

New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. #61 February 2016

EDITORIAL

As you will have seen in the previously circulated Quarterly Update the NZ Police along with other government agencies are undertaking a major review of the NZ Firearms administration and Arms Act.

Some of the proposed changes are to be commended, such as centralised administration and training of Arms Officers, web based applications for licences and permits, better data collection and reporting of stolen firearms, which will all lead to a more efficient service provided to the public.

However it is not all good news, with further possible changes to online sales, cost recovery for permits and probably increases in all licence fees as well as penalties.

While it is good of the Police to keep the firearms community advised of what they are doing, my biggest concern is that they will not consult and listen to what our community representatives have to say at an early enough stage in this process.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed to this issues,



Phil

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NZ Arms Register www.armsregister.com

New Info pages

Armed Vessels NZAR ID Nos 291 to 297 Rifles NZAR ID No 462 & 463

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

NORTHLAND BRANCH INVITATION SHOOT & CAMP OUT

Held over the weekend of 9 & 10 January the shoot attracted a good number of regular members from Auckland, who tell us that they look forward to this event all year. Some arrived at the range on Thursday and allowed themselves plenty of time for sighting in and plinking, which was not dampened by the torrential rain on Friday afternoon. All tastes were catered for on the Saturday with a variety of team and individual events, including .22, shotgun, centre fire rifle, deliberate and rapid fire at variety of ranges from 50 to 200 metres.

The prize giving in the evening was followed by a spit roast sheep dinner, courtesy of Errol McIntyre, and a Mickey Mouse auction that provided some quality lots, the best we have seen for many a year.

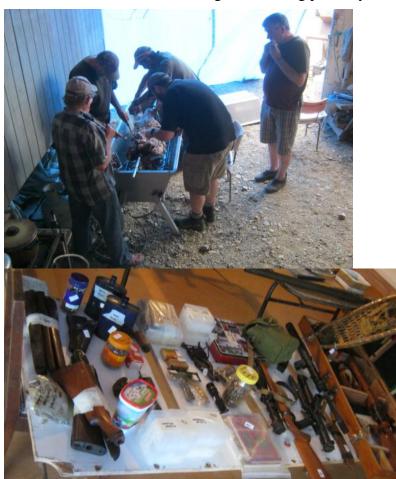


Just a few of the firearms in use at the weekend.





Above members and guests waiting patiently while the cooks prepare the meat below left





JC inspecting auction lots

NORTHLAND BRANCH AUCTION 2 April 2016 The catalogue will be published in March and will only be circulated by e-mail Here are a few of the lots



Explosion Naval Museum Of Naval Firepower - UK Visit Part 2 By Bill Lang

This museum site has many layers - historical periods, both peace & war. It dates from 1771 being opened as a powder magazine for HM Navy. Each sailing ship was loaded prior to a voyage at other points with food, water, arms, ships chandlery then was loaded with powder here at Priddy's Hard as a last task. They have created the powder barrow boys moving the barrels out to ships in life size statuary within one of the passages (right). It's almost spooky to stand amongst them.





Above a magazine storing items from the collection, in this case sea mines. Barrel vault brick work above throughout the magazine complex. Built in 1879 the "E" magazine contains approx. 3 million bricks, when filled it stored 4,500 barrels of powder. The storage was huge with many men working in low light wearing no spark shoes etc. with all wooden carts to transporting powder too & fro.

Within the passages & cased displays are many small guns from crude early cannon to machine guns. If you are interested in mortars, RML's, bronze naval guns etc. this place is a treasure trove.



Amongst the cased items is a very rare flintlock cannon firing mechanism (13), made by Grival of Toulon circa 1700. This fits to the gun & once ignited the burning powder runs along the channel to the touch hole. The fold down cover protects the powder from water. The remaining flintlocks date from 1750 with various bar shot types to right (7).

Whilst in the main magazine complex chambers, there was a remarkable variety of shell testing and assembly tools & jigs. In 1849 after safety fears the Powder Laboratory at Portsmouth was rebuilt at Priddy's Hard. The Laboratory examined, repaired & processed explosives, this was the source of the items stored.



Above the main public barrel & breech display area from which an access outside to where larger naval missiles etc. are displayed.



This 15" shell weighs the same as a small car, and would hit Southampton (20 miles) when / if fired from Priddy's Hard in under 30 seconds.

Out side items are scattered around the site so will leave stored items for next article.



4.7 Inch Mark 1XB Gun on Central Pivot Mark XX11 single Mounting.

To right a quick firing forward gun last used only a year ago to bombard the coast off Iraq in support. No information apart from staff on this one due to PC concerns.





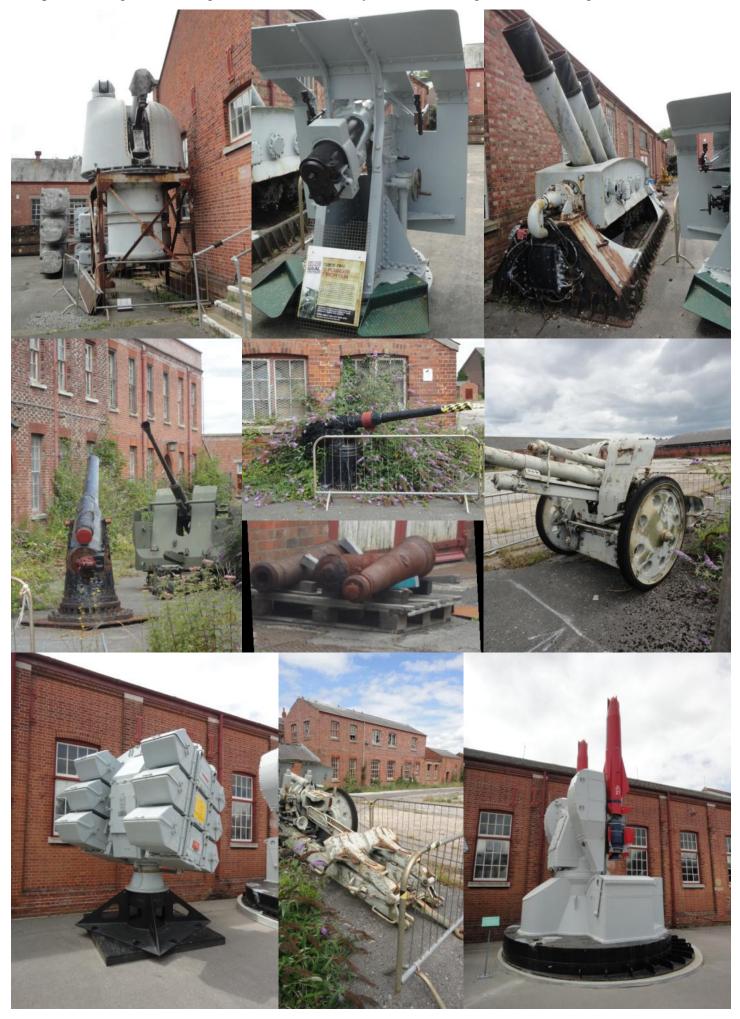


113" 1856 Mortar & Bed. This beast was donated by the Royal Armouries in 2000 having came from one the Portsmouth Hill Forts. Manufactured 1856 by FP & Co, this was capable of firing 2.8 km a 90kg filled shell. Weight - 3,500 kg ?

Right - 4" QE M XV1 Naval guns on adapted Twin Mounting. Range 18.2km AP 17.35 kg, HE 15.88kg, firing rate 15-20 rounds per minute. This unit was built in 1940 & was one of 2,555 produced including Australia & Canada.



Just some of the outside items displayed or awaiting restoration / disposal to other Museums amongst the old complex buildings surrounding the Museum site. Many of these buildings are filled with goodies.



Battle at Ruapekapeka Pa 170th Anniversary Commemoration 1846 - 2016 9 & 10 January 2016 Compiled by Dr John Osborne PhD

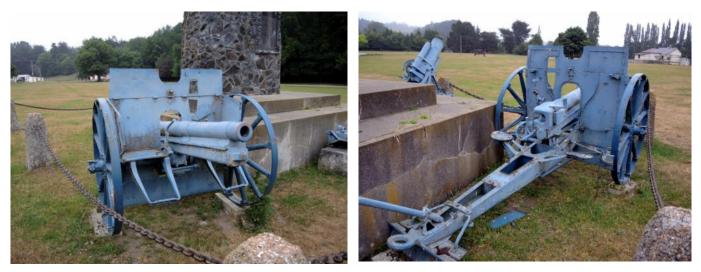
Ruapekapeka was the site of the last battle of the Northern War, where about 400 Maori warriors under Chiefs Te Ruki Kawiti and Honi Heke defended the pa against 450 Maori allies led by Tamati Waka Nene, Patuone and Mohi Towhai and about 1100 British and NZ Colonial troops. The British Naval and Colonial artillery blasted the pā with cannons, howitzers, mortars, and rockets, from the 31st December 1845 until 10 January 1846 eventually breaching the massive timber palisades. 23 Maori defenders were killed and about 30 wounded. 12 British were killed mostly sailors from HMS Castor and about 30 wounded.

Ruapekapeka pa, built by chief Te Ruki Kawiti, is regarded as the pinnacle of Maori military design and has been recognised internationally. Hundreds of people from across the North Island — including parties from Northland, Tauranga Moana and Tuhoe, MPs and representatives of the Kingitanga movement — gathered at Ruapekapeka Pa, south of Kawakawa, on Sunday 10 January 2016 to remember the final battle of the Northern War exactly 170 years earlier. Commemorations started at 4am with traditional combat rituals, followed by a dawn service at the pa, 8am breakfast at the *Akerama Marae and* a challenge to visitors and dignitaries at 11am, speeches, mass haka and the firing of replica c1800 Coehorn mortars.





GUNS, WHERE ARE THEY Photos by Stuart Leithead



Another gun at the Kuriheka estate Memorial

WW I German trophy 77 mm FK 98 n/A, s/n Nr 9419. Made by Fred Krupp in 1916 originally presented to Dunedin in June 1919.

See Great Guns by Peter Cooke & Ian Maxwell

A SALOON PISTOL



Intended for indoor use this antique saloon pistol was designed, for the entertainment of gentlemen, to fire a 6mm lead projectile propelled by a copper percussion cap.

I am hoping the owner will share more of these pistols in his collection with us in due course. Ed

Dick Travis .303 Nationals 2016

Greetings and a Happy New Year 2016 to all .303 enthusiasts. I sincerely hope you are all fit and well and enjoying the NZ summer. Certainly here in Wellington we have had glorious weather almost too hot for shooting. It was 33 degrees at 4.30 pm yesterday in Hataitai!!

The Dick Travis .303 Nationals are on again in March this year. Shooting is Saturday afternoon of 19th and Sunday until completion on the 20th. The format is unchanged from last year with matches shot over 300/500/600 yards. I am looking to see if it is possible for this competition to be able to use the 800 yard range in the future for a real test of marksmanship. There will be some maths and cone of fire calculations required to persuade the NZ Army that this is a viable option for our fine rifles. I have copy of all the shots fired since we began shooting for the DTVC trophy which amounts to some 3600 rounds fired from the mighty rimmed case. It is fair to say that all the shots fired are within the allowable cone of fire for the ...308 NRA target rifles. But NZ Army will require proof of this and I am working on it. As the standard of shooting improves then the longer distances are appropriate and I hope to include these in the program as the competition grows.

Speaking of which, we had 17 .303 target rifles on the mound in 2015. A growing number of riflemen are keen to get behind these historic rifles and be part of an event that neatly combines competitive shooting/ participation/commemoration at historic Trentham Rifle Range. It is pleasing to see more rifles coming out of the cupboards. The room for a bit of 'racing' has seen match ammo become the norm and combined with good shooting equipment possibles have been shot at each distance. Well done to those who have spent some time in preparation for this event.

There are opportunities for those in the Wellington area to have some practice at Trentham:

January

Sat 9 1pm - 300 - a busy day before the Ballinger Belt but a good day to shoot all the same. Sat 23 1pm - 500 - After BB the range is quiet and this is a very good opportunity to get some trigger time in. Sat 30 1pm - 600 - Another opportunity to shoot on a club day where Karori Rifle Club is duty club.

February is a mixture of longs and other competitions

March

Sat 5 1pm - 500 – another club day with DTVC host club Karori on duty. Sat 12 1pm - 300 – a good opportunity to shoot at short range.

Any shooters who intend to come to any of these fixtures must get in contact with Duncan McKee prior to ensure there are sufficient markers for the targets. <u>Le303@xtra.co.nz</u> Range fees of \$10 for the arvo.

Entry forms, Course of Fire details, Range Standing Orders and Competition Rules will be sent out shortly.

Please feel free to get in contact with any queries about the 2016 Dick Travis .303 Target Rifle Nationals. Karori Rifle Club is looking forward to being your host once again and ensure you the shooter has a great experience at this growing event.

All the best

Duncan McKee Match Director DTVC

FOR SALE

Textbooks from the estate of Bruce Grant

Contact Grant Sherriff grants5@ihug.co.nz

Post and Packing extra

Ackley, P.O. (1962), *Handbook for Shooters & Reloaders Volume I*. UT, USA: Plaza Publishing. Sc, illus bw, 567 pp + vi. \$35

Ackley, P.O. (1966), *Handbook for Shooters & Reloaders Volume II*. UT, USA: Plaza Publishing. Sc, illus bw, 535 pp + viii. \$35

Angier, R.H. (1936), *Firearm Blueing and Browning*. PA, USA: Stackpole Books. Hc, dw, 151 pp. + viii, Hc, dw, \$10

Anon (no date, but early 1960s), *US Cartridge Co Collection of Firearms*. Conn, USA: WE Inc. Hc, dw, bw illus. 143 pp. \$5

Burrard, G. (1956), *The Identification of Firearms and Forensic Ballistics* Third edition. London, England: Herbert Jenkins. Hc, dw, bw illus, 217 pp.

Carmichel, J. (1975), *The Modern Rifle*. NY, USA: Winchester Press. Hc, dw, illus bw, 342 pp + x.

\$25

Caughley, G. (1983), The Deer Wars. Auckland, NZ: Heinemann. Hc, dw, illus b-w, 187 pp + vi

\$40

Datig, F.A. (1956), *Cartridges for Collectors Volume I (Centrefire)*. CA, USA: Borden Publishing Co. Hc, dw, 176 pp. \$40

Datig, F.A. (1958), *Cartridges for Collectors Volume II (Centrefire – Rimfire – Patent Ignition)*. CA, USA: Borden Publishing Co. Hc, dw, 176 pp. \$40

Datig, F.A. (1956), *Cartridges for Collectors Volume III (Centrefire – Rimfire - Plastic)*. CA, USA: Borden Publishing Co. Hc, dw, 176 pp. \$40

Dunlap, R.F. (1963), *Gunsmithing* 2 ed. PA, USA: Stackpole Books. Hc, some dw, shaken, illus bw. 742 pp + x \$50

Greenwood, C. (1972), *Firearms Control*. London, England: Routledge and Kegan Paul. Hc, dw, inscribed by author to Bruce Grant, tables & charts. 272 pp. + vi \$20

Hatcher, J.S. (1962) *Hatcher's Notebook* 3 ed. PA USA: The Stackpole Co. Hc, repaired dw, illus b-w, 640 pp. \$30

HMSO (1961), *Textbook of Small Arms 1929*. Frome, England: The Holland Press. Hc, dw, illus bw line. 427 pp + vii. \$70

Kent, D.W. (1973), *German 7.9 mm Military Ammunition 1888 – 1945*. MI, USA: The Author. Hc, illus bw. 158 pp + xii. \$180

Mann, F.W. (1965), *The Bullet's Flight from Powder to Target – The Internal and External Ballistics of Small Arms*. PA, USA: Ray Riling Arms books Co. Hc, illus bw, 384 pp. \$40

Mannes, P. (1980), <i>Tables of bullet Performance</i> . AZ, USA: Wolfe Publishing Co Inc. Sc, 407 pp + xii.	\$15
Matunas, E. A. (1989), Practical Gunsmithing. CT, USA: Outdoor Life Books. Hc, dw, bw illus, 312 pp	p. + v \$30
Murtz, H.A. (Ed) (1982), <i>The Gun digest Book of Exploded Firearms Drawings</i> Third edition. IL, USA: Books Inc. Sc, illus line dwgs, 480 pp.	DBI \$40
Naramore, E. (1962), Principles and Practice of Loading Ammunition. PA, USA: The Stackpole Compar Hc, damaged dw, illus bw. 952 pp. + x	ny. \$50
Nonte, G.C. (1967), <i>The Home Guide to Cartridge Conversions</i> . NJ, USA: The Gun Room Press. Hc, dt 404 pp.	w, \$40
Nonte, G.C. (1972), Modern Handloading. NY, USA: Winchester Press. Hc, dw, illus bw, 410 pp + vi.	\$15
O'Connor, J. (1970), The Hunting Rifle. NY, USA: Winchester Press. Hc, dw, illus b-w, 314 pp.	\$70
Olson, L. (1980), <i>Mauser rifles</i> . (compilation of 13 articles). Washington, DC, USA: NRA of America. illus bw, 32 pp.	
Otteson, S. (1976), The Bolt Action rifle – A Design Analysis. NY, USA: Winchester Press. Hc, dw, 288 xi, illus, line dwgs	8 pp. + \$80
Page, W. (1973), The Accurate Rifle. NY, USA: Winchester Press. Hc, dw, illus bw, 238 pp + xiii.	\$20
Pullum B, and Hanenkrat, F.W. (1981), <i>Position Rifle Shooting</i> . NJ, USA: Stoeger Publishing Company illus bw, 272 pp. + xvi.	
Pullum B, and Hanenkrat, F.W. (1981), <i>Successful Shooting</i> . Washington DC, USA: NRA of America. dw, illus bw. 213 pp.	Hc, \$20
Smith, W.H.B., and Smith, J.E. (1972), <i>The Book of Rifles</i> 4 ed. NY, USA: Castle Books. Hc, dw, illus 689 pp + xi.	bw, \$15
Steindler, R.A. (1965), Modern ABC's of Guns. PA, USA: Stackpole Books. Hc, dw, 191 pp.	\$5
Whelen, T. (1945), <i>Small Arms Design and Ballistics Volume 1 Design</i> . SC, USA: Small-Arms Technica Publishing Company. Hc, dw, illus bw, 376 pp + vi & index	

Whelen, T. (1946), Small Arms Design and Ballistics Volume 2 Ballistics.SC, USA: Small-Arms TechnicalPublishing Company.Hc, dw, illus bw, 314 pp + ix & index + 10 ballistic charts\$35



A GUN IS AS GOOD OR AS BAD As the man using it.

Something to share with anti gun critics !

Contributed by Tony Bruce.

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

Last month (below left), first correct answer was provided by Andrew Edgcombe who correctly identified it as the sprocket wheel of a Centurion Tank.





FROM THE WWW Cut and paste address or Ctrl + click

From Dave Craze: A piece of mothballed Russian history. Interesting read and a small movie at the end.

http://thebrigade.com/2015/07/09/russias-unprecedented-monster-aircraft-ship-53-photos-and-story/

From Grant Fletcher: Remington denies faults on their Model 700 rifle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oS_GDpZM3ak

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WE ARE TAKING QUALITY ITEMS, COLLECTIONS ETC FOR NEXT YEARS AUCTION SEPTEMBER 2016,

Cut off time will be end of May or when full PLEASE PHONE TONY MATTHEWS On 06 374 9164 or 027 244 5186 OR EMAIL ruahineauction@hotmail.co.

UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2016 please advise <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u> 2016

28 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga.
12 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Gun Show, Napier
19 March	Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
19 March	Kumeu Militari Show, Kumeu, Auckland
2 April	Northland Branch Auction and NZAHAA AGM, Whangarei
10 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction, Timaru
30 Apr & 1 May	Ted Rogers Militaria Auction, Kilbirnie
28 May	Ruahine Branch Arms Fair, Palmerston North.
11 June	Hunting, Shooting & Collecting Show, Whangarei
3 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show
16 & 17 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
23 July	MAMs Gun Show, Christchurch
20 & 21 August	Tauranga Gun Show
3 September	Ruahine Branch Auction.
10 September	Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
5 & 6 Nov	Taranaki Gun Show, New Plymouth
12 & 13 Nov	Armistice in Cambridge.

Please send dates for your 2016 events.

Annual Central Branch Gun Show.

28th February 2016 (Last Sunday of February) Otorohanga Club. Maniapoto St. Otorohanga.

9.30 - 3.00pm \$5 entry fee. Children under 12 free when accompanied by and adult..

Contact: Kath Arnold. <u>c.k.arnold@xtra.co.nz</u> or phone :07 873 8853 regarding display or sales tables.

BUY SELL OR SWAP List items free for two months

***FOR SALE:** Mosin Nagant 91/30 PU Sniper rifle, genuine 1944 manufactured sniper rifle with original PU scope and mount. \$2200 Andrew 027 3380840

***WANTED:** ANY MG08 Parts or accessories Any MG08 Sled Mount, ANY condition or parts for restoration Andrew 027 3380840 or <u>mg34nz@gmail.com</u>

*WANTED: Clearing (cleaning) rod for Remington-Lee Model 1885 rifle (it will be about 800mm (32") long). Also socket bayonet for same rifle. It's a N.Z. issue. Ph. Wallace 03/9311454 . E-mail:- wallacelogan1@outlook.com

FOR SALE : Lithgow SMLE Rifles with dates ranging from 1916 to 1953, with all Rifles in their original matching numbered condition; Three Lithgow WW 2 SMLE Sniper Rifles; One very unique set of two Lithgow SMLE Rifles with consecutive serial numbers; A Very Rare Lithgow Factory .303 Calibre Massive Heavy Barrel for Bench Mounted Ammunition Testing; Two Lithgow SMLE Rifles with Australian Light Horse markings; Australian Issue Pattern 14 Sniper Rifle; Australian Issue L39A1 calibre 7.62mm Heavy Barrel Sniper Rifle used in Trials by the R.A.A.F.; Australian Issue Pattern 14 Target Rifle with Unertl Scope and R.M.C. Duntroon markings;

Rare 1905 dated U.S. Model 1903 Springfield with all early features including Original Barrel, Original Single Lug Stock with High Wood and Hand guards without metal clips, etc, etc; U.S. Remington Model 1903A3 Sniper Rifle fitted with Lyman Super Targetspot Scope; Very Scarce Japanese Type 2 Paratroop Rifle with all Matching Numbers, and in Excellent Original Condition; Finnish Mosin Nagant Sniper Rifle fitted with Eastern Bloc Lit Reticule Scope in near new condition;

British WW 1 SMLE Sniper Scopes by Aldis and Periscopic Prism Co; Australian Issue MK 1 and MK 2 Machete Bayonets; A few British and Australian .303 Factory Tools and Rifle Accessories; British .303 Calibre Rubin Trials Ammunition; German Sniper Scopes; German WW 2 Winter Trigger Assembly;



WANTED – M60 Platform Pintle (Pintle section not required) Please contact Norm or Kev at 06 8788536 or <u>kevinmnaylor@yahoo.co.nz</u>

***FREEBIE**

Window Bars 1500mm wide 1400 High, 20mm Round Bar, 30mm x 10mm cross bars and heavy angle top and bottom 50mm x 65mm x 10 mm, heavy, bolt or weld into place ,well constructed set of bars ideal for a gun room ,Police compliant. They have been sitting in my paddock for a couple of years so will need a bit of a wire brush and paint. If you have a need for a set of heavy duty bars come and get them. Andrew 027 3380840





Date change

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH ANNUAL AUCTION AND SWAP DAY. PHAR LAP RACEWAY, TIMARU.

New date

SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2016

Items for the auction are now being sought. Please contact the following:

Auction Convenor : **Mike Carroll** Email – mcarroll@alliance .co.nz Cell phone 027 283 4574 Evenings 03 686 0876

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 Presented By Hawkes Bay Branch NZAHAA & Hawkes Bay Arms & Militaria Association.

Hawkes Bay Gun Show

12th of March 2016. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Entry \$5 Old Army Drill Hall Cnr Marine Parade & Coote Road Napier

> Contact: Paul Shoebridge E Mail <u>jo_paul@clear.net</u>

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Northland Branch Auction & NZAHAA AGM

April 2nd 2016 in Whangarei

Marist Clubrooms, 39 Park Ave, Kensington, Whangarei

Viewing 0830 to 0930

0930 NZAHAA AGM

Auction Start at 1000

Buyers & Sellers Commission will be 5 %. There will be a Tender table on the day.

> Contact: Paul Deeming on 09 4353232 or Email: <u>gunnerpwd@gmail.com</u>



NZ Antique Arms Association (Wellington Branch) Inc

Annual July Auction - 2016

We are now accepting lots for our next auction on the 16/17 July 2016. We would encourage anyone wanting to have items included to advise Steve, our Auction Convener, at the earliest possible time.

<u>South Island Run:</u> We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island sometime in January 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 January date is being finalised now so we need to know.

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

Steve Privett

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