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EDITORIAL

I have started to think it is time to hang up my keyboard as your Editor, largely due to too many other voluntary commitments, so if you have the necessary skills and would like to take on this job please get in touch.

As you will see the **BUY SELL OR SWAP** page has filled up with Ads that have been going for some time, a bit like Trademe it has got rather boring with the same items appearing, so next month I will start again with a blank page. Let me know if you have items to sell or wants.

We should all brace ourselves for more negative outcomes for licensed firearm owners when the Law and Order Select Committee publishes its findings in late February or March. Please pay attention to the message from COLFO on page 6 and be prepared to do your bit when the time comes. It is only by all standing together and making our views heard that we will safeguard the private ownership of firearms in New Zealand.

Best wishes ,

Phil



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New Info Pages being worked on

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

BREN 7.62mm L4A3

A small batch of these scarce guns was imported by I-Guns of Dargaville, acting as agent for various collectors, and arrived in New Zealand from the UK at the end of November. According to the Bren Gun Saga by T B Dugelby only 134 Mk 2 .303 in. Brens were converted to this variant, some going to Libya and the remainder into British Service. However more information is now available, see below. These guns are all in mint refurbished condition and came complete with one magazine.



Typical Markings are as follows:

LHS of body: **D GUN M/C 7.62 mm L4A3**
MG 37 GA

RHS of body: **BREN Mk II D/1942** (struck out)

Top of Body: **UE 66 937XX** (struck out) **A 68XX**

Chris Hall a Bren Gun researcher in the UK advises that:

There were 7607 L4A2s converted in 1959/60 and at the end of 1960 the first L4A4s were converted. The initial L4A4 conversions ceased in 1962 at serial UE62A.15385 and L4A3 production began in Feb of that year with 24 guns going to the Royal Navy under contract 84/60. Production of the A3 ceased in 1966/7 with about 7500 made. Unfortunately my records end at UE65A.4511 which went to Yugoslavia. L4A4 production began again in 1967/8 but at a slower rate and most appear to be for foreign contracts. Unfortunately I have no records for this time frame.

The L4A3s that we have are supposed to be ex Navy guns that the MOD had Interarms refurbish under contract but the contract was terminated when the Navy were supplied with Ex Army GPMGs. As part payment, Interarms were allowed to keep the L4A3s and they tried to sell them on with no luck. Eventually some went to the USA, some were deactivated for the UK market and the rest of the parts were sold to Dince Hill Engineering who made some into complete guns (I believe this is where yours may have come from). Dince Hill went under a few years ago and the parts were sold on yet again. These parts are slowly making their way onto the market.

NZART ID: 204, Arm Type: Machine Gun, Date of Draft: (V1) 14 November 2013,

Compiled by: Phil Cregeen

Pattern: BREN LMG 7.62 mm L4A4 Introduced in to NZ Service: 1973, Withdrawn 1990(?)

Maker: Enfield RSAF, Conversion from .303" Bren.

Calibre: 7.62 x 51 mm, Bore: 6 groove RH twist 1 in 12"chrome plated, Barrel length: 24.25 in.

OA Length: 44.31in. Weight: 21.6 Lb, Type of Action: Gas operated semi & full auto,

Magazine: 30 rounds box. Sights: Aperture, folding leaf 200-2,000 M. blade foresight.

Muzzle velocity: ball 2750 ft/sec. Rate of fire 450-550rpm.



With the introduction of the 7.62 mm NATO round in the late 1950s many .303" Bren guns were converted at Enfield to become the **Gun, Machine, 7.62 mm L4**. The first conversion (1,500) was from Mk III to L4A1 in 1956, followed by 7,600 L4A2 in 1959 which had a chrome bore among other modification. L4A3 followed being conversions of 134 Mk II Brens. In 1961 the L4A4 was introduced embodying all the previous modifications, some 6,900 Mk III were converted and 500 new manufacture, they were issued with a single chrome barrel. L4A5 was a special conversion of Mk II Brens for the Royal Navy, supplied with two chrome barrels. L4A6 were L4A1 guns retrofitted with new magazines and a single chrome barrel. The most obvious differences between the L4 Bren and its .303 predecessor are the straighter magazine and the straight sided flash illuminator. All L4 series are fitted with the Mk I bipod.(2) The L4 magazine is interchangeable with the L1A1 20 round and L2A1 30 round magazine.

New Zealand Service

The New Zealand L4A4 guns arrived in this country in the mid 1970s; from guns observed to date they were converted in 1973 from Mk III Bren. L4 Brens were issued to 2/1 Battalion in 1980, when the GPMGs were unserviceable and remained in service until about 1990 (1).

Forty seven L4 Brens were sold by tender to the UK in 1993 (1).

L4A4 guns observed in New Zealand

NZ Marked				
Arm	NZ Marked	Maker	Dated	Serial No
Bren L4A4		Enfield	1973	UE 73 A19743
Bren L4A4		Enfield	1973	A19783
Bren L4A4	NZ	Enfield	1973	A19850

Acknowledgements: Rod Woods, N Taylor, J Osborne

References: (1)NZAHAA Gazette September 1999 – Saga of 7.62 L4A4Bren s/n A19783 by JD Cooke

(2)The Bren Gun Saga by T B Dugelby

If you have an ex New Zealand L4A4 Bren please send me details of the markings (Ed)

A small stock remains of this once in a lifetime offer
NZAHAA Northland Branch 25 Year Commemorative Publication

LEC 88 (NZ)

A study of the unique New Zealand issue
Lee Enfield Carbine



The Last of the Dustcover Enfields

By

Douglas Munro, John Milligan, Noel Taylor

This in-depth study of the unique New Zealand issue Lee Enfield Carbine has been undertaken by two of our own NZAHAA members , John Milligan and Noel Taylor both from Auckland, together with Doug Munro from Maryland USA. By collecting and analysing data on surviving carbines from around the world they have been able to put together a comprehensive retrospective overview of the carbines that made up this special New Zealand order.

In addition to a detailed analysis of the survey results the book includes a section on shooting the carbine and also its service history, answering the question was it used in the Anglo Boer War.

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WELLINGTON BRANCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

In late November the **Wellington Branch Christmas Dinner** was held at the Pines. We had a good turnout with over 90 people attending, with members giving positive comments on the meal and venue. A presentation was made to Margaret Brown in recognition of her many years service to the Branch as Secretary and Treasurer. Many members provided amazing displays.



Presentation to Margaret Brown



Naked Soldier Trophy to Reg Milson for branch displays



Pat 53 Mk1 Artillery Carbine



Pontiac car hood ornaments



Black Powder Pistol Shooting Trophies



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Firearms from the NZ Land Wars and Goldfields

Pictures from Wellington Branch Flint & Cap

NORTHLAND BRANCH INVITATION SHOOT - 7 January 2017

Good weather, good company, and a shed load of guns, what better way to kick off the new year than a weekend camp out and shoot. We were blessed with a strong contingent of members up from Auckland and a couple from as far away as Tuaranga. Some arrived on Thursday and enjoyed a couple of days “practice” on the range before the main event on Saturday.

The shoot ably organised by our resident Hobbit, Pat (him in the yellow safety jacket), started with two teams trying and failing to cut a hanging rope, as seen in the movies. It just goes to show how impractical that shot is where the hero shoots the hangman’s rope to save his mate. Despite several hits and frayed strands the rope held together. The day continued with a number of novelty shoots for centre fire rifles, all off hand, with a sniper event fired from sitting position, this was followed by our old favourite - launch the ping pong ball from pond with a shot from a 22 while your partner tries to hit it in the air with a 12 gauge. A clay bird shoot and a timed event at falling plates rounded off the shooting.

With the guns away it was time for a cold one, prizes and dinner. Once again we were able to enjoy an excellent spit roast sheep provided and cooked by Errol, served with baked spuds and coleslaw. The evening conclude with a Mickey Mouse auction of 96 lots which included a Hakim and Bullpup SKS, Mack doing a grand job as auctioneer. Thanks to all our visitors who made it so successful and those who did the work and pitched in to help. Images kindly provided by Kevin Hussey.

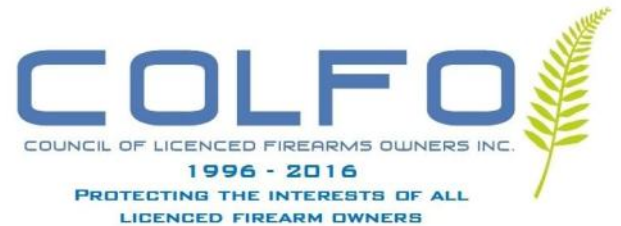


Clockwise from top left: A shed full of guns and good company, the rope that would not break, off hand shooting at targets below right, Snipers shooting from sitting position.



A MESSAGE FROM COLFO

COLFO have canvassed the submissions that were made public by the Law & Order Select Committee recently. On review of those submissions we were alarmed at some of the content we found.



Our concern relates to the recommendations that have been made by the Police Association and NZ Police that would have a direct impact on licensed firearms owners with no real impact on the criminal element. Both organisations submissions venture outside the scope and intent of the Law & Order Select Committee's subject matter.

Some of the recommendations include full registration of firearms, reclassification of firearms, increasing security requirements for all licensed holders to name but a few. Advice to the Committee on significant changes without any operational justification. There are also the submissions that the Select Committee have heard from Police which have not been made public.

The statistics that both organisations have quoted to back their recommendations are misleading and do not match each other. An example is of firearms seizures where the Police Association has a list of 52 "firearm seizures" over a six week period, but the NZ Police were able to identify only 26% of these from their list. It is of no surprise that firearms users are telling us there is a break down in the trust and integrity of their relationship with Police.

If the Law & Order Select Committee were to follow these suggested recommendations then the environment for licensed firearms owners will change for us all, regardless of the reason why you own a firearm. The environment for the criminal element will flourish with the possibility of more firearms going underground and into the black market.

As one of 242,000 firearms licensed citizens out there COLFO would like you to weigh up what the effect possible changes to legislation will have not only on you but on your peers and fellow legal, fit and proper owners. Be warned that as a user, you will no doubt be financially responsible for the implementation of any proposed changes.

COLFO needs your support now more than ever. We're not asking you to financially support us, we are asking you to get in behind us to protect your own interests as a firearms user. The international face of firearms is seeing changes with the Economic Union, Arms Trade Treaty and EC all having a stab at firearms legislation.

To maintain our effective regime your views need to be made to our government and we will give you the information you'll need to make those views known in the near future. **Help us to help you.**

A RECENT EDITORIAL IN THE OTAGO DAILY TIMES 11 January 2017

Note Mr Cahill quotes 20,000 guns are stolen or sold to offenders, where does this figure come from when only 776 were reported stolen by Police last year?

Why when Police shoot offenders are there calls for more laws that only impact us law abiding licensed owners and have no impact on criminals?

Guns: new conversation needed

A new year has brought another fatal shooting by police and yet more debate about firearms availability. Last week in Whanganui, Savey Kevin Sous died after being shot twice when he threatened officers responding to a domestic violence callout at his property with a loaded sawn-off shotgun. The number of police shootings is increasing. The Whanganui incident was the fourth fatal police shooting - and the seventh overall - in the past 18 months.

Police Association president Chris Cahill says the shootings are a reflection of the number of firearms getting into the hands of criminals. The association has called for an independent inquiry into the issue for at least the past three years. Previous association president Greg O'Connor has said police are losing the "arms race".

The Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA) has responded to the latest incident with plans to lead a special investigation into the spate of police shootings to see if a pattern can be established. There is already a general inquiry by Parliament's law and order select committee into the issue of illegal firearms availability. Submissions to it closed last year and a report is expected next month.

The select committee inquiry was announced in the wake of last March's Kawerau siege, in which four police officers were shot at and injured in an armed standoff, and the discovery of a cache of 14 military-style assault weapons in an Auckland house. Police said at the time the size of that haul was unprecedented and alarming. Last October, five rifles and 23 handguns, including several military-style semi-automatic firearms, along with ammunition, were stolen from a Maitland St, Dunedin, property, along with a list of weapons, and addresses of their owners. The two hauls are by no means isolated. Indeed, many New Zealanders would surely be shocked by the extent of the problem.

Mr Cahill has said 50,000 guns enter the country each year (many are legally bought by licensed owners - hunters and sportspeople) but more than 20,000 are then stolen or sold to offenders. That is the nub of the matter and a source of real frustration, then, that the select inquiry's terms of reference were limited to the issue of illegal firearms, rather than licensing and legislation in general.

Police Commissioner Mike Bush has called for an amnesty on illegal guns as a way of reducing the number of unlawful firearms. This is certainly worthwhile, but is only an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, for an amnesty would not recover all illegal firearms nor address the problem of those continuing to pour into the country.

It is a difficult balance, given responsible gun owners will inevitably be tarred with any reactionary brush, yet there are relevant questions to be asked around gun ownership, that society, through a genuine wide-ranging inquiry, must tackle.

How many firearms does one licensed owner require, for example? Has gun ownership evolved into a right, rather than a privilege? Are current laws around the sale, possession and storage of firearms adequate - and are they adequately monitored? Should individual guns (not just their owners) be licensed? Are police adequately resourced? Are New Zealanders happy with the status quo? If the country is prepared to let the flow of arms continue, are we also prepared to arm our police to protect themselves and the public?

New Zealanders are sadly no strangers to gun violence - intentional and accidental. If gun crime and the numbers of firearms are rising, time is of the essence to achieve meaningful dialogue and progress. For the more guns we have, the more potential for harm for everyone, including those caught in the crossfire.

SSANZ REPLIES TO OTAGO DAILY TIMES EDITORIAL

LETTER TO EDITOR: "GUNS: NEW CONVERSATION NEEDED"

I am surprised and shocked that the writer of the above mentioned Editorial did make more of an effort to check the accuracy of the information he quoted in the piece.

He quotes Mr Cahill's outrageous claims that 20,000 firearm are stolen or sold to offenders annually when figures provided by NZ Police report only 776 were stolen in the past year.

Mr Cahill goes on to claim that the reason why more people are being shot by Police is because there are more firearms coming into the country and falling into criminal hands. Could it be that the reason why Police are shooting more people is because their training with firearm is inadequate. Police advise that officers only receive 45 practice rounds annually for each type of firearm that is issued to them, most serious shooters would use more than this in one day. Armed Offenders Squad Policy is to cordon, contain and negotiate; perhaps more skills are needed in negotiation with armed offenders.

Your Editorial mentions the shooting of four Police Officers by one offender, but does not question the level of training these officers received. Arming inadequately trained Police is a recipe for more people being injured or killed.

If the problem really is more guns falling in to the hands of criminals then more resources need to be applied to solving burglaries where firearms are taken and stopping illegal imports at the border. Making more laws that only affect law abiding licensed firearm owners will not deter criminals.

Our current Arms Act works well, as may be judged by the steady decline in firearm homicide and unintentional shootings over the past two decades.

COLFO REPLIES TO ODT EDITORIAL

We read with some interest your recent article (ODT 11 January 2017, p. 6) about illegal firearms in New Zealand and advise that your figures in relation to the legal importation of firearms, and those obtained by criminals are inaccurate, misleading and based on speculation.

Using the government's own import figures we know the average is actually about 33,000 cartridge firearms imported per year, and a similar amount of air guns of all sorts including "BB" and "airsoft guns".

20,000 firearms being sold to the black market is totally untrue. Mr Cahill is wrong. There is no evidence whatsoever that 50 firearms are obtained per day in this country by criminals. Mr Cahill is using misleading emotion to justify the arming of Police and justify expensive and needless restrictions on the law abiding of this Country.

To answer your questions:

1. There is no reason whatsoever to restrict how many firearms are owned by a fit and proper person. Criminal elements are scarcely going to;
2. New Zealand does not have a recognised right to own firearms – its always been a privilege given to fit and proper persons who must be scrutinised carefully;
3. The laws are demonstrably world leading. It is scarcely the fault of the licensed owner if Police do not have the money or inclination to administer this legislation;
4. Perhaps Mr Cahill should look at that instead of quoting misleading figures to the media we would suggest;
5. We consider that if New Zealanders fully understood the Arms Act, how it is implemented and the media stopped using made up terms such as "military style assault weapons" then they would be proud of our legislation;
6. The "flow of arms" meets legal demand. It is not for us to say if Police should be armed, but this is scarcely a sensible comparison as this "flow" is to the law abiding, not gangs.

These letters and others resulted in a correction and apology from the ODT Editor

Correction from Otago Daily Times.

AMENDED EDITORIAL

This is an amended editorial to the one which initially appeared on January 11, 2017.

Police Association president Chris Cahill mistakenly gave an incorrect figure relating to guns in a recent media interview. Subsequent coverage linked to from the Police Association's website and used for the purposes of the editorial of January 11 was incorrect as a result.

Mr Cahill's amended comment now reads: "Over 50,000 firearms enter the country each year, a number of which are stolen or sold to offenders."

The Police Association has also corrected the comment on its website.

The Otago Daily Times apologises for any upset caused. - Ed ODT

Still room for further complaint over the actual number of firearms imported and lack of proof that any number of the firearms imported each year are actually stolen or sold to offenders.(Ed)

HINTS FOR SUBMITTING LOTS TO AUCTION

Reproduced from Wellington Branch Flint & Cap

Each year the Wellington Branch runs its annual Auction, and this is a good way for members to sell off or acquire items. For this years auction we are over half full at this stage, but there are still a few places to be filled if you have anything to put in. There is never an automatic guarantee of getting a sale nor of getting the best possible price, particularly if the item is unique or very rare. But you can do something to help.

Here are some suggestions to help present your items in the best possible way if you ever enter anything into this or any future auction. Just remember that the auction items might be taken in 6 months in advance, and be handled by multiple people and moved at least four times (or more) by the end of the Auction day. Plus they might be picked up 100 times on the day. Keep a list of your items, and match your list to the list written up when the items are picked up. Well oil any exposed metalwork. You don't want rust forming on the exposed metal. Clean and oil the bore. Nothing looks worse on a description 'bore dirty but may clean'. If the gun has really good woodwork, then sell it in a gun-bag to protect it. We try to take care with items, but cannot guarantee that it will not get scratched or bumped. If it doesn't sell, then we try to get it back to you in the condition you gave it to us, but accidents do happen.

Make up a small card display label – so that cataloguers and buyers can more accurately describe the item. These cards don't need to be huge nor super fancy. This is really important if an item is unique or has verifiable provenance. The Cataloguer can only describe what they know about or can see. eg. It's not just a brass Victorian era CYC badge... it's a rare North Canterbury Yeomenry Cavalry pouch badge. or, it's not just an old Enfield musket.. it's an Enfield Model 1861 Musketoon, Sn 1234, cal .577, used by the NZ Forest Rangers in the Maori Wars. Note the NZFR cartouche. Make up smaller mounting frames to display valuable medals or coins, and have a label on each item. If you have a smaller valuable item, attach it to a white card inside a clear plastic bag. Put the item description on the card. A small item is easily lost, also it is better protected from theft, greasy fingers or accidentally dropped drink or food. Wax or Polish any wooden stocks. Don't put anything forward in a dirty plastic bag, use a new clear one. The buyers will want to see what they are buying. Iron uniforms before you put them in. Have a realistic reserve. Understand the items value and make the reserve appropriate. Otherwise you are wasting everyone's time if the item does not sell. Good luck with selling your items at the next auction.

HAVE YOU MADE A PLAN?

Have you made a plan to dispose of your collection when you fall off the perch. Does a family member hold a licence so that your firearms can be legally held until your family can decide what they want to do with them, or have you arranged for a mate to take charge of these possibly valuable items. Does someone know where all the bolts are kept, or other parts and accessories that belong to a particular gun. And don't forget all those odds and sods: parts, tools, gauges, etc, you may know what they are and their value, but will another person or will they end up in the scrap bin?

TARANAKI BRANCH AUCTION 8 APRIL 2017

The Venue is the New Plymouth Club on Gill Street, New Plymouth.

Auction Item Preview from Andrew Edgcombe

Here are a couple of beauty's, Armourers chests with a horde of tools and gauges. I had a quick look and found a treasure trove of items, gauges and specialized tools for Bren, Vickers, Lee Enfield and no doubt numerous other weaponry of the era. EX NZ Army and a must for any NZ/ British Military collector. These kits would be worthy of display in any museum. Check out the Bren barrel, its actually an inspectors gauge and is marked so.



The Wanganui Militia.

Did you have any ancestors who saw active service in the Wanganui Militia under Captain Wilmot Powell?

While researching a book on the Powell family who arrived in the 1850's, writer John Ewan has compiled a list of those men who saw action in 1868 in Captain Powell's unit. He would like to know what became of those young men in their later years.

Any information welcome and can be sent by email to johnfewan@gmail.com or by post to John Ewan, P O Box 3523, Richmond, Nelson.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

An answer to Kurt Stancel's question about the No 4 markings in the December issue:

The MDP (with Broad Arrow) as a butt stamp is on all Pakistani made No. 4 rifles between 1957 and 1961 (I saw). One of my Pakistani friends is of the opinion that it means "Pakistani Ministry of Defence".

Regards, M. Zimmer



NA&A Co made Snider Rifles

Thanks to those members who replied to the query on NA&A Co made Snider Rifles, we have now added several more to our list, see table below. It has further been noted that many but not all manufacturers of Snider rifles and carbine added a serial number to the underside of the breech block.

Mike Carrick Adds- I don't know if this will be of any interest, but I have a BSA & M Snider for the Portugal Contract. The underside of the breech block and the latch are serial no. 433. Lockplate is marked BSA & M Co 1875 and on the tail, Crown over GP (Governo Portuguesa) where the Crown VR would usually be. Portugal let a contract for 1200 cavalry carbines. So, for this contract, BSA did serial number the guns.

NZ Marked Arm	NZ Marked	Maker	Dated	Serial No	Other marks
Snider Cav Carb Mk III	N80Z 01013	NA & A Co	1879		? Cut down rifle?
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 0934	NA & A Co	1879	246	
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01139	NA & A Co	1879	596	
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01197	NA & A Co	1879	778	
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01270	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01454	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01459	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01535	NA & A Co	1879	940	
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01662	NA & A Co	1879	538	
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01668	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01980	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01992	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01993	NA & A Co	1879		
Snider Short Rifle Mk III	N80Z 01988	NA& A Co	1879	719	Stock N80Z 01994

Smith & Wesson Military and Police Model .38 Revolver, also known as Pistol No 2 .38/200 or Victory Model. Adopted by NZ military in 1942.

If you own one of these that is NZ marked we would love to hear from you with details of the markings.

Also if anyone can provide a date when these were withdrawn from NZ Military service. oilrag@xtra.co.nz



1940s S&W M and P .380 cal

MORE ON LEAD SHOT

The following letter appeared in the UK Gun Trade World January 2017. And should be of interest to duck shooters among us.

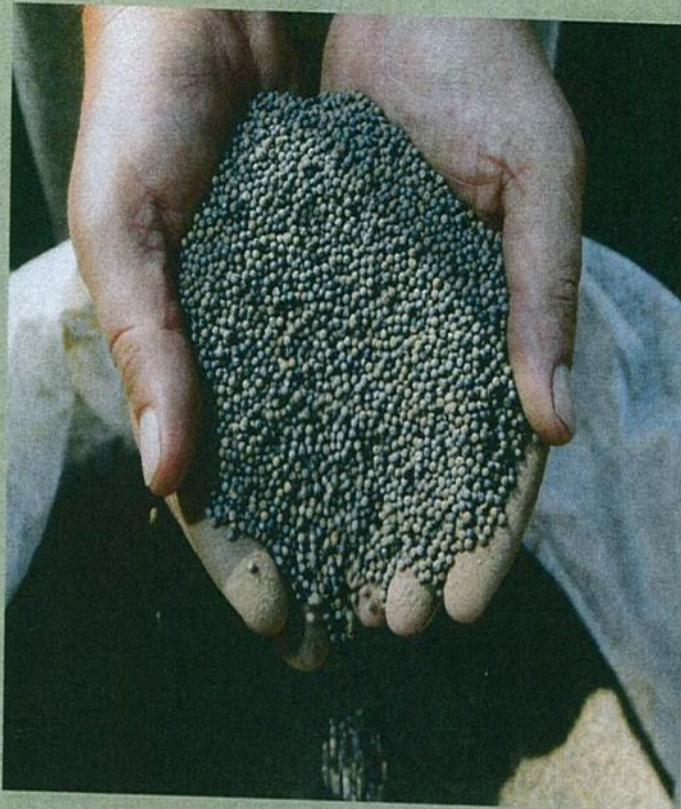
Banning lead shot will damage bird populations

Sir,

For more than 40 years I was a prominent supporter of the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust and sent NZ brown teal, NZ shoveler, NZ grey duck and NZ scaup to Slimbridge in the UK in the early 1980s, and visited all WWT centres there. But having witnessed its anti-lead shot stance I am no longer associated with WWT.

Having been involved in shooting sports since I was 15, I am a major New Zealand importer of shooting sports equipment, a UK Royal Chartered Environmentalist, have a PhD in Environmental Management and in 2005 was awarded a Queen's Service Medal for environmental work – so I have some qualifications to talk about lead ammunition and the effect of its use on bird populations.

While a number of countries still have a restriction on the use of lead shot for waterfowl hunting in wetlands it is now known that wild waterfowl do not die from ingesting lead shot – nor does any bird species – and, as editor John Hunter says in last month's leading article, the move by DOC (Department of Conservation) and Fish & Game in New Zealand to place a total ban on



Neil Hayes says a lead shot ban will not help wildlife.

the use for waterfowl hunting over water is simply a political anti-shooting sports decision; and one that is likely to result in the demise of waterfowl hunting and the demise of NZ Fish & Game!

The only legitimate, independent and professional research covering the ingestion of lead shot by waterfowl was carried out in the Waikato (River) between 2001 and 2004, when over 700 mallards were shot and autopsied during the duck seasons.

This research determined that an average 4.4 per cent of mallards shot had lead shot

in their gizzard and that the condition of these birds was in no way indicative that they were in the process of being poisoned and, like all birds shot, were in very good condition – and were flying when shot!

But, even if it was proven that wild waterfowl die from ingesting lead shot, the number of birds that die would be insignificant in comparison to the number shot and not recovered, when alternatives to lead shot are used.

The percentage of birds shot and not recorded when alternatives to lead shot are used has risen from six per cent when

lead shot is used to between 30 and 90 per cent, according to research conducted by the Humane Society in the USA!

What our bureaucratic dictators also forget (or don't know/care) is that the life expectancy of a wild mallard in New Zealand is only 1.2 years – but, thanks to bureaucratic incompetence and its anti-lead shot obsession the life expectancy of a mallard is now in the vicinity of just nine months!

Having spent a lifetime in wetlands with my Labradors (I'm now on my sixth) we have never found a mallard – or any other waterfowl species – that looked as though it was dying from lead shot poisoning; remembering that 'scientists' claim that it takes three weeks for waterfowl to die from ingesting lead shot.

Since 1967 I've been privileged to hunt on some of the country's finest wetlands but mallard numbers in the North Island are now so reduced that it is very unlikely that I will ever purchase another duck hunting licence!

Neil Hayes
Hayes & Associates
Gun dealer and importer
New Zealand

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

Last month (below left), no answers for this one, were you all on holiday? It is a lock from a Windus Pattern EIC musket as described in the December Gazette.



From the Web, cut and paste the link or ctrl+click

From Tony Bruce:

The most dangerous thing you can do with a muzzleloader

While you should never grow complacent with any firearms, the necessity for diligent awareness goes double for muzzleloaders.

A muzzleloader in the hands of a negligent shooter could easily become a pipe bomb resulting in injury or death.

CVA demonstrates some of the unique dangers inherent to muzzleloaded firearms and what steps are required to prevent them.

On a closed, controlled environment, Bass Pro Shop's Allen Treadwell and CVA's Dudley McGarity intentionally destroy some muzzleloaders to show just how dangerous they can be in the hands of a negligent shooter.

Read more at <http://americangg.net/dangerous-muzzleloader/#GRIxoA5ALhahB4My.99>

From John Osborne:

Pakistani Army Drill with the No 4 Rifle

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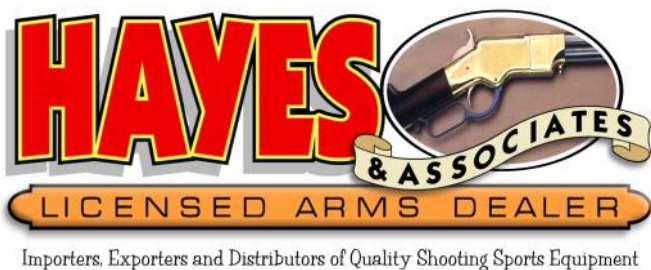
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8 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, New Plymouth
27 May	Ruahine Branch Arms Fair, Palmerston North
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15 & 16 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
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ANTI-LEAD SHOT MYTHODOLOGY

By Neil Hays

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Dr Neil Hayes QSM
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We are currently planning our annual run to the South Island some time in January so those South Island people wanting to have items collected please let us know as soon as possible.

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