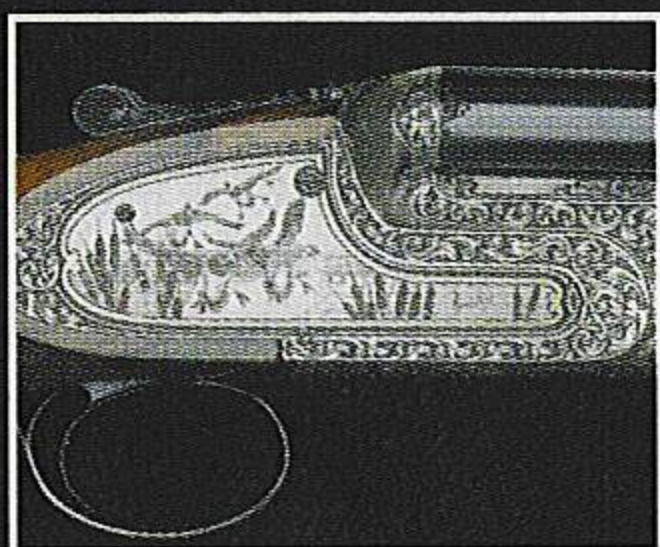




NEW GUNS

A NEW ENGLISH STAR

The new Holloway & Naughton sporter is, says Richard Rawlingson, that rarest of beasts – an English gun with true competition credentials.



Go through your pockets and check all your old lottery tickets; you may find the

urge to spend £30,000 creeping up on you over the next few minutes. There is a new gun in town that is both drop-dead gorgeous and a serious claybusting tool. Carrying the Holloway & Naughton name, it is the brainchild of top shot and coach Andrew Harvison, a man who is living the dream of building his own best quality guns.

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shot and highly regarded coach and gunfitter. Older readers will need no reminding of his pedigree, but the younger generation may be surprised to know that he is a former British Open champion at both

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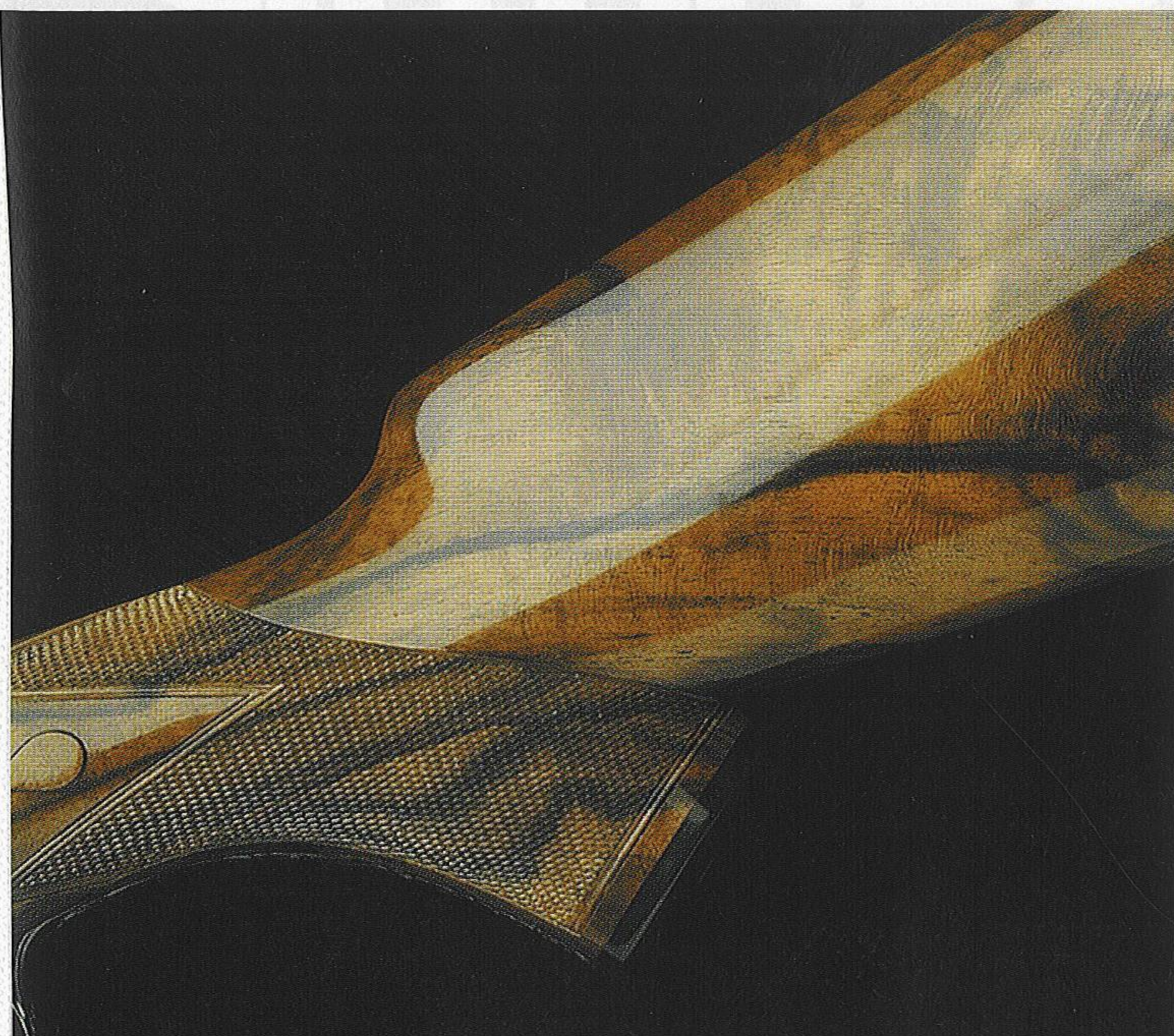
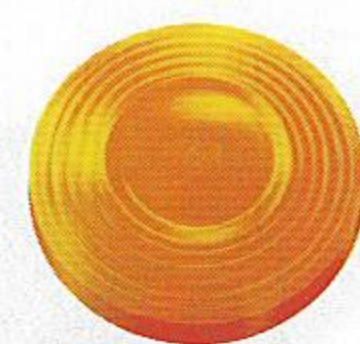
perfecting a Boss-action over-and-under, the classic English gun of its type. Typically selling for £50,000 or more, this is a specialist market, but with 17 guns completed and a healthy order book, it is clear that the world's connoisseur collectors approve. This model is however a lightweight game model and Andrew has, from the very beginning, wanted to offer a gun that

since Andrew first revived the name of a long dormant Birmingham gunmaker to use as a vehicle for a new 'best' gun. The idea has always been to produce hand-crafted and very exclusive guns that embody all he has learnt in a long and illustrious career as both top

Sporting and Skeet and a true all rounder, simultaneously representing England at Sporting, Skeet and DTL for many years during the 1970s and 80s.

In recent years all the effort on the Holloway & Naughton project has gone into





could compete at the highest level in sporting clays.

Luxury sporters are not exactly common; luxury English sporters even more scarce. Take away the Holland & Holland and you would have struggled to name another until now. The first gun, pictured here, has just been completed for an American client. It is a sidelock with three sets of barrels (28-30-32") and if there is a prettier sporting clays gun, then I have yet to see it.

Although a sidelock, it differs from the pure Boss style of the game models, having much more in common with Italian makers such as Fabbri. A trigger plate version is also planned. The raw parts are made in Leicester and are assembled by some of the best English craftsmen, men who have worked for top names such as Boss, Holland & Holland and Peter Nelson. Their skill is apparent in every little detail.

Because this is a true bespoke gun, every nuance will be to the customer's specification, including choice of barrel length, rib style and grip shape. Personal fitting is also a key part of the package and such is Andrew's confidence that he gives a personal guarantee of correct stock fit with every gun he sells.

A £30,000+ price tag and sheer rarity value may mean that most Holloway & Naughton Sporting guns will end up in the hands of collectors, so we will probably never know if you could win the world title with it. And let's face it, who among us would risk a £30k gun in the Sunday rough and tumble, even if we could afford it in the first place? Somehow though that doesn't matter. I can't afford a McLaren F1 either but I can dream — and I'm proud to know it's British!

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