

# The Sentinel

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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

May 2004

Young Yancey James wins the May Shootout

The posse that rode in for the Cinco de Mayo Shootout [held on *Ocho de Mayo*] was smaller than usual, but the shooting was fast and furious, and everyone had a good time. It seems that Mother's Day weekend had some of the regular cowpokes tied up, and commencement exercises at the local institution of higher learning had others wearing different getups than usual (caps and gowns!).

**Yancey James** and **Daybreaker** rode in from south of the border (Tallahassee, FL).

**Tumbleweed Tillie** and **Maverick Wayne** rode in from the Northwest Territory (Moultrie).

**Dapper Dave** got a break from his work at the local hardware store (Lowe's) so he could come and supervise the match.

**Big Boyd** and **Papa Jake** made cameo appearances, but were unable to stay for the match.

The shooting was fast and furious. **Yancey James** put on one fine shooting exhibition. As you can see from the scorecard,

he finished more than a half minute ahead of the

rest of the pack (even with a few misses). Rumor has it that he has to wait on some of the swinging shotgun targets in order to get a second shot on them (with no double taps, even!)

Near clean shooting by **Daybreaker** and **Dapper Dave** (one miss each) saw them finish neck and neck in time -- 0.01 second separating them! **Maverick Wayne** finished only 0.37 second ahead of them (shooting a little faster, but missing a little more often). I don't recall ever having three so closely clustered together in time.

Our use of Rank scoring, however, gave **Daybreaker** 2nd place, **Maverick Wayne** 3rd place, and **Dapper Dave** 4th place. **Tumbleweed Tillie** once again brought a measure of grace and charm to the shootout.

All attendees had a good old time at the Fiesta this month.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this match a fun time. **Chickasaw County Kid**, **Little Adam**, and an anonymous hombre were invaluable in setting up the targets and painting them for the match.

Keep our fellow Cowboys

in your thoughts and prayers

**Papa Jake** and **Chickasaw County Kid** seem to be improving, and it's hard to keep them from participating. **Tallockas Kid** continues to have some serious health problems. I'm sure each of them would appreciate us remembering them in our thoughts and prayers.

## June 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 **June 12, 2004** at the LRSA range. We will start the safety briefing at 9:00 am, so please come early. We would like to finish before it gets to hot. SASS<sup>sm</sup> rules will apply. The plan is to shoot four or five scenarios, being finished in time for lunch. As usual, 50 rounds of pistol ammo, 50 rounds of rifle ammo, and a box of shotgun shells should be plenty.

## Web site

The web site can be accessed at [vvc.endoftheinternet.org](http://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** -- June 12

**Withlacoochee Renegades** - last Saturday of the month (May 29 and June 26)

**Little River Pistol Silhouette** - May 15

**Little River 22 steel plate Match** - June 19

## Story from the Trail

As I was returning from graduation ceremonies at the local finishing school on the afternoon stage coach, I saw two horses approaching from behind. One rode up on the left of the stagecoach and the other on the right. I noticed that only the horse on the left had a rider. This seemed strange to me. At about that time, the rider reached over, opened the door and climbed in!. He then crawled across to the left side, opened the door and jumped on the other horse. I yelled at him, "What do you think you're doing?" He responded, "Don't mind me. This is just a stage I'm going through."

Happy Trails!

Name	T 1	R 1	T 2	R 2	T 3	R 3	T 4	R 4	Time	Total
Yancey James	36.17	1	42.43	3	35.08	1	41.31	2	154.99	7
Daybreaker	55.86	4	40.66	1	52.79	4	40.35	1	189.66	10
Maverick Wayne	50.66	3	42.31	2	46.29	3	50.03	3	189.29	11
Dapper Dave	49.57	2	44.42	4	40.11	2	55.57	4	189.67	12
Tumbleweed Tillie	92.61	5	70.26	5	75.96	5	78.16	5	316.99	20