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EDITORIAL

As firearm owners and collectors of militaria we now live in a legal minefield, with new items being made "prohibited" at regular intervals. You need to stay on top of these new changes to our Arms Act and Regulations. You can read the Act and Regulations here:

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1983/0044/latest/whole.html

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/1992/0346/latest/DLM168889.html

Providing up to date information in our quarterly Gazette or this monthly e -gazette is too slow, you need to be in receipt of our Presidents e-mail updates, which along with those from SSANZ and COLFO, are sent out every few days. If you are not receiving these ask your Branch Secretary why.

If you own a now Prohibited Firearm, Prohibited Magazine, Prohibited Part, or Prohibited Ammunition, you will need to notify Police and either surrender them or apply for a "P" endorsement in order to retain them as part of your collection. You can find out more here:

https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms Or phone 0800 311 311 for further advice.

The Amnesty lasts until 20 December so no need to rush to hand anything in as there is still so much the government has yet to make public. Like what will be in the next amendment to the Arms Act. Also the compensation offered is not that great for some, we need to fight for a better deal, especially where there is no compensation at all for scopes, ammo etc..

Phil

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A LEGACY OF JOHN OSBORNE 1941 - 2018

Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police.

Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section.

How to remove the Bolt from a Remington Lee by Phil Cregeen







1. Open the bolt half way



2. Insert screw driver in gap indicated and ease the top piece forward and lift off.



3. Top piece removed



4. Lift extractor off to the right

Especially for my mate Noel (Ed)

- 5. Rotate bolt head to the right and slide out to the front
- 6. Withdraw the bolt body out to the rear
- 7. Reassemble in the reverse order, make sure the bolt head is fully seated and rotated to the left before fitting the extractor.



FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe

Mt Taranaki in all its glory with its fresh winter cloak 3-6-19. Quite the Taranaki icon and something we Taranaki natives all feel a connection too. The mountain is always a welcome sight when we have been away, the first sign that we are "home". I'm sure this was a sight many Taranaki locals longed for when they were away from home serving "King and Country".



The 11th Taranaki Rifles Regiment is unique in that it uses this geographical feature as its regimental badge. Said to have been modeled on photographs taken from the Stratford area the badges were produced in England, early examples can be found with "JR Gaunt London" makers names affixed to the back. Variants are the 11th Taranaki Rifles Regiment badge with battle honors for Waireka New Zealand (28th March 1860) and South Africa and the 4th Battalion Wellington Regiment Taranaki Rifles.

The Taranaki Regiment was formed on 17th of March 1911 with the change of title of the 4th Battalion Wellington (Taranaki) Rifles which consisted of the following volunteer units

Taranaki Rifle Volunteers
Taranaki Guards Rifle Volunteers
Pātea Rifle Volunteers
Inglewood Rifle Volunteers
Eltham Rifle Volunteers
Hawera Rifle Volunteers
Stratford Rifle Volunteers
Waitara Rifle Volunteers



The Taranaki Regiment was widely spread in both world wars, supplying services companies and accumulating numerous battle honors and distinctions.

Battle Honours: New Zealand, South Africa 1902, Somme 1916-18, Flyers-Courcelette, Morval, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Passchendale, Arras 1918, Andre 1918, Albert 1918, Bepaume 1918, Hindenburg Line, Havrincourt, Canal du Nord, Cambria 1918, Selle, Sambre, Krithia, ANZAC, Landing at ANZAC, Defense of ANZAC, Hill 60, Sari Bair, Gallipoli 1915, Sues Canal, Egypt 1915-16.

In WW11 the Taranaki Regiment supplied service companies to the 19th, 32nd, 25th and 36th Battalions 2nd NZEF and inherited the battle honors of these companies (19th Battalion only up to October 5th 1942)

Note the 11th Taranaki Rifles Regiment is the only New Zealand Regiment to be awarded the Battle honor "New Zealand". Next time you stumble across a Taranaki badge in your travels you should think about adding it to your collection.

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First Amendment



In announcing her first amendment to the Arms Act following the Christchurch terrorist attack Prime Minister Jacinder Ardern told the public that she was removing Military Style Semi Automatics and Assault Rifles from society to make New Zealand safer. What she has steadfastly neglected to tell the public is that she is removing much, much more. By refusing to allow adequate time for consultation the new Act has resulted in many sporting firearms being banned simply through the mechanism of declaring ALL semi auto centre fire rifles as "Prohibited Firearms" and setting new limits on magazine capacities she has captured many more bolt, lever, pump action shotguns and rifles as well as semi auto shotguns. Examples include: BSA Sportsman 15, Winchester Mod 53, 90 & 06, Marlins, and Browning semi autos to name a few. All those gun owners who thought a ban of MSSAs and "assault rifles" would not affect them have had a rude wake up call.

Whether this was Jacinda's intention or she has been duped by the Police, who drafted the Bill and then analyzed the submissions for the select committee, we will probably never know, what we do know is that the firearm community did its best to point out these unintended (or were they intended) consequences of the Bill in the short time we were given.

If you have not done so already check your firearms and spare magazines, if you have any centre fire semi auto it is now banned, any rifle magazine greater than 10 rounds is banned. Any shotgun magazine that holds more than 5 cartridges is banned. It may be possible to permanently modify magazines to comply with the new limits. Make a detailed list of all your prohibited firearms, magazines and parts, you will need this when it is time to register them with police. Take photos of everything that you will have to surrender.

Prohibited firearms are:

<u>All semi-automatic firearms</u> (including semi-automatic shotguns), but: excluding rimfire rifles .22 calibre or less as long as they have a magazine (whether detachable or not) that holds 10 rounds or less; and excluding semi-automatic shotguns that have a non-detachable, tubular magazine that holds 5 rounds or less.

Pump action shotguns that:

Are capable of being used with a detachable magazine; or Have a non-detachable tubular magazine capable of holding more than 5 rounds.

Prohibited magazines are:

Shotgun magazines (whether detachable or not) capable of holding more than 5 rounds.

Magazines for other firearms (excluding pistols) that are:

Detachable magazines bigger than 10 rounds that are capable of holding 0.22 calibre or lower rimfire cartridges

Detachable magazines bigger than 10 rounds that are capable of being used with a semi-automatic or fully automatic firearm

Other magazines, detachable or not, that are capable of holding more than 10 rounds

If you find yourself in possession of a Prohibited Firearm or magazine you should visit the police website https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms for more information or phone 0800 311 311.

Talk to your mates and make sure that they understand the full effects of this new Act and help any suffering from the stress of it.

Second Amendment

The government has signaled its intention to introduce further amendments to the Arms Act in July. The Minister of Police has, in an attempt to appease the carrion call of Chris Cahill President of the Police Union, already said he will encourage cabinet to require registration of ALL firearms. Other restrictions being considered are banning online sales and requiring all sales to be handled through a dealer. As anticipated further bans have already been placed on certain types of ammunition, such as armour piercing and tracer and it is possibly some calibres deemed to be more dangerous will also be banned.

As we should all realise by now Registration is the first step in the process of confiscation, it has been shown to provide no practical use in solving crime, is generally corrupted with errors, and is costly to implement (in Canada it cost over 2 billion before being scrapped as worthless beaurocracy), it does not prevent crime and does not make the public safer. The Police (should) know where all the legally owned guns are – in the homes of licensed firearm owners; so why implement a system of registration that is of no practical use. If a register is leaked or hacked then it provides a shopping list for criminals.

You need to be ready to react to this new Bill, when it is published. Meanwhile talk to your MPs, let them know you are not happy with what the government has done so far to your sport and pastime in reacting to the Christchurch terror attack.

It's not OK

- Jacinda says it is not OK to name Brenton Tarrant
- We say it is not OK to blame us for his crimes
- Jacinda says it is not OK for us to own semi automatics guns
- We say it is not OK to deny us our basic democratic rights to be heard
- Jacinda says it is not OK for us to own any firearm that holds more than 10 rounds
- We say it is not OK to mislead the public by claiming this was about banning assault rifles
- Jacinda says we need time to work out how we will take all these guns away from you
- We say it is not OK to refuse to consult with the firearm owners
- Jacinda says we need time to work out how much we will pay in compensation
- We say it is not OK to treat law abiding citizens with such disrespect
- Jacinda says please keep your prohibited guns secure while we get our act together
- We say it is not OK to expect us to keep guns secure when you can't
- Jacinda says we have more firearm restrictions planned for you
- We say it is not OK to destroy our sport, culture and heritage

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THE SEMI-AUTO SAGA (or The folly of abusing your powers!) Anon

Oh, Dear Leader, Don't you grin at me! You might have bought my old AK but I've got my 303. Now the AK round is puny, but the 303 is strong. What the AK does, up real close, the 303 does long.

The old AK shoots fairly quick, of that there is no doubt, But the 303 is pretty slick if you know what you're about! I've had many years of practice, some paid for by the Queen, And 40 shots per minute is not an idle dream!

To blame the country's shooters for a crime they did not do Is a lie to fudge the issue when you knew the Boys in Blue Had issued Tarrant's license without following the scheme. You chose to blame the innocent to promote your Marxist dream.

As our de-facto leader (you weren't voted to the post) A fact of which, I'm sure, your more aware than most, Don't think we'll let our liberties go down without a fight. Democracy's a hard-won thing, and not a thing to spite!

This stupid legislation will drag the country down
And the escalating cost of it will make the voters frown.
A little thought to ponder, the elections are next year
So get your losing speech prepared, and listen for the cheer!



NZAHAA POSTAL SHOOT EVENTS/RULES. 2019

BLACKPOWDER RIFLE:

Any original or replica rifle, any calibre, iron sights only, lead bullets with black powder propellant. 5 shots, (5 scoring shots) 50 mts. any unsupported position, no time limit.

MILITARY RIFLE:

Open to any A Cat. Rifle of any centrefire calibre that is in "as issued' standard military configuration, any type of breech loading action, no optical sights permitted, smokeless or black powder using either lead or jacketed bullets, no tracer or incendiary projectiles permitted, 5 shots in any unsupported position at 100 mts., (note 5 shots means 5 scoring shots) no time limit.

LEVER ACTION RIFLE:

Open to any Western period lever operated magazine centrefire rifle, any calibre, using smokeless or black powder with lead or jacketed bullets 5 shots (5 scoring shots) in offhand standing position at 50 mts no time limit, no optical sights permitted.

RIMFIRE RIFLE:

Open to any rifle chambered for rimfire calibres. (.17HMR, .17Mach 2, .22 short, long or long rifle, .22 Mag. . .22 Win Auto,) any type of sights permitted 10 shots at 50 mts, 3 kneeling, 3 standing, and 4 prone, no time limit.

ENFEILD CADET RIFLE:

Open to any .22 cal Enfield No2 Mk 1V, Number 8 or Number 9 military training rifles. Original issued open sights only, 25mts. using No 5a Target, 10 shots, 5 left target, no time limit, 5 right target 1 minute.

SNIPER RIFLE:

Open to any Centre fire rifle of any type of action with any type of sights, bipods, monopods, or any other type of support permitted, at 100 mts., 5 shots prone, no time limit.

BLACKPOWDER SHOTGUN:

Open to any muzzle or breech loading shotgun any gauge, using match, flint, or percussion ignition (muzzleloaders) or exposed hammers (breechloaders) no shot concentrators allowed, 10 clays as follows, only one shot per clay permitted. Two clays at 11 mts. Two clays at 12 mts. Two clays at 13 mts. Two clays at 14 mts. Two clays at 15 mtsAll clays are DTL (down the line) trap set for a min throw of 45 mts.

NITRO SHOT GUN:

Any sporting gun, including semi auto, pump action (except special competition guns) any gauge max shot size no.5, 10 clays, I shot per clay, 2 clays from 11 mts, 2 at 12 mts, 2 at 13 mts, 2 at 14 mts 2 at 15 mts. All clays DTL (down the line)

AIR RIFLE:

Open to any air gun, any caliber .ie .177, .22, using No5a target. Range 15mts. Open U or V sights only, 10 shots, 5 prone unsupported on left target, 5 sitting or kneeling on right target. No time limit. Young shooters under 16 don't need to be paid up members of a Branch.

AIR PISTOL:

Open to any air pistol .177 or .22 calibre, using No5a target. Range 10 mts. Open U or V sights only. 10 shots 5 standing offhand on left target, 5 sitting or kneeling on right target, no time limit. Shooters under 16 don't have to be a paid up member of a Branch.

NOTE

Bench Rests are allowed.

No shooting gloves allowed.

Faulty Firearms: Should a firearm fail then a substitute similar one can be swapped and used.

Targets are marked when there are the required number of shot/s permitted within the scoring zone for that event, if more than the permitted number is within the scoring zone the Range Officer must indicate this and mark the excess shot/s to another shooter accordingly, if no indication is there then highest scoring shot/s will be eliminated. You can have as many shots as you like on the paper but only the shots within the scoring zone will be counted.

2018 POSTAL SHOOT PRIZE WINNERS

Top Scoring competitor. Stuart Vivash Ruahine Branch 437pts. Winner of Cup.

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Top Club Score. Southland Branch 484 pts (Sniper) Winner of Cup.



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FRENCH POWDER TESTER by Lex Severinsen

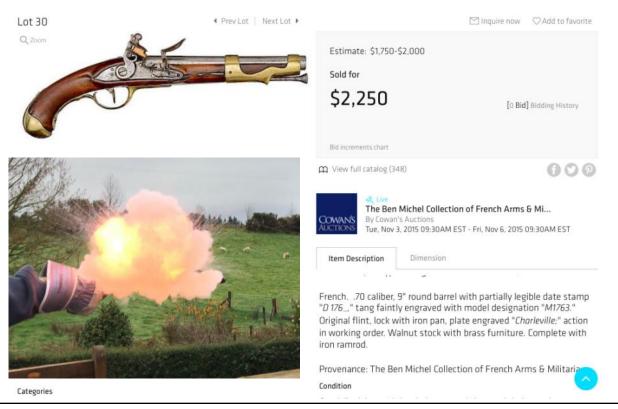
This is a French Charleville eprouvette, or gunpowder tester.

Fill the little pot, on top, with powder, Fire, and see how far the charge has blasted the circular gauge. Based on a model 1763/66 pistol. Later replacement cock.



Too tight... my hand is Smoking!! and smells like a singed duck!

Model 1763/66 Type II Single-Shot Flintlock Pistol, Charleville



FROM OUR ROVING CORRESPONDENT Simon West

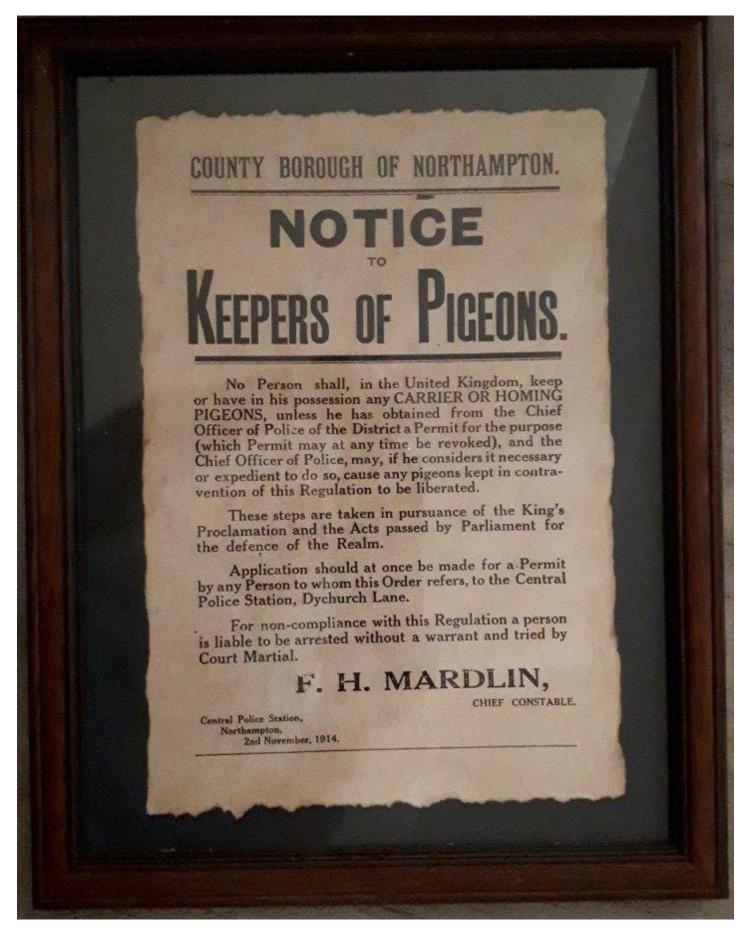
Regimental Museum Brecon (Amgueddfa Gatrodol Aberhonddu) is located in: The Barracks, The Watton, Brecon, Wales, LD3 7EB.

It houses some interesting artefacts spanning about 300 years of Welsh military history including a very good section on the South Wales



Borderers (24th Regiment) and the Anglo-Zulu War. We have all seen the movies *Zulu Dawn* and *Zulu*, the Battle at Rorkes Drift, well here you can see some battle field relics and medals won at those engagements. In fact the museum holds over 3,000 medals including Victoria Crosses and a good selection of their own armaments and captured weapons. The museum is not huge (4 or 5 rooms) and I am pleased to say it is a very much old school Victorian clutter, so by the time you have peered into all the corners, cabinets and draws an hour or two will have slipped by. It was free the day I visited but there is usually a small fee £5 or less.





I can confirm from personal experience that liberated pigeons return to their loft within a day or two of being released. A bit like throwing away a boomerang. Ed

NOT JUST A FLASK by Cathey Brimage

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Whilst I was looking for a cover picture for this month I came across some antique powder flasks that I

thought should be shared with our members.



Antique 18th century powder flask, grand Russian silver plated



European Black Powder Flask- Vintage Powder Flask-Plated Silver Flask-Antique Powder Flask- Black Powder Horn-Gunpowder Flask-Brass Flask



An Antique Camel Scrotum Powder Flask, 19th C.



Fine early 19th century French horn and ormolu mounted powder flask, decorated with a trophy of arms



A superb coconut shell "bugbear" powder flask with silver mounts and carrying chain

Carrying on with this theme. Rex and I dabbled with flasks early on, sadly then the number of copies flooding the market discouraged us from continuing to pursue this area of collecting. Before we purchased our first flask we invested in a copy of the Powder Flask book by Riling. Buying this book has saved us on numerous occasions and also resulted in us picking up a rare item, that had we not checked in Riling, would have been

discounted it as a copy.

I had always wanted a Pharaohs Horse flask by Hawkley. However these are prolifically copied, the copies usually can be identified as they frequently have the horses on both sides of the flask, lack knurling and screws on the collar. Many years ago, we where offered this one by a Victorian collector, but it was such a strange colour. When I referred to Riling I found that there was a limited edition of this flask in German Silver, mystery solved and it is now in our collection.

The design is the horses heads of John Frederic Herring's "Pharaoh's Chariot Horses".

The original painting was first exhibited in London in 1848.

The flask on which this design appears may be properly referred to as the one of the "Pharaoh's Horses" although it was unnamed in the catalogue of the maker G & JW Hawksley Ltd at the time.







John Frederick Herring

WESTLEY RICHARDS RIFLE by Les McKessar

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William Westley Richards began producing firearms in Birmingham in 1812, initially making high grade shotguns, and later became a major supplier of firearms under the name "Westley Richards" – Westley being William's son, born in 1814, and who would take control of the company in 1855, when it was thence known as "Westley Richards & Company". In 1815 William opened an outlet for his firearms in Bond St, London, although all guns were produced in Birmingham.

The flintlock rifle shown here is marked "Westley Richards – London" to the top of the barrel, with the lock just marked "Westley Richards". Although the flintlock system was being replaced by percussion types of ignition, a market existed for flintlock guns in some remote areas – this was due to the difficulty of obtaining the ignition pellets or caps, whereas the old fashioned flintlock required a piece of flint, obtainable even in remote areas.

It is believed that this rifle was made Circa 1825 for the African market, due to its large calibre and non-adjustable "V" sights, making it ideal for larger game at short ranges. The very long barrel was needed to allow the black powder to produce enough gas to expel the

round ball at a velocity high enough to inflict a mortal wound. The Furniture is all of nickel silver (German Silver) with some light engraving, and the gun is fitted with a set trigger. The barrel has Birmingham proofs beneath the fore-end.

Statistics: - The barrel is 42" long, the calibre is .750", rifled, and the gun is 59" overall, Weight is 9 lb 8 oz.



Authors collection

PERCUSSION BLUNDERBUS by Les McKessar)

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On coaches against highwaymen. This is factual, although they were of course used in many other situations, but were gradually superseded by the short barrelled shotgun, usually with two barrels, and by the early 1820 to 1830 period the flintlock blunderbuss was rarely used. This did not mean that blunderbusses were no longer required, as is evidenced by this percussion piece, produced in Birmingham sometime in the 1840's.

Its imposing muzzle would indicate its intention was to intimidate, possibly in an establishment where the consumption of alcohol was liable to lead to trouble. It has now long been known that the bell-mouth of the muzzle of a blunderbuss has no bearing or gave any extra spread to the shot – this rule does not apply if the bore of the gun tapers all the way from the muzzle back to the charge, but almost every blunderbuss begins to taper after first travelling down a straight section of barrel, tapering out only near the muzzle. The piece shown has no name to identify the maker, but has Birmingham proofs and initials "J.M" with the number "7" stamped under the barrel.

Statistics: - The barrel is $13 \frac{1}{4}$ " long overall length is 30", the weight is 5 lb, the muzzle is $1 \frac{3}{8}$ " across. The straight bore section in the barrel – rear of the bore – is .750" ($\frac{3}{4}$ "). The tapered section of the barrel is $5 \frac{1}{2}$ ".





Authors Collection

Frank Canton's Sawed-Off
Double Barrel Shotgun
Josiah Horner, better known as
Frank M. Canton, was a famous
American Old West lawman,
gunslinger, cowboy and at one
point in his life, an outlaw



APPLYING FOR A PROHIBITED FIREARM / MAGAZINE ENDORSEMENT

- **Step 1** Visit Police website https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/apply-endorsement-and-permit-possess-prohibited-items Here you will find instructions and the appropriate application form.
- **Step 2** Make a list of all your now Prohibited Firearms (make, model serial No calibre etc) and Magazines (basically that's <u>any magazine</u> that holds more than 10 rounds, whatever firearm it may be for except shotguns which are limited to 5 rounds).
- **Step 3** Decide which of the items in step 2 you wish to keep and which you will hand in for compensation. You can find more about the so called buy back (Confiscation) here: https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms
- **Step 4** Permanently mark all your magazines, that you have decided to keep, with a unique serial number, that is clearly visible. Police give as an example YOUR INITIALS 200. Some collectors will regard this as State enforced vandalism, however another way to look at is that these new markings are all just part of any firearms provenance and history that tell a story in this case how they were caught up in the draconian laws of a Labour government following 15/3/19.
- **Step 5** If you are keeping any now Prohibited Firearms you will need to find a dealer or mate who has also applied for a "P" endorsement who is willing to look after those "vital parts" that you must store at another address. You will need all their contact details, licence number and details of the security arrangements at this address. Darren H has suggested that to cover both parties in this arrangement we need to establish a formal document stating that the caretaker of the third parties vital parts are in no way responsible for their maintenance and or loss, to include a list of parts and what should happen in the event of the death of either party. Police have yet to confirm whether a Permit to Possess is needed for this exchange of "vital parts".
- **Step 6** Now you are ready to complete the application form, just remember you need to explain how these prohibited firearms and magazines fit into the theme of your collection, a good idea is to provide documentary evidence. For example if you collect New Zealand Military Small Arms, an info page copied from www.armsregister.com would help establish a connection to your stated theme.
- **Step 7** Check over your application form for accuracy, it is so easy to transpose numbers when filling in lots of details. Then trot off to your nearest Post Shop and hand over another \$ 204 of your hard earned cash, please don't swear at the Post Office person, it was not their decision to cancel you previous endorsement and then charge you afresh for a new one.
- **Step 8** Armed with your receipt from the PO you can now take your completed application form to the Arms Officer nearest to your home or place of work. You can tell him how much you feel ripped off by the Police but do it in a friendly good natured way, after all it pays to keep him on your side, and the poor chap may be due to loose his job through the restructuring that Police have planned. Alternatively Scan both the completed application form and the proof of payment (receipt showing the applicant's full names) and send it to prohibitedfirearmendorsement@police.govt.nz (link sends e-mail).
- **Step 9** Relax and wait and hope that your P endorsement is approved so that you can keep those items in your collection. If your application is declined, consider appealing or hope that the amnesty is still in force so that you can claim compensation.

Good Luck with all that, Ed.

CAN YOU HELP?

Allan Herbison [allan.herbison@otago.ac.nz] is looking for help to identify this Japanese sword. The blade does not have any markings but remains very sharp. The wooden handle is made from exactly the same wood as the scabbard



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PERHAM MEDALLION

Paul Deeming Secretary of Northland Branch was presented with the prestigious Perham medallion for his service to the club. The award was presented by Branch President Tony (Mack) McKinnon at the Branches June meeting.

To mark the occasion pizzas and liquid refreshments were served and proved very popular with a record attendance.



MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last months (below left), correct answer was provided by Wayne Joseph , who said it was Short Magazine Lee Enfield Rifle Action Implement MK 1.





UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2019 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

2019

7 July Auckland Branch Gun Show.

13 & 14 July Wellington Branch Auction.

20 July Mainland Arms Show CANCELLED

17 & 18 August Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show

7 September Ruahine Branch Auction

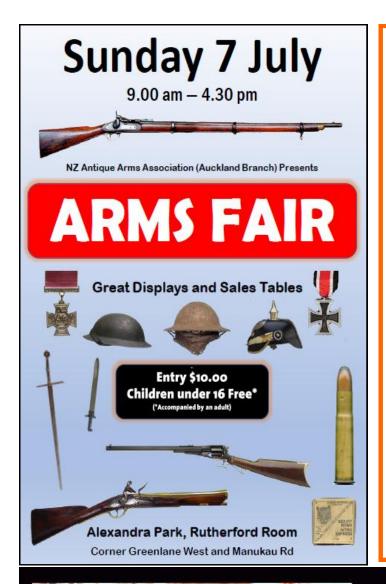
14 September Canterbury Branch Auction

19 October NZAHAA HYGM and Auction Napier

8 & 9 November Armistice in Cambridge

Due to the uncertainty about which events are still going ahead would organisers please confirm details.







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