

Employee Spotlight: Dan Brown



This month we'd like to introduce you to Dan Brown. Dan has been with BHA since day one and is one of the first and longest-serving employees. He is BHA's Chief Gunsmith and Lever Gun Designer. Currently, Dan does final assembly and warranty work, as well as repairing and modifying lever gun parts as needed. Dan is a very capable gunsmith and knows more about lever action guns than anyone else at BHA. He enjoys working with firearms and tackling a variety of challenges.

Before his life in the firearms industry, Dan was a blacksmith and did historic building restoration. After Dan went to gunsmithing school, he worked for Gunsmoke Custom Gunsmithing. He moved to Cody to work for Ballard Rifle Co. before joining BHA.

Dan got into firearms from watching too many westerns. His first firearm was a Winchester Model 250, a hammerless lever action .22.

Dan's favorite BHA firearm is the Model 89 lever action rifle with an 18" barrel because it is compact, well-balanced, powerful, and good-looking. A little-known fact is that Dan himself is the one who designed and built the original Model 89 from scratch. When he's not working at BHA, he enjoys making knives and performing other blacksmithing activities. He is also an avid historic reenactor.



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