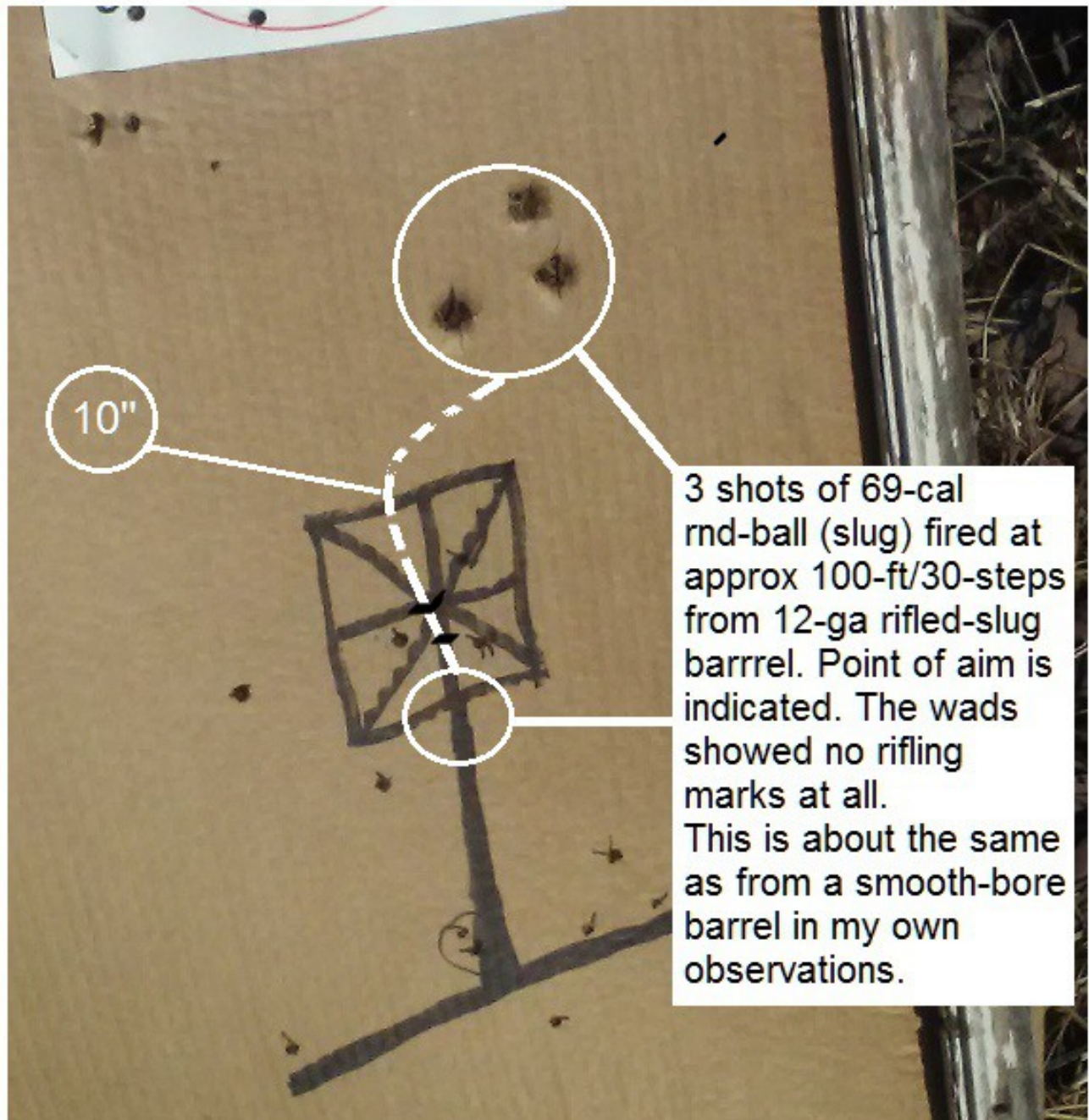


Rifled Shotgun for Home Defense?

I recently obtained a Win Mod 1300 pump shotgun with a rifled barrel for shooting slugs. I decided to conduct some simple tests to examine its performance at shooting *other-than* slugs. I wanted to know if it was suitable for home defense. The answer is... YES, definitely! The results indicate that this subject should be examined in depth. The results are shown on the next 2 pages, (3 pages in all).

Here we see a normal group for shotgun slugs. I used 69-cal round-balls that I load to about 1200-fps. This looks about the same as when fired from a smooth bore gun.



Then I loaded her up with a couple of my home-made Zombie-Busters. In this test I used 4-Buck with #6-shot mixed in. I expected the rifling would make them spread out and was not disappointed.



This shows the good stuff! This is a single load of #4-Bk mixed with 6-shot fired from **20-ft/ 7-steps**.

The "spread" is approx 18" the tick-marks show the hits of the 4-Bk pieces. (larger circle)

The circle-X shows the point of aim and most of the 6-shot was in the inner circle.

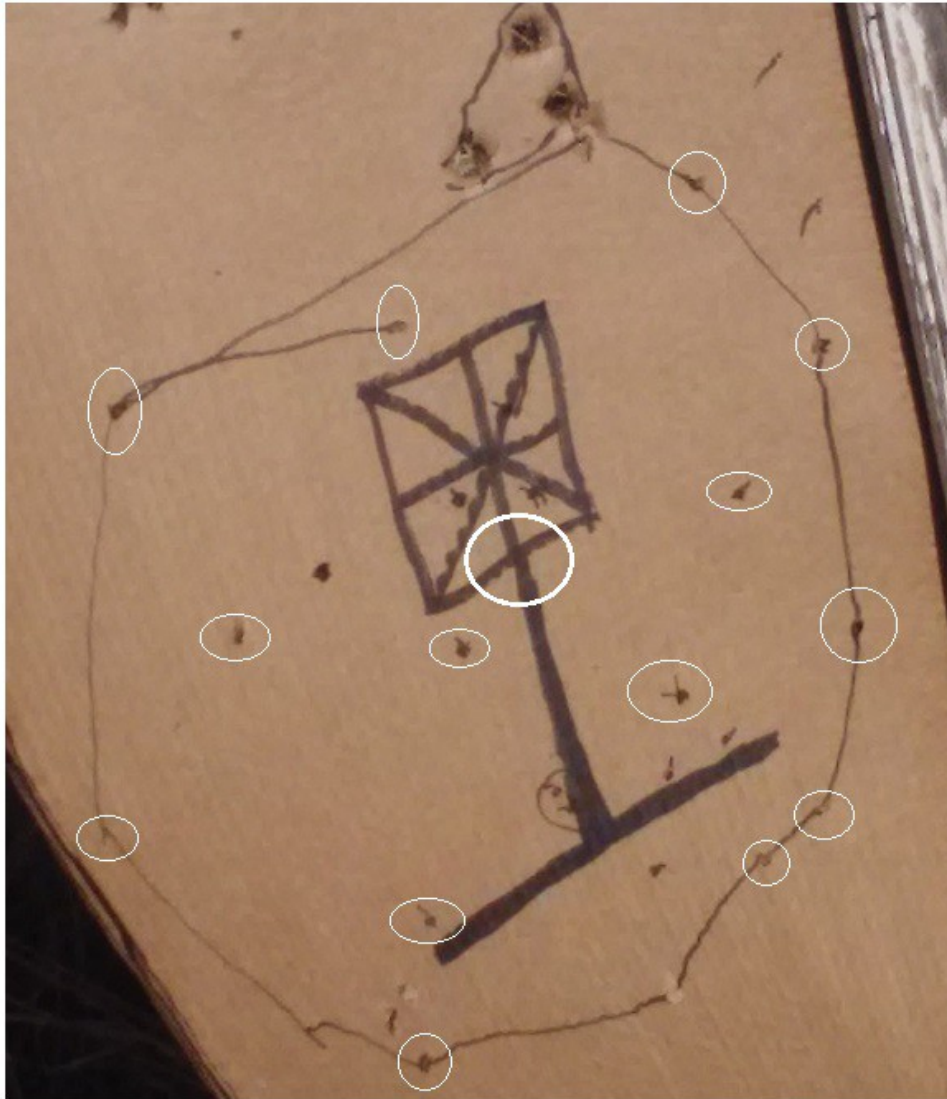
A typical shot from a smooth-bore could be covered by a man's hand.

This shows excellent "home-defense" potential exists in a rifled shotgun barrel.

For in-the-house distances this would be just fine! A shot of this or any other load from a smooth bore at 20 feet would make a pattern small enough to cover with a man's hand. The rifled barrel creates some chance of success for the proverbial "point-n-shoot" theorists. Normally in a house you have to aim a shotgun like a rifle. Well, **not** if it's a rifled shotgun!

But one shot does not make a standard. Cont'd on the next page...

Here we can see the 2nd load of the same Zombie-Buster load as shown above. It looks like we can rely on a useful spread at the short distances that are normal for in-the-house shooting.



This is the 2nd shot of "Home Defense" ammo from a 12-ga Rifled barrel. (4-Bk & 6-shot mix) Fired from 20-feet (7 steps), the point of aim is the bold white circle (same as for the slug hits shown) and the thin circles show the hits of the 4-Bk. The 6-shot was evenly distributed within the larger circle.

If this shot had been fired from a smooth-bore the pattern could've been covered by a man's hand and would miss if not properly aimed! A rifled shotgun shows **excellent** in-the-home defense potential!

Cool stuff, huh?!?

Of course, these pictures also make it clear that there would be little use in shooting *any kind* of shot load much farther than 20 to 30 feet. At 40 yds (120 Ft) you might not get a hit at all. But for home defense (usually under 50 ft)... Load up and get 'er done!

This was a crude "first look" at this subject but I was so favorably impressed by the performance of the rifled shotgun barrel in the "home defense" role that I made this little PDF to get the basic facts out my friends & followers. I'll make much cleaner PDF some time in the future. For now, everyone should & understand know this stuff,