

## SHOOTING DRIVEN

Dear Bruce,

I have just read your answer to high driven in the shotgun report, and I have a different take on it. An incomer straight over your head, you just need to be in front of it (over the top). An incomer overhead but to the left or right you need to be in front on the horizontal plane but also in front on the vertical plane (above). To help you see this, it is in reverse on an overhead outgoer, straight away, just be under it to be in front. When it is angled to the left being under and to the left will break it. Some people like to break these targets so they are crossers at 90 degrees (if possible) so you don't have to be over or under them, unless they are rising or falling of course, life is rarely simple. I loved your previous articles about patterns, chokes, etc, I just thought I would put my 2 cents in.

Tom

Dear Tom,

I certainly appreciate your take. It makes a lot of sense. That's one of the nice things about shooting- there can be a number of equally successful approaches.

The first time I was shooting high driven pheasant in England (definitely not the same as the ground-hugging driven grouse I'd been shooting in Scotland), I remember having a large pile of empty hulls and a small pile of birds after the first drive. The outfitter came over, glanced at each pile and said, "A bit of a plonker there, Bruce." At that time the pheasant were running about 60 GB Pounds each and I was shooting as his guest while doing a magazine article, so he didn't mind my lack of talent. By the end of the next day, I'd figured it out and had a small pile of shells and a very large pile of birds. His comment was, "Don't you think it's a good time to start doing your photography?"

Best regards,

Bruce Buck

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