

## **Exactly what does a Gunsmith Do?**

- Trained Gunsmiths are skilled craftsmen who use their minds as well as their hands.
- The Gunsmith alters, customizes, sporterizes and repairs guns.
- They must exercise expert judgment regarding all the guns they work on.
- As they repair the firearms, they must disassemble, clean and inspect them carefully for worn or broken parts, and replace them.
- If the firearm needs to be blued or restocked, it can be done at this time.
- Gunsmiths know how to use machines, such as milling machines, drill presses, lathes, bench grinders, glass bead blasters, buffers, band saws, tig, arc and oxyacetylene welders, hand reloading work benches, chambering reamers, and many types and sizes of tools, jigs and fixtures.
- They are aware of the gun laws and cooperate fully with all laws.
- The trained Gunsmith buys and sells guns, in addition to the service to the customer.
- They may also sell hunting equipment, gun cases, etc.
- They may be self-employed or work for others.
- The trained Gunsmith is a business person in every sense of the word.