Canadian Champions Cowboy Mounted Shooting

Duncan MacMillan Canadian Overall 2016 Champion





Mark Hofer - 2016 M1 World Champion Janice Storch Photograph

Lisa McKenzie -2016 Ladies Limited Eliminator & Shotgun World Champion Welcome to our third 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 2016 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 2016 catalogue. A huge thank you to Holly Schuk whom has spent an enormous amount of time compiling the information received to compose this catalogue. "

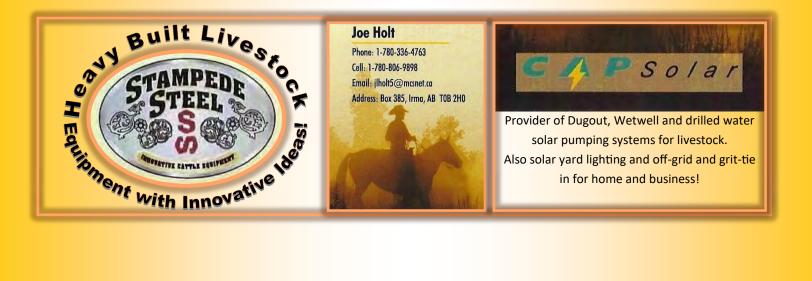
If you are a new shooter or committee member looking for information please give anyone of the clubs (on back cover) a call.

Our 2017 Season starts once again with the "Swift Projects Shoot Out" Nov. 5 & 6, 2016 in Edmonton and "Pile of Bones" in Regina Nov. 26, 2016.

Be on the lookout for the changes in 2017 as we work to build Mounted Shooting across Canada with a new format for the Canadian Championships.

Good Luck, Ride Hard, Shoot Straight in 2017

Duncan MacMillan (Event Coordinator BCMSA)



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 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.

Men's Pistol

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.

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Men's Pistol Reserve

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Ladies Pistol Overall



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Canadian Rifle Champion

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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.



Rifle Reserve

Duncan MacMillan – Vermilion, AB

I love the competitive sport of Mounted Shooting. It keeps me thinking younger than I am. LOL. May have to take time off June 2017.... 50 years since I graduated from Lakeland College in Vermilion.

Riding - Silver (Silver Tip Doc)

12 yr old AQHA Gelding

He has had a big summer, most shows 5 stages, 2 shotgun and 2 rifle runs, plus showdown and finals at some shows. Silver is going to get a well deserved rest for the next month before our new season starts in November.

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Canadian Shotgun Champion

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 to!

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Ladies 1 Champion



Ashley Shiewe - Leduc County, AB

Electrician for the past 7 years. I started riding in Pony Club and 4-H before becoming competitive in 3-Day Eventing and MGA. A couple years ago we did a clinic for Mounted Shooting and have been hooked ever since!

<u>**Riding**</u> - Smokie (Cody Smokin Hickory)

8 year old QH mare

Smokie has been my go to mare since she was 3. Originally an MGA pony that got to do a bit of everything from 3-day eventing, polo cross, lesson horse, mountain trips, and now a shooting horse.



Ladies 1 Reserve

Marissa Epp - Rosthern, SK

Proud mother of 2 boys, and an Agriculture Account Manager with Affinity Credit Union. I began shooting in June 2015, and have been actively involved in the barrel racing pen my entire life. My husband and I enjoy spending our weekends together at shoots and rodeos, with our son Ace and our newest addition, Nash, born July 2016.

<u>Riding</u> - Ivanna B Awesome (Derby)- 7 year old AQHA mare.

We have owned Derby for the past 4 years. She is the type of horse with a mind that is hard to replace. She is a solid barrel horse, great with a cow, and the type we trust to put a kid on. She does double duty at shoots, carrying Ace while he works to become the next World Champion Mounted Shooter.



Ladies 2 Champion

Britt DesBarres – Oakville, ON

Rescue Instructor I have been shooting for 2 seasons and only just started riding competitively when I started shooting. I spent a lot of years on a horse in the mountains but never an arena.

President of the Ontario Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association

<u>Riding</u> - Soda (Clippa Jet Sound) 14 year old AQHA Palomino Mare She was a barrel racing and pole bending horse who became bored of the same old routine. Now she thrives as a shooting horse and has more GRIT then I have ever seen.



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.



Some common Mounted Shooting holster designs and a Rifle/Shotgun scabbard.





Ladies 2 Reserve

<u>**Terry Peck**</u> – Warburg, AB Co-owner PC Fencing

I have rode horses most of my life, have tried my hand at almost all things horse related and if I have not tried them they are in my bucket list.

<u>Riding</u> - Joe (Gayla Soc O Joe)

8 year old QH

I started Joe shooting in April 2015, he took to it right away. Taking me to a L2 in 2015 and a AMSA overall title as well as a CCMSA L2 overall in 2016. He was my Cattle penning partner before that. He gives 100% to whatever I ask of him.

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Ladies 3 Reserve

Michelle Pipke - Unity, SK

Owner/operator of Scrub Lake Ranch & Saddlery located NW of Unity, Sk. With my husband and two children we run a cow/ calf operation and raise quality Quarter Horses. I started shooting in 2012 and have never looked back! Mounted Shooting has become a family event that this year we all got to do together as a family. In the winter I enjoy playing Ladies Hockey for the Senlac Wildcat. I'm very involved in the Senlac 4-H program too.

<u>Riding</u> - Northern Gunner (Gunner)

9 year old AQHA gelding.

Gunner is a horse that I raised to be a barrel horse but plans changed and he really loves being a mounted shooting horse. There are really no words to express how proud and impressed with Gunner I am. He is one in a million!



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7 yr old Arab/Paint gelding

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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.



Ladies 4 Reserve

Holly Schuk - Vermilion, AB

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. Each competition is a learning and growing experience, love this sport.

Riding - Duke (KCQ The Duke)

10 yr old Tobiano Gelding

I started Duke last year, taking him to some shoots and running shotgun with him. This year I decided to run him in the main match to finish seasoning him. Over the summer I feel that we have grown as a team together and he has taught me a lot over the summer (particularly patience and perseverance). I look forward to our next season together.

Senior Ladies 1 Champion



Jayne Woods - Saskatoon, SK

Registered Psychiatric Nurse who works in Long-Term Care. Jayne was born in England, UK and emigrated to Canada in 2005 along with her husband (Phil) and children (Naomi and Daniel). Jayne has been riding all her life. English is her first discipline, and she loves to jump her other horses. She has now turned her hand to western riding and guns. Jayne has only been Mounted Shooting for just over a year and had never touched a gun before this. She is addicted to this great family sport.

Riding - Mr D

13 year old Red Dun Gelding.

Mr D has been shooting for 4 years. Prior to this he enjoyed chasing cows in team penning. He is also a solid trail horse that has looked after his rider in the steep Black Hills in SD.





Senior Ladies 1 Reserve

<mark>Judy Wright</mark> - Regina, SK

Psychologist- Private practice 28 years, equine assisted learning practice 5 years.

Started riding 6 years ago and Mounted Shooting 3 years ago. Love everything about horses, including taking clinics, to improve our skills, riding out on the prairies and just hanging out in the barn. Love this sport as there is room for all ages and all skill levels!

<u>Riding</u> - Jasper (Quam Performance Horses)

11 years Morgan/quarterhorse gelding

Jasper started out doing some cutting and then moved on, under Cain Quam's tutelage, to become a great Mounted Shooting horse and all-around excellent partner!



Senior Ladies 2 Champion

<mark>Barbara Munn</mark> - Oxbow, SK

I am brand new to Mounted Shooting with very little involvement with horses, since my teenage years when I rode in gymkana & western pleasure. Loving the thrill of the sport and especially the interaction with horses again. I have a lot of fun with the fashion of the 1800's & design my own outfits.

<u>Riding</u> - Brandy

10 yr old quarter horse mare

She is owned by Cathy & Bob Irwin. She has started many a new shooter but this year out performed herself and off to Amarillo, Texas to the Worlds competition we go.





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 2 Reserve

Linda McKenzie - Devon, AB

Owner of Mustang Controls Ltd and Heavy Horse Oilfield Rentals. I love competing alongside my family and cheering them on. Mounted Shooting is extremely challenging and has helped me overcome my fear of loping. It is wonderful to participate in a sport with various levels of competitors who all help each other out. When we aren't shooting, my horses and I love to travel the mountain trails of the YaHa Tinda.

Riding - Moe (Daintyslastsmoothie)

9 year old Quarter Horse gelding

Moe started his career as a cutting horse and is the perfect partner for a timid shooter. 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 3 Champion



Jean MacMillan - Vermilion, AB

Duncan and I ranch north of Vermilion. This has been my fifth year of shooting. Loving it but still seem to be plagued with misses and gun annoyances. Find the weeks during the summer very short and challenging to ranch (with Duncan) and juggle the remainder of my time into travelling on weekends to competitions, however find the visiting and seeing friends very rewarding. Looking forward to continue as long as we are capable. ARIZONA here we come!

<u>Riding -</u> Trooper

A paint gelding I raised from an orphan has been my "Horse of the Year" for 23 years. Also the perfect horse for an old gramma! We have had a great relationship at whatever discipline I attempt, however, had a very rough start at shooting. Now he seems to really enjoy it.



Senior Ladies 3 Reserve

<mark>Dora Hakl -</mark> Lumsden, SK

Retired in 2011 from a high school teacher in Physical Education/Mathematics.

My first competition was Winter Nationals, Queen Creek, AZ Feb. 2013. The first year Tom and I shared our gelding Dually. Reserve cowgirl Pile O'Bones 2014 & 2015 Mountain trail riding, team penning, ranch cutting, reined cow horse, and now addicted to the best horse sport ever - Cowboy Mounted Shooting.

Riding - Dash (Hickory's Gin Cash)

10 yr. old gelding, AQHA

Started by Cain Quam Performance Horses as a 4 yr. old Has worked cattle/buffalo, been roped off and trail experience. Dash has developed into a solid competition horse with speed that Dora hasn't tapped yet. Dash & Dora are competing at SL3.





Senior Ladies 4 Champion

Cathy Papley - Big Valley, AB

Manages a consulting company and ranches. 2016 Class winner at Southwest Regionals and 2016 Class winner at Bishop's Trailer Sales Winter Championship in Arizona. 2016 AMSA Senior Ladies Hi Point Champion. Reserve Hi Point Champion for 2015 True Grit Mounted Shooters. 2015 Canadian SL4 Champion. Cofounder of the first shooting club in Canada.

I love any horse related activities, spending time with family and friends and the 7 grandkids.

Riding - T.Dubb

12 yr old black QH gelding

T.Dubb has been shooting for several years now and loves the sport. I teamed up with him about a year ago. T.Dubb has tons of speed and heart....he never quits!





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.





Senior Ladies 4 Reserve

Sheryl Kusk - Camrose, AB

Works as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Camrose. Was the 1st female Cowboy Mounted Shooter in Canada and one of the founding members for the Alberta Mounted Shooting club. I am very proud to watch this sport grow, becoming increasingly competitive in Canada as the membership numbers grow.

<u>Riding</u> - Paychex (Peps Paychex)

18 yr old gelding

Paychex just goes, he is a dream to ride and does his job so I can do mine. He has team penned, roped cattle, babysat grandkids & takes care of this grandma.

Men's 1 Champion



Mark Hofer - Red Deer, AB

I am working in Saskatchewan as a pipe liner, previously worked as a forestry fire fighter, and still work for outfitters as a wrangler and guide. I grew up in a farm setting so I have had experience with horses and cattle. Have done extensive mountain riding and guiding. Other interests are snowboarding, hunting, fishing and I love spending time in the outdoors.

Riding - Striker (TCR Cat Striker)

6 yr. old AQHA gelding

Striker spent 8 months in the cutting pen and also has spent some time in the reining pen. Experienced in mountain trail riding. Striker and I have been Cowboy Mounted Shooting for 9 months. Agribition 2015 we won the Incentive Buckle, Irma we won overall and class and in Vernon, TX we got our second win. We finished off the 2016 season with M1 World Championship in Amarillo, TX.



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.



Men's 1 Reserve

Michael Wiens - Macklin, SK

Mike has been a heavy duty mechanic full time since 1988. Mike and his wife have been running a small business called Big Wrench Mechanical Ltd. since 2005. Mike started to ride horse since about 2009-2010. He has really started to ride with a passion since he started Mounted Shooting. If it wasn't for his great wife, Miranda, and his horse Whiskey, he may not be riding today.....!!!

Riding - Whiskey (Little Peponita Flo)

11 year old AQHA gelding

Whiskey was raised on a farm near our place. I bought him at about 2-1/2 to 3 years old. We seemed to have a connection right away, as I was learning what he knew!!! The family used him in 4h, trail rides, a kids horse, and now a performance horse. He has a very forgiving personality and will give you his all, everyday!! He has made me the rider that I am today. We like to go bareback and bridle-less and scare the heck out of everyone else!!! Whiskey has taken to this sport with relative ease. Three shots with the gun, and he was chilled out!!



Men's 2 Champion

Lucas Thiessen - Humboldt, SK

Hillbilly Skid steer operator, making a living landscaping commercial properties across the prairies. I think there's nothing better than strapping on a pair of hoglegs and running a fast shooting pattern.

<u>**Riding**</u> - Mae (FQH Smokinboonsmal) I'm a kick butt shooting horse, fast and turny, I put Lucas right where he needs to be (almost always!). I can also rope, cow horse and cut and I'm only 5yrs old. What can I say, I had a good trainer.







Men's 2 Reserve

Kevin Wenger - Paradise Hill, SK

I am a cattle rancher and the foreman of the Frenchman butte RM. I enjoy hunting, guiding, and working on the ranch. Kevin started out team penning and sorting, and in 2010 got talked into trying out Mounted Shooting and was hooked right away. He looks forward to each shoot and travelling around to events with his family.

Riding - Major

11 year old AQHA gelding.

This is Majors' first year as a Mounted Shooting horse and is improving at every event. He loves to run and has lots of try, has a great disposition and manners. He is a pleasure to work with and ride.

Men's 3 Champion



Chris Epp - Rosthern, SK

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 8 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.

Riding - Carson (Carson Kew)

16 year old AQHA gelding

Carson took to shooting like a duck to water. He is also a finished heel horse, an ex barrel horse, and my go to when it comes to bringing in the cows. I only wish I could turn back the clock on him 10 years, as he is a great partner in crime.



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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 3 Reserve

Charl Duvenage - Barons, AB

Emerg. and family physician in Vulcan AB. Living on a farm near Barons with his beautiful best half Betty Jo and adorable year old son Lane. Been competing in Mounted Shooting since 2012.

Riding - Keeper of Playgun

8 year old Registered Paint

Keeper of Playgun has now been working as a shooting horse for about 18 months. We are starting to do well together, winning Men's level 3 in Queen Creek, AZ, the US winter championship in February 2016, CCMSA 2016 Men's Level 3 Champion and recently back from Amarillo, Texas winning Men's Level 3 Reserve World Champion.



Men's 4 Champion

Niels Lausten - Lacombe, AB

Owner of Hydrodig, Stettler. I was one of the founding members of Mounted Shooting in Canada in 2006. Some of my accomplishments in Mounted Shooting are 2008 Grand American Champion, 2008 CMSA World Champion International Class - Amarillo Texas, 2010 Western US Championship Level 2, 2011 Lone Star Classic Champion in Vernon, Texas Mens Level 3, 2012 - CMSA Calvary Champion, Tunica, Mississippi, 2012 and 2013 - Canadian National Champion, 2014, 8 Overall wins and Canadian Hi Point Cowboy. 2016 Won the Border series Saddle and the Rifle Overall and Shotgun Reserve.

Riding - Atrevido

2005 Lusitano Bullfighting Horse Atrevido specializes in the Cowboy Extreme Obstacle course and is fully trick trained. He is also Niel's rifle and shotgun horse.







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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.



Men's 5 Reserve

Cain Quam - Kendal, SK

Cain is a veteran horse trainer and clinician in Saskatchewan. He runs a training/boarding facility with his wife and two daughters. Cain started Mounted Shooting in 2012, and has trained many horses to championships along the way. He has worked with many shooters and horses over the last 4 years, helping each and every horse and rider to find success. Cain just returned from the World Finals competition in Amarillo, Texas where he finished in the top ten of the best shooters in the industry.

Riding - 77 (Sun Frosted Jet)

6 yr old AQHA gelding

77 was raised by Cain's mom, so is barrel horse bred. He has became a great Mounted Shooting horse. Carrying Cain to many wins.



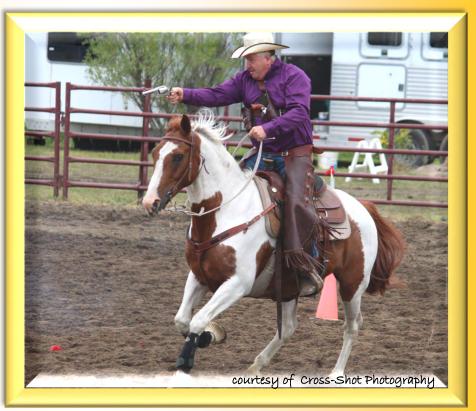
Senior Men's 1 Champion

Bruce McKenzie - Devon, AB

I own and operate Heavy Horse Rentals and Mustang Controls with my family. I finally started Mounted Shooting this year, I was being left behind by my family who have been at it for a few years now. Have met a lot of new friends and can't wait until next season.

<u>Riding</u> - Gala Gambler, 17 year old Canadian Warmblood

Gambler started out as an eventing horse and had a very successful career before transitioning easily into Mounted Shooting in 2012. He has won many championship with multiples riders over the years. He loves the sport and I could not ask for a better partner.







Senior Men's 1 Reserve

Lionel Duh - Saskatoon, SK

I am a part time truck driver and part time contract cowboy. Got into Mounted Shooting a few years ago at a clinic, but this is my first season of shooting.

Riding - Cooper

13 year old gelding

Cooper can move from the barrel pen to penning, roping and now to shooting. We bought him as a weanling, raised and trained him.

Senior Men's 2 Champion



Dale Albrecht - Trochu, AB

Dale is a professional horse trainer and has always been very competitive. He started in gymkhana. Then went into professional saddle bronc, reining, team penning, roping & versatility, to mention just a few. Now I am in my second year of shooting and looking forward to next year!

Riding - Royal Reminic

6 yr old AQHA gelding

Royal Reminic is one of the two horses that Dale shoots off. He is sired by Dale's other shooting horse, STR Colonel Brenna, a 9 yr old buckskin stallion. Both of these horses were raised & trained by Dale.



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Senior Men's 2 Reserve

Phil Woods – Saskatoon, SK

Registered Psychiatric Nurse, who is a Professor and Associate Dean in the College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan. Phil was born in England, UK and emigrated to Canada in 2005 along with his wife (Jayne) and children (Naomi and Daniel). He learnt to ride 9 years ago, and has been Mounted Shooting for the last 4 years. 2015 SCMSA SM1 year-end champion and Canadian SM1 Reserve. Loves competing in this great family sport.

<u>Riding</u> - Harley

7 year old Black and White Paint Gelding

Harley was trained for Mounted Shooting and it is the only job he has known. He is an athletic horse that likes to go, and he gives Mounted Shooting his all. Horse and rider are a strong and growing Mounted Shooting team at not only in pistol competition but also shotgun.



Senior Men's 3 Champion

Bruce (Buck) Willams - Trochu, AB

I have been a farmer and rancher all my life. I have done stuff with horses from competed in rodeo events like team roping, team penning, and team sorting to trail riding in the mountains for may years. I am an avid hunter, long range shooter and competitor with my horse "Dolly" in Cowboy Mounted Shooting.

<u>Riding</u> - Dolly (Quixote Tivio Prom)

16 yr old AQHA mare

My little mare was born in Utah.



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.



Senior Men's 3 Reserve

Thomas Hakl – Lumsden, SK

I retired from EVAREZ Steel in 2008.

My previous horse experience was primarily trail riding of which most of it was in the Alberta mountains. I first started competing on horseback when we started Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Cowboy Mounted Shooting has given my wife & I a sport we both can enjoy, has prompted us to travel and we are thankful for all the friendships we have made.

Riding - Dually (Playboys Duals)

11 yr. old AQHA gelding

Dually joined our family as a seasoned 8 yr. old. Dually had experience in the cutting pen, reined cow horse, mountain trail riding, and when we started shooting off him Dually made it easy. Dually & I have achieved top 10 at a number of shoots this past season. Pile O Bones Class Winner 3 yrs. 2015 Pile O Bones 5th Showcase, SM2 SCMSA 2015.

Senior Men's 4 Champion



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 10 year 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 used him part time the last 3 shows of the season (to give the grey horse a break). He did a good job of keeping me clean and in the average.



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Senior Men's 4 Reserve

Ken Wick - Airdrie, AB

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.

<u>Riding</u> - Alibi (Miss-N-Deter)

14 Year old Black Quarterhorse Gelding,

Alibi has been my shooting horse since I started in 2012. He has won me many buckles and other prizes throughout Canada and the United States and is the reason I achieved a SM4 level. He loves this shooting game as much as I do!



Senior Men's 5 Champion

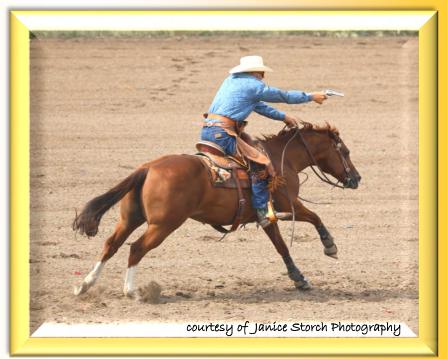
Greg Mathiesen – Carstairs, AB

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.

<u>Riding</u> - Bailey (Cals Neat San)

16 yr old Sorrel AQHA Gelding

Bailey is very accomplished both as a reining horse in Califronia 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.





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Senior Men's 5 Reserve

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.

Rookie Champion



<u>Bruce McKenzie -</u> Devon, AB

I own and operate Heavy Horse Rentals and Mustang Controls with my family. I finally started Mounted Shooting this year, I was being left behind by my family who have been at it for a few years now. Have met a lot of new friends and can't wait until next season.

<u>Riding</u> - Gala Gambler, 17 year old Canadian Warmblood

Gambler started out as an eventing horse and had a very successful career before transitioning easily into Mounted Shooting in 2012. He has won many championship with multiples riders over the years. He loves the sport and I could not ask for a better partner.

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Rookie Reserve

Barbara Munn - Oxbow, SK

I am brand new to Mounted Shooting with very little involvement with horses, since my teenage years when I rode in gymkana & western pleasure. Loving the thrill of the sport and especially the interaction with horses again. I have a lot of fun with the fashion of the 1800's & design my own outfits.

<u>Riding</u> - Brandy

10 yr old quarter horse mare

She is owned by Cathy & Bob Irwin. She has started many a new shooter but this year out performed herself and off to Amarillo, Texas to the Worlds competition we go.



Alberta Men's & Ladies Overall





Gary Couch and "Jack"

Lisa McKenize and "Pebbles"

Saskatchewan Men's & Ladies Overall



Michelle Pipke and "Gunner"



Cain Quam and "Sun Frosted Jet"

Manitoba Men's & Ladies Overall

Top Three Men

- 1. Shawn Parsons
- 2. Todd Craplewe
- 3. Jacobus Zomer

<u>Top Three Ladies</u>

- 1. Jenny Ruml
- 2. Angela Braun
- 3. Peggy Penner

Junior Wrangler Champion



Colby Wenger - Paradise Hill, SK

Colby is 11 years old and is in grade 6. This is Colby's 2nd year Mounted Shooting taking the Limited Wrangler Reserve in 2015. He enjoys playing hockey, riding his dirt bike, and loves Mounted Shooting and riding. He has made many new friends in the Mounted Shooting family and looks forward to going to all the shoots.

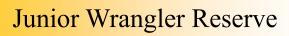
Riding - Spec (Not a Spec)

11 yr Old Black Gelding

Spec got started in Mounted Shooting in 2010. His horse has done everything from roping and sorting to working in the mountains.







Ryder Cochrane - Delburne, AB

Ryder is 10 years old and in Grade 5. Gary Couch is Ryder's favorite Mounted Shooter. He enjoys spending his days with his horses. He tied this year for Reserve Junior Wrangler in the CCMSA and also was 1D Champion at the ABRA Finals. Ryder enjoys Doritios and Mountain Dew for breakfast while on the road.

<u>Riding</u> - Bailey (HG Miss Roan Hancock)

15 yr. AQHA Mare

Bailey was introduced to Mounted Shooting in the fall of last year. She was mostly used by Ryder's sister for barrel racing, but has proved herself worthy in the shooting pen. She tied for the CCMSA Horse of the Year for 2016.

Novice Wrangler Champion

Nevada Pipke - Unity, Saskatchewan

I'm 6 years old and I live near Unity, Saskatchewan on our Ranch. I love ranch life, we care for the cows and their calves and have lots of horses. I love the horses especially Geeroy, the horse that I ride. I'm in grade one and will be going into 4-H this year. I also go to dance. My mom and I like to go Mounted Shooting and I like seeing all my friends when I get there! I can't wait for another year of Shooting!

Riding - Geeroy

12 year old welsh x quarter horse gelding

At just 13.2 hh Geeroy is a feisty black pony. Geeroy is great with the kids and gets along with Nevada the best. Even though he is bad sometimes Nevada still loves him.

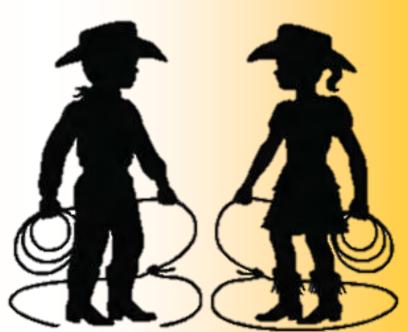


What about the kids? Do the kids ride and shoot?

Yes... and no. In the US, kids can compete in the wrangler classes till the age of 12. The riders in the Wrangler classes ride the same patterns 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.

What about in Canada?

Due to the gun laws laid out in the Canadian Firearms Act, our wranglers are organized in a different way than our US partners. In Canada, a youth cannot handle a restricted firearm without supervision until they are 18 years of age, however, they have the ability to ride the same patterns as the adults. So they do something called ground shooting, where the wrangler stands stationary within arm's reach of a person who has their restricted firearms license and shoots at the 10 balloons that are placed on the balloon stands. By giving the wranglers an opportunity to ground shoot this develops their skills for when they are ready to go big time on their 18th birthday.



In the meantime, most of the clubs have different categories that wranglers can choose to run in for the season. Many of clubs use the wrangler classes of: being lead line lead, riding the pattern and not ground shooting or, as most of our Canadian wranglers choose, ride the patterns and ground shoot.

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 on the sport as much as we can within the parameters that our laws will let us.

Open Wrangler Champion



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Riding - Spec (Not a Spec)

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Limited Wrangler

Champion

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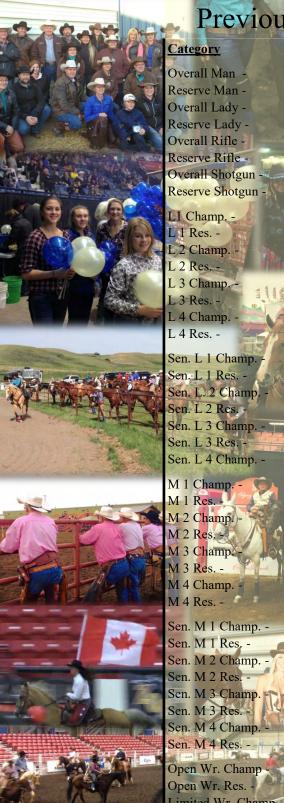
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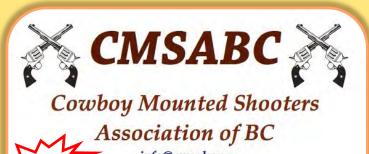
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