

The Scoop

The hottest news on the products and people of mounted shooting

Athlete Of The Year.

■ We're proud of our friend and fellow shooter Jana Morris of Cave Creek, AZ, who was awarded the prestigious Athletes International Female Athlete of the Year for 2011.

"This summer I was very humbled and very honored to receive the award from Athletes International," Morris says. "Every year they try to get one participant out of the western genre. I was the first mounted shooter to be represented."

The organization Athletes International was established 27 years ago. It recognizes top competitors in sports who also exhibit great character. Former award recipients have included former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry, Paralympics great Jean Driscoll, and NFL Hall of Famer Barry Sanders.

Jared Allen of the Minnesota Vikings was presented with the 2011 Male Athlete of the Year award at the June ceremony, and several other athletes from a variety of sports were honored as well. Morris says the experience was the highlight of her summer.

"I represented shooting, I represented women and I represented seniors, so it was a really big honor for me to be there," she says.

