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The Year in Review

This year we were able to hold thirteen cowboy matches. We held a match every month, and a 22 cowboy match on the 5th Saturday of September. We have been able to provide a variety of scenarios, thanks to a variety of targets (poppers, pigeon flippers, and whirligig target). The latest additions to the range are a rack of six swinging plates and an antique buckboard wagon. Expect to see our newly acquired horse, *Old Paint*, at the January annual match. We had 52 different cowboys and cowgirls shoot in our matches this year, up from 46 in 2005. The largest turnout was twenty-one – the December shootout.

Match Winners

We had *five* different cowboys win matches this year:

- ✍ January – **High Ransom**
- ✍ February – **High Ransom**
- ✍ March – **High Ransom**
- ✍ April – **High Ransom**
- ✍ May – **Kid Hawkins**
- ✍ June – **High Ransom**
- ✍ July – **Kid Romeo**
- ✍ August – **High Ransom**
- ✍ September – **High Ransom**
- ✍ October – **High Ransom**
- ✍ November – **High Ransom**
- ✍ December – **Maverick Wayne**

Clean Shooters

We had *eight* shooters shoot clean matches this year:

- ✍ **Aucilla Fugitive** (six times)
- ✍ **Dixie Outlaw** (three times)
- ✍ **Bank Floyd** (two times)
- ✍ **Cimarron Star**
- ✍ **Sorgum**
- ✍ **Kid Hawkins**
- ✍ **Papa Jake**
- ✍ **Dynomite Don**

Empty Stocking Fund

The proceeds from the December Christmas Shootout were donated to the Valdosta *Empty Stocking Fund*. We donated \$180.00 to the fund. Thanks to all the cowboys who came out and participated in this Christmas Shootout, which supported a very worthy cause here in Valdosta.

Annual Membership - Dues

The time to pay dues for 2007 is upon us. The dues schedule is as follows:

- ✍ Regular - \$20.00
- ✍ Junior - \$10.00
- ✍ Family - \$30.00

Please fill out a membership application (available on the website, or mailed to you). You may bring it with you to the January 2007 shootout, or mail it in.

January Shootout

The shootout in January will be held on the first Saturday in January, January 6, 2007, with the safety meeting beginning promptly at 9:00am. The fee for this shoot will be \$15, \$10 for juniors (or \$5 with a paid adult). We will have 5 interesting scenarios, with some added attractions:

- ✍ **Lunch** – hamburgers and hot dogs provided. If some of the shooters would like to provide side dishes, desserts, etc., they would be greatly appreciated. There are a limited number of chairs, so you might consider bringing your own.
- ✍ **Special Annual Awards**
- ✍ After-lunch **side matches** to include a Cowboy Clays, Buffalo shoot, and a top gun shootout.

Cowboy Clays side match

Bring an extra box or two of shotgun shells. We plan to use the wobble trap.

Buffalo Shoot side match

The Buffalo Side match will entail 10 rounds, 5 at 100 yards, and 5 at 150 yards, standing, offhand. The buffalo targets are approximately 18" tall and 24" long. Acceptable rifles are single shot, lever action, or slide action, shooting **lead** bullets at velocities of *no more than 1400 fps*. These rifles must have open or receiver sights of the period, and exposed hammer. You may use your Winchester or Marlin 30-30's if you like, as long as the ammunition is appropriate. 45-70's are also allowed. You may also use your pistol-caliber cowboy rifles.

Top-Gun side match

The top-gun side match will be a man-on-man competition; using rifle, shotgun, and one pistol, all staged on a table, single elimination. The winner is the last man (or woman) standing. (Bring lots of ammo!)

Monthly Shootouts

The monthly shootouts in 2007 will be held on the first Saturday of each month. Signup begins at 8:15, with the mandatory safety meeting starting promptly at 9:00am. We will plan to shoot five or six scenarios, trying to finish in time to get lunch at one of the local eating establishments.

Rhinestone Rimfire

Roundup

December 30, 2006 – You will need a semiauto pistol with 10-round capacity or two revolvers, a repeating rifle with 10-round capacity (any action type) and a single shot shotgun. Bring about 150 rounds of 22 ammo, and a box of shotgun shells (also to be held on the 5th Saturdays of June and December 2007).