

# The Straight Shooter

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## Canadians Win South of the Border in 2009

In only a few short years, Canadians have made tremendous advancements in Cowboy Mounted Shooting. The dedication and desire for excellence has developed horsemanship and shooting skills, and made CCMSA members competitive at local and international events.

With most of the competitions still being held south of the border, several CCMSA members travelled to compete in U.S events throughout the 2009 season.

Five Canadians, (Niels Lausten, Cheryl LaRue, Jim MacIntyre, Ken Kusk, Sheryl Kusk) competed at the Sundowner World Championships in Amarillo Texas in October.

Congratulations to all participants, including SL1 Reserve World Champion Sheryl Kusk, SM2 Reserve World Champion Ken



The Canadian Flag Flies High at the Montana State Championships

Kusk, and SL2 3<sup>rd</sup> place Cheryl LaRue.

Other 2009 Champions include:

Townsend Ranch Grand American Shoot, Darby MT: Stew Erickson- M1 Champion, Ken Caldwell- SM1 Champion

MT State Championship, Three Forks MT: Chris Giffen-M1 Champion

Ken Kusk- SM1 Champion

MT State Regionals, Three Forks MT:

Sheryl Kusk- SL1 Champion

Thunder EquiGames, Las Vegas, NV:

Niels Lausten- Mens Limited 3<sup>rd</sup> Fast Time

Visit [www.cmsaevents.com](http://www.cmsaevents.com) for the 2010 U.S. schedule.



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## 2010 CCMSA Memberships Renewals

The 2010 shooting season is approaching quickly and it is time to renew your membership to the Canadian Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association. Membership fees for 2010 have been reduced to: \$75.00 Regular Membership, \$30.00 Wranglers 12-17, and \$50.00 Associate Membership. Cheques can be made payable to the Canadian Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association. Membership forms are available at [www.canadianmountedshooters.com](http://www.canadianmountedshooters.com) and can be mailed to: Box 744, Sundre AB, T0M 1X0. US Competition cards can be purchased directly from the CMSA at [www.cmsaevents.com](http://www.cmsaevents.com).

## CCMSA Board of Directors

On behalf of the CCMSA, we are pleased to announce the new Board of Directors as elected at the 2009 Annual General Meeting in Blackfalds.

### Executive

Lee Stuckey- President  
Stew Erickson- Vice President  
Fern Kornelson- Secretary/Treasurer

### Directors

Gail Cook- Director  
Penny Wilson- Director  
Dan McIntyre- Director  
Don Litvak- Director  
Jim MacIntyre- Director  
We are dedicated to representing the CCMSA membership in the development of Cowboy Mounted Shooting,

horsemanship, safe firearm handling, and western camaraderie.

Any members who would like to contact the Board of Directors to discuss club events, practices, or to provide membership feedback can email: [admin@canadianmountedshooters.com](mailto:admin@canadianmountedshooters.com)

**“Shooting Tip”**  
Regular change up of practice patterns will keep your horse reacting to you and where you want to go. It is about control—Speed will follow.

## CCMSA Clinics

Clinics are an excellent introduction to the world of mounted shooting. With a proper start, participants and their horses will be well on their way to years of enjoyment in this faced paced sport.

CCMSA promotes that firearm safety, sound horsemanship, and a sequential approach to introducing equines to gunfire are essential for the advancement of Cowboy Mounted Shooting.

“We progress at the speed of the horses to ensure that we alleviate any anxiety or potential resistance to gunfire”, says Chris Giffen, clinician for the CCMSA. “By slowly desensitizing horses through sound progressions we can maintain a positive experience for both

riders and their equine partners”.

By the end of a clinic, participants are knowledgeable about firearm safety, licensing requirements, and mounted shooting basics. Horses are accepting of gunfire noise and are ready for advancement of shooting techniques through further practice sessions.

“Building a shooting horse takes time”, says Lee Stuckey, CCMSA President. “But success is inevitable through persistence and consistent training”.

CCMSA practices are scheduled throughout the winter months, with several members excited to assist new shooters in equipment selection and

horsemanship tips. Please visit [www.canadianmountedshooters.com](http://www.canadianmountedshooters.com) for a practice or clinic in your area.

The CCMSA is now booking beginner clinics for 2010. Dates for advanced clinics are also pending. For more information or to organize a clinic in your area, please contact Chris at [cgiffen@xplornet.com](mailto:cgiffen@xplornet.com) or 403-892-8789.



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