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EDITORIAL

I heard on the news that the PM's son went grouse shooting while spending the weekend with the Royal Family at Balmoral, however as reported he did not fire a gun. What a disappointment for him, or was this statement made so as not to upset our sensitive public? In September Northland Branch held its first Prize Shoot at Dar-gaville, but the local newspaper declined to print the story about it.

As responsible firearms owners we need to take every opportunity to get shooting and collecting in the public eye in a positive way, so that it once more becomes an acceptable pastime. So get out there enjoy your hobby and publicise it, by putting on public displays or supporting those that do. Next opportunity is at the Military Heritage Day at Auckland War Memorial Museum on 12 October, then Armistice in Cambridge 9 & 10 November.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed material for this edition.

Phil

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The following information pages have been added or updated in the past month:

Pistols: NZAR ID 411,415,416,417,418

Carbines: NZAR ID 38, 76

Rifles: NZAR ID 184

Articles NZAR ID A49

Your comments or additional information would be welcome.

AN INTERESTING BAYONET by Phil Cregeen © 2013
Photo and information provided by Mike of Rotorua.

This is an Italian made bayonet for the No 4 Rifle., c1948. It has a total length of 352mm and blade 301mm. The blade used was from an Italian M 1870-87 or M 1891 and the scabbard made from a modified Pat 1907.



Italian (top) and British (No 9) bayonet compared

Termed the *Baionetta modificata compl. di fodero per Fucile Enfield n 4* (Modified bayonet complete with sheath for No 4 Rifle) it fitted on the normal No 4 bayonet lugs. The Italian socket is similar in design to that of a 1939 experimental British bayonet for a .276 Special Rifle that featured a blade of the type used on the Pat 1907 bayonet. (See BCB B 264.)

Some of these Italian bayonets are marked on the shank (RI) (*Republic Italiana*) within a 35 mm circle or FAT (*Fabbricca d' Armi Terni*) with a shortened date e.g. '48. These same marks were also used on the scabbard.

Use was made of British or locally produced P 1937 webbing or Italian leather frogs to carry the bayonet.

It is not known how many of these bayonets were made but it is thought to be around 800.

A New Puzzle around NZ Lee Metford Mk II Rifles

Following on from Noel Taylors' article in the September Gazette concerning the upgrade of NZ Long Lees it has been pointed out by Wanganui member Greg Lee that many of the New Zealand stock of Lee Metford Mk II Rifles have a unique(?) series of inspection marks, **crown/RE/No** not seen on other Lees, which is thought to signify Repaired/ Refurbished at Enfield. (See Photo below). The rifles also carry a **^/EFD/47**, seen to the right of the red circled mark. While some of these rifles have butt tang marks E 14 indicating them to be part of the 15,000 Long Lees purchase from England Prior to WW I, many have only sale marks on the butt tang and signs that previous marks have been filed off, also some have marks filed off the knox form.



Do you own a New Zealand MLM Mk II?
To aid in further research can you provide the following information please:
Maker and year.
Serial No
What and where are the NZ ownership marks?
Does it have the marks described above?
Has the butt plate tang or knox form been filed?



Send your reply to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz and I will pass on the information to Noel and Greg.

FROM THE GUN ROOM by Andrew Edgcombe © 2013

Last meeting we had an “unknown” item passed around that had been recently acquired by one of our members; it was quickly identified as an Italian Brixia mortar round from the Second World War.

Italian ordinance items were popular souvenirs brought or sent home by many Kiwi Servicemen from the Desert and Italian Campaigns and the Italian produced items were notoriously unreliable and unpredictable. The bomb was fired from the Model 35 launcher and could be considered a close relative of rifle grenades as the bomb was propelled by the firing of a blank round set off by means of a trigger mechanism rather than the conventional method of mortar firing where the launching charge is seated in the base of the round itself. A skilled crew could launch around 18 rounds a minute and attain a high degree of accuracy, as precise as the Model 35 launcher could be the downside was a lack of explosive power to get the job done due to the small size of the round limiting the capacity to carry a decent payload leading to poor fragmentation. All this being said no doubt this weapon caused a few headaches for many a Kiwi on the receiving end! The rounds themselves consist of aluminum tailfins and aluminum or mild steel body examples of brass body's exist but are rarely seen. The red painted tail denotes a high explosive round while a drill round will have a white ring around the top and early drill/practice rounds had yellow painted tail fins. The maximum effective range of the model 35 was around 500 meters.

Apparently the Brixia mortar round tail fin made a great egg cup and examples were kept for this very use. I wonder how many enterprising Kiwis sent home a nice set of red egg cups picked off the battlefield as a gift for their family's at home.



FROM A MEMBERS GUN ROOM by Phil Cregeen

I took this photo of a No 4 Mk I (T) while visiting a member who wished to remain anonymous.



The interesting thing about this rifle is that it has no makers marks, is brand new and would appear to have never been issued.



The scope and mount are similar to the British No 32, but the fixings differ in that the 3 screws are not inline.

The present owner believes it to have been made for or supplied to Israel, but who made the scope and mount?



HOW MY COLLECTION STARTED BY Phil Cregeen

Pattern 1888 Bayonet

Every collection starts with a first object, this Pattern 1888 is the bayonet that started my collection back in 1958. As a youngster I used to accompany my grandfather when he visited his fishing mate. This friend had a glass fronted case in his living room that contained three of these bayonet, which I used to admire. When he died his widow gave them to me. That and a school chum who also shared my interest got me started collecting bayonets.



This is a Pattern 1888 Mk I 2nd type manufactured at Enfield in June 1897. The Scabbard is made of wood covered in brown leather with a steel locket (frog stud broken) and is considered a “volunteer pattern”.



Stamped on the ricasso is the broad arrow acceptance mark, Enfield abbreviation EFD, and inspection mark above the bending mark X and the opposing broad arrows sale mark. The back to back R indicates a down-grading probably to drill purpose. The other side of the ricasso is marked with the royal cipher and date 6/97. The top edge of the blade has two inspection marks.

Stamped on the pommel is WS and 84, probably a unit marking but of unknown meaning. Perhaps West Surry ?

Dimensions:

LOA	16.6 in (422 mm)
Blade	12.0 in (305 mm)
Scabbard	13.0 in (330 mm)
MRD	16.5 mm

Reference: British & Commonwealth Bayonets by I Skennerton & R Richardson (B 213)

What started your collection?

The Battle at Pukakohe East Church compiled by Phil Cregeen

Last month I provided a brief account of the engagement that took place at the Pukakohe East Church on 14 September 1863 and described the arms that we thought would have been used on that occasion. I then had the great pleasure of taking part in the two day commemorations on the 150th anniversary. It was good to find several other members of the NZAHAA in attendance providing display material, adding to the discussion and keeping us well fed over the weekend. A mixed detachment of 65th Regiment and Rifle Volunteers camped beside the church and provided a display of living history for the visitors.

Following a 3 round volley by the attending troops there was then a blessing for the Maori who were killed in the action and buried just outside the present day church yard. *British troops who died that day are buried in Drury.* Inside the church a series of short talks by various historians, researchers and descendants of the local settlers who took part in the battle provided a fascinating account of events from a variety of differing perspectives. We also learned about NZ Medals issued to Colonials, Queens Redoubt on the Great South Road, the attack on Burt Farm, Alexander Redoubt, as well as Rev. T Norrie the Presbyterian Minister who preached at this and many other churches in the area.



Left: The church as it is today, in the foreground can be seen the remnants of the trench that was dug outside the stockade. The buttresses on each side and extension at the rear were not present in 1883. Right: Memorial to the buried Maori.



“Troopers fall in”



Watched by camp mother



“Load”



“Fire”



Left: Susanne Stone, chief organiser introduces the lecturers to a packed church audience.



Display of medals and knives



Display of hand weapons carried at the time of the battle but probably not used as no hand to hand fighting took place.



Display of probable Pukakohe Rifle Volunteers (local settlers) and Special Constables long arms



Display of typical Maori long arms



Combatants?



Pattern 1853 Enfield and cavalry sword



The final skirmish to see off the attacking Maori



Perham Award



Vic Longley proudly shows off his Perham Medalion presented to him by President Kath Arnold at the Half Year General Meeting in Feilding.

Vic joined Ruahine Branch in 1989 and has been noted as one of those members who often works behind the scenes to get things done. He has served as Treasurer, Auditor, Branch Rep. and committee member, helping to organise gun shows and auctions, sales and displays. He has also been the NZAHAA National Auditor for the past 5 years. In everything that Vic does for the NZAHAA he has been aided and supported by his wife Eileen.

Obituary

Paul Exler, Auckland Branch Secretary.

Passed away suddenly on Thursday 29th August 2013,

Paul was a valued member and he gave his time and efforts to support the branch activities from range days through to displays.

A keen Cannoneer he enjoyed shooting (and winning!) at the range and his displays of cannons were the highlight of our shows for many. The branch will miss his friendly, straight forward, can do attitude.

We would all like to pass on our sincere condolences to his wife Maxine, another valued branch member.

Myles Chandler
President Auckland Branch

WEBSITES THAT MAY INTEREST

From Tony Bruce: Suppressed 10/22 Inside A Nerf Gun

<http://www.armoryblog.com/firearms/rifles/suppressed-1022-inside-a-nerf-gun/#>

From Nick Mathew: Girandoni Air Rifle, as used on Lewis and Clark expedition.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pqFyKh-rUI>

From Dave Craze:

Great story about a brave & modest guy - multiple recon missions over Germany in daylight, unarmed

Click the link : [American Spitfire Pilot in WWII](#)

REPORT ON THE HALF YEAR GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION 7 SEPTEMBER

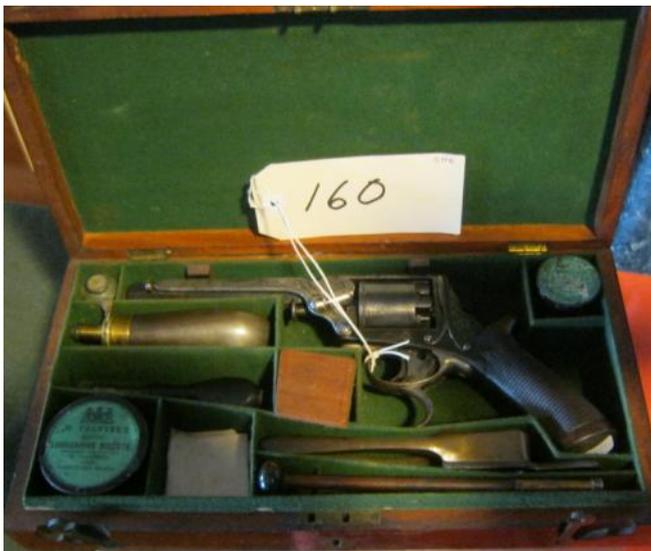
Attended by just over 200 members it was one of the shortest General Meetings on record. Following a minutes silence for recently deceased members Myles Chandler gave a short eulogy for Paul Exler the Auckland Branch Secretary who passed away suddenly the previous week.

Fifteen new members were approved. The Vice President Steve Privett reported that the Association funds were in good shape and there was no need to change the subscription rate for 2014. The 2014 budget was approved which included an adjustment to the editors travel budget. The President and COLFO rep made brief reports and the meeting closed with the presentation of a Perham Medallion to Vic Longley. Full minutes will be circulated to all members in due course.

Ruahine Branch put on a good auction of 668 lots, which included a large collection of Mauser rifles and some valuable antiques. Prices realised were pretty competitive and those items that were passed in were available for sale at the reserve price after the auction.



The German Semi Auto rifles above left sold for (from the top) \$ 4,200, \$8,800 and \$4,600. The 6 bore English big game rifle top right sold for \$2,200 while the Jacobs double carbine bottom right fetched \$4,000.



The Tranter Lot 160 sold for \$7,200 and the Colt Lot 163 for \$13,000. The cased pair of replica percussion pistols realised \$1,200.

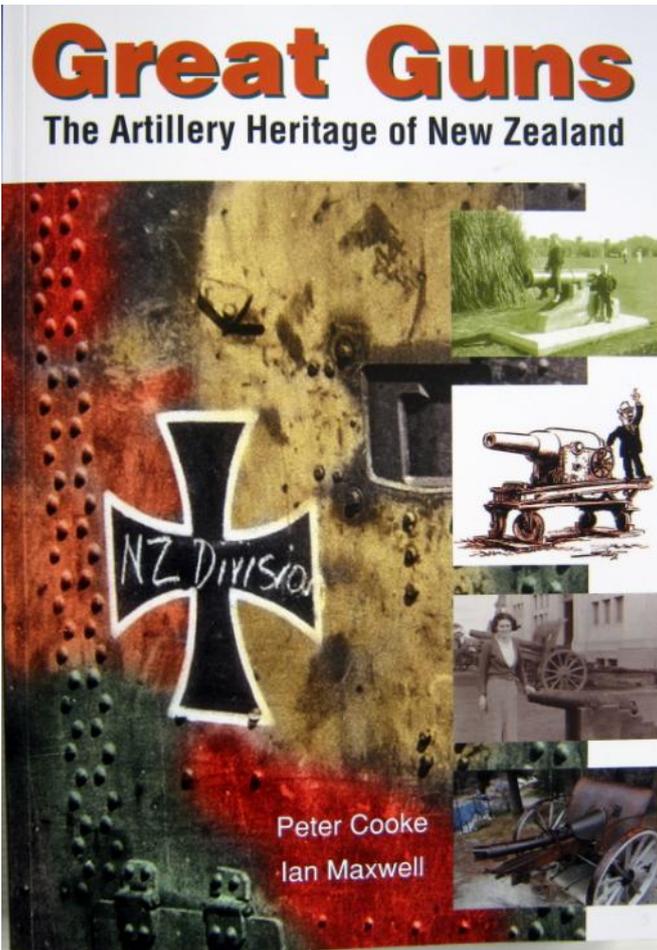
A full list of prices realised is on the following pages



LOT	Realised												
	\$0	55	\$80	110	\$200	165	\$1,600	220	\$0	275	\$780	330	\$0
1	\$25	56	\$50	111	\$50	166	\$480	221	\$20	276	\$320	331	\$110
2	\$70	57	\$50	112	\$0	167	\$500	222	\$25	277	\$900	332	\$70
3	\$70	58	\$0	113	\$170	168	\$0	223	\$85	278	\$1,300	333	\$140
4	\$60	59	\$50	114	\$0	169	\$220	224	\$20	279	\$1,800	334	\$250
5	\$0	60	\$25	115	\$580	170	\$340	225	\$20	280	\$500	335	\$100
6	\$180	61	\$20	116	\$0	171	\$400	226	\$30	281	\$150	336	\$80
7	\$0	62	\$320	117	\$30	172	\$150	227	\$25	282	\$80	337	\$65
8	\$0	63	\$380	118	\$0	173	\$95	228	\$80	283	\$85	338	\$450
9	\$40	64	\$190	119	\$25	174	\$95	229	\$60	284	\$80	339	\$160
10	\$0	65	\$340	120	\$70	175	\$40	230	\$45	285	\$900	340	\$80
11	\$0	66	\$500	121	\$30	176	\$50	231	\$35	286	\$1,200	341	\$65
12	\$140	67	\$0	122	\$30	177	\$70	232	\$380	287	\$500	342	\$180
13	\$160	68	\$300	123	\$25	178	\$100	233	\$280	288	\$100	343	\$60
14	\$40	69	\$280	124	\$160	179	\$20	234	\$120	289	\$500	344	\$70
15	\$0	70	\$320	125	\$35	180	\$45	235	\$30	290	\$65	345	\$65
16	\$30	71	\$55	126	\$110	181	\$0	236	\$30	291	\$230	346	\$20
17	\$55	72	\$170	127	\$40	182	\$300	237	\$60	292	\$340	347	\$20
18	\$0	73	\$140	128	\$20	183	\$45	238	\$130	293	\$200	348	\$220
19	\$160	74	\$25	129	\$20	184	\$35	239	\$220	294	\$45	349	\$80
20	\$30	75	\$100	130	\$35	185	\$35	240	\$400	295	\$35	350	\$360
21	\$0	76	\$50	131	\$40	186	\$1,200	241	\$100	296	\$0	351	\$200
22	\$40	77	\$85	132	\$90	187	\$750	242	\$140	297	\$30	352	\$750
23	\$0	78	\$150	133	\$30	188	\$260	243	\$0	298	\$240	353	\$160
24	\$40	79	\$85	134	\$45	189	\$2,100	244	\$3,500	299	\$30	354	\$340
25	\$55	80	\$90	135	\$60	190	\$550	245	\$0	300	\$40	355	\$300
26	\$45	81	\$20	136	\$35	191	\$800	246	\$5,800	301	\$120	356	\$1,450
27	\$30	82	\$100	137	\$25	192	\$800	247	\$8,800	302	\$25	357	\$400
28	\$180	83	\$20	138	\$110	193	\$260	248	\$4,200	303	\$35	358	\$850
29	\$30	84	\$90	139	\$90	194	\$400	249	\$4,600	304	\$40	359	\$200
30	\$45	85	\$475	140	\$110	195	\$575	250	\$625	305	\$60	360	\$20
31	\$40	86	\$170	141	\$210	196	\$75	251	\$0	306	\$70	361	\$35
32	\$30	87	\$70	142	\$300	197	\$525	252	\$0	307	\$280	362	\$30
33	\$0	88	\$450	143	\$50	198	\$200	253	\$0	308	\$80	363	\$110
34	\$120	89	\$200	144	\$65	199	\$220	254	\$0	309	\$60	364	\$45
35	\$80	90	\$600	145	\$0	200	\$60	255	\$950	310	\$150	365	\$240
36	\$0	91	\$320	146	\$0	201	\$170	256	\$1,400	311	\$91	366	\$0
37	\$750	92	\$100	147	\$600	202	\$100	257	\$1,500	312	\$0	367	\$0
38	\$90	93	\$900	148	\$725	203	\$100	258	\$0	313	\$0	368	\$1,100
39	\$120	94	\$400	149	\$4,000	204	\$130	259	\$1,200	314	\$280	369	\$3,800
40	\$400	95	\$1,600	150	\$1,900	205	\$200	260	\$400	315	\$400	370	\$3,500
41	\$0	96	\$200	151	\$240	206	\$100	261	\$400	316	\$50	371	\$3,100
42	\$250	97	\$160	152	\$1,400	207	\$140	262	\$220	317	\$110	372	\$0
43	\$40	98	\$280	153	\$500	208	\$100	263	\$350	318	\$40	373	\$0
44	\$0	99	\$60	154	\$480	209	\$180	264	\$2,900	319	\$40	374	\$4,000
45	\$0	100	\$725	155	\$320	210	\$65	265	\$480	320	\$320	375	\$1,900
46	\$30	101	\$300	156	\$300	211	\$60	266	\$625	321	\$180	376	\$45
47	\$20	102	\$950	157	\$450	212	\$180	267	\$360	322	\$0	377	\$520
48	\$25	103	\$130	158	\$65	213	\$540	268	\$540	323	\$150	378	\$220
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50	\$0	105	\$75	160	\$7,200	215	\$50	270	\$0	325	\$85	380	\$100
51	\$65	106	\$100	161	\$2,800	216	\$130	271	\$600	326	\$45	381	\$90
52	\$90	107	\$75	162	\$540	217	\$0	272	\$280	327	\$0	382	\$260
53	\$30	108	\$120	163	\$13,000	218	\$50	273	\$280	328	\$160	383	\$35
54	\$120	109	\$175	164	\$200	219	\$25	274	\$1,800	329	\$100	384	\$0

LOT	Realised										
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387	\$1,900	442	\$50	497	\$700	552	\$60	607	\$170	662	\$25
388	\$2,000	443	\$65	498	\$400	553	\$180	608	\$950	663	\$30
389	\$280	444	\$35	499	\$500	554	\$20	609	\$190	664	\$50
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393	\$550	448	\$20	503	\$1,300	558	\$0	613	\$180	668	\$75
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402	\$200	457	\$625	512	\$60	567	\$140	622	\$240		
403	\$130	458	\$60	513	\$800	568	\$180	623	\$80		
404	\$240	459	\$130	514	\$300	569	\$85	624	\$150		
405	\$1,300	460	\$1,300	515	\$260	570	\$170	625	\$360		
406	\$180	461	\$280	516	\$2,700	571	\$420	626	\$100		
407	\$120	462	\$60	517	\$550	572	\$50	627	\$70		
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414	\$160	469	\$190	524	\$80	579	\$85	634	\$100		
415	\$950	470	\$130	525	\$60	580	\$45	635	\$30		
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417	\$500	472	\$120	527	\$0	582	\$150	637	\$65		
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419	\$1,100	474	\$190	529	\$0	584	\$0	639	\$60		
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421	\$50	476	\$85	531	\$0	586	\$150	641	\$130		
422	\$100	477	\$160	532	\$100	587	\$300	642	\$100		
423	\$75	478	\$60	533	\$180	588	\$65	643	\$65		
424	\$30	479	\$50	534	\$1,200	589	\$85	644	\$80		
425	\$20	480	\$950	535	\$240	590	\$400	645	\$45		
426	\$240	481	\$280	536	\$340	591	\$500	646	\$35		
427	\$20	482	\$450	537	\$190	592	\$280	647	\$0		
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433	\$35	488	\$1,300	543	\$50	598	\$0	653	\$55		
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438	\$210	493	\$400	548	\$0	603	\$280	658	\$40		
439	\$60	494	\$80	549	\$0	604	\$2,000	659	\$20		

BOOK REVIEW by Phil Cregeen



For those of you with an interest in big guns this book is a must. As you know since issue # 14 of the e-Gazette I have been featuring a gun that is on public display in towns around New Zealand, this new book by Peter Cooke and Ian Maxwell tells the whole story of our artillery heritage guns.

It starts by describing the many early guns that came to New Zealand to be used in war, sold in trade, lost in shipwreck or mounted for harbour defence never to fire a shot in anger. Many of these early guns were put on public display in Victorian times. A few captured trophy guns were returned from the Anglo Boer War in South Africa, but the vast majority of trophy guns came from the First World War. The how and why of these trophies is described in some detail, who received them and why many disappeared in the interwar years, through changing attitudes and neglect. Following WW II many more surplus guns were disposed of for scrap and by dumping, while others were loaned to RSAs for display in recent decades.

A chapter describes the development of artillery from its first invention in China to the present day.

The bulk of the book is taken up with a well illustrated catalogue of all known guns on display in museums and public places throughout New Zealand, split up into 18 regions starting with Northland and working south. Trophy guns issued and put on display but since lost are also mentioned.



In the appendix there is a list of shipments of WWI Artillery Trophies and a detailed list by serial number of WW I Trophy guns. A Glossary, Bibliography and Index complete the work.

I found it a fascinating read and it will provide a valuable tool for anyone wishing to study artillery from the 17th Century to the 1980s. It was also pleasing to note several NZAHA members acknowledged for making a contribution.

Great Guns is printed in A4, soft cover format, is profusely illustrated and with 452 pages is bigger than most telephone directories.

Cost is NZ \$ 48.50 including freight in NZ.

It may be ordered from: donzsg@paradise.net.nz
 Defence of NZ Study Group
 PO Box 9724
 Wellington 6141
 New Zealand



NORTHLAND FATHERS DAY PRIZE SHOOT by Phil Cregeen

Members of Northland Branch know how to enjoy Fathers Day. They held their inaugural Prize Shoot at the Dargaville Rifle & Pistol Club range on Sunday 1 September. The brainchild of member Rod Guest the shoot attracted 24 participants who competed in five events and enjoyed a BBQ lunch.

The shooting programme included .22 rim fire rifle, military rifle, lever action rifle, precision rifle and pistol, with 10 shots fired for each. Dargaville Pistol Club members provided pistols and supervision for those not licenced to own a pistol. Prizes of gift vouchers were awarded for first, second and third placing in each event with a trophy for the overall winner. The Ross Bowers trophy was awarded to the best performance by a shooter with an original Winchester Model 1892 in the lever action event. Northland Branch also fitted in a couple of this years Postal Shoot events at the end of the day.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

Overall top scores:

1 Alan Webster, 2 Errol McIntyre 3 Rod Guest

.22 Rim fire:

1 Alan Webster 2 Marc James 3 Ernie Durrer

Military Rifle

1 Arnie Sharpe 2 Errol McIntyre 3 Mike Andrews

Lever Action

1 Rod Guest 2 Alan Webster 3 Errol McIntyre

Precision Rifle

1 Rod Guest 2 Marc James 3 Beau Bryers

Pistol

1 Mark James 2 Ernie Durrer 3 John Dahlin

Overall Winners Trophy: Alan Webster

Ross Bowers Trophy:

Errol McIntyre



Alan Webster with the Overall Winner Trophy,



Rod Guest left presents the Ross Bowers trophy to Errol McIntyre



Precision rifle event

MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), What is this small rectangular plate for on the stock of a Alex Henry Rifle? answers please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last month below left was a Home Guard Mortar, made by attaching a pipe to Martini Enfield action to fire Mills bombs. No one answered this.



FROM OUR READERS

I recently received an e-mail from a Mr Arthur Credland formally the curator of the Maritime Museum in Hull, UK , he has an interest in Yorkshire gun makers of the 18 & 19 th century. He is now retired and seeks information about surviving Yorkshire makers guns that since Yorkshire is the biggest county in England had considerable numbers with such notables as Henry Ellis of Doncaster , George Wallis of Hull, William Simpson of York, The Sykes of Sheffield , and Thomas Horsley of York as examples. And my particular favourite though there is no family connection Taylor of Beverly.

I have a fowling piece by Taylor of Beverly and a detached lock by Hawkes of Hull later converted to the caps by John Blanch of London, thence for two years had a shop in Hull before sailing to set up shop in Tasmania then Melbourne were he was principally agent for the London family firm before meeting an unfortunate end by the explosion of stored gunpowder.

Should you have an interested to know more of Yorkshire made guns let me know and between us I or Arthur Credland might be able to add to our collective knowledge, which may even feature in the book he is writing.

[A lock by Hawks of Hull converted by John Blanch of Hull . together with a smaller lock by Lord of Scarborough Yorkshire .](#)



Maurice Taylor (*abridged*)

If you own a gun by a Yorkshire maker you can contact Maurice at: at: taylors.4@xtra.co.nz

Dear Members



The Council has not met since my last report, we continue to keep in touch with each other by email. We plan to meet as a council twice a year, by doing this we will keep our cost sustainable relative to our current income. Should the council need to meet more frequently over specific issues we will ask for financial support from members, if it is required.

We met twice, informally, with the police representatives and once with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFaT) to discuss managing any future impact to New Zealand firearm owners as a result of NZ signing the Arms Trade Treaty at the United Nations.

By now you should have seen the minutes of the inaugural Police Firearms Community Advisory Forum on the 18th June in Wellington. If not please type this link into your browser - <http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/firearms-community-advisory-forum-minutes-18-june-2013>

The intent of the forum is for police to invite representative groups, to provide feedback on policy they are developing. It gives us the opportunity to prevent unintended consequences or non-compliance by license firearm owners as a result of practical issues.

As the forum is an attempt to improve police process, it is controlled by police. Once they have established policy wording, it is then forwarded to the Parliamentary Counsel Office, for PCO agreement, as draft regulation. The draft regulation is then circulated amongst relevant agencies for consultation, then submitted to Cabinet, after Cabinet approve then it goes to the Governor General for signature. Once signed, it is Gazetted and comes into effect 28 days later.

Through the process we will all need to be vigilant and active to ensure all licensed firearm owners are heard as it may be changed at any level.

It is worth noting that some members have been lobbying members of Parliament and the council in regard to the Arms Amendment Act, at time of writing the number is over 2000. This is commendable and demonstrates to Parliament that firearm owners are active and have a voice, however it will not stop the Arms Amendment Act progressing as it has already been accepted.

Please take the time to read the minutes, one of the significant points we raised was - when regulation is passed it is unrealistic to expect firearm owners to comply immediately. We asked that they allow 6 to 9 months for components to be manufactured and delivered, to ensure that firearm owners can comply with any new regulation. While it has been minuted, we hope that it was also heard to ensure the firearm owners are given sufficient time to decide and act to be compliant.

In the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, President Obama issued a list of Executive Orders. Among them, the Centers for Disease Control was given \$10 million to research gun violence.

Their report has been released as well as another from Harvard Law that do not support the positions they were expected to and can be found at the following links -

<http://www.gunsandammo.com/2013/08/27/cdc-gun-research-backfires-on-obama/#ixzz2dBxhObCw>

<http://www.smallgovtimes.com/article/harvard-study-reveals-gun-control-counterproductive/>

While we have not read these reports in full and it needs to be said this are written with in a USA context the high points do make interesting reading.

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

All the best
Michael Dowling
Chair COLFO

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2013 or 2014 please advise oilvrag@xtra.co.nz

28 & 29 September Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
12 & 13 October Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington
12 October Military Heritage Day Auckland War Memorial Museum
2 & 3 November Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth
9&10 November Armistice In Cambridge
10 November Carvell's Auction, Auckland

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11 & 12 January Northland Branch Annual Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
23 February Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
21 June Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show
6 July Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden

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Battle damaged 1917 German 77 mm Cromwell War Memorial, Photo by Rod Woods

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Contact: thesmall@snet.co.nz / ph 03 5485099 .

WANTED: Martini Enfield Carbine .303 cal. Also I have a Marlin 1896 L/A .32 rf converted to .32 cf which I would exchange for ME.

Contact: Colin H Shaw, Ph 03 6864789, shaweigh@farmside.co.nz

WANTED: Bearing booster plus flash hider, if attached, for a Browning MKII machine gun. Anything considered.

Contact: Tim Morahan 021 2676 862 Tmorahan7@me.com

CENTRAL BRANCH GUN SHOW

Otorohanga Club, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga

Sunday 23 February 2014.

9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Contacts: Kath Arnold. 07 873 8853 c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz.

Leo Parkes 07 873 8085

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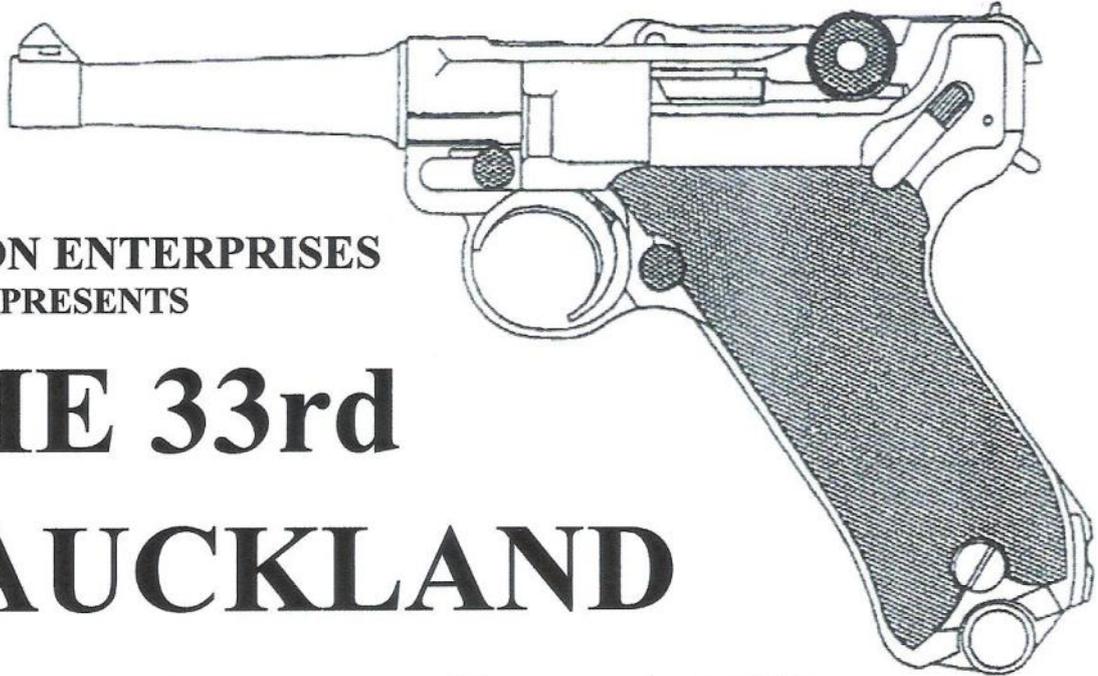


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