

Cowboy Mounted Shooting 2017



Canadian Champions



Welcome to our fourth annual “Catalogue of Champions” showcasing our season leaders and the champions of our first 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 2017 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 2017 catalogue.

The 2017 season has been a year of exciting developments with the forming of the Mounted Shooters of Canada Committee and the hosting of the very first Canadian Finals Shoot that was most graciously hosted by the Saskatchewan Mounted Shooters Association and the Boomtown Showdown Committee. Be on the lookout for the developments in the coming season as our committee works to bring the second annual Canadian Finals to Red Deer, AB, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2018 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 2018

Holly Schuk and the MSC Committee



Cowboy Mounted Shooting is one of the fastest growing and most exciting equestrian sports in the world. It combines elements of Wild West Show exhibition shooting along with the skills of barrel racing, pole bending and reining while using two .45 caliber single action revolvers loaded with black powder blanks. The object of the game is to shoot ten balloon targets while riding your mount through one of 70+ challenging courses. It's 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 at the Class level 1 and moves up through the levels as experience and competition wins are achieved. These include Men's, Ladies and Senior (also split into Men's and Ladies) Classes 1-6, as well Wrangler Classes for those 17 and under. When a rider gets a qualified win as a Class 1 four times, they advance to Class 2, and when they get a qualified win in Class 2 four times, they advance to Class 3. Four wins at Class 3 and on to Class 4, 5 wins at Class 4, etc. With this system using classes there is a place for all levels of riders. 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 - Humboldt, SK

I was born into a horse training family and always had a fascination with pistols. My mounted shooting training began as a three yr old shooting cap guns off my horse named dad. Clearly this escalated and my obsession with this sport led to many long hours of practicing, competing and strategizing on how to be better. I've had great coaches, competitors and horses along the way, which has helped me excel at the sport I love.

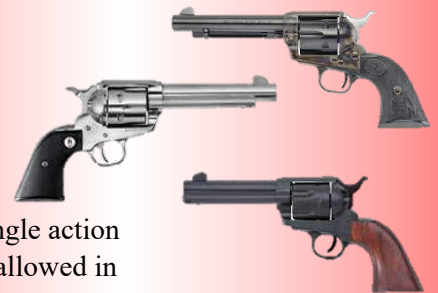
Riding - Mae

A horse with the temperament of a koala bear and the speed of a gazelle. The cow sense of a heeler and the nose of a hound dog. A large love of self feed hay and a undying need for oats. A daughter of Chexboonsmal from the astounding breeding program at Frehlick Quarter horses!



What type of guns are used?

Mounted Shooters use .45 caliber single action revolvers like those used in the late 1800's. Single action revolvers must be cocked each time before firing by drawing the hammer back. A double action revolver can be fired by simply pulling the trigger, without cocking the hammer. 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. Examples are: Colt Single Action Army or Bisley Model, Smith & Wesson Schofield, Russian, or Remington Models 1875 & 1890, their reproductions and Ruger Vaqueros, Bisleys or Montados.



Reserve Man

Cain Quam - Kendal, SK

Cain Quam has been a professional horse trainer for 30 years, has won multiple titles in multiple disciplines and has been mounted shooting since 2012. He's won multiple state and regional high point championships in the shooting arena. He's the first ever Canadian to be in the top 10 at the World finals in Amarillo Texas. Cain has been the President of the Saskatchewan mounted shooting club for the past 4 years, and as a fulltime horse trainer and clinician, has coached many shooters to obtain their goals, whether those goals are winning championships or developing their horsemanship or shooting skills.

Riding - 77 (Sun Frosted Jet)

Sun Frosted Jet (77) is a 7 year old running bred quarter horse, sired by PC Double Frost. His dam traces back to Easy Jet. He is a world class mounted shooting horse that has the capability to win in the highest level of competition.



Canadian Finals Overall Lady



Alice Hallink- Blue Mountains, ON and Wartrace, TN

My husband, Mark, and myself spend our time between Blue Mountains, ON and Wartrace, TN. We enjoy traveling throughout Canada and the US competing in cowboy mounted shooting. I truly cherish the time spent with family and friends and are grateful to have them in each country. When in the States I am a part time ultrasound technician. I started mounted shooting about 5 years ago. I am lucky to have my husband, mother, daughter, who all compete in the sport, and in another year, hopefully my granddaughter will be participating too.

Riding - Nitro

My horse is an AQHA registered gelding by the name of Wil Mil Nitro. I call him Nitro and he is 13 this year. He's agile with a heart of a lion. He has been my buddy and main shooting horse for over two years. He is the 2017 CMSA AQHA High Point Horse of the year. I must say it's well deserved.



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Reserve Lady

Heather McKenzie - Devon, AB

I have been mounted shooting for 4 years and love this sport and the people in it. I am fortunate that I get to do this sport with my friends and family. This year my biggest accomplishment was traveling to worlds in Amarillo and winning the L4 class. I initially came from a showjumping background before making the switch to western riding. When I am not in the area I enjoy the outdoors and heading to the mountains.

Riding - Lola

Lola is a 5 year old AQHA mare. She is a spunky little horse with a lot of heart and even more personality. Lola likes mounted shooting, cows, mountains and most everything speed related.



Junior Wrangler Champion



Ryder Cochrane - Delburne, AB

I'm 11 years old and have been mounted shooting since 2014. I was the 2016, 2015 Open Wrangler Champion and 2014 Limited Wrangler Champion. My highlight for the 2017 season was being presented with a Red Ryder rifle at the Little Crick Shootout. Thank you, Nancy and Orin Sand, for the opportunity to make my first rifle run. I'm looking forward to the 2018 season with friends and family.

Riding - Bailey (HG Miss Roan Hancock)

The horse I ride is a 17 year old AQHA red roan mare named Bailey.



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 arm's 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.

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

Junior Wrangler Reserve

Colby Wenger - Paradise Hill, SK

Colby is 12 years old and he lives in Paradise Hill, SK. He has been mounted shooting for a few years now winning reserve Canadian champion for 2 years and his big accomplishment was Canadian wrangler champion in 2016. He loves to ride his dirt bike, play hockey and is looking forward to going hunting with his dad this fall. He was also awarded the "shooters got talent" award this year and has been singing the anthem at quite a few of the shoots now! Colby loves mounted shooting with his dad and always has time for conversation with everyone that he meets!

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 2nd year riding breeze and he has got him a reserve Canadian championship.



Finals Open Shotgun Champion



Alice Hallink - Blue Mountains, ON and Wartrace, TN

Cowboy Mounted Shooting is the first western discipline that I've participated in. My background is in dressage and eventing. I started mounted shooting around five years ago, shooting pistol only, as most shooters do. A year and a half into shooting I tried shotgun and fell in love with it. It wasn't long after that I tried rifle and it was even more exciting than shotgun. I have often told people that if I could only shoot shotgun and rifle I would because I enjoy them so much. It's a whole other level of excitement, and I encourage others to try it, especially the ladies. I'm proud to say that I'm the first lady to ever win overall high point open shotgun with CMSA with over 3000 points.

Riding - Nitro does it all, pistol, shotgun, and rifle. He's fast at pistol but once you drop the reins for shotgun and rifle, watch out - he kicks into another gear and comes straight home. That's why I love shotgun and rifle so much, for the adrenaline rush. My horse is one of kind and I owe my success in cowboy mounted shooting to him.

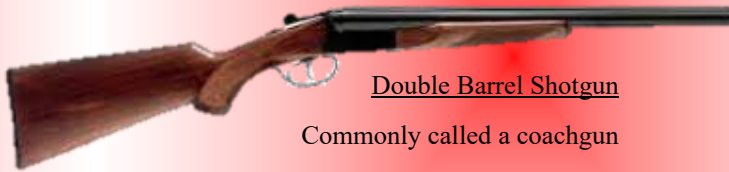
Open Shotgun Reserve

Gary Couch - Valleyview, AB

Cowboy and Manager of Environmental Services for The Municipal District of Greenview in Valleyview, Alberta.

Four-time Canadian Highpoint Champion. Placed 7th Overall in Shotgun and 5th Overall in SM5 class at the 2017 CMSA World Finals in Amarillo, Texas. Enjoy traveling and competing throughout Western Canada and United States with great friends.

Riding - Jack also known as Jack Star, is a 25 yr. old grade Appendix. He was started as a cattle penning horse when he was 9 and became a shooting horse when he was 18, in 2011. In 2012, he was voted "Alberta Mounted Shooters Assoc. Horse of the Year."



Double Barrel Shotgun

Commonly called a coachgun

Finals Limited Shotgun Champion



Matthew Nielson - Red Deer, AB

M1 division. After seeing a mounted shooting demo at the Ponoka Stampede it became my mission to try the sport. I got started in 2016 on my trusty mule and things quickly got out of hand. By spring of this year, I found myself mounted on a horse for the first time in years and really learning how to "Ride like you stole it, and shoot like you intend to keep it" I finished the season strong, taking class wins at Canadian Finals and at the World Finals in Amarillo Texas.

Riding - I have been Lucky enough to have some incredible equine partners this year including "Sauce" an 11 year old palomino AQHA gelding. Sauce is a big horse with a big stride and an even bigger heart. He gives his all in every run and loves to win.

Finals Limited Shotgun Reserve

Tyler Donaldson - Camrose, AB

Leduc County Alberta Fire fighter with city of Edmonton since 2005. Husband and proud father of two children. I transitioned to riding horses in the mountains/packing in 2003 from motocross. Rode my first performance horse at an introduction to mounted shooting clinic and never looked back. Accomplishments are BCMSA 2017 Rookie Champion, BCMSA reserve high point pistol /Men's shotgun 2017, CCMSA Rookie of the Year, CCMSA M1 Champion, Canadian Rookie of the year 2017, Canadian M1 Season Leader.

Riding - Ford (Stylishn Smart) is a 8 year old AQHA gelding, I started on him mid season. We have had some learning bumps but are starting to gel as a team. Looking forward to finally letting him go completely next season.



Finals Open Rifle Champion

Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

I've had another good, happy, busy season and continued to stay steady. Silver has been off the last half of the season causing me to switch horses a lot! Now I'm looking to find time to start some new horses. Funny how age and time sneaks up on them "And Us"!!

Riding - Silver (Silver Tip Doc) is a 12 yr old AQHA Gelding. Like I have said before "he has quirks, but he works". Silver loves to compete.... So steady and consistent. Silver is going to get a well deserved rest for the winter.



Open Rifle Reserve

Mark Hallink – Blue Mountains, ON

Rifle is my favourite class in Cowboy Mounted Shooting, for sure. When I signed up for my first competition in Florida in 2015, I signed up for revolver, shotgun, rifle, and Calvary and have been shooting all four classes ever since. Winning the Reserve Canadian Rifle Champion at the Canadian Finals, and the CMSA Overall Rifle Highpoint Champion this year were definitely two of the highlights of my season.

Riding - Tempted With Roses – aka Rosie – Rosie is a cross-registered AQHA and APHA seven-year-old mare. She has been an unbelievable iron horse for me this season, with all the miles we have pulled. I am proud to say we have won the APHA Amateur Solid Paint World Championship together this year at Worlds to top off an amazing 2017 shooting season.



Common Mounted Shooting Rifle

Finals Limited Rifle Champion



Lucas Thiessen – Humboldt, SK

I always have loved a good lever action rifle. Spent many a day with a ol' .444 as protection in the Yukon Territory while hunting Griz! Rifle class is my favourite in this sport. It's fast and can get hairy in a hurry, so many things can go wrong. There's nothing like a run when your rifle works slick, your horse runs straight, and you blast a clean run! However the disaster runs always leave me laughing!

Riding - Dan

A wily ol' ranch stud, that loves to work. My original shooting horse that my wife now shoots off of. I still steal him for some rifle runs and he excels at it. He still produces offspring every year and makes phenomenal ranch horses. There's always a few for sale and are they ever purty!

Finals Limited Rifle Reserve

Curtis Clausen - Yellowhead County, AB

I started shooting about 7 years ago. I enjoy the challenges and comrade of this sport. Two years ago I started a new business that took me away from the sport for a year but now I am back to travelling the road to compete in competitions throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan and in the USA.

Riding - Tazz a 14 year old quaterhorse cross with a lot of try.



Finals Class Winners

L1 Champion - Carley Avison



I started mounted shooting summer of 2016 and became hooked! I love this sport because it really challenges me and my horse. There are many things to perfect and work on all the time, I never get bored and neither does my horse. The mounted shooting community is great, everyone is always willing to helping and give advice. I've had my horse Niko since he was a weanling, and I've essentially been the only one to ever ride him. So we have a very special bond with one another and he's amazing! I grew up and still work on our family

ranch, we run about 220 head of cattle. I love the lifestyle, and I love that it's flexible enough to allow me to play with guns and horses all year round!

L2 Champion - Miranda Wiens



I am a proud mom of 19-yr-old daughter Kelsey and 16-yr-old son Christopher. Mike and I live on a farm outside of Macklin, SK. I am a certified Equine First Aid Instructor and a field administrator in the oilfield. I started shooting in June 2015 and look forward too many more years competing. I purchased my mare Pearl in 2014, she had very little training and no want to go faster than a leisurely lope. I am proud of this mare as she has come a long way and I can't wait to see where we go from here.

L1 Reserve - Kristy Thiessen



What a year! I started competing in November, 2016 attending a dozen different shoots and finished the season in Amarillo, TX at the CMSA World's Championship. This has been my first time competing in an equine event. As with everything there is so much to learn on a personal level and our horses teach us a lot. I love the comradery between shooters and how they challenge you to go faster, pick the right line through the course or simply to shoot all the balloons. Looking forward to pushing myself next year and learning from all the great coaches around me.

L2 Reserve - Jill Donaldson



Peace Officer for Strathcona County. 2017 was my first season of mounted shooting competition. My husband Ty & I attended a gunbreaking clinic last year & were instantly hooked on the sport. My horse background includes riding and packing in the mountains and gymkhana. I am a proud mama to 4 year old Paisley & 2 year old Cash. I love that my family is able to go down the road together & enjoy this incredible sport and the amazing people who are part of it.

L3 Champion - Roberta Quam



I started shooting in 2012, one try and I was hooked. This is the first horse discipline that I have competed in. My husband Cain, two daughters (Cheyenne and Jaelynn) and I run a busy horse training and boarding facility. My family has traveled to many shoots in Canada and we try to get to a few big shoots down south, including South Dakota, Mississippi, Arizona, and Texas. The 2nd best part about this sport is the people that are involved. We have made so many great new friends all over Canada and the US. The absolute best part of the sport is the horses! These horse partners of ours are truly the stars of the sport!



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L3 Reserve - Betty Jo Duvenage



I started shooting in 2013, and have been actively competing in Canada and the US alongside my husband Charl who is a Men's level 4. Traveling and competing with family and friends in this sport has been one of the greatest privileges I have experienced. "Noodles" is my current mount, but don't that name fool you- she is a gritty mare who is all business in this sport; she has pushed me to new levels and teaches me something every time we hit the course. I am a full time Bovine Veterinarian, and enjoy working on my cow-calf operation at home. In 2015, Charl and I welcomed our son

Lane, who is already showing a big interest in horses and riding.

L4 Champion - Heather McKenzie



I have been mounted shooting for 4 years and love this sport and the people in it. This year my biggest accomplishment was traveling to worlds in Amarillo and winning the L4 class. I am fortunate that I get to do this sport with my friends and family.

L5 Champion - Alice Hallink



This year has been a good one lending me many titles within the CMSA such as: Ladies High Point Champion, AAA Divisional Ladies High Point Champion, Open High Point Shotgun Champion and L5 Class High Point Champion. I was also the 2017 Canadian Finals Shoot Ladies Champion, L5 Class Champion, Overall Open Shotgun Champion and Canadian L5 High Point Champion. Another high light win was 2016 CMSA Quarter Horse Congress Overall Ladies Champion.

L4 Reserve - Lisa McKenzie



Oilfield Electrician at Mustang Controls. In the past, I was an avid English rider and International Mounted Games competitor. I started Mounted Shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year, doing what I love.

Finals Class Winners

SL1 Champion - Nancy Gray



I am a long-time employee of Sasktel in Moose Jaw and Saskatchewan farmer. I'm also the mother of two amazing daughters and a brand-new grandmother to a beautiful granddaughter. I have always had a love of horses, and have participated in local horse shows, was a member of a drill team and spent many years as a Light Horse 4-H leader. I had been interested in this sport for a couple of years, but finally decided in 2015 it was something I wanted to try, and have never looked back. I competed twice in 2016, and this year I was fortunate to make it to a few more shoots in Alberta and Saskatchewan. I am already planning my vacation days for next year.

SL1 Reserve - Judy Wright



I started shooting in 2012; first equestrian sport. Registered psychologist - love things that challenge, develop and rock me to my soul. Mounted shooting accomplishes all of that! Toss in horses and the shooting family-perfection. My rockstar Jasper is one fabulous partner and we keep getting more in tune. Thanks Cain Quam- dreams keep coming true. David HUGE thanks! In this sport there's always one more mountain to climb and a star to catch. All of these things keep me coming back. Happy trails - see you at the next shoot!



SL2 Champion - Herma Zomer.

Lives in Nesbitt Manitoba with husband Joe. My husband got me in to mounted shooting and I am really liking it. This is my second year of cmsa and first year we went out of Manitoba to compete. Riding my 12 year old gelding MJ Gingers Watch. He is a great horse. We train our own horses for cow work and shooting.



SL2 Reserve - Christine Benz

Owner & operator of Trails End Guest Ranch in Aylesbury, SK. I started shooting in Arizona 3 years ago, with my trusty steed Montado, and love the challenges of this sport.



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SL3 Champion - Terry Peck



I started mounted shooting the end of 2014 on a snappy little mare name Keela. In the spring of 2015 my brother decided to try mounted shooting so I started my horse Joe which I am still competing with today. I consider myself a jack of all trades, master of none, in other words a farmer. Currently I am employed as a home care aide. My husband Warren and I and two of my three sons recently set up a farm in Buck Lake. I am very blessed to add mounted shooting to the list of my Equine endeavors.

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.
 2015- SL3 Worlds Champion Amarillo, TX
 Currently riding a 12 year old grade quarter horse named Uno.
 23 years doing leatherwork and owner of The Leather Loft in Bentley, Alberta.

SL3 Reserve - Jean MacMillan



Duncan and I ranch north of Vermilion. We have a son and daughter and three little grandchildren. I started shooting six years ago on my old paint gelding, Trooper, giving me confidence and a good foundation. Now at 25, I'm seriously looking at his retirement from traveling and shooting. We have really enjoyed travelling all over Alberta and Saskatchewan meeting new friends and competing against the old ones.

SL4 Reserve - Twyla Stuckey



Riding and competing with horses has always been the sport of choice from chariot racing gymkhana, horse showing and barrel racing to now mounted shooting. Twyla started shooting in 2012 after brother in law, Lee, introduced her to the sport. Her current shooting horse is a 10 year old buckskin mare, Libby, who has done great for her first year in the shooting arena.

Finals Class Winners

M1 Champion - Matthew Nielson



After seeing a mounted shooting demo at the Ponoka stampede it became my mission to try the sport. I got started in 2016 on my trusty mule and things quickly got out of hand. By spring of this year, I found myself mounted on a horse for the first time in years and really learning how to "Ride like you stole it, and shoot like you intend to keep it" I finished the season strong, taking class wins at Canadian finals and at the world finals in Amarillo Texas.

M2 Champion - Lance Cochrane



Oilfield operator for Ember Resources for 11 years. I have been shooting since 2014. I enjoy spending time with family and friends at shoots. I ride a 10 year old APHA mare named Twist (UN ZIP ME SLOWLY) she is a huge part of any of my accomplishments. Looking forward to the 2018 season.

M1 Reserve - Tyler Donaldson



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M2 Reserve- Markus Hofer



I am presently working in Saskatchewan as a pipeline worker. I was able to spend 2.5 months in Arizona over the winter. Loved the sunny warm weather and was able to train with Larry Nelles, who is a well known cutting and all around horse trainer. This allowed my horse Striker and I to become more competitive in the shooting arena. I earned class buckle wins at Moose Jaw at Ponoka. I currently have 2 wins as a M2. I also captured the A Division Double Down at Western Championship finals in Las Vegas, along with the DD in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon at the Canadian finals.

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M3 Champion - Lucas Thiessen



A man with gnarled thumbs as fast as a jackalope. The disposition of a mule and as canny as a squirrel looking for nuts! Like a mountain lion he loves the rugged country and taking down a big Muley buck. A busy hombre who's always willing to share his food unless its pie!

M4 Champion - Clint Bowman



Niton Junction is home, have worked in the logging industry as foreman for many years. The first time I watched mounted shooting I looked at my wife and said, "we're doing this", that was 2008. As a former rodeo competitor, I was looking to add some excitement back in the arena and this was the sport for me and my wife Michelle. I've been blessed with great horses that have taken me to many wins, overalls and season leader awards. I try to give back to the sport by hosting shoots, clinics and demos, and enjoy helping new shooters to the sport. I love this sport and will continue to compete as long as I can, I enjoy the friendships made with so many... its truly a shooting family.

M4 Reserve - Mark Hallink



I am very fortunate to have had another great year this year with my wonderful and amazing wife, Alice Hallink at my side. She has been an incredible supporter and partner. Alice and I met at my first CMSA competition in Florida, in 2015, when we were sharing a horse I was looking at. We have been together ever since, and still have and compete on that horse to this day. – Miss Dart Tari. This sport has been extremely good to me and I am thankful for Alice, and my horses, Miss Dart Tari, Tempted with Roses and Holi Sly Quixote.

M3 Reserve - Chris Epp



Equipment operator with SaskEnergy, aspiring rancher, and lover of a good whiskey. I took up shooting after I realized I was too old to ride bulls. I have been married 9 years, and am the proud dad of 2 young boys, who I enjoy teaching to ranch and shoot. We thoroughly enjoy this sport and the great people we continue to meet through it.

M5 Champion - Cain Quam



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Finals Class Winners

SM1 Champion - George Chronik



My wife, Deb, and I are retired from full-time farming and cattle ranching and now raise quarter horses in southwestern Alberta. I started Mounted Shooting with a clinic in Taber in December 2016 and was hooked from the get-go. My first competition was in Creston B.C. in May 2017 and I went to as many shoots as I could this past summer and fall. My horse, SanMan, is a home-raised reining trained 2006 gelding, and I've sure been happy with his composure and consistency, getting me all the way to Saskatoon for the finals. I've been very thankful and impressed with everyone's helpful training tips along the way. This is a great sport and I'm already looking

SM1 Reserve - Doug Wickham



I have been shooting since 2014. Ended up taking most of last year off due to broken bones, not from mounted shooting ;). I enjoyed meeting new friends and rode an awesome horse - Ty. Great coaches in this sport with everyone willing to share their knowledge and expertise. Would not have made it at the end of this season without a good friend, Les Steem allowing me to borrow his horse-Rocket, when mine ended up under the weather. Canadian SM1 season leader & Canadian SM1 reserve champion became a reality for me. It also gave me the opportunity to compete at the World Championships in Amarillo, Texas. What an experience and incredible year!

SM3 Champion - Bob Irwin



I have been in Cowboy Mounted Shooting for four seasons. I just moved into SM4 at the CMSA Canadian Championship. I have ridden the same horse since I started this sport, he's a 9 year old gelding (Caught You Winking). I live in Oxbow, SK with my wife Cathy who also competes in Mounted Shooting. We have 3 grown children and 7 terrific grandchildren. When given the chance the grandchildren love cheering on grandma and grandpa. This season we were lucky enough to make it to shoots in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, South and North Dakota. We always enjoy meeting new people and having friendly competition. Even was lucky enough to meet some really good story tellers. I believe this is the best horse sport I've been a part of.

SM3 Reserve - Kevin Wenger



I live in Paradise Hill, Sk and am the Foreman for the RM of Frenchman butte. My son Colby and I thoroughly enjoy the mounted shooting sport and all the people involved. I was the SM3 Canadian point leader this year and had the opportunity to partake in the worlds in Amarillo, placing 4th in my class. When I'm not chasing the shooting circuit I enjoys being on the farm taking care of the cattle and following Colby's hockey. My family and I love going to as many shooting events as we can and have enjoyed every minute of it!

SM5 Champion - Gene Stuckey



Being a rodeo competitor in calf roping and team roping in the LRA, FCA, CCA and CARA associations for 20+ years, mounted shooting was a good fit when brother Lee introduced him to it in 2012. Since then, he has enjoyed success in the sport and is currently a level SM5 with his 10 year old bay roan gelding Trigger. Gene retired from welding after 30 years in the oil patch and now he, and his wife Twyla, run a cow/calf operation at Red Willow, AB. The challenge of the sport and the great friendships make this sport second to none.

SM2 Champion - Dwayne Savage



I started Mounted Shooting by going to a clinic at Cain's in June 2016 and became addicted. First shoot was in Moose Jaw June 26th, 2016 never looked back winning my next shoot. The 2017 season was great with wins at Northlands, the Pile O Bones shoot, Ponoka, Boomtown, and the first Canadian Finals. Then off to Worlds in Amarillo TX coming in third, 2.5 sec. out of first. I am very proud of my horse Skip, placing 2nd in the Quarter horse amateur division. Best part is the support of my family, Jackie, Sarah, Mitch and Jayd plus other family members and friends who traveled to a lot of shoots. My, wife Jackie, not a horse person always comes to support me and we meet a lot of great people and new friends in this exit-

SM2 Reserve - Bruce McKenzie



I am from Devon, AB and I own and operate Mustang Controls and Heavy Horse Rentals with my family. I love travelling and competing with my family and friends. My biggest accomplishment this year was winning Senior Men's 1 in Las Vegas.

SM4 Champion - Glen Olfert



This year I used a young horse (Starlight Heat) who worked incredibly hard for me. Heat took the overall win at the AMSA finals, placed second in the overall at the CCMSA finals and topped it off with a great finish at the first ever Canadian finals held in Saskatoon. Competition was very tough this year, as always, and I would like to thank everyone for riding hard and making this summer a truly amazing experience.

SM4 Reserve - Ken Wick



Retired Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted police, Retired Inspector/Regulator Alberta Agriculture. Born and raised on a farm near Lake Alma, Saskatchewan. I currently winter in Arizona with my best friend Cheryl Hibbert. Four Children, four grandchildren, three hockey playing grandsons and one Horse-crazy Granddaughter.

SM5 Reserve - Gary Couch



Cowboy and Manager of Environmental Services for The Municipal District of Greenview in Valleyview, Alberta. Four-time Canadian Highpoint Champion. Placed 7th Overall in Shotgun and 5th Overall in SM5 class at the 2017 CMSA World Finals in Amarillo, Texas. Enjoy traveling and competing throughout Western Canada and United States with great friends.



All Around Results

Ladies Division

1. Holly Schuk
2. Alice Hallink
3. Lisa Mckenzie

Men's Division

1. Cain Quam
2. Mark Hofer
3. Gary Couch



Eliminator Results

Limited Ladies Division

1. Betty Joe Duvenage
2. Michelle Bowman
3. Roberta Quam

Limited Men's Division

1. Lance Cochrane
2. Shawn Parsons
3. Chris Epp

Open Ladies Division

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

Open Men's Division

1. Lee Stuckey
2. Charl Duvenage
3. Clint Bowman

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

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 but must also qualify, this class is named due to the nature of the second entry fee. Competitor's 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. 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 exculsive 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.

Double Down Results

Division A Ladies

1. Marissa Epp

Division A Men's

1. Mark Hofer
2. Dwayne Savage

Division AA Ladies

1. Lisa McKenzie
2. Holly Schuk

Division AA Men's

1. Clint Bowman
2. Lucas Thiessen

Division AAA Ladies

1. Alice Hallink

Division AAA Men's

1. Cain Quam
2. Gary Couch

Senior Incentive Results

Limited Ladies Division

1. Peggy Penner
2. Hermina Zomer
3. Cathy Irwin

Limited Men's Division

1. Dwayne Savage
2. Thomas Hakl
3. Bruce McKenzie

Open Ladies Division

1. Gail Cook
2. Barbara Munn

Open Men's Division

1. Gary Couch
2. Lee Stuckey
3. Gene Stuckey

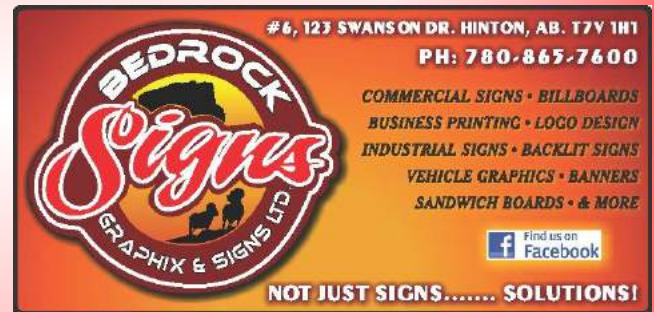


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Here are some common asked questions and information to get you started.



Are there horse requirements like breed, or registration?

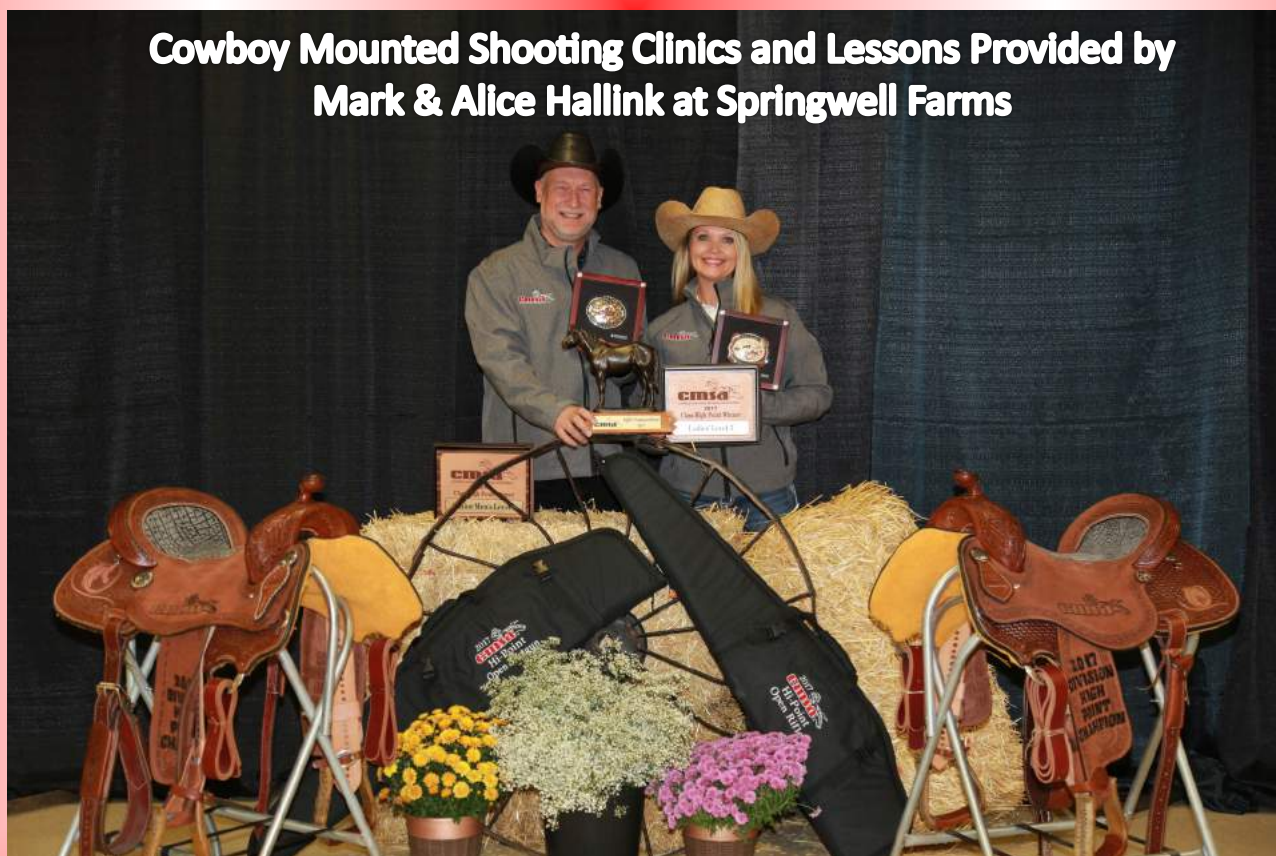
No. You can use any horse or mule that you want. Some horses take to this sport easily, others do not. It is up to your horse's temperament and your desire to train him or her to get used to shooting, turning, and going fast. Most riders will use earplugs for themselves and their horses. As this sport requires the horse and rider to be in time it is easiest to start into the sport with a well trained horse such as an old rope or gymkana horse.



Are there clothing requirements?

Yes. It is required that you dress western. You may either dress in traditional western style or you can dress in the old time style of the late 1800's. Traditional style includes a long sleeve western shirt, 5 pocket blue jeans covered by chinks or chaps, western boots, a cowboy hat or a helmet (if chosen). If you prefer 'rolling back the clock' to the late 1800's try to look as authentic to the period as possible, by wearing shirts without collars, and high-waisted pants with buttons, not zippers, and an old style cowboy hat or the ladies can wear skirts with a blouse or a split riding skirt with a blouse and hat.

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What about safety?

Safety in horse training and firearm handling are emphasized at all times. Many clubs sponsor clinics to assist new shooters in starting their horses and learn the basics of safe firearm handling. Range masters are in the arena at all times during competitions to insure safe riding and shooting is exercised. New shooters are usually required to demonstrate that they have achieved minimum acceptable levels of riding and shooting skills.

All the Mounted Shooters within Canada require a restricted firearms licence. Information on the license and how to get one can be found on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police website by searching "Canadian Firearms Safety Course" or by using this link http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/safe_sur/cour-eng.htm.

How about scoring?

The riders are scored on time and accuracy. There is a 5 second penalty for each missed balloon, a 5 second penalty for dropping a gun, a 10 second penalty for not running the course correctly and a 60 second penalty for falling off your horse. Speed is important, however, accuracy is usually more important than speed. A typical pattern can be run in 15-35 seconds, so penalties can really hurt.



What about gun leather?

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Canadian Season Overall Man



Gary Couch - Valleyview, AB

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Riding - Jack also known as Jack Star, is a 25 yr. old grade appendix gelding. He was started as a cattle penning horse when he was 9 and became a shooting horse when he was 18, in 2011. In 2012, he was voted "Alberta Mounted Shooters Assoc. Horse of the Year."



Reserve Man

Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

Jean and I run a cow-calf outfit north of Vermilion, Alberta. If we get big weeks in, that's means we can make most of the weekend shoots. I enjoy meeting new people, and the challenge of competition.

Riding - Dually

"My new to me backup horse". He is a 11year old gelding with a previous career in cutting and penning. This little brown, fun to ride, horse is slowly making his way into the shooting world. I started using him part time last year and have used him all this season. He did a good job of keeping me clean and in the average.



courtesy of Janice Storch Photography

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 Mounted Shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year, doing what I love.

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

Northwest of Unity, Saskatchewan is where I hang my hat. Scrub Lake Ranch is where I call home. I live there with my husband JS and two children Chance (10) and Nevada (7). I started shooting in 2012, that's when I gained more family! The Mounted Shooting community is like no other, it's a big family that supports each other in many ways. I am continuously amazed by the support that this community offers. 2017 shooting season has been a year to remember. With many ups and downs, Like Jim Roger says "Somedays are diamonds and some days are stones". With that in perspective I will collect all those stones to later form my diamonds. I'm looking forward to the 2017-2018 season with my shooting family. Congrats to all the Champions of 2016-2017 season.

Riding - Gunner (Norther Gunner)

Gunner is a 10 year old Quarter Horse Gelding. Born and raised at Scrub Lake Ranch where he and Michelle have developed a partnership like no other. Gunner was not the easiest horse to start and Michelle spent more time in the dirt then she really liked! Michelle seen something special in Gunner and didn't give up on him. In 2017 Gunner wasn't just Michelle's mount but also was a stand in mount for her two children Chance and Nevada. That is when he proved that he truly is a special horse.



Season Shotgun Champion



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Season Shotgun Reserve

Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

Family, ranching, horses and speed events have been a passion in my life time (and still going). Mounted shooting has been a perfect fit. If you like to ride, to shoot and have fun — this could be for you too!

Riding - Silver (Silver Tip Doc) is a 13 yr old AQHA Gelding. Like I have said before "he has quirks, but he works". Silver loves to compete.... So steady and consistent. He is the big part of my clean shoots and strong average.



Season Rifle Champion



Duncan MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

I've had another good, happy, busy season and continued to stay steady. Silver has been off the last half of the season causing me to switch horses a lot! Now I'm looking to find time to start some new horses. Funny how age and time sneaks up on them "And Us"!!

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Season Rifle Reserve

Orin Sand - Hondo, AB

My wife, Nancy, and I operate a bison ranch, we have 3 grown children, 2 son and a daughter, and a grandson. I worked in the oil patch most of my life. I love the outdoors and the lifestyle of living on a ranch. Last spring, we decided to try something different, with the help of my wife and a young lady (Freya), we started Sandstone Equine Ranch. Training horses, riding lessons, trail rides and hosting family friendly riding activities. It really took off and we are gearing up for an even busier summer. I started Mounted Shooting in 2012 and was hooked. Have won some overalls and this year will compete as a SM3 for the first time. I have made a lot of good friends and really enjoy the competition side of this sport. When competing it's; go hard or go home!

Riding - Reo (Kilomax) a 8 year old Quarter Horse Gelding. None of this would be possible without having a great horse to work with. He is a big roan with a great mind and will get out and go when asked. Fun to ride doing just about anything.



Tyler Donaldson - 2017 Canadian Rookie of the Year

and the Donaldson shooting family - by Linda McKenzie

Tell us about yourself and your family.

I am a 13 year firefighter with the City. I grew up in Ardrossan and I'm now living close by in the County of Leduc. I grew up playing football and riding bikes in motor cross and cross country. Jill and I married in 2005. We have two kids, Paisley, age 4 and Cash, age 2. Jill is a Peace Officer and currently teaches the DARE program. We have a pretty busy life.

When did you start riding?

Jill's family were regularly taking horses to Cadomin and Willmore so I started joining them. When I saw where we could go with horses I sold my bikes and started packing in to the back country. Jill then began barrel racing and gymkhana. I wasn't riding as much anymore so I began single action shooting and tactical shooting. Jill entered a mounted shooting clinic at Orin Sand's and I went along to watch. I knew immediately this was a sport I wanted to try. They offered me a horse to jump on and I was hooked.



What was your next step?

We attended a jackpot at Ken and Sheryl Kusk's. Ken and Sheryl have become family. They adopted us and we continued practicing at their home and then practiced at the Thorsby arena in the winter months. My first shoot was Northlands in November 2016. Jill let me use her horse Jack and she started a new horse.

You and Jill were trying for the Rookie of the Year award. How did you juggle work, family, travelling and competition?

I had vacation days in July but then I swapped 17 shifts so that I could shoot every weekend this season. We only missed one shoot because it overlapped with another shoot. It was a bit of a marathon. We were away so much that our yard work really suffered. We are playing catch up now before winter comes. Jill is the only one I

was okay with beating me. I'm so grateful to her. She started me in this sport and she lent me her great horse at the beginning of the year. It has been years since we could spend so much time riding together. I get to go down the road with my family. We get to live the rodeo lifestyle dream.

What are you driving to all these shoots?

We bought a 2005 Volvo high-way tractor semi and a very large four horse 4 Star trailer. We have logged 15,000 kms this year! The Volvo has a 30" t.v., porta-potty, cooler and bunkbeds. It's great for travelling with the kids.

Tell us about your new horse.

I started shooting off my wife's horse Jack who is a very patient and forgiving horse. I never had any formal riding lessons or competed on horseback in any speed events, but Jack put up with me in the saddle. I purchased Ford, an eight year old Quarter Horse, who was owned by Sherry Wallace and ridden by Lance Cochrane. Ford is a talented, athletic horse who loves to run. As the shooting season progressed I got more comfortable and we are developing into a strong competitive team.

How did you manage competing with two small children?

We used up all our favors from family and friends to take the kids when we had to go on the long hauls. The kids joined us at many of the shoots and it was toughest in the morning. The kids had late nights and were hard to get up in the morning. Often only one of us had a warm up practice and we took turns. Sometimes our first runs were the first time on the horse that day. We also got the kids involved in the Wrangler division.

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What guns do you shoot? I am shooting Ruger Vaqueros and Jill shoots Taylor Running Irons. I also shoot shotgun and I'll start shooting rifle this season.

2018 Goal

I really want to be a Men's 2. Sometimes I think the pressure got to me this season. It is quite a mental game. I love shotgun and I'm looking forward to trying rifle this year. There is nothing better than coming around the barrel, dropping the reins and coming home. We will see how many work shifts I can trade as there are so many good shoots that its hard to choose. I would like to go to some shoots in the USA. Maybe South Dakota and Las Vegas, I also want to attend Worlds in Amarillo.

Is there anyone you seek to beat?

We had a very competitive Men's 1 group! Matthew, Shawn and Mike were great competition. We kept each other honest and the times got faster and faster. The Men's 1 shooters often placed in the top ten.

Season Class Winners

L1 Champion - Carley Avison



I started mounted shooting summer of 2016 and became hooked! I love this sport because it really challenges me and my horse. There are many things to perfect and work on all the time, I never get bored and neither does my horse. The mounted shooting community is great, everyone is always willing to helping and give advice. I've had my horse Niko since he was a weanling, and I've essentially been the only one to ever ride him. So we have a very special bond with one another and he's amazing! I grew up and still work on our family ranch, we run about 220 head of cattle. I love the lifestyle, and I love that it's flexible enough to allow me to play with guns and horses all year round!

L2 Champion - Jill Donaldson



Peace Officer for Strathcona County. 2017 was my first season of mounted shooting competition. My husband Ty & I attended a gunbreaking clinic last year & were instantly hooked on the sport. My horse background includes riding and packing in the mountains and gymkhana. I am a proud mama to 4 year old Paisley & 2 year old Cash. I love that my family is able to go down the road together & enjoy this incredible sport and the amazing people who are part of it.

L1 Reserve - Kyla Quiring

Kyla lives on a Ranch west of Turner Valley, AB with her husband Ian and son Caleb and works full time in Calgary selling Pipe. She didn't grow up around horses but had friends who had them and would go riding on weekends starting at age 12. It wasn't until 2001 that she purchased her first horse and started competing in Cattle Penning, Sorting and some Team Roping. Kyla has only been Mounted Shooting for 2 years but has quickly come to realize it's the fast pace and friendly people who truly make this sport so appealing to her.



L2 Reserve - Miranda Wiens

I am a proud mom of 19-yr-old daughter Kelsey and 16-yr-old son Christopher. Mike and I live on a farm outside of Macklin, SK. I am a certified Equine First Aid Instructor and a field administrator in the oilfield. I started shooting in June 2015 and look forward too many more years competing. I purchased my mare Pearl in 2014, she had very little training and no want to go faster than a leisurely lope. I am proud of this mare as she has come a long way and I can't wait to see where we go from here.



L3 Champion - Michelle Pipke



Northwest of Unity, Saskatchewan is where I hang my hat. Scrub Lake Ranch is where I call home. I live there with my husband JS and two children Chance (10) and Nevada (7). I started shooting in 2012, that's when I gained more family! The Mounted Shooting community is like no other, it's a big family that supports each other in many ways. I am continuously amazed by the support that this community offers.

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L3 Reserve - Michelle Bowman

I started mounted shooting in 2008 and haven't let my guns cool off since. I enjoy the challenge of this equine sport; its fast pace and marksmanship keeps you focused and competitive with some of the best this sport has produced. During the summer my husband Clint and I traveling together to shooting events through out Alberta, Saskatchewan, and even into the USA, winter months we venture into the back county of the BC mountain ranges with our sleds to play and explore on some of the most beautiful mountains in this country.



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 Mounted Shooting in 2015 and have been addicted ever since. I am so fortunate to travel with my horses and compete alongside my family and friends all year, doing what I love.

L5 Champion - Alice Hallink



This year has been a good one lending me many titles within the CMSA such as: Ladies High Point Champion, AAA Divisional Ladies High Point Champion, Open High Point Shotgun Champion and L5 Class High Point Champion. I was also the 2017 Canadian Finals Shoot Ladies Champion, L5 Class Champion, Overall Open Shotgun Champion and Canadian L5 High Point Champion. Another highlight win was 2016 CMSA Quarter Horse Congress Overall Ladies Champion.

L4 Reserve - Holly Schuk

I grew up in BC in a ranching/rodeo family and watching black and white westerns with my grandparents. When a good friend introduced me to mounted shooting it was a perfect fit with me having grown up in the western way of life and competing in rodeo from a young age. I love how this sport challenges me as a rider and constantly pushes me to improve my horsemanship.



Season Class Winners

SL1 Champion - Judy Wright



I started shooting in 2012; first equestrian sport. Registered psychologist - love things that challenge, develop and rock me to my soul. Mounted shooting accomplishes all of that! Toss in horses and the shooting family-perfection. My rockstar Jasper is one fabulous partner and we keep getting more in tune. Thanks Cain Quamdreams keep coming true. David HUGE thanks! In this sport there's always one more mountain to climb and a star to catch. All of these things keep me coming back.

Happy trails - see you at the next shoot!

SL2 Champion - Sharon Wickham



A year of challenges in 2017 (guns and horses). Thanks for the support of many people and a very impressive new horse (Chip) that earned us the 2017 Canadian title. And a very impressive showing at Worlds in Amarillo. Looking forward to 2018.

SL1 Reserve - Nancy Gray

I am a long-time employee of Sasktel in Moose Jaw and Saskatchewan farmer. I have two amazing daughters and a beautiful granddaughter. I have always had a love of horses, and have participated in local horse shows, was a member of a drill team and spent many years as a Light Horse 4-H leader. I had been interested in this sport for a couple of years, but finally decided in 2015 it was something I wanted to try, and have never looked back. I competed twice in 2016, and this year I was fortunate to make it to a few more shoots in Alberta and Saskatchewan. I am already planning my vacation days for next year.



SL2 Reserve - Herma Zomer

Lives in Nesbitt Manitoba with husband Joe. My husband got me in to mounted shooting and I am really liking it. This is my second year of cmsa and first year we went out of Manitoba to compete. Riding my 12 year old gelding MJ Gingers Watch. He is a great horse. We train our own horses for cow work and shooting.



SL3 Champion - Terry Peck



I started mounted shooting the end of 2014 on a snappy little mare name Keela. In the spring of 2015 my brother decided to try mounted shooting so I started my horse Joe which I am still competing with today. I consider myself a jack of all trades, master of none, in other words a farmer. Currently I am employed as a home care aide. My husband Warren and I and two of my three sons recently set up a farm in Buck Lake. I am very blessed to add mounted shooting to the list of my

Equine endeavors.

SL3 Reserve - Jean MacMillan

Duncan and I ranch north of Vermilion. We have a son and daughter and three little grandchildren. I started shooting six years ago on my old paint gelding, Trooper, giving my confidence and a good foundation. Now at 25, I'm seriously looking at his retirement from traveling and shooting. We have really enjoyed travelling all over Alberta and Saskatchewan meeting new friends and competing against the old ones.



SL4 Champion - Twyla Stuckey



Twyla, and husband Gene, run a cow/calf operation at Red Willow, AB. She also works at a medical clinic and has been there for 20 years. Prior to that she was an LPN at the Stettler hospital. She loves the camaraderie and friendship of the shooting family and highly recommends it to anyone looking for an amazing equine sport to get into.

SL4 Reserve - Barbara Munn

I just started back riding horses since my teenager years and shooting in 2016, I have been blessed with numerous great horses to ride from my sister Cathy Irwin and husband Bob. The learning curve has been huge and now I finally have my own shooting horses in training called TallyMan and another Registered Paint named Sniper. This year has been amazing moving up into top Saskatchewan SL4 and Reserve Canadian High Point SL4. Determined now to train with Kenda Lenseigne in Arizona for the winter and become both a better rider and faster shooter.



SL5 Champion - Cathy Papley

I am from Big Valley, AB. I rode T.Dubb and Shimmer in the 2017 season.



Season Class Winners

M1 Champion - Tyler Donaldson



Leduc County Alberta Fire fighter with the city of Edmonton since 2005. Husband and proud father of two children. I transitioned to riding horses in the mountains/packing in 2003 from motocross. Rode my first performance horse at an introduction to mounted shooting clinic and never looked back. Accomplishments are BCMSA 2017 Rookie Champion, BCMSA reserve high point pistol /Men's shotgun 2017, CCMSA Rookie of the Year, CCMSA M1 Champion, Canadian Rookie of the year 2017, Canadian M1 Season Leader.

M1 Reserve - Matthew Nielson

After seeing a mounted shooting demo at the Ponoka stampede it became my mission to try the sport. I got started in 2016 on my trusty mule and things quickly got out of hand. By spring of this year, I found myself mounted on a horse for the first time in years and really learning how to "Ride like you stole it, and shoot like you intend to keep it" I finished the season strong, taking class wins at Canadian finals and at the world finals in Amarillo



M3 Champion - Lucas Thiessen



A man with gnarled thumbs as fast as a jack-alopec. The disposition of a mule and as canny as a squirrel looking for nuts! Like a mountain lion he loves the rugged country and taking down a big Muley buck. A busy hombre who's always willing to share his food unless its pie!

M3 Reserve - Chris Epp

Equipment operator with SaskEnergy, aspiring rancher, and lover of a good whiskey. I took up shooting after I realized I was too old to ride bulls. I have been married 9 years, and am the proud dad of 2 young boys, who I enjoy teaching to ranch and shoot. We thoroughly enjoy this sport and the great people we continue to meet through it.



M5 Champion - Cain Quam



Cain has been a professional horse trainer for 30 years, has won multiple titles in multiple disciplines and has been mounted shooting since 2012. He's won multiple state and regional high point championships in the shooting arena. He's the first ever Canadian to be in the top 10 at the World finals in Amarillo Texas. Cain has been the President of the Saskatchewan mounted shooting club for the past 4 years, and as a fulltime horse trainer and clinician, has coached many shooters to obtain their goals, whether those goals are winning championships or developing their horsemanship or shooting skills.

M2 Champion - Markus Hofer



I am presently working in Saskatchewan as a pipeliner. I was able to spend 2.5 months in Arizona over the winter. Loved the sunny warm weather and was able to train with Larry Nelles, who is a well known cutting and all around horse trainer. This allowed my horse Striker and I to become more competitive in the shooting arena. I earned class buckle wins at Moose Jaw at Ponoka. I currently have 2 wins as a M2. I also captured the A Division Double Down at Western Championship finals in Las Vegas, along with the DD in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon at the Canadian finals.

M2 Reserve - Shawn Stuckey

I started "practicing" in January 2017 & am Hooked!! For 25 yrs I had my own welding rig, now I'm maintenance man at the car wash where my wife Candice works. We raised 2 beautiful daughter's & 2 grandkids. A special shoutout to Gene & Twyla for all their help. The real reason for my success this season is my "ROCKSTAR" Shady a 12 yr old gelding, a bit from him: "I've been with this guy since I was a baby. Life was good, we went to the mountains a couple weeks every year & the rest of the year I relaxed. Now boom every weekend RUN. Who knew I could run? Traveling allover western Canada, I want more grain less hay for this job!" Overall Shady and I have developed a special bond, he will take me anywhere I ask at any time. Looking forward to the new year fast and clean.



M4 Champion - Clint Bowman



Niton Junction is home, I have worked in the logging industry as foreman for many years. The first time I watched mounted shooting I looked at my wife and said, "we're doing this", that was 2008. Former rodeo competitor, I was looking to add some excitement back in the arena and this was the sport for me and my wife Michelle. I've been blessed with great horses that have taken me to many wins, overalls and season leader awards. I try to give back to the sport by hosting shoots, clinics and demos, and enjoy helping new shooters to the sport. I love this sport and will continue to compete as long as I can, I enjoy the friendships made with so many... its truly a shooting family.

M4 Reserve - Mark Hallink

I love this sport some of my biggest accomplishments are: 2015 CMSA Division A High Point Champion, CMSA Reserve Rookie of the Year, CMSA Limited High-Point Shotgun Champion and CMSA Limited High-Point Rifle Champion, 2016 CMSA Limited High-Point Shotgun Champion, CMSA Limited High-Point Rifle Champion, AQHA World 5th Place Overall - Select Amateur - Tempted With Roses and AQHA World 6th Place Overall - Select Amateur - Miss Dart Tari, 2017 APHA World Champion - Amateur - Solid Paint- Zippos Dirty Rose, CMSA Division AA High-Point Champion, CMSA Overall/Open High-Point Rifle Champion and CMSA Overall Men's 4 High Point Champion.



Season Class Winners

SM1 Champion - Doug Wickham



I have been shooting since 2014. Ended up taking most of last year off due to broken bones, not from mounted shooting ;). I enjoyed meeting new friends and rode an awesome horse-Ty. Great coaches in this sport with everyone willing to share their knowledge and expertise. Would not have made it at the end of this season without a good friend, Les Steem allowing me to borrow his horse-Rocket, when mine ended up under the weather. Canadian SM1 season leader & Canadian SM1 reserve champion became a reality for me. It also gave me the opportunity to compete at the World Championships in Amarillo, Texas. What an experience and incredible year!

SM1 Reserve - Stan Waddell

My wife, Tracey, and I live at Duchess, Ab. In 2016, I started mounted shooting to fill the void of Wagon Racing. I have met some great people that I now call my friends that are always willing to help with advice. I have had an awesome year winning SM1 Reserve Champion of Canada, traveled to Las Vegas & to Texas where I won the SM1 in Vernon Texas and then headed to Worlds in Amarillo Texas ending up finishing 3rd in the SM1 class. In November I moved up to a SM2. I want Thank everyone who has encouraged me along the way this last year and making it memorable!!



SM3 Champion - Kevin Wenger



I live in Paradise Hill, Sk and am the Foreman for the RM of Frenchman butte. My son Colby and I thoroughly enjoy the mounted shooting sport and all the people involved. I was the SM3 Canadian point leader this year and had the opportunity to partake in the worlds in Amarillo, placing 4th in my class. When I'm not chasing the shooting circuit I enjoys being on the farm taking care of the cattle and following Colby's hockey. My family and I love going to as many shooting events as we can and have enjoyed every minute of it!

SM3 Champion - Bob Irwin

I have been in Cowboy Mounted Shooting for four seasons. I just moved into SM4 at the CMSA Canadian Championship. I have ridden the same horse since I started this sport, he's a 9 year old gelding (Caught You Winking). I live in Oxbow, SK with my wife Cathy who also competes in Mounted Shooting. We have 3 grown children and 7 terrific grandchildren. When given the chance the grandchildren love cheering on grandma and grandpa. This season we were lucky enough to make it to shoots in AB, SK, MB South and North Dakota. We always enjoy meeting new people and having friendly competition. Even was lucky enough to meet some really good story tellers. I believe this is the best horse sport I've been a part of.



SM5 Champion - Gary Couch



Cowboy and Manager of Environmental Services for The Municipal District of Greenview in Valleyview, Alberta. Four-time Canadian Highpoint Champion. Placed 7th Overall in Shotgun and 5th Overall in SM5 class at the 2017 CMSA World Finals in Amarillo, Texas. Enjoy traveling and competing throughout Western Canada and United States with great friends.

SM2 Champion - Dwayne Savage



I started Mounted Shooting by going to a clinic at Cain's in June 2016 and became addicted. First shoot was in Moose Jaw June 26th, 2016 never looked back winning my next shoot. The 2017 season was great with wins at Northlands, the Pile O Bones shoot, Ponoka, Boomtown, and the first Canadian Finals. Then off to Worlds in Amarillo TX coming in third, 2.5 sec. out of first. I am very proud of my horse Skip, placing 2nd in the Quarter horse amateur division. Best part is the support of my family, Jackie, Sarah, Mitch and Jayd plus other family members and friends who traveled to a lot of shoots. My, wife Jackie, not a horse person always comes to support me and we meet a lot of great people and new friends in this exiting sport.

SM2 Reserve - Bruce McKenzie

I am from Devon, AB and I own and operate Mustang Controls and Heavy Horse Rentals with my family. I love travelling and competing with my family and friends. My biggest accomplishment this year was winning Senior Men's 1 in Las Vegas.



SM4 Champion - Duncan MacMillan



I've had another good, happy, busy season and continued to stay steady. Silver has been off the last half of the season causing me to switch horses a lot! 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 - Ken Wick

Retired Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted police, Retired Inspector/Regulator Alberta Agriculture. Born and raised on a farm near Lake Alma, Saskatchewan. I currently winter in Arizona with my best friend Cheryl Hibbert. Four Children, four grandchildren, three hockey playing grandsons and one Horse-crazy Granddaughter.



SM5 Reserve - Gene Stuckey

Being a rodeo competitor in calf roping and team roping in the LRA, FCA, CCA and CARA associations for 20+ years, mounted shooting was a good fit when brother Lee introduced him to it in 2012. Since then, he has enjoyed success in the sport and is currently a level SM5 with his 10 year old bay roan gelding Trigger. Gene retired from welding after 30 years in the oil patch and now he, and his wife Twyla, run a cow/calf operation at Red Willow, AB. The challenge of the sport and the great friendships make this sport second to none.

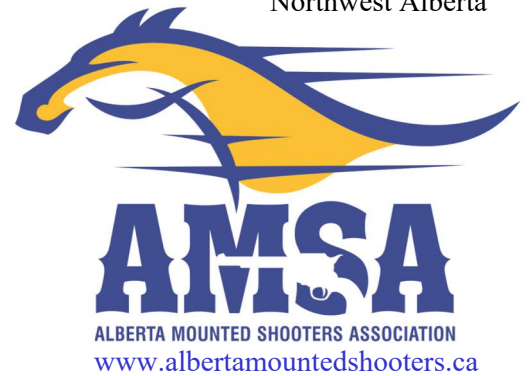


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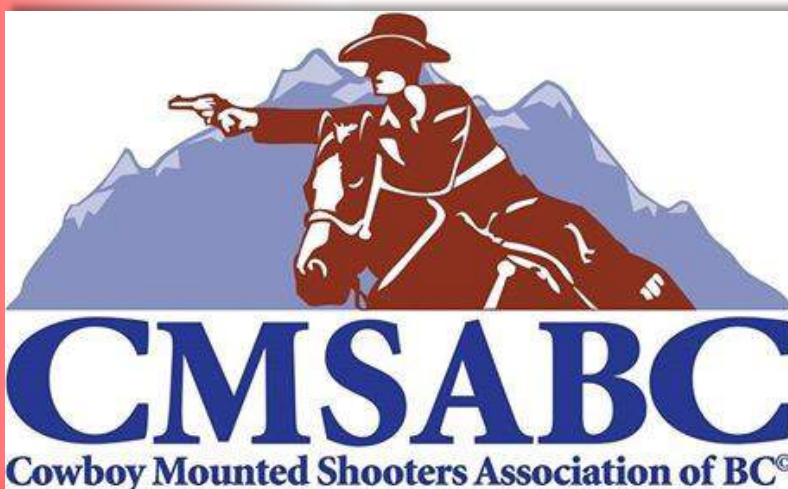
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