



2019 Cowboy Mounted Shooting Canadian Champions



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Welcome to our sixth annual “Catalogue of Champions” showcasing our season leaders and the champions of our third annual “Canadian Finals Shoot”! Congratulations to all the Shooters who have won their respective classes both over the season and at the finals shoot.

We would like to thank the Sponsors and Show Committees for their contributions and hard work for a successful 2019 season. Thank you to all our shooters who have stepped up to contribute their time and effort planning, setting up and finding sponsorship to complete our 2019 catalogue.

Our 2019 season was another year of exciting developments with mounted shooting in Canada, with our smaller clubs continuing to grow and the clubs continuing to partner with new show committees and hosting events. The Mounted Shooters of Canada in partnership with the Canadian Cowboy Mounted Shooter Association, hosted our third Canadian Finals Shoot in Red Deer, AB, which was a successful event with 90 horses competing. Due to uncertainty with COVID regulations, the 2020 finals had to be cancelled. Watch our social media feeds for more information regarding the 2021 Canadian Finals!

If you are a new shooter or committee member looking for information please give anyone of the clubs (on back cover) a call.

Good Luck, Ride Hard, Shoot Straight

The Mounted Shooters of Canada Committee



Cowboy Mounted Shooting is one of the fastest growing and most exciting equestrian sports in the world. Combining the skills of barrel racing, pole bending and reining with the elements of Wild West Show exhibition shooting with two .45 caliber single action revolvers and black powder blanks. Mounted shooting is a sport where the competitor shoots ten balloon targets while riding their mount through one of 70+ challenging courses. This a timed sport in which the competitor who rides the fastest with the least amount of missed targets, wins.

This sport is open to all levels of rider and all breeds of equine. Each Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) member enters the sport in their respective class (Ladies, Mens, Senior Ladies, Senior Mens) as a level 1, moving up through a possible 6 levels as a prescribed number of qualifying competition wins are achieved. When a rider gets a qualified win as a Level 1 four times, they advance to Level 2, and when they get a qualified win in Level 2 four times, they advance to Level 3. Four wins at Level 3 and on to Level 4, 5 wins at Level 4, etc. This system of classes with levels, allows for the success of riders with a wide range of skill and experience. In Canada, there are three classes for those under the age of 17, using cap guns. The number of points for each event varies and can accumulate to offer members year-end awards, prizes and contest entries.

Canadian Finals Overall Man

Lucas Thiessen - RM of Wolverine

From the land of Wolverine, this homely looking hombre is one of a kind. His Crooked nose and quick to laugh attitude often leave people in awe (of something?). His love of guns and good horses has kept him travelling the last years, in search of great donuts and good arenas to ride in. Unless he founders himself, he'll keep competing in the sport he loves!

Riding - FQH Smokinboonsmal

Mae as we know her, has been in the family since she was born. Coming out of the Frehlick Quarter horses breeding program, managed by my father. She was gun broke as a 3yr old and never looked back. Athletic, calm and cool but explosive, effortless speed make this horse my favorite everyday all day!



What type of guns are used?

Mounted Shooters use .45 caliber single action revolvers as required by CMSA rules. Single action revolvers must be cocked each time before firing by drawing the hammer back. Despite the use of double action revolvers in the Old West, the CMSA limits our competitions to single action revolvers. Only fixed sight single action revolvers of .45 Colt caliber, designed prior to 1898, or reproductions thereof, shall be allowed in CMSA competitions. Reproductions of these original firearms are numerous (Colts, Ruger Vaqueros, Taylors, Smith & Wesson, Remingtons, and others). New shooters are often surprised at the learning curve involved in using these firearms. Many competitors enjoy putting an individual stamp on their pistols with engraving and decorative grips, each swearing that their gun maker is best!



Reserve Man

Chris Epp - Rosthern, SK

Since starting shooting in 2013 I became instantly hooked. There's not much more fun than running full speed on your horse, while shooting guns. Everyone in the shooting world is awesome and always willing to help. It's a great family sport that I get to do with my two boys and wife.

Riding - Mayday

Fire BeDash or Mayday as I call him, is an 8-year-old quarter horse that I started shooting on 2 years ago. Mayday took to shooting faster than I did.



Canadian Finals Overall Lady



Lisa McKenzie – Breton, AB

Oilfield Electrician at Mustang Controls. In the past, I was an avid English rider and International Mounted Games competitor. I started shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. In 2019, I was privileged to have two great horses, Pebbles and Kapri, that helped me achieve the Canadian Ladies Hi-Point Champion and win the 2019 Canadian Finals Ladies Overall title. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year long.

Riding - Pebbles (Quixotes Smart Pine) - 11 yr old Chestnut AQHA Mare

Pebbles is my sassy little red mare, standing just under 14HH. She is gritty and has a huge heart, making her the best teammate I could ask for.

Kapri - 10 yr old Paint X Arab

In 2019, Kapri transformed from a mountain horse to mounted shooting horse. He stepped up his game in the arena and was a great asset to our team!

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Reserve Lady

Heather McKenzie - Leduc, AB

I have been mounted shooting for 6 years and love the sport and the people in it. I am fortunate that I get to do this sport with my friends and family. One of my favorite accomplishments was traveling to Amarillo and winning the L4 world championship. I initially came from a show jumping background before making the switch to western riding. When I am not in the arena I enjoy getting outdoors and heading to the mountains.

Riding - Lola

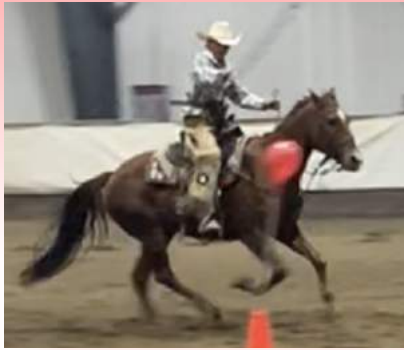
Lola is a 7 year old AQHA mare. She is a spunky little mare with a big heart and lots of personality. Lola loves mounted shooting, trail rides in the mountains, and working cattle.



Junior Wrangler

Junior Wrangler Champion - Travis Steed

It was a great weekend for my final runs as a wrangler. This last season has really set me up for a good first season as a M1. Looking forward to great runs with a little more boom to my shots. This has been an enjoyable and challenging sport for me and I will be shooting as much as possible. My horse and I are looking forward to next season and plan to give it our all.



Junior Wrangler Reserve - Wesley Steed

I like to go fast. And look good doing it. So far mounted shooting has been everything I wanted except loud. I like to win, however it seemed prudent to let the older brother win his last finals as a wrangler. I look forward to next years competition and starting up a new horse this coming spring. Thank you mounted shooting for giving me this opportunity and watch out for me in the coming years.



What about the kids? Do the kids ride and shoot?

Due to the gun laws laid out in the Canadian Firearms Act, our wranglers are organized differently than our US partners who are able to ride and shoot from age 12. In Canada, a youth cannot handle a restricted firearm without direct (within arms reach) supervision of an individual with a restricted firearms license until they are 18 years of age. The riders in the Wrangler class ride the same patterns as the adults, but they shoot Hollywood cap pistols, engaging each target as if they were shooting real blanks.

At this time our Canadian clubs are using three wrangler classes. The first class focusing on the youngest wranglers or newer riders that are not yet able to ride on their own. These wranglers are allowed to be on a lead line which makes it very exciting for even the three year old's who want to compete like mom and dad. The second class is designed for kids, 12 years and under, who can ride well enough to maneuver the patterns by themselves, handling the challenge of riding and shooting a cap gun.

The final class, focuses on the wranglers who are competent riders and are able to maneuver the course by themselves while shooting their cap gun. This group has a second phase to their competition, shooting the real guns (.45's with blanks) from the ground while standing stationary beside a range master. They shoot 10 balloons that are placed in a semicircle on the balloon stands. Giving the wranglers the opportunity to ground shoot develops their skills for when they are ready to go big time on their 18th birthday.

The Canadian Clubs work very closely with the various Chief Firearms Offices to build a program all can mirror. Our wranglers are our future superstars, and we strive to get them involved in the sport as much as we can within the parameters that our laws allow.

Novice Wrangler

Novice Wrangler Champion - Brooke Muhr

I am 14 years old and I started Cowboy Mounted Shooting in 2019 after purchasing my new horse Vegas. After winning my very first shoot I knew I was going to love this new sport. 2019 was a great year for me, learning lots and becoming a Canadian Champion. Vegas and I enjoy Cowboy Mounted Shooting, barrel racing and horse shows. I also love to dance, and I compete in several competitions in four different styles of music. I enjoy hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. I live on a farm near Odessa where I help raise goats, donkeys, cattle and buffalo.



Novice Wrangler Reserve - Lukas Gilbert

Lukas had a great year. He started the year out with his horse Tim but switched mid-way through. Sabre and Lukas clicked and are now getting faster and faster. 2019 Canadian Finals he was your reserve champion. Lukas said he loves to go to every shoot and hang out with his shooting friends. His goals for the future are to win Finals and season overall as well as training his colt Duke to be a shooting horse.



Finals Open Shotgun Champion



Holly Schuk - Vermilion, AB

I grew up in BC on a cattle ranch with my parents and five sisters. I started competitions at a young age with gymkana's and rodeos. This sport was a great fit for me as I grew up watching every black and white western out there with my grandpas. I enjoy the challenge of competition and am ever striving to improve my skills.

Riding - Paint

Just a 19 year old paint gelding that doesn't know the meaning of quit and has his own special personality to go with it! During college rodeo he was my rope horse, taking me to a lot of wins and still does. I am always surprised at how he loves this game as he hated barrels and pole bending (my knees show it, haha).

Open Shotgun Reserve

Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

Jean and I run a cow/calf outfit north of Vermilion. The shotgun class is a great place to work on an extra horses or two.. and of course, you can win a little as you go along, all the better.

Riding - Sonny

I have been working on a 12 years old dun gelding called Sonny. We have had our challenges but seem to be improving as we go along.



Double Barrel Shotgun

Commonly called a coachgun

Finals Limited Shotgun Champion



Curtis Clausen - Yellowhead County , Alberta

It is a great feeling to pull my shotgun, round the top barrel, drop the reins and head for the finish line. It is one of my favourite events to compete in and it was a great year for my horse Noose to learn his job. I look forward to seeing what the 2020 season brings!

Riding - Tazz

Tazz is a spunky 14-year-old quarter horse cross. Curtis has been shooting off for the past several years before turning him over to me. Tazz has made a few trips to worlds with both of us and Curtis used him in Vegas this year, where he and Curtis won the limited shotgun and the M2 Class. He is a solid horse for both of us that is tough and will keep going and going.

Finals Limited Shotgun Reserve

Tyson Steed - Creston, BC

I had a great time my first full year of shooting. The extra months of practice gave me the edge on my old man, and I was able to steal first from him this year. Looking forward to more great years ahead.

Riding - Pepsi

My super reliable horse, Pepsi, has made this sport a rewarding one. While my favorite beverage has evolved into a slightly different blue color, Pepsi and I will remain a team.



Finals Open Rifle Champion

Cain Quam - Kendal, SK

Cain has been a professional horse trainer and clinician for over 30 years, specializing in mounted shooting horses since 2012. Cains' motto is "where you and your horse find success".

Riding - Pistol

Pistol is a 9 year old gelding. He was 5th in the world in open shotgun in 2016. He was open shotgun champion in Canada in 2018 and open rifle champ in Canada in 2019. Pistol loves his job and tries hard every time. He's super handy and a lot of fun to ride



Open Rifle Reserve

Mark Hallink - The Blue Mountains, Ontario, Canada.

I feel truly fortunate that I have been able to participate in and enjoy this great sport, as well as hang out with such a great group of people in Canada and the USA. Even the Western Canadians aren't too bad, once you get to know them. I'd also like to give a big thanks to my wife Alice and my horse Jesse for putting up with me for another year! My 2019 successes include: 2019 Canadian SM6 High Point Champion, 2019 SM6 Canadian Finals Champion, 2019 Cavalry World Champion, 2019 AQHA Congress SM6 Champion, 2019 AQHA Open Rifle Champion and 2019 OCMSA Men's High Point Champion.

Riding - Holi Sly Quixote (Jesse)

Jesse and I have really enjoyed traveling the US and Canada in 2019.



1873 Winchester

Common Mounted Shooting Rifle

Finals Limited Rifle Champion



Matthew Neilson - Innisfree, AB

This was my third year of mounted shooting, and second year in the rifle division. Coming into Canadian Finals the pressure was on. Currently sitting first in rifle points in Canada and looking to keep it that way on a new horse was a challenge but we managed to hold it together with two sweet rifle stages!

Riding - Ace

Ace is 14-year-old quarter horse who loves to win, there's no half throttle on this guy which can make shooting a rifle off him challenging at best. Luckily Ace has a willingness to please and when it's time to make those sharp turns you better be hanging on because he isn't slowing down. I purchased Ace this fall and after some trial and error getting to know each other it's looking like a match made in heaven for the 2020 season.

Finals Limited Rifle Reserve

Tyler Donaldson - Looma, Alberta

My horse Ford and I were able to accomplish a few goals this season. We moved up to Men's level 3. We were also able to get three Overall wins. But I'd have to say laying down a 9 second rifle run was definitely my biggest highlight.

Riding - Stylishn Smart (Ford)

Ford is a 10 year old Quarter Horse gelding.



Finals Class Winners

L1 Champion - Kristen Wiens

2019 was my 3rd year in mounted shooting with my horse Blitz and I am fortunate enough to have my 3 daughters compete alongside me. I had a great last year in ladies level 1, receiving Canadian finals class winner, season class winner and SCMSA season class winner. We traveled to many shoots this year, met new people, reunited with the old ones, we are very lucky to call the people in this sport family. Every year takes a lot of hard work and a lot of practices, every run is so rewarding.



L1 Reserve - Christa Goll

2019 was mine and Lady's second full year of competition in mounted shooting. I was introduced to the sport by my Mom, and my 2 daughters have been involved for about 5 years. Being able to be on the road and competing with my girls is so rewarding. The friendship, people, food, and memories have made a huge impact on our lives. I have been involved in a few different equine sports, and this one definitely has its grip on us.



L2 Champion - Julia Steed

I have enjoyed another great year riding, shooting and camping. I started the year as a L1, my first win as a L2 just happened to be at the Canadian Finals. I love the support and genuine congratulations from my amazing competitors as a L2. My horse, Tim, and I hope to have many more good runs, as well as begin starting up a new competition horse. Thank you to everyone who works tirelessly to make this sport a reality, it really is my childhood dream come true.



L2 Reserve - Devon Pieffer

My mare Bailey and I were both new to the sport. I really started competitively shooting in 2018. I am so grateful to be surrounded by an amazing group of people that are so willing to share their knowledge and support. This is truly an adopted family. I couldn't have gotten this far without the support of my family, friends and my trusty steed (even though she's had her own opinion a few times). We're aiming for an even better year in 2020!



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L3 Champion - Jill Donaldson

Turquoise lover, cowboy boot fanatic and drinker of the mountain wind. Mom to Paisley (6) & Cash (4). Started competing in 2017. Nothing is quite as refreshing as cranking out a shotgun run in a skirt and corset. I love the horsemanship of this sport and owe so much to my amazing horses who truly are my wings. Huge thanks to my incredible husband for being the best traveling partner a girl could ask for.



L3 Reserve - Marissa Epp

I am a mother of 2 boys, owner and financial advisor at Epp Financial. I have been shooting for 4 years, and so enjoy every aspect of this sport. I travel down the road with my husband and 2 boys and am active in the barrel racing pen when I'm not shooting. My current mount is Twister, a 13-year-old, jack of all trades. He is quick, catty and just plain wonderful.



Finals Class Winners

L4 Champion - Lisa McKenzie

Oilfield Electrician at Mustang Controls. In the past, I was an avid English rider and International Mounted Games competitor. I started shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. In 2019, I was privileged to have two great horses, Pebbles and Kapri, that helped me achieve the Canadian Ladies Hi-Point Champion and win the 2019 Canadian Finals Ladies Overall title. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year long.



L4 Reserve - Heather McKenzie

I have been mounted shooting for 6 years and love the sport and the people in it. I am fortunate that I get to do this sport with my friends and family. One of my favorite accomplishments was traveling to Amarillo and winning the L4 world championship. I initially came from a show jumping background before making the switch to western riding. When I am not in the arena I enjoy getting outdoors and heading to the mountains.



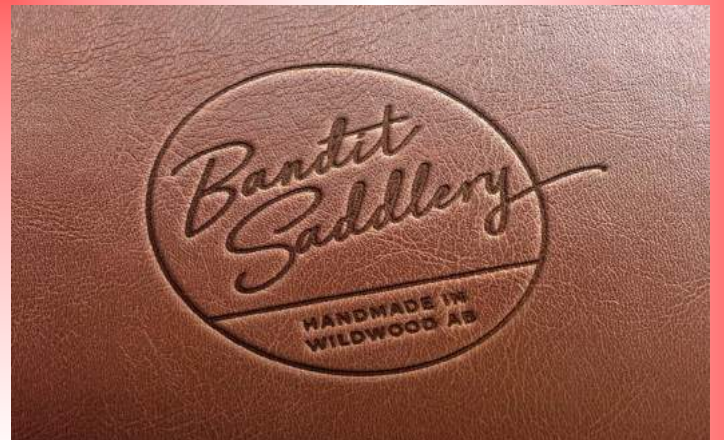
L6 Champion - Alice Hallink

I enjoy cowboy mounted shooting because of the people involved in the sport and the traveling to different parts of the county, both in Canada and in the US. I have met so many wonderful people all over North America. However, I'm most lucky to have met my husband, Mark, in this sport. With his support, I have accomplished many wins and have achieved a pro status. This year I become a CMSA Professional Horse Trainer, have conducted several clinics, and was proud to ride a client's horse in the CMSA Futurity.



SL1 Champion - Debra Rowney

My husband Dennis and I farm in Madden, AB. I work off the farm for Correctional Services Canada. I started this adventure 6 years ago. I have gone through 3 horses and a back injury. Finally, with Bella (horse #4) we made it here in 2019. It's the shooters that make this sport so wonderful. Win or lose, I love the game, the friendships made, and thankful for my husband, the best hand around.



SL2 Champion - Darlene Brittain

I have successfully competed in numerous equestrian events; training every horse I have ever competed on from scratch. In 2015, I watched a mounted shooting practice and knew this was a sport I just wanted to try. I then took a beginner mounted shooting clinic and competed a bit in 2015 and 2016. My gelding, Drifter and I returned to the shooting pen in 2019 having a very successful year. Highlights of year was winning our Division at the Ponoka Canadian Cla\$\$ic, moving up a level, and winning the Canadian Finals.



SL2 Reserve - Leslie Norrie

Mounted shooting is a fun, challenging and sometimes frustrating sport with some exceptionally kind and wonderful people! My awesome horse Bo, has done his part like the pro he is from the beginning. We started shooting in 2016 and have suffered set-backs, and enjoyed successes. 2019 season was satisfying.....winning CCMSA and AMSA season leader; reserve MSC finals and Canadian High Point.....it's coming together!



Finals Class Winners

SL3 Champion - Tamara Berezay

I am from Magrath in southern Alberta. I live on the Two Bit Ranch with my husband, Josh and two daughters, Montana and Nevada. Have the love of shooting from my Dad who was an avid handgun guy. Have been shooting since 2009 and this is my first big win after taking a few years off to raise my family. Thanks to my pal Tammy Billingsley for training my amazing horses Jake and Tri, they truly make the sport so much fun for me. My family raise bucking bulls and we enjoy the western lifestyle. In the words of a fella I learned a lot from "watch em pop".



SL3 Reserve - Barbara Munn

The paybacks to Mounted shooting are rich in relationships, connection with my horses and extreme gratification as I push past obstacles, personal limitations and develop a new confidence to keep striving forward. It's keeping up to the fast pace, the required mental awareness and physical agility. This sport takes fearless determination, a sharp focused mind, planned movements, and strategic planning on pattern lines. It totally Rocks my world.



SL4 Champion - Twyla Stuckey

2019 has been a great year mounted shooting for myself and my 12-year-old quarter horse mare Libby. I started shooting, along with my husband Gene, in 2012. I have been fortunate to have had some wonderful equine partners that have helped get me to the SL4 level. I work part time as a medical billing secretary, and we run a cattle/horse operation in central Alberta. Mounted shooting is a great way to spend a weekend with like-minded friends and family.



SL4 Reserve - Gail Cook

I attended my first CMSA shoot at the Calgary Stampede in 2008, where I won my first buckle and I've been hooked on the sport ever since. A couple of highlights for me....2014 Canadian Ladies High Point Overall and 2015 SL3 class winner at Worlds in Amarillo. For the last 25 years, I've done leatherwork at our home near Bentley, Alberta. Lee and I are very grateful to be able to compete and travel to shoots, and it's always gratifying to see so many shooters across Canada and the US using holsters, chaps and chinks from the Leather Loft.



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Finals Class Winners

M1 Champion - Tyson

Steed I had a great time my first full year of shooting. The extra months of practice gave me the edge on my old man, and I was able to steal first from him this year. My super reliable horse, Pepsi, has made this sport a rewarding one. While my favorite beverage has evolved into a slightly different blue color, Pepsi and I will remain a team. Looking forward to more great years ahead.



M1 Reserve - Brigham

Steed It was an exciting and interesting year. My son Tyson competed as a M1 and we enjoyed challenging each other. I am proud to share the top M1 spots with him again this year. I am sure he will keep challenging me and more than likely beat me most of the time. I still enjoy getting out and shooting whenever I can.



M2 Champion - Curtis Clausen

I started shooting over 10 years ago and I really enjoy the challenges that the sport has to offer. This past year I am thankful for my horses (Tazz & Noose) and my supportive travelling partner that I get to make memories with as we go down the road to these shoots. It was a great year with a successful trip to Las Vegas for the 2019 CMSA Western US Championships and great times at the MSC Canadian Finals. Many thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and associations that keep the competitions going in Canada.



M2 Reserve - Darren Stoneman

Been shooting for 6 years. Karrie and I along with our two boys, Corbyn and Blake, run a cow/calf operation in Rumsey, AB. I also work in the Oil and Gas industry as a field operator in the Big Valley, AB. Had a good year shooting with my horse Ace. We won overall at the Ponoka Classic Shoot. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends at the shoots this summer.



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Finals Class Winners

M3 Champion - Chris Epp

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M3 Reserve - Markus Hofer

Working full-time in the oil and gas industry, and ride horses and colts part time. Last year was an exciting time I bought a young horse for a backup horse to shoot off he has excelled in mounted shooting. 2020 will be an exciting year, looking forward to it.



M4 Champion - Lucas Thiessen

I might look like a hobo, but over the years I've tried to become an intellect of sorts. The people I work with might say otherwise, but I spent most of my working time terrorizing them. If you're working and not having fun, what are you doing? On that note, if you want a fun place to work where your crazy side is appreciated and expected, give me a shout!



M5 Champion - Cain Quam

Cain has been a professional horse trainer and clinician for over 30 years, specializing in mounted shooting horses since 2012. Cain's motto is "where you and your horse find success". 77 is a 9 year old gelding. He was 8th overall at the world finals in 2016. When his rider does his job, 77 is unbeatable. He loves to run and gives his all 100% of the time.



SM1 Champion - Harold Vegter

Started going to shooting practice with my two-year-old horse, Jack. I thought we could learn the sport together. Due to a foot injury Jack had sustained, we had to take a year off and started competing in 2017. Jack has done an amazing job taking us to this point. Hope to keep improving my shooting skills so we can compete at higher levels.



SM1 Reserve - Gerald Piefer

This was my second year of shooting, trying to put it all together from my first shoot until now. My daughter was my driving force. Along the way I've met some amazing people & supporters. My first year was quite the experience, shooting like John Wayne as Linda McKenzie told me & then in the second year Brenda Sapergia told me to sit down, straight arm & follow the balloon. Positive attitude, trying harder & better influence is advice from Orin Sands & Doug Wickham. To these five people I owe the gratitude to make this dream come true. I am looking forward to 2020 with my new horse Heat. See ya at 2020 Championships!



SM2 Champion - Micheal Morris

Currently live on a 1/4 section ranch in Beaverlodge, Ab with my wife Barb. I have enjoyed raising our children in a horse environment to various equine activities over the years. My dad shared his knowledge & experiences working with & training horses, which fueled the desire in me. I enjoy working with young horses. My current shooting horse is Dillion, although a bit quirky, he & I are on the way to becoming a team. 2019 has been good to us moving up through the ranks & achieving goals. Barb & I are working to promote mounted shooting in the GP & northern area. Looking forward to the challenges of 2020 to renew old friendships & to create new within the mounted shooting community.



SM2 Reserve - Stan Waddell

I have had a great season again this year, it started when I purchased Leddy in October from Curt Moore, her and I have never looked back. I am proud to be the Canadian high point champion for SM2 for the 2019 season. I have had many highlights this summer, along the way I won double down in Tunica Mississippi, winning Vernon Texas and finishing in the top 10 in the world standing for SM2. I want to thank all the shoot committees for all their hard work putting on great shoots around western Canada. But most of all I want to thank my wife Tracey supporting me while I chase my passion.



Finals Class Winners

SM3 Champion - Allen Watson

I've been doing mounted shooting for several years now and enjoy the sport and people that I have met along the way. This is just something else that I can do with my horses that I truly enjoy. When I am able, I also like to hunt, golf, trail ride, watch sports and rodeo. I have three children, three grandchildren and own an oilfield construction company based in Stettler.



SM3 Reserve - Zane Zielke

I've been mounted shooting for six years with one year off. Monty is an eleven-year-old quarter horse who is my main horse and started mounted shooting with me in 2014. We had a good year in 2019 with loads of fun and AMSA Sr Mens 3 Champion, Canadian Reserve Sr Mens 3, and World Reserve Sr Incentive Limited.



SM4 Champion - Duncan MacMillan

I began shooting 10 years ago. Jean and I have a cow/calf outfit at Vermilion. We have a son and daughter and three energetic grandchildren. All are involved in the horse world. SM4 has been a fun class with tough competition and a up and down year. I just got lucky at the end!



SM4 Reserve - Terry Jarrett

Retired horse trainer. My wife & I started shooting in 2012. This year our daughter joined in the sport. It is an awesome family sport.



SM5 Reserve - Lee Stuckey

2 times CMSA World and multiple Canadian class championships. Gail and I were only able to attend six shoots this year, although we still had a pretty good year of Mounted Shooting. We were busy with family and also did a little sight seeing this year without the horses. Banker, my shooting partner is progressing quite well and I hope to enjoy another successful year in 2020.



SM5 Reserve - Gene Stuckey

Retired from rodeo and welding I have enjoyed the sport of mounted shooting. It has been a year of working on young horses and keeping my main shooting horse Trigger performing well. My wife and I started shooting in 2012 and really enjoy the sport and the friendships we have made. Looking after cattle and riding horses is my full-time job on our ranch in central Alberta.



SM6 Champion - Mark Hallink

From The Blue Mountains, Ontario, Canada. Jesse and I have really enjoyed traveling the US and Canada in 2019. I feel truly fortunate that I have been able to participate in and enjoy this great sport, as well as hang out with such a great group of people in Canada and the USA. I'd also like to give a big thanks to my wife Alice and my horse Jesse for putting up with me for another year! My 2019 successes include: Canadian SM6 High Point Champion, SM6 Canadian Finals Champion, Cavalry World Champion, AQHA Congress SM6 Champion, AQHA Open Rifle Champion and OCMSA Men's High Point Champion.



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All Around Lady Champions

Lisa McKenzie

&

Holly Schuk



All Around Man Champion

Cain Quam

Eliminator Results

Limited Ladies Division

1. Lesley Farkash
2. Tamara Berezay
3. Bobbie Wallace

Limited Men's Division

1. Chris Epp
2. Markus Hofer
3. Stan Waddell

Open Ladies Division

1. Lisa McKenzie
2. Heather McKenzie
3. Holly Schuk

Open Men's Division

1. Lucas Thiessen
2. Dwayne Savage
3. Mark Hallink

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Double Down Results

Division A Ladies

1. Kristy Thiessen
2. Kyla Quirring

Division AA Ladies

1. Heather McKenzie
2. Holly Schuk

Division AAA Ladies

1. Alice Hallink

Division A Men's

1. Stan Waddell
2. Curtis Clausen

Division AA Men's

1. Lucas Thiessen
2. Chris Epp

Division AAA Men's

1. Cain Quam
2. Lee Stuckey

Senior Incentive Results

Limited Ladies Division

1. Tamara Berezay
2. Barbara Munn
3. Darlene Brittain

Open Ladies Division

1. Gail Cook
2. Sherry Wallace

Limited Men's Division

1. Zane Zielke
2. Kevin Wenger
3. Shawn Stuckey

Open Men's Division

1. Lee Stuckey
2. Dwayne Savage
3. Gene Stuckey



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What is the Eliminator? The Double Down? The Senior Incentive? The All Around?

These are all additional events that the competitors can enter much like the rifle or shotgun classes. The **Eliminator** is an event where three rounds are run. As the name implies, in each round only the top riders advance to the next round, until in the last round the fastest time takes the win. The competitors are split into four groups by gender and class (Limited - classes 1, 2 and 3 and Open - classes 4, 5 and 6). The **Double Down** is a class where the rider enters to make a single run for the prize; however, the competitor must qualify to make the run. Competitors qualify by completing the main event of the shoot within the top ten of their respective group. In this event the competitors are split into six groups based on level and gender. This class is named due to the nature of the second entry fee. The **Senior Incentive** is similar to the double down as the riders have to qualify during the main event of the shoot to run for the prize; however, as the name implies, this event is exclusive to the senior competitors. The event uses the same split as the eliminator. The **All Around** prize is awarded based on the competitors' performance in multiple events. The cowboy and cowgirl that earns the most points in multiple events are the All Around Champions.



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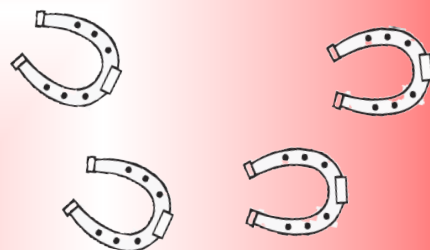
Want to get involved in Mounted Shooting?

Here are some commonly asked questions and information to get you started.

Currently in Canada there are nine mounted shooting clubs spread across BC, AB, SK, MN and ON (please see back cover for locations and website/page links). All clubs hold practices throughout the year, and may host clinics for beginners and/or advanced riders.

The Canadian Firearms Act states that every competitor is required to hold a valid Restricted Possessions and Acquisition Licence (RPAL) and the Authorization to Transport (ATT) in order to participate and travel with firearms to and from shoot related destinations. Visit <http://www.firearmstraining.ca> for more information on firearms courses, licencing, traveling with guns and other related information. Additional information may be found on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police website by searching "Canadian Firearms Safety Course" or using the link; http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/safe_sur/cour-eng.htm.

This quickly growing equine sport is very welcoming to new/prospective competitors. Check-out Mounted Shooting at your local club!



Are there clothing requirements?

Yes. It is required that you dress western. Cowboy Mounted Shooting has two choices of dress requirements. Competitors may choose to dress in Traditional style or Old-time style clothing. Traditional attire includes: 5 pocket blue jeans, long sleeve western shirt, cowboy hat (or helmet), western boots and chinks/chaps. Accessories such as western vest and wild rag are also allowed. Some competitors choose to "roll back the clock" and dress in the authentic style of the late 1800's. Old time attire includes: long sleeve shirts without collars, high-waisted pants (buttons instead of zippers), western hat and boots. Ladies may wear long skirts or split riding skirts, tops with varied sleeve length and perhaps a corset. No matter the style of choice, competitors display their individuality in the interesting pieces they wear.



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How are runs scored?

Riders are scored on time and accuracy. The size of arena impacts the way a course can/cannot be set up; however, a typical pattern may be run in 15 to 35 seconds. Numerous penalties may occur and therefore add time to the run. (Missed balloons or a dropped gun add 5 seconds each; running a pattern incorrectly adds 10 seconds; falling off your horse - Yes this happens! - adds 60 seconds.) Speed is important but penalties can really hurt a fast run, so 'clean is queen'!

What about safety?

Mounted Shooting diligently focuses on horse, rider and firearm safety. Horses new to the sport are introduced to gunfire slowly and with respect for the equine partner. Riders are encouraged to compete within the limitations of their riding skills. Gun safety is always priority, and any carelessness with firearms can result in immediate disqualification. A safety meeting precedes each shooting event, reminding competitors of safety procedures. Trained Range Masters are in arena at all times during competition coordinating safe balloon changes, recovery of dropped guns and assisting riders as needed.

What about gun leather?

Gun leather, the holsters, can be purchased ready built or custom made. It is very interesting to look at the wide variety of holsters used by mounted shooters. Some competitors choose 'off-the-shelf' replica gun belts, while others have specific and unique designs made by one of many custom makers. The various styles fit different body types, color choices and left/right handedness.

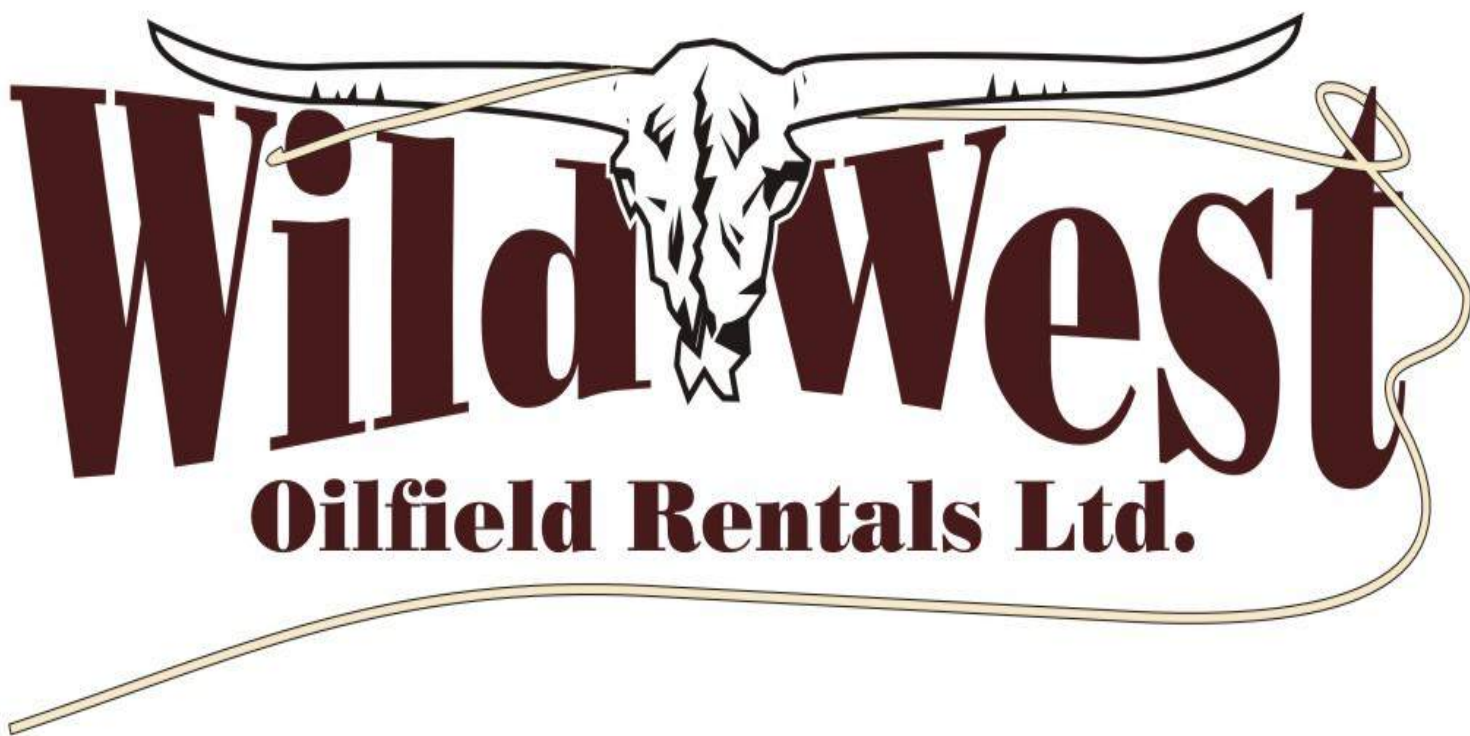
Are there horse requirements like breed, or registration?

Competitors may choose any breed of horse or mule; registered and grade equine are welcome; size and sex also have no limitations. However, it is imperative that adequate training be undertaken before engaging in mounted shooting competition. The mounts need to display the appropriate temperament as well as athletic abilities for running, turning and navigating the courses. Most riders use earplugs and their equine partners may also. A well broke horse from other equine disciplines may make the transition into mounted shooting well.



Ammunition ... What is used?

There is no live ammunition used in Mounted Shooting. That means no lead projectiles are shot; in fact, live rounds are strictly prohibited at competitions. The .45 caliber cartridges are filled with black powder (similar to that used in the 1800's). This burning black powder, ideally fired 15 to 20 feet from balloon, is what breaks the balloon targets.



Canadian Season Overall Man



Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

Jean and I run a cow/calf outfit north of Vermilion. We have been trying to cut back on numbers to allow more time to shoot, however it's a hard decision to make. Our sport is wonderful, old friends, new friends and new competitors. It just keeps getting better but can be a lot of hard work to stay in the running. MacMillan Ranch is proud to sponsor the Canadian Rookie Award. I started helping new shooters and the satisfaction has been one of the untold benefits of this sport.

Riding - Dually

My main match horse is a little 14.2 hand brown gelding, a previous cutting horse called Dually. Fun to ride and lots of speed.



Reserve Man

Matthew Neilson - Innisfree, AB

I set out this season with one goal in mind, winning high overall for Canada. This plan came to me after placing second at the world finals in 2018 and feeling that I owed it to my horse "Bugs" to get him a champion title he deserved. This was my third year of mounted shooting and I had developed the skills and bond with my horse that it was now doable. We started the season out strong with an overall win in BC at our first competition of the year, which gave us the boost we needed to win a total of 6 more men's overalls and 4 reserve overalls this season, slowly closing the gap on points for season leader.

Riding - Bugs

Unfortunately, Bugs lost his life to a rapidly spreading infection despite best efforts to save him. Luckily My new horse "Ace" stepped up and helped us maintain our position as reserve overall in Canada. And although we didn't get that champion title we set out for, Bugs was still awarded Horse of the Year by the AMSA, which was an even greater honor.



Canadian Season Overall Lady

Lisa McKenzie – Breton, Alberta

Oilfield Electrician at Mustang Controls. In the past, I was an avid English rider and International Mounted Games competitor. I started shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. In 2019, I was privileged to have two great horses, Pebbles and Kapri, that helped me achieve the Canadian Ladies Hi-Point Champion and win the 2019 Canadian Finals Ladies Overall title. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year long.

Riding - Kapri - 10 yr old Paint X Arab

In 2019, Kapri transformed from a mountain horse to mounted shooting horse. He stepped up his game in the arena and was a great asset to our team! AND; Pebbles (Quixotes Smart Pine) - 11 yr old Chestnut AQHA Mare

Pebbles is my sassy little red mare, standing just under 14HH. She is gritty and has a huge heart, making her the best teammate I could ask for.



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Reserve Lady

Jill Donaldson - Looma, AB

Turquoise lover, cowboy boot fanatic and drinker of the mountain wind. Mom to Paisley (6) & Cash (4). Started competing in 2017. Nothing is quite as refreshing as cranking out a shotgun run in a skirt and corset. I love the horsemanship of this sport and owe so much to my amazing horses who truly are my wings. Huge thanks to my incredible husband for being the best traveling partner a girl could ask for.

Riding - Jack (Star Olena Jack)

Jack is a 13-year-old AQHA gelding. He was started in a cutting barn & I purchased him as a 4-year-old. He is incredibly honest and will run exactly where you ask him. He is a true all around horse and is equally at home in the arena making a shotgun or rifle run as he is traversing switchbacks in the backcountry. His only glitch is a comical fear of goats. I am so lucky to be his human.



Season Shotgun Champion



Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

This is a great place to work on an extra horses or two.. and of course, you can win a little as you go along, all the better. Our sport is wonderful, old friends, new friends and new competitors.

Riding - Sonny

I have been working on a 12 years old dun gelding called Sonny. We have had our challenges but seem to be improving as we go along.

Season Shotgun Reserves

Tyler Donaldson - Looma, Alberta

My horse Ford and I were able to accomplish a few goals this season. We moved up to Men's level 3. We were also able to get three Overall wins. But I'd have to say laying down a 9 second rifle run was definitely my biggest highlight.

Riding - Stylishn Smart (Ford)

Ford is a 10 year old Quarter Horse.



Season Rifle Champion



Matthew Neilson - Innisfail, AB

After trying rifle shooting for the first-time last year I was hooked. This is a high adrenaline fast paced event that really tests your skills both with a horse and a rifle. After lots of winter practice I started to get the hang of it. At my first shoot of the year I had my first ever clean on two stages riffle competition giving me the confidence to keep entering throughout the season.

Riding - Bugs

Bugs is a 17-year-old quarter horse with a heart the size of Texas and made of gold! He took to rifle shooting like a champ. And while he never slowed down for me to make a gun change, he made up for it by running smooth and straight down the rundown every time keeping me right where I needed to be.

Season Rifle Reserve

Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

I can use either horse in the rifle but the dun horse has been my main horse. He's been doing really well for an unseasoned horse. Wonder if its old age catching up to me but happy to end up Reserve champion LOL! Let's see what the 2020 season brings!

Riding - Sonny

I have been working on a 12 years old dun gelding called Sonny. We have had our challenges but seem to be improving as we go along.



2020 Rookie of the Year Amanda McDonald



Amanda was introduced to mounted shooting by her parents, who have been competing for about seven years. In 2018, Amanda attended a clinic that they hosted, it was then that she decided that she wanted to compete in mounted shooting. Having grown up in the reining world where everything was very structured Amanda was drawn to the variety and fun of mounted shooting competition.

For the past 15 yrs. Amanda has been a welder in the oilfield, this job has caused her to have to work away a lot of the time limiting her ability to work and compete with her horses. Amanda described coming home on days off for four days and trying to get a months' worth of riding in. this schedule and a billboard sign, that she drove past for a month before making the call, has encouraged Amanda to return to school for a career path change to be a health care health aid.



In 2019, Amanda bought two young horses, however, neither were ready for competition. Therefore, Amanda was very grateful to be able to borrow the Stoneman's gelding Doc and be able to bring her horse along at his place. Running for Rookie of the Year hadn't been Amanda's original plan but as the summer continued and she seen the prize of a .410 shotgun the competition swept her away and Amanda began working toward being rookie of the year! Amanda loves the thrill of the shotgun class and encourages others to give it a try!



Originally, Amanda was shooting with Rugers but found that she was struggling so when she seen that a fellow shooter had a set of Taylors with the bird's head grip for sale, she jumped at the opportunity buying the guns without trying them. Laughingly, Amanda described her first shoot with the Taylors's as being like Yosemite Sam, shooting everywhere! After practicing with the new guns, she adjusted and now enjoys the lighter guns. In competition there are several people Amanda looks to due to their focus, form and aggression when making a run.

Going forward Amanda has a number of goals one of the

greatest is being a "Mom". Amanda and her significant other are expecting for mid-2020. This has encouraged Amanda to invest time into her young horses Cougar and Trace while she can. She is excited for what their future brings. After having the baby Amanda is hoping to be able to return to riding in time to qualify for the 2020 finals. It is her hope that she will be able to keep moving forward growing her skills in mounted shooting as she enjoys the sport a lot.



Season Class Winners

L1 Champion - Kristen Wiens

2019 was my 3rd year in mounted shooting with my horse Blitz and I am fortunate enough to have my 3 daughters compete alongside me. I had a great last year in ladies level 1, receiving Canadian finals class winner, season class winner and SCMSA season class winner. We traveled to many shoots this year, met new people, reunited with the old ones, we are very lucky to call the people in this sport family. Every year takes a lot of hard work and a lot of practices, every run is so rewarding.



L1 Reserve - Amanda McDonald

2019 was my first-year shooting. A year before that I finally decided to do something fun for me, with horses beside working all the time. It was an amazing experience, with great group of people. I was fortunate enough to use Doc a 14-year-old horse from Stoneman's. The first three shoots were a bit of figuring who was in charge of who. But by the fourth shoot him and I had made head way at home, and the year was a success. Needless to say, this was a year I won't forget. Met an amazing shooting family and had so much fun. Looking forward to next year.



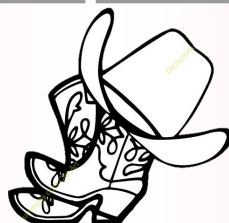
L2 Champion - Kristy Thiessen

2019 was my third year competing in Mounted Shooting. It was a fun year full of travel, great competition, our horses stayed healthy and new lessons learned. My husband, Lucas, and I are from the Humboldt, SK area. I am a massage therapist for 8 years now. Being able to compete together all summer has been the perfect hobby.



L2 Reserve - Julie Saretsky

2019 was my 2nd full year of shooting and it was a big learning year. Over the year I rode three horses Lindy, Tazz and Gator. It seems each shooter goes through situations & moments of "Never ever have I..." and this year, I checked off a few of those boxes. I was fortunate to travel to many shoots in AB, SK, Montana, Las Vegas, Vernon, TX and Worlds in Amarillo, TX with good results. Thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, fellow competitors and my favourite travelling partner, for a memorable 2019 season. Good luck to everyone in 2020!



L3 Champion - Jill Donaldson

Turquoise lover, cowboy boot fanatic and drinker of the mountain wind. Mom to Paisley (6) & Cash (4). Started competing in 2017. Nothing is quite as refreshing as cranking out a shotgun run in a skirt and corset. I love the horsemanship of this sport and owe so much to my amazing horses who truly are my wings. Huge thanks to my incredible husband for being the best traveling partner a girl could ask for.



L3 Reserve - Bobbie Wallace

Logistics and HSE Manager for Thruster Energy Corp. Thank-you to Thruster Energy Corp. for the sponsorship in 2019 & and will continue into 2020. Look forward to an exciting 2020 season.



L4 Champion - Lisa McKenzie

Oilfield Electrician at Mustang Controls. In the past, I was an avid English rider and International Mounted Games competitor. I started shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. In 2019, I was privileged to have two great horses, Pebbles and Kapri, that helped me achieve the Canadian Ladies Hi-Point Champion and win the 2019 Canadian Finals Ladies Overall title. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year long.



L4 Reserve - Heather McKenzie

I have been mounted shooting for 6 years and love the sport and the people in it. I am fortunate that I get to do this sport with my friends and family. One of my favorite accomplishments was traveling to Amarillo and winning the L4 world championship. I initially came from a show jumping background before making the switch to western riding. When I am not in the arena I enjoy getting outdoors and heading to the mountains.



Season Class Winners

L5 Champion - Sarah Harbin

Just love that it's a sport that I can share with my horses as we continue to grow and learn. So enjoyable! I also feel very blessed to share this event with fellow competitors, such an amazing group from all walks of life, who are all such avid learners, generous, compassionate, fun loving people. And I really love watching their horses take care of them out there in the pen, invaluable. Thank you to the communities, organizers, volunteers that hosted events throughout the 2019 season! Thank you, beloved friends, teachers, healers, and family, it means a lot to me that you have all been a part of my team. Love ya.



L6 Champion - Alice Hallink

I enjoy cowboy mounted shooting because of the people involved in the sport and the traveling to different parts of the county, both in Canada and in the US. I have met so many wonderful people all over North America. However, I'm most lucky to have met my husband, Mark, in this sport. With his support, I have accomplished many wins and have achieved a pro status. This year I became a CMSA Professional Horse Trainer, have conducted several clinics, and was proud to ride a client's horse in the CMSA Futurity.



SL1 Champion - Judy Wright

There are tons of people behind winning a buckle; competitions organizers and competitors, despite bumps and bruises – hauling through rain, wind and snow. The fun is laughter behind the gates, comrade around the campfires, everyone cheering you on and your horse giving their all. Some runs are great and some are well, lessons learned. I went down the road a bit more; killed a few more balloons, but I never fool myself, SL1's are fierce competitors. We "chase each other's butts" and that's what keeps us keen! Cheers to my special partner Jasper – he's the one who really won the buckle. Thanks for the great year!



SL1 Champion - Debra Rowney

My husband Dennis and I farm in Madden, AB. I work off the farm for Correctional Services Canada. I started this adventure 6 years ago. I have gone through 3 horses and a back injury. Finally, with Bella (horse #4) we made it here in 2019. There are a handful of shooters who are very special to me, they are instrumental in getting Bella rode and gun broke, helped with everything from tack and teaching me to read and run a pattern. But most importantly this year getting me back on a horse and shooting. Thank you.



SL2 Champion - Tannis Piotrowski

Rancher from Manyberries, Alberta. The ranch is situated along the Milk River in southeastern Alberta. We run 600 head of red angus/ Hereford cross cows on 60,000 acres of short grass prairie. This is my second year of shooting. My horse was injured in mid-July. Purchased a young non shooting horse to finish out the year. He is a complete package: ranch horse, kid broke, and he took to shooting right away.



SL2 Reserve - Leslie Norrie

Coming from a ranching background, I have enjoyed working with broke horses team roping, ranch roping and penning. I first thought shooting would be similar; but discovered that shooting has its own unique challenges...the learning curve can really be humbling. 2019 was a busy season of gun troubles, near-wins as well as successes. I learned important lessons this year: Set clear goals! Steady, stay focused/ positive! Have fun!



SL3 Champion - Barbara Munn

"Running" for Canadian Class High Point is like chasing the thrill of a lifetime. Gathering points equals hours of preparation, travelling the miles, putting in time and energy and continually placing high in the ranks. I was blessed with 3 horse partners that worked very hard to help in this accomplishment. Each shooting event was a lesson learned and experience gathered to fine tune for the year end finals.



SL3 Reserve - Sharron Wickham

2019 was a tough year for Chip and I, but we pushed on. With an atrocious rainy and wet summer season we dealt with health issues most of the summer. Moved up to SL3 in July and finished out the year as CCMSA SL3 Champion, AMSA SL3 Champion, and much to my surprise the AMSA Senior Ladies Overall Champion. Then also ended up the SL3 Season reserve in Canada. Can't wait for 2020 with our amazing Mounted Shooting family.



Season Class Winners

SL4 Champion - Sherry Wallace

Working full time in the oil and gas industry, I have recently opened the doors to my leather shop part time as well. Thirty years in the performance horse industry, excelled in the cutting horse pen and in 2013 began mounted shooting. Currently riding an 8-year-old mare by the name of Ryden Shotgun. This mare was the first of many out of our breeding program and they all seem to have the same mind set and will excel in any discipline.



SL4 Reserve - Gail Cook

I attended my first CMSA shoot at the Calgary Stampede in 2008, where I won my first buckle and I've been hooked on the sport ever since. A couple of highlights for me....2014 Canadian Ladies High Point Overall and 2015 SL3 class winner at Worlds in Amarillo. For the last 25 years, I've done leatherwork at our home near Bentley, Alberta. Lee and I are very grateful to be able to compete and travel to shoots, and it's always gratifying to see so many shooters across Canada and the US using holsters, chaps and chinks from the Leather Loft.



SL5 Champion - Cathy Litvak

Don and I ranch by Big Valley, Alberta and have 7 fantastic grandchildren. I am a co-founder of the first shooting club in Canada in 2006. A win in the SL4 class at CMSA Western U.S. Championship in Las Vegas in 2017 bumped me up to the first SL5 in Canada. I have rode many great horses shooting and this past year PLAY-GUNS LEO SIX, otherwise known as Ned helped me achieve many of my accomplishments in Canada and the United States. Looking forward to a great year in 2020 shooting with an awesome bunch of family and friends!



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Season Class Winners

M1 Champion - Micheal Brochu

I live just east of Grande Prairie in the Kleskun Hills with my wife Lynelle. I look after Bar W/All Peace Petroleum as well as grow hay and raise some longhorn cattle. I started shooting about six years ago and enjoy it more every year! This past year I've been shooting off my mare, Eugene, and things are looking up!



M1 Reserve - Jared Mills

I grew up on a farm near Watson, Saskatchewan. I moved to Regina in 2000 and started my business, Cross Borders Drilling in 2006 after a prolonged adventure in University. I found mounted shooting through an ad for cheap horse board which inevitably led me to Cain Quams' ranch. After some low-pressure sales Cain convinced me to try mounted shooting. I have been shooting for 4 years now, starting with my first horse since I was 15, Juliette and recently graduating to a new horse Lee. Love the sport, love the people. I am super proud of this sport and it's trajectory, I think the clubs are strong and competition is the best in the world.



M2 Champion - Darren Stoneman

Been shooting for 6 years. Karrie and I along with our two boys, Corbyn and Blake, run a cow/calf operation in Rumsey, AB. I also work in the Oil and Gas industry as a field operator in the Big Valley, AB. Had a good year shooting with my horse Ace. We won overall at the Ponoka Classic Shoot. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends at the shoots this summer.



M2 Reserve - Curtis Clausen

I started shooting over 10 years ago and I really enjoy the challenges that the sport has to offer. This past year I am thankful for my horses (Tazz & Noose) and my supportive travelling partner that I get to make memories with as we go down the road to these shoots. It was a great year with a successful trip to Las Vegas for the 2019 CMSA Western US Championships and great times at the MSC Canadian Finals. Many thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and associations that keep the competitions going in Canada.



M3 Champion - Matthew Neilson

This was my third year of mounted shooting, and by far my best. I set out with some pretty ambitious goals, thanks to my friends and my amazing equine partners I was able to accomplish most of them. I traveled to 19 competitions this season chasing the season leader title, and while I fell just short of that, it was still the most fun I've had in my life.



M3 Reserve - Markus Hofer

Working full-time in the oil and gas industry, and ride horses and colts part time. Last year was an exciting time I bought a young horse for a backup horse to shoot off, he has excelled in mounted shooting. 2020 will be an exciting year, I am looking forward to it.



M4 Champion - Lucas Thiessen

I might look tough and ornery but ask my wife and she'll say I'm soft as a teddy bear. I'm lucky to have a great woman who loves travelling the shooting trail as much as I do. We really enjoy getting to visit different areas and meeting new people who are getting involved in the sport.



M4 Reserve - Don Litvak

From Big Valley, Alberta. Owns and operates a ranch together with his wife Cathy and has 7 grandchildren. We also train and race thoroughbreds in Alberta and Phoenix. My horse, PEPONITA OAK FLO or better known as Diesel is my main mount. We currently have other horses in training to become shooting horses. Cathy introduced me to mounted shooting in 2009 and we have made miles down the shooting trail since. Diesel has helped me win many Championships in Canada and the U.S. including 2018 Reserve Overall at the Canadian Finals. Have had lots of great times travelling to shoots in Canada and the United States and looking forward too many more.



Season Class Winners

M5 Reserve - Cain Quam

Cain has been a professional horse trainer and clinician for over 30 years, specializing in mounted shooting horses since 2012. Cain's motto is "where you and your horse find success". 77 is a 9 year old gelding. He was 8th overall at the world finals in 2016. When his rider does his job, 77 is unbeatable. He loves to run and gives his all 100% of the time.



M5 Reserve - Todd Hemmerling

Very grateful to all the volunteers that make the sport possible to enjoy as a competitor. Fun times in Grande Prairie, my gun exchange at grand stand show in Grande Prairie riding Shaq was the favorite of 2019.



SM1 Champion - Gerald Pieffer

This was my second year of shooting, trying to put it all together from my first shoot until now. My daughter was my driving force. Along the way I've met some amazing people and supporters in this sport. My first year was quite the experience, shooting like John Wayne as Linda Mckenzie told me in Stoney Lake and then in the second year Brenda Sapergia told me to sit down, straight arm and follow the balloon. Positive attitude, trying harder and better influence is advice from Orin Sands and Doug Wickham. To these five people I owe the gratitude to make this dream come true. I am looking forward to 2020 with my new horse Heat. See ya at 2020 Championships!



SM1 Reserve - Jay Stewart

I am a Maintenance Electrician in Edson, Alberta. I started mounted shooting in 2011. In 2015, I was Sr. Mens 1 Canadian champion and CCMSA Sr.Mens 1 Champion and in 2019 AMSA Sr.Mens 1 Champion. My horse, Baron, is a 16-year-old Gelding. He is an accomplished rodeo roping horse, ranch horse and mounted shooting horse since 2011.



SM2 Champion - Stan Waddell

I have had a great season again this year, it started when I purchased Leddy in October from Curt Moore, her and I have never looked back. I am proud to be the Canadian high point champion for SM2 for the 2019 season. I have had many highlights this summer, along the way I won double down in Tunica Mississippi, winning Vernon Texas and finishing in the top 10 in the world standing for SM2. I want to thank all the shoot committees for all their hard work putting on great shoots around western Canada. But most of all I want to thank my wife Tracey supporting me while I chase my passion.



SM2 Reserve - Doug Wickham

This was my second year with my horse "Looking Right" aka Bobby which kicked everything off for me it has been an incredible year. In the past 5 years I have been blessed with good friends and a sport to go with it which can't be replaced. Two time Canadian SM1 High Point Champion, 2 time CCMSA SM1 Champion, 2x Canadian SM1 Reserve Champion, 2018 Ponoka SM1 Champion, 2019 Canadian SM2 Hi-point Reserve and SCMSA SM2 champion.



SM3 Champion - Allen Watson

I've been doing the mounted shooting for several years now and enjoy the sport and people that I have met along the way. This is just something else that I can do with my horses that I truly enjoy. When I am able, I also like to hunt, golf, trail ride, watch sports and rodeo. I have three children, three grandchildren and own an oilfield construction company based in Stettler.



SM3 Reserve - Zane Zielke

I've been mounted shooting for six years with one year off. Monty is an eleven-year-old quarter horse who is my main horse and started mounted shooting with me in 2014. We had a good year in 2019 with loads of fun and AMSA Sr Mens 3 Champion, Canadian Reserve Sr Mens 3, and World Reserve Sr Incentive Limited.



Season Class Winners

SM4 Champion - Duncan MacMillan

Now its January 2020 and -36 C. I'm sitting here wondering if some more cows should go or should I not enter as many shoots this summer, but the forecast is for warmer weather and the days are getting longer. I am anxious to see calves from two new bulls, so, I think I'll calve them all and see your guys at all the shoots. "All in" for 2020.



SM4 Reserve - Dwayne Savage

Early 2019 I won a couple of Buckle series moving up to a SM4 in Arizona. Competitors are getting very strong in this group, looking forward to running hard in 2020.



SM5 Champion - Lee Stuckey

2 times CMSA World and multiple Canadian class championships. Gail and I were only able to attend six shoots this year, although we still had a pretty good year of Mounted Shooting. We were busy with family and also did a little sight seeing this year without the horses. Banker, my shooting partner is progressing quite well and I hope to enjoy another successful year in 2020.



SM5 Reserve - Gary Couch

Manager of Environmental Services for the Municipal District of Greenview in the town of Valleyview, Alberta. Going into 9th year as a mounted shooter with my super star shooting horse Jack, going into his 8th year as a shooting horse. Four time Canadian High Point Champion in pistol as well as multiple rifle and shotgun titles. Enjoy the sport immensely and love traveling all over Canada and the United States of America and meeting so many great people who are involved in mounted shooting. Jack is a 27-year-old Super Horse that loves the sport as much as his rider.



SM6 Champion - Mark Hallink

Jesse and I have really enjoyed traveling the US and Canada in 2019. I feel truly fortunate that I have been able to participate in and enjoy this great sport, as well as hang out with such a great group of people in Canada and the USA. Even the Western Canadians aren't too bad once you get to know them. :o I'd also like to give a big thanks to my wife Alice and my horse Jesse for putting up with me for another year! My 2019 successes include: Canadian SM6 High Point Champion, SM6 Canadian Finals Champion, Cavalry World Champion, AQHA Congress SM6 Champion, AQHA Open Rifle Champion and OCMSA Men's High Point Champion.



Junior Wrangler Champion - Jaycee Jamont

I have been mounted shooting since 2015, with 2019 was my 3rd year on Pac Man. This sport has taught me patience, the power of positive competition and to be a better rider. I have made many friends and my family keeps growing with every competition. I look forward to the 2020 season, to pushing myself and my horse to new levels and of course to seeing all of my shooting family.



Novice Wrangler Champion - Tamyka Wiens

I am 14 years old and had a great 2nd year of shooting. My horse Zook and I had the opportunity to travel the circuit this year, which lead us to the 2019 Canadian season class winner and the SCMSA season class winner. I am very excited for next years season.



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