



shoot in this category. You may find most of the top NRA Action Pistol competitors enjoy shooting both classes of firearms if and when the competition facilities allow.

Production class allows a handgun which, according to the NRA rule book, is or has been a catalogue item readily available to the (licensed) general public equipped with metallic sights. IPSC production handguns suit this class. International rules dictate the calibre must be 9mm or more, although recent changes to Australian firearm laws bans Australian sporting shooters from owning handguns above .38 Special/9mm in calibre, so for us Australian shooters it is 9mm Parabellum, .38 Special, .38 Super, .357SIG or .38-45. So this category allows

an out-of-the-box S&W M&P, Glock Walther or a Colt Government model in calibres of political correctness. The rules are specific in relation to 'custom shop' models in that these handguns are not allowed. When you see scores shot with Production and Open class handguns, you will observe the disparity that indicates the advantage that optical sights offer. This category will, however, get you up and away in NRA Action Pistol for a minimal cost.

Luckily, for Australian handgun competitors, there are a number of experienced custom gunsmiths who are capable of modifying a stock handgun to a serious competitive standard. Well-known names such as Ray Pulver, Relic Custom, Pete's Gun

Works and Steve Burgan are some of the dealers available to assist you in customising standard handguns. These guys are conversant with NRA Action Pistol rules and what can and can't be done to your handgun to ensure compliance with those rules.

While the NRA rule book lists several courses of fire which can be used for shooting Action Pistol competition, the NRA Bianchi Cup normally consists of four stages: the Practical event, Barricade event, Moving Target event and Falling Plates event.

The Practical event has four stages from 10, 15, 25 and 50 yards. Facing two targets downrange, the competitor engages targets with various time limitations. The Bar-

Pete's Gun Works - *moving forward*

by Gary Fleetwood

NRA Action Pistol is one of Australia's most dynamic sporting handgun events, with one of the four stages, the Moving Target event, requiring the competitor to engage from various distances a moving target which is exposed for six seconds.

With the advent of optical sights and the advancement of handgun accuracy, it is little wonder that a mount for the sight which compensates for the lead required on the moving target would at some stage become readily available.

With a flick of the mount's spring-loaded direction lever, the alignment of the scope and the point of impact is corrected for the movement of the target at all four distances at which the competitor engages the target (10, 15, 20 and 25 yards). As the target moves from left to right or right to left, the competitor moves the direction lever either left or right off-centre and the alignment is corrected. The only issue the shooter needs to remember is the correct movement of the direction lever for the direction of the target they face or to return the lever to the correct position for the next direction of the target.

New South Welshman Pete Williams of Pete's Gun Works manufactures the mount



The direction lever (centre under the rear optical lens) is moved to compensate for the lead required on the moving target.

base from 7000 series aircraft aluminium. The mount saddle and the direction lever are machined from 4140 steel using a CNC milling machine and after the basic shape is formed, all the angles are wire cut by a CNC wire cutting machine. Once finished, the pieces are hardened to Pete's specification.

The pins and locking mechanism are machined and then all the pieces are hand-fitted together to a tight fit. The aluminium parts can be anodised different colors at the



Pete's Gun Works mover mount creates a lot of interest at matches.

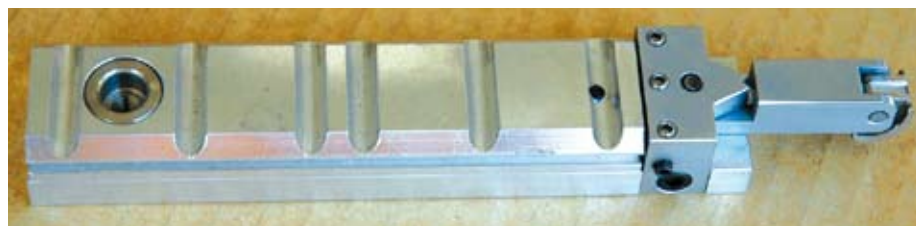
customer's request at an extra cost. The mounts sell for \$440, plus \$20 for fitting.

Pete's first batch of 25 mounts is almost sold out. He does not accept credit card, but customers can pay by cash, B-pay or cheque. Pete has sold mounts internationally and is pleased with the acceptance of his product by NRA Action Pistol competitors.

"I usually have one or two already made up. If I need to make one from scratch, it takes up to two weeks, depending on how busy I am on repairing guns or building them," says Pete.

Pete's Gun Works also makes custom parts for guns and offers a blueing, hard chroming and polishing service to the sporting shooter.

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The spring-loaded direction lever indexes upon the hardened steel lock.