

Patriot Update

As excitement builds for this month's Patriot event, the most diverse and important event in the history of mounted shooting is taking shape. As members are requesting more opportunities, we are working hard to provide them. We are the association that says YES, where there is a way, we have the will to make it happen. As our latest update was in typical epic form, we want to be sure we were clear as to how the additional events we have announced will be structured.

The first annual Young Guns World Championship of Mounted Shooting competition is a separate event from the main match. This group, ages 12-21, will run each stage first, before the main match competitors. The Young Guns competitors will be handicapped based on age and division, but not gender split. The cost for the Young Guns is \$150 and is six stages over three days.

However, youth competitors also have the unique opportunity to compete in all matches, including the Run for the Bucks Jackpot and Sharpshooter events. If you have already signed up for the main match and wish to drop out and just enter Young Guns, you may do so. If you are already signed up for the main match and wish to add the Young Guns entry, you can do so by contacting Frank Turben at 480-683-2673, who can assist you in getting signed up for the events you have chosen. The Young Guns match is also a World Qualifying event and qualifies for 5X points. If you enter and complete the three days in the main match and Young Guns World Championship, you will have qualified for the 2016 MSA World Championship!

The first ever MSA High Stakes Shootout is a separate stage that is handicapped based on age and division, but not gender split. It will be held on Saturday after the regular events. It will pay one in three with 90% of the \$500 entry fee being paid back. This is sure to be a fast cash opportunity that you will not want to miss. We will not close sign ups for this event until 30 minutes prior to the event, so for those who are borrowing horses, you have the entire main match to determine if you think you are working well enough with your partner to run for the big money.

Those riding multiple horses will be pleased to know that not only will you get 5X points per day, per horse, but each day will qualify as a World qualifying match on each horse. This means that if you complete all three days on two horses, you will qualify for the 2016 MSA World Championship held in Dallas, Texas in September, with \$50,000 added money. We even have people riding three horses, including 2015 Patriot Champion and multi World Champion, Brian Bausch and Jim Best, who we forgot to mention in our last update, is also an EXCA Hall of Fame inductee along with his World Champion titles in two associations (Sorry, Jim).

As always, we will be adding money to the Sharpshooter event, which is always 100% payback. Last years Sharpshooter winners at Worlds were winning more money by shooting clean than some division winners. That is not to say division winners were not taking home thousands of dollars. Our World Champion took

home more than twice the money from our World Championship as he did winning the CMSA Worlds.

Clearly, the MSA is your best chance for fair and significant payouts. For those who like to repeat that it is not about money, but having fun, I would ask if those who won checks from the MSA did not also have fun while winning the biggest checks in mounted shooting. The MSA is not going to try to convince you that the only way for you to have fun is for us to keep your money.

Remember folks, Kevin Hall, the owner of The Patriot is making huge strides in promoting major venues for Ropers and Barrel Racers. \$2.5 million in Patriot payouts is coming mostly from entry fees. His members are making it happen by attending. He is watching us closely to decide if he is going to bring us along to the biggest rodeos in the country. This is exactly what our sport has been waiting for. Show up to The Patriot and this is just the beginning.

We have built it, now you must come prove you are ready for mounted shooting to move out of the shadows of twenty years of stagnant growth. Anyone who says mounted shooting is the fastest growing equestrian sport is not telling you the truth. It can be however, if you take ownership of your sport and prove to the leaders in the industry that you are worthy of coming along for the ride. The time is now! Come and make history.