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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

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High Ransom wins the December Christmas Shootout

The weather for the December Shootout was sunny to partly cloudy, with the temperature dropping though out the morning. The breeze kept us on the cool side. As seems to be customary, there was evidence of a good rain shower the day before, as the range was somewhat muddy, and there were several puddles to deal with. However, all cowboys managed to get around without anyone slipping and falling. There was a little less mud than the two previous months, which allowed us to use some knockdown targets. The whirligig (a version of the Texas Star) and the pigeon-flipping poppers set up in the woods seem to be a hit with the cowboys [*although yours truly had trouble hitting them - Ed*]. The posse of fourteen cowboys chased and shot at those renegade elves, Elrod and Elroy, together with their evil red-nosed reindeer, as they tried to make off with the town's presents. It was good to

see **Maverick Wayne** ride in from Moultrie with his bride, **Tumbleweed Tillie**. That bad knee did not hamper her much, and this being her first time to shoot birds with the old '97, she seemed to enjoy being back with us. We welcomed four newcomers to our shoot - **Bully Bill** from Jasper, Florida and **Sly Hand** from Lakeland Florida enjoyed their first ever cowboy shoot. The two other newcomers were **Railman Rover** from Wellington, Florida, and **Hi Seas Cowboy**, who has recently moved to Ocilla, Georgia, from the Jacksonville area, where he has been active with the *Cowford Cowboy Club*. It was good also to see **Sorgum** from Ludiwici. It was also good to see one of our local cowboys again - **Wagon Wheeler**. For the third straight month, **High Ransom** showed us how to get it done. He has now won three of the four shootouts he has competed in. **Sorgum** came in second, barely missing a clean shoot with only one miss, and **Maverick Wayne** barely

edged out **Wagon Wheeler** by a few seconds in the tie-breaker. **Bank Floyd** had two of his very rare misses - those bottle-shaped Christmas lights got him! **Chickasaw County Kid, Double D, Papa Jake**, and **Big Boyd** rounded out the posse. Several of the shooters also shot some pictures. We hop to get some of these on the website soon

Props

Chickasaw County Kid started some alterations on our town-front props. He enlarged the doorway to the Saloon to make it easier for some of the more height-challenged cowboys. (**Double D** still doesn't understand what the problem is with the doors and windows as they were!)

January Monthly Match

The Valdosta Vigilance Committee will host a monthly Cowboy Action match the second Saturday of each month. The next match will be on **December 11, 2004** at the LRSA range. We will start the safety briefing at 9:00 am, so please come early. SASS™ rules will

apply. The plan is to shoot five scenarios, being finished in time for lunch. We are planning on cooking some burgers and dogs at the range, and have some side matches after lunch. For January, with the side matches, you should bring 100 rounds of pistol ammo, 100 rounds of rifle ammo, and two boxes of shotgun shells. Also bring 20 or so rounds for the Buffalo shoot. (up to 45-70 with lead bullets, max 1400 fps)

Web site

The web site can be accessed at vvc.endoftheinternet.org

Our club is now listed in the Cowboy Chronicle, and we are listed on the SASSnet web site

Other Upcoming Matches

Valdosta Vigilance Committee -- January 8, '05

Withlacoochee Renegades - last Saturday of the month (no shoot on Christmas)

Little River 22 steel plate Match - December 17

Happy Trails!

Name	T 1	R 1	T 2	R 2	T 3	R 3	T 4	R 4	T 5	R 5	Time	Total
High Ransom	37.19	1	57.63	2	29.56	5	38.15	1	54.27	6	216.80	15
Sorgum	41.81	2	56.99	1	31.76	6	52.24	3	56.67	8	239.47	20
Maverick Wayne	42.01	3	64.89	4	42.49	11	44.51	2	63.60	9	257.50	29
Wagon Wheeler	51.01	6	86.77	10	29.05	4	58.20	4	49.77	5	274.80	29
Chickasaw County Kid	56.54	10	65.94	5	26.78	2	67.40	10	44.25	3	260.91	30
Big Boyd	47.78	5	61.16	3	32.80	7	60.58	7	81.80	11	284.12	33
Bank Floyd	55.27	9	69.01	7	42.63	12	63.61	9	42.47	2	272.99	39
Tumbleweed Tillie	43.77	4	68.26	6	52.96	13	63.59	8	77.04	10	305.62	41
Double D	52.67	8	69.03	8	38.67	9	60.23	6	88.23	12	308.83	43
Railman Rover	66.90	11	113.42	14	23.13	1	81.33	13	54.36	7	339.14	46
Bully Bill	85.09	14	94.92	11	35.24	8	69.7	11	47.35	4	332.30	48
Hi Seas Cowboy	71.01	12	107.97	13	65.16	14	92.75	14	36.89	1	373.78	54
Papa Jake	52.51	7	99.17	12	38.74	10	58.44	5	DNF		248.86	
Sly Hand	81.47	13	72.76	9	28.19	3	75.04	12	DNF		257.46	