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### **Team Smith & Wesson Earns Top Honors at 2008 Winchester World Challenge and American Handgunner World Shoot-off Championship**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (July 7, 2008) – Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that Team Smith & Wesson members took home top honors during the two world championship matches held June 22-29, 2008 at the San Juan Shooting Range in Montrose, Colorado.

Competing in the Winchester World Challenge, Elliot Aysen of Team Smith & Wesson earned first place in the Stock Double Action Revolver Division. Jerry Miculek of Team Smith & Wesson added another world title to his prestigious career by taking first place in the Open Revolver Division. In the second match of the week, Aysen earned another world title in the Stock Revolver Division at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual STI-American Handgunner World Shoot-off Championship. His wife and fellow teammate, who competed against him in the stock revolver finals, placed second in the division. Also competing in this year's American Handgunner Championship was another husband and wife team for Smith & Wesson – Jerry and Kay Clark Miculek. Jerry won the Open Revolver World Shoot-Off title while Kay won the Open Lady title.

The week began with the Winchester World Challenge, where competitors were required to shoot all 15 courses of fire used in the American Handgunner Championship on four separate runs. Each shooter was up against the clock with the best three runs used to calculate the final score. Elliot Aysen, competing with a Smith & Wesson Model 627, earned first place in the Stock Double Action Revolver Division while fellow teammate Jerry Miculek took home the Open Revolver Division title using a Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 627. Kay Miculek, who competed in the Open Division, was awarded the High Lady title.

On Thursday, June 26, the American Handgunner World Shoot-off commenced with over 110 competitors shooting for division titles in the four-day tournament style competition. During the annual match, each competitor fired over 1,000 rounds as they competed in 15 qualifying stages that focused on varying degrees of distance and accuracy. On each stage, a computer draw randomly generated the competitive pairings. With no time limit constraints, shooters competed one-on-one in an effort to knock down all-steel targets faster than their opponent. Each bout was a best of three series, with one point awarded for each winning run. Winners continued until they were either defeated or until there was no one left to face. Remaining competitors then qualified to meet opponents to compete for division titles. After the division winners were named, all six main event champions met to vie for the Overall World Shoot-off Champion.

“Overall I was very pleased with the way I performed throughout the week,” said Elliot Aysen. “My goal is to always improve on my performance from the previous year as I figure the rest will generally take care of itself.” After the match, Elliot commented on the revolver he has been using for the last seven years – a Smith & Wesson Model 627. “When I first started to look at handguns for competition, it was Jerry Miculek who steered me towards the Model 627. After the first time I handled it, I knew it was the right model for me. The balance of the gun was perfect and after a little range time it didn't take me long to realize how accurate the revolver is.”

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