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Smith & Wesson Hosts First-Ever Light & Laser Invitational
Reigning Champions Compete at the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (February 29, 2008) – Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today the conclusion of the first-ever Light & Laser Invitational sponsored by Smith & Wesson, Crimson Trace® and SureFire®. This unique event, held at the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, featured nine of the industry's top professional shooters competing with stock firearms equipped with mounted lights and lasers in practical shooting situations. At the end of the one-day match, Dave Sevigny was named the overall winner.

This year's Light and Laser Invitational featured the biggest names from the professional shooting circuits, who competed by invitation only. Invitations were extended to reigning champions and included Rob Leatham, Max Michel Jr., KC Eusebio, Todd Jarrett, Dave Sevigny, Phil Strader and Team Smith & Wesson members Jerry Miculek and Doug Koenig. The wild card spot was awarded to Robert Vogal, overall champion of the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Indoor Championships.

During each stage of fire, competitors faced various low-light and no-light conditions while engaging stationary and moving targets from a variety of shooting positions. Scoring for each stage of fire was based upon the total time a competitor took to complete the stage, plus any additional time for penalties incurred. Sevigny, with the lowest total elapsed time for all five stages, received the grand prize of \$5,000.

“The Light & Laser Invitational provides a unique opportunity for the world's top shooters to use production model firearms in practical shooting situations not commonly experienced throughout the season,” said Tom Taylor, Smith & Wesson's Vice President of Marketing. “Throughout the match, each competitor's skills were tested as they encountered obstacles that differ from the traditional shooting scenarios that they face in their regular competitions. The different stages of fire not only challenged the accuracy of each shooter, but also provided a measurable testing ground for the firearms and accessories utilized while providing great entertainment for the spectators. We would like to thank this year's co-sponsors Crimson Trace and Surefire for helping put together the event and we look forward to continuing the match in the future.”

The 2008 Light & Laser Invitational was filmed by Shooting USA and will appear at a later date in its entirety on the Outdoor Channel.

For more information on the Light & Laser Invitational, visit www.matches.smith-wesson.com.

About Smith & Wesson

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