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I want to make my gun swing much quicker as I feel my barrels are too heavy causing me to shot behind all the hard angled targets. I was told putting some weight in the stock of my gun will help. What is your opinion?

Doug Anderson, Mildura, Vic

Most well made Trap shotguns are balanced at the hinge pin on the action of the gun. To test this simply close the gun and see if it balances on your hand on this spot. Putting weight in the rear of the stock will no doubt shift the point of balance towards the rear of the gun thus making the barrels “appear” lighter and therefore easier to swing. If it makes you swing the barrels faster then this will help give more lead to your targets when adopting the ‘swing through’ method of lead which nearly all successful trap shooters use. Making the gun heavier will also help reduce recoil, but it will also cause more fatigue due to having to lift the extra weight each time.

I want to settle an argument with a friend of mine that I shoot with. Is it possible to determine the flight path of a target before it is released on any of these new Clay Target Machines such as the ones they use at the National Shooting Ground in Wagga Wagga? He says all the good shooters know in advance where the targets are going to go.

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No and no they don't. Enough said

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