



LONG GONG

HE'S BAAAACK!!!

A3GMunitions.com and River Bend Gun Club hosted our eighth LONG GONG match on July 19th. And not to give away the story but Simon is back from vacation and clearly he missed shooting Long Gong because he came back with a mission!

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/>.

The day was hot! Very hot! I mean Hot! When the breeze is 90 degrees and you can feel the

moisture evaporating off the grass I really wonder why I play outdoors this time of year!

The match was contested on the High Power range which, no surprise provided the competitors with very difficult wind calls.

We only had 11 competitors but the forecast was for Thunderstorms, which did not happen and heat which did. I am thinking between the two forecasts many

decided to stay in the air conditioning and watch I Love Lucy or Hogans Heros reruns. I prefer Gilligan's Island myself and Yes, Mary Ann (if you know you know)!

The winds were more variable than usual this day, the

normal wind at our back was mixed with left, right and headwinds all in the same relay.





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Many shooters paused to let the wind die and it just got worse so they finally had to “send it” and hope for the best.



Last month's winner David Massengill, now known as “Daddy M” thanks to Simon, threw a 12 up on the board in the first relay clearly making a statement that Simon or No Simon he was there to win. Simon opened with a 9 as did Zander Massengill, one of the 38 Massengills at the match (OK, it was only 3 but Josh was shooting on Team Daddy M too so it felt like 38).

Also in the Massengill tent was a new shooter, Faryal, who David encouraged to join us for the festivities. He met her the day before Long Gong at a match on Silhouette and she was right at home as part of our crew and appeared to have a great time! Simon gave her some pointers on the last relay and she got to shoot the Bailey Bullseye Machine racking up points on the 8” and 6” targets and just barely missing the 4” on the last shot of the last relay. Shooting is no fun without the fellowship folks so invite your friends (not the weird ones Daddy M) to join us and let's share the range with those we enjoy spending time with!

Also from Team Massengill we had Daddy Ms wife, “T” who spent much of the day chasing Daddy M's water bottle...that woman has her hands full keeping him in line! But now that I think about it I did not even think to check the contents of the water bottle....

I think it is safe to say we now have a core group of regulars in Steve, Jimmy, Russell, David, Simon and Tom and we really look forward to growing that! Unfortunately TV Dinner was vacationing and could not join us, rumor has it he was touring a new microwave oven facility in the Great Lakes area.

Come on out in August on the 16th and join the fun. We will be on the HP range again and 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 and we may have another gong out at 300 to zero on like we did this match. 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



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those as well avoiding the shipping fee but please email me with your shopping list at least 3 days before the match.

I do want to thank the entire crew from the match for helping me clean up and tear down! I cannot tell you how much it helps my sanity to have the help policing brass, picking up the shards of PVC and just general help tearing down and getting the range back to the way we found it. It makes the rest of the weekend much more relaxing! Thank you!!!



Congratulations to Zander for his second place finish and to Simon for winning the match! Simon's score of 60 is now the all-time record for us and I would love to see it beaten next month! Will it be TV Dinner? Daddy M maybe? A new shooter possibly? Or one of the regulars who have been lurking around waiting to make their move. Whoever it is I hope you all keep improving those scores as we have the River Bend Gun Club Invitational Gypsy Match coming up in late September and we need to defend our club and teach some Texans, some Mainers and some Rolling Tides how to shoot Long Gong (more about that in another article). AND, Simon now has a Collection of four of these coveted Long Gong Trophies so let's give him some competition folks! Bring your favorite 22 Rifle (I highly recommend that you clean it first) and join us for some relaxed fun and friendly competition!



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Here are the July results:

LONG GONG July 2026						
	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Relay 5	Total
Simon Bailey	9	18	8	10	15	60
Zander Massengill	9	4	7	10	12	42
Josh Randall	6	4	7	4	8	29
Steve Tidd	6	8	7	4	2	27
Jimmy Patterson	8	3	5	6	5	27
Mark Leeber	4	6	4	4	7	25
Russell Hill	4	9	4	6	2	25
David Massengill	12	2	4	2	4	24
Tom Francis	7	3	8	1	5	24
Faryal Sterger	2	5	6	1	8	22
Teodora Massengill	4	1	1	6	1	13

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year:

- August 16th – HP Range 300 yard line
- September 20th – HP Range 300 yard line
- Monday, September 28th – SIL Range – On The Books! (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 Hinkle Rimfire Range (sorry about the article last month where I called it the Jim Sleeman Range – Both gentlemen were fantastic diplomats of the shooting sports back in the day):

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

Thank you!

Mark