



I sure didn't want to do that. But once she had accepted the gunfire and was listening, she ran a flawless pattern. I hardly put a leg on her and I just thought where I wanted her to go. She kept an ear back listening, got all her changes, stopped and walked out flat-footed at the end of the pattern. I knew we were where we needed to be."

Once he realized what he had for a mount, Chapman knew it was time to start hauling her to events. He quickly decided that she was talented enough to go to the majors—the Eastern, the Western, and the National.

"I took her to Stephenville for the Cowboy Classic and to Glen Rose for the Celebration of the Cowboy and where ever we went, she just shined," Chapman adds. "One time on her, she drifted a little and I just had to use my hip and guide her back. She was so well broke that I could run top-level times on her. I've never had to use any harsh equipment on her. She's just so soft and versatile, but a horse with that shine."

"I'm 47 competing against 20-somethings, their hand-eye coordination is so good. That mare put my name in the Top 10 this season."

With the mare's talent and speed, Summer helped Chapman take many titles in the Mounted Shooting. In 2014, Chapman was third Overall Pro Cowboy at the CMSA Western U.S. Championships in Las Vegas, Overall Rifle Champion/Reserve Overall Cowboy at the Celebration of the Cowboy and M5 Class Winner at Cowboy Capital in Stephenville, Texas. He took the CMSA Buckle Series Pro Class Championship in Florida, was the Men's Overall Eliminator Winner at the South Central Regional CMSA Championships and was the Alabama State CMSA Mounted Rifle Shooting Champion.

Under the tutelage of World Champion rider Jack Hennig, the mare had a great foundation and earned Working Cow Horse Cham-

ionships. She easily transitioned into the Mounted Shooting under the guidance of leading cowboy Denny Chapman. She continues to show her versatility and flexibility, willingly doing whatever is asked of her.

"An Appaloosa horse can do absolutely anything," Hennig adds. "Nothing bothered this mare. She just had such a great work ethic."

"The minute I stepped up on her back, I knew it was all business," Chapman says. "Appaloosas are a hearty breed. They have the conformation to excel in one thing or another. Summer is the epitome of the versatility of the Appaloosa breed. With her outstanding build, her great mind and a fantastic foundation under Jack, she's done her job for me and I think will continue to succeed in whatever she tries in the future." 🐾



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