

MYGUNS NEWSLETTER



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And the winners are..

Thank you to all those who participated in the survey and prize draw I sent out two weeks ago. As promised, here are the winners:

First Place - Gerber Hunting Knife : Titus Wurtz
Second Prize - Browning Folding Knife : Bennet Halpin
Third Prize - Cabala's firearms sling : Lucas Maendel



My Hunting trip

As some of you know, I went to Mayersthorp. Alberta, last week, for a European Hog hunt. I was joined by two friends, Nardus and Rosco.

The hunt was well organized and led by two great outfitters. This little piggy weighed in at 220lb.

I was most surprised by the landscape and vegetation - in a relative small hunting area, it spanned from brush, to swamp to forest. It took us a whole day to track down two of these monsters. I have already started contacting friends to join me next year - this time I will go with my compound bow...

Shotguns Part 2 - shot

How to read and understand the shot in a shotgun shell.

The shot inside a shotgun shell are the round pellets and, depending on the size, will also determine the number of shot/pellets that will fit inside the shell. Think about how many small marbles vs golf balls or tennis balls you can fit in a bucket. It will take almost twice the number of golf balls to fill up a bucket than the number of tennis balls. The diameter of the individual pellets determines the size or number of the shot. Shot sizes are standardized to ensure consistency in performance, and they are measured in either inches or millimeters.

The shot sizes are designated by a number, with smaller numbers indicating a larger pellet diameters. For example, the #1 shot has larger pellets than the #9 shot. Therefore, there will be fewer pellets in a #1 shell than in a #9 shell. These shot numbers from #9 to #1 will range from .08" to .16". There is also the "Letter" shot, identified by letters like B, BB, BBB, T, TT and F. Their shot will range from .17" to .22" in diameter. When it comes to the larger shot, the shot is referred to as **Buck Shot**. These pellets can range from .24" to .36" in diameter.

The most common shot is manufactured in lead or steel, but you also get tungsten and bismuth. Lead shot was banned in **waterfowl hunting** in 1991.

The typical shot I use for different purposes are as follows:

#8 and #9 Lead shot - Skeet, trap and sporting clays target shooting.
#5 and #6 Lead shot - Upland bird hunting for pheasants and partridge.
#3 and #4 steel shot - Waterfowl hunting for ducks and geese.

I believe, in the near future, we will not see **lead** shot anymore...



Newsflash

Just a quick update on some upcoming events:
MyGuns CFSC / PAL Course - Saturday 15th June (one seat left)
MyGuns CRFSC / RPAL Course - Saturday 22nd June
Introduction to rifle scopes, combined with Introduction of hunting in Alberta Course - Wednesday 26th June
Entering your hunting draws on albertarelm.com - CLOSING DATE is 20th JUNE
Fort McCleod Gun Show - 15-16th June, Fort MacLeod and District Sports Complex
Also check out AHEIA and Calgary Fish & Game websites for their events.
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