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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

July 2005

High Ransom wins the July Shootout

The sixth shootout of 2005 was held a sunny to partly cloudy to rainy Saturday in South Georgia, as Hurricane Dennis threatened the gulf coast. Twenty-four shooters rode into town (as well as a few non-shooting pards). We shot five scenarios before stopping for lunch. We took time to clear the range before lunch, and that turned out to be a good decision, since the weather tuned to a rainy torrent just as we were enjoying the burritos prepared by **Rowdy Cheyenne** and his newly graduated son, **Zed**. Many many thanks to the chefs!!! These cooks also shot the pictures that are viewable on the web site (<http://vvc.endoftheinternet.org>)

It was good to see our pardners **Nimrod Long** and **J Smoke N Gunn** from the *Big River Rangers* who brought **Phantom Rider** with them. **Maverick Wayne** brought his brother-in-law **C R Hardin** (all the way from Illinois) and his grandson, **Texas Boy** (from Texas). **Tumbleweed Tillie** showed up with her sister and granddaughter. They helped with some of the spotting and scoring duties for a little while – I think they were headed to the local mercantile for a little shopping. **Wagon Wheeler** brought another new shooter, **Cow Poke**. **Shiloh Sharecropper** shot his first match with us.

It was good to see **No Lead Bob** again, though his stamina is not quite back to par. Here's praying that you'll continue improving, **No Lead!**

Thanks to **Lucky Laura Blake** who scored Posse 1 all day. It won't be too long before we get

her to shoot **Wild William's** 45's in a match.

Our own little Buckerette, **Abbie Oakley**, contributed to our fifth scenario (with a line to be said that was too long for anybody to get it out correctly!)

High Ransom edged out **C R Hardin** and **J Smoke N Gunn** to win the match. **High Ransom** had the fastest time in three of the scenarios, while top honors went to **J Smoke N Gunn** in the other two.

Congratulations to **Ethan Sackett** and **Bank Floyd** for shooting the match clean. Honorable mentions go to **C R Hardin** who had only one miss, and **Wild William Blake** who had but one miss and one procedural. Compared to the rest of us, that was near perfect.

The whirly-gig gave few shooters a problem (except those shooting wimpy loads!) as most everyone cleaned it in less than 10 rounds. A few were able to clean it in five.

How could **Big Boyd** miss those large shotgun targets by a couple of feet!?!?!?

After lunch, **Papa Jake**, **Ethan Sackett**, and **Cimmarron Star** held an impromptu cowboy skeet challenge. **Shiloh Sharecropper** showed up at the end to join in the fun. The consensus winner was **Cimmarron Star**.

RO-I and RO-II courses

We have lined up **Deadwood Jake** from Jacksonville to teach the **RO I** and **RO II** courses for us here in Valdosta, on Saturday, July 23, 2005. The cost of these courses is set by SASS at \$10 for the RO-I course and \$25 for the RO-II course. We are offering a package

deal of RO-I and RO-II plus lunch for \$40. 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. We have commitments from about seven cowboys so far. You should let **Big Boyd** know if you plan to attend so we will have enough groceries for the lunch. We have had seven or eight commitments so far.

Badges

The club badges are in the mail. According to the badge maker, they were shipped on July 8. We will plan to have them at the August match.

August Shootout

The shootout in August will be held on August 13, 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. Maybe we won't have another storm to deal with.

Other matches

☞ July 16, 2005, 9:00 – **Center fire Steel Plate match** – 6 classes – unlimited auto, stock auto (open sights – no external mods), modified revolver, revolver, compact, cowboy (2 single action revolvers and a cowboy rifle) \$10 fee (juniors \$5 or free with a paid adult)

☞ July 30, 2005, 9:00 – Cowboy shoot at Pinetta Florida with the Withlacoochee Renegades

☞ August 6, 2005, 9:00 CDT – Cowboy shoot at Grand Ridge, Florida, with the Big River Rangers. Also look for their big annual match in November

Happy trails!

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Name	Class	T1	R1	T2	R2	T3	R3	T4	R4	T5	R5	Time	Total
High Ransom Smith	Tr	38.30	2	35.69	4	29.44	1	31.22	1	24.29	1	158.94	9
C R Hardin	Sr	47.95	7	32.98	2	36.51	3	39.20	4	31.52	4	188.16	20
J Smoke N Gunn	Tr	32.59	1	24.57	1	31.77	2	42.61	8	41.74	11	173.28	23
Elwood the Kid	M	43.45	4	46.87	7	51.65	11	41.49	6	29.25	2	212.71	30
Phantom Rider	Tr	47.12	6	57.24	16	37.16	4	38.48	3	34.95	9	214.95	38
Aucilla Fugitive	Sr	45.28	5	49.81	12	47.35	7	49.63	14	31.01	3	223.08	41
Ethan Sackett	GF	48.70	8	34.10	3	53.36	13	46.80	13	33.33	6	216.29	43
Maverick Wayne	M	39.61	3	46.81	6	54.82	14	37.87	2	62.96	18	242.07	43
G B Smokey	Tr	55.10	10	49.65	11	44.55	6	46.14	12	41.64	10	237.08	49
Nimrod Long	D	66.39	17	47.06	8	51.47	10	44.58	10	32.13	5	241.63	50
Wild William Blake	Tr	72.51	19	52.71	14	51.15	9	40.73	5	33.97	7	251.07	54
Shiloh Sharecropper	M	86.82	20	47.14	9	56.04	16	42.32	7	34.12	8	266.44	60
Big Boyd	49	59.11	13	45.67	5	58.14	18	44.75	11	60.96	17	268.63	64
Papa Jake	Sr	57.96	11	62.59	18	48.34	8	55.79	16	45.19	14	269.87	67
Bank Floyd	Tr	58.89	12	48.59	10	56.12	17	57.46	17	44.43	12	265.49	68
Wagon Wheeler	Tr	70.89	18	67.65	20	53.26	12	43.30	9	48.04	15	283.14	74
Abbie Oakley	B	61.28	15	93.18	23	38.43	5	55.19	15	84.87	22	332.95	80
Cow Poke	Tr	60.53	14	50.29	13	92.19	22	67.71	19	44.91	13	315.63	81
Double D	Tr	63.36	16	53.99	15	55.99	15	71.11	20	48.73	16	293.18	82
Cimmarron Star	LTr	52.70	9	60.37	17	67.6	19	66.59	18	89.67	23	336.93	86
Texas Boy	Jr	91.66	21	65.96	19	77.22	20	82.56	21	80.14	21	397.54	102
Jersey John	Sr	132.40	23	84.97	21	107.21	23	96.98	22	75.48	19	497.04	108
Big Iron	Sr	DNF	24	DNF	24	89.09	21	124.24	23	77.44	20	DNF	112
Cahan	Tr	129.09	22	87.14	22	107.29	24	167.83	24	102.12	24	593.47	116