1 & True” Revolver Roundup

mer rested in one of the intercept notches between the five charging holes. Top-breaks were very popular in the waning decades of the 19th Century and opening decades of the 20th Century. My maternal grandfather's sole handgun was a Hopkins & Allen revolver in .32 S&W. About two years ago, I acquired an early 20th Century Smith & Wesson top-break in the same caliber. With all three, one raises the rear portion of the top strap, to allow the hinged portion of the lower section of the frame, just ahead of the cylinder, to turn down or break open. Once the cylinder reaches the right position, the ejector star is activated, ejecting the cartridge cases. Breaking the action further returns the ejector star to the cylinder for loading.

I fired the best group I've ever fired with a Mini Revolver. I was shooting at reactive targets set up in an embankment on the other side of a small gorge, about 25 feet away. According to the de-facto rangemaster, a professional photographer and, therefore, a trained observer, all my shots were just a tad high over the reactive targets, essentially at uniform elevation and the five shots strung within a foot or less horizontally.

This would be terrible shooting – even for me – with a full-sized revolver, but was, for me, really good at such a distance with a Mini Revolver. I was using Winchester (www.winchester.com) Supreme .22 Winchester Magnum High Velocity JHPs. Recoil was, of course, nothing; that said, the revolver would rise in my hand, simply because the grip is so small. There is a working rear sight. It's tiny, but of course, nothing; that said, the revolver would not rise in my hand, simply because the grip is so small. I had adjusted the laser's factory setting, bringing it back from 50 feet to something closer to 30.

The young man got to shoot the 66 2-1/2” with .38 Special loads, under the watchful eye of another shooter who had been working with him throughout. He liked the Crimson Trace LaserGrips so much, I later suggested to his mother that she might want to get him a set for Christmas!

The revolver, be it one produced decades ago or today, is the epitome of “tried and true,” whether one uses it for plinking fun, for sport or in deadly earnest.