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**USTPA ANNOUNCES MONTANA SILVERSMITHS AS THE 2017-2018 OFFICIAL
BUCKLE SUPPLIER.**

The USTPA is pleased to announce a new partnership with Montana Silversmiths, the world's largest supplier of western jewelry, watches, and buckles. Located in Columbus, Montana, Montana Silversmiths was founded in 1978 and is sold in not only the United States and Canada, but also in over twenty-four countries worldwide. Known as "The Brand of Champions," the company prides itself on the time and quality that is put into every piece.

Steve Miller, Vice President of Events for Montana Silversmiths, fully recognizes that the majority of the USTPA membership is competing for the love of the sport, the horses, and the competition. "Sometimes the most important thing is the awards; not the money," he states. "We are very proud to add the USTPA to our family of partners. We dedicate ourselves and everything we do to people who embrace the western lifestyle and are equine enthusiasts. Team penning is a family oriented, growing sport, which puts it right in our wheelhouse."

Montana Silversmiths will be contributing funds and donating awards at not just the national level, but all the way down throughout the organization. USTPA members can also be on the lookout for a new program that will provide special opportunities to them in the future. "There are a lot of awards companies that you can just buy your awards from," Mr. Miller explains. "We're not interested in just selling awards though. We want to become a partner and not just a vendor."

"The association couldn't be happier with the programs presented to us by Montana Silversmiths," says Katie Phillips, Executive Director of the USTPA. "This partnership offers us not only a great deal on exquisite buckles, it also lines us up with a solid, long-term partner," states Ms. Phillips.

To learn more about Montana Silversmiths, visit: <http://www.montanasilversmiths.com/> or call 855-358-5002.



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