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Wabash Valley Slim wins the Annual Shootout on the Little River

What a great time we all had at the **Annual Shootout on the Little River!** The weather was pleasant with a few clouds and a little breeze that kept us all somewhat refreshed. The eight scenarios featured old-time TV Westerns. **Marshal Troop** wrote up a short history of each of the shows featured and designed the shooting order. There were plenty of shooter choices for the order in which to shoot the scenarios.

The match began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by the roar of a cannon, set off by last year's champion, **Kid Romeo**. Thanks to **GB Smokey** for bringing and setting up his cannon

Each posse ended the day with a shotgun salute – all posse members firing at once. This provided a roar of gunfire to signal both the beginning and ending of a great match.

It was good to have so many of our cowboy friends from the *Ft. White Cowboy Cavalry*, the *Big Bend Bushwackers* (Tallahassee), the *Cowford Regulators* (Jacksonville), the *Camden Cowboys*, the *Goldcoast Gunslingers* and the *Lonesome Valley Regulators* for this shootout. Along with the members of the *Valdosta Vigilance Committee*, we had a really great time together.

Wabash Valley Slim ran away with top honors, while **Kid Romeo**, **Marshal Troop**, **Christian Mortician** and **Deadly Sharpshooter** rounded out the Five Top Guns.

Congratulations to **Dapper Dave**, **GB Smokey**, **Marshal Troop**, **Tuff Willy**, and **Willy Whiskers** for shooting the match clean.

Top Category Shooters were:

Buckerette – **Nellie Belle O'Connor**
Buckeroo – **Slug Slinger**
Young Gun – **Silver Sixshot**
Cowboy – **Dirty Gunslinger**
Cowgirl – **Mel Evans**
Wrangler – **Kanawha Del**
49er – **Doc Carter**
Senior – **GB Smokey**
Lady Senior – **Purdy Sue**
Silver Senior – **Armadillo Ron**
Elder Statesman – **Ranger John Paxton**

Classic Cowboy – **Willy Whiskers**
Duelist – **No Limit**
Senior Duelist – **Tuff Willy**
Frontier Cartridge – **Daybreaker**

Super Waddie awards were given to the non-shooters who were a major help all day – **Blue Jeans**, **Naughty Juliet**, **Marion**, and **Papa Jake**

The Barbecue was provided by **Sam's Bar-B-Que**, featuring fall-off-the-bone ribs, with pork, chicken, the best baked beans in town, and wonderful potato salad. We try to get Sam to cater every year, and it is always a big hit.

Thanks to those who provided door prizes – everyone received at least two – **R & G Electronics**, **Brownell's**, **Uniqutek**, **Jerry's Sport Shop**, **Blue Jeans** and **Marshal Troop**, and **Papa Jake**.

Thanks to all those who helped prepare for the match and who helped tear down and put up after the match. Everybody worked consistently all day to keep the match moving, so that we were able to complete all the scenarios

and be ready for lunch before 2:00pm. The teamwork of each posse in getting things done is very commendable – Thanks everybody for making this one of the best matches we have had at Valdosta.

June 4 Match

June 5, 2010
Gates open by 8:00am
Signup begins at 8:00am
"Posse up" at 8:50am
Safety meeting at 9:00am

\$10 match fee
\$7 Bar-b-q lunch
6 scenarios
Check the website for more info.

Other Matches in the Area

- **May 8, 2010** – *Big Bend Bushwhackers* match See their website:
<http://www.bigbendbushwhackers.info/>
- **May 14, 2010** – *Ft White Match* – See their website:
<http://www.fwcc.net/>
- **May 14, 2010** – *Camden Cowboys* – see their website:
<http://www.camdencowboys.com/>
- **May 21, 2010** - Rimfire Steel Plate match 9:00am, at the LRSA range. Pistols and revolvers, open sights and scopes – you will need about 100+ rounds for each weapon. \$10 match fee.
- **May 28, 2010** – Cowford Regulators match in Jacksonville. website:
<http://cowfordregulators.com/>

Happy Trails!