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I have not long ago started shooting clay targets, mainly trap and skeet. I am confused as to what ammunition I should be using. I know the 24-gram loads go faster so does that mean they hit harder and are better? Logic tells me the 28-gram loads that I am permitted to use would be better.

Bruce Davidson Ipswich, Qld

Go with your logic Bruce. In most cases I would argue that more shot gives you a better chance to break a clay or bring down game. Nobody at the Olympics would use 24-gram loads if 28 grams were permitted. No doubt the 1300 plus feet per second velocity of a 24 gram shot shell will hit a clay harder than the typical 1250 fps load that a 28 gram shell would produce, but the extra 4 grams of shot will give you greater pattern density and more margin for error.

I shoot a lot of sporting clays as practice for my field shooting and I recently bought a set red shooting lenses for my glasses similar to the ones you were wearing on the front cover of a recent "Australian Shooter". Is this the best color for all weather conditions?

Ray Allota Winchelsea, Vic

This is a very topical subject, but I can only give you my personal view which is that for red or orange fluro clay targets any lenses with some form of red, bronze or orange in it is OK ONLY when the sun is shining brightly on the target. The red in the lenses reacts with the fluro color of the clay thus making it more defined and without the fluro streak that these clays often appear to leave on bright days. Without sunlight though I tend to prefer just clear lenses as any color over your eye will detract light thus inhibiting its performance.

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