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# The Rimfire Reporter

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**JOE BESCHE**

Joe Besche started shooting in late '70's with some friends at his local gun club. There wasn't room for centerfire so they shot benchrest rimfire. At the time, it was 30 yd open sights. At that time, they were young enough that they could see well and didn't need scopes. By the late '80's their shooting progressed to a more formal shooting discipline and BR50 got started by Larry Brown.

Joe has competed from the West Coast (California) to the East Coast (Virginia).

The only place he has not competed is the Northeast. Joe's wife, Mary, has always wanted to see the Fall foliage in the Northeast. So, now that he is semi-retired, he's thinking of making a run for some of the Fall matches in that beautiful area.

Joe enjoys all the camaraderie between rimfire benchrest shooters. He particularly loves shooting at the ARA National Tournament, because as he says, "It's like a big reunion".

Joe describes the precision of the sport, "like a finely tuned pocket watch that neither gains or loses a second a month - when you find that right barrel/ ammo combination".

When asked who comes to mind when he thinks back on how he began as a serious competitive shooter, Joe replies, "Glen Townley and Bobby Love". Back in the beginning of BR50, everyone wanted to shoot as good as Glen. Glen freely gave Joe advice on tuning his Anschütz that Joe says he would have never thought of on his own. Bobby was his first gunsmith and holds numerous world records in centerfire shooting. His advice on setting up his rest and guns have proven invaluable to Joe over the years.

One of Joe's most significant accomplishments was achieving 500 Hall of Fame points and being acknowledged by the shooting community. His personalized "Red Shoes" trophy was one of the biggest and best surprises he has ever received. Another important accomplishment has been seeing someone that he coached and mentored, Maddi Reed, become a better shooter than him.

Joe's hobby of making stained glass windows turned into his full-time business. He enjoys the creative aspect which allows him to relax. Many of his favorite times have been in his studio with the music cranked up, working on a window. Joe also collects pocket watches, which, like shooting, have a precision aspect that he finds fascinating. Joe's collection includes pocket watches still running good that date back to the 1700's. He hopes his Anschütz rifles will last as long those 250 year old watches.

Even though he's having fun while shooting, Joe always plays to win. "The drive home is much more enjoyable when I win."

## 2020 ARA INDOOR SEASON UNDERWAY

The 2019 ARA Outdoor season will come to a close on November 30, and the 2020 ARA Indoor season began October 1 and runs through March 31st. The first Indoor club to hold a match for the 2020 season was Rocky River Barn, NC, with their 5 card match held October 6th. Tom Wilkinson took the win with a 2280 agg.

Chickenfoot in Georgia will start their indoor season with a club tournament to be held October 20th.

## Greg Monroe Wins the "2500 Money Pool"

\$2500 for a 2500! After 15 years, Chattanooga Rifle Club finally saw a certified ARA 2500 target! Greg Monroe captured the elusive Chattanooga 2500 on September 28th and was rewarded with the \$2500 prize! When Chattanooga Rifle Club began shooting ARA in 2004, match director Bill McConkey began a "2500 money pool". At each match, a portion of the entry fee was put in the kitty for the competitor who shot a 2500 certified ARA target. Mike Bowland took over as match director and continued growing the prize pot until it reached \$2500. Several 2450s have been shot over the years, including Greg Monroe shooting 3 in one match just a couple of years ago. Greg finally earned the \$2500 for 2500... his persistent quest for perfection paid off!



## It was An Active September in ARA

Congratulations to Mike Tyskiewicz on winning the Van Dyne Club Tournament on September 21. Glen Hartjes was 2nd and Brian Thompson was 3rd.



Cliff Arnold won targets #2, #3 and #5 with scores of 2175, 1800 and 2025, respectively at the Wabash Wildlife and Sportsman Association club tournament on September 22. Cliff won the overall tournament with an aggregate of 1861.667 in rough conditions with winds of 15-20 mph and gusts to 30 mph.

Mike Sherrill distributed bluebird boxes and carpenter bee traps to the competitors of the inaugural Mary Sherrill Memorial Club Tournament held at Marion County Fish and Game on September 8th. It was fitting, and deserving, that her husband, Mike, won the inaugural Mary Sherrill Memorial Tournament. Awesome shooting, Mike!



Congratulations Bill Wood, Chris Wray and Bob Myer on finishing 1-2-3 at the California State Tournament held at Redding Rimfire September 7th

Congratulations Jason Frymier on winning the Ohio State shoot at Ashtabula Rod and Gun Club on September 15.



# ARA LEADERBOARD - OUTDOOR UNLIMITED

## TOP 10 UNLIMITED OUTDOOR A-LINE (As of October 10)

Rank	Name	Tgts	Points	Events	Avg Pts	Clubs	Tourn.	Agg.	ALine
1	Ivan Wells	139	5412	25	216.48	9	17	2302.9496	416.2880
2	Tim Miller	128	4460	23	193.91	9	16	2195.0781	387.6354
3	Greg Monroe	136	3873	25	154.92	7	10	2180.6985	372.7582
4	Brian Brandt	101	3199	18	177.72	4	8	2204.5545	358.5001
5	Jerry Smith	107	3344	20	167.20	7	12	2133.1308	356.2085
6	Marion Collier	111	3549	20	177.45	9	14	2069.3694	356.1103
7	Bob Cleveland	117	3276	22	148.91	6	9	2125.4701	353.4059
8	Joe Besche	186	3314	33	100.42	11	15	2083.8172	350.0654
9	Bill Drummond	101	3084	18	171.33	8	13	2131.2376	349.4044
10	Frank Shook	141	3095	26	119.04	7	10	2122.2340	347.7511

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3	William Casey	53	1917	9	213.00	3	5	2209.9057	319.8098
4	Grant Toman	57	979	10	97.90	3	4	2207.4561	269.9558
5	Brian Brandt	101	3199	18	177.72	4	8	2204.5545	358.5001
6	Tim Miller	128	4460	23	193.91	9	16	2195.0781	387.6354
7	Bill Barron	60	1104	10	110.40	2	5	2194.9167	277.2471
8	Glenn Spencer	95	2369	18	131.61	5	7	2193.8947	331.9812
9	Greg Monroe	136	3873	25	154.92	7	10	2180.6985	372.7582
10	James Garrett	49	1745	9	193.89	3	4	2171.8367	309.7218



## Professional Shooting League benchrest series 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	MATCH	RANGE	LOCATION
October 19, 2019	MullerWorks Barrels Showdown	Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club	Tulsa, OK
December 6, 2019	The Shootout	Chickenfoot Indoor Club	Cedartown, GA
May 21, 2020	Holeshot Arms Benchrest Brawl	Kettlefoot Rod & Gun	Bristol, VA
May 23, 2020	Triple Crown of Rimfire - 3 card Qualifier	Kettlefoot Rod & Gun	Bristol, VA
September 4, 2020	Shilen Challenge	The Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, MO	Wright City, MO
TBA	The ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event	Th Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis, MO	Wright City, MO

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## Showdown

October 19, 2019  
Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club, Tulsa, OK.

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**Benchrest Series 2020**



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The 2020 Professional Shooting League ELEY Benchrest Series kicks off at Oil Capital Rod and Gun Club with the MullerWorks Showdown! All 22lr Benchrest competitors are welcome to participate in this 5 card money match happening October 19th. Visit the PSL website to register ProShootingLeague.com. **SHOW UP AND SHOOT!**

The Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club is a beautiful private club "situated on 160 acres of rolling meadows east of Broken Arrow, OK". Match Director Jim Morehead organizes the monthly matches at the 34 bench range. We enjoyed competition at Oil Capital in 2017 and look forward to being back there again this year!" ~ Dawn Killough

KSS will be set up selling supplies and ammo on Thursday for anyone who wants to come hang out and practice. There will be a 6 card ARA club tournament on October 18th beginning at 9am. On Saturday, the PSL Money Match will begin at 9am. The 5 card MullerWorks Showdown is the first qualifier for the ELEY Benchrest Series Main Event 2020. The Top 10 finishers of the Showdown will qualify to participate in the 3 card Main Event held later in 2020 and paying out \$10,000 divided among the top 3 finishers of that invitational event. The weekend of shooting concludes Sunday with the 6 card Oklahoma State ARA Tournament which begins at 8am. We hope to see you there!

## The Main Event 2020 Payouts

- 1 **\$5000**
- 2 **\$3000**
- 3 **\$2000**



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**ELEY** benchrest series



# SEPT. MATCH RESULTS AND OCT. SCHEDULE

## SEPTEMBER ARA MATCH WINNERS

09/03/19	SC - Green Sea	Bill Wells
09/03/19	ME - Capitol City Rifle & Pistol	Ken Anderson
09/03/19	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club	Stephen Pennington
09/05/19	MN - Minnetonka Sportsmen's Inc.	Larry Pressnall
09/07/19	NM - Zia Rifle & Pistol Club	John W. Allen
09/07/19	KY - Buck Creek Range, Club Tournament	Ivan Wells
09/07/19	VA - Wilderness Road	Cliff Keesee
09/07/19	MI - Edwardsburg Conservation Club	Craig Eaton
09/07/19	CA - Redding Rimfire #1, State Tournament	Bill Wood
09/07/19	OH - Buckeye Rimfire Club	George Donovan
09/08/19	IN - Marion County Fish & Game, Club Tourn.	Mike Sherrill
09/08/19	CA - Tehama Shooters Association	Bob Myers
09/08/19	LA - Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club	Carl Johnson
09/08/19	MO - Red's	Joe Besche
09/08/19	ME - Buxton & Hollis Rod & Gun, State Tourn.	Michael York Sr
09/09/19	NJ - Cumberland Riflemen	Frank Karwowski
09/10/19	ME - Capitol City Rifle & Pistol	Gary Hamilton
09/10/19	TX - San Angelo Gun Club	Bill Middlebrook
09/10/19	SD - Yankton Sharpshooters	Wayne Juergens
09/13/19	NM - San Juan Wildlife Federation, Club Tourn.	Art Stuart
09/14/19	SC - Green Sea, State Tournament	James Faircloth
09/14/19	MI - Tri Town Conservation Club	William Wheeler
09/14/19	KY - Northeast Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc. #1	Howard Wilson
09/14/19	OK - Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club	Richard Morgan
09/14/19	IA - Oak Hills Gun Club	Scott A. Albury
09/14/19	KY - Paducah Shooting Sports, State Tourn.	Ivan Wells
09/14/19	TX - Central Texas Rifle & Pistol, Club Tour.	Jerry Stiller
09/14/19	CO - Colorado Rifle Club, Club Tournament	Tony Jarecki
09/14/19	NY - Blasdel Rod & Gun Club	Matthew Mendola
09/14/19	KS - Horton Sports Complex, State Tournament	Robert Meade
09/15/19	CA - Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club	Craig Fator
09/15/19	NE - Lincoln Izaak Walton League	Jim Stensvad
09/15/19	CA - Modesto Rifle Club	Gisele Pritchard
09/15/19	MN - Minnetonka Sportsmen's Inc., Club Tour.	Dale Quast
09/15/19	OH - Ashtabula Rod & Gun Club, State Tourn.	Jason Frymier
09/17/19	SC - Green Sea	Jon Mix
09/17/19	ME - Capitol City Rifle & Pistol	Ken Anderson
09/17/19	VA - Kettlefoot Gun Club	Jarvis Pennington
09/18/19	AZ - Rio Salado Sportsman Club	Steve Perkins
09/21/19	WI - Van Dyne Sportsmens, Club Tournament	Mike Tyskiewicz
09/21/19	MO - Owensville Gun Club #1	Brian Brandt
09/21/19	CA - Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club	Joel Elmore
09/21/19	GA - Chickenfoot #1, Club Tournament	Ivan Wells
09/21/19	NM - Zia Rifle & Pistol Club	Johnny Montgomery
09/21/19	KY - Caldwell County Sportsman's Club #1	Kenneth Richards
09/21/19	NE - Southwest Nebraska Rifle, Club Tournament	Jim Stensvad
09/21/19	IN - Livonia Conservation Club #1	Mike Sherrill
09/21/19	VA - Wilderness Road	Cliff Keesee
09/21/19	IN - Clark's Gun Range	Steve Scott
09/21/19	TX - Arlington Sportsmans Club	Jerry Stiller
09/21/19	NC - Buccaneer Gun Club	Sam Wells
09/21/19	KY - NE Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc. #1	Michael Lupashunski
09/21/19	OH - Lancaster Pistol & Rifle Club #2	Brian Gilliland
09/22/19	NY - Allied Sportsmen of W.N.Y.	John Matyas
09/22/19	NE - Southwest Nebraska Rifle, Club Tournament	Jim Stensvad
09/22/19	IN - Wabash Wildlife & Sportsman, Club Tourn.	Cliff Arnold
09/24/19	TX - Boerne Shooting Club	Les Williams
09/28/19	AZ - ASRPA Small Bore Div Benchrest	Steve Perkins
09/28/19	FL - Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club	Lee Methvin
09/28/19	TN - Chattanooga Rifle Club	Tim Miller
09/28/19	TX - North Texas Shooter's Association	Jerry Stiller
09/28/19	KY - Northeast Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc. #1	Michael Lupashunski
09/28/19	CA - Escondido Fish & Game	Kyle Allen
09/28/19	CA - Open Grove Rimfire	Bob Myers
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## OCTOBER ARA MATCH SCHEDULE

Schedules are updated daily. For the most up to date schedules, visit [AmericanRimfire.com](http://AmericanRimfire.com)

10/11/19	NM - San Juan Wildlife Federation
10/11/19	WV - Braxton County Gun Owners
10/12/19	SC - Green Sea
10/12/19	MO - Owensville Gun Club #1
10/12/19	GA - Chickenfoot #1, State Tournament
10/12/19	MI - Tri Town Conservation Club, Club Tournament
10/12/19	KY - NE Fish & Game Assoc. #1, Club Tournament
10/12/19	WV - Braxton County Gun Owners, State Tournament
10/12/19	KY - Paducah Shooting Sports Complex
10/12/19	TX - Central Texas Rifle & Pistol Club #1, Club Tournament
10/13/19	CA - Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club, Club Tournament
10/13/19	IN - Marion County Fish & Game
10/13/19	KS - Horton Sports Complex, Club Tournament
10/13/19	TX - Boerne Shooting Club Outdoor, Club Tournament
10/15/19	SC - Green Sea
10/18/19	OK - Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club, Club Tournament
10/19/19	CA - Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club
10/19/19	NM - Zia Rifle & Pistol Club Outdoor, Club Tournament
10/19/19	A - Page Gun Club
10/19/19	KY - Caldwell County Sportsman's Club #1, Club Tournament
10/19/19	Texas Arlington Sportsmans Club, Club Tournament
10/19/19	NC - Buccaneer Gun Club
10/19/19	KY - Northeast Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc. #1
10/20/19	OK - Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club, State Tournament
10/20/19	CA - Modesto Rifle Club
10/22/19	TX - Boerne Shooting Club
10/26/19	AZ - ASRPA Small Bore Div Benchrest
10/26/19	FL - Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Club
10/26/19	TN - Chattanooga Rifle Club Outdoor, Club Tournament
10/26/19	TX - North Texas Shooter's Association
10/26/19	KY - Northeast Kentucky Fish & Game Assoc. #1
10/26/19	IN - Livonia Conservation Club #1
10/26/19	CA - Escondido Fish & Game
10/26/19	CA - Open Grove Rimfire
10/26/19	CA - Open Grove Rimfire, Club Tournament
10/27/19	TN - Oak Ridge Sportman's Association #2
10/27/19	MO - Pioneer Gun Club
10/27/19	CA - Open Grove Rimfire
10/27/19	IN - Wabash Wildlife & Sportsman Association #1 Outdoor
10/30/19	AZ - Page Gun Club

# 2500

## SEPTEMBER ARA Certified 2500 Targets

Ivan Wells, Glenn Spencer and Tim Miller all shot 2500s at Buck Creek Range in Kentucky on September 7th, and Greg Monroe shot a 2500 at Chattanooga Rifle Club in Tennessee on September 28th.