



Mounted Shooting

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Greetings Clansmen, it turns out that MacDougall's can do more than put up tents and host Scottish Festivals. My family reads *the Tartan* regularly and we are very proud of the talent we see in our Clan.

Following our Celtic heritage as horsemen, my wife and I compete in a fairly little known sport known as Cowboy Mounted Shooting. This sport is a timed event wherein rider wears double holsters holding two single action old west pistols. The rider runs their horse as fast as possible through variable courses while shooting at ten balloon targets, five with each pistol. We shoot only burning embers at balloons propped up on sticks, while galloping at approximately 30 miles per hour. This is a rather complex sport combining superior horsemanship, blazing speed, and reactive pistol shooting. Not something for the average Joe to try.

We, the MacDougall's, competed this year at the SASS World Championships in Edgewood, New Mexico and triumphed over all those competing at our level. There are five levels of competition, from novice, level 1, up

to professional at level 5. My wife Kay Rivers MacDougall and I were both able to win the level 3 World Championships for our gender. This is the first time a husband and wife have both won the same level World Championship in mounted shooting.

We thought we would share this with one and all and include some photos. Proving, once again, how talented and versatile our Clan members are. ☺



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Thomas John King, St. Paul, Minnesota, is the recipient for this year. Tom will go to Scotland in September and looks forward to working at Dunollie and the Lismore Museum. He is a Life member of Clan MacDougall, an avid outdoorsman who enjoys lacross, hockey and baseball.

He and his wife, Sherri have three children Brandiwyne, Joshua and Zachariah. Tom is the State Representative for Clan MacDougall of Minnesota, the treasurer for St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota, the Director of Human Resources for the Scottish American Center

in New Brighton, Minnesota and a member of the Twin Cities Scottish Club. A chemical equipment operator, Tom loves reading Scottish history and American Civil War history. Tom said "I have a deep emotional pride in my Highland ancestry and this trip to Scotland will be very moving for me." *Reported by Ruth MacDougall McCartin.*

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