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Shooter's Showcase

What's new on the market by Tony Pizzata

Sabre Rifle Scopes



RECENTLY, Outdoor Sporting Agencies sent two new riflescopes for evaluation. Referred to as the Sabre range, they are economically priced and solidly constructed. Featuring solid alloy tubes, they feel slightly heavier than comparable offerings in the market, indicating thicker tubing, no doubt to handle knocks and bumps better. The 3-9x40mm has a standard multi-X reticle, a refreshingly clear image which extends right to the edge of the field and a matt black anodised finish all in a compact package. Also included in the deal, is a set of alloy rings for standard dovetails. Retailing for around \$100, it represents good value.

The second scope, referred to as the "Airgunner" is a 2-7 x 32mm and comes complete with a solid alloy one piece dovetail mount. Each ring securing the scope to the mount has four hex-head bolts and the integral

dovetail rail is secured to the rifle by three larger hex-head bolts, while the underside of the mount sports three 5mm scope-stop, grub-screws. Again, the optics are crisp, however, the reticle is a mil-dot style which will give keen air gunners a chance to more accurately hold over when shooting targets at extended range, particularly when using .22 cal air guns. With an objective lens adjustable from 5 to 200 metres, plus an infinity setting, this capable-looking scope would be at home on the biggest magnum air rifle and maximise its potential into the bargain. At around \$145 retail, this scope would suit air rifle or precision rimfire applications. For further details regarding the Sabre riflescope range, ask at your local gun shop. Trade enquiries contact Australian agents Outdoor Sporting Agencies on Tel; (03) 9741 1174.

Tenterfield fox whistle



ALTHOUGH NOW residing in Coffs Harbour, N.S.W. John Cooper was born and bred in The New England town of Tenterfield, N.S.W. where, for more than 60 years, he enjoyed his hunting and in particular fox whistling. John Says that when he was a kid, he'd call the foxes in using a whistle made of discarded jam tin lids. Although they worked, he believed they lacked volume and decided to improve on these whistles which are now arguably the most effective fox caller on the market. In past I've used the little button whistle but found it lacked volume in windy weather and simply wouldn't reach out as far as the "Tenterfield" will.

The Tenterfield fox whistle is made of zinalume and comes in a range of colours complete with lanyard and an instructional brochure. Designed to imitate a rabbit in distress, it has the ability to call up foxes and wild cats and I'm told it has successfully lured in the odd wild dog as well. Once

you have mastered the Tenterfield fox whistle, you'll find that when used correctly, it is capable of emitting a range of sounds as loudly or softly as you choose to call depending on weather conditions and how close you quarry is. Well known fox/predator caller and DVD maker, Tom Varney has proven time and time again how effective the Tenterfield Fox Whistle really is through the many fox hunting DVD's he has produced. With over 50 years of fox whistling, John Cooper has produced a CD in answer to the many requests from shooters wishing to improve their fox whistling skills. His package deal includes **2x fox whistles, instructional brochure and CD packaged and posted within Australia for \$39.95. To purchase, simply send a cheque or money order to John Cooper, 6 Coombar Close, Coffs Harbour, N.S.W. 2450 or phone order 02665 22095.**