



In the company of Syren USA, Vice President, Anne Mauro, I recently got the chance to see and shoot the new prototype Syren shotgun. Caesar Guerini and Fabarm have collaborated on this venture to create the first brand of shotgun ever to be dedicated to the female shooter. As the number of Ladies in this sport is growing in both number and ability, this is a very timely product launch.

The designers have spent the last year researching measurements that would provide them with enough information to calculate how to better create a stock to fit the female anatomy. They believe the smaller grip radius and the Monte Carlo style

comb for adjustments to pitch and cast, along with weight and balance calibrations that make the gun easier to handle, has resulted in a product that the average woman can shoot right 'out of the box'.

The first prototypes were available for demo at the Seminole Cup in Florida in February and Anne tells me the reception among the women she worked with was most encouraging.

Anne, a Maryland girl, was handpicked by Caesar Guerini for this project and I can certainly understand why. I've known her for a while – we met pretty soon after she began shooting and I can honestly say, that right from the beginning,

she has been 'all in' for this sport. Anne told me she was quite surprised when Wes Lang, who heads up CG USA, approached her at last year's Nationals with the offer to head up this project, but I think it was a brilliant move because she's such a passionate advocate for our sport. A couple of years ago she took it upon herself to take the University of Maryland shooting team under her wing. Anne fundraises and coaches the team and was recently in San Antonio with the team for the ACUI Collegiate Championship. Having led them to stellar results in the Upper East Coast Championships last fall, she was as proud as the proverbial 'mother hen' of her flock.

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The Sporting models of the Syren will be available this coming June – in both Semi-Auto (XLR5) and Over/Under (Tempio). The Semi-Autos will be available with 28 and 30 inch barrels in 12 gauge only. The Tempio Model (O/U) will offer a 12 gauge model with 28, 30 or 32 inch barrels, a 20 gauge and 28 gauge in 30 or 32 inch. (32 inch barrel guns will be special orders.) There will only be a select few dealers around the country handling the guns initially and suggested retail prices of the Semi-Auto model will start around \$1950. The Tempio O/U models will begin at \$4295 with special orders going up from there, with a three barrel sub-gauge Combo set topping the list. On the horizon for the fall will be a Syren line of Field models to better serve women who also enjoy hunting.

I shot both the Semi-Automatic and the Over/Under with equal

ease and success. The weight to recoil ratio was very good and perceived recoil was minimal. Anne shot the same guns, also consistently breaking targets, and that certainly attests to the fit for females because Anne and I are not at all similar in size or height.

As to the appearance of the Syren, beautifully grained wood is used for the stock and forearm and nicely complemented with detailed engraving on the receiver. I am anxious to see how these new guns are received by the lady shooting population and if any other major gun manufacturers get onboard with the concept.

Caesar Guerini and Fabarm have certainly put themselves out ahead of the crowd on this one. As a woman shooter, and an older one at that, I'm certainly glad to see that someone is paying attention to our needs and values our business. ■