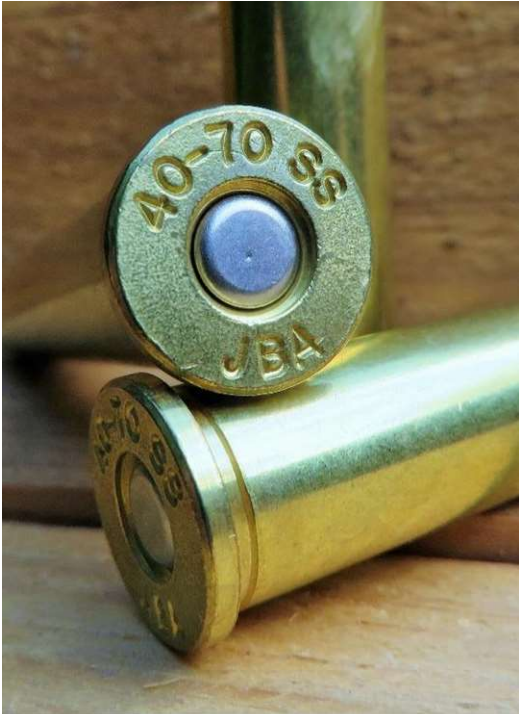


JAMISON INTRODUCES NEW BRASS FOR THE .40/70 SS



After what black powder cartridge rifle shooters feel like was a long wait, the new brass for the .40/70 Sharps Straight is now available from Jamison Brass & Ammunition, a division of Captech International. One reason why it seemed like a long wait is because the .40/70 SS case is somewhat unique. It can be made from some other cases, such as the .405 Winchester or the .30/40 Krag, but many shooters, and count me as one of them, prefer to use brass that is properly headstamped for the rifles which that ammo is to be used in.

And, to say the least, the new brass from Jamison is certainly properly headstamped. It is also of the proper length, 2 ½ inches long. These new cases have a rim thickness of .070-inch which might be on the thick side for some rifles and if they are too thick for your rifle's chamber, it is a simple task for a gunsmith to allow for these thicker rims.

The new brass was tried at first with a 370 grain bullet loaded over 65 grains of GOEX's Olde Eynsford 1 1/2F black powder. That amount of powder will practically fill the case and no drop tube was used. Those shot very well in my '74 Hunter's Rifle, targeted on paper at just 50 yards. Then the fire-formed cases were reloaded

using the same powder charge, 65 grains, but under a 330 grain paper patched bullet cast from a Tom Ballard mold. That powder charge and bullet duplicates the old factory load and some serious thoughts are forming about using that load with the Sharps rifle for deer hunting.



Even though this cartridge is named the ".40/70 SS" it was most commonly loaded with a 65 grain powder charge. It was introduced by Sharps in 1876 as a replacement to the .40/70 Sharps Bottleneck and became the standard mid-range cartridge in 1878. It's a fine sporting cartridge and black powder cartridge shooters are very pleased that new, correctly marked brass is available for it again.

This new Jamison brass can be ordered from C. Sharps Arms, they have a supply in stock. by mailing to CSA, P.O. Box 885, Big Timber, Montana 59011 or calling 406-932-4353, or by email at info@csharpsarms.com. The cases are priced at \$1.65 each or \$150 per hundred. I've got only 20 of these new cases so I'll be ordering some more.

