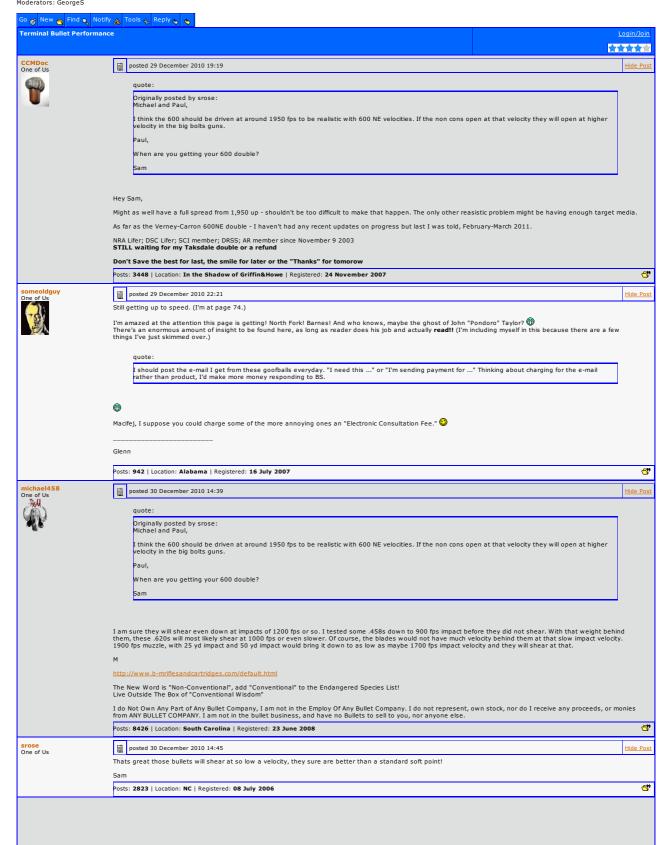
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Acutally, some of us still like to have specialty bullets, aka Capoward's "pointy thing".

I am very happy that Barnes has officially announced that in January 2011 they will make available a

350 grain Tipped TSX in .416". It should have a decent, hunting BC. (My guess would be .400-.450 but they haven't said anything about the BC.)

That should make a wonderful all-purpose antelope bullet, while still more than adequate for buffalo up close. By antelope, I mean hartebeesties, eland, roan, and friends, at anywhere from 200-400 yards.

So there are needs for specialty bullets for those who like to be able to drop alerted animals across some open stretches when a good rest is available for an accurate rifle. Closer shots are great, and common, but I like to be prepared for long, too. It's part of the training and requires extra practice and more shooting,

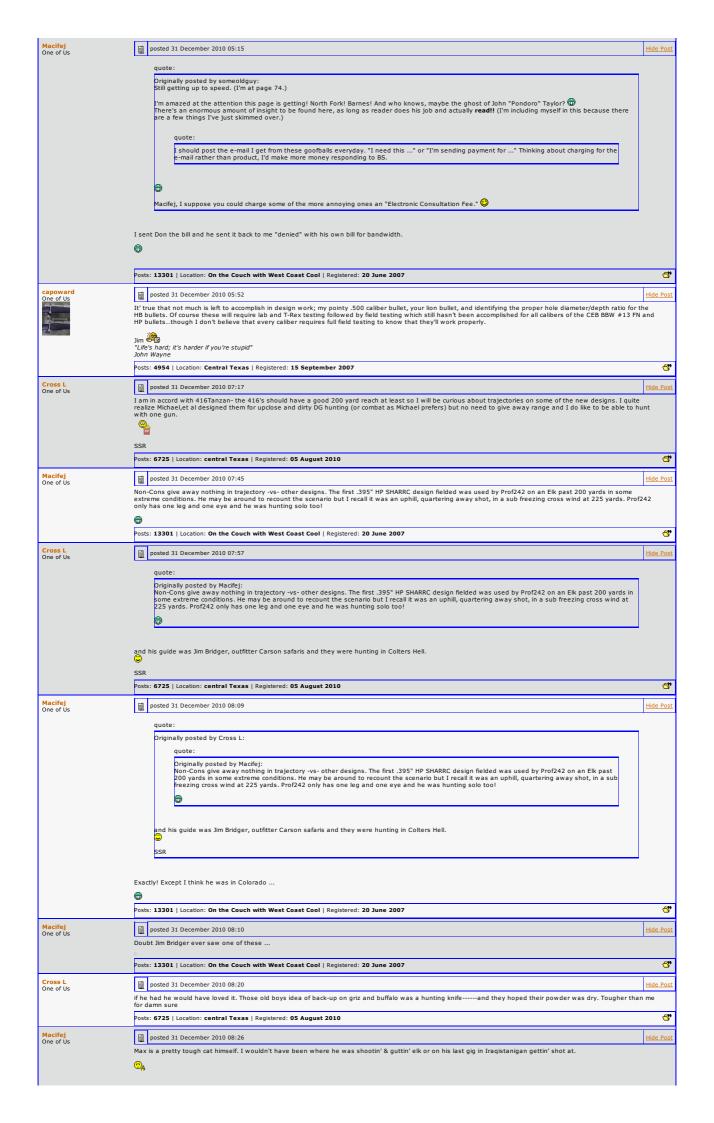
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Originally posted by Cross L:
I am in accord with 416Tanzan- the 416's should have a good 200 yard reach at least so I will be curious about trajectories on some of the new designs. I quite realize Michael,et al designed thi hunting (or combat as Michael prefers) but no need to give away range and I do like to be able to hunt with one gun.



SSR

Lot's of talk about pointy, higher BCs for longer range, and more versatility of our big bore rifles! 1 Rifle does it all! I agree, that has always been my philosophy, to a point. Yes, I like close and dirty, pl the closer they are, I am a better shot at 25 yds than I am at 100, and I am much faster at 25 than I am 100. So I like being within my zone! I have little interest in longer ranges, but does not mean I rifles. I took a 416 Rem to Tanzania in 2005 as my light rifle for antelope, zebra, leopard and what have you, using a 340 Woodleigh at 2550 fps. It worked good, and I shot some antelope out to 300 various 458s out to 200 yds and so forth. Don't like to, but have.

Now there are good designs in place for most of the cartridges we use. We can do a NonCon pointy, but depends on the mode of operation of how expensive they start to get—and is it worth it. We ci NonCon in various calibers, little more cost than the standard CEB BBW #13 HP, as there are some extra steps involved. This brass bullet will shear, but it will be within wound cavity, like the prototype with this mode of operation, and it is devastating. We can add some extra work and get the 6 shearing blades as well, but our expenses just went up a good bit, as that is extra work as well. How go center???? I don't know? Let's look at some things, and see if it is worth the effort or not?

I can get close BCs most of the time, as I record impact velocity when doing terminals. May or may not be exact, and this is from velocity with the B&Ms as well. Yes, some have bigger cartridges and m range. But to compare apples I will use what I have with the B&Ms to compare.

Lets start with 416, lets look at a 350 Barnes TSX at 2450 fps. I used the Barnes BC for this one at .345.

RSI SHOOTING LAB - EXTERIOR BALLISTICS - 12/31/10 9:10:32 AM

CALIBER: 416 B&M

MUZZLE VELOCITY: 2450 fps BULLET WEIGHT: 350 gr.

BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT: 0.345

SIGHT HT.: 1.5 in. ZEROED AT: 50 Yds. INCLINE ANGLE: 0 deg.

WIND: 0 mph

TARGET SPEED: from 3 O'clock at ATMOSPHERE: Keyboard Entry 65° F./50 ft./29.48 in. HG/58% R.H.

'G1' STANDARD FLAT BASE

	Range Yards	Vel.	Energy ft. lbs.	Drop inches	Path Inches	Defl. Inches	Time Sec.
	0	2450	4665	0.00	-1.50	0.00	0.000
	25	2389	4435	0.18	-0.06	0.00	0.031
	50	2329	4214	0.75	1.00	0.00	0.063
	75	2269	4002	1.71	1.66	0.00	0.095
	100	2211	3798	3.10	1.90	0.00	0.129
	125	2153	3602	4.93	1.59	0.00	0.163
	150	2095	3414	7.23	1.01	0.00	0.199
	175	2040	3234	10.03	-0.16	0.00	0.235
	200	1985	3061	13.34	=1.85	0.00	0.272
	225	1931	2897	17.21	-4.09	0.00	0.310
	250	1877	2739	21.66	-6.92	0.00	0.350

VITAL ZONE = 3.8 IN. POINT BLANK RANGE = 200.6 yds. TRAJECTORY CROSSES LINE OF SIGHT AT 26.2 & 172.2 yds. PATH IS 1.9 IN. OVER LINE OF SIGHT AT 102.1 yds.

Then lets look at the 325 CEB BBW #13 HP at 2543 fps. BC calculated at .290.

RSI SHOOTING LAB - EXTERIOR BALLISTICS - 12/31/10 9:07:33 AM

CALIBER: 416 B&M

MUZZLE VELOCITY: 2543 fps BULLET WEIGHT: 325 gr. CEB

BALLISTIC COEFFICIENT: 0.290

SIGHT HT.: 1.5 in. ZEROED AT: 50 Yds. INCLINE ANGLE: 0 deg.

WIND: 0 mph

TARGET SPEED: from 3 O'clock at ATMOSPHERE: Keyboard Entry 65° F./50 ft./29.48 in. HG/58% R.H.

'G1' STANDARD FLAT BASE

Range Yards	Vei.	Energy ft. lbs.	Drop inches	Path inches	Defi. Inches	Time Sec.
0	2543	4667	0.00	-1.50	0.00	0.000
25	2469	4398	0.17	-0.07	0.00	0.030
50	2396	4142	0.70	1.00	0.00	0.061
75	2324	3898	1.61	1.69	0.00	0.093
100	2254	3665	2.91	1.98	0.00	0.125
125	2184	3443	4.65	1.85	0.00	0.159
150	2116	3231	6.84	1.26	0.00	0.194
175	2049	3030	9.52	0.18	0.00	0.230
200	1983	2839	12.71	-1.42	0.00	0.267
225	1919	2658	16.46	-3.56	0.00	0.306
250	1856	2486	20.80	-6.30	0.00	0.345

VITAL ZONE = 4 IN. POINT BLANK RANGE = 207.5 yds. TRAJECTORY CROSSES LINE OF SIGHT AT 26.4 & 178.3 yds. PATH IS 2 IN. OVER LINE OF SIGHT AT 106.6 yds.

Normally I sight all my big bores in at 1 inch high at 50 yds--or close-if it comes in good at 3/4 high I am happy as well and leave it. But, these all are 1 inch high so all is equal.

As we study this take a look at the bottom line at 250 yds

350 Barnes with a BC of .345, yes lower starting velocity and all is 6.9 inches low at 250 yds. Very workable at that range. 200 yds, only 1.8 inches low, hold dead on the money!

The 325 CEB BBW #13, BC .290, yes higher velocity, 6.3 inches low at 250 and 1.4 inches low at 200.

Velocity of the 325 #13 HP is down to 1800 fps at 250 yds, it will still work at that velocity, although penetration will be less than at 50 yd or less, as are most things! But still far more than adequate c 250 yds!

OK then, lets run the 350 Barnes TSX at the same velocity as the 325 CEB HP--2543 fps.

Now at 250 yds the 350 TSX at .345 BC is 5.5 inches low. .8 inches difference in the CEB at 250 yds. I don't know about the rest of you, I can see .8 inches at 250 yds!

So is it really worth it to get a little more???? Not to me.

More later on some 458 and .500 bullets.

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Michael

OK...so the 325gr CEB BBW #13 HP are running a calculated .290 BC... Hum..

1st: I can definitely attest to the accuracy of the 350gr Barnes TSX as well as the 300gr Barnes TSX out of the .416 B&M cartridge/rifle combination out to 325yds. In fact it was my shooting the .416 B&M with multiple spitzer (or semi-spitzer) bullets in Oregon at 325yds that started my brain churning for a .500 caliber monometal spitzer that I could use out to 325yds against non-DG critters on the West Coast.

2nd: I did also shoot the 330gr SST/Lehigh HP at 325yds and there was a noticeable difference in the trajectory – identified by the amount of "hold over" required for hitting the target. I notice today from the Lehigh website that it has a calculated .310 BC...though I thought it originally was about .188 BC calculated.

If the CEB BBW #13 HP truly runs .290 BC then it would be no issue within 250yds and not much after that out to 325yds. Perhaps I need to rethink the .500 caliber spitzer if this is the case. Maybe nothing more than a polymer nose insert in the current CEB BBW #13 HP in order to up the BC slightly for the extra distance... perhaps the insert would also force the nose to separate at lower velocities/longer distances as well. Definately something to think about.



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Actually, the Barnes 350 with a BC of .345 is not yet a 'pointy thing', it needed some work to function as a flat antelope bullet. I'm guessing that the blue-tip version will have a BC of around .425.

I like to use a 2" high at 100 yards, and I particularly look at the 300 yard drop, which is the point at which bullets in the 2600-2800 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting 2 2800 end_of_the_skype_highlighting fps range start to require accurate distance evaluation to stay on target.

wt. 325 grain, BC .290, vel. 2800fps

Is the difference huge? No.

Just by shaping a little plastic, pointy thing on the end of a bullet, a person can save almost a 2" extra drop at 300 yards 5" at 400 yards, and just as importantly, the velocities stay up over 2000 fps for better shearing. It is part of the search for the best bullets possible.

So is it worthwhile? It depends on the hunter.
I would guess that 5-10% of my shots are over 250 yards, and maybe another 15-20% in the 200-250 range, where distances can already be deceiving. While I am happy to do most of my shooting at 75-150 yards, I personally like to be able to reach out to 300 yards without worrying about trajectory and impact velocity.

Of course, if I go down to 2600 fps (like with a 416 Ruger in 20" barrel) I would give up a wee bit of distance, but I can live with that. It's not that much of a percentage of the hunting that will be effected, and a good BC helps to smooth out the difference between 2800 and 2600.

Anyway, I would recommend working out the optimal shearing designs first, as is being done.

And I wouldn't worry about 'pointy things' in true big bores.

But after the 416 comes up for testing, I would like to see a pointy plastic thing fit to the nose of the finished product.

Can I hunt confidently with a load that drops 9, 10, or 12 inches at 300 yards? Of course. No problem. I can even hunt with Woodleigh 300 grain roundnose softs in 338 with a 14" drop (equals the old Barnes 300 RN softs). The animals I shot with those were all under 100 yards, that I remember, and those bullets were very effective in-close, back in the day. Impressively dumped animals.

But I like flatter if I can get it.

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quote:

For DWright How does your 375 Ruger handle? Do you have the 20" barrel model?

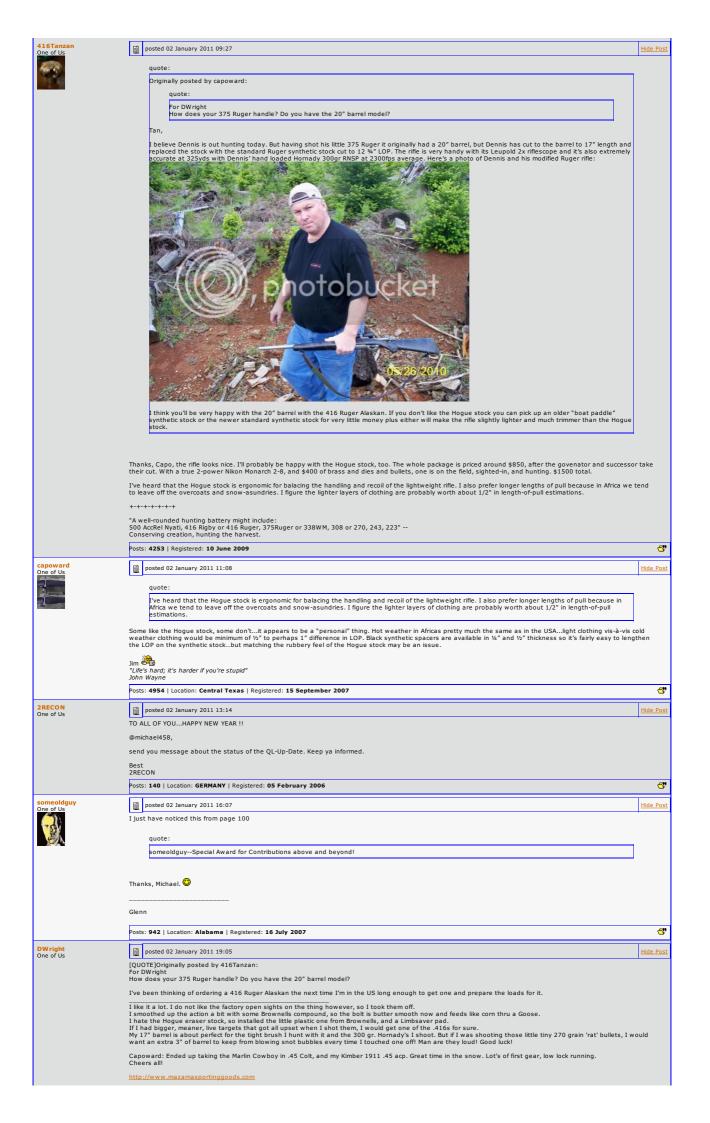
I believe Dennis is out hunting today. But having shot his little 375 Ruger it originally had a 20" barrel, but Dennis has cut to the barrel to 17" length and replaced the Hogue stock with the standard Ruger synthetic stock cut to 12 %" LOP. The rifle is very handy with its Leupold 2x riflescope and its also extremely accurate at 325yds with Dennis' hand loaded Hornady 300gr RNSP at 2300fps average. Here's a photo of Dennis and his modified Ruger rifle:



I think you'll be very happy with the 20" barrel with the 416 Ruger Alaskan. If you don't like the Hogue stock you can pick up an older "boat paddle" synthetic stock or the newer standard synthetic stock for very little money plus either will make the rifle slightly lighter and much trimmer than the Hogue stock.



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