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Grouse Hunting Partnership – From Beginning to End

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W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Co.
www.wrcase.com
800-523-6350
Sportsman Classic Folding Knife - $102
- Clip and spey blades
- Smooth, natural bone handle
- Blades of Tru-Sharp surgical steel
- 4 1/8 inches, closed
- 4 oz.

The Sportsman Classic is a new version of Case’s popular “Trapper” style knife. The clip blade is razor sharp right out of the box; the spey, a little less so. This is a hefty knife with backbone and some weight to it. The beautiful animal scenes carved into the handle make this a fine souvenir or gift. The dark image on the light bone background delivers the feeling of an old-timey piece of scrimshaw. Nine different scenes are available, including ruffed grouse (shown), pheasant, quail, dove (two), duck (two), turkey and whitetail.

Mud River Dog Products
www.mudriverdogproducts.com
800-550-2698
Wine Tote - $100
- Nylon poly pique shell
- Leather accents
- Padded nylon interior
- Holds up to four bottles of wine or other spirits
- Shoulder strap

We didn’t realize how handy this bag would be until we had one in our hands to test out. About the size of a shoulder or messenger bag, looks-wise the tote fits right in with our luggage. No more worrying about rolling wine or spirits bottles in some clothes, sticking them in boots or packing them carefully in the vehicle so nothing will bump them. Whether we’re traveling to bird camp, heading to the cabin or even dashing over our friends’ house for dinner, this bag transports our beverages in style – plus it gets lots of compliments. Nice product!

Fabarm USA
www.fabarmusa.com
401-901-1260
L4S Hunter - $1,250 Initial; $1,695 Grey; $2,100 Deluxe
- 12-gauge
- 26- or 28-inch barrels
- Gas operating system significantly reduces recoil
- Handles light to heavy loads, 2 3/4-inch field to 3-inch magnum interchangeably

Fabarm USA now offers the new L4S Hunter family of 12-gauge semi-automatic shotguns designed for bird hunting. Available in three grades – Initial, Grey and Deluxe – to fit your budget and personal taste. The Initial model comes with a black action and is very competitively priced. The Grey has a silver action with engraved game scene, and the Deluxe (shown) also has the silver action but with a more detailed game scene, gold inlay and upgraded walnut stock and forend. The L4S Hunter is lightweight for a 12-gauge, weighing about 6 1/2 pounds. It also has an innovative design that allows the forend to be removed without disassembling the shotgun. This feature allows for easy cleaning and lubrication. The design also takes the stress off the wood forend making the action and barrel relationship stronger and eliminates forces that can damage wooden forends. Tapered flat rib and choke tubes are included, making the Fabarm L4S Hunter a fabulous semi-automatic bird gun.

Grouse, Guns and Dogs with Paul Fuller
A Bird Dog Productions video
www.uplandalmanac.com
800-899-7810
$54.95

Two-disc set with over three hours of footage

Paul Fuller is the videographer and host of his well-known television show, Bird Dogs Afield.

In this set of DVDs, he provides sections that are relevant to every grouse hunter’s tastes-and-preferences. He examines grouse guns, shooting techniques, history, lore, tradition and popular hunting regions. Hunt segments are chronicled as is camp life, and there are personal narratives as well as appearances by notable shooting personalities.

As a dyed-in-the-wool dog man, Fuller spends much of one disc on working dogs. Much of the footage came about through his four-seasons of filming in both Canada and the United States. On domestic soil, Fuller spends time in the Great Lakes region, Appalachia and in his home coverts of New England. Woodcock are frequently pointed and flushed, so viewers get some bonus birds as well.