

TRR Long Range Report

Long Range Gong Match September 2, 2018

Finally, our weather decided to cooperate! The foggy conditions led to a cooling light rain making the day at the range very nice for everyone. Shooting tables were shielded by pop-up shelters from the intermittent rain, instead of the hot sun. Today, the new proposed procedures and rules to improve the safety of the range and all long range matches were discussed. Several changes were suggested and will be incorporated into the final version. It will be presented to the Board and posted on the club's website soon.

All agreed that shooters and each of their respective rifles will have to be qualified before participating in a Match. For Gong Matches, there are two classes: Class 1: up to 200 yards; Class 2: more than 200 yards. Each rifle must be qualified for its distance and all rifles shooting more than 200 yards must be equipped with ladder-style (Soule) sights. Silhouette shooters and their rifles will also have to qualify for both Rimfire/Pistol cartridge and Rifle Cartridge Matches.

After the meeting, six shooters qualified themselves and their rifle(s) in both Class 1 and Class 2. The Long Range Master will open qualifications during the upcoming Practice Day (Saturday) after the Silhouette Rifle Caliber Match for anyone wanting to do so before October's Match.

Please note, that it may not be possible to qualify everyone on the day of a match due to time constraints, but we will try.

After qualifying the shooters, the Long Range Master assembled the shooters and an abbreviated Match was held. Diamond Rose was shooting the oldest gun today: an all original 1901 Remington Rolling Block 40-65. It is hers so don't even think about trying to convince Crash to sell it to you. Not even bribery will work. You may look, but don't touch (smiles). Crash shot his all original ex-military carbine Trapdoor. Dusty Bottoms brought out his new Sharps with brand-spanking new sights. Doc Jim Harvey used his reliable Winchester High-Wall.

Three targets were shot today: 100, 150 and 250 yards.

After closing the range and storing the equipment, awards were made:

Grand Champion:	26	Doc Jim Harvey
Champion Ladies' single shot BP	22	Diamond Rose
Champion Men's single shot smokeless	26	Doc Jim Harvey
Champion Men's single shot BP	7	Crash

Note: Dusty Bottoms [24] and Doc Jim Harvey [26] each had a string of 5 bullseyes. Diamond Rose [22] and Doc Jim Harvey hit all their targets (Clean Match).

Shooters

Doc Jim Harvey

Dusty Bottoms

Diamond Rose

Crash

Long Range Master and reporter: Nile City Slick