



LONG GONG



A3GMunitions.com and River Bend Gun Club hosted our seventh LONG GONG match on June 21st, Father's Day. The match was contested on the High Power range which usually has more difficult wind calls but it is easier to call your misses. For those who are not sure what LONG GONG is all about here is a link to a description and the rules:

<https://a3gmunitions.com/long-gong-hosted-by-a3gmunitions-com/>.



We only had 7 competitors but it was Father's day so turnout was expectedly light. It seems our weekend is often a holiday.

The weather was beautiful and the winds as always were switchy but still very manageable. I think the temps got to the mid 80s but by that time we had a nice breeze, mostly at our backs which caused some wind calling challenges.

In Simon's absence David showed up to play with 14 points in the first relay. He was however hamstrung looking after Kirk Swanson (known to the Long Gong crowd as "TV Dinner"). Kirk overslept, didn't know what range we were on and was texting David like a junior in

high school trying to poll his friends about who he should ask to prom. By the time it was Kirk's turn he had forgotten his bipod and had to borrow David's gun. TV Dinner clearly works well under last-minute pressure because he posted a solid 11 in his first relay putting him in second behind David. Clearly David is used to juggling things because his second relay got him 12 points.



And kudos to the guys who have been around the block! They always have the right plan, Tom Francis brought his chair and enjoyed the weather and fellowship while he was not behind the rifle himself. Bring your chairs and talk shop or tell fishing stories while waiting to shoot.



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David won the match with a solid 39 points edging yours truly out by 1 point, both of us only posted 4 points in the last relay. Congratulations David!

Here are the June results:

	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Relay 5	Total
David Massengill	14	12	3	6	4	39
Mark Leeber	9	8	7	10	4	38
Steve Tidd	6	6	5	6	6	29
Robert Strother	2	6	3	8	7	26
Kirk Swanson	11	5	3	6	1	26
Jimmy Patterson	3	5	4	5	8	25
Tom Francis	3	6	0	7	6	22

Come on out in July on the 19th and join the fun. We will be on the HP range again first shot is 9AM. We will have a sight in opportunity starting at 8:15 out to somewhere around 80 yards for those who need to check zero. I will have ammo and some accessories available for purchase at the match. If you have items you want from A3GMunitions.com I can deliver those as well avoiding the shipping fee but please email me with your shopping list at least 3 days before the match.



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Here is the schedule for the rest of the year:

- July 19th – HP Range 300 yard line
- August 16th – HP Range 300 yard line
- September 20th – HP Range 300 yard line
- Monday, September 28th – SIL Range – Tentative (Regional Match)
- October – No Match (no room on the calendar)
- November 8th – SIL Range
- December 20th – SIL Range

And for those who really enjoy Long Gong here is the Rimfire Benchrest match calendar for the rest of 2026, I am sure you will enjoy those as well. All Rimfire Benchrest matches are on the Jim Sleeman Rimfire Range:

- June 28th
- July 26th
- August 23rd
- September 27th

Thank you!

Mark