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# Rimfire Reporter

**June 2020** 



**JOHN PRINCE** 

John's at home shooting hobby emerged to his traveling benchrest competition quest. John had several rifles including Winchester 52's, Remington 40X's, and an Anschutz 54 which he enjoyed shooting at home with RWS ammo. Late in 2011 he purchased a benchrest Bill Myers Suhl with Shilen Barrel in a McMillan stock off a Rimfire Central listing. Around the same time he met up with Jerry Graves to

purchase a Gene Davis customized H&R 12 and Jerry was "pushing the benchrest matches". And that is where it all began!

John Prince joined the ARA shooting community in January 2012 with his first match at Buckeye Rimfire Club in South Webster, OH. Agging a 2000 at his inaugural match, he thought, "I've got this!". But, that high lasted one week until his next match in Kentucky where his agg wasn't that great.

While he considers Buckeye his home range, John says he has a "bit of wanderlust" and enjoys traveling to matches all over the US. John is really into traveling, meeting new people, and the challenges of different ranges. In John's experience, "the farther north you go the tougher it gets. Hillsdale, Wabash, and Yankton can be impossible at times." His local Ohio group hangs together and has a lot of fun, especially in St. Louis at the ARA National Tournament. And, just for the record, Frank Karwowski of New Jersey is an "honorary member and Social Director" of the Ohio ARA gang.

John says while many competitors have been encouraging and helpful, Glenn Spencer and Todd Wooten top his list. He adds, "Todd is especially a role model for how to compete and never give up."

When not shooting, John says he has "more to do at home than I can ever get done". But, other hobbies he enjoys are golf and fishing trips to Canada. In addition, he enjoys lots of reading, particularly in the areas of science and history.

John says his number one benchrest accomplishment took place last fall in the PSL match in Tulsa where he was really hoping to finish in the top 10 in order to qualify for The PSL Main Event. During the first four targets he bounced around in and out of the top ten. "On the final target, my first shot was a 0 followed by a pair of 25's. Then, a 50... and finally a 100. My second row was better but not by much. Todd Wooten was watching and at this point he got up and walked off saying he couldn't take any more of that. My third row was respectable and bearing down I was clean on the last two rows for a 1950 and squeaked into tenth place overall by 50 points."

John says he competes for the enjoyment, "If all I wanted to do was win I would have had to quit long, long ago." Over the past 8 years his winning record includes great friendships as well as incredible finishes in matches and tournaments!

# Stepping Up to the Challenge at the Triple Crown

The Triple Crown of Rimfire tournament was held Memorial Day weekend with competitors seeking to dominate 3 of the most challenging rimfire benchrest targets including ARA, PSL, and IR 50/50.



Tom Wilkinson (middle) takes the Triple Crown Champion Title with 142 points. Finishing in 2nd with 137 points is Jerry Smith (right). With 133 points and coming in 3rd was Barry Maney (left).



Tom Wilkinson - Triple Crown ARA Segment Winner



Marion Collier - Triple Crown PSL & IR 50/50 Segment Winner



Tad Earhart - ARA Virginia Club Tournament Winner



Jason Thornhill - ARA Virginia State Tournament Winne



Dan Killough IR 50/50 Virginia State Yards Unlimited



Jason Frymier IR 50/50 Virginia State Unlimited Meters



Donald Hamblin IR 50/50 10 Shot Virginia State Unlimited



Todd Wooten IR 50/50 Mid Atlantic Regional Unlimited yards

# The Results







# May 16 ABRA VIRGINIA STATE TOURNAMEN

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	OUTLAW HEAVY	AGG + Points
	<ol> <li>Wayne Wills</li> </ol>	223.50
	2 Chuck Morrell	212.83
	3 Jay Boyd	201.83
	OUTLAW LIGHT	
	<ol> <li>Steve Pennington</li> </ol>	214.17
	2 Dave Jennings	208.00
	3 David Gillian	200.67
	UNLIMITED	
	1 Tom Tignor	208.67
	Benji Matoy	210.50
	3 David Huff	193.33
	FACTORY	
	<ol> <li>Brian Edmonds</li> </ol>	191.17
	UNLIMITED YOUTH	
	1 Shelby Matoy	200.17
	OUTLAW HEAVY YOUTH	
	1 Sam Merritt	161.33

# **May 17 ARA VIRGINIA CLUB TURNAMENT**

1	Tad Earhart	13650
2	Chuck Morrell	13225
3	Tim Martin	12775

# May 18 IR50/50 VIRGINIA STATE

1	Jason Frymier	747-40X
2	David Huff	746-37X
3	Wayne Wills	745-44X

## May 18 IR 50/50 MID ADLANTIC REGIOMAL

1	Daniel Smith	745-44X
2	Dean Ackman	745-42X
3	John Prince	745-35X

# May 19 IR50/50 10 SHOT VIRGINIA STATE

1	Donald Hamblin	282
2	Tim Martin	252
3	John Prince	248

# May 19 10 SHOT MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL

1	Donald Hamblin	314
	Wayne Wills	264
	Daniel Smith	254

# May 20 IR 50/50 VIRGINIA STATE YARDS

1	Dan Killough	750-38X
2	Jason Frymier	749-46X
3	Tim Martin	748-45X

# May 20 MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL YARDS

1 Todd Wooten

# May 21 HOLESHOT PSL

1	Jerry Stiller	11575
	Bob Cleveland	11250
3	Jerry Smith	11175

# May 22 VIRGINIA STATE ARA

14150
13850
13750



Seven more competitors qualified for the Main Event during the Triple Crown events (shown in red below)

# 2020 Main Event Qualifiers to Date:

Tim Miller	John Prince	Jerry Stiller
Jason Thornhill	Jim Morehead	Brian Brandt
Bob Cleveland	James Garrett	Gene Buckys
Todd Wooten	Tom Sherley	Noah Johns
Marion Collier	Ivan Wells	Tom Wilkinson
Jerry Smith	Jason Frymier	Rhett Matheney
John Manhart	Frank Shook	Keith Hagerty
Glen Hartjes	Richard Gorham	John Carper

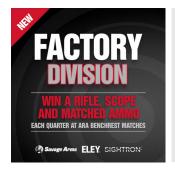
The final qualifying event for the MAIN EVENT will be the Shilen Challenge, held at The Benchrest Rifle Club, Wright City, M0 of St. Louis on Sept. 4, 2020. 3 Targets, \$10,000. 1st Place \$5,000, 2nd Place \$3,000, 3rd Place, \$2,000





HOLESHOT
ARMS
BENCHREST
BRAWL
TOP 5

1st Place - Jerry Stiller, 2nd Place - Bob Cleveland, 3rd Place - Jerry Smith, 4th Place - John Prince, 5th Place - Noah Johns



The next ARA Factory Class Rifle giveaway will be held July 7. Each factory class competitor receives one entry for each target completed in an ARA sanctioned factory class competition. You can find all the details at American-Rimfire.com.

# TRIPLE CROWN RESULTS

## **ARA SEGMENT**

1 Tom Wilkinson 7150 2 Jason Thornhill 6900 3 Mike Lowe 6850

# **PSL SEGMENT**

1 Marion Collier2 Tom Wilkinson3 Brian Brandt

### IR 50/50 SEGMENT 6775 1 Marion Collier 75

1 Marion Collier 750-64X 2 Jerry Smith 750-62X 3 Barry Maney 750-59X



# TRIPLE CROWN OVERALL RESULTS

_ 1	Tom Wilkinson	142
2	Jerry Smith	137
3	Barry Maney	133

6650

6525

# MAY. MATCH RESULTS AND JUNE SCHEDULE

# **MAY ARA MATCH WINNERS**

### **OUTDOOR**

04/09/20	TX - Boerne Shooting Club	Josie Hensler
05/01/20	TX - Boerne Shooting Club Sporter Club Tour.	David Russell
05/01/20	TX - Boerne Shooting Club Unlimited Club Tourn	. Jerry Hensler
05/02/20	FL - Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club Sporter	Penelope Cherry
05/02/20	AR - Rimfire Ridge Sporter	Logan Howell
05/02/20	TX - Boerne Shooting Club Sporter Club Tourn.	Jim Stewart
05/02/20	TX - Boerne Shooting Club Unlimited Club Tourn	. Jerry Hensler
05/02/20	FL - Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club Unlimited	Kris Van Nostran
05/02/20	AR - Rimfire Ridge Unlimited/Factory	<b>Donald Hamblin</b>
05/02/20	OH - Buckeye Rimfire Club Tournament	Greg Monroe
05/03/20	MO - Red's Sporter Club Tournament	David Heisey
05/03/20	MO - Red's Unlimited Club Tournament	Joe Besche
05/05/20	MI - Bay County Conservation Sporter Factory	Mike Noble
05/09/20	SC - Green Sea Unlimited	Ken Fulghum
05/12/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Sporter	Jeff Kite
05/12/20	SC - Green Sea Unlimited	Robert Oates
05/12/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Unlimited/Factory	Rick Smith
05/12/20	MI - Bay County Conservation Unlimited/Factory	Mike Noble
05/14/20	TX - San Angelo Gun Club Unlimited	David Strother
05/16/20	MO - BR Rifle of St. Louis Sporter Club Tourn.	Shane Seals
05/16/20	NC - Buccaneer Gun Club Unlimited Club Tourn.	Tom Mix
05/16/20	MO - BR Rifle of St. Louis Unlimited Club Tourn.	Donald Hamblin
05/16/20	KY - Caldwell County Sportsman's Club	Greg Monroe
05/17/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Sporter Club Tourn.	Jeff Kite
05/17/20	IIN - Wabash Wildlife & Sportsman Assn.	David Petty
05/17/20	CA - Modesto Rifle Club Unlimited	Gisele Pritchard
05/17/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Tournament	Tad Earhart
05/11/20	TX - Coyote Arms Range Sporter	Jose Luis Yanez
05/19/20	MI - Bay County Conservation Unlimited/Factory	Mike Noble
05/19/20	TX - Coyote Arms Range Unlimited/Factory	Mark Self
05/22/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Sporter State Tourn.	Jeff Kite
05/22/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Unlimited State Tourn.	Jason Thornhill
	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Sporter	Glen Robinson
05/23/20		
05/23/20	CA Open Grove Rimfire Sporter	Ardey Vad
05/23/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory	Bob Myers
05/23/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory	Bob Myers
05/23/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Unlimited Triple Crown	Tom Wilkinson
05/23/20	LA - Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club nlimited	Gary Waguespac
05/24/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Sporter	Ardey Vad
05/24/20	NE - Southwest Nebraska Rifle Sporter Club	Lynn Keiser
05/24/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory	Bob Myers
05/24/20	NE - Southwest Nebraska Rifle Club Tournament	
05/26/20	SC - Green Sea Unlimited	Sam Wells
05/26/20	MI - Bay County Conservation Unlimited/Factory	
05/29/20	SC - Yankton Sharpshooters Club Tournament	Larry Landercas
05/30/20	SC - Yankton Sharpshooters State Tournament	Larry Landercas
05/30/20	SC - Yankton Sharpshooters	Wayne Juergens
05/30/20	MS - Mississippi Rimfire Benchrest	Charles Knight
05/30/20	OH - Hilltop Bench Rifles Club Tournament	John Prince
05/30/20	MO - Owensville Gun Club	Brian Brandt
05/31/20	SC - Yankton Sharpshooters Club Tournament	Larry Landercas
05/31/20	WI - Van Dyne Sportsmens Club Sporter	Scott Baier
05/31/20	WI - Van Dyne Sportsmens Unlimited/Factory	<b>Brian Thompson</b>

# **DAN & JOSEPH**

# **TRIPLE CROWN SPECIAL EPISODE**

Dan & Joseph talk about the Triple Crown results as well as building a custom rifle. Watch or listen on YouTube or your favorite podcast platform.

JUNE ARA MATCH SCHEDULE Schedules are updated daily. For the most up to date schedules, visit AmericanRimfire.com

Many of the scheduled June ARA matches have been cancelled due to the Corona virus and social distancing. Check the ARA website for any changes in the May scheduling as the ones listed below may change.

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06/17/20	AX - Rio Salado Sportsman Club
06/20/20	GA - Chickenfoot
06/20/20	GA - Chickenfoot Club Tournament
06/20/20	NC - Buccaneer Gun Club
06/20/20	CA - Redding Rimfire Club Tournament
06/20/20	NM - Zia Rifle & Pistol Club Outdoor Club Tournament
06/20/20	WI - Van Dyne Sportsmens Club Tournament
06/20/20	KY - Northeast Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc
06/20/20	KY - Caldwell County Sportsman's Club Tournament
06/21/20	KY - Green River Gun ClubSporter
06/21/20	NE - Lincoln Izaak Walton League
06/21/20	CA - Modesto Rifle Club Club Tournament
06/21/20	OH - Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club Unlimited/Factory
06/21/20	WI - Van Dyne Sportsmens Club Tournament
06/23/20	MN - Capitol City Rifle & Pistol
06/23/20	MI - Bay County Conservation Sporter Unlimited/Factory
06/27/20	NC - Rocky River Barn Club Tournament
06/27/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Unlimited/Factory
06/27/20	TN - Chattanooga Rifle Club
06/27/20	IN - Livonia Conservation Club
06/27/20	OH - Hilltop Bench Rifles Unlimited/Factory
06/27/20	KY - Green River Gun Club
06/27/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory
06/27/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Club Tournament Unlimited & Factory
06/27/20	AZ - ASRPA Small Bore Div
06/27/20	MI - Holton Gun & Bow Club Unlimited/Factory
06/27/20	LA - Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club
06/27/20	TX - North Texas Shooter's State Tournament Unlimited/Factory
06/28/20	IN - Wabash Wildlife & Sportsman Association State Tournament
06/28/20	MO - Pioneer Gun Club
06/28/20	CA - Open Grove Rimfire Unlimited & Factory
06/28/20	NE - Southwest Nebraska Rifle & Pistol Club Unlimited/Factory
06/28/20	TX - North Texas Shooter's Assn. Club Tourn. Unlimited/Factory
06/30/20	MN - Capitol City Rifle & Pistol
06/30/20	SC - Green Sea
06/30/20	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club Unlimited/Factory
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**OUTDOOR UNLIMITED** 

# **MAY ARA Certified**

MI - Bay County Conservation Sporter Unlimited/Factory

Jeff Kite (2) Ardey Vad **James Garrett** Mike Lowe **Jerry Smith** 

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