

Canadian Champions

Heather McKenzie
Canadian Overall
2015 Champion



Cowboy Mounted Shooting

Lee Stuckey SM4
2015 World Champion



Lucas Thiessen M1
2015 World Champion



2015



Gail Cook SL3 2015
World Champion



Welcome to our second annual “Catalogue of Champions” showcasing a parade of Canadian and World Champions. Congratulations to all the Shooters who have won their respective classes.

“We would like to Thank the sponsors and show committees for their contributions and hard work for a successful 2015 season. Thank you to our young shooters who have stepped up to contribute their time and effort planning, setting up and finding sponsorship to complete our 2015 catalogue. A huge thank you to Holly Schuk whom has spent an enormous amount of time compiling the information received to compose this catalogue.

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

Our 2016 Season starts once again with the “Cherokee Shootout” Nov. 7 & 8, 2015 in Edmonton and “Pile of Bones” in Regina Nov. 28, 2015.

Good Luck, Ride Hard, Shoot Straight in 2016

Duncan MacMillan (Event Coordinator BCMSA)



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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 50+ 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 Classes 1-6, as well a Wrangler Class for the younger members. The number of points for each event varies and can accumulate to offer members year-end awards, prizes and contest entries.

Ladies Pistol Overall

Heather McKenzie - Devon, Alberta

Apprentice electrician for Mustang Controls and recent geology graduate. I absolutely love Mounted Shooting and I am very lucky to do this sport with my family and the many friends I have made along the way. Horses have been a lifelong passion of mine. Prior to shooting I competed in Showjumping, mounted games, and 3day eventing. I also enjoy snowboarding and the outdoors.

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Thanks to Paul Lemieux and his crew at Mountainside Sale and Rentals for all their support in this catalog , at the Cherokee Shootout, and thorough out the whole year!!!

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Sarah Harbin – Peers, AB

Owner/Operator with partner Todd Hemmerling of pipefitting co. Moonrunner Resources Ltd. Started Shooting in 2008 and won CMSA World Champion Ladies 2 in 2011. Love the sport and the amazing wonderful qualities it brings forth from people! Thank you for a great 2015 shooting season.

Riding -Indy (Northern Dance)

16 year old AQHA Bay Gelding

Indy won the world championship with me and has continued to showcase his speed across north America. He travelled to Texas last fall then Lexington, KY for a shoot this spring and has continued to shine at the major shooting events in Canada. He's my rockstar...



Mens Pistol Overall



Gary Couch - High Prairie, Alberta

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Rifle Reserve

Duncan MacMillan— Vermilion, Alberta

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11 yr old AQHA Gelding

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Double Barrel Shotgun

Commonly called a coachgun

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Ladies 1 Champion

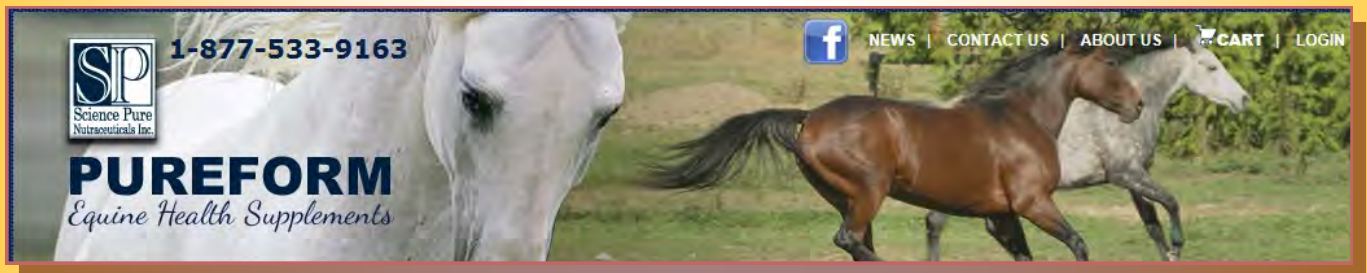
Shauna Kamieniecki – Manning, AB

Business Manager, Cattle Ranching & Grain Farming with husband Ed. Won CCMSA & AMSA L1 High Point Champion and L1 State Champion 2015. Rodeoed in the 80's, competing in barrel racing, pole bending, undecorating, cow riding & breakway roping. Won my first & only saddle at age 12. I Love to travel, organize events & read.

Riding - Norm (Docs Jack Eyed Peppy)

8yr old Registered Quarter Horse

Norm is a very excepting, expressive & easy going horse that is a treat to ride. He tests me often to keep me on my game. He has done reining, barrel racing, pole bending and ranch work. Norm & I started Mounted Shooting April 2014.



Ladies 1 Reserve

Amanda Marshall - Stettler, AB

Canadian Sales Rep for Pro Orthopedics Equine. Raised on a cattle ranch south of Stettler. Attended Lakeland College in Vermilion, and graduated in 2004 with a diploma in Animal Health Technology. Was introduced to Mounted Shooting by her parents, Don Litvak & Cathy Papley who were already involved in the sport. Began shooting late in the 2013 Season, but was hooked from the first shot fired! Have had the opportunity to compete in Alberta, Arizona and most recently in Las Vegas, Nevada. Proud mom of 3 wonderful little people.

Riding - Captain (LJ Captain Coke)

7yr old Black AQHA Gelding

Captain is very athletic, talented, patient and honest. He has taken to the shooting game, like an old pro. He has given Amanda the confidence she was lacking in other mounts. Captain is owned by Don Litvak, but ridden and loved by Amanda.



Ladies 2 Champion



Lisa McKenzie – Warburg, Alberta

Oilfield Electrician at Mustang Controls. Originally from Devon, AB. In the past I was an avid Pony Club competitor, eventer and dressage rider. Over the past years I was selected to travel and compete at International Mounted Games Competitions around the world. After watching Mounted Shooting at a local rodeo I was determined to try it. After taking a year off due to an injury I finally started competitively shooting this summer.

Riding - Pebbles (Quixotes Smart Pine)

8 yr old Chestnut AQHA Mare

Pebbles is my sassy little red mare, standing just under 14HH. Games pony gone Shooting horse. Being my go to, we've done it all. She is gritty and has a huge heart making her a great teammate.



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Ladies 2 Reserve

Denise Feenstra– Drumheller, Alberta

Corrections Officer for Correctional Service of Canada. Started shooting in 2013

Riding - Maggie (Her Royal Majesty)

7 yr old Tennessee Walker Mare

She was green broke when we started shooting together.



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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. Some riders will use earplugs for themselves and their horses.

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Congrats to all of the 2015 Champion Shooters.
Good luck and safe travels to you all in the 2016 Season.

Ladies 3 Reserve

Michelle Pipke - Unity, Saskatchewan

Owner and operator of Scrub Lake Ranch & Saddlery. I run the ranch with my husband JS and our two children Chance (8) and Nevada (5). I like to play hockey in the winter for the Senlac Wildcats. I'm also the General leader for the Senlac Multiple 4-H Club. I was the Saskatchewan Hi-point champion for 2013 and 2014 in Mounted Shooting.

Riding - Gunner (Northern Gunner)

8 year old AQHA gelding

He was just started in shooting in the fall of 2014. I raised him myself.



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Riding - Cujo (Impulsion's Feature)

22 year old AQHA Sorrel gelding

AMSA 2015 Mounted Shooting Horse of the Year. An exceptional all around horse, he will babysit the kids, turn a steer, drag calves to the fire, pack into the mountains. Handles at liberty, work's a rope in the pasture, possess's a kind nature and is the type of leader that leaves no mark's on his herd. He carries Dad, Mom and myself in the shooting pen, whatever speed you require he's got it. Yup I love him..and I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to return the favor to mom and dad for making sure I had a good mount growing up.



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Ladies 4 Reserve

Holly Schuk - Vermilion, Alberta

Environmental Technician at X-Terra Environmental Consulting Ltd. Grew up on a ranch near Tatla Lake, BC with five sisters. Attended Lakeland College, competed on the rodeo team, winning 3 Season Leaders, 2012 All-around Cowgirl and Cowgirl of the Year. I started shooting in 2013 and was the 2014 Canadian L3 Champion.

Riding - Paint

16 yr old Tobiano Gelding

Before shooting, Paint was an all-around rope horse. 2012 college rodeo breakaway horse of the year. He has now become a L4 level shooting horse. We have grown as a team this year. He is a horse that is all try.



Senior Ladies 1 Champion

Sharon Wickham - Leduc, AB

Shipping/Receiving Goddess. Got started in this amazing sport a little over a year ago. Slow start at first with horses that were also new to the sport. Have enjoyed taking clinics and learning the ins and outs of this game. This is a whole lot different than driving a team of Percherons. Loving it though. Met some amazing people that have become best friends and family. Am the 2015 AMSA and CCMSA SL1 High point.

Riding - Max (Banderos Hityme)

11 yr old Quarter Horse gelding

Max is an amazing horse who has taught me a lot. We connected the very first time Twyla Stuckey asked me if I wanted to take him for a ride. He took in the clinics like a pro, and has kept me safe. Don't know what I would do without him. He is FAMILY.



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 for the ladies skirts.

Senior Ladies 1 Reserve

Linda McKenzie - Devon, Alberta

Owner/manager of Mustang Controls Ltd. and Heavy Horse Oil-field Rentals. I began trail riding at a later age enjoying mountain trips to YaHa Tinda. After watching my two daughters compete in Mounted Shooting, I decided to begin at a trot and now I am addicted. I love camping so Mounted Shooting gives me an excuse to travel the west with my horse and my family.

Riding - Moe (Daintys Lastsmoothie)

9 year old Quarter Horse gelding

Moe started his career as a cutting horse and is the perfect partner for a beginner shooter. He can run fast but knows when to slow lope to match his rider's ability. Moe allows me to concentrate on my shooting as he carries me around the arena. He has raised my confidence substantially and I look forward to many years together.



Senior Ladies 2 Champion



Sherry Wallace - Lacombe, Ab

Power Engineer Prentiss Gas Plant. I played Polo in Singapore for eight years, when I returned to Canada I rode cutting horses for 15 years winning the Non-pro for Canada and many other aged events. Switched to Mounted Shooting 3 years ago, enjoy the sport and fellow competitors.

Riding - Ford (Stylishn Smart)

6 year old AQHA Gelding

Started to shoot off him as a late 4 year old, he is very quick and agile and makes every trip exciting.



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What about gun leather?

Riders can buy 'off-the-shelf replicas' of the old time gun belts and holsters. Or, you can have custom made gun belts and holsters to suit your wishes. There are several custom makers' that you can find in 'old west' magazines.

Senior Ladies 2 Reserve

Donna Osipow - Peers, Alberta

Policy Consultant, I have been in Mounted Shooting for three years. It is a great sport. I appreciate the supportive and friendly atmosphere and look forward to the coming year. Some accomplishments are 2014 SL1 Canadian Champion and 2015 AMSA & CCMSA SL2 High Point Winner.

Riding - Utah (RP Chickasaw)

23 year old gelding Spanish Mustang & Arab

Utah is an amazing horse! He's smart and tough and has done everything there is to do in equestrian sport. He loves to compete - I hope that one day I'll be able to shoot as well as he runs the patterns!!



Senior Ladies 3 Champion

Gail Cook - Bentley, AB

Owner of The Leather Loft (below) at Bentley, AB since 1995 making saddles, chaps, chinks and Mounted Shooting holsters. Some shooting achievements are 2015 World Champion Amarillo, TX class winner, 2014 Canadian Ladies Highpoint Overall and 2014 Alberta Ladies Highpoint Overall.

Riding - Uno

9 yr old AQHA Gelding

I borrowed Uno for the 2015 season. It was our first year shooting together.



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Senior Ladies 3 Reserve

Cheryl La Rue - Lacombe, AB

Bred Warmblood horses for 20 years, am now breeding Lusitano bullfighting horses. I competed in jumping and dressage. In 2007 Niels and I were introduced to Mounted Shooting. Some accomplishments are: 2015 Smokin' Guns Shootout SL3 and Alberta State Champion, 2013 Pile of Bones Shootout SL2 and Western Canadian Shootout Champion.

Riding - Shadow

22 yr old Quarter Horse Mare

Shadow was a Men's level 4 Champion Shooting mare for Tony Jardine when I bought her at 16 years young. She has been my mainstay for 5 years and has won well over 10 thousand dollars with me so far. She is my rock and I hope she will last another year as I bring up a young hopeful in Chica.



Senior Ladies 4 Champion



Cathy Papley - Big Valley, Alberta

Manages and runs a consulting company. Some accomplishments are 2015 Ponoka Canadian Classic Division Winner and 2012 BCMS Hi Point Saddle Winner. I enjoy spending time with family and our 7 grandkids. And like any horse related activities and especially shooting in Arizona in the winter.

Riding - Diva (LCR SMART LIL DIVA)

7 yr old AQHA mare

I purchased her from Little Performance Horses and have been shooting off of Diva for 1 year. She loves her job as a Shooting horse and is amazing at Sorting.

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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.



Men's 1 Champion

Lucas Thiessen - Estevan, Saskatchewan

Colt stomper, Sasquatch tracker, Mountain Man, Truck Driver, Chainsaw Carpenter and most recently a landscaper for Stryde Contracting which I co-own. Favorite place to be is in the Yukon on top of a mountain looking for full Curl Rams.

Riding - Drift wood Dan (Hancocks Cool Too) 13 yr old Brown AQHA Stallion
Other than spring Dan's favorite thing to do is go shooting. He loves to run and has tons of heart, no quit in this pony. He's also a finished rope horse and has produced many excellent ropers and ranch horses, which my Dad still trains and markets today.



Do you use live ammunition (lead bullets) or bird shot?

No. The cartridges fired are called .45 caliber Long Colts. The brass cartridge is loaded with black powder (like that used in the 1800's). This load will break a balloon up to about 15 feet. Live rounds are strictly prohibited at competitions. At each event we have an armourer that gives the competitor their blanks for the run.



Men's 1 Reserve

Lance Cochrane - Delburne Ab.

Oilfield Operator for Ember Resources for 9 years. I have been around horses all my life from outfitting in B.C. and the NWT to team roping and ranch roping. When not in the shooting pen or at a barrel jackpot with my wife of 14 years and 3 children, I'm outdoors camping, hunting or horseback riding.

Riding - Twist (Unzip Me Slowly)

7 yr old APHA Mare.

We purchased her as a 5 year old in the summer of 2013. Spring of 2014 she was introduced to the sport of Mounted Shooting, she took to it with ease. Very happy about how far she's come and looking forward to the upcoming season.



Men's 2 Champion



Allen Watson - Settler, AB

Oilfield construction contractor. Some of the successes that I have been fortunate enough to achieve are 2012 & 2013 CCMSSA M1 Champion, 2013 MSA Non Pro World Champion Runner up, MSA 2014 National Shoot Scottsdale Rookie class winner and MSA Rookie season leader. I have 3 kids & grand-kids. Susan & I enjoy family & travelling when we can. I do Mounted Shooting & golfing in the summer. When I can get away also trail riding, hunting & packing.

Riding - Jigger (Jigger of Faith)

13 Yr old AQHA gelding

I got Jigger 3 yrs ago from the Little brothers. He has been good for me & has a lot of try. I enjoy his mild disposition & gentle manner. My biggest problem is that I don't get to ride him enough to keep him at the top of his game.



Men's 2 Reserve

Derek Marshall - Settler, Alberta

I live south of town on an acreage. My family enjoys living in the country and really enjoys riding horses. I have been very fortunate to be able to compete at many shoots all over the province. I have been shooting for over two years now and have met many great friends. I look forward to meeting many more in the years to come.

Riding - T-Dubb

12 year old QH gelding

I have the pleasure of being this boy's rider, you won't find many horses with a heart as big as his or that can run as fast either.



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Men's 3 Reserve

Blair Anderson - Rumsey, AB

Self Employed, Love spending time with our granddaughter and family. Some rodeo and ranch work

Riding , working with the colts and hunting

Riding - Double Dunn Taco (Tuff)

8 yr old AQHA Dun Gelding

I have owned Tuff since he was 3. He has been shooting three years.

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What is CMSA?

In the spirit of the soldier and cowboy, one organization, the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) was created in the mid 1990s for equestrians and cowboy action shooters to participate in a competitive shooting sport while riding horseback. All our Canadian clubs are affiliated with the CMSA.

Men's 4 Reserve

Todd Hemmerling - Peers, AB

Owner/Operator with partner Sarah Harbin of pipefitting co. Moonrunner Resources Ltd. I started Shooting in 2008 and am a past president & vice president for AMSA. I made history in 2013, as the first Canadian to win overall title at the Scully's Western US shoot in Las Vegas, Nevada. I am a 3rd generation cowboy, coming from the rodeo world qualifying as a contestant in both the CFR & PBR Canada Finals.

Riding - Styles (Ima Natural Eclipse)

17 yr old Paint

Styles was raised in Edson, AB. He has done ranch work and team roping prior to Mounted Shooting. He's the smartest horse, that I've enjoyed working with and the most athletic horse going. Truly a Cowboys Cadillac!



Senior Men's 1 Champion

Jay Stewart - Roseve Alberta

Electrician at Tarpon Energy Services Edson, professional outfitter & guide. Grew up with my grandfather's horses trail riding and sheep hunting, discovered Mounted Shooting 4 years ago and had to do it!

Riding - Utah (R P Chickasaw)

Reg.Spanish Mustang, Arab cross gelding Utah is 23yrs old and has done everything. He loves to compete doing double duty between my wife and I at competitions. He won Sr Ladies 1 Canadian Champion last year for her and Ladies Sr2 reserve this year, as well as, Sr Men's 1 Canadian Champion. Sharing duties with " Kitt" a 7 year old paint getting into the sport (pictured here).



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Senior Men's 1 Reserve

Phil Woods - Saskatoon, SK

Registered Psychiatric Nurse who is a Professor and the Associate Dean Research in the College of Nursing, U of S. Phil was born in England UK and emigrated to Canada in 2005 along with his wife (Jayne) and children (Naomi and Daniel). Learnt to ride 8 years ago, and has been Mounted Shooting for the last 3 years.

Riding - Harley

6 year old Black and White Paint Gelding

Harley was sent away to be trained for Mounted Shooting by Quam Performance Horses and it is the only job he has known. He is an athletic horse that likes to go, and gives Mounted Shooting his all. Horse and rider are a strong and growing Mounted Shooting team.



Senior Men's 2 Champion



Bob Irwin - Oxbow, Saskatchewan

Oilfield Consultant. My horse interests were mainly trail riding. Took up Mounted Shooting in 2014, won a rifle for the Vermilion rookie class and the Canadian SMI Champion. This year was very exciting to win SM2 champion. Looking forward to exciting year in 2016 with Cowboy Mounted Shooting.

Riding - Gunner (Caught U Winking)

7 yr. old sorrel AQHA Gelding

Gunner is an all-around excellent horse. He was in the cutting world, then for the last two years has been my Mounted Shooting horse.

Thanks to Bill Pocock for adding money to the Clean Shoot Pots throughout the season.

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Senior Men's 2 Reserve

Bruce (Buck) Williams - Trochu Alberta

Owner & self employed Farmer

I was a FCA Rodeo Team Roper for many years. I also enjoy trail riding, covering the back country from Kananaskas to Ram Falls, Team Penning, Team Sorting and Cowboy Mounted Shooting. As well as, hunting & long range shooting.

Riding - Dolly (Quixote Tivio Prom)

16 yr old AQHA mare

My little mare was born in Utah.



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Riding - Doc (DJM Dry Doc Zip)

14 yr old AQHA Gelding

Doc is a home raised, brown/black gelding that was used as a ranch sire until he was 7, then gelded, halter broke & rode. He is Silver's sire. He has always been willing to work & please. A pleasant mild mannered friend and partner that likes shooting.



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.

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Senior Men's 3 Reserve

Don Litvak - Big Valley, AB

Rancher, 2015 Ponoka Canadian Classic division winner. I trained and raced Thoroughbreds for 25 years. Now I enjoy hunting, curling and spending time with our 7 grandkids. Also likes to shoot in Arizona in the winter.

Riding - Diesel (Peponita Oak Flo)

11 yr AQHA gelding

Diesel has been shooting for 5 years.



Senior Men's 4 Champion



Lee Stuckey - Bentley, AB

Self Employed, 2015 & 2013 CMSA World Champion Class Winner, 2015 CCMSA & AMSA High Overall, 2015 Alberta Finals Reserve High Overall, 2014 CCMSA & AMSA Reserve High Overall, 2014 CMSA Canadian Champion SM4, 2014 CMSA Alberta High Overall and 2011, 2012 & 2013 Alberta Finals High Overall

Riding - Wilhe

11 yr. old Bay AQHA Gelding

Bought him as a green broke 4 yr. old. Wilhe is a 2 time World Champion Mounted Shooting horse with many other wins to his credit.

Are there levels of skill?

Yes. There is a Men's Division, a Women's Division, and a Senior's Division, with Classes 1-6 in each of those divisions. There is also Wrangler Classes for those 17 and under. All riders start at Class 1. 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.

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

Yes... and no. The riders in the Wrangler class ride the same pattern that the grown-ups do, but they may shoot Hollywood cap pistols, engaging each target as if they were shooting real blanks. They then shoot the real McCoy (.45's with blanks) at balloons, from the ground while standing stationary with a certified Range Master by their side.

Senior Men's 4 Reserve

Greg Mathiesen— Carstairs, AB

Retired Calgary Fire Fighter. Our family has been involved with quarter horses for over 40 years. We have been fortunate enough to have had several AQHA champions, and have ridden in several disciplines. Being retired we are so fortunate to stay involved with horses and Mounted Shooting has allowed our entire family to play together including the grandchildren.

Riding - Bailey (Cals Neat San)

16 yr old Sorrel AQHA Gelding

Bailey is very accomplished both as a reining horse in California as well as penning and sorting prior to finding our way home to Mounted Shooting. He has won several championships throughout Alberta and the U.S.



Rookie Champion

Lucas Thiessen - Estevan, Saskatchewan

Colt stomper, Sasquatch tracker, Mountain Man, Truck Driver, Chainsaw Carpenter and most recently a landscaper for Stryde Contracting which I co-own. Favorite place to be is in the Yukon on top of a mountain looking for full Curl Rams.

Riding - Drift wood Dan (Hancocks Cool Too)

13 yr old Brown AQHA Stallion

Other than spring Dan's favorite thing to do is go shooting. He loves to run and has tons of heart, no quit in this pony. He's also a finished rope horse and has produced many excellent ropers and ranch horses, which my Dad still trains and markets today.



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Marissa Epp - Rosthern, SK

Agriculture Account Manager with Affinity Credit Union, and mother. I have been competitively barrel racing my entire life and began shooting in June 2015, after my husband found the sport and became addicted. We enjoy spending our weekends together at shoots and rodeos with our 2 year old son, Ace.

Riding - Derby (Ivanna B Awesome)

6 year old AQHA mare.

We purchased Derby as an unstarted 3 year old. She is now my "jack of all trades" horse, winning money in both the barrel and shooting pens in 2015. Ace is graciously letting me use her until his shooting career begins.



Open Wrangler Champion



Raegan Dufresne - Niton Junction, AB.

Raegan spends all of her spare time in arenas; either riding her horse or playing ringette. She earned the 'Littlest Cowgirl' Honors at the Brule Rodeo in 2006 and has been competing in different equestrian events ever since. Raegan also won the AMSA State Championship for 2015.

Riding - Danny (Danny Bee Irish)

22-year old Bay Quarter Horse Gelding

Danny's greatest attribute is his ability to take care of his rider. Danny was awarded the AMSA Horse of the Year honor in 2012. He is a solid heel horse, great at barrels and can switch leads when pole bending like a pro.



Open Wrangler Reserve

Wyatt Brown - Bashaw, Alberta

Attends Mecca Glen Ponoka County School. He got into shooting 2 years ago with the help of my uncle Zane, who also gave him his sense of style. When Wyatt is not riding he loves snowmobiling and baseball. His baseball team the Clive Red Socks won the 2015 Central Alberta Mosquito League Championship.

Riding - Polly

8 year old AQHA Bay Roan Mare

Wyatt got Polly just over a year ago. She is his second shooting horse. Since getting her, they have become best buds.



Limited Wrangler Champion

Ryder Cochrane - Delburne, Alberta

I am a student in grade 4 at Delburne Centralized School. I enjoy hunting trips in the mountains, building with lego, riding my horses bareback, and of course Mounted Shooting.

Riding - Zanny (HCF Sonoita Zan)

13 yr old AQHA Mare

Zanny was my grandpa's horse. He used her mainly for ranch roping competitions. I began riding her 3 years ago. I use her for Mounted Shooting and barrel racing. In 2014 we were the 2D champions at the ABRA finals.



Limited Wrangler Reserve

Colby Wenger - Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan

Colby is 10 years old and in Grade 5. He loves to motorbike and play hockey. This is his first year as a Mounted Shooter and has fallen in love with the sport. He and his dad (Kevin) both Mounted Shoot and Colby enjoys having friendly competitions with his dad. Colby is a fun loving, outgoing, energetic boy who loves a challenge.

Riding - Spec (Not a Spec)

11 yr Old Black Gelding

Spec started Mounted Shooting with Colby's dad Kevin 4 years ago. He is a gentle steady guy who has a hard time getting into that next gear but he has been an awesome starter horse for Colby as he is very quiet and reliable.



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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.

Thanks to the 2015 Committees!

2015 Point Qualifying Shoots: Farmfair - Edmonton, AB, Agribition - Regina, SK, Whitecourt, AB, Settler, AB, Longhorn - Paradise Hill, SK, Alder Flats, AB, Aylesbury, SK, EM-TEE Town - Alder Flats, AB, Edson, AB, Vermilion Fair - Vermilion, AB, Mayerthorpe, AB, Ponoka Stampede - Ponoka, AB, Rimby, AB, Spur West Arena - Rocky Mountain House, AB, Boyle, AB, Manning, AB, Irma Fair - Irma, AB, Claresholm, AB, Cloverlodge Rodeo - Viking, AB, CPCA Finals - Lloydminster, SK, Saskatoon, SK



Shoot Guidelines For Point Recognition in the Championship Catalogue

- Shoots must be approved 30 days ahead
- CMSA points earned at Canadian Shows
- Must attend an minimum of 4 shows to win Buckle or Reserve.

For anyone interested in hosting a show, here is our guideline; however, ensure that CMSA rules for points and added money are followed.

- Listed added money should be cash with prizes and gift certificates listed separately.
- Show points “generally follow added money but up to the discretion of the committee.
- \$5000 added - 5X or 6X points
- \$2000 added - 2X or 3X points
- \$1000 added - 1X or 2X points
- No added money - 1X points or Jackpot

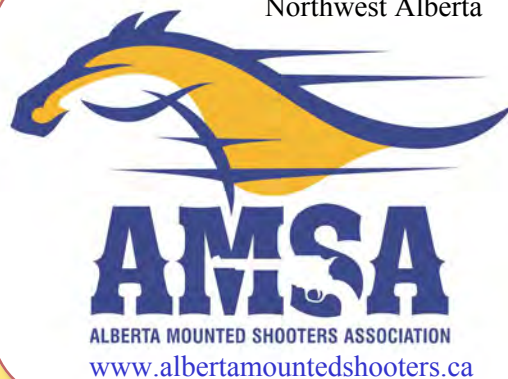


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