

E-GAZETTE MK II

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EDITORIAL

Sadly we report the passing away of our Patron Len Taylor, a founding member of the NZAHAA, on Sunday 14 December.

On a brighter note we wish the new committee of SSANZ every success in revitalising this shooter rights organisation, with 5 members of NZAHAA serving on the committee I know they will have our best interests at heart. See article on Page 5. Why not join today?

It is also encouraging to see the number of unintentional shooting incidents fall this past year, see page 6.

My thanks to all our contributors. Please send me dates for your 2015 events, if you have not done so already. Don't rely on the fact that it is the same day as last year, because sometimes things do change.

Very Best wishes to you and your family for 2015,

Phil

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS FOR OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY BELOW

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New Info pages have been added to the website. Pistols: 419, 420, 424 Swords: 362,363,369,371

Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section.

AN INTERESTING PLACE TO VISIT by Andrew Edgcombe

MAKARA GUN EMPLACEMENTS/FORT OPAU

A recent weekend excursion to Wellington with the family gave me the opportunity to finally make the long awaited trip over to Makara on Wellingtons west coast for a visit to Fort Opau the location of a World War Two costal defense battery, built as defense against Japanese invasion at which time was considered a very serious threat for New Zealand. The drive from central Wellington takes roughly half an hour and is well sign posted from Karori. The transition from Wellington's hustle and bustle to the seemingly remote Makara district is almost instant, a very welcome surprise after enduring a couple of days of Wellington traffic.

The road ends at Makara beach and a well signposted 6km walkway starts at the road end and makes for a spectacular day out for those with the time and energy, or as an alternative the Gun emplacements can also be accessed via Meridian Energy's West Wind Farm reducing the time and effort required to make a visit.



Contemporary Image of Fort Opau

Originally known as the Ohariu Battery the construction of Fort Opau began in March 1941 which in its self must have been a considerable undertaking, even now this is a remote and weather beaten location and we had the luxury of driving out on a well maintained sealed road with walking access to the site via the recently constructed accesses roads Meridian energy have installed around their wind farm, In 1941 access would have been a very different prospect as would be transportation of materials used in construction. The extensive Barracks to accommodate up to 117 men were built on 10000 cubic meters of fill just over the hill from the gun emplacements tucked below the ridge line out of sight. The foundations of these structures remain today. The battery consists of two well preserved Gun emplacements each of which consumed some 570 tonnes of concrete in their construction with a pad three meters thick in the centre and two meters thick at the outside. A Battery Observation Post, Command Post and Radar Direction Finding Post were also constructed and remain today. Armament consisted of two 6" Breech Loading MkVII guns weighing in at 7.6 tonnes each on naval P.III mounts, the guns and 180 High Explosive Shells (each containing 45kg of explosive) were sourced from the Royal Indian Navy Ordanance Depot, Bombay, India and arrived in April 1941, they were overhauled at Trentham then stored at Fort Dorset while construction at Fort Opau continued. The first gun was mounted on December 22nd 1941 the second on January 1st 1942, the guns were proof fired in February 1942. Two Lewis guns and a Bren Gun were issued to Battery Personnel in March 1942 for self defence and Anti Aircraft defence purposes.



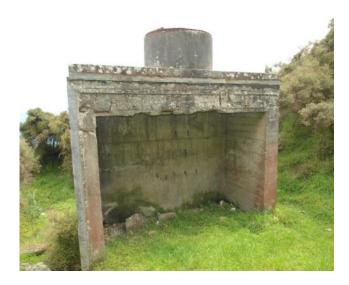
Gun emplacement front view



Ammunition lockers



Command post



Radar station



Battery Observation Post

Fort Opau was Garrisoned by 73rd Heavy Battery,10th Heavy Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery with a compliment of 117 all ranks, the threat of invasion reduced as the Japanese were pushed further back towards Japan and by May 1943 the Garrison strength was down to 43 man and 21 WAAC's manning the Radar, in early September 1943 the Battery was put into "Care and Maintenance" meaning only the Battery Observation Post was continually manned. Fort Opau was decommissioned in June 1944, the guns being dismounted and sent to Auckland's Navy Armament Depot.

Today the sheer ruggedness of the landscape adds to the appeal of a visit, the view out across Cook Straight to the South Island with the occasional Ferry passing in the distance or up the Coast to Mana and Kapiti Islands is nothing short of spectacular. The stunted plant life beaten by the wind and steep cliffs reminiscent of ANZAC Cove and the Gun Emplacements watching over it all like silent sentinels equate to a spectacular vista. We had Wellington's famous wind blowing straight off the sea but this didn't dampen the mood in any way, what ever the weather this is a great spot to visit. As much as we may enjoy the remoteness and isolation it must have been hard for those stationed here during the forts service life to endure, it is a harsh and unforgiving environment with the very real possibility of a Japanese Invasion Fleet appearing on the horizon at any moment their could well have been rather tense moments when any shipping came into view.

Take a packed lunch, water, some walking shoes and your Camera, it's worth spending a good amount of time exploring in and around the fort and Barracks areas.

Good information is available with on site signage and also some internet research is recommended before your visit so you better understand what you are looking at. If you are not as fleet footed as you once were the West Wind Farm option is the best access.





Rugged Coastline





Gun Emplacements from above

Exploring fun for all ages

SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT AND READY TO SUPPORT YOU

SSANZ is under new management, with those involved passionate to represent all shooters to ensure our voice is heard. We collectors in NZAHAA have probably obtained the odd additional article for our collection and attended the odd shoot or two. That's great BUT do we collectively realise our passion to collect and shoot is constantly under threat from all manner of regional and national authorities. Some examples of which we are aware of at the present time are listed below.

- 1 Police Headquarters in Wellington have, we believe, issued instructions to local arms officers to advise collectors that any weapon imported specifically for their collection cannot be on sold! They won't say how long you have to own an item before you can sell it.
- 2 At present a collector can transfer a C cat pistol onto a B cat licence but the police won't allow the reverse (there is nothing in the Arms Act that we know of preventing this). You can sell it to a friend who can put it on a C cat and he can then sell it back to you as a C cat. How daft is that?
- 3 Police have advised that they want to charge for issuing of "permits to procure" and "import". Licence fees are supposed to cover all this. If this fee structure was allowed to be introduced without challenge where would this cost finish for processing work? Typically councils are charging \$120.00 per hr to process documentation. Fees to police are paid through NZ Post, so would arms Officer be able to process transfers at auctions and gun shows as they do now, or will the process be delayed until the fee is paid and so incur further cost and inconvenience for the new owner.

What next is in the sights of Police National HQ?

It has also just come to our attention that the Whangarei District Council is reviewing noise levels for all activities in the district, and have singled out shooting while exempting all other sports activities. Briefly, they propose that the noise level be REDUCED to 50db from 65db AND the hours available to use any range be limited to between the hours of 9 am and 5pm ONLY. Could this be your council next?

SSANZ wants to represent all firearms owners and oppose these encroachments on our sport/hobby. Four members of our executive committee are also members of NZAHAA, but all shooting interest are represented.

To be a credible voice we need YOUR MEMBERSHIP. Please join today, \$20 is a cheap investment for firearm owners to have a united and strong voice. Individually we will not be listened to!

I hope you all enjoy the festive season and find time for family, friends and a little shooting, whatever your passion, but shout yourself a Christmas present, or someone else, join SSANZ now.

Thanks, Allan Delaney National President SSANZ W.S.SANZH

Joint now by sending the following details to the Secretary oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

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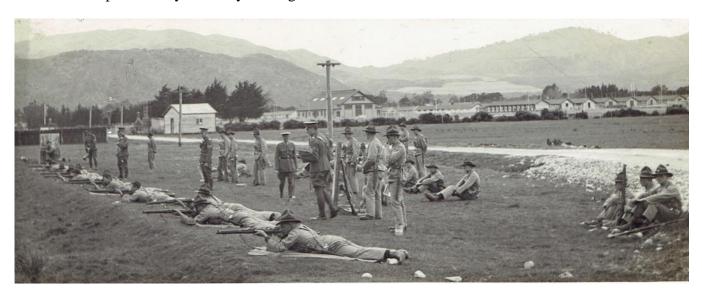
Pay by direct credit to SSANZ Account No 01- 0487- 0137294-00 (use your name as reference)

\$20 for membership or \$54 for membership and NZ Guns & Hunting sub (+ \$1 for each family member)

Or you can mail your details & cheque (Payable to SSANZ) to: SSANZ, PO BOX 275, WHANGAREI 0140

WWI PHOTO COMPETITION

This Photo was provided by Geoffrey Collings



The photo is undated but is most possibly 1918/19 as the soldiers are shooting with SMLE's. Geoffrey writes: My father went to Trentham in 1917 and joined the Rifle Brigade and they trained with .303 Long Tom rifles which they took to England with them, and they were exchanged in England for SMLE's. I have no idea when they began issuing SMLE's but I would think it was later in the war. They are wearing lemon squeezer hats and khaki drill uniforms. This is definitely Trentham army camp as I have other photos of the camp at this time which identify it.

Research by the NZART tells us that:

The New Zealand Infantry went off to fight in WW I armed with the Magazine Lee Enfield Mk I and Mk I* (Long Tom), however, on landing in Gallipoli many Kiwis picked up SMLEs from fallen Australians In March 1916 the New Zealand Division in Egypt were armed with SMLE Mk III and MK III* from British 11th Division. These British issued rifles may well have come back to New Zealand with returning troops after the war, in fact it has been reported that they exchanged their battle worn rifles for new ones from stores before returning and a number of NZ marked rifles with manufacture dates of 1918 have been noted.

In 1917 the Colonial Ammunition Company in Auckland began manufacturing MK VII ammunition for the New Zealand Government as required for the MK III and III* rifles and a further supply of these rifles was received in the country upgraded for the new ammunition and thus marked HV. In 1919 SMLE Mk III were issued to Camps and Districts within New Zealand.

NON INTENTIONAL SHOOTING INCIDENTS by Phil Cregeen

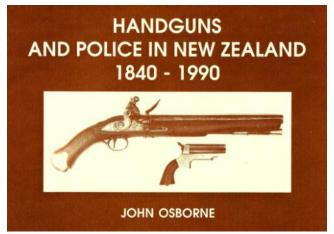
While shooters must never get complacent about firearms safety it is encouraging to see from the latest figures released by Mountain Safety Council that incidents of non intentional shootings for the past year are down on previous years. Only 5 incidents have been reported with just one fatality. Two involved centre fire rifles while deer hunting, two involved shotguns while duck shooting and the last was a .22 used to put down calves on a farm. Sadly the fatality was a case of a deer hunter failing to correctly identify the target, and the second hunting incident while not fatal resulted in serious injury and was due to the hunters failure to consider the firing zone having separated from his hunting companion. Neither shotgun incident appear to have resulted in serious injury to the victim and both occurred on opening day of duck season although the exact cause is not known. The farm incident resulted in a self inflicted injury to the leg of the shooter as a result of handling animals and a poorly maintained firearm at the same time.

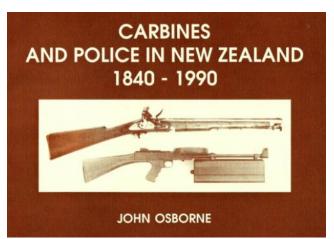
ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN

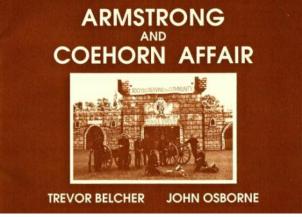
ONE OF THESE BOOKS

BY

JOHN OSBORNE







All you have to do is e-mail a digital copy of one of your own original WW I photos of New Zealand service men with weapons to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Provide your postal address and which one of the 3 books you would prefer.

The best photo will be chosen by the Editor and the winner will receive one of the above books.

The winner will be announced in the next issue of the e-Gazette.

There will be another chance to win in the following months.

Special thanks to John Osborne for donating his books

Mauser K98 Receiver Codes provide by Tony Bruce

Karabiner 98k receivers were stamped with a factory code indicating date and location of manufacture.

These codes were originally prefixed with "S/" and suffixed with "K" for 1934 or "G" for 1935.

The intervening numeric code indicated location.

The two- or four-digit year of manufacture was stamped on the receiver ring instead of a letter suffix after 1935.

The numeric codes were:

27 for Erma Werke in Erfurt

42 for Mauser in Oberndorf am Neckar

147 for Sauer & Sohn in Suhl

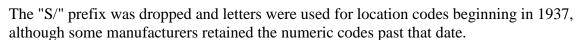
237 for Berlin-Lübecker Maschinenfabrik in Lübeck

243 for Mauser in Borsigwalde

337 for Gustloff Werke in Weimar

660 for Steyr-Daimler-Puch in Steyr

945 for Waffenwerke Brünn in Brno



The letter codes were:

- ar for Mauser in Borsigwalde
- ax for Erma Werke
- bcd for Gustloff Werke
- bnz for Steyr-Daimler-Puch
- BSW for Berlin-Suhler Waffen und Fahrzeugwerke
- byf for Mauser in Oberndorf
- ce for Sauer & Sohn
- dot for Waffenwerke Brünn in Brno
- dou for Waffenwerke Brünn in Bystrica
- duv for Berlin-Lübecker Maschinenfabrik
- svw45 for Mauser 1945 production in Oberndorf
- swp45 for Waffenwerke Brünn 1945 production in Brno





Combined production by multiple manufacturers are indicated by two codes separated by a slash

Police Firearms Community Advisory Forum Meeting, Wellington 03-12-14

The Police Firearms Community Advisory Forum met on December the 3rd at Police National Headquarters in Wellington with representation from Police, Customs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Firearms user groups. We are privileged to be given time to discuss proposed policy changes face to face with Senior Police, Police policy writers and government departments. If those of us representing our various user groups conduct ourselves in a professional manor and can deliver constructive input and/or reasoned and well balanced arguments to the points at hand I can see the Forum being something very positive for all involved.

The meeting agenda was as follows, my comments are in italics

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:
- 2. Update from last forum meeting: Minutes and updates.
- 3. Arms Trade Treaty: Brokering Legislation: An update from MFAT on the introduction of registration for brokers negotiating or facilitating arms deals between two separate parties, some issues to work through include the definition of a broker. We all know what a broker is and what brokerage entails but apparently there is no international definition at this point in time so some refinement required. We were assured that this will exclude your personal importation for collection, sporting or hunting.
- 4. Firearms Prohibition Orders: Police are looking at having the ability to issue a Firearms Prohibition Order of the type currently used in Australia. I don't like Police drawing parallels between NZ Firearms law and Australian Firearms law as they are in reality worlds apart. However this proposal is intended to be used similarly to the Australian version in that a prohibition order could be issued to Gang Members and firearms or high risk offenders. The aim would be to deliver a much harsher penalty if such an order was breeched. I can see the logic in this and feel that the impact on legitimate and law abiding firearms owners would be minimal.
- 5. Amendments to the Arms Act: One amendment would be the above Firearms Prohibition Order proposal. Police are also looking seriously at cost recovery in the area of permits, in particular import permits as they are working with ever decreasing resources and funding and processing permits to procure and import permits has a real cost involved with it. We all pay for a ten year license and we all happily comply with permit requirements, a point that was raised by the user group representatives in attendance. I get the impression it will be a case of when it will happen rather than if. Some clarification around converting A class to E class and the registration of such converted firearms is also to be addressed.
- 6. Other Matters: More of an informal wind down of the meeting.

Please note any comments are my views on the matters listed and my views only. I do feel that if something has been raised by Police that it has been a key topic of discussion for some time before being presented to the forum and our input may or may not have any impact on the end result but as stated above I do feel that this is potentially very positive for NZAHAA.

Please give your feedback via email mg34nz@gmail.com if you have any concerns or suggestions that I can relay back to the forum and I will give any updates as and when they come to hand.

Keep pushing the positive perspective of firearms ownership through maintaining good relationships with Arms Officers, maintain good public relations through Gun Shows or exhibitions and if possible invite your local MP along to see what we as collectors and responsible firearms owners are all about.

Andrew Edgcombe



Karori Rifle Club

Seddon Range, Trentham Established 1892



Hosts the Dick Travis VC National .303 Target Rifle Competition 2015

The Karori Rifle Club is again hosting the Dick Travis VC, New Zealand's premier .303 rifle competition at Trentham on Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd March 2015.

A competition for .303 Range Rifles will be held on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March 2015 on Historic Trentham Rifle Range at distances of 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Signing-in and scrutineering will be from 9.45 a.m. Saturday 21 March at Karori Rifle Club.

Competition will commence at 12.45 p.m. on Saturday 21 March. It will continue for two distances in the morning of Sunday 22nd. Prize-giving will be early afternoon in the Karori Rifle Clubrooms.

An evening meal on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning will be served in the Karori Rifle Club. The bar will be open until late for .303 Br talk!

Some accommodation will be available at the range on a first come, first served basis. There is space to pitch tents. There are shower and toilet facilities in the Provincial Club rooms. Firearms can be locked up in the Karori Rifle Clubrooms.

Conditions of Entry

All competitors intending to shoot must ensure that their rifles comply with Range Standing Orders 62(c)(1)-(3).

As part of the rules of entry competitors will be required to have their rifles inspected and certified to the appropriate standard by a local registered gunsmith.

Proof of this inspection will be provided to the Match Director in writing at scrutineering. However, for entries on the day, there will be an inspection by a match official at scrutineering in the Karori Rifle Clubrooms.

The rifles must be in sound condition. They should be accurised and have wind and elevation adjustable rear sights. A suitable sling must be fitted and used. The rifles must be zeroed for the distances to be shot prior to entry in accordance with Range Standing Order 62(c)(5).

Duncan McKee Match Director DTVC

For more details and entry form contact Duncan at: le303@xtra.co.nz

Travis, Richard Charles Travis, 1884–1918, Horse-breaker, Soldier

Aaron P. Fox



Dickson Cornelius Savage was born at Opotiki, New Zealand, on 6 April 1884, the fifth child in a family of nine. His parents, James Savage from Ireland, a farmer and constable in the New Zealand Armed Constabulary, and Frances Theresa O'Keefe, from Sydney, Australia, married at Opotiki in 1875.

Savage attended the Opotiki and Otara schools, leaving after Standard Four to work on the family farm. He became a capable shepherd, drover and farmhand, and excelled at horse-breaking, which appealed to the fearless, independent and quick-witted youth. After quarrelling with his father he went to the Gisborne district in 1905, where he found work as a farmhand and driver. His reputation as a horse-breaker grew. After further strife in Gisborne, 'where he is thought to have got a young woman into trouble', Savage travelled south, broke off all communication with his family, and changed his name to Richard Charles Travis.

He arrived in Winton, Southland, in 1910, claiming to come from Poverty Bay and even the United States. After working on Southland farms and threshing mills, 'Dick' Travis found employment as a general farmhand with Tom Murray of Ryal Bush. He continued to break horses, and joined an Oddfellows lodge.

On 20 August 1914 Travis enlisted with the 7th (Southland) Squadron of the Otago Mounted Rifles Regiment in Invercargill. When attested he was five feet six inches tall, weighed 133 pounds, had a fresh complexion, blue eyes and fair hair. His stated next of kin was his fiancée, Lettie Murray, Tom Murray's daughter.

Travis sailed with the main body of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, arriving in Egypt in December 1914. Impatient to see action, he unofficially accompanied his regiment to Gallipoli in May 1915. He was returned to Egypt and received 14 days' detention. However, he participated in the final weeks of the Gallipoli campaign, moving with impunity between the New Zealand and Turkish trenches on scouting patrols.

A knee injury led Travis to transfer to the 8th (Southland) Company, 2nd Battalion, Otago Infantry Regiment, on 27 March 1916. He arrived in France in April 1916 and began nocturnal scouting activities in no man's land between the New Zealand and German trenches, mapping the German defences for the first New Zealand trench raids. In July 1916 he received special mention in brigade routine orders for a daylight search for wounded New Zealand raiders and the recovery of equipment, and for night-patrol duty over a six-week period.

Travis displayed 'conspicuous gallantry' on 15 September 1916, eliminating several German snipers during the 2nd Otago Battalion's advance in the Somme offensive, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He was rapidly promoted to sergeant and given command of the battalion's new sniper and observation

section. 'Travis's Gang' became proficient in scouting enemy defences and capturing enemy troops for interrogation. His casual attitude towards rank and dress regulations contrasted with the careful planning, daring and resourcefulness of his anti-sniper work and lone patrols. It was said that, 'His judgement of what the enemy would do under given circumstances sometimes seemed more than human.' Travis was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre on 15 February 1918, and the Military Medal in May 1918.

On 24 July 1918 the 2nd Otago Battalion attacked the German salient at Rossignol Wood north of Hébuterne. In daylight, Travis destroyed an impassable wire block in front of the enemy lines prior to the attack. He then captured two enemy machine-guns, shooting down 11 Germans. He was killed by shellfire the following day, and was buried at Couin on 26 July.

The entire New Zealand Division mourned the loss of the 'King of No Man's Land'. For his 'most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty' on 24 July, Travis was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross on 27 September 1918.

Lest We Forget.

MORE ON RIFLED MUZZLE LOADING GUNS

Further to Bill Lang's article on Australasian Russian Scare Period Coastal Ordnance in the December e-Gazette, I took the following photos of a 10 inch RML at Williamstown, near Melbourne recently. I only saw two but understand there are four of these guns in the local area.



CAN YOU HELP?

Share your knowledge before it is lost.

Nothing new this month.

Are you engaged in some research project?

Need answers to a particular question or other help?

Ask your questions here.

Questions and Answers to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz please.

WANTED

YOUR ARTICLES FOR THE E-GAZETTE AND GAZETTE

This is your magazine

Please make a contribution

No information has been forthcoming about these badges







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

Last month (below left & centre) Graeme Thomas said "that it is a shotgun shell based on the Drapers Patent of 29 November 1864" he went on to provide more information on the Draper patent below.











I have taken a couple of photos of a Draper Patent shotshells. Your shell looks suspiciously similar to one but more modern but the original Drapers Patent shotshell was the same as yours more or less but brass. When I got them I had no idea what they were and it was thanks to Cormac McCarthy that we finally identified them though between the two examples I have you can read the patent dates and identification on the back - when I first got them it was impossible to read anything!

In the meantime I have just this moment found a couple of internet sites with them on so here they are http://www.gunauction.com/buy/5370148/collectible-ammo-for-sale/collectible-ammo-other/draper-brass-shotgun-shell-removeable-head-rare

This next one must be one of the later Drapers as it looks like a standard shotshell when the back is screwed on http://iaaforum.org/forum3/viewtopic.php?f=8&t=13974

Basically they are amongst the first centre fire shotgun shells and had a nipple on the back and would be loaded with a percussion cap.

Graeme

FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

From Grant Soich: Victoria Museum Arms Collection http://museumex.org/oai/mv/2772

From John Dahlin: Lee Enfields http://www.enfieldresource.com/sorrell-and-sons-lee-enfields

From Neville Dodd: Seeall open sights https://seeallopensight.com/

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2015 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz 2015

10 & 11 January Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe

7 February Dargaville Gun Show

22 February Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga

7 March Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier

28 March Kumeu Militaria Show

28 March Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch

5 April South Canterbury Branch Auction & Swap meet, Timaru

11 April NZAHAA AGM, Nelson

18 & 19 April Ted Rogers' Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie, Wellington

20 June Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show, Forum North

11 & 12 July Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie

18 July Mainland Arms & Militaria Show, Christchurch

15 & 16 August Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show

12 Sept. Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch

12 Sept. Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding

GUNS WHERE ARE THEY? Send me a photo and details of your local guns

25 pounder at Thames RSA, contributed by Margaret Brown





BUY SELL OR SWAP List items free for two months

WANTED: Bolt head dust cover for Lee Metford Mk I* as per photo opposite. Contact: oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

WANTED Mount as pictured, (below right) have you seen one do you have one? even just parts would be a great help ANY CONDITION. I need a mount to complete the restoration of a NZ war trophy MG08. Also looking for any parts for same. Also interested in acquiring a relic condition MG08 or 08/15 to demonstrate the fate of many of our WWI trophy maxims. Please contact Andrew mg34nz@gmail.com 027 3380840

FOR SALE: CZ26 light machine gun. Comes with two mags, sling and cleaning rod. Very good condition. Asking \$2,000 Contact: Sholto phone No. 021 533 465 or email sholtz@ihug.co.nz

WANTED: Magazine for WWII Italian Model 1934 Beretta pistol, calibre 9mm Corto.

Contact: Brian McLeary, hbarms@clear.net.nz

Phone 06-8432209.





Hawkes Bay

Arms & Militaria

We are using a newly designed website and feel that it is brighter than before and easier to navigate. Lots of new items in all categories of firearms plus militaria, firearms parts, edged weapons, ammunition etc. and a large range of top quality, informative books.

Check out for new products throughout the site.

Website: www.hbarmsmilitaria.co.nz

Central Branch

Gun Show

Sunday 22 February Otorohanga Club. Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

Contact: Kath Arnold 07 873 8853.

c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz.



NZ Antique Arms Association (Wellington Branch) Inc

Annual July Auction - 2015

We are now accepting lots for our next auction on the 11/12 July 2015. We would encourage anyone wanting to have items included to advise Steve, our Auction Convenor, at the earliest possible time.

South Island Run: We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island sometime in January or 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. A date in the new year is being finalised now so we need to know. Contact Steve and talk to him about what you wish to do.

Steve Privett

Tel: (04) 934 2756

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Fax: (04) 934 2963

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Ruahine Branch Auction 12 September 2015

We are now seeking quality lots

Due to rising costs Commission will be 7.5 % for buyers and vendors

Contact: Tony Matthews 06 374 9164 ruahinebranchrep@hotmail.co.nz

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

ANNUAL AUCTION AND SWAP DAY. PHAR LAP RACEWAY, TIMARU. SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015

Items for the auction are now being sought.

Please contact the following:

Gordon on 03 615 7673 or

Malcolm on 03 684 4586 or

Graham on 03 688 7205

While each item attracts a small listing charge, there is

NO SELLER COMMISSION and NO BUYER COMMISSION

No other auction in N.Z. can match such favourable terms for buyer and seller.

The event is on the day following the Winchester Swap Meet. Come and make a weekend of it by attending both events. Our annual Swap Day and Auction has been established over 20 years and is the premier South Island club event

The catalogue and prices realised will be available



Adults \$10, Children Under 12 Free Kumeu Showgrounds, Access Rd, Kumeu Clayton 021 034 0605 or Danny 021 336 207 kumeumilitariashow@gmail.com "Supporting those that serve our country and promoting an interest in our military history"

Northland Branch Invitation Shoot 2015

10th & 11th January

At Oromahoe Range

Events will require a shotgun, centre fire rifle with bayonet, .22 rifle and or black powder rifle, plus others of your choice

Camping at the range encouraged, but you must be self sufficient. Spit roast, spuds and coleslaw 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 whole weekend. For details contact:

Paul Deeming 09 435 3232 gunnerpwd@gmail.com

Hawkes Bay Gun Show

Army Drill Hall, Napier,

March 7, 2015,

jointly hosted by Hawkes Bay NZAHAA and Military Arms Society (Hawkes Bay), formerly IMAS, Hawkes Bay.

Contact organiser,
John Ayto, johnayto@clear.net.nz.

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