

MYGUNS NEWSLETTER



CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION



Why did I join CFGA?

About eight months ago, my friend Geordie introduced me to the Calgary Fish and Game Association (CFGA). After looking into it, I discovered that the club was founded in 1908 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving Alberta's fish, wildlife, and their habitats through education and stewardship.

Once I joined, I quickly became involved in various activities and even contributed by offering PAL classes to youth. As a result of my involvement, I was honored to be elected as Hunt Director on the board.

Why should you join?

Joining the Calgary Fish and Game Association is a great way to support conservation, connect with like-minded outdoor enthusiasts, and ensure the future of hunting, fishing, and wildlife management in Alberta.

As a member, you'll gain access to educational programs, mentorship opportunities, and a strong voice in advocating for sustainable outdoor practices. Whether you're an experienced outdoors person or just getting started, CFGA offers a welcoming community where you can learn, share, and contribute to preserving our natural heritage.

I'd love for you all to join me on this journey—there's so much to learn and contribute within this incredible club. If you're interested, reach out, and I'll gladly introduce you to the rest of the team!

ALBERTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

As Hunt Director for the Calgary Fish and Game Association, I recently attended the Alberta Wildlife Federation Conference in Edmonton, an inspiring gathering of conservationists and outdoor advocates.

The event featured insightful discussions on habitat protection, wildlife management, and sustainable hunting practices. A key takeaway was the vital role of community involvement in conservation—something I see firsthand in our own association.

From policy updates to hands-on initiatives, the AWF Conference reinforced our shared responsibility to protect Alberta's wilderness. I encourage anyone passionate about conservation to get involved and make a difference!



CORROSIVE AMMUNITION

Understanding Corrosive Ammunition: What You Need to Know

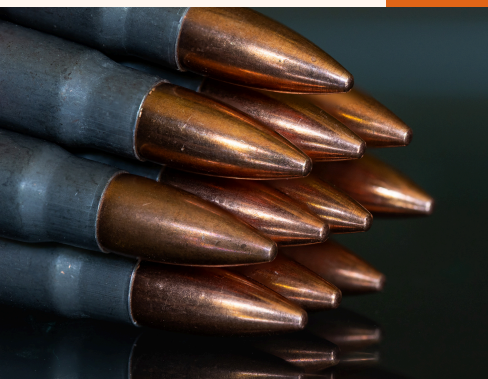
For shooters and hunters, ammunition choice is crucial—not just for performance but also for firearm maintenance. One common topic of discussion is corrosive ammunition. Found mainly in surplus military rounds, corrosive ammo can be problematic if not properly managed.

What Makes Ammo Corrosive?

Corrosive ammunition contains primers with salts, such as potassium chlorate, which leave behind residue after firing. When exposed to moisture, these salts attract water, leading to rust and corrosion inside the firearm's barrel and action. This is particularly concerning for those using vintage military rifles or bulk surplus ammunition.

How to Identify Corrosive Ammo

Most modern commercial ammunition is non-corrosive, but older surplus rounds—especially from Eastern Europe, Russia, and China—often contain corrosive primers. To confirm whether your ammo is corrosive, check manufacturer information, online resources, or conduct a primer test on metal.



PROPER CLEANING AFTER USING CORROSIVE AMMO

Using corrosive ammo isn't an issue as long as you clean your firearm thoroughly after each session. Here's how:

1. Use Water or Solvent – Water dissolves the corrosive salts, so flushing the bore and action with hot water or a water-based solvent is essential.
2. Follow Up with Regular Cleaning – After flushing, clean the bore with a proper gun solvent, then oil the barrel and action to prevent rust.
3. Check for Corrosion – Even after cleaning, inspect your firearm regularly for any signs of rust.

There are many ways to clean your firearm after using corrosive ammo, but this is my method.

Remember: You should do this within 24 hours of shooting corrosive ammunition.

1. Strip the action from the stock.
2. Submerge the barrel and action completely in a hot tub of water.
3. Move it around to ensure water reaches all areas, then leave it submerged for a few minutes.
4. Remove the barrel and action, then use an air compressor to blow out all the water.
5. Spray the entire barrel and action with Remington Oil.
6. Use the air compressor again to blow out any excess oil, then wipe everything down.
7. Clean the barrel thoroughly with solvent and oil.
8. Reassemble the rifle.

This method ensures your firearm stays rust-free and in top condition after using corrosive ammo.

IS CORROSIVE AMMO WORTH USING?

Corrosive surplus ammo is often cheaper and readily available, making it an attractive option for those shooting military surplus rifles. If you're diligent about cleaning, it can be a cost-effective choice without long-term damage to your firearm. However, for convenience and minimal maintenance, non-corrosive ammo is the better option.

By understanding corrosive ammunition and following proper cleaning protocols, shooters can safely use surplus rounds without harming their firearms. Whether you choose to use it or not, knowing how to handle corrosive ammo ensures a longer lifespan for your trusted firearms.

WHATS HAPPENING

Gun Shows

- Save the date for Calgary's Gun Show on April 18th and 19th.

Reloading Classes

- My reloading classes are now underway, with space for two students per session. I strive to accommodate both those available during the week and those who can only attend in the evenings, as my weekends are reserved for PAL and RPAL classes. If you're interested, send me an email, and I'll schedule you alongside another student based on your availability.

Save the date

- The CFGA banquet will be held on April 26th. For more information, please visit <https://calgaryfishandgame.com/tickets/>

Upcoming RPAL Class

- I still have some open seats for an RPAL class this coming Saturday, 1st March. If you're interested, reserve your spot at www.myguns.ca/bookings

Referral Bonus

- Don't forget—every successful referral to one of my classes earns you a gift card to Friends Café!