



LONG GONG

Its still cold and muddy, but not too soon to start thinking about our upcoming season of Long Gong at the range.

We have some physical improvements coming to the range that will be assisted by the NRA grant for Gold Medal clubs. This will provide additional concrete and some changes to the firing line area, but we will work around that. Costs will be the same as 2024, \$10 + \$1 for the skill shot.

For 2025, the plan is to shoot the traditional Long Gong course monthly on the 2nd Saturday. We will start shooting at 9:00 with sight-ins to begin at 8:30. All benches and target banks will be available during sight-in as well as paper targets at 50, 100 and 300.

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August- No Match due to Lever Gun Nationals

September 13

Season finale on October 11. For the finale, we will do some fun side events and have a meal together at the range.

There are no pending rule changes for this year and no equipment classification beyond the use of a supplied front bag or folding bipod (not fixed rests of F-class style bipods). Rear bags must be “soft” and the rifle can’t rest on the table. Beyond that, it is a trial of your equipment and ability to read the wind. The rules and other information are available on the website (www.emsportsmen.com) in the rifle section.

I keep thinking maybe someday we do something with a weight limit to create a production/hunting class – maybe next year and please provide some opinions on this throughout the year – such as if you would consider shooting 2 guns, should we also limit scope power?

New for this year, we will have a season long points race in addition to single match awards and bragging rights. There will be swag tag (or brag tag) awards for 1st to 3rd at each monthly match

as well as some Lewis class awards for free shoot entries. The skill shot prize pool has rolled over and will continue as a 51st shot in each match. We will use 3 banks if we get 24 or more shooters.

How will the points scoring work (Credit to Gregg Stewart and the Appalachian Rimfire Series for the format).

- 6 matches – your best 4 scores will count (can drop the lowest 2 if you shoot them all).
- Because conditions play such a role in this game, we can't use total points.
- Each match will award EMSC Long Gong Cup points based on the winners score.
 - 1st place = 100 points
 - All other scores divide by the winner and get that % of points.
 - For example, if the winner shoots at 40 and shooter #2 scores 35, Shooter #3 shoots a 20, #4 shoots 38. Winner gets 100 points, # 2 would get 87.5, #3 would get 50 and #4 would get 95.
- Points accumulate through the year and will be posted after each match

I can see this leading to something of an "A", "B" and "Master Class" – we will try to figure that out after the 2nd match.

I am hoping to have an opportunity to open the range for some practice sessions in February – this will be weather and time dependent.

Please send this on to anyone else who might be interested and if they would like to join the email list, please send a message with their contact information and ask to be added to:
information@emsportsmen.com

Thank you and I look forward to a great season!

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