

## **August 2005**

*I am going to get a custom made stock for my Browning Sporter. Is there any advantage on getting an oil-finished stock as compared to a lacquered finished one?*

*Gerry Holiday, Daylesford, Vic*

There is no actual competition advantage to have either stock. The high gloss lacquered stock looks better in many peoples opinion when it is new or well maintained. The advantage of the oil finish is that it can easily be repaired for scratches and dents without the whole stock needing a re-lacquer.

*There has been much talk in Sporting Clay circles that this event will become an Olympic event after the 2008 Games in China. Is there any truth in this?*

*Kerry Hudson, Croydon Vic*

There is absolutely no truth in this rumour what so ever. The International Olympic Committee has actively tried to cull the amount of competitors at the Olympic Games due to cost and efficiency. Shooting had to surrender two events for 2008 thus Running Target and Women's Double Trap were both cut from the program. To try and introduce another event in the foreseeable future would be unreasonable. There is a valid argument why sporting clays could be introduced however especially considering its growth around the world in recent years. However I would not hold my breath waiting for this to happen.

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