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Smith & Wesson To Host Light & Laser Invitational
New Shooting Competition Features Ten Reigning Champions

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (January 29, 2008) – Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that the company is hosting the first Light & Laser Invitational at the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center on Sunday, February 24, 2008. The one-of-a-kind match, sponsored by Smith & Wesson®, Crimson Trace® and SureFire®, will feature ten reigning champions from the 2007-2008 competitive shooting season. Featuring five stages of fire, the match requires participants to use stock, production firearms with mounted lights and lasers as they compete for the first place prize of \$5,000.

The Light & Laser Invitational will feature nine of the biggest names from the professional shooting circuits. The reigning champions scheduled to compete in this year's match include: Rob Leatham, Max Michel Jr., Donnie Burton, KC Eusebio, Todd Jarrett, Dave Sevigny, Phil Strader and Team Smith & Wesson members Jerry Miculek and Doug Koenig. The last remaining spot will be awarded to the overall champion of the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Indoor Nationals, which is also being hosted at the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center immediately preceding this year's event.

During each stage of fire, competitors will face various darkened lighting conditions while engaging stationary and moving targets while on the move and from a variety of shooting positions. Scoring for each stage of fire is based upon the total time it takes a competitor to complete the stage plus any additional time added for incurred penalties. The competitor with the lowest total elapsed time for the five stages of fire will be awarded the \$5,000 grand prize.

“The Light & Laser Invitational is the first event of its kind, requiring competitors to rely solely on firearms with mounted lights and lasers in order to navigate each stage of fire,” said Tom Taylor, Smith & Wesson Vice President of Marketing. “While many events on the IDPA and USPSA circuit incorporate one or two stages with no light or low light conditions, this event has been designed to challenge each shooter by placing them in shooting scenarios that are vastly different than anything they normally face during the year. With such an accomplished field of competitors, we anticipate this year's event to be a fan favorite as each of the shooters will have an opportunity to showcase their talents in a unique and challenging format.”

The 2008 Light & Laser Invitational will be filmed by Shooting USA and is scheduled to appear in its entirety later this year on the Outdoor Channel.

For more information regarding the Light and Laser Invitational, visit www.matches.smith-wesson.com or http://www.smith-wesson.com/wcsstore/SmWesson/upload/light_laser/index.htm.

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