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Smith & Wesson Hosts 2008 IDPA Indoor National Championships

Jerry Miculek and Craig Buckland of 'Team Smith & Wesson' Win ESR and SSR Titles

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (February 29, 2008) – Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that after 10 years of successfully hosting the Smith & Wesson International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Winter Championships, the company recently completed its first IDPA Indoor National Championships at the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center.

As one of the premier IDPA events of the season, the Indoor National Championships ran from February 21-23 and drew over 300 competitors from around the world, including some of the biggest names in shooting sports. Five national champions were crowned during the three-day event, including the Enhanced Service Revolver (ESR) champion, won by Team Smith & Wesson member Jerry Miculek and the Stock Service Revolver (SSR) champion won by Team Smith & Wesson member Craig Buckland. With a total score of 184.99, Miculek bested the talented field in the ESR Master division to win the national championship for the seventh time in his career.

“The accomplishments Jerry has been able to achieve over his career are absolutely amazing,” said Tom Taylor, Smith & Wesson’s Vice President of Marketing. “With his most recent win, Jerry has now won the ESR division every year since first competing in the IDPA Nationals.”

Taylor continued, “It was also great to see so many competitors of all skill levels and classes compete in this year’s match. The match directors and staff did an outstanding job of designing courses of fire that were challenging and well balanced, but above all fun. Throughout the match, we received numerous compliments from shooters on how much they enjoyed this year’s format.”

The 2008 IDPA Indoor National Championships featured nine challenging courses of fire involving low-light or no-light conditions, moving targets and defensive shooting scenarios. In addition to the three-day event, competitors had the opportunity to participate in a variety of events including Smith & Wesson factory tours, training seminars and shooting demonstrations.

For more information on this year’s IDPA Indoor National Championships, including match details and results, visit www.matches.smith-wesson.com.

2008 IDPA Indoor National Champions:
Overall and SSP Champion, Robert Vogel

CDP Champion, David Olhasso
ESP Champion, Robert Leatham
ESR Champion, Jerry Miculek
SSR Champion, Craig Buckland
High Lady, Judith Lafreniere
High Senior, Scott Warren
High Junior, James McGinty
High Law Enforcement, Robert Vogal
High Press, Robert Ray
High Industry, Dave Sevigny
High Military, Adam Painchaud
High Military Veteran, Allan Zita
High International, Massimo Novati
High Distinguished Senior, Tony Korytko
Most Accurate, James Meyers

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