

## Small-Gauge Caesar Guerini Summit Sporting



**W**ith travel and lodging costs escalating, it is apparent that once you sporting clays shooters arrive at a shoot, that's what you are extremely interested in doing—shooting. Consequently, the popularity of shooting the preliminary small-gauge events is on the rise. Other reasons for this popularity center around less recoil than 12-ga. loads, nary a necessity for using fast loads since the small-gauge event targets tend to be closer, and, finally, shooting the small guns is just one heck of a lot of fun.

Of course, we all want to do well, in small-gauge events or in the 12-ga. events. One way to help ensure we shoot our best is to shoot essentially the same gun in all three of the smaller bores—20, 28, and .410. Some shotgunners opt to do this with full-length sub-gauge tubes in their 12-ga. over-under sporter, or even shorter tube inserts, an excellent way to go. But some shooters have the sense that a tubed over-under weighs a little too much for them. If this is true for you, I have a suggestion. Shoot the Caesar Guerini Summit Sporting because this company offers this model in all three of the smaller bores. Of course, if you already compete with a 12-ga. Summit Sporting, all the more reason to consider a 20, 28, and .410 in the same model.

A bonus here is that all three of these smaller bores are built on one receiver. You could call it a 20-ga. receiver, but in my view, it's quite a small one, maybe more approaching the size of some 28-ga. receivers. Another important aspect of these three models is that they can all be had with 32" barrels. While shorter barrels are also available if you are so inclined, the longer 32" tubes are proving extremely popular these days.

It was two years ago when I bought a 28-ga. Summit Sport-

ing with the longer 32" barrels. I have used this gun a lot, having served me well on fun sporting clays excursions, clay target busting on skeet fields, pest pigeon seasons, plus two trips to South America to try and help the poor farmers down there do something about the dove plague. By the time you read this, the Summit Sporting 28 will have returned from its third trip down there. I make this point because I feel these guns are really built to take the high-volume shooting. Further, with Caesar Guerini, you can take advantage of its Pit Stop service; send in the gun any time you want for a thorough looking over, and all you pay for is the shipping.

I'm always interested in shooting the .410, so I ordered a consignment Summit Sporting in that baby bore, with the 32" barrels, of course. Just two days ago, a friend of mine called to ask me to shoot some quail over his cocker and springer spaniels. The .410 Summit was in the delivery wrapper when I got the invitation. There are too many folks who pooh-pooh the .410 as a hunting gun. Perhaps all who are in this category either don't own a .410, never did own one, or they've read where some writer has said that the .410 is a crippler and should never be used in the hunting field on live birds.

But here's my take on the .410. They are wicked killers, especially on small birds like quail, and especially at close range.



Here's a pair that three-of-a-kind won't beat: the Summit Sporting in 28 gauge (top) and .410.

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Action:** Over-under with under-locking bolt; barrels pivot on trunnions

**Gauge:** 12, 20, 28, and .410

**Weight:** 7 lbs., 1 oz. in 28 gauge; 7 lbs., 5 ozs. in .410

**Barrels:** 28", 30", and 32"

**Chokes:** six extra-long screw chokes

**Stock:** dimensions: drop at comb—1.45", drop at heel—2.15", length of pull—14.8"

**Suggested Retail Price:** 20 and 28 gauges \$3,295; .410 \$3,450

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