



Arnold Junior Shooters, Inc. • 650 Baumann Ave. • St. Louis, MO • 63125



To: ALL MEDIA
For Immediate Release
High-resolution photos available upon request

For more information contact:

Jim Dickerson
(636) 937-7728
cell: 314-803-5445
sctp@arnoldgunclub.org

August 8, 2007

Arnold Junior Shooters Capture National Title

Two Arnold Squads Among Medalists

Arnold, MO — A Varsity squad from the Arnold Junior Shooters captured the National Championship and an Intermediate squad took Second Place in their respective divisions in the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) National Trapshooting Championships. With more than 1,600 young shooters representing 29 states, the competition was held August 6–7 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois as the opening event of the 108th Annual Grand American World Trapshooting Championships, which runs through August 18th.

The Varsity “Red” squad won the national title by the slim margin of one target, breaking 971 of 1,000. Squad members include John Battles of Hillsboro, Nick Edwards of Fenton, Ben Hutchings of Labadie, Kyle Kopsie of Imperial, and Jacob Wideman of Pevely. Varsity squads are comprised of shooters in grades 9–12 with more than two years experience in SCTP competition.

Speaking about the Varsity squad, Head Coach Jim Dickerson said, “This team is just unbelievable; very coachable, very mature, great mental discipline. We practiced twice a week starting back in January, and every day for a week before a big competition. It paid off.”

In the Intermediate Division, for shooters in grades 6–8, the Arnold Junior Shooters “Orange” squad broke 947 targets for a second place finish. Shooters on this squad were Billy Fisher of Arnold, Cody Morton of Hillsboro, Josh Robert of House Springs, Peter Fritz of St Louis and Michael Kurtzeborn Jr. of St. Louis.

The Arnold Junior Shooters, sponsored by the Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club in Pevely, MO, began competing in the SCTP program with five shooters and one coach in 2003. The program has grown to include over 30 shooters and eight coaches for the 2007 season. Additional support for the team comes from the Gig Game Hunters Foundation of St. Louis.

About the SCTP: SCTP was launched by NSSF in 2000 to offer students in grades 12 and under an opportunity to compete as a team in trap, skeet, sporting clays and the international versions of trap and skeet. Program partners include the national governing bodies for each shotgun discipline: Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Skeet Shooting Association, National Sporting Clays Association and USA Shooting. The ultimate goal is instilling in young participants a commitment to safe firearm handling, teamwork and leadership.

For more information about the Arnold Junior Shooters, visit www.sctp.arnoldgunclub.org

For more information about the SCTP, visit www.nssf.org/sctp

###