

# INTRODUCTION

## – David Tubb

*In shooting, as well as in life, consistency is attained only through constant change, by my experience.*

In *Highpower Rifle* I began the book by stating that what was contained in its pages was only the current collection of ideas, tech-

broader topics might include and make it clear why. “Why” is nearly always a better and more appropriate question than “what.”

Since the release of *Highpower Rifle* in 1993 I’ve been through three rifle design changes, four cartridge changes, and have made major revisions in my approach to at



niques, strategies, and thoughts I applied to my quest to win rifle shooting championships. It’s the same all over again here.

Aside from developing an instructional text intended to help shooters understand and apply some ideas I have on shooting, and all that entails, the underlying hope I had for that first work was imparting encouragement, and hopefully direction, that you all could turn to your advantage. It was, and is, much easier to state what I use, what I do, what I think than it is to take any specifics those

least seven of ten elements of any randomly selected specifics. Along the way I have also collected six more national High Power Rifle titles.

In doing this book I didn’t want to rewrite *Highpower Rifle*. That book was everyone’s first look, so to speak, at me and the principles I adhered to and the advice I wanted to impart. The fundamentals of shooting across the course, overcoming obstacles, learning how to learn, shooting in conditions, and, in short, a point by point assessment of my

approach to target shooting are very nearly unchanged. In other words, I believe that I did a good job in preparing a text that takes its reader through all elements of competitive rifle shooting, from start to finish. It was a neat package, and still is.

On the other hand, I didn’t want this new book to be only a guide to changes and intended to be read with each book in each hand. Neither would have been fair.

Another equally influential reason I didn’t want to rewrite that book is because I honestly must assume that those reading this book also read the first. Therefore, restating much of what I still think is pat information is, in my mind, a disservice to anyone who purchased this book with hopes of learning something new. Rest assured that we’ll still cover shooting positions and techniques, wind shooting strategies, training tactics, and equipment, but this time it will necessarily often be stated with respect

to what we’ve already covered. It is also my intention that this book stand on its own, so there are going to be restatements and redundancies, but I made my best effort to interject into those places a fresh means of restating (relating) the information anew.

NRA High Power Rifle is a fluid sport, now. At one time it was easier for something different to stand out, but there have been relatively major overhauls in many heretofore “accepted” sets of beliefs and options. I like to think I’ve played a part in that, but others have too. It continues to change. Many of the shooting position and technique changes I’ll discuss in this book came about directly as a result of some of these other changes.

I have also listened and accepted the feedback from many sources regarding what things seem to be of highest interest to readers. I gauge much of my opinion on that input from other shooters, both in what they’ll ask me and also in observations I make in watching their methods at the matches I attend. One thing is equipment. That’s fine and fair because there’s no question that the majority of my experiments are made on my gear. For me, there’s rarely, if ever, separation between equipment and shooting technique. The majority of the time when I make a change in equipment it somehow has directly to do with something I want to more easily or better accomplish in my shooting positions or shooting technique. If that’s at all confusing, it will not be shortly. You’ll read a good deal about my rifle. In that you’ll learn a good deal about what I think is important in the techniques I employ for High Power Rifle shooting.

It is unavoidable not to reference “now” compared to “then.” Now, of course, is current, and then will refer to what was stated, shown, or explained in *Highpower Rifle*.

*Highpower Rifle* stays fresh in my mind because I read it all the time. That’s right: I read my own book. I begin each shooting season by reading it through and refer to and reread various sections or chapters all the way through the year. I also read it a few times prior to starting on this manuscript. It is a very good book, if I must say so myself!

That is more than enough preview about what you will read in this book, so now it’s time to get started.

