

Bushnell HoloSight

By Sandi Mellon

Good optics are something most of us take for granted. I know I sure did. That is until a recent black powder hunt for whitetail deer in Nebraska. Much to my chagrin I discovered rifle optics for this season cannot have any magnification. Not feeling real comfortable about shooting 100 yards with open sights I started researching options and discovered the Bushnell HOLOsight. The HOLOsight is perhaps the biggest innovation in gun sight technology since the first scope came along.

Using holographic technology the HOLOsight projects a glowing or illuminated cross hair out in front of your gun. It does this without projecting any light. Sounds magical doesn't it? I was a little sceptical prior to my first shake down with it. The sight is tiny and weighs practically nothing, and mounting it was a snap to the Weaver rail mount the old scope was on. The first thing I noticed when I turned it on was the reticule - a brilliant red circle with an equally bright dot in the centre. The light intensity of the reticule is

adjustable with the push of a button - higher for bright sunny days and lower for darker days. At first I was concerned about looking through the sight insuring the reticule was perfectly centred in it. Bushnell claims this isn't necessary and doesn't affect the point of impact. Once I had the Encore grouping where I wanted I put that claim to the test. Amazingly if you can see through enough of the HOLOsight to put the dot on target that is where the round goes. Battery life is claimed to be 40 hours and changing it is very simple.

I enjoyed shooting with the HoloSight very much and my confidence in it was almost instantaneous. This would be a great system on handguns and shotguns and .22's as it makes shooting with both eyes open very natural and target acquisition is instantaneous. Check the HOLOsight out the next time your in the market for a new optics it maybe just what your looking for.

