

#### THE RIMFIRE REPORTER

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The American Rimfire Association is celebrating 20 year of camaraderie and competition! In 1998 a group of .22Ir benchrest shooters gathered in Texas to form the ARA. It wasn't long until clubs across the USA were hosting sanctioned ARA club matches and tournaments. In 2006, Dan & I began shooting ARA and we soon realized it was a great organization, with awesome people, and stiff competition.

ARA .22 benchrest shooters are the best bunch of folks around. I often tell people to come join us and "shoot the bull" ... and that doesn't mean just the ones on the paper! The friendships I've made at the range with people across the globe are incredible. I hope you'll invite your friends to the range and encourage them to "shoot the bull" with us! We have some exciting things planned for 2018 as ARA celebrates 20 years. In fact, mark your calendars now for the Outdoor National Tournament to be held Labor Day Weekend in St. Louis, Missouri. More details will follow.. but trust me... you'll want to be there. Let's make 2018 the best vear vet!

Keep Shooting the Bull,

Dawn Killough



#### **GLENN SPENCER**

This month's Shooter's Spotlight, Glenn Spencer, was chosen because of his longevity in the sport of rimfire shooting, and just all around love for shooting in general.

Glenn is from Huntington, WV and shoots with several different clubs, but primarily NE Kentucky Fish and Game Club of Ashland, KY, Buck Creek Range of Somerset, KY, and Buckeye Rimfire of South Webster, OH.

Glenn's interest in guns and shooting began as a youngster at about 14 years of age. He has always liked to hunt, and when he joined his first gun club, his shooting involved pistols, rifles, muzzle loaders, and 22 silhouette. His involvement in ARA began with shooting the "old fashion" BR50 matches in the early '90s. He loved the competition side of it and was able to absorb much of his shooting knowledge from many of the older guys who took him under their wings and mentored him. Years ago while working in a machine shop, Glenn would cut out silhouette 22 targets by hand on his lunch hour.

Glenn says he has shot many 2400's and 2450's, but is still chasing that illusive 2500, blaming it on that unlucky #13 bull, which always seemed to be his biggest road block. However, on one of his targets, he had a 100 on every bull but the very last one. But not to take away from his shooting skills, in looking at his stats, Glenn managed to capture 10 club match wins in 2017 in Kentucky and Ohio.

Glenn's current gun of choice, which consists of a Lawton action, Shilen barrel, B&A trigger, and McMillan stock, was built by John Langley of Coal Grove, OH.



May 25-26 PSL Holeshot Arms Benchrest Brawl,

& Triple Crown of Rimfire

Kettlefoot Gun Club, Bristol, VA

July 14 PSL Muller Works Summer Showdown, Oil Capital Rod and Gun Club,

Coweta, OK

Aug. 31 PSL Shilen Challenge, BRC of St.

Louis, Wright City, Mo

Sept 1-2 ARA Outdoor Nationals & The PSL Main Event, BRC of St. Louis, Wright City, MO

## Benchrest Series 2018

# Get Ready for the 2018 Professional Shooting League's ELEY® Benchrest Series

We are excited to announce ELEY ammunition as the Professional Shooting League's Title Sponsor! In addition to being committed to producing the world's most accurate .22Ir ammunition, ELEY is committed to growing competitions by providing financial support that will benefit competitive benchrest shooters.

ELEY is a longtime supporter of .22lr shooting disciplines including the 3 Position, Biathlon, and Practical Shooting formats. And now, they are adding benchrest shooting to that list!

"We [ELEY and The Professional Shooting League] have a common goal of doing things top notch. It's natural that we would partner together to give benchrest shooters the best competition experience and rewards possible." explains Dan Killough, president and founder of the PSL.

Get ready for the 2018 Professional Shooting League's ELEY Benchrest Series! What does this mean for competitors?

- Bigger prize money and payouts to the winners
- · Bigger and better events
- Greater media coverage giving PSL a voice and platform
- Opportunity for star shooters to gain national and global acclaim

The PSL was formed to bring compensation to shooters and provide fair and well organized shooting tournaments.

If you would like to know more about the PSL competition please visit www.professionalshooting-league.com or go to our Facebook page.







Professional Shooting League

#### **2018 Sponsors**

**Title Sponsor:** 

- ELEY ammunition
- **Match Sponsors:** 
  - Shotmaster 10X
  - Holeshot Arms
  - Muller Works Barrels
  - Shilen Barrels

#### **Target Sponsors:**

- Killough Shooting Sports
- Chickenfoot ARA
- The Triple Crown of Rimfire
- C-Yankees
- Rimfireaccuracy.com

#### SHOOT A SHILEN WIN A SHILEN!

Shilen Rifles will give a Shilen barrel to the champion of both the 2018 Outdoor and Indoor National Tournaments, if they won the tournament with a Shilen barrel..



## ARA SANCTIONED MATCH SCHEDULES DUE!

2018 Sanction Forms and Schedules are being received at the ARA office daily! We are updating the website and posting all ARA Club Schedules as fast as we receive them.

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER, ALL SCHEDULES ARE TO BE POSTED AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MATCH OR TOURNAMENT\*\*\* Keep the schedules rolling in!!! We are looking forward to a fantastic ARA 2018! Forms are available on the ARA website under "Supplies and Training".

#### FEBRUARY ARA MATCH SCHEDULE

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

02/03/18	Redding Rimfire #2	Outdoor
02/03/18	Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club	Outdoor
02/03/18	Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club #2	Outdoor
02/10/18	Howard Prince Indoor Range #1	Indoor
02/11/18	Howard Prince Indoor Range #1	Indoor
02/16/18	Rocky River Barn #1 INDOOR	Indoor
02/17/18	Rocky River Barn #1 INDOOR	Indoor
02/18/18	Modesto Rifle Club #1	Outdoor
02/21/18	Rio Salado Sportsman Club	Outdoor
02/24/18	Escondido Fish & Game	Outdoor
02/24/18	Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #1	Indoor
02/24/18	Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #2	Indoor
02/24/18	Open Grove Rimfire #1	Outdoor
02/24/18	Open Grove Rimfire #1	Outdoor
02/24/18	Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club	Outdoor
02/25/18	Open Grove Rimfire #1	Outdoor

#### JANUARY ARA MATCH WINNERS Scores are Agg and Agg + Points

JAN 6 - REDDING RIMFIRE, CA, OUTDOOR

GRANT POLLOCK 2156.25 2196.25

JAN 13 - HOWARD PRINCE #1, LA, INDOOR TODD EARHART 2343.75 2475.75

JAN 13 - HOWARD PRINCE #2, LA, INDOOR CLUB TOURNAMENT MARION COLLIER 2350.00 2746.00

JAN 14 - HOWARD PRINCE #2, LA, INDOOR EDDIE ROBERTSON 2345.83 2501.83

JAN 17 - RIO SALADO, AZ, OUTDOOR STEVE PERKINS 1736.25 1768.25

JAN 26 - ROCKY RIVER BARN, NC, INDOOR BILL DOOLEY 2325.00 2393.00

JAN 27 - FROG LEVEL #1, AR, INDOOR CLUB TOURNAMENT JASON THORNHILL 2308.33 2572.33

JAN 27 - FROG LEVEL #2, AR, INDOOR STATE TOURNAMENT JASON THORNHILL 2358.33 2550.33

JAN 27 - ROCKY RIVER BARN, NC, INDOOR DON KOWALSKY 2337.50 2457.50

### KSS FEATURED PRODUCT



The new LED Lighted Scoring Box comes with both an ARA and IR 50/50 board, 7' extension cord w/ switch &LED light assembly. It is easily changed between ARA and 50/50 scoring. It is 16"W X 18"L X 3.25"H, and very well constructed.

Just one of the many ARA products available for purchase at Killough Shooting Sports.

#### www.killoughshootingsports.com



#### KNOW THE RULES

To educate competitors on the official rules from the ARA Rule Book, each month we will highlight specific sections. Below are a few changes to the rules involving sanctioned clubs. We are always looking for new sanctioned clubs.

#### THE SEASON:

The Official Competitive Outdoor Season will be each calendar year, January 1st through November 30th. The Official Competitive Indoor Season will be for 6 months beginning October 1st and ending March 31st.

#### **2018 ARA RULE CHANGES**

In an attempt to simplify some rules and make it easier for the Match Directors, the following rule changes are in effect for 2018. If any of these cause a problem, please contact the ARA Office immediately and we will help resolve any issues.

- 1. Only 1 club per physical range location may be sanctioned.
- 2. Each Club may have 2 Club Tournaments + State Tournament, if granted.
- 3. Each club may have 2 Co-Match Directors.
- 4. Each club must have a minimum of 14 Targets during the season.

Advantages of the rule changes are:

- Each physical location only needs to register 1 club which means only one \$20 Club Sanction Fee is required.
- Only 1 Match Director is needed to have 2 Club Tournaments.



### Confirmed 2500 targets shot in January (as of January 26):

Donald HamblinH. Prince #2 IndoorJan 13Todd EarhartH. Prince #1 IndoorJan 13Eddie RobertsonH. Prince #2 IndoorJan 14





Shown here is one of those 2500s scored on the new LED Lighted Scoring Box.

