

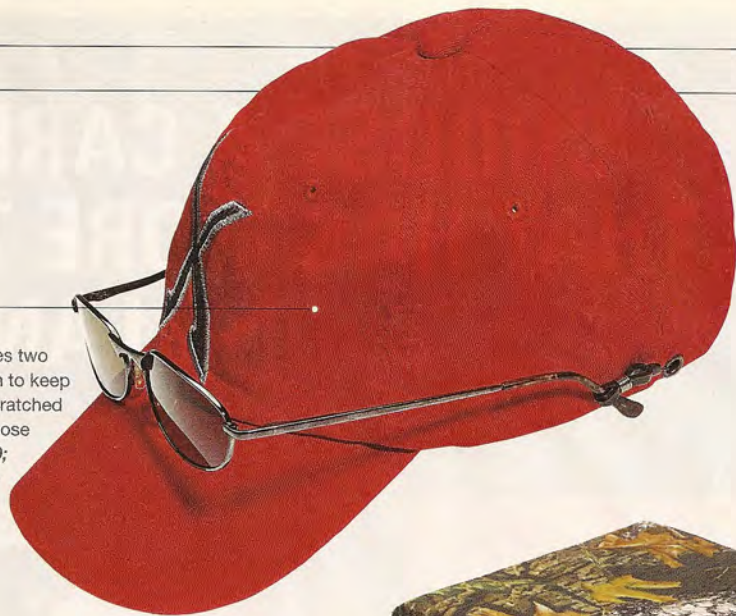
Editors' Picks

The best new stuff for sportsmen

SMART HAT

Clever, functional, and comfortable, the **X Cap** integrates two featherweight recoil retractors in the hatband. Use them to keep your valuable fishing glasses from falling off or being scratched or lost. They'll also prevent your headgear from flying loose on windy boat rides. *Cap, \$20; visor, \$18; 802-482-3719; freetime101.com*

—KIRK DEETER



TRIGGER FINGERS

Cloudveil's **Two Trigger gloves** keep you fishing comfortably in cold weather. Half-length fabric on your middle and index fingers optimizes dexterity and allows you to tie knots, while a Windstopper membrane on the rest of your hand blocks the chill. Grippy material on the palms gives you a firm grasp on your fishing rod. *\$35; 877-255-8345; www.cloudveilfeishing.com*

—K.D.



CALL IN COMFORT

Hunt Comfort's **FatBoy Lite seat** makes long sits calling to reluctant turkeys less of a pain-in-the-you-know-what. A full 3 inches thick, the 14x16 pad is waterproof, breathable, and ultrasoft. It weighs about 2 pounds, so it's easily packable. Two types of foam laminated together allow it to conform to your shape. *\$40; 888-757-3232; huntcomfort.com*

—JAY CASSELL



TROPHY DUFFEL

Timber Hawk's new **Base Camp** is the most useful duffel I've ever brought on a hunting trip. Measuring 30x15x15 inches, it has wheels, a telescopic handle, and compression straps, like many duffels. It's the details that really make this shine: front and side pockets, a U-shaped opening with a rain fly in case you have to leave it outside, and a roomy waterproof boot compartment. *\$125; 801-597-0087; timberhawkgear.com*

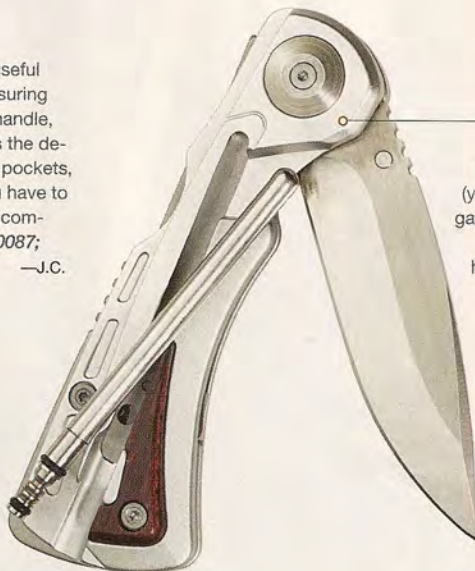
—J.C.



INDUSTRIAL-STRENGTH FOLDER

Leatherman's **Klamath folder** is a serious (you'll never see it smile) tool for working on game. Its 4-inch drop-point blade is made of S30V stainless steel, and its aluminum handle contains a diamond-hone stick and a slide-out gut hook that is actually big enough to do some good. An excellent leather belt sheath is standard. *\$112; 800-847-8665; leatherman.com*

—DAVID E. PETZAL



REQUIRED READING

If you love to hunt and fish but have never read anything by Robert F. Jones, your sporting life is incomplete. A native of Wisconsin, he wrote brilliantly for *Sports Illustrated* and *Time*; his books include *Tie My Bones to Her Back* (a novel about buffalo hunting), *Dancers in the Sunset Sky* (bird hunting), and *The Hunter in My Heart*. Now the novelist Annie Proulx has put together a collection of his best stories, along with tributes to Jones, called *A Roaring in the Blood*. Read it and you'll feel as though your sporting life just got bigger. *\$40; 800-849-1004; sportingclassics.net*

