Dear Santa I want

Join Pete Moore along with Mark Stone and Pete Wadeson as they give you some ideas about what to buy the rifleman, shotgunner or airgunner in your life, or yourself for Crimbo 2008

es I know it's not Christmas yet, but this is the December issue, so I thought it might be nice to ask two of the SS staffers to give us their top five

products that they themselves might want for presents. Mark Stone will be suggesting all things smoothborerelated and Pete Wadeson airguns and accessories; me well what else firearms and general? Some of the kit

is expensive, whereas others is cheap, but all come highly recommended by us, so well worth a look at the worst and a definite inclusion in your field/ range gear at the best. So I hope that some of it tickles your fancy.

Shotguns

CENS Digital Hearing Protection

Until I started wearing a pair of CENS Digital Hearing Protectors, I often though custom made ear plugs were something of an expensive indulgence. What I'll now say is that after wearing a pair of CENS for the past twelve months. I'll never wear traditional cans again. Manufactured from moulds taken directly from your own ears, the fit is as exact as you'll ever get, each electronic plug perfectly formed to your own aural canal.

Complete with three settings one of them quite naturally being OFF, my favored position when shooting DTL, the middle position is ideal for general shooting allowing you to hold a conversation and keeping aware of what's going on around you. The high setting though is the one when you're shooting game. I guarantee you'll hear any bird's wings start to beat well before anyone else giving you the edge on direction and distance. One noise they don't transmit is the bang, these little plugs are fully active when it comes to eliminating harmful noises.

Complete with a hard traveling case, soft pouch with the additional accessory of a Dry & Store electric drying system, once you've laid out the initial £400 or so, all you need is a supply of batteries to keep them going. Well worth the outlay and the time and effort to get your ears measured up, once you've worn a set of CENS, you won't go back to the old fashioned method.

Contact: Puretone, 01634 719427, www.puretone.net

Pure tone **CENS Digital: Every** pair of CENS Digita

noise suppressors is custom built to the individual wearer.

Blaser F3 Pro Sporter

One of the most technically advanced shotguns on the market is Blaser's new F3 Pro Sporter, which has set new standards. With a newly re-profiled stock including the slimming down of the pistol grip and nose of the comb, this F3 is the Sporter everyone's been waiting for. Where the innovations really come to light are in the variable barrel weighting, a selection of titanium weights allowing the user to set up the weight and balance to their own individual liking.

One of the most fluid handling competition shotguns on the market, it's now also one of the best looking. with the new, London-style forend adding that final touch of style. Supplied complete with a full set of extended chokes, plus one of the nicest traveling cases you'll see, around £4,400 will put one in your cabinet.

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