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Smith & Wesson's Julie Goloski Wins 2006 USPSA Triple Crown

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (December 4, 2006) –Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 154-year old firearms maker, announced today that Julie Goloski, Smith & Wesson Professional Shooter, has won the 2006 United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) Triple Crown. With her victories earlier this year at the USPSA Production Nationals, Limited-10 Nationals and Provisional Single Stack Championship, Goloski becomes the first person in the organization's 22-year history to win a USPSA Triple Crown, three USPSA national titles within the same year.

“Winning all three matches in the same year is a tremendous feat and one that I take great pride in accomplishing,” said Goloski. “In USPSA competition, you are competing against the world's top shooters in matches that are designed to test you both mentally and physically. USPSA does an outstanding job of designing courses that are fair, well-balanced for speed and accuracy and most of all, fun. I always look forward to competing each year and interacting with the wonderful community of shooters at each event.”

Dave Thomas, USPSA Executive Director said, “The USPSA Triple Crown is one of the highest achievements that can be earned by any professional shooter. Julie's accomplishment is a direct result of her hard work and determination throughout the season. During her prestigious career, Julie has contributed a significant amount of time and energy to enhancing the shooting sports and the USPSA organization. Her skills and talents are widely admired and respected by everyone she encounters. Julie is a great ambassador of the sport and a credit to both USPSA and Smith & Wesson. On behalf of the USPSA, we would like to extend our congratulations to Julie on her success.”

A former member of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit, Goloski is the only woman to win national titles in Open, Limited, Limited-10, Single Stack and Production divisions. Competing with her Smith & Wesson Performance Center single stack 1911 pistol and the new M&P 9mm pistol, Goloski has been able to elevate her overall standings in the professional shooting circuit.

“Having the right equipment, support staff and facilities to practice have all greatly contributed to my success,” adds Goloski. “The personnel at the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center have been invaluable during my training and the Smith & Wesson firearms I compete with are exactly what I need to perform at my best. It is such an honor to win the Triple Crown and I would like to thank my sponsors and Smith & Wesson for their constant, continued support. Without them none of this would be possible.”

Goloski looks forward to continuing her success in the upcoming 2008 competitive season. Her long list of accomplishments for 2006 includes: the reigning USPSA Ladies Production, Limited-10 and Single Stack National Champion, IDPA Ladies National Champion and the 2006 American Handgunner Ladies Stock World Champion.

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