

The Sentinel

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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

March 2005

Yancey James wins the March Shootout

The third shootout of 2005 was held on another beautiful Saturday in South Georgia. There were 20 shooters, the largest group ever at our monthly match! It was good to see some of our old friends ride into town again: **Yancey James** and **Daybreaker** from North Florida, **G B Smokey** from North Georgia, and **Dixie Outlaw**, from Quitman. **Cimarron Star** and **Ethan Sackett** returned as well bringing a new shooter, **Pepper** with them. **Jersey John Horace** shot his first complete match and brought along a new cowboy, **Chief**. **Yancey James** showed all of us old cowhands how to get it done, with his slick gun-handling skills as we fought off the Leprechaun as he chased after us for taking his pot o' gold. We found out that you can't kill a leprechaun! The Lawrence Welk sweep on the 4th scenario got some puzzled looks from some of the "younger" cowboys. **High Ransom** and **Sorgum** duked it out for 2nd and 3rd place with only about 2 seconds separating them. **Wild William Blake** shot his first clean scenario – finally got those guns working! **Chickasaw County Kid** was slick with his new Vaquero. Nobody else seems to be able to find one! We were able to shoot only four scenarios, since the bay in the woods looked like a bay for boating! We ran two simultaneous posses of 10 shooters each, which helped us finish in time for lunch. Each member of each posse helped with timing, scoring, spotting and watching loading and unloading tables. Thanks to everyone who made this shootout a success.

Lunch was Magnificent

Special thanks to **Rowdy Cheyene** and his son **Zeb**, who

took a lot of pictures, and then served up some of the finest barbecued pork east of the Pecos! Thanks also go to **Lucky Laura Blake** and **Miss Annie** for pitching in to help even though they don't shoot yet.

Ethan Sackett wins the Buffalo Shoot

Ethan Sackett got 7 kills on the buffalos using his 44-magnum lever rifle, to beat all comers. **Aucilla Fugitive** showed us he could be almost as effective with his Blackhawk revolver. Perhaps we all could have done better had the buffalos not turned blue. *[let's paint them white next time!-ed.]*

New Tables

The ability to run multiple posses was facilitated by the addition of three new tables that can be used for loading/unloading. Thanks to **High Ransom** for constructing two new wooden tables and to **Maverick Wayne** for scrounging a large metal table.

New Targets

Special Thanks to **Maverick Wayne** for constructing some new targets and stands for our club. Thanks to him we now have two steer head targets, four cowboy targets, a set of card suit targets, a new bell target, and a couple of stands for targets we already had. Thanks to **Double D** for getting the big turkey target set up for us. He has also been maintaining the buffalo targets on a regular basis.

RO-I and RO-II courses

Our Territorial Governor, **Hi Seas Cowboy** is trying to line up **Deadwood Jake** from Jacksonville to teach the **RO I** and **RO II** courses for us here in Valdosta. We have suggested possible dates – April 30 of May 7. The cost will be \$10 for the RO-I course and \$20 for the RO-II course. To take the RO-II course you must have

completed the RO-I course and been an active SASS member for at least 6 months. Watch your email and the web site for more info.

Badges

We have been taking orders for the club badges. The club is picking up the initial setup cost, and the badges cost the members \$35 each. We have about 12 orders so far with a few more "in the mail." We will be ordering soon, so get you order in to **Big Boyd**.

April Shootout

The shootout in April will be held on April 9, 2005, with the safety meeting beginning at 9:00am. The fee for this shoot will be \$10, \$5 for juniors (free with a paid adult). We will have the usual 4 to 5 scenarios, and possibly a side match.

Other matches

☞ March 19, 2005, 9:00 – **Steel Challenge** – 5 stages – 12 to 15 reactive targets per stage – Semi-autos (stock and unlimited) Revolvers (stock and modified) Compact Carry (bbl < 4 in) and Cowboy (two single action revolvers and pistol caliber lever rifle) You will need about 100 rounds to complete the match with one of these categories. We generally limit shooters to 3 categories- \$10 fee (juniors \$5 or free with a paid adult)

☞ March 26, 2005, 9:00 – Cowboy shoot at Pinetta Florida with the Withlacoochee Renegades

Happy trails!

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| Name | T 1 | R 1 | T 2 | R 2 | T 3 | R 3 | T 4 | R 4 | Time | Total |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Yancey James | 33.34 | 1 | 56.45 | 3 | 49.93 | 1 | 33.37 | 1 | 173.09 | 6 |
| High Ransom | 47.64 | 3 | 51.99 | 1 | 73.48 | 7 | 60.72 | 6 | 233.83 | 17 |
| Sorgum | 49.55 | 4 | 65.84 | 6 | 64.74 | 3 | 55.83 | 4 | 235.96 | 17 |
| G B Smokey | 55.74 | 9 | 58.83 | 4 | 65.24 | 4 | 61.02 | 7 | 240.83 | 24 |
| Ethan Sackett | 37.40 | 2 | 86.59 | 13 | 75.17 | 9 | 54.18 | 3 | 253.34 | 27 |
| Maverick Wayne | 51.81 | 7 | 68.87 | 7 | 68.98 | 5 | 64.71 | 10 | 254.37 | 29 |
| Aucilla Fugitive | 57.82 | 10 | 60.06 | 5 | 60.76 | 2 | 82.74 | 14 | 261.38 | 31 |
| Big Boyd | 50.93 | 5 | 83.06 | 12 | 84.08 | 13 | 53.42 | 2 | 271.49 | 32 |
| Papa Jake | 50.93 | 6 | 78.31 | 10 | 73.32 | 6 | 72.30 | 12 | 274.86 | 34 |
| Daybreaker | 60.89 | 12 | 52.13 | 2 | 81.01 | 10 | 79.06 | 13 | 273.09 | 37 |
| Chickasaw County Kid | 53.56 | 8 | 69.99 | 8 | 86.62 | 14 | 61.90 | 9 | 272.07 | 39 |
| Railman Rover | 67.55 | 15 | 79.70 | 11 | 125.74 | 17 | 57.55 | 5 | 330.54 | 48 |
| Elwood the Kid | 62.52 | 13 | 108.32 | 17 | 82.89 | 12 | 61.14 | 8 | 314.87 | 50 |
| Wild William Blake | 96.90 | 17 | 73.77 | 9 | 98.79 | 15 | 71.83 | 11 | 341.29 | 52 |
| Double D | 66.10 | 14 | 92.36 | 16 | 74.13 | 8 | 87.45 | 16 | 320.04 | 54 |
| Pepper | 58.20 | 11 | 91.48 | 15 | 81.53 | 11 | 89.13 | 17 | 320.34 | 54 |
| Cimarron Star | 72.82 | 16 | 87.24 | 14 | 112.12 | 16 | 84.31 | 15 | 356.49 | 61 |
| Dixie Outlaw | 98.28 | 18 | 119.15 | 18 | 132.44 | 18 | 107.3 | 18 | 457.17 | 72 |
| Chief | 205.89 | 20 | 141.94 | 19 | 148.13 | 19 | 118.12 | 19 | 614.08 | 77 |
| Jersey John Horace | 125.82 | 19 | 176.72 | 20 | 170.36 | 20 | 139.63 | 20 | 612.53 | 79 |