



LONG GONG



A3GMunitions.com and River Bend Gun Club hosted our monthly LONG GONG match on



September 20th and once again it was on the High Power Range. The heat felt worse than it was with temps topping out at 88 degrees but the wind was particularly brutal. Most of the day the wind was at our backs on the shooting line but switching between left to right and right to left at the targets. By the last two relays the mirage was so bad the targets were blurry.



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 had 17 shooters, 8 non-members and 9 members. We had several first-timers join us and one was TV Dinner's daughter, Sofia, who earned her nickname "Kid Cuisine." She was

hamstrung in the first relays with Dad's gun but borrowed Daddy M's (David Massengill) gun for the last relay and started hitting with regularity.





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This month there were 850 shots fired, 130 more than last month and this month there were only 6 hits on the 4" Gong, 5 less than last month which pretty well sums up the conditions. The



highest score in a single relay was a 17 posted by me followed by a 14 for Simon. Keep in mind the best possible score in a relay is 27 so we still have a ways to go.

Travis who was a newbie last month got the trophy with a 39 and four solid relays. I think I got in his head in the last relay as he and I were tied for 1st at the end of 4 relays.



Overall a lower scoring match than last month where a 47 won and Simon's record of 60 from a few months ago still stands.

Simon, Daddy M, Robert (last month's winner), Steve, Tom, and two newbies Nick and Ray threw up some good scores all in the 30s.

Good news for 2027, all of our matches will be on the Silhouette range except for March. SIL is far easier for me and usually a lot cooler (or at least not in direct sunlight).



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I do want to thank the entire crew from the match for making it a great day and helping me clean up and tear down! Policing the 22 brass is very difficult in the grass and we looked like a bunch of brass chickens up there on the 300 yard line. Thank you!!!

Congratulations to all the participants and thank you for coming out! Our next regular match is November 8th on the SIL range (No room on the range for October so we are skipping October)



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Here are the August results:

	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Relay 5	Total
Mark Leeber (MD)	2	7	17	10	4	40
Travis Lunsford	10	11	8	7	3	39
Simon Bailey	14	8	6	5	4	37
David Massengill	1	5	11	10	10	37
Robert Strother	5	3	9	9	8	34
Steve Tidd	10	5	5	5	8	33
Tom Francis	5	9	4	6	9	33
Nick Beutell	6	2	5	7	11	31
Ray Stillwell	6	3	8	6	7	30
Bryan Fain	3	5	6	5	5	24
Josh Randall	5	4	4	5	4	22
John Kahl	7	3	3	3	4	20
Kirk Swanson (TV Dinner)	1	3	8	3	5	20
Larry Rainwater	3	2	1	4	3	13
Ryan Purdy	1	5	0	3	1	10
Russell Hill	3	0	1	1	4	9
Sofia Swanson (Kid Cuisine)	0	0	2	1	6	9

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year:

- October – No Match (no room on the calendar)
- November 8th – SIL Range
- December 20th – SIL Range

Thank you!

Mark

P.S. Our Long Gong Gypsy Match was fantastic; write-up coming next month but in the mean time the next leg of the Long Gong Gypsy Match is on Saturday 10/3 at Rod's Range in Oxford, AL and it is open to anyone who wants to shoot it! The address of Rod's Range is 1544 Priebe's Mill Road, Oxford, AL. Start time is 9AM but they are an hour behind us so that is a Win right off the bat!