

Kenda Dismounts for Bianchi Cup

Reigning CMSA World and National Champion Wins Celebrity Action Pistol Shoot Off.

by Sherry Smith

Kenda Lenseigne joined other celebrities to compete in the 32nd NRA Bianchi Cup Celebrity Speed Event in Columbia, Missouri in May. The competition draws the top action pistol shooters from around the world for the four-day festivities.

Events are designed to challenge participants in all pistol disciplines from Bull's-Eye target firing to police pistol combat and practical shooting. Like mounted shooting, speed and accuracy are key to winning—with two major differences, live ammo and no horse.

Invited celebrities shot it out for some serious fun in a falling plate speed and accuracy event requiring the participants to draw and fire at six plates from a distance of 10 yards. Competitors stand side-by-side in a designated box, with digitally displayed timers allowing the audience to watch the split seconds pass for each competitor as well as the plates falling, and in some cases, not falling. All plates must



Kenda prepares and fires her first volley at the Bianchi Cup.

be knocked down to score with the fastest time winning the sequence.

Kenda, the only female celebrity competitor, strapped on a belt and holster provided by Safariland. Her first shoot out was against

renowned multi black-belt martial artist, film and television actor Marshall R. Teague. He's best known for his "bad-guy" roles, most notably in the 1989 cult movie Road House. After getting the draw and plates on Teague, she moved to the finals against Country music star Mark Wills.

Mark, shooting a production Springfield 1911 in his second Bianchi competition, is an avid gun enthusiast and host of "3-Gun Nation" on the Versus cable network. He gave Kenda stiff competition, winning the first sequence. After dropping two plates, Kenda appeared to quickly get the feel for this very different shooting sport, besting Wills in the next two sequences to win the celebrity match.

While the celebrity match is strictly for fun, Kenda's appearance at the Bianchi Cup provided a unique opportunity to bring an awareness of and spread the word about Cowboy Mounted Shooting to participants and followers of another gun sport.

Kenda was impressed by the competition, saying, "I have a new found respect for not only handling my firearm, but also for accuracy in target shooting. It was an eye opening experience having to aim a bullet on a small target at long range — far different



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than flying by a balloon.”

The Bianchi Cup was founded in 1979 by former police officer John Bianchi, of holster maker Bianchi International, as a law enforcement training match. It is now under the stewardship of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and supported in large part by title sponsor Midway USA.

NRA National Pistol Manager Tom Hughes and Safariland's Scott Carnahan were instrumental in setting the wheels of success in motion. Kenda received a crash course in training with Don Golembieski, was provided top of the line gear from Safariland, and had the use of a racehorse of a gun from Dave and Sydney Surgi. 🐾

Sherry Smith and her husband Don are mounted shooters and Bianchi Cup competitors from Virginia. The couple introduced Kenda Lenseigne to the Celebrity Speed Event.



Kenda and co-competitor, Country music artist, Mark Wills

Brandy, the 25 year old Palomino Horse took very short limping steps... Brandy had arthritis in her knees for years. Her ears were back and eyes at half mast. You could clearly see she was in pain.

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