

Yes I love my Baikal 20 over and under but today I thought I am only taking the Baikal single shot
What a day
The gun is very forgiving being 12g
I used express pigeon power 29 gram shells which I should save for my side by sides but I like them
and they are good shells
How good are they???? Well the Baikal must like them and pattern perfectly
Tries some Gamebore 30 and 32 gram and some Eley hi flyer 32 gram but the express power pigeon
29 gram shells seem to work very well
Not very well but extremely well out performing the others by a long way
Perhaps I was having a good day as I could consistently take very high shots and crossers also at a
good distance
The best thing was I only had a handful of walkers if that
So I shot like a pro today. There were so many birds but they did not really commit to my pattern like
usual and I moved it a few times and gave up. Only a few visitors
I moved on to a better line about 40 yards away
Got through 250 shells or more and so did my friend on another field with the same gun
I would say today was the best shooting of my life as the birds were high or far out and I missed very
few
This probably wont happen again but then again it might
Its not the count of birds as I have had many big days but today was special
Just warm enough , sun behind me and they just did not seem to care. Perfect high birds with 60%
on a good line
I missed very few which is unusual. Most lie how many they have shot but I have a clicker and if its
down its counted even if I can not get to them to retrieve them all
People say about aiming high or low etc but I never let that enter my head
Just watch the bird with both eyes and shoot it. The gun will be in the right place and I don't recall
seeing the barrel once
My gun being about 3 inches longer is no issue as I'm quite tall and with it being so light compared to
the o/u 20g it helps the swing I think
So when people have questions etc just watch the bird and shoot it
I had so many shots I have a blister on my finger. I tried to think what part keeps rubbing it???The
opening lever or the trigger /stock etc. Every time I tried to see what it was it never happened lol
After say 40 shots I started taking birds further away and higher ones
You should not do this as they could be injured but I was so confident and down they came one after
another
I got hit by one and 3 near misses
Then came the big walk round in to the field behind me
My friend said did you shoot some out of the tree. I said yes 3. They all lined up perfectly on a
branch and it killed all 3 instantly
He said I was tight killing 3 for one shot
We walked to the hedge and I just laughed. The field was full of bodies
I think my friend just expected to see 3 but there were 68 pigeons scattered around
The other issue was the wind was blowing towards me from where he set up. About 600 yards away
Both guns sounded the same. Loud in fact to be honest. I even called to say are you using your
normal shotgun?????
No he was not
Wait for it
Someone else started shooting past the back of the wood. It sounded slightly louder than Marks 12
Hushpower
The shots mark took did not really disturb the birds by me. Some jinked a bit but most did not even
seem to be bothered
But the gun from behind the wood they really did dislike and that must be nearly 1200 yards away at
least
So that's all the proof I need
I know how good they are from experience. That's why they are my go to gun. More birds and less
noise is good for everyone. No earplugs is a great bonus as that has got me many more kills. Pigeons
from behind you can hear and at least be ready for a shot. Earplugs no chance and they have gone
before you pick the gun up
So its more than just a quieter shotgun that means more birds

So to sum up

20g is ace as you have 2 shots

Bad point is you often waste a shell going for a double or a shot that wont happen most of the time

12g Hushpower single shot is ace. You pick one bird and try harder

Less wasted shells but annoying if you miss a sitter

410 pump I like but always forget to pump the gun or whatever

Dear shells for their size. Naturally you chase shots with another couple to do the job

410 single barrel is my choice gun as like the 12 you seem to make the shot count and also it is a fair bit quieter being silenced all its length

How does a 20g with 32 gram of shot choked tight seem less effective than a 29gram 12 gauge with a bigger spread work????

The 20 has a tighter pattern and more shot

The 12g with the 29 gram shells has a bigger pattern but gets more birds

You think spread equals more of a chance and I see that but why does it kill more cleanly

I think my length Baikal 12g in single shot just patterns so well with the 29g shells it clean kills the vast majority

I will do a pattern test when I have time to see if my theory is right

12 gauge is good due to vast selection of shells and I must try some subsonics when I can as I bet its mega silent

I can only thank you for all your efforts that definitely improve my days shooting

Think I have fell in love with the 12g

Anyone want a mint 20g o/u Baikal as once I finish off my shells I will stick with the 12

Or will I???? No I love the 20g too and its a bit quieter again so I will use both

The 12g single is the most cost effective for pest control though without a shadow of doubt

Full length moderator and one shot needs to count. Cheap shells and a good selection

Regards Gaz