

SHOOTOUT ON THE LITTLE RIVER 2018

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The Valdosta Vigilance Committee conducts business at the Little River Sportsmen Club, Valdosta Georgia. Monthly matches held on first Saturdays. December 2016 the club began harvesting forty acres of trees making room for the construction of new berms beginning in March of 2017. End result is a 50-yard range, .22 caliber only 50-yard range, 200-yard range, 600-yard range, and 10 pistol bays complete with 16-by 22-foot covers. More than \$100,000 have been spent upgrading the range and it shows! Come check 'em out.

January 6, 2018, day one of their annual match, Shootout on the Little River, dawned a sunny 27 degrees, wind chill 19 degrees, but by 8:30AM fifty-four shooters were experiencing a heat wave. That is, those of us who could get close to the propane heaters Big Country, Smart Asterisk, and Wabash Valley Slim had kindly placed by the loading tables. After a week of historically low temperatures in north Florida and south Georgia, a week which included SNOW, sleet, and freezing rain (not even scary to you hardened Nawthernors), we tough Cowboys got up, shut up, sucked it up, and shot one fine shoot!

Hats off to all those folks who work making theirs a continuously improving range. Thank you to Deadly Sharp, Purdy Sharp, High Springs Drifter, Miss Patty, Miss Annie, Ennah Tizzy and Just Lee. Thank you to Pappy Lafitte, Wiamea and Scarlett Darlin for providing door prizes. Goliath, Wabash Valley Slim and Big Country gave us eight well-written scenarios with rifle and pistol sequences the same for each stage. Macinaw blew the frost off his camera lens and took some mighty fine pictures, thank you, Macinaw.

Big Country and his wife Selena designed and made the awards which were presented at Faith Baptist Church, where Sam's BBQ and Catering provided a wonderful lunch of barbecue chicken, pulled pork, and ribs with all the trimmings. The awards ceremo-



THE CLEAN MATCH AWARDS.



TOP GUNS SHAMROCK SADIE (SASS #78511) AND WABASH VALLEY SLIM (SASS #71092).



THE DANG IT AWARDS.

ny had a new twist, 18 percent of the shooters received a "Dang It" award for an almost clean match and 11 percent of the shooters received an award for a clean match. Shamrock Sadie was top

Cowgirl and Wabash Valley Slim was top Cowboy. All scores for the match are shown on the Valdosta Vigilance Committee website, <http://www.vvc.lrsa.info/>