



Natalie Johnson wins Globe Desert Classic

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NEWS FOR THE SHOOTING HORSE COMMUNITY

Royce W. Anderson Family Arena Inaugurated At Ben Avery

Top mounted shooter makes commitment for the future.

■ The first publicly owned mounted shooting facility in the United States has been renamed the Royce W. Anderson Family Arena after its new patron, mounted shooter, Royce W. Anderson.

With a contribution that will insure the construction of a cover for the first arena as well as future improvements, Anderson has taken the title sponsorship with a mission for continued growth. A conversation a little more than a year ago has turned into a significant contribution with a perpetual goal.

When asked what prompted his commitment to the project Anderson responded, "My love of mounted shooting and the friends that I developed through mounted shooting have had a lot to do with that. Last year I had a couple real significant things in my life that caused me to reexamine what's going on and it kind of motivated me to

move forward with this. I think that mounted shooters creating a home for mounted shooting aside from any national organizations or any business strategies has really created an energy here in the sport in Arizona and for the whole country."

What's in the name?

"I consider mounted shooters my family," states Anderson who talked about his commitment with *Western Shooting Horse* at the arena in March. "Last year I spent some time in intensive care in the hospital and that caused me to realize how close mounted shooters were to me. They were the people that came to me. They were the people that called me and prayed for me and basically saved me."

Anderson added that he is in discussions with organizers Bob Morris



Royce W. Anderson

and Susan Turner about the possibility of a charitable foundation for a national mounted shooting center with the Anderson family name on it.

Located on 15 acres at Ben Avery in north Phoenix, the Royce W. Anderson Arena has held numerous shoots, practices and clinics. For the past two years cowboy mounted shooters from around the country have participated in fund raising projects which include the buy-a-brick program, private donations, auctions, garage sales, t-shirt sales, bumper stickers, and raffles. Over \$65,000 has been raised to date.

Because the facility receives no funding from the State General Fund, donations, volunteer work, and facility fees will finance improvements. For more information go to the Ben Avery Development Committee website www.bamsd.com or personally call Susan Turner (480) 575-7307 or Bob Morris (480) 563-9015.

BAMSD Committee Pours On Fund Raising With Big Prizes

■ The Ben Avery Mounted Shooting Development Committee has initiated a yearlong opportunity drawing with support from industry hot shots.

Contributing to the fundraiser are Circle Y Saddle with a Kenda Lenseigne Mounted Shooting Saddle, Cimarron Firearms with a pair of single action .45's in an El Paso Saddlery holster rig, JW Brooks with a custom fitted hat, and

Earthwalker Footwear with boots for both man and woman.

Five winning tickets will be drawn at the 2011 EXPO Shoot at the Royce. W. Anderson Family Arena.

\$20 tickets can be purchased online at www.bamsd.com.

