



as coordinated handling is essential. With absolutely no complaints about the stock, it also incorporates an excellent recoil pad made of a hard rubber, which is slim with a slight concave and perfectly shaped at heel and toe.

### Barrels

The barrels weigh just 3lb 5oz and make an important contribution to the gun's excellent handling qualities. Bored at 18.7mm with long forcing cones, eight long, hand-detachable choke tubes provide every possible combination of choke constrictions. The Caesar Guerini delivered well distributed patterns up to 40 yards and beyond from a variety of good quality competition loads.

### Shooting impressions

Tipping the scales at a fraction just under 8lb, the well thought out stock configuration and dimensions came close to my requirements – shooting this Maxus was an enjoyable experience.

What constitutes the ideal Sporter is nowadays open to debate, but in the case of the Caesar Guerini Maxum, it comes close. It is heavy enough to absorb the recoil of modern high performance ammunition, well balanced and able to deal with fast targets at close quarters, with sufficient weight to provide the right amount of forward momentum to cope with the longer ones. This sums up the Guerini Maxum's outstanding qualities and so it comes highly recommended. ●

### TECH SPECS

#### MAKER

Caesar Guerini

#### MODEL

Maxum Sporter

#### BORE

18.7mm

#### BARRELS

76cm

#### ACTION

Single Trigger Side-plated Boxlock

#### CHAMBER

2¼in/70mm

#### CHOKES

Eight hand detachable

#### RIB

Tapered 10-7mm

#### STOCK

Full pistol grip

#### WEIGHT

7lb 13.7oz/3.571KG

#### PRICE

£3,495

#### DISTRIBUTOR

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# MAXUM ENJOYMENT

*Vic Harker* gets hold of the new Caesar Guerini Maxum Sporter and relishes the opportunity

**I**t's no secret that the gunmakers of Europe consider the UK market a particularly discerning one. In part this is true, because up until the second-half of the last century the British gun trade's output was considerable, quality was high, prices were still affordable and their customers' expectations were formed accordingly. Even later in the 1960s and 1970s there were still numbers of second-hand English guns available, and generally foreign imports were still considered in an unfavourable light.

The increasing popularity of clay shooting and the requirement for over-and-under guns, which the British gun trade had never produced in numbers, finally saw foreign makers gaining some considerable market share. The British only accepted the best, however, and in that period, the best featured the Browning marque.

Made to high standards by Fabrique Nationale in Belgium, the Browning over-and-under incorporated a hand-built feel and balance, and a design the British liked and understood. Only its increasing price and

the import of a good copy, in the form of the less expensive Miroku, curbed its sales. It was not until the late 1970s – when a new and dynamic distributor, Gunmark, acquired the Beretta franchise – that Browning and Miroku relinquished some market share to the Italians.

Since then, only Perazzi and Kreighoff, excellent but expensive guns, have significantly penetrated the UK market, until another Italian gun attracted the attention of the British in the form of Caesar Guerini. Imported into the UK by Anglo Italian Arms

