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USPSA Top Shooters Headed To Bali For World Shoot XV

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Washington- A team of America's best shooters, selected to by the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) to officially represent the U.S., is headed to Bali, Indonesia to compete in the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) World Shoot XV which begins October 26 and ends November 2, 2008.



Competing under the national banner will be 20 shooters broken up into four person teams to compete in each of three divisions and two categories: Open, Standard, Production, Ladies (Open) and Juniors (Open).

In addition to the official team, there will be up to 55 shooters competing independently for the United States of America.

"The United States has always performed strong at the World Shoot often returning with several medals. This year's team is rich with talent and one of our strongest in recent history," said USPSA President, Michael Voigt. "I'm very optimistic about our chances in Bali."

Representing the United States in the Open division will be Chris Tilley of Raleigh, N.C. who recently won the 2008 USPSA Open Pistol National Championship, BJ Norris of Tyler, Texas, and US Army Marksmanship Unit teammates Staff Sgt. Max Michel, Jr. of Phenix City, La., and Spc. KC Eusebio of Diamond Bar, Calif.

The Standard division team will be made up of Taran Butler of Simi Valley, Calif., Emanuel Bragg of Kirksville, Mo., Shannon Smith of Tampa, Fla., and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Sgt. Travis Tomasio of Kirkland, Wash. who is the 2008 Limited Pistol National Champion.

Competing in the Production division for the USA will be 2008 Production National Champion Robert Vogel of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Matthew Mink of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Angus Hobbell of Tempe, Ariz., and David Olhasso of Holland, Pa.

The official Ladies team competing in the Open division for the US will be made up of veteran pistol champions Athena Lee of Houston, Texas, Kay Miculek of Princeton, La., Lisa Munson of Marysville, Wash., and Eva Beecroft of Desert Hills, Ariz.

Rounding out the official US line-up will be Shane Coley of Leland, Miss., Forrest McCord of Houston, Texas, James McGinty of Tabernacle, N.J., and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Pfc. Brad Balsley of Uniontown, Pa., who will be competing in the Juniors category of the Open division.

The IPSC World Shoot is held every three years. In 2005 Guayaquil, Ecuador, hosted the match with 888 shooters representing 56 nations. The US contingent, which totaled 105 shooters that year, accounted for nearly 12% of the total field and captured the Open team title, Open Junior team title, Standard team title as well as a number of individual medals. USPSA members also brought home the Revolver title, the Ladies Standard title and individual High Overall in the Standard division.

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About USPSA: The United States Practical Shooting Association is a non-profit membership association and the governing body for the sport of Practical Shooting in America. USPSA has over 17,000 members and more than 350 affiliated clubs which host weekly matches throughout the country providing recreational shooters with the opportunity to test and refine their shooting skills in a safe, competitive environment. USPSA is also the US Region of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), which is comprised of approximately 67 nations. For more information, visit www.uspsa.org.

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