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IF THEY BUILD IT, WE CAN COME!

Cowboy Mounted Shooting's Birthplace can become a full-fledged mounted shooting facility!

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The first Cowboy Mounted Shooting World Championship was held at Ben Avery Shooting Facility, north of Phoenix, Arizona in 1994. Now, the world's first public facility designed primarily for Cowboy Mounted Shooting is planned to be constructed on the very same site--The Mounted Shooting Center at Ben Avery Range!

At over 1,500 acres, Ben Avery is one of the largest shooting ranges in the country and is owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD). This popular sportsmen's facility has many individual ranges including, clay, archery, pistol and long-range rifle. This past May, it was the site of the official Olympic archery trials. The proposed Cowboy Mounted Shooting facility will only be used for events that are within the mission of AGFD, like mounted shooting or the annual Outdoor Expo. Thus, there will be no competition from other equestrian sports. This will address the lack of an arena in central Arizona for casual shooting practice. This is planned to be a true mounted shooting facility, and not just another rodeo or equestrian center.

Planned features include two all weather 150 x 300-foot arenas, RV Camping and stalls. The facility will be available for daily casual practice and ultimately, shoots as large as a CMSA Championship Series event like Winter Range.

AGFD plans extensive RV camping improvements that would be available for mounted shooters seeking a warm winter climate, where they can camp with their horses and practice shooting daily. Hopefully, this will excite shooters nationwide in supporting the Center. During those long winter months when much of the nation goes into "mounted shooting hibernation," where else but Arizona, can one find spectacular weather for cost effective RV camping and mounted shooting? Local clubs can put on well-attended local matches for visitors to enjoy, also.

Arizona Cowboy Mounted Shooters (ACMSA) began working with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to include an expanded facility on the site over two years ago. The final Master Plan for the Ben Avery Shooting Facility includes over 10 acres for arenas, stalls and ancillary facilities. The land value is between 1 and 2 million dollars. When completed, the arena covers will be the largest structures on the property. The central location provides prominent visibility to all range visitors.

The entire project will be owned by Arizona Game and Fish Department. State entities are "qualified" organizations under IRS Charitable Contributions regulations. AGFD has set up an account for donations. A donor receives a confirming letter stating the amount and the intended use of the contribution. This letter can be filed with a tax return. Local shooters plan to use this tax advantage as a major funding source. See the box for

details on how to donate.

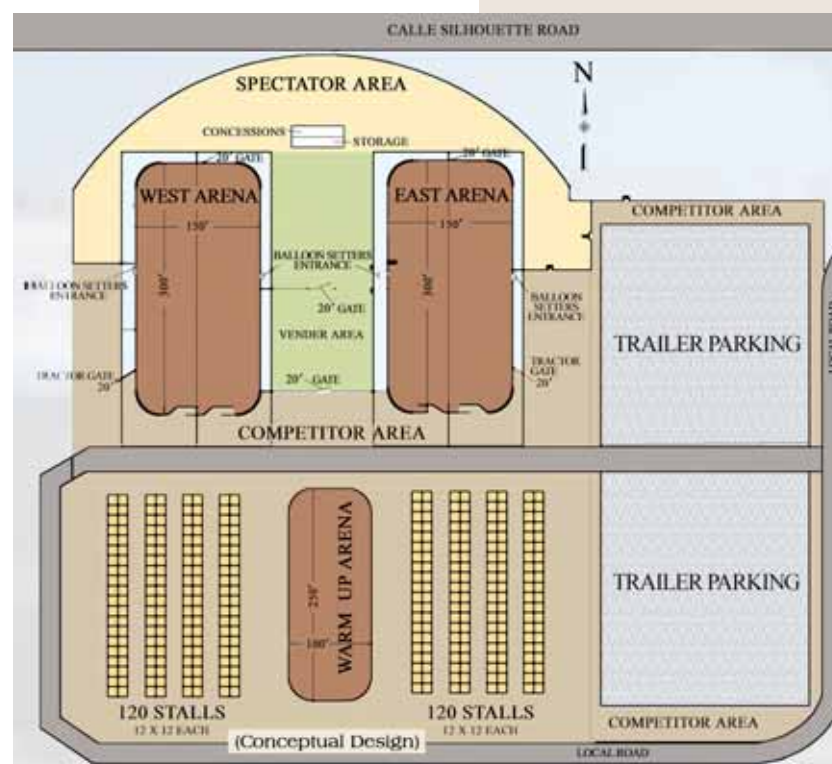
Because Arizona's Game and Fish Department receives almost no tax revenues, without fund raising by shooters and organizations, the facility will not be built. Its funds come from license fees, grants and donations. ACMSA is asking the Department to install utilities, RV sites, and access roads as its contribution. Local shooters plan to raise the additional money for the Center.

The first CMSA match in 1994 had only a dozen or so shooters. Shooters dodged creosote bushes and cactus on the course of fire. Now, the Mounted Shooting Center at Ben Avery will arise in just that spot. Cowboy Mounted shooting has come of age!

CMSA Supports Ben Avery Range Project And Encourages all CMSA Clubs to do the Same!

To help fund and promote the first ever Mounted Shooting Center at the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix, Arizona, the CMSA Board of Directors will donate the \$10 point fees, generated from one double-point event, per participating club in 2008, to this worthwhile project on behalf of the participating club.

Each CMSA club, from around the nation and the world, who chooses to participate, will have their match highlighted in the Rundown's Events section. They will also be included in a promotional Rundown ad that includes all participating clubs--AT NO CHARGE! CMSA's goal is to let the mounted shooting world know that this facility is being built, and the CMSA is 100% behind it! What a great way to offer every mounted shooter in the world a place to visit, vacation, or even to spend the winter in mounted shooting training. It's a win-win situation for us all, and we hope you'll encourage every club from Maine to Washington, Florida to California, and all points in between to join the CMSA in promoting this project.



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