

Cowboy Mounted Shooting 2018



Canadian Champions



Welcome to our fifth annual “Catalogue of Champions” showcasing our season leaders and the champions of our second 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 2018 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 2018 catalogue.

Our 2018 season was another year of exciting developments with mounted shooting in Canada, with our smaller clubs continuing to grow and the Wildrose Mounted Shooting Society becoming active in the southern part of Alberta. The Alberta Mounted Shooter Association hosted our second Canadian Finals Shoot which had the highest number of contestants for the year. Be on the lookout for the developments in the coming season as our committee works to bring the third annual Canadian Finals to Red Deer, AB, Sept. 27-29, 2019 to shooters all across Canada.

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 in 2019

The Mounted Shooters of Canada Committee

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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 using two .45 caliber single action revolvers loaded with 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. There are even 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

Markus Hofer - Sylvan Lake, AB

I was raised on a farm in a ranching community in central Alberta. I worked for an outfitter for 10 years in the mountains wrangling horses and hunting. I have always loved horses, speed and guns, so when I saw the sport 4 years ago I knew right away I wanted to try it. I love the competitiveness of the sport. Everyone is so welcoming the friends I made along the way I now consider my shooting family. 2018 was a great year for me. I hope to exceed my own personal best in the 2019 season.

Riding - Striker

A horse with a demeanor of a grumpy old man. Striker is an 8 year old AQHA gelding. He has a ton of heart and personality and no quit, gives it his all every time he walks into the show pen.



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

Don Litvak - Big Valley, AB

Own and operate a ranch together with my wife Cathy. We have 7 grandchildren. We also train and race thoroughbreds in Alberta and Phoenix. My horse, PEAPONITA 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 had made miles since down the shooting trail. Have had lots of great times travelling to shoots in Canada and the United States and looking forward too many more.

Riding - Peponita Oak Flo (Diesel)

Diesel was born May 20, 2004. Purchased in 2008 from Dave Manning of Metiskow, AB

Canadian Finals Overall Lady



Sarah Harbin – Peers, AB

It's good to be loved, It's profound to be understood, It really feels like an understanding when that nice run happens and I revel in the feeling when I have a great run and then think "wow I could have gone faster, it just was so smooth, such an amazing interaction with my horse, I didn't have to think about him listening to me, we were just hunting balloons. It was slow motion, it was so smooth". Just love that it's a sport that I can share with my horses as we continue to grow and learn. So enjoyable! Thank you to the community's, organizers, volunteers that hosted events throughout the 2018 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.

Riding - Shaq "Spike it Valentine"

Todd and myself shared horses this year focusing on expanding our shooting herds experiences and successs.

A real stand out this 2018 season was Shaq, a young athletic horse who carried Todd and myself to multiple wins and titles in the 2018 season. And is now carrying a title of Canadian champion!

A 7 year old that shows a lot of promise. Started his competitive shooting career as a four year old in the rifle and shotgun showing really well in the 2014 Pile O Bones shoot at Agribition in Regina. And has continued to gain momentum as a force to be reckoned. He's been to the mountains and works a rope. Likes to cover ground and go to work, floats when he moves and is just a real joy to ride. We see an exciting future for his brother and sisters if they turn out anything like him.

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Reserve Lady

Roberta Quam - Kendal, SK

Roberta is super grateful for this reserve champion title and has so many people to thank that makes this possible. Tom, Dora, Cheyenne, Jaelynn and Gary who were the pioneers with her in the early years. Sabrina and Judy, Barry and Sherry for the great horses to ride. All of the volunteers who put on the shoots, and all of her competitors who keep her striving to get better, because they all keep getting tougher and tougher! And most of all Thanks to Cain, who is her biggest fan, the most awesome coach, travelling partner and her moral support.

Riding - Colonel

Roberta and Colonel have been shooting partners for about 4 years. The relationship has been strong, steady and mutually respectful. Colonel definitely does more than his fair share in the partnership, but Roberta has done her due diligence of putting in the hours of practice, looking after her horse and keeping her head straight to stay in the game (which doesn't always come easy)!!!



Junior Wrangler



Colby Wenger - Paradise Hill, SK

Colby had a great shooting year travelling all over the country even getting the opportunity to shoot with the mens one class in Las Vegas. Colby and his horse, Breeze, have become a great team over the past few years and enjoy meeting new friends from all over the mounted shooting circuits.

Riding - Breeze

Breeze is a 10 year old quarter horse gelding . He was born on June 17, 2007 and raised on our farm. He is coming along nicely and has shown to be a great horse with lots of potential. This is Colby's 3rd year riding Breeze and he has got him a Canadian Championship.

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 olds who want to compete like mom and dad. The second class is designed for kids that are a little older and can ride well enough to maneuver the patterns by themselves, but are not yet able to handle 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 as the clubs 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 us.

Junior Wrangler Reserve

Julia Steem - Red Deer, AB

Mounted shooting is my favorite horse sport even above barrel racing or penning and cutting. If I wasn't so busy with school, music and chores, I'd make my grandad bring me out shooting more often. Thank you to all who so enthusiastically helped me with tips as I'm just starting to learn the sport. Good luck to all.

Riding - Rockett

Rockett is a huge help as he loves to please you, making it fun and challenging to go faster. He's turning eight years old now, so hopefully I'll be able to fly with him and see you at some shows.



Finals Open Shotgun Champion



Cain Quam - Kendal, SK

Cain has been a professional horse trainer for over 30 years, specializing in mounted shooting horses since 2012. Cain puts on a variety of clinics and has coached many nonpros to championships in multiple disciplines. You will encounter horses and riders that Cain has trained at every shooting competition in Canada. His motto is "where you and your horse find success". In 2016 he was 5th at the world finals in the open shotgun class. He's won the open shotgun in Saskatchewan multiple years.

Riding - Pistol

Cain's shotgun horse, Pistol, is an 8 year old gelding raised by Michelle Pipke. He purchased him as a 3 year old and trained him as a shooter. Pistol is an all around horse that is lots of fun to ride. Besides being an awesome shotgun horse, he is great at the ranch work that needs to be done.

Open Shotgun Reserve

Todd Hemmerling - Peers, AB

Started shooting in 2007, seems like yesterday. Time flies when you're having fun. I enjoy the challenge of mounted shooting and that it makes me strive to be a better horseman, gain more knowledge and strive for 110%. Very grateful to all the volunteers that makes the sport possible to enjoy as a competitor.

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Double Barrel Shotgun

Commonly called a coachgun

Finals Limited Shotgun Champion



Tyler Donaldson - Looma, Alberta

Firefighter with City of Edmonton for the last 14 years. Husband and proud father of 2 children. Discovered this amazing sport in 2016 with my wife. Had an incredible rookie season in 2017 and only had one goal for 2018; to have a full class and finally become a M2. I accomplished my mission and even got my first win as a M2 in Amarillo at the 2018 CMSA World Championships. Becoming a World Champion was a surreal experience. Other accomplishments are Canadian M2 High Point Champion, Canadian Limited Shotgun Champion, AMSA Men's High Point Champion, CCMSA M2 Champion & Ponoka Canadian Classic M1 Champion.

Riding - Stylishn Smart (Ford) is a 9 year old Quarter Horse. We finally found our stride this year and became a real team, peaking in Amarillo.

Finals Limited Shotgun Reserve

Brigham Steed - Creston, BC

I enjoy packing in the mountains, driving my team, pleasure trail riding, I have team roped and in general enjoy doing activities with my family and horses. There's something about the adrenaline rush you get when the shotguns come out. That feeling of flying as you drop the reins, lift a shot gun and take off at full speed. It is a leap of faith and trust in a good horse. But I like it.

Riding - Dixie

Dixie was born and raised on our farm in Creston, BC. I have trained and used her as a pack horse as well as a mountain horse prior to getting into mounted shooting. Dixie took to shooting very quickly when my previous horse got lame 2 weeks before a shoot. She seems to enjoy the thrill of shooting as much as I do.



Finals Open Rifle Champion

Niels Lausten - Stettler, AB

Owner of Hydrodig Stettler and was one of the founding members of Mounted Shooting in Canada in 2006. Some of his accomplishments in Mounted Shooting are; 2008 Grand American Champion & CMSA World Champion International Class, 2010 M2 Western US Championship, 2011 M3 Lone Star Classic Champion, 2012 CMSA Calgary Showcase Tunica, Mississippi, 2012 & 2013 Canadian National Champion, 2014 8 Overall wins & Canadian Hi Point Cowboy, 2016 Won the Border Saddle Series, also Rifle & Shotgun Reserve and 2018 Canadian Open Rifle Champion.

Riding - Atrevido

A rifle and Shotgun horse who is a 2005 Lusitano Bullfighting Horse that specializes in the Cowboy Extreme Obstacle course and is fully trick trained.



Open Rifle Reserve

Lucas Thiessen – Humboldt, SK

He may be a recent graduate of Sasquatch School, but don't underestimate the crazy hobo looking man from the prairies. He's been over a mountain or two from the Altai range in Mongolia to the Sawtooth's in Idaho. He can skin Griz pilgrim. He has to work for a living but when he's not he can be found riding at home in the arena or out scouting for bucks!

Riding - FQH Smokinboonsmal (Mae)

Sired by the famous Chexboonsmal of Frehlick Quarter Horses. Mae, a 2012 filly was raised and trained in their program. By spring of 2016 she was a money earner in Cutting, Roping and Mounted Shooting. My wife and I purchased her in 2016 and we took her steady down the mounted shooting trail. Her speed and cowhorse bloodlines make her an athlete to be reckoned with. She has won many titles for us including the 2017 Canadian

Finals Overall. What we love about her the most is that on the weekend she can be the fastest equine out there and at home she can jog a pattern for my nieces and nephews and never miss a beat.



1873 Winchester

Common Mounted Shooting Rifle

Finals Limited Rifle Champion

Allen Watson – Stettler, AB

I first became involved with mounted shooting in 2011 & fell in love with the sport immediately. I enjoy the fast event with my horse but mostly I have enjoyed all the great friends I have made through the sport. I have 3 children & 3 grandchildren & when I have the time I like to hunt, trail ride, pack, golf & just enjoy good times with friends.

Riding - Jigger

I have been using Jigger, my 17 year old gelding, for six seasons and hopefully for many more. He loves to be around people and is just a joy to ride.



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Finals Class Winners

L1 Champion - Kristy Thiessen

2018 was my second year of competing in Mounted Shooting. It was a year to be remembered. We traveled to new shoots, met new people, didn't miss a balloon and then missed some important balloons, tough competition, ate potluck, sat around the campfire, and finished the season with a couple big wins. Every year it takes practice, practice, practice on form, gun handling and mental game.



L1 Reserve - Julia Steed

After taking a beginner mounted shooting clinic I've been hooked on this sport. I've always enjoyed having horses and have done as many things as possible with horses and encouraged my kids to do the same. As a family we have gone on many trail rides, camping trips and now Mounted Shooting has been another great way for all of us to spend time with each other.



L2 Champion - Ashley Schiewe

Former 3 day eventer turned shooter after taking a shooting clinic a few years ago. My horse Smoke and I have been hooked ever since! We reside in the Edmonton area where I work as an electrician, and can't wait to get home for some horse, dog and family time. My daughter Autumn (2 y/o) has a strong love of horses already and we are excited to have an up and coming wrangler!



L2 Reserve - Lesley Farkash

I started mounted shooting in 2016, and this is my first year to go to finals. I love the mounted shooting family, they are so supportive and willing to give advice and direction to a newcomer. Horses have always been a part of my life, and I have dabbled in all kinds of equestrian events. Tasso is a Sr Thoroughbred all around boy who means the world to me. And seems to love shooting as much as I do. I am excited to continue to learn and have a blast while doing so.



L3 Champion - Roberta Quam

Roberta started mounted shooting in 2012. She's won championship buckles at a few shoots, including Mississippi Jeffers National Championships and Spearfish Will Lantis Memorial Shootout. She's been fortunate enough to be Ladies Highpoint a couple years in the Saskatchewan Club, and has racked up a few wins in various double downs and eliminators throughout the years. She's been lucky enough to ride 3 great horses over the years, "Jasper" owned by Judy Wright, Snackbox Dually owned by Coyote Ridge Ranch and of course her main man "Colonel".



L3 Reserve - Christa Paterson

Christa got the shooting bug in 2012 thanks to friends Neils Lausten and Kendra and the late Bob Sinclair for her introduction to this great sport. Christa has traveled across Canada and the USA with various successful competitions under her belt and met so many great friends on her shooting adventures. Special thanks to Mike for his support going down the road as he happily caught the bug in 2018! And many hugs and treats to her critters Rafter Russell, Stella, her 19 year old mare, Hollywood 17 yr old gelding and RJ her 18 year old sorrel gelding she acquired from great friend Ken Wick. Without her trusted fur family - none of this would be possible.



L4 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 2018 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.



L4 Reserve - Heather McKenzie

I have been mounted shooting for 5 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. My biggest accomplishment has been traveling to worlds in Amarillo and winning the Ladies 4 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.



Finals Class Winners

L6 Champion - Alice Hallink

My husband, Mark and myself live in The Blue Mountains, ON. In the winter, we head south to Tennessee. This gives us the opportunity to enjoy shooting in both the US and Canada. We have met many wonderful people that enjoy this equine sport almost just as much as we do. This past year Mark and I are proud to say we hosted the first ever Cowboy Mounted Shooting competition in ON. It's a pleasure to teach and expose new shooters to our sport. I'd like to thank my husband for all his support. I wouldn't have made it this far without him.



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SL1 Champion - Tannis Piotrowski

My family owns and operates Lost River Ranches. A 600 head red angus/hereford cross cow calf operation. The ranch consists of 60,000 acres on the Milk River ridge in southeastern Alberta. Because of the ranch remoteness, we have 2 homes 80 km apart, one is closer to civilization so our son can attend a school. I come from a competitive background, collegiate volleyball player, Slo-pitch, and barrel racing. My first shoot was in August of 2017. My goal for 2018 was to qualify for the Canadian Finals. I credit my horse, Inuk and our 13 year bond for my progress with my shooting. I travelled to shoots, seen some new country, met numerous new people, had some lows and highs, but in the end I have really enjoyed THE RIDE.



SL1 Reserve - Terry Albrecht

I knew from a very early age that I wanted a life that involved horses. I was very fortunate to have that dream become a reality. From breeding and raising horses to showing at the Paint Horse Circuit, to being involved in cattle penning when it first came to Alberta, then reining, trail-riding and now my fourth year in mounted shooting. Through my horses, I have met a wonderful group of people; the mounted shooting family being the best!



SL2 Champion - Leslie Norrie

From Heart Shot Ranch at Alder Flats, I enjoy custom grazing cattle May to October, and riding at the nearby community pasture. Competitive experience is limited to team/ranch roping. After getting my awesome horse Bo, we began shooting in 2016 which ended part way through due to an unrelated injury. The next year was filled with challenges trying to shoot left handed. Thankfully, 2018 came together better, winning CCMSA reserve season leader, AMSA season leader, MSC reserve season leader and the Canadian Finals Championship buckle....a wonderful bucket list check mark! Great people and great fun....Mounted Shooting Rocks!



SL2 Reserve - Sharon Wickham

2018 was an incredible year for Chip and I. Together for 1 & 1/2 years and it just keeps getting better. We set goals, worked hard and reached the final one. 2018 SL2 Hi-Point (Season Leader), 2018 SL2 Reserve Canadian Champion, 2018 Ladies Limited Senior Incentive Canadian Champion, and the Hi-light.....2018 SL2 World Champion. We made #21 in the top 25 Senior Ladies at the World Championships. A big shout out to the incredible TB for her top-notch coaching skills, and ability to push me hard to produce results. *Photo Credit to the amazing Janice Storch.



SL3 Champion - Jean MacMillan

My shooting career started in 2011 making 2018 my 7th year of mounted shooting. I also retired my old paint gelding and acquired a big awesome blue gelding to compete on, ending the year winning season leader and SL3 championship. We really enjoyed traveling nearly every weekend all summer long and to Arizona in winter to shoots and visiting our fellow competitors we have met over the years and to enjoy the sunshine for a little R&R, which is a welcome change from our hectic AB lifestyle. When not shooting we are kept busy ranching and entertaining our three energetic grandchildren at Ponoka.



SL3 Reserve - Barbara Morris

I have enjoyed ranch life for 30 years and in the process, I have raised cattle, horses and 3 children. I have participated in many equine sports along the way but I've been mounted shooting for the past five years and find it to be the most exciting and fun equine sport to date. I trained and competed on my lovely mare, Smart Rosealie, for the past 15 years. I am looking forward to the challenge of competing on a new prospect; as well as expanding the sport of mounted shooting in the Grande Prairie and Peace River area. The future is exciting!



Finals Class Winners

SL4 Champion - Twyla Stuckey

My husband Gene and I started shooting in 2012. We run a cow/calf operation at Red Willow, AB, and I also work part time, for the last 22 years, at a medical clinic as a medical billing secretary. Riding and competing with horses has always been a part of my life and can't imagine doing anything else. 2018 is the second shooting season with my 11 year old buckskin mare Libby. Mounted shooting has given us the opportunity to meet and become friends with a lot of amazing people and is a truly fun sport to participate in.



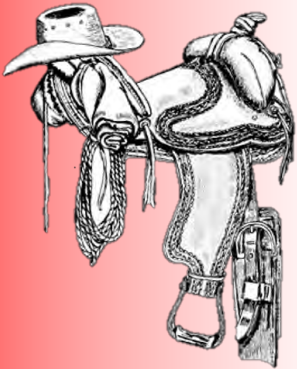
SL4 Reserve - Gail Cook

In 2008 attended the first CMSA shoot in Canada where I won my first buckle and have been hooked on the sport ever since. Some highlights for me have been: 2014 - Ladies High Overall in Canada and 2015- SL3 Worlds Champion Amarillo, TX. Currently riding a 12 year old grade quarter horse named Uno. I have 23 years doing leatherwork and own The Leather Loft in Bentley, Alberta.



SL5 Champion - Cathy Litvak

Don and I ranch by Big Valley, Alberta and have 7 fantastic grandchildren. I am co-founder of 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 PLAYGUNS 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 2019 shooting with an awesome bunch of family and friends!



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Finals Class Winners

M1 Champion - Brigham Steed

I have lived in Creston BC since 1994 when I moved here from Arizona. I have enjoyed many good times on horseback with my family and friends. When invited to join a mounted shooting clinic my wife Julia and I did and found we really liked it. Within a short time we had guns and were practicing regularly. So, after a few years of mounted shooting, it is a proud and happy moment in my life to win my first buckle and have my son standing beside me as reserve champion with my beautiful wife getting reserve champion in her class at the same time. Hopefully my family and I can enjoy this sport together for years to come.



M1 Reserve - Tyson Steed

I turned 18 in June, and finally discovered just how easy it is to miss the balloon. Competing as a M1 has really changed the game, making it more challenging and exciting. My horse and I have been practicing for this day for years and it is rather encouraging to do well. I am looking forward to a future of moving on up and enjoying every minute of the journey.



M2 Champion - Markus Hofer

I was raised on a farm in a ranching community in central Alberta. I worked for an outfitter for 10 years in the mountains wrangling horses and hunting. I have always loved horses, speed and guns, so when I saw the Sport 4 years ago I knew right away I wanted to try it. I love the competitiveness of the sport. Everyone is so welcoming. The friends I made along the way I now consider my shooting family. 2018 was a great year for me I hope to exceed my own personal best in the 2019 season.



M2 Reserve- Matthew Neilson

I am From Innisfail Alberta, where I work as an environmental consultant in the oilfield. I Was introduced to mounted shooting after seeing a demonstration and attending a gun breaking clinic in 2016. I began Competing in 2017 on my Mule "Slim", but quickly found the need for a Horse which is when I got "Bugs", my 16 year old Quarter Horse. Me and Bugs have been all over western Canada competing and have even been to the World Finals in Amarillo.



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Finals Class Winners

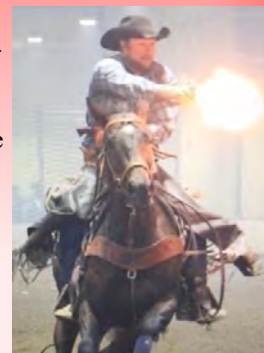
M3 Champion - Lance Cochrane

I have been shooting for 5 years now. I had a very fun and successful season, winning M3 season leader and M3 Canadian Champion. Looking forward to another fun filled season in 2019.



M3 Reserve - Chris Epp

I am an equipment operator and truck driver on weekdays and a full-time rancher/family man every second I'm at home. I started shooting about 5 years ago and love the sport. We compete in shooting as a family as my wife is an amazing Ladies 3 and my son is starting his third year as a wrangler. My youngest son will also be shooting soon. There isn't much more fun than riding fast horses and shooting guns.



M4 Champion - Lucas Thiessen

He may be a recent graduate of Sasquatch School, but don't underestimate the crazy hobo looking man from the prairies. He's been over a mountain or two from the Altai range in Mongolia to the Sawtooth's in Idaho. He can skin Griz pilgrim. He has to work for a living but when he's not he can be found riding at home in the arena or out scouting for bucks!



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M5 Reserve - Todd Hemmerling

Started shooting in 2007, seems like yesterday. Time flies when you're having fun. I enjoy the challenge of mounted shooting and that it makes me strive to be a better horseman, gain more knowledge and strive for 110%. My greatest achievement in shooting being the first Canadian to win a mens overall title in the Western Championships which took place at the 2013 Scully US Championship in Las Vegas, NV. It takes a great team to become successful in mounted shooting; great horse, family, horse care professionals, coaches and fellow competitors, and I am thankful for mine. Very grateful to all the volunteers that makes the sport possible to enjoy as a competitor



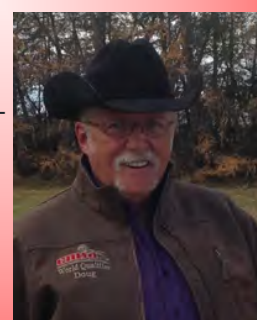
SM1 Champion - Dean Palin

My first year of competing in mounted shooting was a blast and turned out to be successful. I enjoyed travelling with my wife Evelyn and making new acquaintances in this friendly shooting world. After competing 20 years in Team Cattle Penning, it has been fun trying something new and challenging. With the help of Kendra Sinclair, we were able to train our penning horses to mounted shooting. I look forward to working with our horses and continue to improve my gunmanship.



SM1 Reserve - Doug Wickham

I got to start my year with a new horse "Looking Right" aka Bobby which kicked everything off for me it has been an incredible year. In the past 4 years I have been blessed with good friends and a sport to go with it which can't be replaced. 2 time Canadian SM1 High Point Champion, 2 time CCMSA SM1 Champion, 2x Canadian SM1 Reserve Champion, 2018 Ponoka SM1 Champion, finishing in the top 6 at Worlds Final in Amarillo, Tx 2016/ 17/ 18.



Finals Class Winners

SM2 Champion - Shawn Stuckey

Hi I'm Shady Stuckey, the 2018 SM2 Canadian Champion and Season Leader, was M2 reserve in 2017. Now we are SM3 competitors. I'm just a mountain horse turned shooting horse in 2017. The guy who rides me Shawn Stuckey, a retired portable welder now "whatever" maintenance guy, thanks his brothers and sister in law who helped get him started and all the great friendly people involved. Special thanks to Candice my wife for support and Mom and Dad faithful cheering squad.



SM2 Reserve - Les Steem

Farm-ing cattle, elk & bison near Leduc has kept me busy for most of my life. I have been fortunate to have a good wife, horse & dog which have kept me going. Starting mounted shooting gave my horse a hobby along with it. Rockett is full of cow & run, yet values his connection with me above all. I am especially thankful to all the shooters who helped me learn enough to go to the odd show & compete. Thanks for all the good times & good luck in 2019!



SM3 Champion - 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, PEONITA 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 had made miles since down the shooting trail. Have had lots of great times travelling to shoots in Canada and the United States and looking forward too many more.



SM3 Reserve - Dale Albrecht

After a lifetime of involvement with horses and being fortunate enough to make a living in the horse industry, I have ended up Mounted Shooting. I became involved with the sport as the result of helping a friend. I enjoy the competition and the people and I have no plans to quit any time soon.



SM4 Champion - Duncan MacMillan

Steady and clean snuck me through a very tough class in Red Deer at the finals. I've had another good, happy, busy season and continued to stay steady. .



SM4 Reserve - Glen Olfert

This young horse Heat has taken me through some good runs since I made him my main ride. I have not had time to ride as much as I wanted but this horse has taken me for a good ride. Tough competition in my class has made me a better rider and I thank all those I ride against for this opportunity.



SM5 Champion - Mark Hallink

From The Blue Mountains, Ontario, Canada. Married to the beautiful and awesome wife and shooter, Alice Hallink. Alice and I have had a great 2018 season traveling the US and Canada making lots of great friends and shooting in some really great places. A year we won't forget. My main horse is Jesse (Holi Sly Quixote). My 2018 successes include: CMSA Reserve Senior World Champion, SM5 CMSA World Championship Class Winner, SM5 Eastern US Champion, Canadian Final's Senior Men's 5 Champion, Cavalry World Champion and SM5 CMSA High Point Champion



SM5 Reserve - Lee Stuckey

Self Employed- 2017 Southwest Regional(AZ.) class winner, 2017 Class and Quarter horse winner, CMSA Winter Championship in Queen Creek AZ. 2 time CMSA World & Canadian Champion class winner. Banker started coming into his own this year and I look forward to seeing what he has the ability to become. We had some hit & miss performances this year with 5 straight wins and a run in 8.69 sec., not to mention some total mess ups also. After losing my 2 time world champion horse, Wilhe in 2016, Banker has big boots to fill. I bought Banker as a 3 year old green broke gelding with a few problems and a very stubborn attitude.





Eliminator Results

Limited Ladies Division

1. Roberta Quam
2. Marissa Epp
3. Julie Saretsky

Limited Men's Division

1. Dwayne Savage
2. Chris Epp
3. Matthew Nielson

Open Ladies Division

1. Sarah Harbin
2. Cathy Litvak
3. Sherry Wallace

Open Men's Division

1. Cain Quam
2. Orin Sand
3. Lucas Thiessen



Double Down Results

Division A Ladies

1. Bobbie Wallace

Division A Men's

1. Markus Hofer

Division AA Ladies

1. Holly Schuk
2. Heather McKenzie

Division AA Men's

1. Lucas Thiessen
2. Chris Epp

Division AAA Ladies

1. Cathy Litvak
2. Alice Hallink

Division AAA Men's

1. Lee Stuckey
2. Cain Quam

Senior Incentive Results

Limited Ladies Division

1. Sharon Wickham
2. Barbara Morris
3. Judy Wright

Limited Men's Division

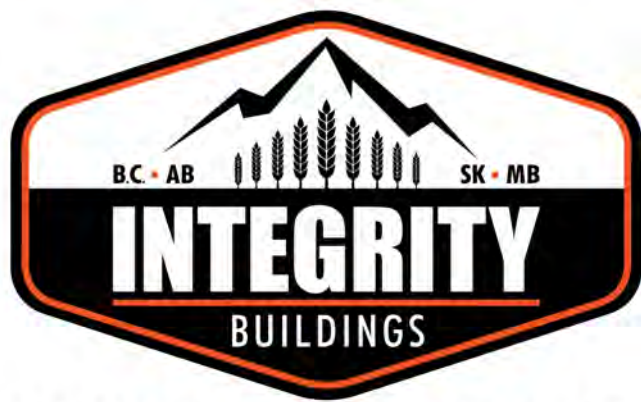
1. Les Steem
2. Kevin Wenger
3. Don Litvak

Open Ladies Division

1. Cathy Litvak
2. Gail Cook
3. Sherry Wallace

Open Men's Division

1. Orin Sand
2. Lee Stuckey
3. Gary Couch



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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 ran and 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 in of the 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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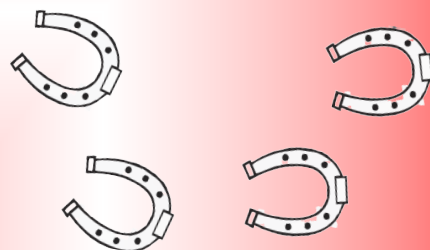
Want to get involved in Mounted Shooting?

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. In keeping with safety protocols, loading and unloading are kept within a designated area which competitors do not wander from once guns are loaded.



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Canadian Season Overall Man



Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

I started shooting in 2010, being totally addicted to the sport. I ranch north of Vermilion with my wife Jean. I have had a great season making it to most competitions, no big wins but placed steady with no horse troubles and no gun troubles, sure makes a difference on the year end totals. As Bruce McKenzie and I have discussed several times "at our age" we don't have much time left... So we best go hard and enjoy the people, places, horses and guns.

Riding - Badger

A little brown 14.2 hand, 13 yr old, ex-cutting horse. This was his third season as a shooting horse. He owns the ground he walks on. A true all-round horse in pistol, rifle, shotgun, bringing a cow in or any other ranch job. Calm and steady with a big engine.



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Reserve Man

Tyler Donaldson - Looma, Alberta

Firefighter with City of Edmonton for the last 14 years. Husband and proud father of 2 children. Discovered this amazing sport in 2016 with my wife. Had an incredible rookie season in 2017 and only had one goal for 2018; to have a full class and finally become a M2. I accomplished my mission and even got my first win as a M2 in Amarillo at the 2018 CMSA World Championships. Becoming a World Champion was a surreal experience. Other accomplishments are Canadian M2 High Point Champion, Canadian Limited Shotgun Champion, AMSA Men's High Point Champion, CCMSA M2 Champion & Ponoka Canadian Cla\$\$ic M1 Champion.

Riding - Stylishn Smart (Ford)

A 9 year old Quarter Horse. We finally found our stride this year and became a real team, peaking in Amarillo.



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. Pebbles and I were the 2016 Limited Ladies Shotgun and Eliminator World Champions and the 2017 Canadian Ladies Season Leaders. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year.

Riding - Pebbles (Quixotes Smart Pine)

10 yr old Chestnut AQHA Mare

Pebbles is my sassy little red mare, standing just under 14HH. Being my go to, we've done it all together. She is gritty and has a huge heart, making her the best teammate I could ask for.



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Reserve Lady



Michelle Pipke - Unity, Saskatchewan

Michelle Pipke resides near Unity, SK on Scrub Lake Ranch, where her husband and two children raise beef cattle and quality quarter horses.

Michelle is the 2017 and 2018 ladies reserve Canadian Champion. 2018, 2016, 2014, 2013 Saskatchewan high point champion.

Riding - Gunner (Nortner Gunner)

The horse that Michelle is riding is Northern Gunner a Home raised 11 year old gelding. He is also the 2017 CMSA Reserve AQHA Amateur Champion.

Season Shotgun Champion



Silver Tip Doc—2004 to 2018

Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

I love to travel to competitions, new country, new competitions, new committees, new towns. But if I can keep up the pace, after a few years, all this becomes old friends and places. Which is even better. I am getting ready for May starting at Martinsville, SK then Grande Prairie, AB.

Riding - Silver

I used two horses this summer, a little brown called “Badger” and a new dun horse. Its always nicer to ride a seasoned horse, but you have to keep new ones coming. Stomach problems finally did my great old grey horse “Silver” in. Its really hard to lose or retire the good ones.

Season Shotgun Reserves



Lisa McKenzie (left)

Tyler Donaldson (right)



Season Rifle Champion



Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

If you are looking for a life changing experience plus you like to travel with horses and guns, this sport could be for you!! Our sport is open and tiered in different levels, so all can compete. My past 9 years have been incredible!! Grandkids, family, ranching, travel, guns and horses! “I Dare anyone to have this much fun.”

Riding - Sonney

I used a new horse in rifle this summer a dun called “Sonney”. Just steady enough to hold me in there, looking forward to next year on him.

Season Rifle Reserve

Allen Watson – Stettler, AB

I first became involved with mounted shooting in 2011 & fell in love with the sport immediately. I enjoy the fast event with your horse but mostly I have enjoyed all the great friends I have made through the sport. I have 3 children & 3 grandchildren & when I have the time I like to hunt, trail ride, pack, golf & just enjoy good times with friends.

Riding - Jigger

I have been using Jigger, my 17 year old gelding, for six seasons and hopefully for many more. He loves to be around people and is just a joy to ride.



Getting to know the 2018 MSC Rookie Champion, Dean Palin



Dean was born in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, and in 1979 his family moved to Springbank, Alberta, later calling the Blackie/High River area home. He and his wife, Evelyn along with their two children still live in the area.

Dean leads a busy life trying to juggle between being a Senior Project Manager with Trans Mountain Corporation and a family man. We asked Dean how he was able to balance family, work and mounted shooting? He said, "Since the kids are grown up now it leaves us free to do what Evelyn and Dean enjoy in their free time. Though if the kids had interest in traveling with them, they would utilize it as family time".

His work life consists of overseeing pipeline, pump station and facility installation engineering and construction dealing with diverse aspects of the job from start to finish, including but not limited to landowner contacts, construction tenures, environmental and regulatory re-

quirements including public consultations keeps Dean busy during the week.

When he is not working or having to do the never ending job jar list on the farm like fixing water ERGs, mechanical repairs to equipment, Dean will find some time to enjoy many of his outdoor past times from hunting, fishing, motorcycle trips with his wife on their Harley's and of course... mounted shooting.

As a young kid Dean played hockey and has loved the sport even into his college years and eventually had him joining a senior mens team. But then it all changed when he learned about the rodeo life in Alberta. His career began with the amateur rodeo world where he competed as a bull rider for six years. He then moved onto cattle penning, a sport that he and his wife had enjoyed for many years.

Dean and Evelyn first heard of mounted shooting approximately ten years ago when they attended a clinic hosted by Kendra and Bob Sinclair pairing with Ken and Sheryl Kusk. However, it was only in the last two years after quitting penning with the help of Kendra Sinclair that they really became involved in mounted shooting. Choosing a horse for the sport was a matter of Dean and Evelyn taking the time to work with their penning horses, training them for mounted shooting. Of the four horses that he and Evelyn started, only three adapted to the shooting. With the help of Kendra who loaned them holsters, horse ear plugs and schooling. Dean and Evelyn were able to try different brands of firearms and holsters before choosing what styles and models they would purchase prior to competing. Dean chose to shoot with the Ruger Vaquero's, and purchased his first set of shoulder holsters from Dave Lougheed and a second set from Drovers Supply in Montana.



When asked, Dean confirmed that he had set his goal prior to starting the season was to chase the rookie championship for his first year of shooting. He and Evelyn had chose to attend all the CCMSA shoots in 2018 for their first year of competition. This choice lead to Dean also winning the Brenden Piasta Memorial Rookie of the Year buckle for CCMSA. Dean stated that traveling and competing with his wife "was awesome and had a great year". Within in the 2018 shooting season Dean used Kijiji to upgrade from their Dodge dually to a Kenworth tractor for pulling their living quarters down the road. "It was too good of a deal to turn down" he laughed. "We sent a few pictures back and forth and made a deal" Dean described. "The truck was used for hauling a holiday trailer to the states, it included a deck that was built for a smart car with ramps and all, which worked prefect for taking our side by side to finals."

When asked what differences they had noticed as new comers to the sport, Dean stated that there was more comradery and that everyone always stepped up to provide advice and insight to patterns and how to shoot them. "Everyone is more of a group opposed to the clicks that we often saw in the



penning world prior to changing to mounted shooting. Also, unlike the penning which is a team event, mounted shooting is just about you and your horse, so it doesn't matter if you are on top or not".

Some suggestions that Dean would give to new comers to the sport are; "search for clinics that are geared to beginner level to learn about the sport and see if your horse and you enjoy it. As one grows by practicing and competing "focus on yourself and don't worry about what others are doing." In the winter practice is dependent on the weather, with the winter of 2019 being mild, Kendra set up practices every Sunday, so they were able to practice regularly. However, "with our own arena sanctioned we are able to practice two to three times a week throughout the summer and spring months".

Deans' goals for 2019 are to attend some shoots in the USA, most likely in Montana as neither Vegas nor Worlds is on their radar at this time. Another goal for him would be to continue working on his horses, hoping to get another ready for competition, stating that "the grey is close but requires a bit more time" as well as to continue to attend the Canadian shoots this summer.

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Season Class Winners

L1 Champion - Kristy Thiessen

2018 was my second year of competing in Mounted Shooting. It was a year to be remembered. We traveled to new shoots, met new people, didn't miss a balloon and then missed some important balloons, tough competition, ate potluck, sat around the campfire, and finished the season with a couple big wins. Every year it takes practice, practice, practice on form, gun handling and mental game.



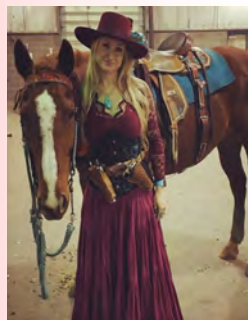
L1 Reserve - Julie Saretsky

I came from training & showing Hunter/Jumpers successfully throughout Western North America to Mounted shooting in later 2015. Not many people move into another equine sport that is completely opposite of their background, but I did! In 2016, I practiced my shooting skills while I worked on my paint horse Wynn. 2017 was my first competition year & 2018 was my first full year of competition that took me to BC, AB, SK, Las Vegas, NV and to Amarillo, TX for the World Championships. I am fortunate to have some nice horses and a great support at home and on the road. I enjoy the friendliness of the shooting community and I look forward to the upcoming 2019 season! Thanks to all of the sponsors for your support!



L2 Champion - Jill Donaldson

Peace Officer for Strathcona County. 2018 was my second year of competing. My horse background includes riding & packing in the mountains & gymkhana. I love that my whole family are able to go down the road together & enjoy this incredible sport. Traveling to & competing at the CMSA World Championships in Amarillo, Texas was a huge highlight for Ty & I, our mounted shooting friends have truly become family.



L2 Reserve - Bobbie Wallace

I live in Lacombe, Ab and am the Logistics Manager for Thruster Energy Corp. I had a very successful 2018 shooting season. Winning the CCMsa Season Leader Ladies Hi-Point, also the Ponoka Canadian Classic Ladies 2 class and the Eliminator Finals. I currently ride an 8-year-old buckskin gelding named, Oakie. He makes every trip into the shooting pen very enjoyable. Hoping to add another 6-year-old gelding into my line up this year by the name of Ruger. Between my mom and I we continue to strive to make great shooting horses for many years to come.



L3 Champion - Roberta Quam

Roberta started mounted shooting in 2012. She's won championship buckles at a few shoots, including Mississippi Jeffers National Championships and Spearfish Will Lantis Memorial Shootout. She's been fortunate enough to be Ladies Highpoint a couple years in the Saskatchewan Club, and has racked up a few wins in various double downs and eliminators throughout the years. She's been lucky enough to ride 3 great horses over the years, "Jasper" owned by Judy Wright, Snackbox Dually owned by Coyote Ridge Ranch and of course her main man "Colonel".



L3 Reserve - Christa Paterson

Christa Paterson is a Ladies Level 3 from Calgary Alberta. She has been fortunate to be involved in the continuous evolution of the sport in Canada as president of the CCMsa, NAB board representative CMSA USA and International Committee REP over the past 5 years. Special thanks to Mike for his support going down the road as he happily caught the bug in 2018! And many hugs and treats to her critters Rafter Russell, Stella, her 19 year old mare, Hollywood 17 yr old gelding and RJ her 18 year old sorrel gelding she acquired from great friend Ken Wick. Without her trusted fur family - none of this would be possible.



L4 Champion - Lisa McKenzie

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L4 Reserve - Michelle Pipke

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Season Class Winners

L6 Champion - Alice Hallink

My husband, Mark and myself live in The Blue Mountains, ON. In the winter, we head south to Tennessee. This gives us the opportunity to enjoy shooting in both the US and Canada. We have met many wonderful people that enjoy this equine sport almost just as much as we do. This past year Mark and I are proud to say we hosted the first ever Cowboy Mounted Shooting competition in ON. It's a pleasure to teach and expose new shooters to our sport. I'd like to thank my husband for all his support. I wouldn't have made it this far without





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SL1 Champion - Tannis Piotrowski

My family owns and operates Lost River Ranches. A 600 head red angus/hereford cross cow calf operation. The ranch consists of 60,000 acres on the Milk River ridge in southeastern Alberta. Because of the ranch remoteness, we have 2 homes 80 km apart, one is closer to civilization so our son can attend a school. I come from a competitive background, collegiate volleyball player, Slo-pitch, and barrel racing. My first shoot was in August of 2017. My goal for 2018 was to qualify for the Canadian Finals. I credit my horse, Inuk and our 13 year bond for my progress with my shooting. I travelled to shoots, seen some new country, met numerous new people, had some lows and highs, but in the end I have really enjoyed THE RIDE.



SL1 Reserve - Terry Albrecht

I knew from a very early age that I wanted a life that involved horses. I was very fortunate to have that dream become a reality. From breeding and raising horses to showing at the Paint Horse Circuit, to being involved in cattle penning when it first came to Alberta, then reining, trail-riding and now my fourth year in mounted shooting. Through my horses, I have met a wonderful group of people; the mounted shooting family being the best!



SL2 Champion - Sharon Wickham

I started shooting in 2014 at a clinic, and was instantly hooked, and competed at a couple of shoots. Took a bit of a break with a broken ankle but kept on going. SL1 Canadian Champion 2015 and #6 in the Top Ten SL1 in the World standings with Max. 2017 Canadian SL2 Hi-Point on new horse Chip, and 2018 Canadian Hi-Point, with Chip again. Chip is an amazing horse who loves to play the game. He was voted CCMSA Horse of the Year 2018, and he just wants to go faster. I just need to catch up to him. I just can't express my feelings enough at the incredible friendships we have made in this amazing sport. Thanks to Janice Storch Photography for some beautiful pictures.



SL2 Reserve - Leslie Norrie

From Heart Shot Ranch at Alder Flats, I enjoy custom grazing cattle May to October, and riding at the nearby community pasture. Competitive experience is limited to team/ranch roping. After getting my awesome horse Bo, we began shooting in 2016 which ended part way through due to an unrelated injury. The next year was filled with challenges trying to shoot left handed. Thankfully, 2018 came together better, winning CCMSA reserve season leader, AMSA season leader, MSC reserve season leader and the Canadian Finals Championship buckle....a wonderful bucket list check mark! Great people and great fun....Mounted Shooting Rocks!



SL3 Champion - Jean MacMillan

My shooting career started in 2011 making 2018 my 7th year of mounted shooting. I also retired my old paint gelding and acquired a big awesome blue gelding to compete on, ending the year winning season leader and SL3 championship. We really enjoyed traveling nearly every weekend all summer long and to Arizona in winter to shoots and visiting our fellow competitors we have met over the years and to enjoy the sunshine for a little R&R, which is a welcome change from our hectic AB lifestyle. When not shooting we are kept busy ranching and entertaining our three energetic grandchildren at Ponoka.



SL3 Reserve - Barbara Morris

I have enjoyed ranch life for 30 years and in the process, I have raised cattle, horses and 3 children. I have participated in many equine sports along the way but I've been mounted shooting for the past five years and find it to be the most exciting and fun equine sport to date. I trained and competed on my lovely mare, Smart Rosealie, for the past 15 years. I am looking forward to the challenge of competing on a new prospect; as well as expanding the sport of mounted shooting in the Grande Prairie and Peace River area. The future is exciting!



Season Class Winners

SL4 Champion - Gail Cook

In 2008 attended the first CMSA shoot in Canada where I won my first buckle and have been hooked on the sport ever since. Some highlights for me have been: 2014 - Ladies High Overall in Canada and 2015- SL3 Worlds Champion Amarillo, TX. Currently riding a 12 year old grade quarter horse named Uno. I have 23 years doing leatherwork and own The Leather Loft in Bentley, Alberta.



SL4 Reserve - Twyla Stuckey

My husband Gene and I started shooting in 2012. We run a cow/calf operation at Red Willow, AB, and I also work part time, for the last 22 years, at a medical clinic as a medical billing secretary. Riding and competing with horses has always been a part of my life and can't imagine doing anything else. 2018 is the second shooting season with my 11 year old buckskin mare Libby. Mounted shooting has given us the opportunity to meet and become friends with a lot of amazing people and is a truly fun sport to



SL5 Champion - Cathy Litvak

Don and I ranch by Big Valley, Alberta and have 7 fantastic grandchildren. I am co-founder of 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 PLAYGUNS 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 2019 shooting with an awesome bunch of family and friends!



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Season Class Winners

M1 Champion - Brigham Steed

I have lived in Creston BC since 1994 when I moved here from Arizona. I have enjoyed many good times on horseback with my family and friends. When invited to join a mounted shooting clinic my wife Julia and I did and found we really liked it. Within a short time we had guns and were practicing regularly. So, after a few years of mounted shooting, it is a proud and happy moment in my life to win my first buckle and have my son standing beside me as reserve champion with my beautiful wife getting reserve champion in her class at the same time. Hopefully my family and I can enjoy this sport together for years to come.



M1 Reserve - Tyson Steed

I turned 18 in June, and finally discovered just how easy it is to miss the balloon. Competing as a M1 has really changed the game, making it more challenging and exciting. My horse and I have been practicing for this day for years and it is rather encouraging to do well. I am looking forward to a future of moving on up and enjoying every minute of the journey.



M2 Champion - Tyler Donaldson

Firefighter with City of Edmonton for the last 14 years. Husband and proud father of 2 children. Discovered this amazing sport in 2016 with my wife. Had an incredible rookie season in 2017 and only had one goal for 2018; to have a full class and finally become a M2. I accomplished my mission and even got my first win as a M2 in Amarillo at the 2018 CMSA World Championships. Becoming a World Champion was a surreal experience. Other accomplishments are Canadian M2 High Point Champion, Canadian Limited Shotgun Champion, AMSA Men's High Point Champion, CCMSA M2 Champion & Ponoka Canadian Classic M1 Champion.



M2 Champion - Markus Hofer

I was raised on a farm in a ranching community in central Alberta. I worked for an outfitter for 10 years in the mountains wrangling horses and hunting. I have always loved horses, speed and guns, so when I saw the Sport 4 years ago I knew right away I wanted to try it. I love the competitiveness of the sport. Everyone is so welcoming, The friends I made along the way I now consider my shooting family. 2018 was a great year for me I hope to exceed my own personal best in the 2019 season.



M3 Champion - Lance Cochrane

I have been shooting for 5 years now. I had a very fun and successful season, winning M3 season leader and M3 Canadian Champion. Looking forward to another fun filled season in 2019.



M3 Reserve - Curtis Clausen

I started shooting about 10 years ago and I really enjoy the challenges that the sport has to offer. This past year I am thankful to have had some different horses to compete on and a supportive travelling partner to go down the road with. It was a good year and I look forward to an even better 2019. Many thanks to all of the sponsors, volunteers and associations that keep the competitions going.



M4 Champion - Lucas Thiessen

He may be a recent graduate of Sasquatch School, but don't underestimate the crazy hobo looking man from the prairies. He's been over a mountain or two from the Altai range in Mongolia to the Sawtooth's in Idaho. He can skin Griz pilgrim. He has to work for a living but when he's not he can be found riding at home in the arena or out scouting for bucks!



M4 Reserve - Charl Duvenage

I have been actively competing and enjoying this sport since 2012. My mount this year was Sunsational Hickory or "Gun", a 10 year old gelding which I stole from my wife, which was only fair since she stole my good mare a few years back. We had a great season together and are looking forward to another year of fun and friendship with our shooting friends.



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M5 Reserve - Todd Hemmerling

Started shooting in 2007, seems like yesterday. Time flies when you're having fun. I enjoy the challenge of mounted shooting and that it makes me strive to be a better horseman, gain more knowledge and strive for 110%. My greatest achievement in shooting being the first Canadian to win a mens overall title in the Western Championships which took place at the 2013 Scully US Championship in Las Vegas, NV. It takes a great team to become successful in mounted shooting; great horse, family, horse care professionals, coaches and fellow competitors, and I am thankful for mine. Very grateful to all the volunteers that makes the sport possible to enjoy as a competitor



M5 Reserve - Cain Quam

Cain has been a professional horse trainer for over 30 years, specializing in mounted shooting horses since 2012. Cain puts on a variety of clinics and has coached many nonpros to championships in multiple disciplines. You will encounter horses and riders that Cain has trained at every shooting competition in Canada. His motto is "where you and your horse find success". Cain and his mount, 77, were the first Canadians to be in the top 10 of the overall at the world finals in 2016. Cain and 77 have won titles all over North America.



SM1 Champion - Doug Wickham

I got to start my year with a new horse "Looking Right" aka Bobby which kicked everything off for me it has been an incredible year. In the past 4 years I have been blessed with good friends and a sport to go with it which can't be replaced. 2 time Canadian SM1 High Point Champion, 2 time CCMSA SM1 Champion, 2x Canadian SM1 Reserve Champion, 2018 Ponoka SM1 Champion, finishing in the top 6 at Worlds Final in Amarillo, Tx 2016/ 17/ 18.



SM1 Reserve - Dean Palin

My first year of competing in mounted shooting was a blast and turned out to be successful. I enjoyed travelling with my wife Evelyn and making new acquaintances in this friendly shooting world. After competing 20 years in Team Cattle Penning, it has been fun trying something new and challenging. With the help of Kendra Sinclair, we were able to train our penning horses to mounted shooting. I look forward to working with our horses and continue to improve my gunmanship.



SM2 Champion - Shawn Stuckey

Hi I'm Shady Stuckey, the 2018 SM2 Canadian Champion and Season Leader, was M2 reserve in 2017. Now we are SM3 competitors. I'm just a mountain horse turned shooting horse in 2017. The guy who rides me Shawn Stuckey, a retired portable welder now "whatever" maintenance guy, he thanks his brothers and sister in law who helped get him started and all the great friendly people involved. Special thanks to Candice my wife for support and Mom and Dad faithful cheering squad.



SM2 Reserve - Les Steem

Farming cattle, elk & bison near Leduc has kept me busy for most of my life. I have been fortunate to have a good wife, horse & dog which have kept me going. Starting mounted shooting gave my horse a hobby along with it. Rockett is full of cow & run, yet values his connection with me above all. I am especially thankful to all the shooters who helped me learn enough to go to the odd show & compete. Thanks for all the good times & good luck in 2019!



SM3 Champion - Allen Watson

I first became involved with mounted shooting in 2011 & fell in love with the sport immediately. I enjoy the fast event with your horse but mostly I have enjoyed all the great friends I have made through the sport. I have 3 children & 3 grandchildren & when I have the time I like to hunt, trail ride, pack, golf & just enjoy good times with friends.



SM3 Reserve - Dwayne Savage

I am starting my fourth this year. Had a strong start winning four Buckle events plus a Reserve Grand Champion at the AQHA Worlds in Houston TX. Still looking for that CMSA World Buckle.



Season Class Winners

SM4 Champion - Duncan MacMillan

I've had another good, happy, busy season and continued to stay steady. Now I'm looking to find time to start some new horses. Funny how age and time sneaks up on them "And Us"!!



SM4 Reserve - Gary Couch

Manager of Environmental Services, Municipal District of Greenview. 4 time Canadian Highpoint Champion (2x Reserve Champion). Enjoy almost all outdoor activities and being with family and friends.



SM5 Champion - Lee Stuckey

Self Employed- 2017 Southwest Regional (AZ.) class winner, 2017 Class and Quarter horse winner, CMSA Winter Championship in Queen Creek AZ. 2 time CMSA World & Canadian Champion class winner. Banker started coming into his own this year and I look forward to seeing what he has the ability to become. We had some hit & miss performances this year with 5 straight wins and a run in 8.69 sec., not to mention some total mess ups also. After losing my 2 time world champion horse, Wilhe in 2016, Banker has big boots to fill. I bought Banker as a 3 year old green broke gelding with a few problems and a very stubborn attitude.



SM5 Reserve - Gene Stuckey

After I retired from welding I have enjoyed spending more time riding my horse, shooting and ranching. My wife and I run a cow/calf operation in central Alberta.



Junior Wrangler Champion - Colby Wenger

Colby had a great shooting year travelling all over the country even getting the opportunity to shoot with the men's one class in Las Vegas. Colby and his horse, Breeze, have become a great team over the past few years and enjoy meeting new friends from all over the mounted shooting circuits.



Junior Wrangler Reserve - Ryder Cochrane

I'm 12 years old and have been shooting for 5 years. I got the chance to go to Amarillo Texas for the 2018 World Championships. I'm looking forward to the 2019 shooting season.



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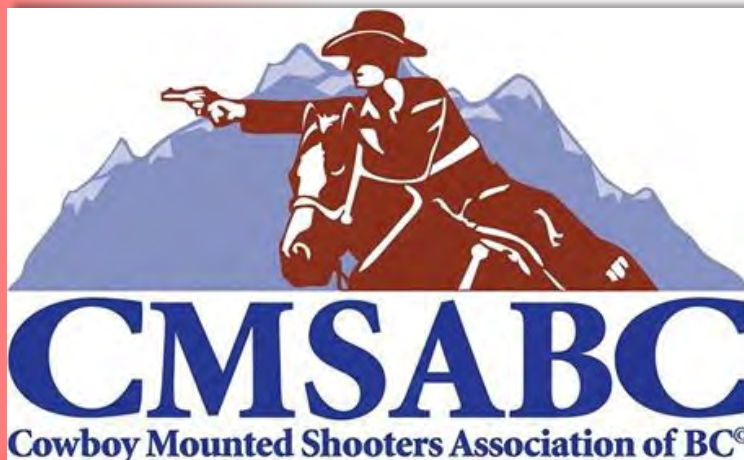
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