



# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME



## Jim Snively



Jim Snively was born in Sapulpa Oklahoma in 1911 and died at his ranch near Pawhuska Oklahoma in Sept. 1998.

Jim was one of the top calf ropers in the country from 1935 until the early 1950s when he then concentrated on the single steer roping until his retirement in 1965.

Jim's first big win was at the Worlds Fair on Treasure Island near San Francisco in 1939. He won or placed at all the big rodeos including Madison Square Garden and Boston Garden. He won the calf roping at the Calgary Stampede in 1951 after winning second there the two previous years. He was second in calf roping and first in steer roping and winning the all around at Cheyenne in 1949.

Jim was also considered one of the top hazers of his day hazing for all the top bull doggers including

Homer Pettigrew.

He was worlds champion steer roper in 1956. He was also runner up for title twice with six top four finishes. He won the first national final steer roping ever held in 1959 at Clayton New Mexico.

Jim only participated in five national finals because they didn't begin until 1959 toward the end of his career.

It's hard to know for sure but after some research best estimate if national finals had been around in Jim's prime he would have went to as many as 18 national finals in steer roping and 10 calf roping finals.

Jim also served as RCA Steer Roping Director in 1948. He was also a charter member of the Turtles Association.

