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EDITORIAL

The government and their enforcers in blue have taken away our semi autos, including sporting guns, and many other historic and valuable firearms, simply because their magazines exceeded an arbitrary limit. They have also made us mark and register all the magazines that belong to our restricted weapons, or hand these in. Now we are required to hand in various categories of ammunition or apply to be recognised by Police as “a certain person who may possess prohibited ammunition” in many cases all for the sake of a few rounds held for display purposes or as part of a dedicated ammunition collection. Retaining even one round of AP or tracer could see us sent to prison for 2 years.

Before a Select Committee we have the Arms legislation Bill 2019, which if passed as written will see many gun clubs and ranges close as the volunteers who run them give up in the face of added restrictions and compliance costs. It will also mean that many of us who make parts for our firearms or other people will become criminals and risk 10 years in prison. Oh and they want us to record details of all our firearms on a new register, which they will then share with other government agencies and which could also be hacked by organised criminals. If we provide incorrect information to the registry that's us banged up for 2 years or a fine of \$20,000. If we become depressed with all these new restrictions our GP may report us to Police, who will then come and seize all our guns.

With over 18,000 submissions made we can only hope that the Select Committee will understand the many ambiguities, impracticalities and unintended consequences of this latest Bill and send it back to be redrafted in consultation with firearm experts. We live in hope!

Best regards,

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.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Life Membership Kathleen Arnold

I was recently approached by Central Branch NZAHAA President Andrew Barker with a request to consider awarding life membership of the Association to Kath Arnold. Criteria for life membership is “special services rendered to the Association and the furtherance of its objectives”. After reviewing the Central Branch request the management team were unanimous in agreeing that Kath exceeds the requirements and readily approved life membership.

Since its inception in 1959 the NZAHAA has seen a great deal of change, evolving into a national network of branches. One significant and at the time contentious step in the evolutionary process was a rule change in 1978 admitting women (namely Kath) into the sanctity of the previously exclusive “boys club”. Rather than being to the detriment of the association this proved to be a positive change. Kathleen was our first female member and has always been heavily involved with administration and management of the NZAHAA both at Branch and National level, including Central Branch Secretary, President, branch representative, Gun Show organiser and social function facilitator. At national level Kath has been a Management Committee member, President, FCAF and COLFO rep. Kath also compiled an edition of the gazette as we transitioned between editors. Kath is a tireless promoter of the NZAHAA with a passion for preserving the privileges we as collectors enjoy as part of our hobbies. Kath has always had total support through the years from her husband Colin.

My own experience with Kath and Colin began with a visit to one of the original Central Branch Shows, held at the Arnolds property thirty something years ago. Kath, & Colin have continued to be a source of inspiration and encouragement for many; people like the Arnolds are the true essence of the NZAHAA.

I am honoured to have had the privilege of presenting Kath with her life membership.

Andrew Edgcombe

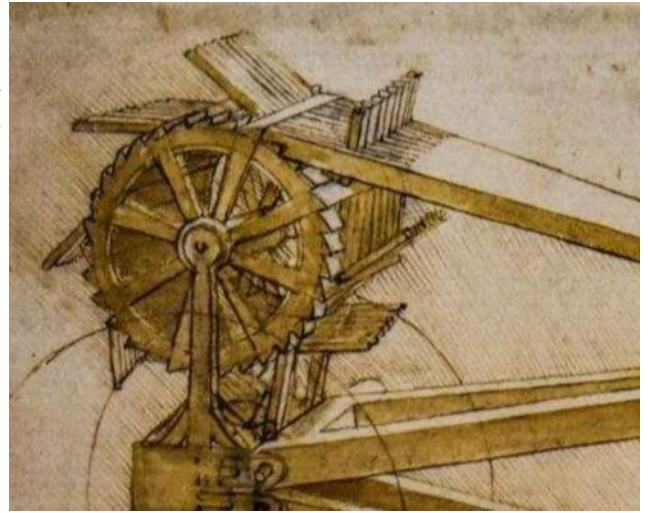
NZAHAA National President

VOLLEY GUNS by Lex Severinsen

About 500 years ago Leonardo Da Vinci drew this sketch of a 72 barrel volley gun. 8 rows of 9 barrels connected with a trough of gunpowder.

Below is my copy firing light dowels about 120m. Balls would go further, the second to last didn't ignite.

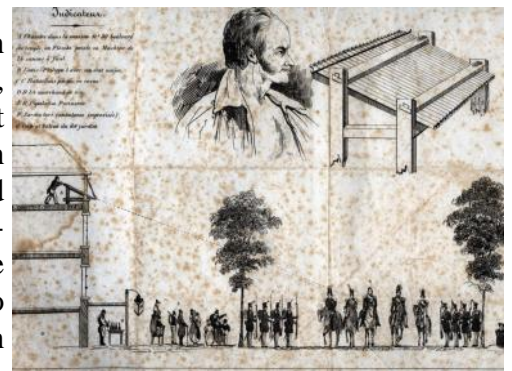
Volley guns were never really common as they're so inaccurate and take so long to reload.



In 1835 there was an attempt to assassinate the King of France with a volley gun.



The would be assassin made this volley gun, loaded his 25 musket barrels with 8 balls each PLUS buckshot!.... and waited in a 3 story building overlooking a square where the King was to parade. Range less than 70m?



The King came.... BB BB OOOOOM!!! 20 barrels poured 400 projectiles toward the King. The king's horse was killed, plus 18 people, but the King only got a scratch.

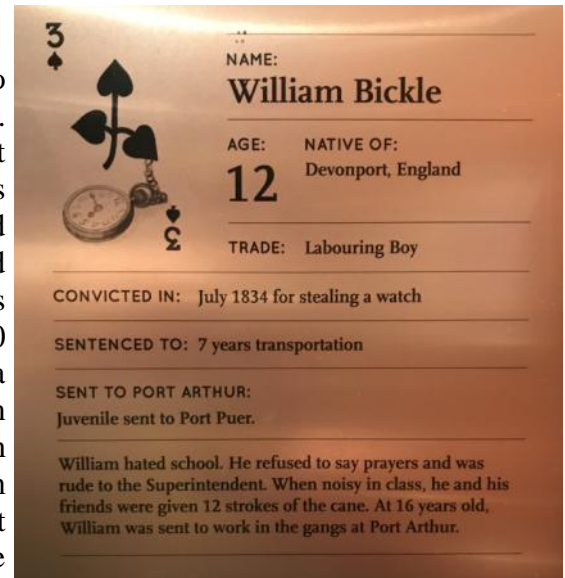
The assassin however was nearly killed when several of his overloaded barrels exploded. And that shows the limit of a volley gun. He would've been better with a good rifle.

TASMANIAN PENAL COLONIES BY Phil Cregeen

During the course of our Tasmanian holiday in September my wife Pam and I had opportunity to visit two penal settlements, which are now tourist attractions. The first the infamous Port Arthur South East of Hobart, and the second the less well known Sarah Island at Macquarie Harbour on the West Coast.

Port Arthur

The Port Arthur penal settlement was established in 1830 to obtain timber for other government projects using convict labour. From 1833 it was used as a punishment station for repeat offenders from all the Australian colonies. The settlement was built on a philosophy of discipline and punishment, religious and moral instruction, classification and separation, training and education. Many men were broken by the system; others rehabilitated, educated and skilled. By 1840 more than 2,000 convicts, soldiers and civil staff lived there and Port Arthur was a major industrial settlement producing range of products from dressed stone to ships. In 1853 transportation of convicts to Van Dieman's Land ceased and the settlement was turned into an institution for aging and physically and mentally ill convicts. It closed finally in 1877, after which many of the building were destroyed by bush fires.



One reason for transportation



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Commandants House

Military Barracks

Penitentiary - Hospital behind



The houses in the foreground were for civilian staff - Chaplain, Medical Officer, Magistrate.
The circular white structure right of centre is the Solitary Prison



One of 3 wings in the Solitary Prison

A cell in the Solitary Prison

New arrivals at Port Arthur spent 9 to 12 months in the Solitary, during which time they were locked up for 23 hours a day and were not allowed to speak. It drove many insane.



EXERCISE

88. Every convict under separate treatment is to receive exercise for one hour daily. . .

89. In proceeding to the exercise yards the convicts will move out of their cells as soon as the doors are opened, taking care to attach their badges to their jackets, and to draw down their cap-peaks previously; they will then march to the yards as directed by the officer, preserving the proper distance from each other, viz., five yards; and as soon as each man enters his exercise yard, he will advance close to and face the farthest extremity of the wall, in which position he is to remain, with his cap-peak down, until the officer calls out "Walk about."

90. While at exercise the convicts will continue to walk at a brisk pace, and are never to loiter or lean against the walls, nor to keep their hands in their clothing . . .

91. The strictest silence must be observed at exercise . . .

92. At the expiration of the period of exercise the hand bell will be rung, at which signal the convicts will immediately draw down their cap-peaks, and place themselves facing the end walls in the same order as when they entered the yard, where they are to remain until called out by the officer, when they will proceed to their respective cells . . .

3 separate exercise yards

Rules for exercise

The Penitentiary (below) had 136 cells on the lower floors, the ground floor housed men in heavy irons, the first floor those in light irons, and the upper floor accommodated 348 men in a dormitory with basic bunk beds. It included a library, mess room and RC chapel, with a kitchen and laundry at the rear.



Originally built as flower mill and granary in 1845, this building was converted to a Penitentiary in 1854

Sarah Island

This Penal Station in Macquarie Harbour operated from 1822 to 1833. It was considered the harshest convict settlement in Australia and took the worst offenders and recaptured escapees. The convicts were used to extract Huon Pine from the surrounding bush and a ship building industry was set up on the island, which became the largest in Australia at that time. Conditions were very hard on this small 20 acre island, with hard labour and frequent floggings. Eight women sent as nurses and washerwomen were housed in a cave on an even smaller island known as Grummet Rock, some 700 yards away. On its closure the convicts were transferred to Port Arthur.

The narrow entrance to Macquarie Harbour, over a treacherous sand bar, is known as Hell's Gate, a fitting name for the start of a term at the penal settlement.



Sarah Island in its heyday

It had a 30 foot high fence built along its length to protect the inhabitants from the prevailing westerly's.



Little remains of the Penitentiary (left), Commissariat (right) and any other buildings today.

If you want to read more about life in the Australian penal system there is a very good novel first published in 1874 by Marcus Clarke entitled *FOR THE TERM OF HIS NATURAL LIFE*.

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Where Have We Gone Wrong?

Until this year New Zealand had sensible firearm control laws that allowed those who were considered fit and proper to own firearms and enjoy the shooting and collecting sports and pastimes of their choosing. The Arms Act worked because it had good compliance by the firearm community who largely adhered to the safety and security requirements, which kept the public at large safe. Unintentional shootings had trended downwards and firearm homicides were only 10% of the total. The only fly in the ointment was an increasing use of gun violence by criminal drug dealing gangs which the justice system has steadfastly failed to apprehend and lock up.

Then one day an evil foreign terrorist slips undetected into the country and through sloppy police work is granted a firearms licence. He legally buys a number of firearms and through an omission in the law acquires large capacity magazines for them. He goes on to commit this country's most horrific crime by slaying 51 innocent people and wounding as many more.

The governments' immediate reaction to this heinous crime was to clamp down on law abiding firearm owners by banning most types of military and sporting semi automatic firearms, which included many valuable and historic collectable guns, and resulted in farmers being unable to humanely and effectively control pest animals on their own farms. In supporting this government knee jerk action the media has chosen to demonize and vilify gun owners. This even before an inquiry was launched into how this evil terrorist remained undetected and was granted a firearm licence.

Now we face a new raft of gun laws that seek to further restrict lawful ownership but do nothing to address the real problem which is that of guns in the hands of criminals.

These new laws will kill off shooting as a sport if left unchallenged

Second Amendment

We had planned to talk about the new **Arms Legislation Bill 2019** but quite frankly it is all now too late.

Once again the government has pulled the plug on reasonable discussion and debate by only allowing 28 days for submissions on this Bill which closed on 23 October. The intention is to pass this Bill before the first anniversary of the 15 March terrorist attack in Christchurch.

If you are one of the small percentage of licensed firearm owners who kept yourself informed, wrote letters or talked to MPs, made a submission on this Bill, and/or contributed to the Fair and Reasonable Campaign organized by COLFO, we thank you whole heartedly. Both SSANZ and COLFO members have received frequent communications in relation to this and played a valuable part.

If on the other hand you are one of the vast majority of licensed firearm owners who sat quietly by and did nothing, then you deserve all the hassle and grief that this Bill will heap upon you as a law abiding shooter.

However it is not too late to redeem yourself you can still write letters or talk to MPs, take part in a protest rally and/or contribute to the Fair and Reasonable Campaign, before the final vote is taken in parliament next February.

Make Your Voice Count

Fair and Reasonable Campaign

SSANZ fully supports this campaign led by COLFO, and has donated \$10,000. We encourage ALL licensed firearm owners to sign up. We see it as our best shot at achieving some positive outcomes for law abiding firearm owners. Go to www.fairandreasonable.co.nz to find out more, donate and subscribe to keep in touch with what is happening.

The Amnesty Clock is ticking

If you intend to keep any now Prohibited firearm or magazine or parts you need to apply for a P endorsement NOW. If you don't have a necessary P endorsement by the time the amnesty finishes on 20 December you will be in breach of the law and liable for prosecution if you are in possession of prohibited items.

Here we are, at the time of writing, 5 months after the law change and three months gone already of the 6 month amnesty and still many firearm owners do not fully understand how they are affected. Added to that Police have only just published details of how and by whom guns may be modified in order to comply, which dealers will be contracted to collect banned firearms and are still updating their list of compensation values. Many pest control operators are still waiting for endorsements to use semi automatics in order to efficiently undertake their work. It begs the question has the government proceeded in too much haste and can the Police cope with all this additional administrative work and still efficiently carry out their normal duties.

Having banned the use and sale of semi automatics with their Order in Council any sensible government would have taken the time to carefully consider the necessary legislation, and given police time to prepare all aspects of collecting banned firearms. As it is they rushed through poorly considered legislation and lumbered an ill prepared police with making up the rules as they went along. No wonder there is so much resentment and confusion in the firearms community, and every likely hood of poor compliance and strong opposition to the confiscation process.

It is not hard to understand the governments' haste. It was all about seizing the moment of public shock and emotion following the attack and allowing our PM to make a name for herself on the world stage as a decisive leader, unfortunately for her it has convinced many kiwis that her coalition are not fit to govern.

The law is an Ass!

An interesting example of NZ history that has had to be 'modified' under the new legislation. This Winchester Model 12 shotgun held 6 in the magazine so an NZAHAA Gunsmith did a very sympathetic (but fully legal) internal modification to the magazine to get down to the limit of 5 rounds.



This gun was manufactured in 1924 and purchased lawfully at the time by some shooter who was fairly wealthy as they were expensive guns. It was compulsorily called in during WW2 under the Special Purchase scheme for Military use (SP S 10926) and then sold out of service after the war (double broad arrow and SS stamp on stock), possibly back to the original owner. It is 95 years old, has done 90 years of lawful sporting use and 5 years of WW2 service and is now suddenly so dangerous that it has to have the magazine capacity reduced by one round or be handed in for destruction! How stupid is this law?!!

READERS GUNS.

From time to time readers send me pictures of guns they recently added to their collection, asking for advice or simply because they are pleased with their acquisition and want to share them.

Martini Enfield Rifle Mk I - appears to be new made in 1902, missing only the clearing rod and lower sling swivel.



7.62 mm L2A1 Automatic Rifle - this one a parts kit built onto a DSA Receiver in the USA.



NEW LAND PATTERN PISTOL



Introduced in 1802 the New Land Pattern Pistol served the British Light Cavalry until a replacement was introduced in 1842 in the form of the Pattern 1842 Lancers percussion pistol. Production ceased some time in the reign of William IV (1830-37).

In many respects it bears similarities to its predecessor the Pattern 1799 Light Dragoon Pistol. The 0.66 inch bore iron barrel of 9 inches is held in the walnut stock with a key close to the muzzle and a screw through a square ended tang at the breech. Proof and view marks are on the left side of the barrel with half inch baluster engraving around the breech. The iron rammer is held in place by a swivel fixed to a lug braised to the underside of the barrel. The boarder line engraved lock is 5.25 inches long and flat sided with a ring neck cock and waterproof pan, it is held in place by two side nails, with brass S shaped side plate on the opposite side.



Marked "Tower" across the tail the lock also bears the royal cypher of "crown over GR" and government ownership mark "crown over arrow" below the pan. Butt cap, trigger guard, side plate and nose cap are all of brass.



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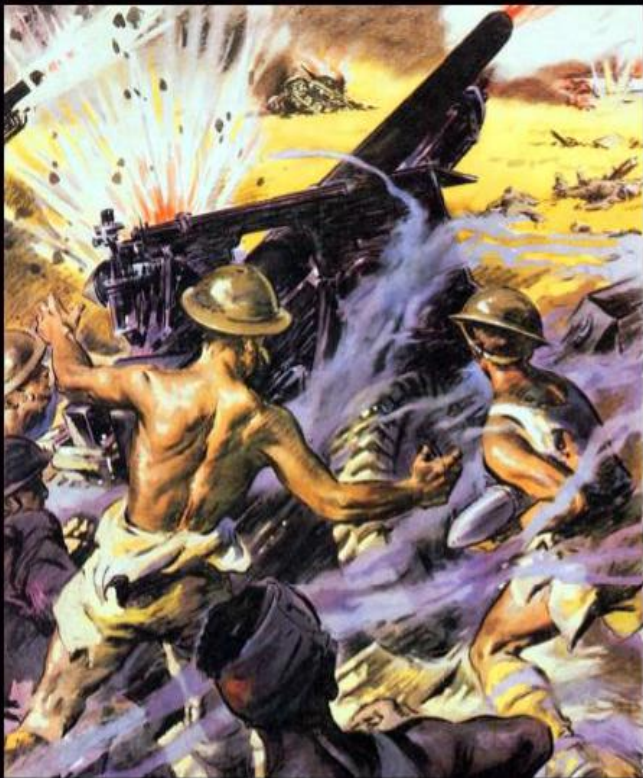
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Contact Noel Taylor nj-taylor@outlook.com or 021 187 2106

WANTED: M 1 Carbines - I am interested in buying any manufacturers I don't yet have in my collection such as Underwood, Quality, Un-Qual, CCC (yes I know 239 made) and Irwin Pedersen.
Contact Martin James kzzz2018@hotmail.com



NZ Antique Arms and Historical Arms Association Inc. Central Branch Presents Their

Annual Historical Arms and Militaria Show.

Sunday 23 February 2020
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the Otorohanga Workingman's Club
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Kath at c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz or ph. 07 873 8853

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

Last months (below left), first correct answer was provided by Martin James, who said it was a row of (now Prohibited) Bren Gun magazines. Now worth \$210 each to Jacinda Ardern who pays with our tax money so that they can be destroyed, what a crazy world we now live in!



UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2019/20 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

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| 2 & 3 November | Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth |
| 9 & 10 November | Armistice in Cambridge |

2020

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| 11 & 12 January | Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe |
| 21 March | NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Marlborough |
| 5 April | South Canterbury Branch Auction, Washdyke |
| 18 & 19 April | Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Paraparaumu |
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