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**Smith & Wesson Shooters Claim Top Honors at 2008 IDPA Carolina Cup**  
*Smith & Wesson Firearms Used to Win 4 out of 5 Divisions*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (June 27, 2008) – Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that three of the company’s sponsored shooters took home division titles at the 2008 Carolina Cup held June 19-21, 2008 at The Range in Oxford, N.C. Included among those competing for Team Smith & Wesson was Gordon Carrell, who won the Enhanced Service Pistol (ESP) Division while taking first place overall in the match using a M&P9 Pro Series Pistol. Also competing in this year’s match was Ernest Langdon, Director of U.S. Government Sales for Smith & Wesson, who won the Stock Service Pistol (SSP) Division shooting a M&P9 Pro Series pistol along with Craig Buckland, who used a Smith & Wesson Pro Series Model 686SSR to win the Stock Service Revolver (SSR) Division.

The Carolina Cup is a two-day IDPA sanctioned shooting match, featuring over 300 competitors and 16 different stages of fire. The Carolina Cup has historically been noted as one of the toughest IDPA events, combining both long-range distances and a variety of targets designed to test competitors of all skill levels. In addition to the division titles won by team shooters, Gilbert Perez of Team Smith & Wesson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Master Class in the SSP Division and Smith & Wesson employee, J.J. Nuttelman won the Sharpshooter Class in the ESP Division. Other divisional winners using Smith & Wesson firearms included Gary Cuttitta, who won the Enhanced Service Revolver (ESR) Division using a Smith & Wesson Model 625.

“The Carolina Cup is one of the most challenging matches on the IDPA circuit,” said Ernest Langdon, Director of U.S Government Sales for Smith & Wesson. “Each year, the match directors and staff work hard to design stages of fire that test competitors both mentally and physically. Throughout the match, each competitor’s confidence and skills are definitely pushed to the limit. This year’s Carolina Cup was no exception as the match featured many of the top professional shooters and a variety of difficult stages that provided little room for error.”

Gordon Carrell, who used the M&P9 Pro Series pistol to capture his second IDPA victory in consecutive weeks, commented, “Throughout the match, the M&P pistol continued to deliver top-notch performance. After using it in the IDPA Texas State match, I had complete confidence in the gun. I knew that as long as I stayed mentally focused, the pistol would give me an edge against the competition.”

About Smith & Wesson

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