



LONG GONG



A3GMunitions.com and River Bend Gun Club hosted our fifth LONG GONG match on the High Power range on April 19th. 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/>.

Setup Saturday early evening was beautiful with temps in the high 70s/low 80s and no wind to speak of. Not being one who checks the weather I thought the match the following day would be a high scoring match and a beautiful day.

What a shock Sunday morning! The temps never got above 60 and the winds were howling



with the flags on the target line and the 300 yard line standing straight out most of the day. Sure there were some lulls in the wind but only enough for 2-3 shots and only a few shooters got them.

Wind correction ranged from 3 tenths of a Mil to 2 full Mils in the same 10 round relay. And the real bummer was when you got a hit and followed it up as quickly as you could run the bolt your next shot was over a half Mil off the target. The wind changed so quickly no two holds were the same.

There were no hits on the 4 inch target all day and there were only about 10 hits on the 6 inch plate but 4 of those were people aiming at the 8 inch and getting blown onto the 6. The wind was howling so badly that we had to re-nail the tents down every couple shooters. Between the shivering and the wind blowing the Tripod around calling hits proved to be very difficult, thanks to Robert for bringing a scope and backing me up on the calls!



Simon, started strong with a 7 leading the pack out the gate but posted a 2 for relay 2, a great demonstration of the changing winds. Robert Strother posted a 4 in relay 1 and then a 5 in relay 2 and then both Simon and Robert posted 6s in relay 3 so they went into the last two relays tied for first.

Simon demonstrated why he is Mr. Rimfire winning the match by 7 shots over Robert who was 7 shots ahead of the next closest competitor. As you will see by the scores it was a tough day with the wind and chilly conditions. Congratulations to Simon who also won our



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last match...will he make it three in a row? Come out and join us for the May match and let's give Simon some competition!

Here are the April results!

	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Relay 5	Total
Simon Bailey	7	2	6	9	8	32
Robert Strother	4	5	6	5	5	25
Steve Tidd	0	3	6	5	4	18
Tyler Learn	2	2	4	3	6	17
Russell Magbee	1	1	4	4	7	17
Tom Francis	1	1	1	7	4	14
Mark Leeber	2	3	2	3	3	13
Kirk Swanson	3	3	1	3	2	12
John Kahl	1	3	2	3	1	10
Howard Fritz	1	1	4	1	3	10
Jimmy Patterson	2	0	1	3	3	9
Mark Palermo	0	1	2	2	3	8
Rick Federation	2	1	1	1	2	7
Russell, Hill	2	1	0	2	1	6
David Massengill	3	0	2	DNF	DNF	5



Moving forward I will try to run multiple lines based on the number of shooters. This will be dependent upon having folks at the match who can help call shots and are comfortable doing so but with the A3GMunitions



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target flashers it is very easy to call the hits. As Long Gong grows we will need more ROs so if you are available the 3rd Sunday of the month with some regularity and are interested in participating as a shooter and an RO please reach out to me with a brief bio including how long you have been a member at RBGC, what you like to shoot, and any RO, Trainer or First Aid certifications or experience that you may have.

If you have questions about the match you can reach me, the MD via email at MarkLeeber@mac.com.

Our next LONG GONG match will be on May 17th on the Silhouette range and first shot will be at 9am. Match fees are \$20 for Non-Members and \$15 for RBGC Members. You can sign up here: <https://practiscore.com/rbgc-long-gong-by-a3gmunitions-may-2026/register> so that we have an idea of how many competitors to expect.

Thank you for your support!

Mark

P.S. I do apologize for the lack of exciting pictures, I was calling shots for most of the match and forgot to ask someone to take photos so I only got a few.