Jamaicans do well at Florida shooting champs

Three Jamaicans featured in the top ten of the premier section in International Practical Shooting, the Limited Division, at the just concluded Florida Open Pistol Championship hosted by the Universal Shooting Academy in Frostproof.

The February 14-17 tournament was won by world champion Blake Miguel, with last year's winner, Manny Bragg, finishing fourth. Lesgar 'Speedy' Murdock, fifth, was the top-placed Jamaican. Orville Henriques was close on his heels in seventh and Andrew Yapp finished 10th. Another Jamaican, Ronald Brown was creditably placed at 11th. Local female shooter, Sue Ann Henriques, also competed in the Limited Division, and showed she had no equal locally, or in the Caribbean, finishing as the fourth best female in the tournament, and 56th overall among a contingent of 129 shooters. Murdock was impressive, winning stage two, the only such by a Jamaican, and had two other top five finishes in the ten-stage tournament. He shot at 89.7 per cent and an overall top three finish eluded him after he could only manage 45th position on stage 3. He was also fastest, clocking 177.74 seconds. Henriques, who shot at 87.7 per cent, had his best points on stage 4 where he was second and on stage 2 where he was third. Interestingly, Murdock and Henriques have not competed together in the same local tournament for the past two years