

Adventurers! This is my first shoot-adventure...

Testing 2 Savage .22's...



...on top the Savage "Cub". A small rifle, just 3.5-lbs. The bottom rifle the Savage Mk-II "target rifle". Both rifles ".22" caliber.

At the shooting range <http://www.rgra.org/> I immediately discovered that despite my meticulous preparation, I had forgotten hearing-protection. Not-to-worry, shoot-buddies to the rescue... "Foamies"...



First shooter: The Savage "Cub". While small, this is a full-featured rifle...

- 1) Savage "AccuTrigger" (a "target-class" light-pull trigger)
- 2) "Shadow ring" sights adjustable for up/down & left/right

The "bag" is in-fact a "shooting rest"...



My support-gear... "Spotting scope" (so I don't have to walk to the target to see my "hits"), sight-adjust screwdriver, and .22 ammo.



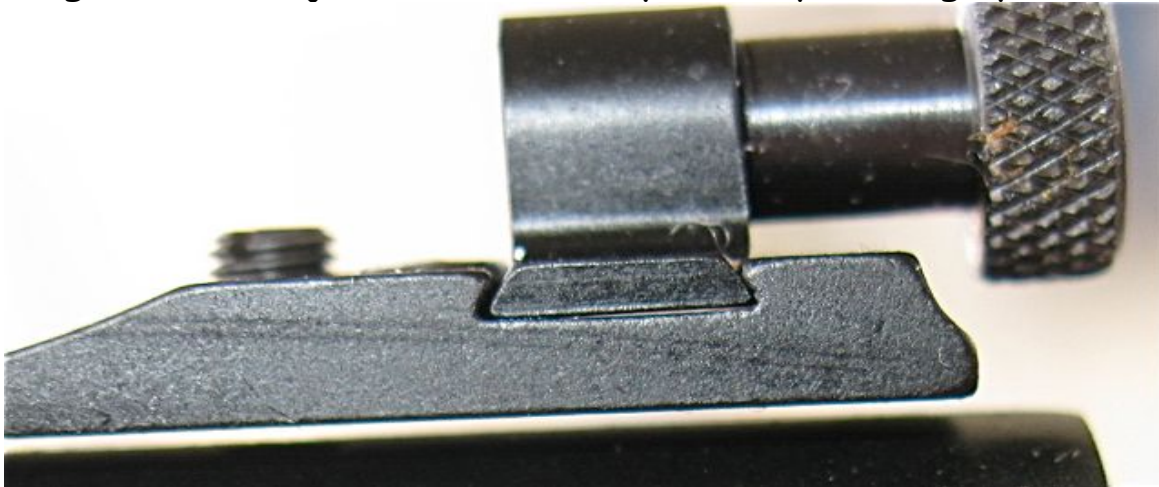
A really neat feature of the Cub is the "loading tray". This is a "single shot" rifle, meaning you must manually insert a bullet after each shot. Generally, this means inserting the bullet in the bore. But w/the Cub, you just drop the bullet into the loading tray (as shown) and the bolt pushes the bullet into the bore. The "claw thingies" are the "bullet extractors" which grab the bullet and remove it from the bore after firing...



Sight-adjustment is simple, via screwdriver...



The Cub shot very well, the sights and AccuTrigger neat. But there was one hitch... The rifle "shot high" and I could not correct this. The reason was at full-low sight adjustment, the sight-mount was showing light below it. To shoot "lower" I must manually bend the sight-mechanism down until it touches the gun, then adjust-as-necessary. A very small gripe. E-Z fix.



At the range, you will meet shoot-buddies... To my left was Steve, who was shooting a .45 caliber muzzle-loader...



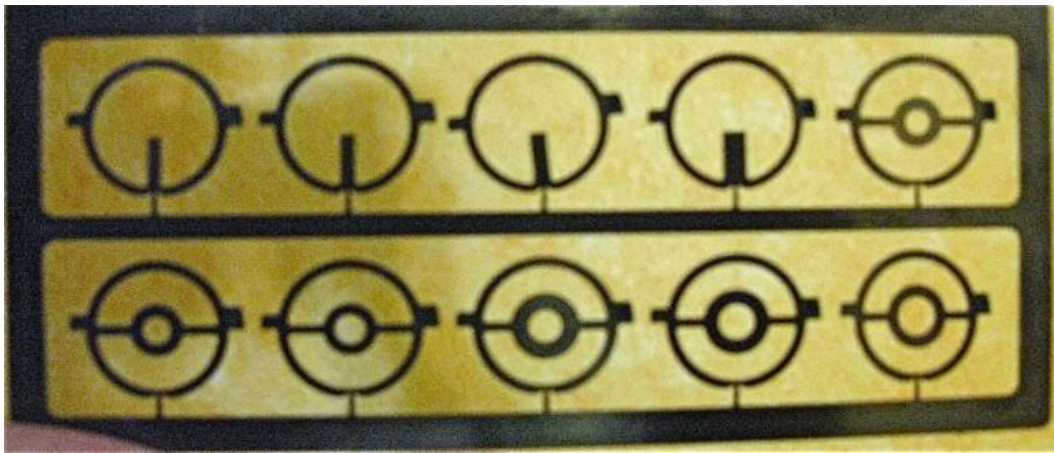
Nice! Ka-boom and a flash and smoke! Steve had "all the stuff" (and believe me, muzzle-loading requires "lots of stuff")...



Lets look at my Savage Mk-II "target rifle"... The first thing of note are the "target sights". The front "hood"...



...must (below) have a "target insert" installed...



Then the rear-sights must be installed (simple 2-min task)...



Below: Another view of the rear-sight...



...and the amazing "AccuTrigger". According to the manual, the factory-setting is "2.5-lb pull" meaning at a pressure of 2.5-lbs, the gun fires. This is quite low trigger-pressure. The manual states the trigger can be adjusted for a lighter pull, approx 1-lb. Wow! The rifle has a 5-shot "clip"...



...shown below with five .22 bullets...



This rifle shot all-bulls-eyes wow-eee...



...after just 10 shots of "dialing-in" the sights. **Awesome!** In the last target (above) I aimed at top-center, then over 5 shots "worked my way down the target". This at a range of 50-feet. Practice will make perfect!

Note: I was at the range 2 hours, had super-fun, and my total expense for shooting was \$2 ("2-dollars"). Can't beat that!

Other shoot-buddies had awesome .22-cal hardware, below a Colt M-4 carbine (short-stock version of M-16 assault rifle)...



...equipped with a **Tru-glo red-dot sight...**



In the above pic, I aimed my camera through the sight. In reality the "orange blur" is a "sharp dot" that I could easily hold on the smallest target.

The shooter (and ladyfriend) had even-more impressive firepower...



The above rifle is a Ruger 10-22, and the pistol is a Smith & Wesson .22



Note the Tru-glo sight on the pistol. Superb technology!

Below: Shoot-buddies tend to really want to show "what their rifles can do". My hi-tech shoot-buddy did two terrific things...

- 1) Loaned me his rifle (awesome) and...
- 2) Took the pic! Thank you!



We were all shooting .22-cal. To get an idea of ".22 smallness" the pic below shows a .22 case next to a .357-magnum case...



Thus ended my shoot-day! Terrific fun, I look forward to more shooting :-)

Thanks for reading-along!

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