

DAN WESSON .357 SUPER MAG VICTORIOUS AT INTERNATIONALS

BRADSHAW REPORT

by David Bradshaw

The Dan Wesson Model 40 Super Mag with V8S (Vent 8 inch Silhouette) barrel and shroud was the gun of choice for the three top revolver scores fired at the IHMSA 1983 International Championships. Lon Pennington smoked his Dan Wesson Super Mag to an incredible 80x80 in revolver. Lon's load consisted of the Speer 180 grain FMJ .357 silhouette bullet seated over 20.5 gr. of IMR 4227 in Federal nickle IHMSA Super Mag brass, with ignition provided by the excellent Federal 205M bench rest primer.

Lee Stigall slipped a shot over his first pig for a 79x80. Lee stoked his Dan Wesson Super Mag with the very accurate Hornady 200 gr. round nose .358 rifle bullet seated over 19.8 gr. of Hodgdon 110 in the Federal IHMSA Super Mag case. Lee does not trim his Super Mag brass, rather leaving it at Elgin's original — and Remington's subsequently adopted — length of 1.600 inches. In order to keep LOA (length over all) at 1.950 inches, Lee seats the long Hornady 200 RN deep into the case and crimps over the ogive. Velocity averages 1404 fps for five shots with a standard deviation of 16 fps.

Now get this: Stigall gets his elevation adjustment by counting turns because the so-called clicks on his sight are non-existent! This is the new DWA rear sight with .080 inch notch. It is used in conjunction with a front sight blade .125 inch wide by .275 inch high. Lee adjusts his sights as follows: C-0; P-¼ turn; T-¾ turn; R-1¼ turns. Translated into clicks these adjustments read C-0; P-3; T-9; R-16.

Had he not rung his 13th ram, John Dunn would have gone clean. Dunn's Dan Wesson Super Mag was fueled with Hornady 180 JTC-SIL .357 bullets seated over 20.2/IMR 4227, Federal IHMSA Super Mag brass, Remington 7½ small rifle primers. Dunn uses the .125 inch wide front sight in conjunction with the wide .120 inch notch rear sight. (DWA Super Mag sights use interchangeable slides with notches of .080 inch and .120 inch available. This new sight is made by Dan Wesson and will eventually supplant the older and notoriously crude "adjustable" sight.)

Dunn adjusts his Super Mag thusly: C-12; P-17; T-22; R-27.

Bob Lewis is the owner of the revolver shot by John Dunn. Lewis supplied the gun, ammo and sight settings. And, not to be outdone, Lewis carved a place for himself among the top ten in R-INT.

Mike Averre downed 78x80 with the stainless steel Dan Wesson Model 44 with Vent Heavy 8 inch barrel assembly. For chickens, pigs and turkeys Mike seats the Hornady 240 JTC-SIL over 23.5/Winchester 296 in Winchester .44 Magnum brass primed with the ubiquitous CCI 350. For rams Mike chambers the Hornady 265 flat point seated over 23/296, same case and primer. Velocity of this ham flisted slug averages 1330 fps.

Jim Jonasen and Ron Cottriel also favor the Dan Wesson .44 Magnum with 8VH barrel/shroud assembly. Their load reads: Sierra 240 JHC, 23.5/H110, Winchester case, Winchester large pistol primer. Velocity averages 1350 fps.

"Dancin'" Dave Whitman dipped for his Ruger SRM Blackhawk .357 and came up with 77x80. Whitman's load: Hornady 180 JTC-SIL, 21.5/Hodgdon 4227, Federal Super Mag brass, CCI 400 primer.

Dave McGowen shot his Ruger KS411N .44 Magnum Super Blackhawk (aka "Silver Hornpipe") to 76x80, thanks to fine marksmanship backed by the Sierra 240 JHC, 23.5/296, Remington brass, and CCI 350 primer.



**.357 SUPER MAG SILHOUETTE SPECIAL
40V8S Model with slotted shroud**



David Bradshaw shooting 28x40 standing with the DW .357 Super Mag at St. Albans, Vermont. Load was Federal 180 JHP, the only silhouette load that combines hunting expansion with Silhouette accuracy.



Shown here is the DW .357 Super Mag 40V8S Silhouette model. For comparison, the .357 Super Mag cartridge is shown at top with the .375 Super Mag cartridge at bottom.

1984 DAN WESSON .357 SUPER MAG

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As all IHMSA members know by now, Dan Wesson .357 Super Mags took **FIRST, SECOND** and **THIRD** at the 1983 INTERNATIONALS.

Lon Pennington of Colorado fired a perfect 80x80 and seven shootoff targets to become the unchallenged 1983 International Revolver Champion. Lee Stigall of Oklahoma was second with a 79x80 and 20 rams. John Dunn of Nevada took third with a 79x80 and 19 rams.

Members also know this was made possible by Elgin's insistence that Dan Wesson and Seville adopt the long 2.075 cylinder length he had developed as the optimum for revolvers to extract the full potential out of his 1.600 .357 Super Mag cartridge which all three revolver champions used.

We have just received a good supply of brand new 1984 Dan Wesson .357 Super Mags, model 40V8S with the slotted shrouds, available for immediate delivery.

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