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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

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Sorgum wins the January Shootout

The first shootout of 2005 was held on a beautiful day in South Georgia. **Sorgum** rode in from Ludowici, and edged out **High Ransom** and **Big Boyd** to win the shootout. **Maverick Wayne** started out strong, but faltered on scenario 3 [*Those blasted bottle targets!*]. **Wild William Blake** shot his very first cowboy match, and after some initial difficulty with his gun, finished very strong (even with some borrowed weapons he had never fired before). **Aucilla Fugitive** and **Bank Floyd** continued their consistently solid performances, although **Bank Floyd's** two misses were very uncharacteristic. We enjoyed seeing our pards from down south, **Bully Bill** and **Sly Hand** at their second shootout, as well as our loyal locals **Chickasaw County Kid**, **Papa Jake**, and **Double D**. Thanks to **No Lead Bob** and **Rowdy Cheyene** for being super waddies for the match [*Hope you get over that little cycle accident soon, No Lead!*]

2004 Annual Awards

Bank Floyd – Clean Shooter
Sorgum – High Mileage Award
Maverick Wayne – High Mileage
Chickasaw County Kid - Ramrod

Double D – Spirit of the Game
Maverick Wayne & Tumbleweed Tillie – Couples Award

Lunch was Great

Helen Distefano and **Becky Boyd** (the better halves of **Double D** and **Big Boyd**, respectively) cooked up burgers and dogs while we shot the main match -- Thanks ladies! Several shooters brought side dishes and more desserts than a bunch of cow punchers could devour! Nobody went away hungry.

Side Matches

Aucilla Fugitive won the **Buffalo Shoot**, with seven solid hits on the buffalos. He won by tie-breaker over **Double D** and **High Ransom**, who also had seven hits. **Double D** sure likes that new cowboy rifle his wife bought him for Christmas! The **Speed Rifle** and **Speed Pistol** were both won by **High Ransom**.

High Ransom also outlasted the five other shooters to win the **Top Gun Man on Man** competition. It was something to see **Chickasaw County Kid** hit his stop plate first, but **High Ransom's** hit the ground first, to win by a split second.

Annual Membership - Dues

It is time to pay dues for 2005. Thanks to all who have paid

already 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). You may bring it with you to the February 2005 shootout, or mail it in.

Badges

Having badges made for our club members was an item of discussion at the Last Match. The one we thought would be good is a star and crescent badge, in sterling silver. After the initial setup cost, the badges will cost about \$40 or so each.

RO I Course

Hi Seas Cowboy has volunteered to look into having the **RO I** and possibly **RO II** courses taught here. There may be some costs involved. Look for further info soon.

February Shootout

The shootout in January will be held on January 12, 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.

Name	T 1	R 1	T 2	R 2	T 3	R 3	T 4	R 4	T 5	R 5	Time	Total
Sorgum	50.44	2	48.20	3	56.17	1	39.33	4	33.43	1	227.57	11
High Ransom	55.91	5	37.20	1	58.54	3	35.36	1	37.23	2	224.24	12
Big Boyd	50.81	3	42.06	2	56.20	2	35.49	2	52.18	4	236.74	13
Maverick Wayne	49.80	1	51.53	4	76.07	8	36.72	3	38.08	3	252.20	19
Aucilla Fugitive	52.70	4	55.98	6	60.03	4	44.02	6	58.62	5	271.35	25
Bank Floyd	70.13	8	64.75	8	66.58	6	43.75	5	70.71	8	315.92	35
Chickasaw County Kid	69.07	6	55.70	5	66.00	5	74.21	12	88.15	10	353.13	38
Bully Bill	71.44	9	95.16	12	72.01	7	67.38	11	61.82	6	367.81	45
Sly Hand	83.11	10	56.22	7	110.40	11	61.76	9	80.79	9	392.28	46
Wild William Blake	119.90	12	69.28	9	106.31	10	61.44	8	63.02	7	419.95	46
Papa Jake	69.35	7	71.31	10	110.44	12	55.53	7	115.87	11	422.50	47
Double D	86.49	11	87.56	11	79.14	9	62.97	10	124.22	12	440.38	53