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Having been a lifelong hunter, Jerry Smith has always loved shooting and has waterfowl hunted for 35+ years. He and his dad raced sprint cars and won a national championship with AMSA in 1995, but now, Jerry says he has found a new challenge. Early in 2017, a lifelong friend, Eddie Robertson, introduced him to 22 benchrest

JERRY SMITH at their local gun range. They shot 10/22's in the semi auto class. Eddie called Jerry one day and said he found an ARA match on the internet and signed them up at Lake Providence. They loaded up and went to show their skills. When they arrived they saw fancy rifles sitting on amazing looking rests and people looking at them like they were their next meal. Jerry told Eddie to get back in the truck because he had plans to make an escape, but Eddie refused. Jerry says two people must have admired the way he took that flogging, because Richard Gorham and Bob Cleveland helped him from that day forward. Soon he bought a rifle and began his lessons. Bob and Jerry became close friends, which he says has been his biggest prize in this sport. Marion Collier began traveling with him and gave him free wind shooting lessons. Jeff Patterson built him an excellent rifle. Ivan Wells worked on his trigger, bolt, and firing pin. And now, that gun he calls "Bubba", has shot 9 ARA 2500's and a PSL 2500 so far this year thanks to all their efforts. Jerry says that while winning is nice, it's the people make this sport for him. He says cooking out at the nationals is one of his favorite moments. He says he has met a lot of great people and looks forward to shooting with all of them.

ANOTHER INDOOR SEASON IN THE BOOKS AND THE RESULTS ARE IN - CONGRATS TO ALL!

| A-LINE CHAMPS | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Jerry Smith | 202 | 3541 | 38 | 93.18 | 3 | 9 | 2310.0248 | 374.2208 |
| 2 | Bob Cleveland | 196 | 3363 | 37 | 90.89 | 3 | 9 | 2306.0459 | 369.1996 |
| 3 | Bill Drummond | 124 | 2289 | 24 | 95.38 | 2 | 6 | 2290.121 | 335.3132 |
| 4 | Ivan Wells | 60 | 1728 | 11 | 157.09 | 3 | 6 | 2302.6667 | 316.7757 |
| 5 | Tim Miller | 88 | 1823 | 16 | 113.94 | 4 | 5 | 2262.7841 | 316.385 |
| 6 | Mike Lowe | 93 | 1702 | 17 | 100.12 | 3 | 5 | 2319.086 | 314.6318 |
| 7 | Tom Wilkinson | 53 | 1541 | 10 | 154.1 | 2 | 6 | 2377.8302 | 313.4405 |
| 8 | Kenneth Richards | 68 | 1587 | 12 | 132.25 | 3 | 5 | 2259.5588 | 306.7537 |
| 9 | Jim Morehead | 79 | 1606 | 14 | 114.71 | 2 | 6 | 2255.3797 | 306.5785 |
| 10 | James Garrett | 71 | 1422 | 13 | 109.38 | 3 | 3 | 2313.7324 | 301.6865 |
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DON'T MISS AN EPISODE OF



There are now 5 episodes of Straight Shooting for your listening & learning enjoyment. Make sure to follow Straight Shooting on Spotify or YouTube.

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Episode #3 - Bedding Stocks Episode #4 - Barrels - How they are made

Episode #5 - Cleaning & Maintenance

STATE WINNERS

ARKANSAS, Frog Level Jerry Bob Smith Bill Drummond **Bad Bob Cleveland**

Bad Bob Cleveland Mike Lowe Jerry Bob Smith

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GEORGIA, Chickenfoot LOUISIANA, Howard Prince N. CAROLINA, RR Barn Tom Wilkinson **Chuck Morrell**

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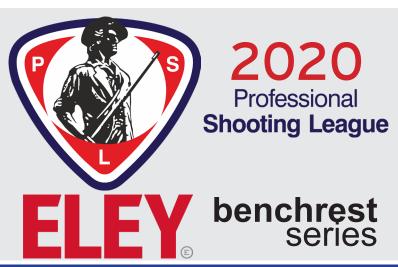
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| Competitor | Points | Level |
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| Bob Cleveland | 337 | Medal Of Honor |
| Jason Thornhill | 305 | Medal Of Honor |
| Chuck Morrell | 298 | Medal Of Honor |
| Tim Miller | 273 | Medal Of Honor |
| Ivan Wells | 206 | Medal Of Honor |
| Jerry Smith | 201 | Medal Of Honor |
| James Garrett | 192 | Medal Of Honor |
| Tom Wilkinson | 182 | Medal Of Honor |
| Jim Morehead | 163 | Medal Of Honor |
| Richard Gorham | 162 | Medal Of Honor |
| Fred Sears | 159 | Medal Of Honor |
| Tony Harper | 157 | Medal Of Honor |
| Darrel Barnes | 124 | Medal Of Honor |
| Joe Besche | 123 | Medal Of Honor |
| Kenneth Richards | 115 | Medal Of Honor |
| William Casey | 106 | Medal Of Honor |
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| Mike Sherrill | 97 | Gold |
| Don Kowalsky | 91 | Gold |
| Gregg Johnson | 91 | Gold |
| Danny Keeney | 87 | Gold |
| Noah Johns | 87 | Gold |
| A W Jeffreys | 85 | Gold |

| Competitor | Points | Level |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Mike Lowe | 78 | Silver |
| Bill Drummond | 77 | Silver |
| Jp Nelson | 70 | Silver |
| Dan Killough | 68 | Silver |
| DONALD HÁMBLIN | 67 | Silver |
| Eddie Robertson | 65 | Silver |
| Marion Collier | 63 | Silver |
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| ĺ | May 21, 2020 | Holeshot Arms | Kettlefoot Rod & Gun | Bristol, VA |
| | May 23, 2020 | Triple Crown of Rimfire - 3 Card Qualifier | Kettlefoot Rod & Gun | Bristol, VA |
| | Sept. 4, 2020 | Shilen Challenge | The Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, MO | Wright City, MO |
| | TBA | The ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event | The Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, MO | Wright City, MO |



Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2020 Holeshot Arms Benchrest Brawl! The Benchrest Brawl is the 3rd of 5 qualifying events in the 2020 ELEY Benchrest Series.

The Brawl will take place on Thursday prior to the Triple Crown of Rimfire during the 9 days of

Triple Crown shooting events. Payouts will be based on the number of entries. The TOP 10 finishers will qualify to compete in the 2020 ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event which pays out \$10,000 divided among the top 3.

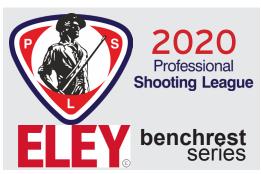
Payouts at each PSL are based on the number of entries. The TOP 10 from each event will qualify to shoot in the 2020 ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event paying out \$10,000 divided among the top 3 finishers.

The Main Event









TRIPLE CROWN **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



There are 9 days of matches at Kettlefoot during the 2020 Triple Crown week! Contact Paul Tolvstad at paul.tolvstad@killoughshootingsports.com to register for Triple Crown.

There are 2 other available ranges for testing and practice on site. There is another rimfire range with concrete benches and also a semi-enclosed range for testing ammo.

| SATURDAY MAY 16 ABRA VA State Shoot | 9:00 a.m. |
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| SUNDAY May 17 ARA Club Tournament | 2:00 p.m. |
| MONDAY MAY 18 IR 50/50 Unlimited VA State and Mid Atlantic Meters 9:00 | 9:00 a.m. |
| TUESDAY May 19 IR 50/50 Unlimited VA State and Mid Atlantic 10 Shot Yards | 9:00 a.m. |
| WEDNESDAY MAY 20 IR 50/50 Unlimited VA State and Mid Atlantic Yards | 9:00 a.m. |
| THURSDAY MAY 21 Holeshot Arms PSL | 9:00 a.m. |
| FRIDAY MAY 22 ARA VA State | 9:00 a.m. |
| SATURDAY MAY 23 Triple Crown ARA & PSL | 8:00 a.m. |
| SUNDAY MAY 24 Triple Crown IR 50/50 prize table drawing | 8:00 a.m. |
| Shoot start time | 9:00 a.m. |



2020 Main Event Qualifiers to Date:

Tim Miller Jason Thornhill **Bob Cleveland** Todd Wooten Marion Collier Jerry Smith John Manhart

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MARCH ARA MATCH WINNERS

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| 03/07/20 | GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club | Bob Cleveland |
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| 03/07/20 | GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club | Grant Toman |
| 03/13/20 | AR - Frog Level Rimfire Indoor | Bill Drummond |
| 03/14/20 | LA - Howard Prince Indoor Range | Jason Thornhil |
| 03/14/20 | AR - Frog Level Rimfire Indoor Club Tournament | Jerry Smith |
| 03/14/20 | AR - Frog Level Rimfire Indoor | Jim Morehead |
| 03/27/20 | GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club | Greg Monroe |
| 03/28/20 | GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club Tournament | Bob Cleveland |
| 03/28/20 | GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club State Tournament | William Casey |

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| 03/01/20 | TX - Midland Shooters Association Sporter | David Strother |
| 03/01/20 | CA - Tehama Shooters Association Sporter | Branden Vad |
| 03/01/20 | MO - Red's Sporter | Robert Shipley |
| 03/01/20 | CA - Tehama Shooters Association Unlimited | Kendall Silva |
| 03/01/20 | MO - Red's Unlimited/Factory | Wyman Slater |
| 03/01/20 | TX - Midland Shooters Assn. unlimited/factory | Ronald Herring |
| 03/07/20 | FL - Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club | Kris Van Nostran |
| 03/07/20 | LA - Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club | Francis Moates |
| 03/07/20 | OH - Buckeye Rimfire Club | Todd Wooten |
| 03/12/20 | TX - San Angelo Gun Club | Ronald Herring |
| 03/12/20 | TX - San Angelo Gun Club | David Strother |
| 03/14/20 | KY - NEKentucky Fish & Game Assoc | Kent Flanery |
| 03/28/20 | CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory | Glen Robinson |
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| 03/28/20 | VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Unlimited/Factory | Jarvis Penningtor |
| 03/28/20 | CA - Open Grove Rimfire Outdoor Sporter | Joseph Friedrich |
| 03/29/20 | CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory | Glen Robinson |
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APRIL ARA MATCH SCHEDULE
Schedules are updated daily. For the most up to date schedules, visit AmericanRimfire.com

The majority of the scheduled April ARA matches have been cancelled due to the Corona virus and social distancing. Check he ARA website for April scheduling.



Donald Hamblin Jerry Smith (3)



CONGRATULATIONS **MARK THOMAS** WINNER OF THE **FIRST FACTORY CLASS RIFLE GIVEAWAY**

Mark Thomas of Virginia won the first ARA Factory Class Rifle giveaway. On April 7, Dan Killough held a live event on the ARA facebook page showing off the Savage Rifle with Sightron scope & ELEY ammunition. Then, the prize was raffled off with Mark Thomas being the lucky winner. Each factory class competitor receives one entry for each target completed in an ARA sanctioned factory class competition. The next prize raffle will be held July 7. You can find all the details at AmericanRimfire.com.









Get all the details on these two programs at AmericanRimfire.com.

We're looking forward to the ARA outdoor season getting back on track, and we're eager to get out and join our friends at the range!

