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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

June 2005

High Ransom wins the June Shootout

The fifth shootout of 2005 was held on a rainy Saturday in South Georgia, as Tropical Storm Arlene threatened the gulf coast. Nine shooters braved the weather, and we were able to shoot four scenarios stopping periodically for the rain.

It was good to see the return of our Territorial Governor, **Hi Seas Cowboy**, who stopped by for a little while to let us know what is being discussed online by the Territorial Governors. We hope that his work schedule allows him to be free on our match days.

This match also saw the return of **Dapper Dave**, who has been hampered from shooting with us because of work. We had three new shooters – **Cahan**, who rode in from Tallahassee, **Tiny Terror**, who is on a short leave from her Air Force service, and our first little Buckerette, **Abbie Oakley**. It appeared that all three of these had a very good time, and I'm sure we'll see them again.

High Ransom pretty much ran away with the match, placing first in three of the four scenarios, and second in the fourth scenario. **Dapper Dave** finished a strong second, and **Big Boyd** came in a distant third, shooting his wimpy 32 Single Sixes.

Elwood the Kid was nursing a sore shooting wrist, convincing him that he should seek a slightly lighter load for his 45 Long Colts.

Papa Jake just got his Vaqueros back from the factory, and they seem to be shooting better to the point of aim. He's having a little trouble with those rifle sights, now.

Double D keeps getting better with those shooting irons of his every month, too.

Abbie Oakley showed us she could handle those 22 Single Sixes and Rossi pump rifle in shooting her first cowboy match. Her dad had better watch out! She'll be on his heels sooner than he thinks.

Tiny Terror enjoyed shooting her granddad's guns, too.

Cahan shot the match with borrowed guns, and got more comfortable as the match progressed. He's going to make a fine cowboy shooter, we are sure. We certainly understand why many of our regulars stayed at home because of the weather, but we expect to see many of you next month.

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.

Badges

The club badge order has been placed, and we expect to have the badges in time for the July 9, 2005 match.

July Shootout

The shootout in July will be held on July 9, 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. One of our cowboys is thinking about cooking for us at the July match. Watch you emails for more details

Other matches

- ☞ June 18, 2005, 9:00 – **22 Steel Plate match** – 4 classes – unlimited auto, stock auto (open sights – no external mods), revolver, kit gun (fixed sights, 4" or shorter barrel) plus a 10/22 rifle class for youngsters. \$10 fee (juniors \$5 or free with a paid adult)
- ☞ June 25, 2005, 9:00 – Cowboy shoot at Pinetta Florida with the Withlacoochee Renegades
- ☞ July 2, 2005, 9:00 CDT – Cowboy shoot at Grand Ridge, Florida, with the Big River Rangers

Happy trails!

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| Name | T 1 | R 1 | T 2 | R 2 | T 3 | R 3 | T 4 | R 4 | Time | Total |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| High Ransom | 32.87 | 1 | 29.50 | 1 | 39.45 | 1 | 41.79 | 2 | 143.61 | 5 |
| Dapper Dave | 50.18 | 3 | 37.57 | 2 | 53.00 | 3 | 36.42 | 1 | 177.17 | 9 |
| Big Boyd | 46.80 | 2 | 39.06 | 3 | 60.93 | 5 | 59.44 | 5 | 206.23 | 15 |
| Elwood the Kid | 58.27 | 4 | 72.72 | 5 | 55.94 | 4 | 48.73 | 3 | 235.66 | 16 |
| Papa Jake | 88.80 | 6 | 49.50 | 4 | 50.16 | 2 | 63.57 | 6 | 252.03 | 18 |
| Double D | 61.55 | 5 | 74.54 | 6 | 68.48 | 6 | 68.45 | 7 | 273.02 | 24 |
| Abbie Oakley | 109.33 | 8 | 76.39 | 7 | 70.16 | 7 | 54.83 | 4 | 310.71 | 26 |
| Tiny Terror | 108.04 | 7 | 97.30 | 8 | 86.37 | 8 | 98.24 | 8 | 389.95 | 31 |
| Cahan | 128.06 | 9 | 125.57 | 9 | 128.46 | 9 | 119.24 | 9 | 501.33 | 36 |