

2016 MSA All Star Team

The MSA and Western Horse & Gun are proud to once again be the exclusive mounted shooting sponsors of Road to the Horse in 2016. The Road to the Horse is the brainchild of Steven and Tootie Bland. Their passion has been to create a special event that celebrates the relationship between horse and rider that is built upon a foundation of trust. As mounted shooters, we all know that ours is a team sport and the ongoing bond between our partners and ourselves is the key to our success and enjoyment.

More than 6,000 fans in the stands and far more watching on their televisions, will enthusiastically witness a lifetime of passion and knowledge of horses put to the test for the right to be named World Champion of Colt Starting. It will take place March 18-20th, 2016, in Lexington, Kentucky. This year's competitors are Clinton Anderson, Nick Dowers and Richard Winters. The Master of Ceremonies will be Craig Cameron, previous Road to the Horse Champion.

The MSA has created an All Star Team to take advantage of our exclusive access to showcase our members before this large audience. The team is chosen from enthusiasts who represent our sport well and support the efforts of the MSA. While the team includes some of the top mounted shooters in the country, it is also available to riders of all levels who demonstrate good horsemanship and enthusiasm for the event. As previously stated, special consideration will be given to loyal members who can bring us a sponsor or who sign up for The Patriot. Product as well as cash sponsors are welcome and all sponsors will be included in our advertising and web sites, with links to their pages and will be announced at our major events. All Star members will be announced as they are accepted. Be sure to get your letters in to be considered for the team, as spots are limited to 20 and it is already more than half full. Western Horse & Gun magazine is providing \$10,000 added money for this event.

We are pleased to congratulate our first members to be added to our 2016 All Star Team: Reece, Reece "RJ" and Kaden Kinney, Morgan and Brandy Swanson, Robby Moudy, Jimmie Allen, Jim Best, Brian Bausch, Heather Herdt, Denny Lemons, Paige Atchley Whitt and Rodney Greene. Rodney has offered his own horses to those who cannot travel with their horses. This offer is limited in number, so please contact Rodney for details.

While we are proud of our efforts to offer unmatched opportunity for our members to attend major venues that offer them and their sponsors significant access to unequalled numbers of spectators, the MSA is no one trick pony. We have put equal effort into developing an affiliate system that provides our clubs with freedom and choice not offered by other associations. Our affiliates have access to exclusive jackpot software that still qualifies for points if they do not wish to use our level system and they have the freedom to choose how to apply our rules to best suit their

needs and desires. What works for one club, may not be what works for another and the MSA provides a flexible structure that gives our affiliates control of their programs. We offer the most accommodating programs for those who wish to stay close to home and unmatched benefits for those who are looking to promote themselves and compete for significant payouts at major national venues. There is something for all levels, ages, genders and extent of competitive motivation. No other association can match the benefits of the MSA, whether close to home or on a national stage. The new-year is looking to be an exciting one for the MSA and our members and we are continuing to seek and develop future opportunities that will be available to our members and affiliates. Thank you all for your continuing support.