



LONG GONG



On September 28 A3GMunitions.com and River Bend Gun Club hosted a very special “Gypsy” match.

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 24 entries in the match 16 of those were non-members from Maine, Texas, Alabama and North Georgia. I was truly amazed that this sport would attract people willing to drive from Maine to Texas shooting as many Long Gong matches as they could and then make the trek back home.



Of course we had our regulars from River Bend, Simon, TV Dinner and Daddy M among them. Even “Maverick” made an appearance and we have not seen him since the very first match over a year ago.

The match was contested on the Silhouette range where TV Dinner and Daddy M cooked some Brats for the attendees and Jeff had his crew spread



some lyme on the berm so impacts were very easy to see but I had not considered how closely the white lyme would match the white paint on the targets...they were not easy to see.

While I much prefer the SIL range for this event the wind on SIL can be just as tricky as HP and on SIL we have a 2-4 degree uphill angle which for a 40gr 22 bullet at 300 yards is like

pitching pennies into a ½ inch wishing well. For those paying attention after they pulled the trigger the lyme on the berm was a great indicator of the wind! I think as the primary spotters Simon and I got to watch the lyme dance in the





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wind and it got in our heads a bit. Sometimes the lyme would float to the right and sometimes to the left but once it crested the top of the 300 meter berm it would go straight up, swirl or cut back the other direction. And keep in mind that our bullet travel is over 30 inches above the line of sight to the target so those crazy winds above the berm are definitely wreaking havoc with our subsonic bullets.

Simon and I each ran a squad of 12 so we did not know



how each other's squads were doing until the end. Well at least until the last relay when a commotion erupted in Simon's squad because Jeremy Studdard posted a 21 by ringing the 4" plate 5 times in a row. Keep in mind a perfect score in a relay is 27 so a 21 is a huge score for a single relay! The scores were about on par with our normal monthly scores ranging from 15 to

60 which ties Simon's record. This is the first match where I have had a payout for finishes and I paid 4 awards for this match, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and High Relay Score among the non-top three. Having to spot for all the other shooters makes posting a good score tough because



you never really get your head in the game and inevitably when it is your turn you are not prepared and have to scurry around to get ready. And I will say watching the results of the other shooters can give you a lot of

bad information, but Simon was able to spot and post a score of 50 and winning the award for high relay score. Third place went to J.D. Ladd with a 53, Second went to Jeff Koon with a 60 who actually tied for first but his highest relay was lower than the other 60. I will say that Jeff took a lot of grief from me because he was shooting a really short gun, his 16" barreled 22





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looked like some of the clothes my ex-wife has taken out of the dryer that never should have gone in there. And First Place went to Jeremy Studdard who also posted a 60 but his high relay score of 21 broke the tie at 60.



Overall it was a great day and a great match. It was truly inspiring to spend the day with shooters from not just other states but from across the country. We all had a great time and made new friend who I am sure we will see again. All of our guests went on and on about what a fantastic facility we have and how much

they enjoyed the match. This will be an annual event and I will be putting it on the calendar for



next year!

Congratulations to all the participants and thank you for coming out! Our next regular match is November 8th on the SIL range.

And a huge THANK YOU to Chris and the rest of the Board for getting us on SIL for 2027, all matches in 2027 except March will be on SIL and I think I will take a vacation in March so we will not have a march match.

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year:

- November 8th – SIL Range
- December 20th – SIL Range



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Here are the Gypsy results:

LONG GONG GYPSY MATCH 2026

	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4	Relay 5	Total
Jeremy Studdard	6	9	13	11	21	60
Jeff Koon	9	7	14	16	14	60
J.D. Ladd	5	11	11	10	16	53
Blair Hamilton	8	12	7	10	14	51
Jeff Chase	5	12	13	9	6	45
Simon Bailey	11	8	8	15	8	50
Vicki Chase	9	6	8	13	8	44
Derek Bray	5	11	8	4	12	40
Mark Leeber	6	9	5	11	9	40
Robert Strother	7	8	4	10	6	35
Garry Studdard	6	7	3	9	9	34
Tom Morrison	8	5	6	4	10	33
Travis Lunsford	5	10	5	6	6	32
Rod Nowland	4	5	5	10	5	29
Mark Palermo	4	7	5	2	8	26
Bryan Fain	5	8	6	4	2	25
Kirk Swanson (TV Dinner)	7	4	1	8	3	23
JR Dillinger	3	6	1	5	7	22
David Massengill	6	2	1	5	7	21
Dale Stanley	7	7	1	3	2	20
Steve Tidd	3	4	8	1	2	18
Ray Stillwell	2	3	7	4	2	18
Jim McDonnel	1	2	3	6	3	15

Thank you!

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