

# The Sentinel

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of June and December 2007).