

Todd A. Kindler Providing Consulting and Editorial Services



Todd A. Kindler has a passion for the small calibers like no other person. Todd Kindler's passion for the small calibers began when he was just a young teenager. As a teenager, Todd convinced his father to allow him to purchase several small caliber rifles for hunting small game in the rolling hills of eastern Ohio. Todd loved to summertime hunt woodchucks and fall fox squirrels with his 22 and 5mm rimfires. It was a common site at school to see Todd carrying several gun catalogs along with his other books.

As a young adult, Todd increased the range of the small calibers with specialized precision rifles and started competing in registered bench rest shooting. Through this time, Todd's hunger to learn how to improve the accuracy and precision of small caliber rifles drove him to continue testing and developing products to meet these demands. It was during this time when he worked for a large research and development firm that he was asked to help on some very sophisticated shooting tests during the cold war. Over the years, Todd also assisted local law enforcement agencies and several tactical sniper units.

Not too long after this period, Todd decided to start writing about the small calibers and had numerous articles in several magazines. One of the magazines was *Precision Shooting Magazine*. After Todd had written a few articles, he was asked by the editor, Dave Brennan, to join the editorial staff and was also appointed to the *Precision Shooting* board. This was a great opportunity for Todd

to write about his small-caliber projects and also to learn about the business aspect as well.

This was a very creative period for Todd in which he designed many new small-caliber cartridges. Several of the new cartridges were twenty caliber, which were forgotten and almost extinct. After investing over \$7000.00 in a precision bench-rest action, 20-caliber barrels, and reamers (Remember this was a lot of money and a big risk back then considering you have a young family and a sizable mortgage at that time.) Todd was at a complete standstill because of the lack of precision barrels and bullets. One evening sitting on the deck, he knew he had to make a decision whether to introduce them to the shooting world or scrap the project and investment in time and money. Finally, he thought of his high-ballistic coefficient 17-caliber 30-grain Gold bullet which he had just started to make. If he could convince the bullet makers to get on board with a high B.C. twenty-caliber bullet, he knew they would be successful. He also realized he had to have precision twenty-caliber barrels for the new bullets. The next day Todd began to make several phone calls. He first called Tim Gardner owner of Douglas Barrels and nervously asked Tim if he would consider making the twenty-caliber barrels knowing this is a sizable investment for a barrel company. Tim hesitated for a moment not wanting to disappoint Todd and told him he would build these barrels only if there were readily available quality bullets. So Todd's next call was to his friend, Walt Berger, who then owned Berger Bullets. Todd had worked with Walt on several small-caliber projects in the past. Todd explained to Walt his recent work on the twenty calibers and the need for some quality commercial bullets. Walt hesitated for a moment not wanting to disappoint Todd and finally answered that he would produce these bullets only if Todd can convince a match barrel maker to make the barrels. Todd quickly had Tim and Walt on the phone and as they say the rest is history.

A few years later after much thought, Todd decided to start his very own magazine dedicated exclusively to the small calibers. Todd was soon the founder, owner, publisher, and editor of *Small Caliber News!* Todd knew he had to have a platform to launch the "new" twenty calibers. It was a very specialized magazine dedicated exclusively to the small calibers and soon the big shooting industry took notice. Todd was told numerous times that the magazine was always at the top of

the pile in their libraries and soon a few engineers were catching Todd's small caliber passion.

Shortly after Todd began his magazine, Hornady Manufacturing and Sturm Ruger came calling requesting help in designing the very first commercial twenty-caliber cartridge! Then they asked for help on the 17 Rimfire Magnum and by then Todd had a loyal following with his little magazine and it was just what was needed at the time to help launch these new small-caliber projects.

Through this time, Todd continued to work with many of the barrel and bullet makers and reloading companies to bring out many new seventeen and twenty caliber products. In addition to the *Small Caliber News* magazine, Todd wrote two new reloading manuals dedicated exclusively to the seventeen and twenty calibers. These manuals are now in 5th and 4th editions and mailed worldwide.

Todd also worked with the Dakota Arms company to help them with the small calibers and to market several new small-caliber cartridges to their lineup of fine rifles. They quickly licensed numerous cartridges from Todd including the outstanding 20 VarTarg and 20 Tactical! Todd worked with the Dakota Arms and Lapua design teams in launching the Lapua 20 tactical brass.

Todd currently owns and operates The Woodchuck Den Inc., (www.woodchuckden.com) a small company that is now known worldwide for specializing in the small calibers. Todd's passion and love for the small calibers has never waned and he knows the future is extremely bright for them as well. Todd's small caliber expertise has been said to parallel none other. With decades of small-caliber experience and now a worldwide following, Todd has recently decided to start a consulting and editorial service just for the small calibers. **If you're interested in advancing your company or editorial content in the exciting small calibers, please contact Todd at (330) 897-0614 to discuss your ideas.**

Todd enjoys helping advance the small calibers in any way possible and can bring innovative ideas to grow your business in this market. The small caliber market has great potential and is only going to grow. Don't get passed by. **Call today.**