

2006 Smith & Wesson Cup

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South Australian Barry Marsh stamped his authority over NRA Action Pistol shooting in Australia with an impressive win in both Open and Metallic categories at the 2006 Smith & Wesson Cup. Combined with the SSAA Action Match Nationals, the S&W Cup has become Australia's richest prize event with strong support from Grycol International, Smith & Wesson, SSAA Insurance brokers and other trade identities.

It was once again held in the nation's capital at the SSAA Majura shooting complex, where the 60 competitors appreciated the first-class facilities and the perfect spring weather. Production Class was promoted in this match and although the numbers who competed in this class were low, it has initiated a precedence that should encourage others who own standard centrefire handguns to compete in this international event.

The Team event was taken out by well-known Action Match identities Oscar Carnicelli, Barry Marsh and Brent Laslett, who named themselves 'Team Tubby Australia' for reasons known to all. Their humorous theme did not diminish the serious competitive nature of each though as they collectively



Smith & Wesson Cup winner Barry Marsh, left, is all smiles as he gladly accepts from Grycol representative, Stuart Collibee, one of two factory engraved Model 686 revolvers for his efforts in both Open and Metallic Class.

Smith & Wesson Cup winner John Philpott accepts an S&W M&P 9mm self-loading pistol for winning Production Class.

shot their way to the winner's dais in both Open and Metallic Class.

NSW Junior Andrew Hansen shooting in Master Grade came first in Junior Class ahead of fellow NSW member Matthew Harriman. The SSAA has donated to Andrew a position in the forthcoming Doug Koenig Action Match School to be held before the November World Shoot in Sydney. Robyn Ginger came first in the Ladies ahead of Sueellen Ryan and ACT member Mary Curnow. ●



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