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Newsletter of the **Valdosta Vigilance Committee**

November 2005

High Ransom wins the November Shootout

The tenth shootout of 2005 was held on a cool, sunny Saturday morning in South Georgia. Being the day after Veterans Day, we began by recognizing the veterans in our posse, and pledging allegiance to the flag. Thanks to **Chickasaw County Kid** for bringing the flagpole and **Dapper Dave** for providing the Stars and Stripes. We used the five scenarios to salute the men and women of the US Army, US Navy, US Coast Guard, US Marines, and the US Air Force. Eleven shooters rode into town together with a few other non-shooters who added to the camaraderie of the day. We shot five scenarios, finishing shortly after noon.

One new cowboy couple rode in for this shoot, **Duck Dawson** and his lovely bride from over in Jesup, Georgia. Although she did not shoot, **Mrs. Dawson** pitched in all day in picking up brass, and helping to keep score. These folks already have begun to fit right in with the rest of the *Vigilance Committee*.

Our TG, **High Seas Cowboy** was able to come and shoot with us for the first time in quite a few months. He created a lot of smoke shooting those black powder rounds in his pistols and rifle. **Railman Rover** and his bride have returned from their summer trek to northern Wisconsin. I knew it was them from a distance – with that canoe on top of their wagon! It was also good to see that **Dapper Dave** could get a little time off from the local sawmill to come to the shootout. As usual, he rode in a big cloud of dust.

High Ransom shot consistently faster than the rest of us, placing first in all five scenarios. **Maverick Wayne** was consistently near the top on 4 of the 5 scenarios, allowing him to finish second. **Chickasaw County Kid** once again finished a strong third.

Congratulations to **Aucilla Fugitive** and **Papa Jake** for their showing at the Annual Match at Grand Ridge, Florida last week.

Papa Jake rode his electric horse around all day and kept score most of the time. **R P Gallagher** has once again provided us with several good photos of the match, as his shooting was restricted to his camera.

Thanks to **Papa Jake** for getting several large wooden spools for the club. These are already being used for staging weapons.

December Shootout

The shootout in December will be held on December 10, 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. We may also have a team shoot (randomly picked teams of three).

Recovering members

Jersey John is recuperating at home after being released from the hospital in early October.

Papa Jake is still recovering from recent surgery.

New to the Cowboy Family

Congratulations are in order to **High Ransom** and his bride, **Laura** for the new addition to their

family, **William Dalton Smith**, who arrived on Monday, November 7, 2005. We are sure **Abbie Oakley** and her little sisters are proud of their little brother too.

Dates of Next Year's Matches

There has been some discussion of moving some of our cowboy matches to dates other than the second Saturdays. At this point, we will be holding our February 2006, match on the **first** Saturday of February, to allow several of us to attend the Annual Match at Fort White, Florida. We need your input before we change the dates in other months.

2006 Annual Match

Plans are underway for our annual match on Saturday, January 14, 2006. Five or Six scenarios, side matches, and noontime eats are in the plans. We will award a few annual trophies, as well.

Other matches

- ☞ November 19, 2005, 9:00 – **Centerfire steel plate match** – 5 steel plate stages \$10 fee (juniors \$5 or free with a paid adult)
- ☞ December 3, 2005, 9:00 CDT – match at Grand Ridge, Florida, with the Big River Rangers. Contact Nimrod Long for details
- ☞ January 14, 2006 – Annual Match (\$15 fee to include lunch)

Happy trails

Name	Cls	Time	M	Scr	R1	Time	M	P	B	Scr	R2	Time	M	P	Scr	R3	Time	M	P	B	Scr	R4	Time	M	P	Scr	R5	Time	Rank
High Ransom Smith	T	21.61	2	31.61	1	22.74	3		1	32.74	1	24.02	1		29.02	1	27.25	2		1	32.25	1	33.52	2		43.52	1	169.14	5
Maverick Wayne	49	31.77		31.77	2	34.86	1		1	34.86	2	36.51			36.51	2	44.46				44.46	3	49.48	2		59.48	6	207.08	15
Chickasaw County Kid	T	37.64		37.64	4	36.95	1		1	36.95	3	49.80	3		64.80	8	41.78				41.78	2	53.62	1		58.62	4	239.79	21
Big Boyd	49	37.96	1	42.96	5	43.99			1	38.99	4	49.06			49.06	5	46.14	1			51.14	6	55.93			55.93	2	238.08	22
Railman Rover	Sr	63.40		63.40	9	46.17	2		1	51.17	7	47.98			47.98	4	47.54	1		1	47.54	5	52.14	1		57.14	3	267.23	28
Shiloh Sharecropper	M	36.63		36.63	3	40.20	2		1	45.20	5	36.30	1		41.30	3	52.20	3	1		77.20	9	43.02	3	1	68.02	8	268.35	28
Aucilla Fugitive	Sr	44.82		44.82	6	49.36	3	1	1	69.36	10	45.51	1		50.51	6	46.17				46.17	4	53.72	1		58.72	5	269.58	31
Dynamite Don	Sr	47.21		47.21	7	50.40	1		1	50.40	6	50.32	1		55.32	7	57.31	1			62.31	7	63.85	2		73.85	9	289.09	36
Dapper Dave	T	54.39	2	64.39	10	52.10	1		1	52.10	8	65.38			65.38	9	56.89	1	1		71.89	8	79.57			79.57	10	333.33	45
Hi Seas Cowboy	Gf	53.50		53.50	8	49.06	3		1	59.06	9	61.76	5		86.76	10	74.90	4	1		104.90	11	66.83			66.83	7	371.05	45
Duck Dawson	T	65.51	1	70.51	11	87.22			1	82.22	11	105.56	1	1	120.56	11	85.94				85.94	10	88.35	2		98.35	11	457.58	54