

E-GAZETTE MK II

New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. #5 May 2011

EDITORIAL

This edition is coming to you early because I am off to Nepal at Easter for a trekking holiday around the lower slopes of Annapurna.

I have already sent you a copy of the **Arms (MSSA Firearms and Import Controls) Amendment Bill 2011** and the Police Regulatory Impact Statement. I hope you read them, because it should concern all firearms owners.

Thanks to those of you who have contributed to the e- Gazette MK II. The distribution list is also slowly growing. Remember this is <u>your</u> newsletter, so let me have your views and comments.

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.

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ARMS (MSSA & IMPORT CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL 2011, Some initial thoughts:

You may think that this Bill does not affect you as the licensed owner of a firearm, or a collector of antiques, because it is about air guns and imitation guns, or MSSAs that you do not own. You would be wrong.

We are told that criminals use imitation or look-alike air guns to commit crimes. Is it not better to have criminals using guns that cannot kill people rather than the real thing that can? We have seen what happened in the UK when hand-guns were banned, criminals carried on regardless acquiring hand-guns and shooting people in ever greater numbers. If petty criminals are denied the use of imitation guns will they not just go out and steal the real thing or use an equally more dangerous and available weapon such as a machete or knife? It could be yours. It is interesting that no statistics have been collected on the use of imitation guns in crime, so is there really a problem?

Many collectors collect air guns and who is to dictate what the limit of their interest should be? Also people who do not want the restrictions and costs associated with collecting real firearms may choose look-alike airguns as a cheaper and easier alternative, why should they be denied this hobby?

MSSA: the new act would appear to allow **ANY** firearm to be declared an MSSA by regulation. Note a pistol grip can now be defined by regulation, or any other feature that the Police decide can make a firearm an MSSA. What next an open cheque book for any anti gun Police Commissioner!

And what real value is the right of appeal for any firearm that is declared an MSSA, will a judge go against the Police when they can write the definition to their own satisfaction?

Please don't be complacent about this, it is yet another nail in the coffin of civilian ownership of guns and should be resisted with the combined strength of all New Zealand firearm owners.

It is to be hoped that the leaders of our Association will campaign vigorously against this Bill

Let me have your views, but better still tell your Branch Rep and consider talking to your MP, this is an election year after all.

INTERSTING BAYONET (Photo: Phil Cregeen)

South African Pattern No 9 Bayonet for No 4 Rifle illustrated below with a British No 9 Mk I bayonet dated 1950 (bottom). These bayonets were made in the 1960s by ARMSCOR, and use a standard No 9 socket with a FN made Uzi SMG bayonet blade. There are no markings on the SA bayonet which has a blade length of 168mm and has an FN scabbard.



Ref: (S 6) British & Commonwealth Bayonets by ID Skennerton & R Richardson
Do you have a modified or unusual bayonet that you would care to share with our readers? Send details and a photo to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Thanks to those members who sent details of their cut down Yataghan Bayonets, all similar but with minor variations, such as blade length, suggesting that they were modified by unit armourers.

A NEW EDITOR FOR THE GAZETTE

As announced at the AGM Rex Hill of Wellington Branch has volunteered his services to be the new editor for our quarterly printed Gazette.

To submit articles or adverts for publication contacted Rex at: rshill@xtra.co.nz or phone 04 569 3169

NZAHAA 2012 CALENDAR

The NZAHAA calendars which have been produced by Dennis Lally have proved to be most successful fund raisers for the Association over the past few years. Thank you Dennis for all the work you put into this project. It is hoped to create a calendar for 2012, and to this end all members are invited to submit images for inclusion. You can e-mail images of items from your collection to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz or post them to: National Secretary, NZAHAA, PO Box 275, Whangarei, 0140

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SUMMARY OF NZAHAA MANAGEMENT MEETING & AGM, APRIL 2011

At a meeting of the Management Committee held in New Plymouth on Friday the 8 April 2011 the following matters were discussed and decisions taken.

Publications: A new Publications Portfolio team was approved and the services of Rex Hill accepted as the new Editor. It was recognised that the Gazette belongs to the members and to this end Branches were asked to assist in preparing articles and photographs for submission to the editor. A budget was approved for all aspects of the Gazette production.

Arms Amendment Bill: it is believed that AAB # 3 will be scrapped and AAB # 4 will be introduced next year, (*We now know different. Ed*) meanwhile the Submission made by Northland Branch on AAB # 3 will remain the basis for future submissions and Northland Branch were tasked with drafting a submission to AAB # 4.

Wellington Branch Grant: Ideas for utilising the grant of \$10,000 by Wellington Branch, announced last October, were discussed and Reps were asked to consult with their branches for ideas, in particular those that would promote a growth in membership.

Policy reviews: The decision to discontinue national membership cards was reviewed, it was decided that the National Secretary would continue to supply blank cards to Branch Secretaries.

The abolition of the joining fee and discount offered to new member proposers had been shown to have resulted in no increase in the number of new members joining. These two measures are to be stopped immediately.

Finance: It was recommended that subscriptions for 2012 remain at \$70. Acting on a recommendation from the Auditor the committee undertook to review the policy and rules governing travel reimbursement. Meanwhile the previously existing policy to limit reimbursement for car travel to that of the discounted air fare was set aside.

Portfolios: A new portfolio for Promotions was added to the management structure. This Portfolio will look after production of a calendar and other ideas for fundraising and promoting the Association.

AGM Saturday 9 April 2011

New members: all new members listed were accepted.

Election of Officers: Kath Arnold was re-elected as President and Steve Privett as Vice President.

Finance: The 2010 Accounts were accepted. Members were advised that subscriptions would remain at the current level for 2012

Liaison: It was reported that our application to have certain pistols declared antique by regulation had been rejected by the Police Firearms Advisory Committee.

Promotions: Members were asked to submit photos for the 2012 calendar to the National Secretary.

Publications: Kath Arnold introduced the new Gazette Editor, Rex Hill of Wellington Branch. She also encouraged members to sign up to the e-gazette for all the latest news.

COLFO: Michael Dowling, Chairperson of COLFO, addressed the meeting on the work they have been doing. (see report below)

Scott Rose Bowl: was awarded to Rod Woods of Canterbury Branch for his article on the Hotchkiss Machine Gun.

NZ Post: a concern was raised over the refusal by NZ Post to handle firearms, I am advised that COLFO are looking into this.

COLFO REPORT

Michael Dowling advised the meeting that he had held meetings with Inspector Joe Green and also the Assistant Commissioner Operations in relations to new firearms legislation. COLFO continued to promote the concept of "a fit and proper person" as being the most important factor in relation to firearm ownership.

Recently COLFO has been asked to comment on the use of silenced pistols in competition, we commented on health and safety aspects and also noted that silenced weapons for military use are becoming of interest to collectors. Deactivate weapons are not recognized in New Zealand and this is a good thing because deactivation to current overseas standards completely destroys the internals of a weapon and hence their historical value.

COLFO are also working to standardise the rules for importation of MSSAs. However owners of E Cat firearms must realize that their E endorsement is only valid if the conditions under which it was granted remain applicable, (i.e. still owned for the stated purpose).

In response to a question from the floor Michael said COLFO were aware that some Police firearms policy was outside the provisions of the Arms Act. He said that COLFO were working on this, but the best outcomes were achieved in small increments, working with police using the carrot rather than the stick. The best long term results were achieved by working with government agencies from a position of mutual respect rather than taking the radical head to head approach on every issue. COLFO is at times invited to attend government meetings as an observer because of their moderate approach. However NZAHAA has its own voice through its Police liaison person and should use this to look after collector's specific interest.

In reply to a question on Police policy on seized or stolen firearms Michael replied that COLFO are again working on this. He recommended that NZAHAA Branches could offer their services to local Arms Officer to take care of firearms that need to be removed from deceased estates or where domestic or mental health issues make it unsafe for firearms to be held in a home. Police do not have facilities for taking good care of firearms that they hold.

He advised that Arms Amendment Bill No 3 was to be shelved and that AAB # 4 would most likely be introduced next year after the election. COLFO will be attending a United Nations meeting in July 2012 and will promote the NZ model for civilian ownership of firearms. In discussion with government agencies COLFO portray firearms collectors as amateur historians as this is a fair reflection of their interest and efforts.

He wound up by saying that all firearms owners must ensure that they minimize the risk to the general public in the use of firearms and in access to them by people who are not "fit and proper".

TARANAKI BRANCH AUCTION

An excellent and efficiently conducted auction was held after the AGM. Images of each lot were displayed on a screen and the lots were available for viewing throughout. Very good prices were realised on some items, but there were also good bargains to be had. Judge for yourselves:

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12 \$31	68 \$0	124 \$26	180 \$100	236 \$0	292 \$26
13 \$25	69 \$0	125 \$0	181 \$100	237 \$0	293 \$0
14 \$160	70 \$400	126 \$30	182 \$45	238 \$0	294 \$650
15 \$220	71 \$1,100	127 \$20	183 \$95	239 \$0	295 \$0
16 \$150	72 \$900	128 \$21	184 \$10	240 \$30	296 \$0
17 \$0	73 \$1,660	129 \$5	185 \$10	241 \$0	297 \$1,400
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28 \$0	84 \$7	140 \$21	196 \$10	252 \$20	308 \$250
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UPCOMING EVENTS

13 to 15 May	NZAHAA National Shoot, Nelson
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28 May Ruahine Branch Auction, Feilding

29 May Carvell's Auction, Auckland

25 June SSANZ Gun Show, Whangarei

3 July Auckland Branch Gun Show

16 July Gun Show, Christchurch

30 & 31 July Wellington Branch Auction, Wellington

20 & 21 August Tauranga Gun Show

4 September Collector Grade Arms NZ Ltd Auction, Auckland

24 September HYGM & Auction hosted by Canterbury Branch, Christchurch

NOTHING CHANGES or does it?

I have just been reading some of the very first Gazettes from the late 1980s, that I won at the Taranaki auction. Back then the association had about 900 members, Presidents complained about the fact that the same few people filled all the committee jobs, and another set of "same few people" seemed to write all the Gazette articles. Many of the "same few people" are still serving today at Branch and National level over 20 years later. While their dedication is highly commendable, it would be nice to see more new blood introduced rather than just rolling over last year's committee as so often happens at club AGMs. However to all those new committee members who have answered the call to serve, good on ya mate.

Back then some members put forward the view that the Association should only admit collectors of antiques. Fortunately we have moved on and added "historical" to our name, after all today's modern is tomorrows history and what is new today very soon will be an antique. I suspect too if the antique only brigade had had their way our membership would now be very small indeed. After all many collectors start with 20th century firearms and militaria, and then progress backwards in time. If an organisation is to survive it has to look forward and move with the times even if its prime interest lies in the past.

MYSTERY OBJECT

My thanks to Bill Lowry for submitting this month's mystery object, below right. What is it? Send your answer to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Darren Hills gave the correct answer for last month, below left, a combination tool for the Snider Enfield manufactured in Nepal.





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

*WANTED I am sourcing props on the film Tintin for Weta Digital here in Wellington.

One of the props I am trying to find is a late 1940s era marine signal/flare gun.

As the Tintin movie is animated, the process of using props in the film is fairly simple. First we hire the item, then photograph it in our studio from many angles. These photographs are then given to the animators who create an animated version of the object. The prop is then given back to its owner.

I wondered if there was anyone in the association who would be interested in hiring out their flare gun for a short time? A fee could be negotiated of course and we would be open to the idea of the owner supervising the photo shoot if they wished. I understand how valuable and rare a signal gun of this kind would be.

If there was a suitable flare gun in your collection or you knew of anyone else who you think may be interested in this, I would really appreciate hearing from them.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Many thanks, Nicole

Nicole Spackman VFX Props Buyer **TINTIN**

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Contact: Stan Bowen 07 871 7783

*WANTED: 10 bore belted bullet mould or

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John Carter:

johncarter@onthenet.com.au

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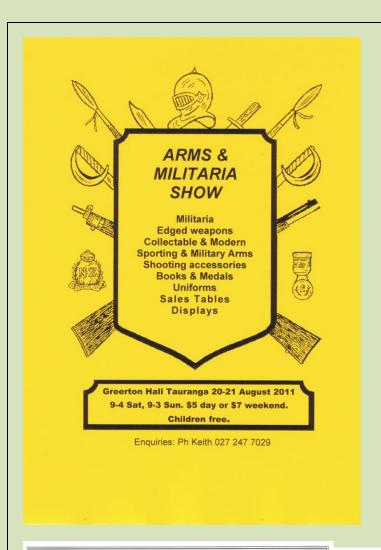
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NZ Antique Arms Association (Wellington Branch) Inc

Annual July Auction – 30/31 July 2011

Changes in school holiday dates due to the Rugby World Cup has meant that the auction will be held a bit later this year. If you are planning to attend then you need to make sure of your dates and to make travel and accommodation arrangements early as there will be pressure on for space. The catalogue is getting close to being full taking into account those items that are still to be collected and catalogued. We have another amazing collection of items that will appeal to a wide range of collecting interests. Space can always be found for exceptional items so if you have been holding back it may be time to call Steve.

He can advise you of our very friendly Vendor commission rate

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GUN SHOW

Saturday July 16 2011

9am-5pm
(Set up from 3pm Friday 15)
Club Stand
Riccarton Park Function Centre
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PUBLIC ADMISSION \$10.00

Children 12 & under with adult free

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New Zealand Antique and Historical Arms Association Nelson Branch Inc....

NZAHAA National Shoot

Golden Downs Range - Nelson Pistol Club

May 13/14/15

Nelson Branch can confirm that the Shoot is definitely on!!!

The shoot will be run to the "Suggested" format published in the Gazette March 2010 – Plus a demonstration event promoted by Nelson Branch – Matchlock; Offhand @ 50 meters.

Friday will be available for set up and practice – competition will be spread over Saturday and Sunday morning.

Note that the Range is about 50Km South of Nelson

Limited 'basic' dormitory-style accommodation is available on range; Camping/Caravans OK: showers, toilets and kitchen all on site. All very much 'BYO- Self Cater'.

Motels available in Brightwater and Richmond; Motorcamps in Tapawera and Richmond.

Entry Forms will be emailed in Word Format to Branch Reps soon:

Enquiries to: Nigel Johnson; 035476263 evenings / $021\ 1429201$ / or email: nigelpamtim@callsouth.net.nz



PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS (supplied by Grant Soich)

Powerhouse Museum Photography Manager Geoff Friend offers tips+tricks on how to photograph heritage collections. Geoff has worked at the Powerhouse Museum for 26 years and in that time has built a photographic studio that would make any organisation envious. But in this article he offers suggestions on how to make-do with limited resources. It can also be downloaded from Sector Resources on the CAN website.

www.collectionsaustralia.net.au/sector_info_item/180

"Necessity is the mother of all invention" – Thorstein Veblen

Camera

Ideally images should be taken with a digital SLR as they have better noise processing; which means the pixels do not appear rough when shooting in low light conditions. The digital SLR should have a full-frame sensor. A non-full-frame sensor has a multiplying effect so a 35mm wide-angle lens becomes a 52mm lens. (Geoff uses a Canon 1DS Mk3 and Canon 5D) If the budget only allows for a compact camera, it should have at least 10 megapixels to ensure high resolution images. These cameras are good for photographing events and exhibitions for the organisation. (Geoff uses a Canon G10) Most digital cameras have video capture which is great for the web. Use a low ISO (film speed) such as ISO 100 to achieve the finest resolution.

Lighting

The Powerhouse Museum uses professional electronic studio flash equipment – Broncolour floor packs with separate flash heads. The team uses a 1m x 1m softbox with a diffusion screen placed 50cm from the flash head to create a soft yet directional light source.

When using lighting equipment, avoid bare heads pointing at the object. Pulling the light source back from the object reduces the intensity of the light so that the detail is not burnt out. Angle the light so that it picks up the texture and pattern on the object if desired. When photographing two-dimensional objects, make sure the light source is even. For example, place two lights on either side of the item at 45 degrees. Make sure the plane of the camera lens is perfectly parallel with the object. If an artwork is behind glass, it is preferable to remove it from the frame. If it is too difficult, then cut a small hole in a piece of black velvet and shoot through the hole. If the organisation cannot afford sophisticated lighting equipment, then it is a good idea to use natural light with the camera on a tripod. In this case a cable release cord or self-timer function on the camera should be used so there is no camera shake causing blurry photos. Avoid using the tripod's centre column extension because it is unstable. Please email Geoff Friend at the Powerhouse Museum for any technical questions.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Phil,

Three Cheers for the new-look Gazette (*printed version Ed.*). The test for which is the interest shown by various visitors who formerly put it back on the table as being "heavy going"! This last issue is full of interest and energy, and the layout too is an invitation to turn the page! Bound to spur on the active interest of prospective members. Congratulations to the Editor and team!

Sincerely, John and Pam Ward