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A3GMunitions.com and River Bend Gun Club hosted our monthly LONG GONG match on November 8th on the Silhouette Range. The weather was finally perfect!



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 8 shooters with a couple first-timers. Our match is usually the 3rd Sunday of the month but demand for ranges is high so we opted to take the 2nd Sunday for November rather than cancel. Sorry to those who could not make it due to the date change, most of our "regulars" were unable to make it.

I arrived at the range at 6:30AM to set up and was greeted with 36 degrees, a nice change but hardly one I am ready for. By 9AM it had warmed up nicely with no breeze at all until the shooter before me sat down to shoot.

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Wind was mostly calm under the cover of the shooting line but it was still very chilly in the shade until about noonish when we finished. That said the winds were anything but calm out on the range. It is amazing to me how you can shoot a shot, hold a correction and the next shot goes right where you are aiming instead of where your correction should have sent it. And what is almost comical is that this always seems to happen when transitioning from the 8” to the 6” plate. Well, it would be comical if it did not seem like it always happens to me.



As usual it was a good group of folks who had great time in a relaxed atmosphere with great fellowship and gentle chiding, mostly directed at Simon trying to get in his head since he is one of just a couple who posted a decent number in the first relay. Rodney, a new-comer threw a 10 on the board in the first relay jumping out with the early lead. As a newbie we did not know him well enough to give him grief at the time but by the end of the day he was getting his share, especially when he quietly took



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second from me. He may have been compared to the political landscape in Michigan…but it was all in good fun.

Tom Francis, the most regular besides Simon and me seemed to get the breeze whenever he sat down at the bench; he has definitely pissed-off Mother Nature somehow I need to ask him if they use Parkay Margarine instead of butter at home (nobody under 55 is going to get that reference).

Simon is remodeling his study at home, he has run out of space on his wall for Long Gong Trophies and I have it on good authority that he is moving Fran's stuff to the basement as he expands his office between now and the December match. Yes, Simon won again and as a result I have now become an Anschutz dealer hoping that I can buy just a little of the talent that Simon has.




I know that there are lots of Rimfire shooters at River Bend so now that Long Gong is the only Venue shooting during the winter it sure would be nice if some of y'all would put on some winter clothes and join us in an attempt to keep it interesting for Simon. And I always

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say and still maintain that Ladies are better shooters than Men but we are not seeing enough Ladies at Long Gong matches!

Here are the November results:

| | Relay 1 | Relay 2 | Relay 3 | Relay 4 | Relay 5 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Simon Bailey** | 7 | 17 | 18 | 6 | 9 | 57 |
| **Rodney James** | 10 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 42 |
| **Mark Leeber** | 5 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 36 |
| **Kirk Swanson** | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 31 |
| **Dave Nelson** | 8 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 26 |
| **Robert George** | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 24 |
| **Tom Francis** | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 22 |
| **John Kahl** | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 |

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year and the first few months of 2027, come out and join us for some relaxed fellowship with a side of shooting:

- December 20th – SIL Range
- January 17th – SIL Range (might be moved due to SHOT SHOW, stay tuned)
- February 21st – SIL Range
- March – No Match
- April – 18th – SIL Range

Thank you!

Mark

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