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SHOOTER SPOTLIGHT

Ivan Wells finished up the 2019 Outdoor ARA Season with the titles of 2019 Outdoor A-Line and Aggregate Champ! For the first time in ARA history, a single person won both titles in the Outdoor Division, the same year.



Ivan was raised on a farm and began hunting for food at about 11 years of age. He started with a pellet rifle, then began shooting a shotgun and high-powered rifle. He never owned a .22 rimfire until he was in his thirties. In 2009, Ivan joined a local club where a couple of "old guys" were shooting rimfire factory target rifles. Ivan had been working on making some black rifles shoot accurately and the guys wanted him to start shooting with them. About a year later they asked if Ivan would build them a custom 22 benchrest rifle. So, he started doing research on benchrest rimfire. Another older gentleman told him about the ARA; and, in August of 2011, Ivan says he "made the mistake of going to his first ARA match", which happened to be the Kentucky State Tournament at Buck Creek. When he pulled in the driveway and saw the rifles and "that thing it was sitting in", Ivan says, "I knew I had brought a knife to a gun fight."

Here he is, 9 years later, still shooting ARA! Ivan likes to shoot wherever the competition is. He wants to shoot against the best there is to see where he measures up. Ivan is very much a competitor at anything he attempts to achieve.

Ivan really enjoys helping other shooters work to achieve their goals. He believes most people don't understand how important the mental aspect of shooting a rimfire match is. Ivan says he tries to learn something at every match he attends. He is constantly asking himself and the people he shoots with on a regular basis, "What did you learn today?" Because he fully believes, "If you're not learning, you're not moving forward."

When asked what he likes most about shooting, Ivan says he likes "the challenge to become a better shooter, make better equipment and most of all break records..... Then, break them again."

As to who has had the biggest impact of shaping who Ivan is as a competitive shooter? Ivan answers, "Honestly, the people that tell me this or that can't be done. Something about that motivates me. The flip side of that is what I think are some of the great ambassadors to the rimfire sport? Joe Besche who has set the standard for ARA, probably the best wind shooter there will ever be. Tony Harper, one of the hardest working shooters I've ever seen at a match. Fred Sears, maybe the most naturally talented shooter I've seen. Todd Wooten if he's there, he'll be in the thick of it by the end. And, Tim Miller maybe ARA's greatest ambassador to the sport. I am very thankful to have become a rimfire shooter, rimfire shooters as a whole are a great bunch of people to be around. There are good Americans."

When he's not shooting, Ivan enjoys a good movie. As a former Drag Racer, he does miss "going fast". And, he says he also misses Car Audio competition some. But, Ivan is all in with rimfire, so he's usually working on his next project to improve rimfire shooting.

While he enjoys seeing "most everybody" at the matches and that part is fun, Ivan says he shoots "to win and learn how to be better."

As he looks back on the 2019 season Ivan feels "very blessed and fortunate to have achieved the results of this past year." He shared that he had some help climbing to the top. Realizing he would run out of his best ELEY lot number about mid-season, Ivan contacted Bill Drummond, who also was shooting well with that particular ELEY lot. Ivan says, "Bill sacrificed his outdoor season and gave me all the ELEY he had left so I could continue. That's the kind of man Bill Drummond is." Ivan continues, "Guess what? If I had never started shooting rimfire, I would never meet people like Bill Drummond. Thank you Bill. I also want to thank Jamie Burgess, my good friend Mark Tracy, John Jamison, Harold Neighbors and John Payne who started all this ARA madness by taking me to the first match. Thank you Killough Shooting Sports, Dawn, Dan, Paul and everyone else that work so hard at growing the sport."

Ivan believes his most significant ARA accomplishment has been being the first person to win both A-line and Agg-line in the same year, while shooting almost 150 cards and having over a 2300 agg. People may tell Ivan that his record will never be broken. But he doesn't believe that will be the case. In Ivan's words, "Records are made to be broken."

Another ARA Outdoor Season in the Books

Another year has flown by! HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

The 2019 Outdoor Season wrapped up November 30, 2019. Congratulations to all our ARA Champs! **Ivan Wells** Championed the 2019 Outdoor Unlimited A-Line and Aggregate! Winning the Junior Outdoor Unlimited A-Line and Aggregate was competitor **Maddisyn Reed!** In the Sporter Division, **Howard Wilson** won both the A-Line and Aggregate Champ Titles. **Bub King** conquered the Combined A-Line while **Michael Lupashunski** earned the Combined Aggregate Champ.

STATE CHAMPIONS

Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Florida
Georgia
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky

Steve Perkins
Jerry Smith
Ardey Vad
Tony Jarecki
Mark Ludington
Mike Lowe
Steve Scott
Ron Elbe
Bill Barron
Ivan Wells

Louisiana
Maine
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina

Bob Cleveland
Gary Hamilton
Tim Longcore
Larry Pressnall
Joe Besche
Jim Stensvad
Frank Karwowski
Kurt Palmer
Thomas Sherley
Jon Mix

Ohio
Oklahoma
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
West Virginia
Wisconsin

George Donovan
Bob Cleveland
Phil Dorman
Jim Stensvad
Tim Miller
Jerry Stiller
Jay Boyd
Glen Spencer
Rich Schilz

SPORTER STATE CHAMPS

Kentucky Howard Wilson
Maine Gary Hamilton

CLUB CHAMPIONS

UNLIMITED OUTDOOR

Allied Sportsmen of W.N.Y.
Arlington Sportsmans Club
Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club
ASRPA Small Bore Dive @ Ben Avery
Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis #1
Blasdel Rod & Gun Club
Boerne Shooting Club
Braxton County
Buccaneer Gun Club
Buck Creek Range
Buckeye Rimfire Club
Buxton & Hollis
Caldwell County Sportsman's Club #1
Capitol City Rifle & Pistol
Central Texas Rifle & Pistol Club #1
Chattanooga Rifle Club
Chickenfoot #1
Clark's Gun Range
Colorado Rifle Club
Crawfish Hole
Cumberland Riflemen
Edwardsburg Conservation Club
Escondido Fish & Game
Green River Gun Club
Green Sea
Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club
Hillsdale Rifle Club #1
Horton Sports Complex
Kettlefoot Gun Club
Killough Shooting Sports
Lakeland rifle & Pistol Club
Lancaster Pistol & Rifle Club #2
Lincoln Izaak Walton League
Livonia Conservation Club #1
Marion County Fish & Game

Thomas Sherley
Jerry Stiller
Ralph Van Horn
Steve Perkins
Brian Brandt
Thomas Sherley
Les Williams
Ivan Wells
Bill Wells
Ivan Wells
George Donovan
Michael York Sr.
Frank Shook
Gary Hamilton
Gary Duncan
Tim Miller
Mike Lowe
Steve Scott
Tony Jarecki
Randall Leger
Frank Karwowski
Ed Ledbetter
Dwight Greene
Kenneth Richards
Phil Dorman
Craig Fator
Mark Penrod
Bill Barron
Jay Boyd
Gene Bukys
Mark Ludington
George Donovan
Jim Stensvad
Jeff Reister
Mike Sherrill

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Modesto Rifle Club
North Linn Fish & Game Club
North Texas Shooter's Association
NE Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc.
Oak Hills Gun Club
Oak Ridge Sportman's Association
Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club
Open Grove Rimfire
Owensville Gun Club
Paduchah
Page Gun Club
Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club
Pioneer Gun Club
Port Malabar R&P Club
Red's
Redding Rimfire
Rimfire Ridge
Rio Salado Sportsman Club
Rocky River Barn Outdoor
San Angelo Gun Club
San Juan Wildlife Federation
SW Nebraska Rifle & Pistol Club
Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club
Tehama Shooters Association
Tri Town Conservation
Van Dyne Sportsmens Club
Wabash Wildlife
Wilderness Road
Yankton Sharpshooters
Zia Rifle & Pistol Club

Larry Pressnall
Giselle Pritchard
Ron Elbe
Jerry Stiller
Michael Lupashunski
Ron Elbe
Carrie Earhart
Bad Bob Cleveland
Bob Myers
JR Groves
Ivan Wells
Thomas Pryor
Carl Johnson
Joe Besche
Kris Van Nostren
Joe Besche
Craig Fator
Jerry Bob Smith
Steve Perkins
Jeff Langley
Dan Killough
Kurt Palmer
Jim Stensvad
Dana Wyse
Craig Fator
Tim Loncore
Glen Hartjes
Cliff Arnold
Alan Blevins
Jim Stensvad
Johnny Montgomery

SPORTER OUTDOOR

Capitol City Rifle & Pistol
NE Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc.

Gary Hamilton
Howard Wilson

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2020

We have some exciting news as we jump into 2020 including incredible gun giveaways in the new ARA Factory Class each quarter, and amazing prizes for ARA Unlimited competitors & match directors at the conclusion of the 2020 outdoor season.



ULTIMATE ARA FACTORY RIFLE STARTER KIT

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NEW

FACTORY DIVISION

WIN A RIFLE, SCOPE AND MATCHED AMMO EACH QUARTER AT ARA BENCHREST MATCHES

Savage Arms
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Factory Class Rifle Package Raffles

- Win a prize each quarter
- Savage Rifle, Sightron Scope, 500 rounds of ELEY semi-auto benchrest precision
- For each ARA Factory class target completed in a sanctioned match the competitor has a raffle ticket entered in to the draw.
- Each competitor can only win one time.
- Prize draw: 7th April, 7th July, 6th October, 2020, and 5th Jan 2021



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MATCH DIRECTORS

DO YOU FANCY AN ALL EXPENSES PAID TRIP TO ELEY UK?

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ELEY
UK Factory
tour & testing

- 3 Ways to win an all-expenses paid trip to the UK test Range, including airfare, accommodation, transfers, meals and 10K rounds of ELEY tenex selected ammunition.
- Win one- Highest number of new competitors* introduced to the ARA, must shoot a minimum of three matches between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1.
- Win two – Highest total number of Outdoor Unlimited targets shot in 2020 season between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1.
- Win three – Highest number of Outdoor Factory targets shot during 2020 season between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1.
- Only one MD per club may win.
- MD/Club can only win one prize, if they win more than one prize, the lowest value competition will be handed down to the second highest scorer.**



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BENCHREST COMPETITORS

BECOME A SPONSORED SHOOTER

ELEY
one year
sponsorship

- Winner of the ARA Outdoor Unlimited A-Line and Unlimited Aggregate Championship win 1yrs ELEY sponsorship which consists of 10K rounds of ELEY tenex selected ammunition and ELEY apparel.
- Winner of the Factory Class A-Line and Factory Aggregate win 1yrs ELEY sponsorship which consists of 10K rounds of ELEY semi-auto precision ammunition and ELEY apparel.
- Winners must use ELEY ammunition throughout the competition.



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DEC. MATCH RESULTS AND JAN. SCHEDULE

DECEMBER ARA MATCH WINNERS

INDOOR

12/07/19	GA - Chickenfoot #1 National Tournament Tourn.	Mike Sherrill
12/14/19	LA - Howard Prince Indoor Range #1	Bill Drummond
12/20/19	AR - Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #1	Jerry Smith
12/21/19	R - Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #1	Jerry Smith
12/21/19	AR - Frog Level Rimfire Indoor #1	Bob Cleveland
12/28/19	GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club	Bob Cleveland
12/28/19	GA - Chickenfoot Indoor Club	Mike Lowe

JANUARY ARA MATCH SCHEDULE

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

01/05/20	Texas	Midland Shooters Association Outdoor
01/11/20	Louisiana	Howard Prince Indoor Range #1 Indoor
01/11/20	Louisiana	Howard Prince Indoor Range #1 Indoor Club Tourn.
01/12/20	Louisiana	Howard Prince Indoor
01/17/20	Arizona	Rio Salado Sportsman Club Outdoor Club Tourn.
01/18/20	North Carolina	Rocky River Barn #1 Indoor Club Tournament
01/18/20	Georgia	Chickenfoot Indoor Club Indoor
01/18/20	Georgia	Chickenfoot Indoor Club Indoor
01/18/20	Virginia	Kettlefoot Gun Club Outdoor
01/19/20	North Carolina	Rocky River Barn #1 INDOOR Indoor
01/24/20	Arkansas	Frog Level Rimfire Indoor
01/25/20	California	Redding Rimfire #2 Outdoor
01/25/20	Florida	Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club Outdoor
01/25/20	Arkansas	Frog Level Rimfire Indoor
01/25/20	Virginia	Piney Hill Club #1 Indoor Triple Duece
01/26/20	Virginia	Piney Hill Indoor Club #1 Indoor Club Tournament



PROFESSIONAL SHOOTING LEAGUE
Benchrest Series 2020

Presented by **ELEY**

2020 Main Event Qualifiers to Date:

Tim Miller	Glen Hartjes	Jason Frymier
Jason Thornhill	Jim Stensvad	Frank Shook
Bob Cleveland	John Prince	Michael Sherrill
Todd Wooten	Jim Morehead	Richard Gorham
Marion Collier	James Garrett	Jerry Stiller
Jerry Smith	Tom Sherley	
John Manhart	Ivan Wells	

3 MORE CHANCES TO QUALIFY FOR THE MAIN EVENT!

5/21/20	Holeshot Arms Benchrest Brawl	Kettlefoot Rod & Gun Bristol, VA
9/4/20	Shilen Challenge	Benchrest Rifle Club Wright City, MO
TBA	The ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event	Benchrest Rifle Club Wright City, MO

The Main Event 2020 Payouts

- ① \$5000
- ② \$3000
- ③ \$2000



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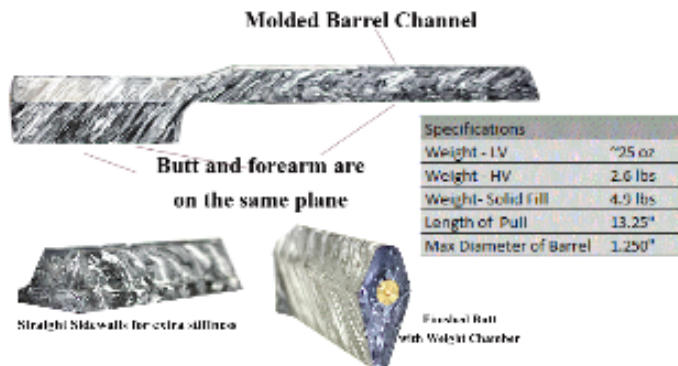
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ARA Certified 2500 Targets

Vickey Alley Mike Sherrill
James Garrett Mike Cameron
Bob Cleveland



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