The Best New Cartridges for Africa

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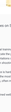

Craig Boddington Goes on Safari with the .200 PRC, 6.8 Western and 7mm Long Range Magnum

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All parents in good. Formal training with a skilled instructor is better. However, no large situation or mountain range can replicate the experience of the real thing. The only way to become consistently cool, unemotional and effective in shooting at game is to do it and do it.

Problem is, field experience is hard-won and comes slowly. To my thinking, an inexperienced African hunter should begin with a well-rounded, versatile rifle and cartridge. Not a big rifle, not a big cartridge. Not a beast of a bolt action rifle, but a good, well-made, efficient rifle, with a proven cartridge. Proven efficiency, an armory of varying shoes.

If you've practiced and trained well, some shots will be rattlesnake, sort of a float-even. But you'll not learn a lot.

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