

## New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. #24 December 2012

## **EDITORIAL**

As you will see in news items below, further gun control is still on the agenda both locally and globally.

Public opinion can be a dangerous thing for firearms owners and collectors if it is not on our side. Take for example the aftermath of the Dunblane Massacre in Scotland when public opinion turned against gun owners and resulted in the banning of all hand guns in the UK and the demise of that well respected gun magazine *Guns Review*.

The public have a perception brought about by such incidents as the Napier killings by Jan Molinar that people who secretly collect a large arsenal of firearms are a threat to public safety. In our own interest as collectors we need to dispel this image and show that rather than being hoarders of weapons for sinister purposes we are people genuinely interested in preserving part of our nation heritage and studying the historical and technical development in firearms and military equipment.

I know many collectors shun publicity on the grounds of protecting the security of their firearms; however this works against us as a community of collectors in the long term. What we must do is promote our interests to the general public, showing that we are responsible owners and collectors for genuine reasons of historical research and understanding.

This can be achieved by providing opportunities for the public at large to view what we collect in an interesting and informative manner. Our gun shows can provide this opportunity, provided we are prepared to make the effort to put on appropriate displays that inform and interest the public. One only has to attend such events as Armistice in Cambridge to realize that there is tremendous public interest in living history events and militaria in its broader aspects. By getting Joe public interested in what we do will help assure the long term survival of firearms collecting.

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

Phil Cregeen, Editor <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

#### FROM OUR READERS

#### **DISTURBING TREND IN ARMS & MILITARIA AUCTIONS**

I am disturbed at a trend that has been apparent for some time in Arms & Militaria auctions around the country. This is when two items that obviously belong together are split into two items, usually, but not always, one after the other..... holster sold separately from the handgun that it fits; bayonet and scabbard; rifle and bayonet (although this is probably okay). A recent auction had a rare Navy Luger pistol which sold for several thousand dollars and the wooden stock for it, with matching serial number was listed straight after it. The buyer of the pistol had to bid again to keep the unit intact.

I can only put this practice down to one thing ... GREED.

Brian McLeary, Napier

#### **ENFIELDS IN THE CONFEDERATE STATES**

Here in New Zealand I am sure most of us are aware of the history of the Enfield Rifle, as used in this country by British Regiments and later by our own Colonial Volunteer Forces. The Pattern 1853 Enfield Rifle Musket being introduced here in 1858 and serving until 1884.



You may also be aware that the Pattern 1853 Enfield was used by both sides in the American Civil War. The following information was kindly provided by Brannen Sanders who lives on his family farm near Macon, Georgia, where he is currently building a Hay Pattern Enfield.

#### The Confederacy "officially adopted" the Enfield Rifle.

James Burton, who was Superintendent of Confederate Armouries [he had been trained at Harpers Ferry] and by the later-1850's went to Enfield Lock to supervise the "set up" of the American made, Enfield production machinery. After the machinery was set up at Enfield Lock, he was hired as Superintendent of the Enfield Armoury. He resigned his position in 1860 and returned to Virginia.

Anyway, while Burton was in England in 1863, he ordered 3 complete sets of Enfield production machinery from the British machine Tool Firm of Greenwood & Batley. The reason 3 complete sets were ordered? Simply to assure that one complete set would get through the Yankee Blockade.

The Confederate government planned on building the world's largest armoury in Macon to produce Confederate Enfields. Unfortunately, for the Confederacy-the war was over before the factory was completed. Some of the G & B machinery had arrived in Macon, but not enough had arrived to allow the production of Enfields.

#### And English Cartridges

"Preference was for the English style cartridge-one that was loaded with the paper on the ball. This called for paper of not only adequate strength, but of a uniform thickness: paper only fractionally too thick would not fit into the bore of the gun. The English used three separate sheets of fine, high-quality paper on their cartridges. Confederate arsenals wrapped their cartridges in two sheets, a stiff inner cylinder and an outer wrapper containing both cylinder and the ball, and even at that paper was running drastically short. If an adequate supply of quality paper could not be obtained, the arsenals would have to change to making the old U.S. Pattern cartridge, which required stripping the paper from the entire load. And if once forced to go to the U.S. Pattern, Mallet felt it better to stay with it. 'The superiority of the English pattern seems to me so decided that it would be a pity to abandon making it,' he said, 'yet I fear any chance of blunders growing out of the use of two different cartridges....'

At the end of April [1863] the ordnance department's paper problem was suddenly and greatly magnified when the Bath Paper Mill in Augusta [GA], supplier of paper to the arsenals at Augusta, Atlanta and Macon, burned..."

[Note- "Mallet" was Captain John William Mallet of the C.S. Ordnance Department. He was the former state geologist for Alabama and a professor of chemistry at the University of Alabama before the war.

Mallet had been born in Dublin, Ireland in 1832. His father, Robert Mallet, was an English Civil Engineer and a Fellow of the Royal Society. Mallet had emigrated to the South in 1853.]

The above quote about the English style Confederate cartridges was from page 325 of:

MAJOR MILITARY INDUSTRIES OF THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT by Maurice Melton. It was his Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of the Grad School at Emory University in Atlanta, GA in 1978. A copy of this Dissertation is available from: University Microfilm International 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 USA

# Enfield Cartridge and its use by CSA contributed by John Osborne C.S. Central Laboratory, (Ordn.)

Macon, Ga., Feb. 9, 1864.

[CIRCULAR]

It has been recently ordered by the Chief of Ordnance that the only patterns of cartridge to be hereafter used with muzzle loading rifled small arms shall be that known as the English pattern of Enfield cartridge. It is important that the troops should be taught to load this cartridge properly - the following instructions upon the subject are therefore published - Ordnance Officers on field service will endeavour to secure their observance, and to correct any irregularities which they may notice.

1. - If the powder end of the cartridge has been "pinched" or folded straighten out the folded portion of the paper - if it has been twisted (as is the case with the cartridges made in England) untwist the end with the finger and thumb.

2. - Tear off the part of the paper at the powder end beyond the stiff inside cylinder, taking advantage of leverage upon the edge of this stiff cylinder, and tearing off as close as possible to the edge.

3. - Pour the powder from the end of the cartridge thus opened into the barrel of the gun, taking care not to lose or scatter any of the powder - Hold the barrel vertically, so that but few grains may remain adherent to the inside surface.

4. - Invert the cartridge, and insert the lubricated end into the muzzle of the piece (without tearing off any of the paper from the ball).

5. - Press the bullet end of the cartridge down into the barrel until the top of the cylindrical portion of the ball is just flush with the muzzle taking acre that the axis of the bullet coincides with that of the barrel, and that the cartridge is pressed directly down - not twisted.

6. - Break off the empty powder cylinder from the bullet, taking advantage of leverage against the edge of the muzzle, and being careful not to twist or pull the bullet out of its place.

7. - Ram the ball steadily down, using no more pressure than is necessary, and avoid twisting the ramrod. Settle the bullet in its place by one or two light taps.

8. - Cap the gun, which is then ready to be discharged.

In case of the gun becoming excessively foul, so as to prevent easy loading in the proper way, as above detailed, the paper of the cartridge may be torn off from the bullet, and the latter loaded naked. As the lubricant is upon the outside of the paper and not upon the bullet this practice is not to be recommended unless it be rendered necessary by the cause mentioned.

J. W. Mallet, Maj. Supt. C.S. Laboratories *Approved*: J. Gorgas, Col. Chief of Ordnance Richmond, Va., Feb. 15, 1864

Acknowledgements and thanks to Brannen Sanders and John Osborne

GUN REVIEW Hay Pattern Snider Rifle Mk III by Phil Cregeen © 2012



Top: Hay Pattern Converted Snider Rifle, Bottom: Hay Pattern 1858 Rifle

As stated in Defence Reports, in February 1869 500 of the 10,000 Hay Medium Enfield Rifles purchase by New Zealand in 1865 were returned to England for conversion to breech loader by the Snider patent. They were received back in NZ in November that year and issued to the Armed Constabulary in Napier and Taupo Districts initially. The example here conforms to the general configuration of a Hay Pattern Snider having a 33.5 in 3 groove barrel 1 in 48" twist, bronze furniture, 3 barrel bands and extended trigger guard tang with sling swivel and rear sight close to the lower band. Barrel bands are the later Baddeley type with concealed screws.

The markings on this rifle pose something of a puzzle. It is marked to the Armed Constabulary on the butt tang (AC) and also K/NZ/893, which conforms to other observed Hay Sniders, see table below. K/893 is also stamped in the receiver breech and left side of the walnut stock. The butt is also marked with an 1865 Birmingham cartouche. However the lock is marked: **Crown/ VR and BSA & M Co 1880**, where all previously observed locks are Tower 1865. I suspect this is a case of a



later replacement lock being fitted. The breech block is marked BSA Co and "Snider Patent" indicating a commercial block, yet the barrel is marked with an Ordnance 1<sup>st</sup> Proof mark and the receiver shoe with an Ordnance 2<sup>nd</sup> Proof mark. The breech block would not appear to be a later replacement as it is numbered (259) to the barrel and receiver shoe. The number 126 also appears on the shoe, plug, breech block, catch and extractor, suggesting that these are all original parts. Most parts also bear Birmingham inspection marks.

The original Hay muzzle loaders were purchased under a private contract through Hollis & Sheath (first batch of 5,000) and Calisher & Terry / Tower (second batch of 5,000) and bear civil proof marks. The conversion to Snider of this Hay appears to have been undertaken under a War Dept contract by BSA Co. While most of the Hay Medium rifles were traded back to England, many of the Hay Sniders were later converted to carbine in NZ for Cadets, so all Hays are now quite scarce.



#### Butt tang marking

Mk III breech block Snider Patent acknowledged

NZ Marked				
Arm	NZ Marked	Lock	Dated	
Hay Snider converted to carbine	K NZ 869 AC	Tower	1865	
Hay Snider	K NZ 932, S, AC	????	????	
Hay Snider	K NZ AC 56	Tower	1865	
Hay Snider Mk III	S K NZ AC 635	Tower	1865	
Hay Snider Mk III	K NZ AC 547	Tower	1865	
Hay Snider Mk III	K NZ AC 893	BSA & M Co	1880	

From the table and picture of butt tang marks above it will be noted that Hay Sniders are typically marked K NZ xxx when received into New Zealand Stores and AC added when issued to the Armed Constabulary. These markings would also suggest that the Hay rifles selected for conversion were all from the same second batch. From observed examples other NZ contract Sniders are typically marked as follows:

Snider Long Rifle (3 Band) MK II\*\* and Mk III Marked: NZ xxx, Lock various makers dated 1855-65

Snider Artillery carbine MK III	Marked: NZ xxx,	Lock WH Tisdall dated 1872
Snider Artillery Carbine Mk III	Marked: NZ xxx,	Lock BSA & M Co dated 1878
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	Marked: N80Z xxx,	Lock NA&A Co dated 1879
Snider Cavalry & Artillery Carbines Mk III	Marked: N80Z xxx.	Lock BSA & M Co dated 1880
Snider Artillery Carbine MKIII	Marked: N81Z xxx,	Lock CG Bonehill dated 1880
Snider Short Rifle Mk II**	Marked: N^Z 87 xxx	, Lock Enfield dated 1861-62
Snider Naval Short Rifle Mk II**	Marked: N^Z 88 xxx	Lock Leige dated 1862

#### TARANAKI BRANCH GUN SHOW, Photos by Andrew Edgcombe

Once again Taranaki Branch put on a great gun show in New Plymouth over the weekend of 3 & 4 November. Steve Privett and I had the task of judging the displays and found it hard to make a choice of the winners as they were all so very good. Here are the results and a few pictures:

Best Military : Colin Arnold, Central Branch (Daggers and Edged Weapon display)

Best British Military: John Howe, Taranaki Branch (British Military long arms)

Best Non Military: Graeme Champion, Taranaki Branch (Needle Fire-Kaiser Wilhelm)

Best Non Fire arms: Gavin Bennett, Taranaki Branch (survival display)

Best Individual Display: Robert Gunning, Wellington Branch (Crested china)

Best Visitors Display: Fred Houghton, Wellington Branch (Pickelhaubes)

Best Overall Display: John Howe, Taranaki Branch (British Military Long Arms)

Best Taranaki: Blair Horter, Taranaki Branch (Colonial NZ display)

People's Choice: Colin Arnold, Central Branch (Daggers and Edged weapons)



Best Military & People's Choice



Best Taranaki



Best Non-Military

**Best Visitor** 



Best Overall & Best British Military

Best Individual





As you will see exhibitors had taken the trouble to provide visually attractive displays, which were also informative. The show was well supported by members from outside of Taranaki providing displays and sales tables. It was good to see members attending from all over the North Island as well as the local public.

Another great opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and look and buy more stuff.

#### **COLFO NEWS**

**Dear Members** 

The focus of this bi-monthly column is to follow on from the work COLFO has



undertaken on behalf of firearm owners in regard to importing restricted firearms for special reasons. However this process may be used in importing any firearm or an accessory.

We have had three informal meetings with police and one meeting with an MP since the last report. The Council held its second meeting for this year in October, as a result of the meeting it was agreed to set up a strategy sub-committee to advise the Council on long term issues. Associations have been asked to submit candidates for this committee, which will meet by email, so that a group can be formed by February next year.

To assist firearm owners with an application for a permit to import we have loaded an example on the COLFO website – <u>http://www.colfo.org.nz/</u> Application for a permit to import example. While this does not cover every special reason, it gives an applicant a format to follow that ensures they cover all of the points an arms officer will look for in assessing an application.

When police are checking an application they are looking for specific information, about the item, its make, model, type and calibre, make this easy to find. They are also required to check you have an endorsement for the requested item and details on there system are correct, such as your address, make these easy to check.

We recommend you carefully consider your reasons for importing. Please consider the application as a checklist for the arms officer to confirm all of the requirements needed to allow importation. While your own arms officer may be very familiar with your security or interests, the police national office staff may not. Additionally if staff have to refer to a number of sources to confirm information it will result in delays in processing your application.

If you wish to import a firearm for the purpose of hunting and/or competition shooting and/or collecting, state all of your reasons in your application. The reasons do not have to be exclusive, but they do have to be for recognised legal purposes. If your application states a single reason then police may require you to sell or dispose of the firearm when it is no longer required for the purpose you specified.

If you are importing an item to enhance a collection, state how it will enhance it. If your interest has evolved, show how this item will fit with this change and cover any changes to your security as a result of this change.

If you are importing to compete, state which competition, you could state a club you belong to that competes in the event but word your application in a way that does not restrict you to that club as you may wish to travel away to compete in the future.

Like most processes the easier a form is to follow and identifies the critical information required, the faster it can be processed.

If you have any thoughts or feedback please email me at: chair@colfo.org.nz

All the best, Michael Dowling, Chair COLFO

#### <u>COLFO</u>

The New Zealand Council of Licensed Firearms Owners is seeking expressions of interest from members who would be willing to form a strategy committee to advise the Council on such issues as public relations, media, and strategic plans etc, which would provide more depth to the Council. If you feel as though this is you or you know someone who may fit the bill CVs are invited to info@colfo.org.nz fax: (04) 801 7368 or to PO Box 24020, Wellington, New Zealand **no later than January 15 2012.** 

#### WELLINGTON BRANCH SPONSORS SCHOOL SHOOTERS Contributed by Steve Privett



Taita College trio of Susan Sharp, Michelle Page and Paige Wright triumphed in the national small-bore shoulder-to-shoulder indoor 25-yard match in Blenheim. It was a first title for Taita, who have been regular competitors since finishing third at the inaugural championship in 2002. All three Taita shooters, who are in year 12, qualified for the North Island team for the inter- island match and subsequently for the New Zealand team which competed against Great Britain secondary schools in a postal shoot.

As Steve points out by sponsoring a local school shooting team they are helping to secure the future of the sport that many of us collectors enjoy. Something other NZAHAA branches may like to consider.

#### NEW ZEALAND HERALD CALLS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL FIREARMS

With the headline "Unregistered guns invite a tragedy" the NZ Herald called for the registration of all guns in an editorial on Monday 12 November. Despite the fact that in NZ guns are used in only 1% of violent crime, the Herald used the fact that 325 illegal guns had been seized by Police in the year to June to argue that Registration would prevent guns getting into the hands of criminals and help solve crime. Police state that most of the seized guns had been stolen in residential burglaries or from collectors. How Registration would stop these burglaries or how once stolen from the registered owner it would help solve subsequent crimes the Herald does not offer any answers but simply implies that registration would mean fewer guns in the community.

While this may be so much hot air it is a reminder to us all that there is still an anti-gun lobby alive in the New Zealand media. We must do all we can to gain acceptance by the general public as responsible firearms collectors.

#### **OBAMA SUPPORTS WORLD WIDE GUN CONTROL**

Less than 24 hours after winning re-election, President Barack Obama's administration joined with China, France, Germany and the United Kingdom, and more than 150 other governments, in supporting renewed debate on the proposed United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, confirming the worst fears of the American gun rights community.

The vote came at the U.N. General Assembly's meeting of the First Committee on Disarmament at the world organization's headquarters in New York City.

#### INFORMATION REQUEST FOR THE NZ ARMS REGISTER

Can you help provide information as below for our continuing research in NZ arms?

Some of the data on Hay Pattern Sniders has been collected from auction catalogues and is not complete.

If you own a Hay Pattern Snider does it have Ordnance proof marks, or a BSA Co breech block with "Snider Patent"? How is the butt tang marked? Photos of all markings would be helpful.

Contact Phil at <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2013 please advise <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>		
2013		
12 & 13 January	Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe (Note date change)	
9 February	Dargaville Gun Show	
16 & 17 February	Wellington Arms & Militaria Fair, Lower Hutt	
24 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga	
23 & 24 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier	
13 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Invercargill	
27 & 28 April	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington	
25 May	Ruahine Branch Gun Show, Feilding	
22 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting and Fishing Show	
27 July	Mainland Arms & Militaria Gun Show, Christchurch	
12 & 13 October	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington	

# A COLLECTION



Many of us collect firearms, but we also collect other things too. Here is a sample of one member's varied collecting interests.

If you would like to send me a photo of your collection, I will feature it here. No names will be mentioned to protect your security.

#### WHERE ARE THE GUNS? Please send details of your local gun to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

This one provided by Andrew Edgcombe.



25 Pounder QF Gun Mk II outside Stratford RSA, Miranda Street

OUR GUN Krupp No 4 Photos by Phil Cregeen

After reviewing Geoff Lawson's book "Our Gun" the story of Krupp No 4 in last month's e-Gazette I was keen to see the gun for myself. In November I had my wish when Geoff met me at the gun in the War



Memorial Hall, Watt Street, Wanganui and explained the workings of the gun and some of the problems he had to overcome in its restoration. If you have occasion to visit Wanganaui, it is well worth taking time to have a look at this wonderful restoration job and piece of our history.



Geoff with (his) Our Gun

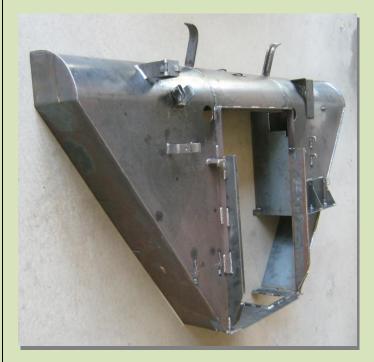
Krupp No 4



Detail of breech, the new block was machined from a solid block of steel

#### **BREN GUN CARRIER RESTORATION-PROGRESS**

Colin Arnold is making good progress with the restoration of his carrier, recent work includes fabricating a new engine air scoop, this fits vertically behind the drivers compartment, and preparing the engine. Having sat in a shed for 20 years, the V 8 engine only needed a good clean inside and out to get it in running order, it now starts first go and runs sweetly.



New air scoop



Original air scoop





Engine awaiting instillation

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right, provided by Tony Allnut), answers please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz



The correct answer to last month's mystery object, above left, was supplied by Paul Exler, it is a mirror for a Heliograph: Here is an image of the complete thing

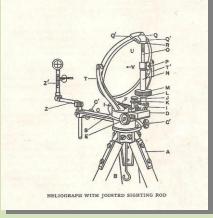


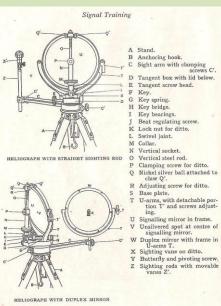


#### Heliograph

3. HELIOGRAPH Under the best atmospheric conditions the heliograph (five-inch) has a seventy-mile range.

(nve-inch) has a seventy-mule range. The heliograph is designed to reflect the sun's rays on to a distant station by means of a mirror. The signalling mirror is mounted in such a way that, in order to counteract the apparent movement of the sun, it can be slowly moved both vertically and horizontally by the signaller.





#### Heliograph

To ascertain if the reflected light is being sighted accurately on the distant station a sighting mark on a vane must be brought into alignment with the centre of the mirror and the receiving station. A small unsilvered spot in the centre of the signalling mirror throws a shadow spot on to the vane. It is thus possible to direct a reflected beam of light accurately on to a distant station.

- Note: (1) The signalling mirror and the jointed or straight sighting rod are used when the angle between the sun, the heliograph and the distant station is a right angle or less.
  - right angle or less. (2) The duplex (or second) mirror is used when the angle is greater than a right angle. When the duplex mirror is used the sun's rays are reflected from the signalling mirror on to the duplex mirror and thence to the distant station. The duplex mirror is also fitted with a sighting mark. In aligning the heliograph the duplex mirror must be so adjusted that the unsilvered spot in the centre of the signalling mirror covers the reflection of the sighting mark and the receiving station.

The heliograph is operated by using the key F, holding it at the collar M. This makes the signalling mirror reflect the light on to the distant station, when it is set up and aligned by the sighting devices built into the instrument. Full instructions in detail are given in Signal Training All Arms (Army). It is an excellent instrument to use, but climatic conditions in New Zealand do not give it much chance.

The Heliograph and Signals book was provided by Pat Glynn

### SOMETHING TO BRING A TEAR TO YOUR EYES Contributed by Grant Soich

Guns about to be crushed in Pakistan. How many can you identify?



## AN INTERESTING BAYONET by Phil Cregeen © 2012

Not so much a bayonet, but something that fits into a collection of British & Commonwealth bayonets, that is the Mk II Entrenching Tool introduced in 1944. This is similar to the 1908 Pattern but with the addition of a fitting to accept the No4 spike bayonet at the opposite end of the helve to the head. This allows the helve to be used as a mine probe. The head of the tool was carried by individual soldiers in a web pouch, below their belt at the back, with the helve strapped on the outside.



The head of this example is stamped ^ 194? POLC and the bayonet fitting MHR ^ 1944.

#### WEBSITES

Check these regularly for latest news

Auckland Branch <u>http://www.antique-arms.co.nz/index.html</u>

Canterbury Branch <u>http://antiquearms.co.nz/</u>

Wellington Branch <u>http://www.nzaaawgtn.org.nz/</u> see latest auction catalogue & prices

NZART <u>http://nzarmsregister.blogspot.co.nz/</u> now contains more abridged info pages on NZ Arms.

COLFO <u>http://www.colfo.org.nz/</u>

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## \*FOR SALE: Odds & Ends

\$10 each: MLE butt plate, SMLE butt plate, First field dressing

\$20 each: SMLE butt, No 4 Mk II bayonet, Yugoslav 2 compartment round oil bottle.

\$40 each: MLE bolt, SMLE bolt, MLE Mag., SMLE Mag., 50 x 7.62 linked cases.

\$180 each: Two 0.177 Benjamin Franklin air pistols, straight pump Model (1939) and Model 257 CO2, collectable, both function but seals leak.

Contact: Phil oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

**WANTED:** .577 Snider Brass cases for reloading.

**WANTED**: Firing pin and nipple for a Snider MK III.

Contact: Phil oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Contact: Terry Robinson

Tel: 06 357 7711 after 5.00pm

Tel: 09 430 6588

Wanted articles from you the readers.

You could write about your latest acquisition or a favourite item in your collection or an interesting museum you have visited. Half a page of A4 and a photo is all that you need to produce or more if you wish.

I also need more unusual/interesting bayonets, mystery objects and local guns on public display.

Please help make this e-Gazette interesting for our members

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We have just received a limited number of Collector #30. This will be the last Annual printed in this format. Any future Collector will be in pdf format and available on line.

**Featured** is a comprehensive 23page article on the New Zealand Lee Enfield Carbine. For many years these carbines have baffled collectors worldwide. Doug Munro from Baltimore along with NZ researchers John Milligan and Noel Taylor have demystified these carbines following comprehensive research and the gathering of information about real examples provided by collectors worldwide. If you own one of these carbines or would like to then this article is a must. The article describes their history and development, the various types in much detail, their use and disposal and much more. It concludes with a multi page table containing vital statistics for known rifles by type.

**Other articles include:** From No.4 to L42 A1, Victorian Volunteer Rifles, Aussie Mail Service Pistol, Japanese Automatic Rifles, British Naval Cutlass, 20-rd SMLE Magazine, SMLE Forensic Inspection.

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### **Northland Branch**

**Invitation Shoot 2013** 

## **NOTE CHANGED DATES!!**

12th & 13th January

At Oromahoe Range, as per last year.

(Map and shoot programme available)

Camping at the range encouraged, but you must be self sufficient. Spit roast supplied on Saturday night.

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

All members and families are welcome.

Fee \$30 for weekend.

For details contact: Paul Deeming

09 435 3232

gunnerpwd@gmail.com

# Wellington Arms and Militaria Fair

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 16th & 17th FEBRUARY 2013 HOURS: SATURDAY 9.00am – 5.00pm SUNDAY 10.00am – 4.00pm LOWER HUTT CIVIC HALL, LOWER HUTT, WELLINGTON

Displays of some of the finest Arms & Militaria in the Country Local Shooting Club displays & information Militaria Sales tables Hunting & Shooting Sales tables

ADMISSION: \$5 per Adult, \$15 per Family, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



For Further information contact: Steve 027 4411 785 NZAHAA (Wgtn Branch) P.O Box 14029, Kilbirnie email info@nzaaawgtn.org.nz



#### MANAWATU RUAHINE DISTRICT GUN SHOW Run by Ruahine Branch of NZAHAA Inc.

Rangitikei Club, Bowen St, FEILDING

#### Saturday 25 May 2013 10.00 – 16.00hours

We send the above information as an early "**Heads Up**" of our branches intention to run OUR MOST SUCESSFUL YET GUN SHOW.

Extensive advertising in our district is intended re this function via newspaper/radio and leaflet drops and notices throughout the district.

Expressions of interest from members who wish to bring:

- A) a display (tables are provided free for displays)
- B) A sales table (cost \$20 per vendor per table) Should be sent to:

Vic Longley 7 Raukawa Road, RD 10 Palmerston North 4470 Email <u>longleyve@xtra.co.nz</u>

#### NZ Antique and Historical Arms Assn Inc

#### 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

The Southland Branch will be hosting the National AGM and Auction on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2013 Invercargill Workingmen's Club 154 Esk St Invercargill.

Items for sale in the auction are now being sought.

There will be <u>no commission</u> charge for vendors and a 5% buyer's premium.

Sales tables will be available at no charge. Displays are invited and prizes will be awarded to the best. Correspondence to:

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