

# E-GAZETTE MK II\*

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# **EDITORIAL**

The Arms Legislation Bill has passed the second reading in Parliament by 7 votes and will now be debated by the whole house. It is here that changes will be introduced by MPs, some may be to our advantage while others may seek to make the Bill more onerous. It is right now that we can further influence this Bill. As we have seen Labour and the Green Party are hell bent on seeing this Bill passed into law, however NZ First have expressed reservation, while National and Act have clearly stated their opposition to it.

Now is not the time we should expect other people to do the work for us. We must all pull our weight and do our utmost to convince NZ First that it will be to their advantage at the September election to oppose this Bill. As already requested by COLFO through the Fair & Reasonable Campaign, all shooters and collectors are asked to write and tell NZ First MPs how this Bill will affect them and how the result will influence how we vote in September. See also our Presidents message on Page 4. Please do it today, because we are all counting on each other.

It is good to see the year getting off to a good start, with the Dargaville and Otorohanga Gun Shows both reporting good attendance and sales. And it is good to see a steadily filling Events Calendar on the next page. Lets all do our best to put the trials and tribulations of the past 12 months behind us, support these events and make it all worthwhile for the organisers and participants.

Happy Collecting, Phil

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# **UP COMING EVENTS**

# 2020

21 March NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Marlborough

5 April South Canterbury Branch Auction, Washdyke

18 & 19 April Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Paraparaumu

26 April Carvell's Auction, Auckland

23 May Ruahine Arms Fair, Palmerston North

6 June Northland Branch Gun Show, Barge Park, Whangarei

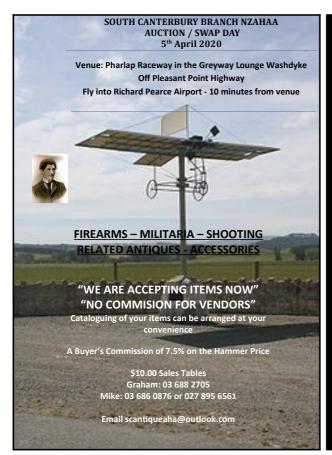
5 July Auckland Branch Gun Show

11 & 12 July Wellington Branch Auction

17 &18 July Mainland Arms Gun Show, Riccarton Raceway, Christchurch

15 & 16 August Tauranga Militaria Show

3 October HYGM & Hawkes Bay Branch Auction



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# NZ Antique & Historical Arms Assn (Wellington Branch) Inc



# Annual Auction – 2020

We are now accepting lots for our next auction on the 10/13<sup>th</sup> July 2020. We would encourage anyone wanting to have items included to advise Steve, our Auction Convener, at the earliest possible time.

South Island Run: We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island sometime in February so those South Island people wanting to have items collected please let us know as soon as possible. Dates to be confirmed but it will be early in the New Year.

North Island Run: Also, on the planner is a trip to North Island locations. Details will be advised in due course and will include any notified locations so get your details to Steve.

Contact Steve and talk to him about what you wish to do.

#### Steve Privett

He can advise you of our very friendly Vendor commission rate

Tel: (04) 934 2756 Mobile: 0274-411785 Email: <u>info@wellingtonantiquearms.org.nz</u>



# Nelson Branch Will Host 2020 NZAHAA AGM and Auction

# 21st March 2020 in Marlborough

Venue - Clubs of Marlborough which has excellent facilities

Anyone wishing to put items in the Auction should contact either:

Nigel Johnson on

03 5476263 - evenings

or

Laurie Staig on 03 5423622

We would like to have items to hand by November if possible



Half Year General Meeting and Auction - October 3rd



HAWKES EAY Branch proudly announces that the NZAHAA HYGM and Auction will be on the 3rd of October.

The Venue will be: The Taradale Club,

55 Wharerangi Rd. Taradale,

Napier.

f you have any queries about this event, please contact:

Peul jo.paul.shoebridge@gmail.com

or Robin

hbahaa577@gmail.com

021 523 810

Please note that this auction includes the late Alan Walkers entire collection of militaria including: firearms, ammunition, bayonets, badges, books and many other military Hems. Alan was a discerning collector and his collection was comprehensive!

Alan was a strong pro-gun advocate, and his Will stated that he wanted his collection proceeds go to the NZAHAA, COLFO & SSANZ.

The sales from this auction will help us all to "light" the anti-gun egislation currently before Government, and also to try to protect our firearm rights going forward.

This is your chance as members of our association to support all shooters and collectors by partaking in our auction.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT ANDREW EDGCOMBE

Keep the pressure on the politicians, write to your MP, call them and VISIT them. Some points to consider as follows:

- Introduce yourself; mention who you are and what you do. Reinforce the point that you are a normal New Zealander that contributes positively to society.
- Deliver a persuasive argument.
- Stick with facts that can be validated, do not engage in speculation or rumour.
- Stay on track and don't digress onto irrelevant subject matter.
- Retain your composure while remaining polite and respectful.

What do you need to remind these people about?

- Let them know how this proposed legislation impacts you personally.
- Let them know how you feel the process has largely ignored the concerns of law abiding and legitimate firearms owners.
- Tell them how much you enjoy your hobby, the preservation of history and historical items.
- If you are a shooter press home how many people enjoy your hobby and point out the negative aspects of proposed changes.
- Pistol shooters, push the positives of belonging to a club, and mention the internal monitoring; training and mentoring you have in this environment. Enlighten them as to what a carbine kit is and how a pistol fitted to such a kit remains a pistol and doesn't suddenly transform into a semi automatic rifle. Validate the use of these carbine chassis kits within your sport- this one is IMPORTANT.
- Collectors, focus of SOP 408 and the restrictions this could bring, point out that numerous historical and collectable firearms (that we NEVER fire) could be captured by this ill-conceived legislation.
- As a collector ask that exemptions be seriously considered so that collector firearms are not caught up in any legislation pertaining to pistol carbines (Artillery Lugers and the like)
- Reinforce the fact that we (Pistol shooters and collectors) are a highly regulated faction of the firearms fraternity. We have a high degree of vetting and security.
- Question the validity of separate address parts storage for prohibited firearms, the systems we have in place now for restricted weapons/pistols are more than adequate and we should be exempt from further restriction that will serve no purpose other than frustrating those that are already compliant.
- Remind them that your vote and the votes of family and friends will be influenced by the actions the take on your behalf to make positive changes to current proposed legislation.

That's a few suggestions, Gun Control NZ are well and truly pushing people to lobby politicians and in particular NZ First. Stand up ad be heard, and be proud to be a firearms owner.

Nash seems to be keen on further restrictions, possibly with further "buy backs" or compensated confiscation. I know that you have all had a lot asked of you and many have contributed to this seemingly endless battle with submissions, letter writing and visiting politicians. Don't relent, keep at it and stay strong. If you haven't made a COLFO contribution, now is the time. If you haven't signed onto the Fair & Reasonable campaign its worth doing so as you will receive regular updates when they are released.

Taranaki NZAHAA is doing a fundraiser; it's a \$10 raffle that gives YOU a chance to win something in return for a worthy Fair & R e a s o n a b l e contribution. See the attached image and deposit \$10 in the Taranaki Branch NZAHAA Account,



TSB 15-3951-025-2021-00 Use your name and phone number as a reference. Each \$10 will get you one chance in the draw for a superb custom knife valued at \$345. This knife is a work of art, a perfect addition to your collection of memorabilia or ideal for use in the field. If this is successful we will see if we can elicit another suitably excellent item to raffle at a later date.

A reminder to ensure you know your obligations regarding compliance, even though it's a little difficult at the moment to keep abreast of it all in such a fluid environment. If you are in doubt seek clarification, if you don't wish to ask your arms officer directly ask around your branch membership or approach your branch representative.

Check your storage and security, make sure you are compliant and not complacent.

Be extra vigilant at shows, we need to be demonstrating exemplary practices in (and out of)the public eye, secure your firearms with a cable and padlock. Ensure that you haven't missed anything that may be prohibited including parts. Don't be offended if you find yourself dealing with enhanced security requirements at auctions and shows. Any such measures have been carefully considered and may include conditions imposed by the constabulary.

Social media: be wary of interactions on social media platforms, posts and comments are closely monitored and could invite unwanted attention.

# A Bayonet for the Papal Rifled Carbine Mazzocchi M 1857 By Marco Cornuda

This bayonet is almost a clone of the French bayonet M 1842, as you can see in the following photo.



It was conceived for the Papal rifled Mazzocchi M 1857 (Minié system) intended for the *Cacciatori Pontifici*, that is to say *Papal light infantry*.



The rifled carbines and the bayonets were manufactured in Rome in the factory of the Mazzocchi brothers and only 1.000 were produced.

The bayonet has the following dimensions:

Total length: 695 mm (27.362 in) Blade length: 572 mm (22.519 in) Blade width: 32 mm (1.260 in) Blade thickness: 11,7 mm (0.460 in)

MRD: 23 mm (0.905 in)

From the archives, we can know that the blades were purchased in Solingen (Germany) and the sheet-steel for the scabbard in Belgium.



There are few marks, and not very clear, on the bayonet:





**AP** for **Armeria Pontificia**, that is to say **Papal Armoury**, on the right side of the ricasso and on the right finial.





The rack number 696 on the right side of the cross-guard and F e M interwoven in a monogram for Fratelli Mazzocchi, that is to say Mazzocchi brothers, on the left finial.



# 7.65mm German Model 1905 Dreyse Carbine by Graeme Champion



Some years ago I was tripping around the South Island and decided to go to Clyde and take a look at the newly constructed Clyde Dam. While there, I was invited to have a look at a collection of firearms belonging to a local collector. One of the items that caught my eye was a small German Dreyse carbine. These are rare and I had only seen one before and that was in Europe. The owner told me that early in the 1960's he had made an appointment to see the local Post Master and when sitting in his office, noticed this carbine standing behind the door!! A year or so ago, this very same carbine turned up in a local auction, so I took the opportunity to grab it.

Dreyse was an old company which started in 1824 and around 1900 was taken over by Rheinische Metallwaaren und Maschinen Fabrik AG who was at that time, one of the largest suppliers of weapons to the German government. Dreyse himself was by this time well gone but the company continued to manufacture guns using the Dreyse name.

Around 1900, Mannlicher, Mauser and Dreyse were all competing to produce a pistol carbine and around 1905 Dreyse produced this model chambered for the 7.65mm or .32cal pistol cartridge. The actual designer was Louis Schmiesser, who was well known for his pistols and later on, the German MP40 sub machine gun.

This carbine uses a very simple blow back design with a very unique take down system which allows the breech block to be removed by just the push of a button on the left hand side of the action. It is beautifully manufactured (as one has come to expect with German arms of that time) and nicely balanced, in spite of its chunky looking receiver.

The next time you are in your Post Shop, just cast your eye over the counter, as you never know what might be lurking behind the door.

The overall length - 950mm

Barrel length - 475mm

Weight - 2.2kgs

Magazine capacity - 8 rounds

I knew of two other similar carbines in New Zealand but sadly, both were handed in with the "Buy Back". I will not let it happen to this one.







# MORRIS & BROWN'S CONICAL REPEATER Contributed by Lex Severinsen



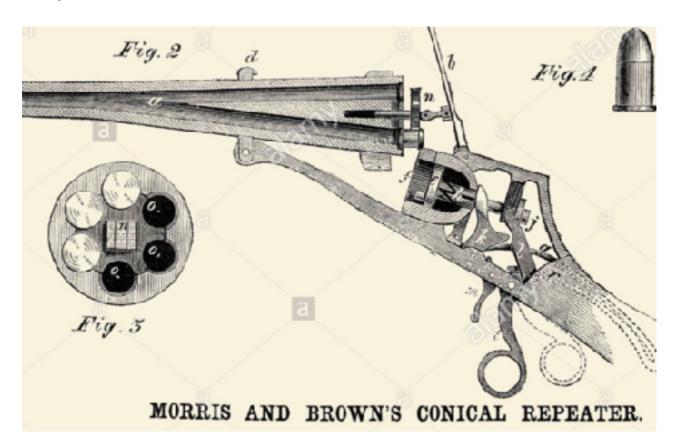
This Interesting old gun that was tried out in the 1860s when brass cases first appeared.

It has a revolving firing pin, not cylinder. This means the 6 cylinders aren't aligned with the rifle barrel.

The bullet must go from its cylinder, then TURN the slight corner, BUMP!...go down one of the 6 branches of the barrel, then TURN another corner, BUMP!!... and exit the barrel.

The idea didn't catch on... the barrel wore out on the corners! Not to mention the lack of accuracy as the bullet bumps it's way along one of the 6 barrels!

Cody museum.



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# **CONFISCATION & AMNESTY - Success or Failure**



Figures published on the Police website tell us that a total of 56,250 firearms were collected in the so called buyback and amnesty that ended on the 20 December. This equates to 3.75% of the civilian armoury of an estimated 1.5 million firearms, so there are still a lot of firearms in the community.

Has it achieved its objective of removing MSSAs and "Assault rifles" from public hands? There were 15,037 MSSAs registered to E endorsed owners of which 9,532 (63.4 %) were handed in, 4,277 (28.4%) subject to applications to retain by dealers, pest controllers, collectors and museums, and 1,228 (8.2 %) yet to be accounted for, this potentially leaves 5,505 MSSAs still in the community.

Centre fire semi automatics accounted for 63% of the total buyback, in other words 32,345 - 9,532 MSSAs = 22,813 A Cat semis, since no one will admit to knowing how many were in the community to start with, despite police issuing all the permits that allowed them to be imported, it is difficult to estimate the number remaining in the community. Figures released by Customs indicate that 98,580 rifles were imported in the five years 2013-2017, would it be fair to estimate 1 in 4 of these to be a semi auto, about 24,625. So what about all the semi A cats imported prior to 2013, we know a lot of these were 3-4 shot hunting rifles dating back to the early 1900s. So again there must be a significant number of semi autos still in the community, it has been estimated to be in the region of 100,000.

12,375 (22%) of the buyback comprised of rifles with a magazine capacity greater than 10 rounds, a high percentage of these would be .22 pump and lever actions with magazines ranging from 12-15 round. And even if centre fire did they really pose a threat to public safety in the hands of LFOs?

Semi auto and pump action shotguns accounted for 13% of the total, 6,674, because they held more than 5 shots. Again we question whether these really constitute a threat to public safety in the hands of LFOs.

The cost \$102,198,651, but that does not include the hidden cost to the police of collecting, transporting and destroying so many firearms and the additional admin resulting from processing all the new licence endorsements etc.

SSANZ view is that the whole process has been a total failure, because not only has it failed to remove all so called dangerous firearms from public hands it has alienated a large section of the firearm community driving many firearm into the grey or black markets where they are no longer stored securely and safely. Added to this it has destroyed the previous good relationship between LFOs and police.

# What happens next?

The Select Committee published its report on the Arms Legislation Bill on 10 February. The Labour majority have recommended that the Bill should proceed with some minor changes, both National and Act recommended that the Bill should be rejected. Parliament will debate this and the Bill may be amended in some small ways. However since the government has the numbers on its side the Bill is likely to be passed and become law by March.

The only way to reverse this Law change will be to bring about a change of government at the election on 19 September with a party committed to repealing this Bill. Then your most effective weapon will be how you cast your party vote.

# **Protesting - not our thing**

Many firearm owners feel uncomfortable taking part in protest demonstrations, however that did not stop sixty SSANZ members and friends from taking part in a successful protest against the Arms Legislation Bill in Whangarei on Saturday 8 February, with plenty of supporting toots from passing traffic. Other protests took place in major centres around the country.

# Are you a Kiwi (endangered species) or an Ostrich (head in the sand)?

With our present government denying Licensed Firearms Owners our right to a fair democratic process in round one and then introducing the most draconian firearm laws ever in round two last year, which will spell the end of many shooting sport opportunities and severely restrict firearm ownership, why have so few of you lifted a finger to oppose these changes? Where are the 200,000 of you who don't belong to SSANZ or COLFO? Just sounding off on facebook doesn't help.

Did you make a submission to the Select Committee on the Arms Legislation Bill, join and donate to <a href="https://www.fairandreasonable.co.nz">www.fairandreasonable.co.nz</a> take part in a protest gathering, talk or write to your MP? From what we have seen to date the vast majority of New Zealand LFOs did none of those things.

Many of our grandparents and parents gave their lives or suffered years of privation in two World Wars to defend our rights to freedom and democracy, have their sons and daughters gone soft in the peace that our forebears created. So soft that you don't care about the encroaching police state.

Or perhaps because you are an ostrich you didn't know about all these threats to our freedoms, sport and hobby.

Let us correct that and keep you informed.

Become a Kiwi and join the fight for survival of our species

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# The FISGIG by John Carter



# What is a Fisgig?

Toil for the fisgig
The fisgig is no more
Sunk by obsolescence
Rejected from the store

Mourn the vanquished Quindent The fisgig will be missed Neptune's secret weapon Deleted from the list

On such links with the Navy The veterans rightly dote Give it a decent burial On a leaking Carley Float

With iswas(?) or with shovelwood Its fame was often sung What have we to replace it? In quizzes for the young

Strike it from the Rate book Remove the "Dues in" page Toil for the fisgig Relic of bygone days.

3360 Naval Stores General (class B, Group 11, Part C) Fisgig pattern 13 Obsolescence

- 1. No further purchases of Fisgig will be made and this item will be marked "O" in the Rate book and authorised lists of Naval Stores.
- 2. Stocks of obsolescent items will be continued to be issued until expended.
- 3. The relevant publications will be amended.

#### **USE**

The Fisgig was used for removing chunks of salted meat both beef and pork from the barrels of brine. Sailors called it "Junk" or "Salt horse" Long before the Crimea war when canned meat was in use.

You'll notice that the outer prongs have only a one sided spear point so that it didn't snag on the inside of the cask when withdrawing the meat. The stave was long enough to reach the bottom of the largest cask, about 4 feet long, c1700.

The one in the RNZN Museum is made by W.Smith & Sons. Redditch-London

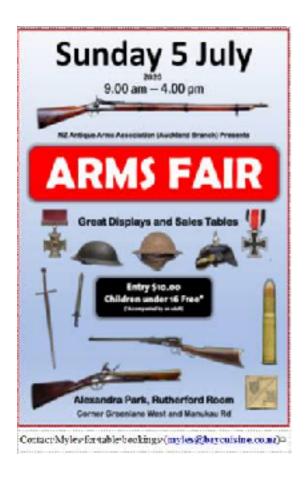
# RECIPE for SALT BEEF

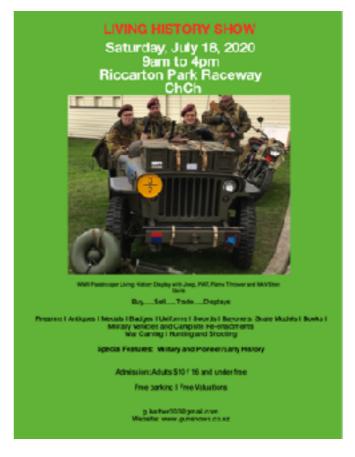
Admiral Sir Charles Knowles served in the Royal Navy 1718 – 1779.

This is said to be his receipt for Salt Meat:- (written in old English and used f instead of s, and obviously i before except after c wasn't known, this is my interpretation)

As soon as the Ox be killed, let it be skinned and cut up into pieces fit for use, as quick as possible, and salted whilst the meat be hot; for which purpose have a sufficient quantity of saltpetre and bay-salt pounded together and made hot in an oven, of each parts. With this sprinkle the meat at the rate of about two ounces to the pound. Then lay the pieces on shelving boards to drain, and repeat the same operation, and let them lie for twenty four hours longer. By this time the salt will be all melted, and have penetrated the meat, and the pieces be drained off. Each piece must then be wiped dry with clean coarse cloths, and a sufficient quantity of common salt made hot likewise in an oven, and mixed, when taken out, with about one-third of brown sugar. The casks being ready, rub each piece well with this mixture, and pack them well down, allowing about half a pound of the salt and sugar to each pound of meat, and it will keep good several years, and eat very well. It is best to proportion the casks or barrels to the quantity consumed at the time, as the seldomer it is exposed to the air the better. The same process does for pork, only larger quantity of salt, and less sugar; but the preservation of both depends equally upon the meat being hot when first salted.

Somewhere I once read that salted meat was used from casks when ten years old.





#### BITS AND PIECES.

# **Escaping Gas By Lex Severinsen**

When using the 6 Lb Armstrong cannon, built by the late John Osborne and friends, I was amazed at how the flash found its way around the tightly screwed Breech. Even with a light little projectile.

I can see how the flash in the gap between the cylinder and barrel was a real dangerous fault in percussion revolvers of the 1860s.



# Applying for a P endorsement? Don't give up if Police refuse you. From Trevor

I applied and was granted my P endorsement about October last year, thought I was all sorted but no, the police (Trevor Pullen) sent me an email on the 4th Feb stating that the police would NOT grant me a permit to possess a SKS and a SLR and 5 mags for the SLR

Because they didn't fit with my theme of my collection (WW1 to WW2) this was technically true, and gave me 10 days to make a submission.

I had a discussion with Nic Taylor the firearms lawyer and as a C endorsement holder you don't have to stipulate what area you collect. So at a cost of \$2300 I asked Nick to put a submission in for me and won the battle I now have been granted the necessary permits.

The police are acting like >>>>>> this is not a one off, he has made many submissions on peoples behalf and won all of them. The police wont go to court because they know they are wrong and would loose the case so they just grant the permits.

# **Military Aviation from Dennis Lally**

Here's a <u>link</u> to an Otago Daily Times article about newly accessible material on NZ military aviation. The article has a link to the aviation history site.

# Did you buy this rifle in Ted Rogers last Militaria Auction?

6.5mm Boer War Mauser Rifle. 29½" barrel. Ladder rear sight. Bore quite good. Receiver wall marked "Deutsche Waffen - Und Munitionshfabriken Berlin". 2 barrel bands. Metalwork a grey patina. Good woodwork with usual age bruising. Steel butt plate with some rust. Cleaning rod. Sling swivels. Stock marked "J.C. Roos" and an arrow. S/N 6676 matching bolt, stock and magazine plate. GWO&C. Estimate \$550 - \$650. #

If so David George author of "Carvings from the Veldt" would like to hear from you with a view to including images of the carved stock in the next volume of his book

David can be contacted at: david.george7@bigpond.com

# The NZAHAA POSTAL SHOOT 2020/2021.

Entries now being accepted for the annual Postal Shoot.

This event is open to ALL BRANCHES within our organisation, there are 10 events this year and each event needs a team of 5 shooters. This is a fun way of competing against each other and is casual as you can shoot events at your leisure. ie you have 12 months to complete it, It is inexpensive and lots of fun. Ask your Branch sec for details.

# HAVE A FUN SHOOT.

Robin Back & John Ayto Postal Shoot Co-Ordinators. Hawkes Bay Branch

# The manufacture of Blackpowder in America back in the day. Contributed by Neville Dodd

Read the dateline on this article first.

 $\underline{https://www.nytimes.com/1861/08/10/archives/gunpowder-and-its-manufacture-where-and-how-it-is-made-the.html}\\$ 

Coastal defences protecting NZ from invasion fell victim to natural forces six decades later. Contributed by Mike Harris

 $\underline{https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/119714779/quakedamaged-world-war-2-gun-emplacements-reopened-after-facelift?cid=app-iPad}$ 

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz Last months (below left), first correct answer was provided by Graeme Barber who said it was a copper driving band from an artillery shell.





# BUY SELL OR SWAP List items free for two issues (\* indicates final listing)

\*WANTED: Bolt for a War Office Pattern .22 BSA training rifle, these bolts are marked with Patent No 14373. Contact: Pat Glynn Tel 09 432 2791.

\*WANTED: Carbine size lock for an East India company Bakers pattern (Smooth rounded plate raised pan & Lion mark 5 3/4" long by 1 3/16th" deep whole or plate or what have you. Contact: Maurice. Tel 03 5224 577 taylors.4@xtra.co.nz

\*WANTED: 6.5 mm Japanese bolt action Carbine.

Contact Mack:mackonerahi@gmail.com

**WANTED:** – Voere .22 semi-auto rifle cocking handle, also any magazines.

The cocking handle part looks like this.



Contact Tony tony the bruce@outlook.com. 021 289 8831

TradeMe refuses to list .22 semi autos, but if they are legal you can list them here.

# John Carter's Display at Central Branch Gun Show

Otorohanga 23 Feb 2020.



# Plus some Guns for sale

India Brown Bess 39"barrel SOLD

Calisher & Terry \$4500

F/L Musketoon Lacy & Co \$3500

F/l Carbine Thomas \$3000

Snider Carbine in Next Napier Auction



# More images from Central Branch Gun Show by Pat & Andrew













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