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New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. # 10 Oct 2011

EDITORIAL

The success and indeed the survival of the NZAHAA as an organisation depend upon maintaining, and ideally growing our membership. It is with concern that I report that over the past seven years we have suffered a net loss of 95 when comparing new members joining to those who resign or fail to renew their subscriptions.

Since recruiting new members is essentially a Branch function I have reproduced below a table of how many new members each Branch has recruited over the period 2005 to 2011 (figures as at 1 September 2011). Branch committees may wish to reflect on what made some years better than others, or why their recruiting or retention is poor. I will not depress you by including a table of our resigned /lapsed members but the right hand column shows the net gain or **loss**. It must be stated that the Canterbury earthquake has had a consequential effect on that Branch resulting in a large loss of members this year.

New Members	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Net gain/loss
Auckland	3	2	11	11	10	3	3	43	-7
Canterbury	9	10	3	6	9	6	5	48	-29
Central	3	7	7	7	3	3	10	40	-14
Hawkes Bay	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	19	0
National	3	0	0	1	1	2	3	10	-14
Nelson	0	2	1	2	0	4	2	11	-12
Northland	1	2	2	1	6	6	7	25	19
Otago	3	1	2	4	4	5	4	23	-10
Ruahine	0	3	4	1	4	5	2	19	-19
Sth. Canty	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	6	2
Southland	3	7	4	2	5	3	0	24	1
Taranaki	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	8	0
Wellington	3	21	11	4	12	5	6	62	-12
Total	32	62	51	42	59	47	45	338	-95

For our Branches to prosper we need to find new ways of attracting members and once they join keep their interest. This is something that should concern all members and the very least you can do is invite like minded mates to your Branch meetings.

If you have comments to make or news or articles to contribute, send them to oilrag@xtra.co.nz
All views (and errors) expressed here are those of the Editor and not necessarily those of the NZAHAA Inc.

Phil Cregeen, Editor oilrag@xtra.co.nz

AN INTERSTING BAYONET, Photo by Derek of www.bayonetsplus.com



Manufactured by the Birmingham trade in WW I for the Volunteer Training Corp this bayonet has the hilt of a Pattern 1888 and the blade of a Pattern 1907 bayonet, and was designed to fit onto Martini Carbines. It has an OA length of 511 mm, blade length of 432 mm and a MRD of 14.1 mm.

Do you have a modified or unusual bayonet that you would care to share with our readers? Send details and a photo to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

MORE MEDALS STOLEN FROM THE NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Keith Davies, 57, appeared in Wellington District Court on 31 August charged with the theft of 395 medal groups comprising 843 individual medals, obtaining property by deception, false accounting and unlawfully exporting New Zealand antiquities. The medals have a combined estimated value of more than \$256,000. It is alleged Davies stole the medals between 1995 and 2002 while working at the Museum. Authorities have so far recovered 300 of the stolen medals including service medals, campaign medals and some gallantry medals.

If you collect medals and suspect that you may have acquired some of the stolen items please contact the Police.

NZAHAA POSTAL SHOOT

On Sunday 18 September Northland Branch got stuck in to the Postal Shoot before dry summer weather prevented the Black Powder events from taking place on the Dargaville Pistol Club Range set in the middle of a pine forest. Of course we had to deal with a few heavy showers which turned the targets a bit soggy, but a good time was had by the ten or so members who took part and we enjoyed the steak and bacon BBQ at midday. In the old days we used to start the postal shoot with a Champaign breakfast but that is no longer considered appropriate. One of the great things about this event is the wide variety of guns you can shoot, from Muzzle Loader through BP Breech, Military, MSSA, Sniper rifle and .22 RF and BP Shotgun, we managed them all but for the Lever action shoot, which may be fitted in at the Invitation Shoot in January.

COLFO REPORT

Dear Members

Like most, the Council is disappointed by the outcome from the consultation with the Law and Order Select Committee. While the members of Parliament engaged well, most of our members feel as though they were not heard and legislation is being passed that will damage the interest in responsible firearms ownership in the future.

Equally as disappointing, is the small number of individuals who have come out blaming others, when they were not to be heard when calls for support were made. I am concerned that this fractious nature causes external bodies to support stricter controls. If we cannot work together for the betterment of our sports and interest's then what chance do we have of promoting them as areas to teach children to be responsible and law abiding citizens.

As I observed in my last report there was little opposition to the bill in Parliament, we should ensure that we are recognized for the good we do in communities and for the country, the only way to do this promote ourselves.

Since my last report we have met continual meetings at Police Headquarters, as well as we attended an Oxfam presentation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. I attended the New Zealand Shooting Federation AGM. We responded to an editorial in the *Auckland Herald* dated 31st August 2011. In the article there was a comment in support of full registration; the comment misquoted Sir Thomas Thorp, so we completed the statement to correct the context; the full response is available on our website.

We also mentioned some research done in Australia on the effectiveness of registration; this was completed by the International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH). This is also attached to our website.

Another recently completed survey of 28 countries and 14 sub-territories showed that only 6 of those countries have full registration, and of those, Australian and Canadian members of Parliament have questioned the cost effectiveness of their systems and both acknowledge the inaccuracy of their registers.

The Council will be raising awareness to Members of Parliament, directly and through your associations leading up to the election and into the next term of Government to ensure we are heard in any future arms amendment bills. We will also continue to work with Police Headquarters to ensure Police policy acts on changes in a practical and consistent manner.

All the best

Michael Dowling

Chair, COLFO

LONG TAN REMEMBERED- Thanks to Kim McGrath

18 August was the anniversary of the battle, in 1966, at Long Tan in Vietnam in which 108 Australian and New Zealand soldiers fought off a force of 2,000 North Vietnamese. The battle lasted for 4 hours and saw 18 ANZACs killed and 24 wounded. Follow this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXrh0e4gSTI> to view a video tribute to all the young men, most were only 21, who fought and died in this battle

AN UNUSUAL ENFIELD. Rifle loaned by Pat Glynn, photos by Phil Cregeen



This 25 bore (.577 calibre) Pattern 53 Enfield has been turned into a breech loading pin-fire sporting rifle. This was achieved by cutting the barrel at the breech plug and chambering it for a pin-fire cartridge. The hammer has been modified to strike the pin and the barrel has been hinged to the stock by brazing a hinge lug to the barrel and fitting a shoe inside the cut down stock, with a release catch just forward of the trigger guard. The original sights are retained.



Modified hammer and latch



Pin-fire chamber and hinge shoe



LHS of breech



24 bore pin-fire cartridge & .577 Snider Round

CAN STATIC ELECTRICITY IGNITE BLACK POWDER? Contributed by John Osborne

The answer is no, visit the link below to find out why.

http://www.ctmuzzleloaders.com/ctml_experiments/sparks/sparks.html

THE FIRST HAMILTON GUN SHOW by Kath Arnold, Photos by Ken Picknell

A good crowd turned up for the Inaugural Hunting and Shooting Expo in Hamilton on 10th September.

Here was a show with a difference, in that it incorporated many different areas of Collecting and Shooting. The Clay Target Shooters were represented along with NZPA Clubs, NZAHAA, NZDA, Black Powder Clubs, Cartridge Club, Small bore Rifles, Knife Makers as well as a stand for the Police with our Hamilton Regional Arms Officer in attendance.

As well as this, there were sales table for the keen buyers.

The general consensus was that it was a great first show and would only get better. I know I heard many people asking if there would be another show next year, so they must have enjoyed themselves.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 5 November | Rogers Militaria Auction, Wellington |
| 5 & 6 November | Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth |
| 12 & 13 November | Armistice in Cambridge |
| 13 November | Carvell's Auction, Auckland |

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| 7 & 8 January | Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe |
| 17 March | Hawkes Bay Branch Auction, Napier |
| 21 April | NZAHAA AGM & Auction, hosted by South Canterbury Branch, Timaru |
| 23 June | Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show |

MYSTERY OBJECT

What is it? Send your answer to oilrag@xtra.co.nz



Last month's Mystery Object was an escape compass button, provided Bill Lowry, no-one got that!



REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT MEETING & HYGM held in Christchurch

Much of the business of the Management Committee was taken up with selecting a new National Secretary, this is progressing well and I hope to be able to reveal his name and contact details to you next month. The 2012 AGM will be hosted by South Canterbury Branch and held in Timaru on 21 April and will be followed by an auction. It is intended that the 2012 National Shoot will be hosted by Auckland Branch if a booking can be made at a suitable range.

At the HYGM the new members were approved as was the Budget for 2012 with the annual subscription remaining at \$70. All four remits for minor changes to the Association Rules were passed without comment.

Canterbury Branch provided an auction of 230 lots which followed the meeting for which you all should have received a catalogue. In an adjoining room there were a number of sales tables and displays and also a silent auction which closed before the main auction started.

There was plenty of time during the day for members to seek out that bargain and as well as renewing old acquaintances and making new friends, which is what it is really all about.

Thank you Canterbury for hosting a great weekend, they tell me they even provided a few shakes for the out of town visitors, but I must confess I did not feel them. Graeme took two of us on a night time tour of the red centre and I must say it was very sobering to see the many closed streets, cleared building lots and buildings awaiting demolition.

Here are some of the displays, photos by Malcolm Brady.





NZAHAA 2012 CALENDAR – BUY ONE AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB



The 2012 Calendar was released at the General Meeting in Christchurch on Saturday 24 September. You may buy one through your Branch or order one direct using the Order Form supplied with the September Gazette.

Calendars cost \$12.00 each plus \$2.50 P & P for up to 4 Calendars.

They make an ideal Christmas gift. Or you could twist his arm and sell one to your mate!

BUY SELL OR SWAP (Free advertising for NZAHAA members for 2 months)

***FOR SALE OR TRADE :** WW II Australian Issued U.S. M1917 Sniper Rifle with Australian Lithgow S.A.F. 1943 dated Cartouche on Stock; U.S. Issue M1922 .22 calibre Training Rifle in Excellent Original Condition; U.S.M.C. Issue M.1.C. Garand Sniper Rifle fitted with Kollmorgen 4x Scope & M2 Flash Hider; Vietnam Issue U.S. M.1.D. Garand Sniper Rifle fitted with unique one inch mount and Weaver K4 Scope & T37 Flash Hider; Have 3 Boer War Mauser Rifles with magnificent hand carved stocks, all Rifles include details of their history; Large Collection of British & Australian Lee Enfield Range Sights including many RARE examples.

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CONTACT : Colin Green, 5 Tiffany Grove, Templestowe, Victoria 3106, Australia.

Phone :61 3 98462070. Email : colingreenaust@hotmail.com

*** FOR SALE: BOOKS (SECOND HAND)**
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The Flying Bomb War by Peter Haining, 2002.
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CONTACT: Phil e-mail oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

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(09) 4866935 / coltparts@yahoo.co.nz

WANTED For NZART

Information on NZ Issued No 4 (other than Long Branch and Savage) & No 5 .303 Rifles, also 7.62 mm conversions L 8 series, L 39 and Sterling conversion.

Maker.....?

Mark.....?

Serial No.....?

Date of manufacture.....?

NZ Issue marks.....?

Please send to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

***WANTED:** Military radio equipment and Accessories, ZC1 and other sets.
e-mail Mark at marknott@rocketmail.com or
phone 0274 572 124

***WANTED PHOTOS: British Cavalry Carbines of the Napoleonic Era**, is a new joint project by Barry Chisnall & Geoff Davies, and it has only just started.

Barry writes: We've written the outline and drafted a 'trial' chapter on Paget carbines. One problem, we have already found is the lack of data available to research the subject so we don't expect this new venture to be finished in the near future, (2012/13?).

Barry asks if our members can help. He is looking for pictures of Napoleonic and pre-Napoleonic carbines such as Harcourts, Eliotts, Bakers and Pagets, particularly if they have unusual features or regimental provenance?

CONTACT: Barry Chisnall barry.chisnall@yahoo.com

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Northland Branch

Invitation Shoot 2012

7th & 8th January

At Oromahoe Range, as per last year.

(map available)

**Camping at the range encouraged, but you must be
self sufficient.**

**Organised events on Saturday with prizes, and the
usual evening auction. So bring along your excess
stuff!**

All members and families are welcome.

Fee \$20 for weekend.

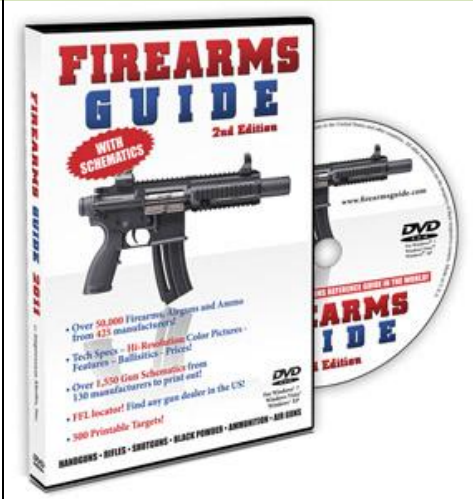
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