

**Western United States Championships CMSA
June 5 to 10, 2007 Lazy E Arena, Guthrie, Oklahoma (206 Competitors)**

By Lily Rodgers



Jana Morris Riding Dakota

RESULTS for Arizona Shooters

Jim Rodgers 6th place Overall, Top Senior Overall
6th place Saturday night Colt Eliminator
1st place Cavalry Open
2nd place Cavalry Sat. Night Showcase
3rd Place High Stakes Winner
1st place Sr Men's 6

Jana Morris 1st Place Ladies 4,
4th Overall Cowgirl

Ann Pihl 2nd place Ladies Class 1

Lily Rodgers 2nd place Sr Ladies 4

The CMSA Western United States Championship was a huge success in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Top Arizona Shooter was Jim Rodgers riding Junior to a 6th place overall finish. Top ten overall honors were given special recognition and prizes.

Jana Morris bested a large group of tough number fours from around the country to bring home the Ladies 4 buckle and winning check. It was three days of intense competition in two arenas. To maintain the lead through all the days is a great accomplishment.

The Western also attracted the top shooters from Arizona including Annie Ellett Daniel Byrd, Robert Morris, Rick Pihl,, Ed Avery and Wayne Holloman.

The Lazy E Arena is famous for hosting the greats in all the horse sports including bull riding, roping and rodeo sports. The grounds cover over 480 acres of very picturesque grassy rolling hills that are groomed to perfection and edged in 5 rail white fences. Large herds of fine horses graze upon the hills near beautiful tree line streams and ponds. All of the camping was on paved areas with easy access to the facility and grass to graze your horse for a snack. Horse stalls were all covered with paving or concrete in all alleys making it a dust free experience. The town of Guthrie is a completely preserved historic town with beautiful buildings and historical markers easily found to enhance your visit.

Each day's competition ended in plenty of time to take care of your horses and then take time to wander around the camp area for visiting, eating, and finding friends to go out to dinner with. Sundowner Trailers had a huge display of beautiful trailers and Freightliner trucks. Sturm Ruger was the presenting sponsor and the president of Ruger Mr. Mike Pfifer was there along with Mike Gladson representing the Midwest Sales Territory. They gave a speech at the opening ceremonies about Doug Ivy, a CMSA member from Tennessee, was their major consultant and designer on their new gun called the MONTADO made just for mounted shooters. Doug worked hand in hand with them pushing them for certain changes that would improve the Ruger for the special needs that a mounted shooter needs including grip and weight improvements.