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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

October 2004

High Ransom Smith wins the October Shootout

The weather for the October Shootout was delightful -- overcast and somewhat cool. The evidence of Hurricane Jeanne could be seen, as the high water marks at the range indicated that it had been under about 4 to 5 feet of water a week before. The cowboy range was somewhat muddy with several puddles. The newly erected town fronts made it a little easier, in that cowboys did not have to stand in the mud to shoot. The flooding may have kept some of the cowboys away this month, but we had a very successful shoot., nonetheless. The posse of seven cowboys chased away the likes of Mean Jeanne and the perennial Puddleville Pete. It was good to see our out-of-town cowpokes ride in for the shoot -- **Sorgum** from Ludowici (the first cowboy to arrive), and **G B Smokey** from Hiawassee. **G B Smokey** also picked up **Li'l Miss Smokey** on the way to the shootout. **High Ransom Smith** showed us how a fairly new cowboy can get it done, even though he did not like having to shoot

his new rifle through the bars at the Jail. Those bottles of Ripple weren't worth scratching the new rifle! **Big Boyd** was the only cowboy to clean the Ripple bottles, allowing him to sneak into second place. **G B Smokey** and **Sorgum** stayed neck-and-neck, having to use time to break the tie for third place. **Sorgum** came the closest to a clean shoot with only two misses. This in spite of the fact that his rifle tried to give him a hard time throughout the match. **Li'l Miss Smokey** was the top Ladies shooter. Other shooters were **Chickasaw County Kid**, **Double D**.

Other Cowboys

No Lead Bob is still recovering from foot surgery last month. **Cimarron Star** has been under the weather as well. **Papa Jake** has had a rough time this past week as well. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Here's hoping for a quick recovery for all three of you .

Props

We finally were able to erect the props that **Jimmy Sawbones** was able to procure for the Valdosta Vigilance Committee (some western

store fronts). **Chickasaw County Kid**, **Double D**, **Papa Jake** and **Big Boyd** erected the four fronts a couple of weeks ago. **Dapper Dave** was able to procure some lumber to help with the construction. Hurricane Jeanne came through and promptly turned them all over.

Chickasaw County Kid, **Double D**, and **Big Boyd** set them back up the day before the shoot, and got them pretty much back in place for the October Shoot. **Papa Jake** painted a couple of signs -- one for the Jail and one for the "Salloon". The doors and windows seem to be a little low for most of us, and we had to stoop and duck to negotiate through the doors and shoot through the windows. **Double D** claimed to have no problem, however! We still need to paint the props, and secure them so they won't float away.

November 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 **November 13, 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 too hot. SASS™ 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.

Swap Meet

The first LSRA swap scheduled for October 2, 2004 was flooded out. It will be rescheduled early in 2005.

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 -- November 13

Withlacoochee Renegades - last Saturday of the month (October 30)

Little River 22 steel plate Match - October 16

Little River Centerfire steel plates -- November 20

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 Smith	49.48	2	43.96	2	13.31	1	16.68	3	46.94	1	170.37	9
Big Boyd	53.81	4	54.46	5	21.99	3	13.64	1	52.38	3	196.28	16
G B Smokey	53.10	3	39.32	1	21.18	2	30.82	7	56.13	5	200.55	18
Sorgum	47.53	1	54.06	4	36.80	7	15.06	2	54.52	4	207.97	18
Chickasaw County Kid	56.91	5	46.41	3	26.38	5	19.13	4	51.60	2	200.43	19
Double D	92.03	7	76.21	6	25.57	4	30.40	6	83.06	6	307.27	29
Li'l Miss Smokey	65.60	6	79.00	7	32.42	6	24.92	5	104.46	7	306.40	31