this model. Since weights are so important to the Double Auto, we will list them here.

The Standard Model guns weighted about 7-1/2 lbs. The Twelvette weighed about 6-3/4 to 7 pounds, and the Twentyweight was six lbs.

As first made in 1954, the three models were the Standard, Twelvette, and Twentyweight. Each model could be ordered in certain configurations, these will be detailed in their section.

The Standard model was introduced in 1954 and discontinued in 1959. All three had blue steel receivers. They were advertised as the gun to buy for those who shoot 2-3/4 magnum loads or trap and skeet. This was because the extra weight of about 3/4 to 1 lb. helped to reduce the recoil.

This model was available in the Hunting, Skeet, or Trap variations, the Hunting variation is described here but the skeet and Trap variations will be discussed in their sections.

All standard receivers were scroll engrave similar to the Auto-5 shotguns. The edges of the receivers were outlined with a zig-zag pattern enclosing a wedge of engraving about 4" long on the left side. On the right side there is also a wedge of engraving about half as long, but continuing above the loading port to the front of the receiver. The trigger guards are also engraved slightly. All in all, this was tastefully done and brought the gun above the ordinary for a standard grade shotgun. Standard models were not marked, the only way to tell is the fact that they are all steel.

As ordinary made only 26", 28", and 30" barrels available, all three lengths could be ordered with ventilated or recessed ribs, plain matted or plain unmatted barrels were also available. There were also some shipped with solid rib barrels, but they are hard to find and probably special order. Buck Special barrels were offered from 1962 to 1965, but were available from existing stock afterwards.

The 26" barrels were available in cylinder, improved cylinder, skeet and modified. The 28" barrels were available in skeet, modified or full, and the 30" barrels in full choke only whether a hunting or trap barrel. 26" barrels were available in cylinder, improved cylinder, skeet and modified. The 28" barrels were available in skeet, modified or full, and the 30" barrels in full choke only whether a hunting or trap barrel. The barrels, stocks, triggers, safeties, etc. will be discussed in their sections.

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## CLASSIFIED

**PLEASE READ:** This section alone could justify your BCA membership cost. We encourage members to share their sales and wants with the membership. Due to the 3 months' wait between newsletters, the BCA Board has requested that we only run ads once, unless re-submitted for each issue. Policy established by the BCA Board does not allow us to advertise any products other than those bearing the Browning name, except books. Browning patented Colts Remingtons, Savages, etc. DO NOT constitute Browning products. Our only exception is for Browning Patented Fabrique Nationale firearms. FAX, mail, or Email (Preferred!) your ad to the editor. All items are to be sold with a money back 7-day inspection period – please don't advertise if you won't accept a return.

**For Sale:** Belgium Superposed (1) Midas 12 ga Lighting trap, 30" M/F, FKST #23912S70 (Dujardin engraved) beautiful dark wood, 99+, narrow rib, beavertail forearm, \$7000; (2) Diana grade 12 ga lighting 28" M/F RKST hard butt #356659, (Acampo engraved) great wood, 99%, \$6995; (3) Pointer grade 20 ga lighting 26" IC/M RKL #24391, (Risak engraved) beautiful French walnut hard butt, 99%, \$11,995; These are all nice factory original Belgium engraved Superposes. Jerry Vieth, 406-240-1421. email Jerry@oumt.net

**For Sale:** Browning Collectors Association's last commemorative, the 1911-22 with dedicated serial numbers. I have a few, the lowest number is No. 29 and highest is No. 96, and will sell at my original cost, \$871.65, plus shipping. See the April-May-June, 2011, or January-February-March, 2012 newsletters for pictures and descriptions. Rodney A. Herrmann, 1709 Douglass Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221-1109, 724-733-4210 Brownings@hrmn.com

**For Sale:** Shotguns: Rifles: Pistols: BDM 9mm, 945NT540xx, Exc., \$495. Rodney A. Herrmann, 1709 Douglass Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221-1109, 724-733-4210 Brownings@hrmn.com

**For Sale All "NIB" (never assembled):** Double Auto, Standard Blue Steel, 28" Full PLR BBL, Serial # C11186, \$1,000.00. B2000 20ga, 26" Skeet VR BBL, Serial #631PM05417, \$700.00. B2000 20ga, 26" Skeet VR BBL, Serial #631RP05818, \$700.00. B2000's Sequential #'s 12 ga, 26" Skeet VR BBL's, Serial #'s 681RR 2206 & 2207, \$1,400.00 for both. Contact Bob Hatch, Mobile 918-230-8804 day or evening.

**For Sale:** Browning Liege/superpose over and under 12 gauge shotgun, 28" barrel. Made in the 1970's. In mint condition. Full/modified barrels. \$1,000.00. Please call John @ 575-623-3629.

**For Sale:** Wax Key Envelopes for Airways and Hartman Cases, \$3.00. Jeff 313-475-4922 brownings8869@aol.com

**For Sale:** Browning Posters, 1971, 22" x 28" Oldest A5 Contest, Shows Prototype & The Millionth A5, \$150; 1985, 25" x 31" You Just Can't Go Wrong, Bird Dog with Two Pheasants, \$100; 1995 "Eat more fast food", shows Mallard Drake in Flight, \$50. Plus shipping. Andrew Ragus, 951-688-4887.

**For Sale:** Magazine/Clip, Belgium Browning T-Bolt .22 Long Rifle, Like New, \$50. Plus shipping. Andrew Ragus, 951-688-4887.

**For Sale:** Browning Display Stand, for Hard Luggage cases, Red, Black, White & Gold. 18" x 67" x 391/2", \$250. Plus shipping. Andrew Ragus, 951-688-4887.

**For Sale:** Browning Complete Centennial 1878 Set: 1) Browning Mountain Rifle 50 Cal Black Power Ser#1878A 0081 N.I.B. Wood Case; 2) Browning Superposed Express 30-06/20 Ga 2 O/U Barrels #1878C-0081 N.I.B. Wood Case; 3) Browning Centennial 92 Lever Action 44 Mag Ser#1878B-0081 N.I.B.; 4) Browning Hi-Power Centennial Model 9mm Ser#1878D-0081 Wood Case; 5) Browning Centennial 3 pc. Knife Set Wood Case, \$16,500. Photos Available, Joe Amato, 495 Wood Street, Oceanside, NY 11572, 516-766-2020, Info@crownsnestmarina.com.

**For Sale:** Homer Tyler First Edition hard cover Browning 22 rifle book, signed by author, excellent condition, best reference for the 22 takedown rifle collector, includes detailed information on the various grades, engravers, serial numbers, accessories, cases, etc., includes over four dozen detailed photos of grade 3 rifles by several engravers, also includes chapters on the T-bolt and trombone rifles, \$225 including shipping, please call Bob, 517-321-1597. also includes chapters on the T-bolt and trombone rifles, \$225 including shipping, please call Bob, 517-321-1597.

**For Sale:** Shotguns: Superposed Superlight 12 Ga. Grade I, 26" M&IC, Excellent, \$2950; Superposed 20 Gauge, 26" M&IC, FLST, NIB, \$2995; Auto-5 Light 12, Classic, 2-3/4" 28" Mod. VR, 99%, \$1995; Auto-5 Light 12, 28" Mod. VR, 1965, Very Good, \$750; Auto-5 Mag. 12, 30" Full VR, 1965, Very Good, \$1095; Rifles: Safari .264 Mag., sn 1961, Good, \$1195; A-Bolt Hunter II, .325 WSM, base, rings, Excellent, with ammo, Excellent, \$ 575; T-Bolt .22lr, NRA Commemorative, New Model, NIB, \$675; T-Bolt .22lr, w/Leupold, New Model, \$775; T-Bolt .22lr, 05620PP146, w/2-7x Leupold, Browning Case, Like New \$995; Model 52, .22, mounts, boxed, \$1195; BLR .22-250, Excellent, \$725; Model 78, .22-250, heavy round 26" barrel, Boxed, \$1195; Model 1885, 223Rem/5.56, octagonal 28", mounts, Excellent, \$1395; 1895 High Grade Rifle, boxed, \$1895. Handguns: 1911-22, .22lr BCA Commemoratives, NIP, \$895; BDM 9mm, 2 mags, Good, \$495. Rodney A. Herrmann, 1709 Douglass Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221-1109, 724-733-4210 Brownings@hrmn.com.

**For Sale:** 22-gun Belgian Browning Safari Grade Rifle Collection. Contains the following calibers: .222 HB&LB, .222 Mag. HB & LB; .22-250 HB & LB; .243 HB & LB; .243 LB, FN small ring Mauser action; .264 Win. Mag.; .270 Win.; .284; .30-06; .308 Win. LB; .308 Win. LB, FN small ring Mauser action; 7mm. Rem. Mag.; .300 Win. Mag.; .300 H&H Mag.; .308 Norma Mag., FN action; .338 Win. Mag.; .375 H&H Mag., FN action; .458 Win. Mag. The above collection includes (8) mint condition; (9) new in box; (5) NRA excellent condition; (5) first year of mfg.; (4) rare calibers; (3) rare actions relative to caliber; (10) with exceptional wood; (7) with above-average wood. A great collection for someone!!! No duplicates! \*\*Collection being sold as a whole!!! For information, call Jack at (517) 277-0479 EST (afternoons/evenings best) or email jonhobzjr@hotmail.com

**For Sale:** 1973 Pigeon Grade Broadway, unaltered and all original. Perfect Condition. 32" barrels choked modified and full. Long tang. Full history of the gun is included as well as original box, all original papers and a 32" Browning European Hardcase in good condition (with it's original box), \$3500 with the case. Please call Rick Milligan at 206-365-6599.

**For Sale:** Browning Model 78 Bicentennial Model, .45-70 cal., with medallion & matching Browning knife in wood presentation carrying case, fabulous highly-figured wood, mint unfired in box, (1 of 1000). For information, call Jack at (517) 277-0479 EST (afternoons/evenings best) or email jonhobzjr@hotmail.com

**For Sale:** Original Browning Factory Parts: For .25, .32, .380, .22 Belgium handguns. Parts all factory in new condition made for Browning or FN. Nomad/Challenger Barrels \$190 4 1/2" or 6 3/4"; Challenger grips, \$80, Nomad grips, \$85; Challenger Renaissance barrels factory engraved, 6-3/4" and 4 1/2", price on request; Mags for 1910-55, 1970-74, .380 or .32 cal., \$45 each, new condition. Left-handed Medalist grips \$120.00; International right or left-handed \$185; Instruction manuals for Medalist, \$35, Challenger, Post-69, .380, .25 cal., \$20-\$50 each; .22 breakdown, \$20-\$35 each for early manuals; Combination manual for .25, .380 and 9 mm \$30 each. Nomad manuals, \$25 each; All parts new, original, factory, no after market. Have all internal parts for above guns. Have left handed factory grips in wood for .380, 1910-55 or 1970 model \$45. Browning boxes for Medalist and Challenger left or right hand, 3-gun sets, blue with blue interior, black with red interior, all with early Browning Brass logos. BAC Approved. Prices on website or request. Will make Custom boxes for Renaissance Challengers with extra barrel or your configuration. Quantity discounts may apply. Nick Riggio, Sr., 2241 Edwards Street, St. Louis, MO 63110. 314-771-5700 days, after 8:30 p.m., 314-351-9928. The website is www.CommemorativeArms.com. Please feel free to browse.

**For Sale:** Liquidating Browning knife collection. Have 50 limited edition & commemorative knives. Wyoming Jade series, same serial #'s. BAR, Citori, & Auto-5 in all 3 grades. 1978 Centennial in orig. case. Too many to list. Also have 20 standard production models & honing oils & stones. All NIB w/papers. Never used nor sharpened. Please call or e-mail for prices. Chuch Hettinger, 707-429-4506, or chettinger44@comcast.net.

**For Sale:** Browning Superposed Hartman fitted case. One barrel set, \$350; Two barrel set, \$395. All are at least 98%-99%. Original factory end labels, un-used, Mint and Original. Most grades and gauges, \$25 and up. Roger, 561-588-7868.

**For Sale:** Browning Centennial Year of 1978 catalog. Cover and 1: Browning Centennial Year of 1978 catalog. Cover and 1st 5 pages devoted to that year's Centennial set. 60 pages, perfect condition, \$27 Pre-Paid. Roger, 561-588-7868.

**For Sale:** Belgian Browning Safari Grade Rifles: 1) .222 Magnum caliber, bolt action, light barrel, Sako action, (1st year of mfg.), NRA excellent condition. 2) .243 caliber, bolt action, light barrel, FN small-ring Mauser action, (rare action in terms of extractor), with sights, exceptional wood, mint unfired condition. 3) .264 Win. Magnum caliber, bolt action, (rare caliber), exposed extractor, with Redfield 3X-9X scope, above-average wood, NRA excellent condition, (1st year of mfg.). 4) .300 H&H Magnum caliber, bolt action, (rare caliber), exposed extractor, exceptional wood, NRA excellent condition, (1st year of mfg.). For information, call Jack at (517) 277-0479 EST (afternoons/evenings best) or email jonhobzjr@hotmail.com

**For Sale:** Hard Cases: Airways Case, St. Louis, MO .22 case withn keys and tags, \$350. Plus shipping. Andrew Ragus, 951-688-4887.

**For Sale:** Barrel BPS, 12 Ga. 28" Inv., 2-3/4 or 3", VR with 3 Chokes, IC, Mod, & Full, New, \$165. Plus shipping. Andrew Ragus, 951-688-4887.



## COVER STORY

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Art Isaacson and his son Brad, manning the Art's Gun and Sport Shop table.



The Informal Get-Together after the gun show Saturday night, complete with food, drink, and entertainment was enjoyed by many members



"Doc" Desira with a display of Just Some Brownings, including his father's Auto-5.



John McDonald manning his Sales Table.





Paul Clark looking over his large collection of Brownings on Display.



"Doc" Desira and Frank Crupi at the well done Just Some Brownings Display.



Renny Perez, John McDonald, and "Doc" Desira enjoying the displays.



Rod Herrmann with his Display of Olympians in all scenes and BAR's with Prototype.



## CLASSIFIED

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**For Sale:** Browning hard cases and presentation boxes -3-traditional brown canvas with brown leather trim and brass corners for O/U's-bbls. to 30". 2-minty one 98+99%, has scuffs on leather trim and handle-\$100.00 each; 1Black canvas with red stripe, grey interior-Minty-\$100.00; Airways 3-barrel O/U-barrels to 30", Minty \$250.00; Hartmann 2-barrel A-5, 99%, \$300.00; 22 semi auto, brown with brass corners, brown interior-appears unused, but has nick on bottom edge trim. \$100.00; Big Game BAR presentation box for Mule deer/white tail 1 of 600, walnut exterior, red interior-new inside, 1 small dent outside-\$300.00; 9MM. centennial presentation box, walnut exterior, red interior-mint-\$50.00; Dave Banducci, 720-272-9914 or db80439@comcast.net

**For Sale:** Wood-Browning superposed -.410-fore end-no escutions-95%-50.00; Superposed 20 ga. fore end-has escutions, no screw, 98%-\$65.00; Superlight 20 ga butt-stock-shortened 1", @90-95%-\$100.00; 12 ga. Duck special butt stock and fore-end set, outstanding figure RK/LT, checkered butt-for Y tang guns-99%-950.00. Medalist fore end 95%-\$50.00; Medalist weight set (no screw-driver) @ 95%-\$50.00; 2-sets of standard 25 semi auto black grips no screws or escutions-\$40.00 for both-1 set mint-1set 98-99%. Dave Banducci, 720-272-9914 or db80439@comcast.net

**For Sale:** Superposed original boxes -2 for 20 ga. O/U's, 2-for continental centennial sets, 1-20-410-P series-2 bbl. set and 13-12 ga O/U-\$25.00 ea. Manuals-T-bolt-with black envelope-very good cond. \$20.00. 2-BDA manuals-mint-\$10.00 ea. 6-later presentation era superposed manuals-mint-\$10.00 ea. 1-BAR-oil spots and used\$ 10.00. Dave Banducci, 720-272-9914 or db80439@comcast.net

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## **TWELVETTES**

The Twelvette was introduced in 1954 with the other two models. Unlike the Standard, this model had its name engraved in script on the left side of the loading port. However, this was not true on the early guns. On them, there was no marking at all on the receivers. The makeup of the receiver will be covered in its section along with stocks, barrel ribs, safeties, etc.

The engraving is very similar to the standard model. The edges of the receivers were outlined with a zig-zag pattern enclosing a wedge of engraving about 4" long on the left side. On the right side there is also a wedge of engraving about half as long but continuing above the loading port to the front of the receiver. The trigger guards are also engraved very similar to the Auto-trigger guards, all engraving is gold filled.

The variations available for the Twelvette grade were the hunting, skeet and trap guns. The trap and skeet guns will be covered in their sections.

From the beginning of production, the Hunting variation could be ordered with plain unmated, plain matted or with a ventilated rib in 26", 28" or 30" barrel lengths.

The 26" barrels were available in cylinder, improved cylinder, skeet, and modified. The 28" barrels were available in skeet, modified, or full, and the 30" barrels in full choke only whether for a hunting or trap barrel.

The variations of stocks, barrel ribs, safeties, etc. will be discussed in their sections.

## **TWENTYWEIGHT**

The Twentyweight was introduced in 1954. The name "TWENTYWEIGHT" is engraved in script on the left side of the loading port on the later guns. On the early guns, there will be no marking on the receiver at all.

The engraving is very similar to the Standard model. The edges of the receivers were outlined with a zig-zag pattern enclosing the wedge of engraving about 4" long on the left side. On the right side there is also a wedge of engraving about half as long but continuing above the loading port to the front of the receiver. The trigger guards are also engraved very similar to the Auto-trigger guards, all engraving is gold filled.

The variations available for the Twentyweight were the hunting, and skeet guns. The skeet guns will be covered in their sections.

From the beginning of production the Hunting variation could be ordered with a 26-1/2" plain matted of ventilated rib barrels only. These were available in cylinder, improved cylinder, skeet, modified and full chokes.

## **RECEIVERS AND COLORS**

When first introduced the actions could be bought in either blued steel or the gray variation of aluminum. This is an aluminum alloy intended for the aircraft business and was quite strong. I have never heard of a receiver cracking or giving any trouble in any way. Twelvette and Twentyweight receivers were all aluminum and the Standard model was always steel.

The aluminum receivers for the Twelvette came in many colors. After 1956, the colors made were Stain Gray, Jet or Dragon Black, Forest Green and Autumn Brown.

A few additional colors were made for the Twelvette, these were Maroon Red, Royal and Light Blue, Light Brown, several shades of Green and Gold. The last colors listed were samples which were turned down by the Browning staff and ended up being sold to dealers as a close out. They are very rare with probably less than 6 of each made. All colors were discontinued in 1959 to 1960 except the Dragon Black and Gold.

The Twentyweight only came in Jet Black and Gold.

Please call if you found a Twentyweight in Twelvette colors for I am sure if someone wanted it, Browning would make it. In fact, I wouldn't have any doubt about samples being made in more colors than listed above, but as of this date, these are all the ones found. The regular filler for the engraving on these guns was always gold. If you remove this gold foil, you will see the original aluminum color beneath. Therefore, if it has flaked off, you will have what appears a gun with silver in the engraving.

Many times these were displayed in store windows. The results were not good, the side facing the sun would become discolored. This in no way harms the shoot ability of the gun, only the overall appearance.

The Standard steel receiver was discontinued in 1959 to 1960. It was the only steel receiver model made for the Double Automatic. As originally designed, this gun was intended to be made in aluminum only, but changed for the American market. The thinking was that it would be more acceptable here if the receivers were steel. This just wasn't true and it was dropped more than ten years prior to the other models.

## **BARRELS**

The Double Auto was only chambered for the 2-3/4" shells. Magnum loads could be fired in them, but this was recommended in the Standard guns only, the others were too light for most people to stand the recoil. All barrels on the Double

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## DOUBLE AUTOMATIC

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Automatic were unchangeable, so over the years many were purchased by shooters and changed. The numbers do not match the serial numbers, so don't be dismayed, make sure the barrel is correct for the model.

## BARREL MARKINGS

**From 1951 through 1958 they are marked on the left side of the barrel:**

BROWNING ARMS COMPANY ST. LOUIS, MO

(Choke code) SPECIAL STEEL – 12 GA SHELSS – 2 3/4" (insert proof numbers 7,4)

***On the right side of the barrel***

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***On barrel extension you will find various inspectors marks and (insert proof 7,5)***

**From 1959 through 1968 they are marked on the left side of the barrel:**

BROWNING ARMS COMPANY ST. LOUIS MO & MONTREAL P.Q.

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***On the right side of barrel***

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**From 1969 to the end of production they are marked on the left side of barrel:**

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MADE IN BELGIUM MADE IN BELGIUM

***On the right side of barrel***

(Choke code) – SPECIAL STEEL – 12 GA SHELSS – 2 3/4"

BROWNING PATENT

There are no barrel extension marks on the late barrels.

**All Double Auto choke markings were all codes. They were as follows:**

\*\*\* Cylinder

\*\*Improved Cylinder

\*Improved Modified

\*\*S Skeet

\*\* Modified

\* Full

Buck Special barrels are known and very rare for they were only offered for four years as noted in the Standard model section. They were 24" long and were designed for shooting either slugs or buckshot loads. They had open sights, the rear was adjustable for both windage and elevation and the front was a gold bead on a ramp. They are desirable collector's items for double automatic fans.

Original Polychoke, automatic choke and Cutts Compensator barrels are rare as well. You can tell if the factory installed these choking devices for there will be a 4 stamped on the adaptor ring of the choking device. You will notice that the improved modified barrel marking is included although never listed. I did this for you can never say anything is absolute about Browning and you may just find one.

There were almost as many ribs available for this gun as the Auto-5. When first introduced these were the recessed rib, plain matted, plain unmated, and ventilated ribs variations.

The recessed ribs weren't made as long as the others, it was discontinued sometime in 1959. They were always available for replacement and still are even as I write this. The only way you'll get one from Browning, however, is to send in your old one. It would be nice to exchange an old worn out plain barrel for one of these, wouldn't it?

You can readily recognize these for they had a deep groove milled down the center of the rib to lighten it. Browning liked to advertise this groove as an aid for better shooting, they said the eye could follow the channel to the target. Another feature since it was supposed to force your eye down the channel. The "Recessed Rib" was available for the Standard and Twelvette models only.

Plain unmated barrels were discontinued about 1959 to 1960, but plain matted and the 1/4" ventilated matt ribs were made from the beginning to the end of production in 1971.

The sights were all gold bead, but ivory and center beads could be ordered.

Something that might interest you and clear up a misnomer by some people, Browning never sold any barrels for this model other than steel. During the development of the gun a few alloy barrels were made and even anodized the same color as the receiver, there is a green one in the Browning Museum in Ogden. During development stages it was found that to safely make the barrels they would have to be a larger diameter and this detracted from the overall look of the gun. Browning said they never sold any of these to the public.

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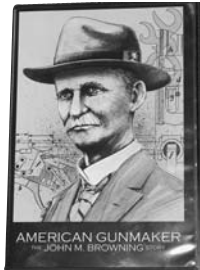
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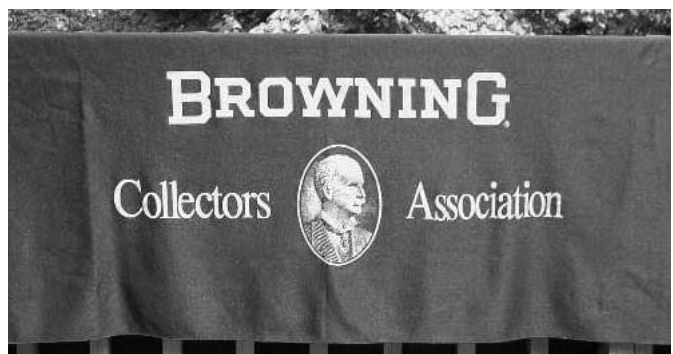
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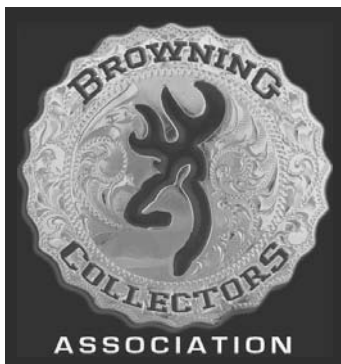


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### **Membership Dues**

Dues are \$30.00 per year for U. S. Members and \$35 per year to members outside the USA. Life Memberships are \$400.00 U.S. Dollars. **Make your checks payable to the BCA, NOT ANY OFFICER OR DIRECTOR.**



*Have a Safe and Happy  
Holiday Season!*

## Closing Dates

Here are the 'tentative' closing dates for the upcoming 2014-2015 Newsletters. FAX or email ads, articles, or "Musings" to Rod Herrmann, at 412-243-8210 or brownings@hrmn.com.

**January, February, March – January 25, 2016**

**April, May, June – April 18, 2016**

**July, August, September - July 25, 2016**

**October, November, December – October 24, 2016**

These are all on the last Monday, before the last weekend, in the first month of the Newsletter issue.

Due to cost, lack of articles, and unchanging classified ads, the BCA Board of Directors decided to produce a tri-monthly newsletter with possibly more pages, articles, and features. To accomplish this, the membership's help is needed to send in articles, questions, musings, and ads to make the newsletter as interesting as possible.

Please understand material received on the actual closing day might not be inserted in that issue if we already filled all the space for an even number of 4 pages. Although material received, even after the Closing Date, could be inserted if we need the filler, chances are it will be held for the next issue. All effort will be used to get your material in, so please do not wait until the last day to send it to the editor.