

POINTS DO THEY REALLY MATTER?



Some would say not, but if you ask a past National High Point Champion like Wayne Riggs, Lynne Merrick, Bob Jackalone, Rock Clark, Tammy Sronce or even Jim Rodgers I think they might disagree. Each one of these top-riding, long-traveling mounted shooters had a different reason for chasing that title. Each one has a different story about what it meant to them to accomplish that goal.

It has been a goal of mine for many years to make the "points race" matter. To accomplish that task we've tried many things. In 2004, the points race culminated in the presentation of a new aluminum horse trailer. That was a huge success and built excitement throughout the season. Things are ripe again for another stab at making the points race matter. So within 2008 the CMSA will present a new Ford F-150, 4x4, crew cab pickup truck to one lucky high point champion. Will the points matter to them? You bet your bippy it will!

Let me digress a moment. Some contestants want to run for money, the more money on the line the better. Other contestants believe that high stakes cash prizes will ruin mounted shooting and want only to run for buckles, prizes and points. For many years, The CMSA has done its best to accommodate both sides of the

competition coin. Great strides have been made in increasing sponsorship and raising payback, while improving the quality and amount of non-cash prizes to give both sides of the "prize or cash" coin what each wants. Once again, this year we'll be doing a lot of both. Increased and new added money in the Cavalry Class sponsored by a group of Sundowner Dealers, Rifle Competition sponsored by Double E Ranch, Colt Eliminator and Wrangler Pro Shootout will give those who strive for higher payback exactly what they want, all the while competing for points locally, regionally and nationally. Increased and improved prizes include quality items from Charlie One Horse Hats, Boulet Boots, Classic Equine, EMF Firearms, Cactus Custom Saddlery and others to numerous to mention here.

For the first time in the history of the CMSA, points earned at the Sundowner World Championship will count toward the final High Point Championship run. You'll note that all of the points at the "big shoots" have been raised. Why is that? The reasoning is this. If the best of the best are drawn to these premier events and when you beat or place well among them it stands to reason that you should be rewarded for doing so. This is why we, the CMSA Board of Directors, raised the point values of the CMSA

Championship Series Events. To reward those who put themselves up against the best mounted shooters in the country and prevail.

So do points matter? I say yes. Here's what you can win and how. Every class Men's and Senior Men's, Ladies and Senior Ladies as well as Junior Limited, Express and Master--that's 27 classes--will each be awarded and recognized for being the High Point Class Winner for 2008. From each divisional grouping one will be drawn to win FREE Main Match Entry at all of the 2009 Championship Series Events & One Stall at each event (non transferable). That's well over \$2,500 in savings!

L1, SL1 L2, SL2*

One winner from this division will win FREE Entry & one Stall

M1, SM1, M2, SM2*

One winner from this division will win FREE Entry & one Stall

L3, SL3, L4, SL4*

One winner from this division will win FREE Entry & one Stall

M3, SM3, M4, SM4*

One winner from this division will win FREE Entry & one Stall

L5, SL5, L6, SL6*

One winner from this division will win FREE Entry & one Stall

M5, SM5, M6, SM6*

One winner from this division will win FREE Entry & one Stall

*Juniors will be counted with their respective gender & class number (example: Junior L3 Class will be counted with L3, SL3 L4, SL4)

From these six divisional finalists, we will draw one winner for the pickup! And we mean a Ford F-150 pickup. You arrange for insurance, pay the tax, title & license and the CMSA presents you with the keys to your new Ford pickup. It's that simple.

Current Top Five Class Standings are as follows: (some classes do not have 5)

SENIOR MEN

S6	951	Jim Rodgers
S6	184	Gary Dabney
S6	178	Rick Deckena
S5	1196	Bob Chattin
S5	871	Wayne Riggs
S5	844	Tom Lattimore
S5	751	Jerry Moore
S5	615	Jerry Bestpitch
S4	510	Tony Romano
S4	444	Gary Wilson
S4	222	Rich Hanne
S4	222	Dale Howell
S4	190	Wayne Scheppert
S3	1024	Marty Luffman
S3	776	Tom Block
S3	734	Robert Swain
S3	695	James McIntyre
S3	561	Ed Avery
S2	603	Bill Mengel
S2	543	Andy Rees
S2	508	Rick Levin
S2	325	Bill Tillman
S2	308	Brad Binkley
S1	132	Jerry England
S1	115	Tom Holland
S1	114	Bob Redo
S1	90	Win Adams
S1	89	Calvin Knox



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