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PROFESSIONAL SHOOTING LEAGUE
Benchrest Series 2018

Presented by ELEY

With the help of great sponsors, the Professional Shooting League (PSL) is able to present fantastic payouts to top shooters! The PSL was formed in 2009 to bring compensation to shooters and provide fair and well organized .22lr benchrest shooting tournaments.

All .22lr benchrest shooters are welcome and encouraged to participate in one or all of the PSL Tournaments and qualifying events of the season except for the Main Event which is the only invitational event. The PSL locations change a bit every year to allow participants from different areas to compete. In addition, the rules have been updated through the years in an attempt to make the PSL more fun and exciting... and challenging.

In 2017, "The Main Event" was added to the PSL schedule as a final event for the "BIG PAYOUT". The Main Event is the only "invitational" PSL event in which competitors must qualify to compete. Eligible Main Event qualifiers must finish in the top 10 at any PSL tournament or qualifying event of the current season.

ELEY ammunition has come on board as the 2018 title sponsor which means the Main Event payouts will increase significantly! So, in addition to great payouts at each tournament individually, the Main Event qualifiers will have the opportunity to win (or earn) some great compensation.

Sponsors, Events, & Payouts

The ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event



1st Place = \$5000
2nd Place = \$3000
3rd Place = \$2000

PSL Main Event Qualifying Tournaments

Payouts at each tournament are based on the number of competitors. \$75 of each entry fee is used in awarding the top 10 overall finishers and each Target Winner.

- Shotmaster 10X Winter Shootout
- Holeshot Arms Benchrest Brawl
- Muller Works Barrels Summer Showdown
- Shilen Rifles - Shilen Challenge

Target Sponsors

Each target winner earns \$100!

- Killough Shooting Sports Target 1
- Chickenfoot ARA Target 2
- The Triple Crown of Rimfire Target 3
- C-Yankees Target 4
- Rimfireaccuracy.com Target 5

2018 IS THE YEAR TO SHOW UP & SHOOT!

For more information on the PSL visit
ProShootingLeague.com



JP NELSON

If there was ever a conversation about some of the "old timers" in ARA shooting, there is no doubt the name JP Nelson would come up.

As a retired Army veteran, JP looked for a hobby that he would enjoy to occupy his rightly earned free time. He became friends with fellow shooter, Bob Collins, and started shooting IR 50/50 with his Model 82. JP said he and Bill Casey, Chan McDonald, and Tony Richardson all took interest in ARA competition about the same time, shooting at Gene's Rimfire in Oneonta, Alabama. JP bought a 40X on line in about 2003 or 2004 and sent it to gunsmith, Richard Gorham, and in JP's words, "It was the best rifle I had ever owned, and it added five years to my life."

To say he is an avid shooter would be an understatement. JP lives in Weaver, Alabama, and over the past 10 years or more has shot all over the place, including Louisiana, Arkansas, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. JP has earned a Bronze level in the ARA Outdoor Hall of Fame and a Silver level in the ARA Indoor Hall of Fame. In 2017 he shot in 9 Indoor matches and 31 Outdoor matches, and has shot in 6 ARA Indoor competitions already in 2018.

His most recent major accomplishment was his third place win at the ARA Indoor Nationals at Rocky River Barn in North Carolina, shooting his John Higdon built 10X. JP stated, "The competition is getting tougher and tougher, with new "never heard of" shooters coming out of nowhere." But he says his plans are to keep on shooting, at least for a couple more years.



THE MAIN EVENT

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2018 Main Event Qualifiers from the Shotmaster 10X Winter Shootout at Rocky River Barn 12/2017:

Chuck Morrell
Jeff Patterson
Brian Brandt
Tim Miller

William Casey
Tom Wilkinson
Michael Sherrill

Donald Hamblin
A.W. Jeffreys
George Donovan



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Don Archer Earns Title of 2017 ARA Unlimited Outdoor Aggregate Champ!

Don Archer won the 2017 ARA Unlimited Outdoor Aggregate with an agg of 2247.22. Don competed in ten outdoor ARA events in 2017, placing first in six out of the ten, shooting a total of 45 targets shooting in California at Open Grove Rimfire in Oxnard, CA, and Tehama Shooters Association in Red Bluff.

Dan Killough stated, "It is an extremely difficult challenge. He had the highest average score per target for the season (and) we have 82 clubs in 36 states that completed 22,000 targets in 2017."



Don is a retired school teacher from Cook Middle School in Santa Rosa, California. An article was written about Archer and his accomplishments in a Santa Rosa, California news publication, "The Press Democrat" on February 8th. You can read the entire article at <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/sports/7935238-181/sonoma-county-rifleman-bags-national>.

2018 CALENDAR

May 25-26 PSL Holeshot Arms BR Brawl & Triple Crown of Rimfire
Kettlefoot Gun Club, Bristol, VA

July 14 PSL Muller Works Summer Showdown
Oil Capital Rod & 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

PSL Registration is OPEN

PSL Schedule for 2018 & 2019 is updated on the PSL website at proshootingleague.com



ARA COMPETITORS PREPARE FOR HOWARD PRINCE INDOOR COMPETITION HELD FEBRUARY 10

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All installations of this trigger must be carried out by a competent gunsmith and with weapon unloaded and pointed in a safe direction. Failure to adhere to this warning can result in serious injury and/or death.

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WELCOME NEW ARA SANCTIONED CLUB

Jerry Stiller recently sanctioned the North Texas Shooters Association in Sanger, Texas, to hold official ARA matches. The range has 20 benches and is scheduled to hold its first Outdoor Unlimited match on March 24th at 10am.



2500



ARA Certified 2500 Targets Shot in January/February

Jason Thornhill	Frog Level Indoor #1	Jan 27
Jason Thornhill	Frog Level Indoor #2	Jan 27
Alan Fannin	Frog Level Indoor #1	Jan 27
Mike Staszewski	RR Barn Indoor #1	Jan 27
Tim Miller	H. Prince #1 Indoor	Feb 10
Greg Monroe	H. Prince #1 Indoor	Feb 10

(See February match winners and March shooting schedule on separate page attached)

ARA PROJECT RIFLE NEWS!

Each year the American Rimfire Association gives away one "project rifle" at the ARA Outdoor National Tournament held Labor Day weekend at the Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis.

In celebration of ARA's 20th year, we will be giving away at least 3 Project Rifles! You will definitely want to make sure you get entered to win! Here are a few details we can share so far:

Project Rifle 1 Gunsmith: Jerry Stiller

Fully Custom, One of a kind, complete Holeshoot Arms rifle build. Receive one entry for every target you shoot in an ARA sanctioned match between May 1, 2018 and August 19, 2018. All scores must be submitted to the ARA office by August 24, 2018. You do not have to be present to win.

Project Rifle 2 Gunsmith: Tim Miller

Each participant in the 2018 ARA Outdoor National Tournament will receive one entry. The drawing will take place at the end of the ARA Outdoor National Tournament Awards ceremony and the Winner must be present to win.

Project Rifle 3 Gunsmith: Richard Gorham

Each JUNIOR shooter participating in the ARA Outdoor National Tournament will receive one entry. The drawing will take place at the end of the ARA Outdoor National Tournament Awards ceremony and the Winner must be present to win. The project rifle will be registered and given to the parent/guardian of the youth who wins.

All parts and skills have been donated to build these custom rifles. Thank you to the following sponsors for making this happen!

Jerry Stiller	Tim Miller
Richard Gorham	Holeshoot Arms
10X Custom Rifles	Muller Works Barrels
Shilen Rifles	Killough Shooting Sports
ELEY Ammunition	

Keep watching for more details to come!



KNOW THE RULES!

The 2018 updated ARA Rule book is available to download for FREE on the ARA website. The January Rimfire Reporter focused on changes for 2018. Each month we will highlight different rules to help you know ARA. This month, let's just start with the basics:

1. What is an ARA Event?

1.1. An ARA match event consists of a minimum of two competitors, shooting from two to six targets per match event, at ARA affiliated and Sanctioned Clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

1.2. All match events are either part of various Club activities or of Tournaments staged at many of those same Clubs. All events scheduled for both Club and Tournament match events as well as the Match Results of those events are listed on the ARA website <http://www.americanrimfire.com/>

2. ARA Competitive Seasons

2.1. The Official Competitive Outdoor Season will be each calendar year, January 1st through November 30th.

2.2. The Official Competitive Indoor Season will be for 6 months beginning October 1st and ending March 31st.

2.3. Sanctioned clubs may schedule official events during the ARA Competitive Seasons listed above.

3. Sanctioned Club

3.1. Fees, Application, & Requirements

3.1.1. Each affiliated club shall pay an annual fee of \$20 to ARA, Inc., as a Club Sanctioning Fee, in order to hold Officially Sanctioned ARA match events.

3.1.2. The Match Director shall make application to the ARA Business Office before any sanctioned events are held at the Club.

3.1.3. A single physical range location may only function as one club.

3.1.4. Each Club must have at least five benches, of similar, sturdy construction, to be eligible to hold Officially Sanctioned ARA match events.

3.1.5. Each Sanctioned Club must host events during each season consisting of a minimum of fourteen targets. There is no maximum limit as to how many targets or matches a Club can schedule during a given day or season.

3.1.6. Each sanctioned club must have at least one Match Director but not more than two Co-Match Directors. The match director(s) are responsible for everything pertaining to the ARA sanctioned matches at that club.

FEBRUARY MATCH RESULTS & MARCH SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY ARA MATCH WINNERS

Scores are Agg and Agg + Points

FEB 3	REDDING RIMFIRE #2, OUTDOOR CRAIG FATOR	2125.00	2165.00
FEB 3	SUNNYVALE ROD & GUN CLUB, OUTDOOR GISELE PRITCHARD	2175.00	2215.00
FEB 10	HOWARD PRINCE RANGE #1, STATE TOURNAMENT, INDOOR TIM MILLER	2383.33	3043.33
FEB 11	HOWARD PRINCE RANGE #1, INDOOR CLUB TOURNAMENT EDDIE ROBERTSON	2366.67	2846.67
FEB 16	ROCKY RIVER BARN #1, INDOOR WILLIAM POFF	2225.00	2257.00
FEB 17	ROCKY RIVER BARN #1, INDOOR MIKE KUKLIS	2325.00	2397.00
FEB 18	MODESTO RIFLE CLUB #1, OUTDOOR JAN PRITCHARD	2050.00	2086.00
FEB 21	RIO SALADO SPORTSMAN, OUTDOOR STEVE PERKINS	2000.00	2048.00
FEB 24	ESCONDIDO FISH & GAME, OUTDOOR WILLIAM TOWNSEND	1723.75	1735.75
FEB 24	FROG LEVEL RIMFIRE #1, INDOOR STEVE HERBERT	2279.17	2333.17
FEB 24	FROG LEVEL RIMFIRE #2, INDOOR BOB CLEVELAND	2308.33	2362.33
FEB 24	LAKELAND RIFLE & PISTOL, OUTDOOR SHERMAN WHITE	2016.67	2055.67

MARCH ARA MATCH SCHEDULE

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

03/03/18	Buckeye Rimfire Club, OH	Outdoor
03/03/18	Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club, FL	Outdoor
03/03/18	Redding Rimfire #2, CA	Outdoor
03/03/18	Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club #2, CA	Outdoor
03/03/18	Rocky River Barn #1, NC	Indoor
	Triple Duece 222 limit 66 shooters	
03/10/18	Buckeye Rimfire Club, OH	Outdoor
03/10/18	Rio Salado Sportsman Club, AZ Club Tournament	Outdoor
03/10/18	Boerne Shooting Club, TX	Outdoor
03/10/18	Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club, LA	Outdoor
03/10/18	Howard Prince Indoor Range #2, LA	Indoor
03/10/18	Zia Rifle & Pistol Club, NM	Outdoor
03/17/18	NE KY Fish & Game Assn. #1, KY	Outdoor
03/17/18	Arlington Sportsmans Club, TX	Outdoor
03/17/18	BR Rifle Club of St. Louis #1, MO	Outdoor
03/18/18	Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club, CA	Outdoor
03/18/18	Modesto Rifle Club #1, CA	Outdoor
03/21/18	Boerne ARA, TX	Outdoor
03/24/18	Escondido Fish & Game, CA	Outdoor
03/24/18	Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #1, AR	Indoor
03/24/18	Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #2, AR Club Tournament	Indoor
03/24/18	Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club, FL	Outdoor
03/24/18	Chattanooga Rifle Club, TN	Outdoor
03/24/18	Open Grove Rimfire #1, CA	Outdoor
03/24/18	Open Grove Rimfire #1, CA	Outdoor
03/24/18	Zia Rifle & Pistol Club, NM	Outdoor
03/24/18	North Texas Shooter's Assn., TX	Outdoor
03/25/18	Open Grove Rimfire #1, CA	Outdoor
03/25/18	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Assn., TN	Outdoor
03/28/18	Rio Salado Sportsman Club, AZ	Outdoor
03/30/18	Rocky River Barn #1, NC	Indoor
03/31/18	Paducah Shooting Sports Complex, KY	Outdoor
03/31/18	Rocky River Barn #1, NC Club Tournament	Indoor
03/31/18	Rocky River Barn #1, NC State Tournament	Indoor



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