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Wherever the students called home, they all agreed that the caliber of instruction was superb, the facility was state-of-the-art, and the price was right! All in all, the 35th Anniversary Week was a smash success.



Officers from Barbados participating in an Armorer's course.



## The Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call



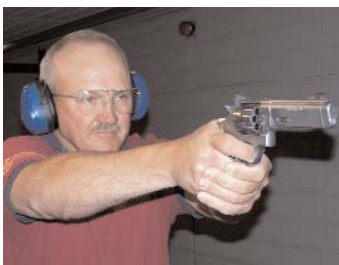
### The S&W Academy 35th Anniversary Seminar

**- A Celebration of Dedication and Excellence -**



The gang's all here. Left to right: Wayne Goodwin, Brent Purucker, Barbara Grissom, Bill Porter, Bill Brown, and Jerry Miculek

In spite of a week of torrential downpours, the Smith & Wesson Academy's 35th Anniversary Seminar series was a success. Students came from all over the United States from right here in Massachusetts to the distant shores of California. Three students from the sunny island of Barbados made up the international contingent of the seminar series.



Jerry Miculek, International Speed Shooting Champion.

Some of the shooting sports and training industry's best trainers and companies filled the S&W seminar roster. Whether it was getting your hands on Troy Industries SOPMOD M14 and shooting a few rounds down range or finding out how to disarm the bad guy from the self-protection expert Tom Patire.

There was plenty of action on the ranges too as students took instruction from Ron Avery of the Practical Shooting Academy and Jerry Miculek, the speed shooting revolver king.

Students took a variety of weapons classes from Armorer's classes to Extreme Close Quarters Shooting with police officer/trainer/writer Ralph Mroz.



A chance to try out the new SOPMOD M14 from Troy Industries.

Dave Young provided a CAPS demonstration in which students participated in real life situations with live fire responses. BEAMHIT LLC demonstrated how their technologies and training systems increase marksmanship skills.



Large as life scenarios from CAPS provide law enforcement officers with state-of-the-art training combined with live fire.



Students on the firing line during an Advanced Combat Pistol Class.

Several courses focused on low-light shooting and survival. From Crimson Trace laser grips to pistol, rifle and submachine gun reduced light tactics with Guy Blocker of OMAI, to instruction on how to select the various electro-optical and sensor devices used in low to no light operations.



Tom Campbell of Safariland demonstrates the retention features of the concealment holsters.

Several seminars focused on providing students with the most up-to-date information on protecting children and the community, and concealed carry laws in the State of Massachusetts.



## A Message From Bill Porter



Bill Porter  
S&W Academy Training Coordinator

Welcome to the third issue of the S&W Academy Roll Call newsletter. The 35th Anniversary Seminar Week has come and gone, but we will be remembering those five solid days of action on the ranges and in the classrooms.

Smith & Wesson Academy takes great pride in the level of expertise of its instruction. From our own staff to international experts such as ISDS and their timely courses on Executive Protection and Suicide Bombers. During the week long festivities Smith & Wesson was honored to host

the Who's Who list of firearms trainers and experts.

A lot of work goes into the planning and preparation for five days of classroom and shooting events and the dedication of the Smith & Wesson Academy team was evident in the seamless operation of the program.

A few of the participants of the 35th Anniversary Seminar Week weren't even born when Smith & Wesson saw the need to offer law enforcement officers the best in firearms training and officer survival.

Now that the dust has settled and the routine of law enforcement and civilian classes has returned, I wanted to extend by gratitude towards all of the instructors and companies' representatives that gave up their time and money for our celebration.

I also want to thank the Smith & Wesson Academy and SSC staff who went out of their way to make sure every participant felt at home. The staff made the event run smoothly and effortlessly, but I know it was a lot of work.

And finally, thank you to all of you that participated. I hope the experience was as valuable to you as it was to us.

*"Well prepared, real world experience, excellent practical exercises to demonstrate teaching points."*

Student  
PA

## Training Tips with Brent Purucker - Target Transition -

One of the more challenging things to do for a shooter is engaging multiple targets. I like to start with using three targets, 2-feet apart, at a distance of 5-yards. The "trick" to address the targets accurately (most important) and quickly is keeping the eyes ahead of the sight and the trigger moving. *Only go as fast as you can make the hit.* Speed will come with repetition.

As with any new technique, I highly recommend dry firing this scenario several times before live fire. I have found that the two most difficult things for shooters to understand is trigger control and the use of sights.

Start with the low-ready position, and once you feel comfortable,

start from the holstered position.

Raise the gun to eye level, address the first target, move eyes to next target, bring the front sight to eye, address that target, then repeat for the third target. *If you are not moving the eyes ahead of the front sight, and are moving the sight and eyes together, you will go past the preferred area of the target and have to readjust your sight picture.*

It is normal for a shooter to have a separate sequence for each shot and you will hear a distinct separation between targets. Two shots. Hesitation. Two shots. Hesitation. Two shots. Our goal is to have the same time sequence between targets as we

do between shots. This is where keeping the trigger moving will aid in a quick indexing of the targets. As you attempt to speed up, you will more than likely have shot(s) either out of the preferred scoring area, or completely off target. Start slow.

Once you feel comfortable, add a PACT timer and check your split times and see if your shot-to-shot times are similar to the target-to-target times. If you are not making your hits, you are not ready for the timer. Your goal is not to "beat the clock" but to have shot placement.

Remember, start slow, and only speed up when your shot placement improves.



## Armorer's Notebook

### New installation procedure for SW99 Extractor Spring -



This procedure is **effective immediately** and applies to all models of the SW99. Install **spring small end first into slide**. Loose fit in hole. (Previous method was large end first. Tight fit in hole.)

Any questions, please contact Wayne Goodwin, Armorer School, at (413) 846-6472.



To register for the below courses or for more information call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 or register online at www.smith-wesson.com.

**Law Enforcement Courses**

**Armorer's Courses**

Revolver Repair	June 23 - 25, 2004
	Sept. 22 - 24, 2004
Pistol Repair	June 28 - 30, 2004
	Sept. 27 - 29, 2004
Double Action Only Pistol Course	July 12 - 13, 2004
SW99/Walther P99 & QA99 Pistol Course	Sept. 30, 2004
SW1911 Pistol Repair	Aug. 30 - 31, 2004

**Instructor Courses**

Firearms Instructor	June 14 - 15, 2004
Firearms Instructor Update & Recertification	July 12 - 16, 2004
LE Patrol Rifle Instructor	May 24 - 28, 2004
	Sept. 13 - 17, 2004
Submachine Gun Instructor	July 19 - 23, 2004
Shotgun Instructor	Aug. 16 - 20, 2004
Chemical Munitions Instructor	Aug. 23 - 25, 2004
Less-Lethal Instructor	Aug. 25 - 27, 2004
Advanced LE Patrol Rifle Instructor	Sept. 20 - 24, 2004
Reduced Light Training Instructor	July 26 - 28, 2004

**Tactical Courses**

Tactical Pistol	Sept. 13 - 17, 2004
Instinctive Point Shooting Instructor Certification	June 9 - 10, 2004
Advanced Tactical Scoped Rifle	Summer 2004
Night Sniper	Aug. 23 - 27, 2004

**Special Courses**

Flying While Armed	Sept. 9, 2004
Tactical Medicine - Officer Down Rescue	May 19, 2004
	Sept. 21, 2004
PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor	Aug. 9 - 13, 2004
Controlled F.O.R.C.E.	Aug. 30 - Sept. 3, 2004

**International Security & Defense Systems Courses**

The Israeli Experience	July 19 - 23, 2004
VIP/Executive Protection Course	Nov. 1 - 5, 2004
Suicide Bombers - Knowing the Enemy, Detection, Deterrence & Defeating	July 26 - 28, 2004
	October 27 - 29, 2004

**Field Schools**

Coconut Creek, FL Off. Eric Andersen, 954-956-1569	Pistol Repair - July 20 - 22, 2004 SW99 Repair - July 23, 2004
Sykesville, MD Deb Kowalski, 410-552-6300	Revolver Repair - July 7 - 9, 2004
Orange, CA Lance Ishmael, 714-538-2612	Pistol Repair - Aug. 10 - 12, 2004
Hampton, VA Cpl. Scott Dickson, 757-727-1092	Pistol Repair - Aug. 24 - 26, 2004
London, OH John Foy, 740-852-4848	Pistol Repair - Sept. 28 - 30, 2004
Greenfield, WI Barbara, 414-761-5357	Pistol Repair - Oct. 12 - 14, 2004
Sunnyvale, CA Off. John Credi, 408-730-7193	Pistol Repair - Nov. 1 - 3, 2004 SW99 Repair - Nov. 4, 2004
Valestro Academy Baldwin, NY 11510 Guy Valestro (917) 215-4569	Reduced Light Instructor Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2004 Pistol Instructor Oct. 25 - 29, 2004 Interactive Training Instr. June 29 - July 1, 2004



Students at the SW99 Armorer's School

*"The Smith & Wesson Academy continues to be in the front of professional force training. In addition to their own excellent doctrine, they regularly bring in instructors who teach from many perspectives. They are a true college of learning."*

Ralph Mroz  
Police Officer  
Trainer  
Writer



Tom Patire of CDT demonstrates a soft hand technique during his class at the S&W 35th Anniversary Seminar.

**REMINDER - Recertification is required every 4 years for all active Smith & Wesson Armorers who attended a Basic Revolver and/or Pistol Repair Program**

Recertification classes are in Springfield, MA on:

Revolver Recertification	May 24 - 26, 2004
	Oct. 25 - 27, 2004
Pistol Recertification	May 27 - 28, 2004
	Oct. 28 - 29, 2004

Students may recertify by attending a Field School in their region.

**Watch for *NEW* program offerings at the Smith & Wesson Academy in Fall 2004:**

*C.A.P.S.* - for both law enforcement and qualified civilians - November 2004

*Defensive Tactics Technologies* - for both law enforcement and qualified civilians - October 2004

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