



# NIREY-Knife Sharpeners

**IN ADDITION TO** a range of chef's knives and skinning and hunting knives, Total Knife Care also offer a fine range of electric knife sharpeners that are guaranteed to bring even the dulllest of blades to life and making them razor sharp. Referred to as the Nirey range of knife sharpeners, there are three models to choose from. These include the top of the range KE-280 Commercial Sharpener, the KE-3000 Professional and the KE-198 Recreational Sharpener.

While the commercial KE-280 and the Professional KE-3000 both use abrasive belts that are replaceable, the KE-198 Recreational Sharpener offers two-stage grinding wheels that are durable and most effective for the hunter/outdoorsman or for use at home. Total Knife Care recently sent me the model KE-198 for evaluation and I must say it did the job in a fraction of the time it would normally take me to achieve a lesser result on a stone. Like many others I just can't seem to get the angle quite right or consistent for that razor sharp result, no matter how good the blade or knife brand is. The way the KE-198 works is quite simple actually and there's really no guess work involved.

Firstly, there are two grinding wheels within the unit, a coarse and fine wheel. As different blades are of different thicknesses, these grinding wheels are actually spring

loaded so that when you insert the blade, the wheel adjusts to the thickness of the blade and does its job. Next, there are two angle-controlled sharpening grooves per wheel, one for the left side of the blade and one for the right.

If the knife is dull and requires more than just sharpening, you will need to run the blade through the left (coarse) two grooves first to achieve a bevel. This will generally take less than a minute, making sure you run the blade left and right sides alternately to achieve an even edge. Next run the blade in the same fashion through the right (fine) two grooves for around a minute, making sure you don't over do the fine sharpening stage. In reality, some steels are harder than others, I prefer carbon steel which is relatively soft and easy to sharpen when compared to stainless steel. Either way the Nirey KE-198 will do the job. I'm told the wheels on the KE-198 come with a lifetime guarantee if used correctly and found it performed to expectation. After a few attempts I found that this little unit produced a razor finish to a draw full of knives that I'd disregarded for years as impossible to sharpen. **The KE-198 retails for around \$160 plus postage for further details or to order, phone Total Knife Care on 1300 650 656 or web: [www.totalknifecare.com.au](http://www.totalknifecare.com.au)**

## RING-SON OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

**IF YOU COUNT** yourself as a true blue warrior, this Son of The Southern Cross ring is for you. The Eureka Flag, born out of a struggle for justice and a fair go for all, is magnificently brought to life as it rests in a bed of rich blue enamel. This patriotic collectable overflows with the spirit of the Eureka Stockade; a tribute to the gold miners of Ballarat who fought for their rights and liberties.... Making it an ideal ring for any Aussie bloke who is not afraid to stand up for what he believes in

Crafted in Sterling silver-plate for the ultimate in durability and masculine styling, this ring is built to withstand the rough and tumble of the great outdoors!. Raised-relief stars and stripes are

sculptured into each side of the ring to create a distinctive design from any angle, and engraved inside the band are the words that you can proudly proclaim; 'Son of the Southern Cross'. **This ring is available exclusively from The Bradford Exchange, for further details or to order online go to [www.bradford.com.au](http://www.bradford.com.au)**



## ATA-686 Camo Shotgun

**ATA'S QUALITY 686** series of shotguns now includes a camo model featuring a full coverage Fall Wetlands style pattern. Add to that an already impressive list of features, and you have the perfect companion for that misty opening season morning. The ATA 686 offers 30 inch chrome lined barrels with black chrome external finish, 3 inch chrome lined chambers, 8mm ventilated rib with red foresight and 5 x internal screw-in chokes.

It's impressive checkering has

been laser cut and the stock features a Pachmayr Decelerator Sporting Clays recoil pad. The 686 features a Matt chrome steel receiver, Gold plated selective trigger, selective auto-eject and length of pull is 14 1/4" (360mm).

This shotgun comes packaged in an ABS take down case, with red velour gun socks for further protection. **To see them ask at your local gun shop. Trade enquiries to NIOA.**

