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EDITORIAL

In my opinion this poster says it all.

This past month a concerned shooter started an online [petition](#), pointing out that law abiding firearm owners are not the problem with illegal guns.

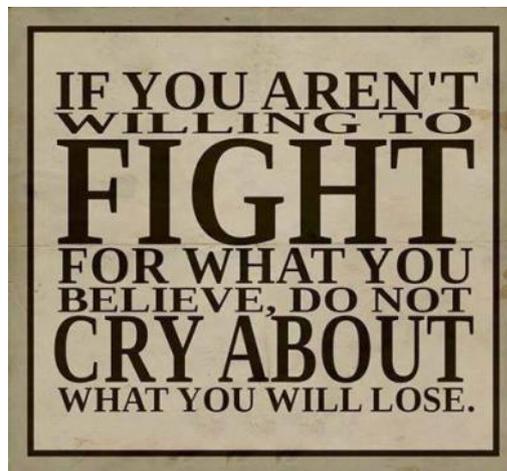
Only 2,644 people signed the petition, that is a only about 1% of licensed firearm owners.

If we can't do better than this as a community then our apathy will spell the death of private firearm ownership in this country.

Don't expect others to save your hobby, we ALL have to stand up and do our bit if we are to survive, as firearm owners and collectors.

Best wishes ,

Phil



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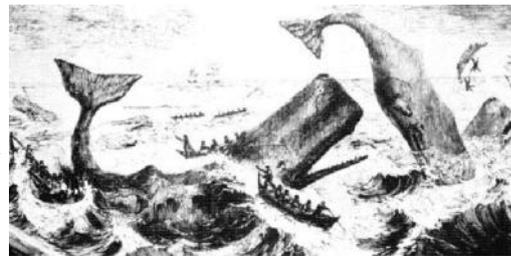
New Info Pages being worked on

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

Whaling Shoulder Guns, harpoons and bomb lances by Dr John Osborne MG PhD FSG. Feb 2017.

Of the 200 plus Whaling Ships in New Zealand waters c1840s – 1850s about 150 were American.

Problems in capturing whales included difficulty in penetrating tough blubber, getting close enough to the whale to dart an iron effectively, and the killing with a hand lance while alongside a fighting whale, especially in rough weather. In 1731 swivel guns mounted in the bow



of the whaleboat were introduced to fire a harpoon into the whale at a greater distance. In 1846 the first successful muzzle-loaded shoulder gun was introduced for whaling also in 1846 Oliver Allen of New London, Connecticut patented a gun-fired bomb lance. In 1848 he received another patent for a harpoon fired from the same gun. The gun was cast iron with a hollow brass stock, bore 7/8", O/A length 35.5 inches, Barrel length 20 inches, it weighed 23 lbs necessary to absorb some of the recoil experienced when discharging a large projectile. The powder charge was limited to approx. 3 drams and the projectile was limited to about 3 lbs., otherwise recoil would been excessive.



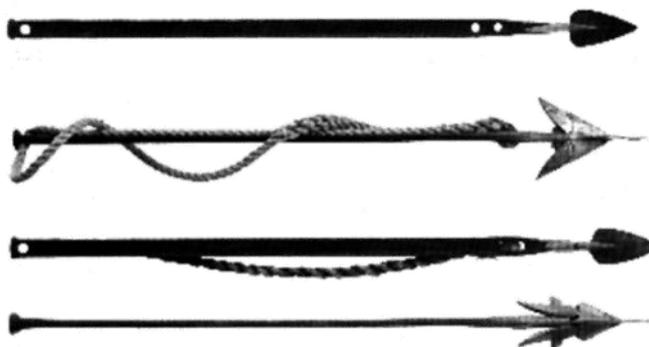
Early Allen shoulder gun with hollow brass stock. Note the ring for attaching a lanyard.

These heavy shoulder guns fired a harpoon or bomb lance over a slightly greater distance than a hand thrown iron harpoon. The bomb lance had an internal time fuse ignited when fired by the propellant powder. After the bomb lance was buried in the whale, the 7 to 10 seconds time fuse burned down and exploded the bomb killing the Whale – Contemporary comments - the gunner was kicked as far aft as 'mid-ships, and it was found necessary to tie the gun to the boat with a lanyard in order that it was not lost overboard." The recoil of the shoulder-guns was immense - Several men had their collar bones broken by the recoil of the gun".

THE BRAND WHALING-GUN & BOMB-LANCE.



THE WHALING GUN here illustrated is so well known a description of it is not necessary, nearly every whaleship having one or more of them. I am also handling in connection with my goods, EGGERS' BREACH-LOADING WHALING GUN, which is particularly adapted for using my No. 1 Bomb Lance



Advertisement in the Whalemens Shipping List, and Merchants' Transcript, Aug. 14, 1888. Robert Brown gun harpoons. Length of top harpoon is 38"; courtesy Thomas G. Lytle

Oliver Allen sold his whaling gun business to Christopher C. Brand of Ledyard, Connecticut about 1849 after which Brand made several improvements to the guns. There were several other makes of Whaling Shoulder guns which shared common features, however the one most commonly used to fire harpoons and bomb lances was the Brand gun shown below.



Two Brand cast iron percussion Shoulder Whaling Guns, O/A length 35.5", barrel length 20.5, bore 7/8", cone shaped powder chamber, weight 20 pounds, brass bead front sight, vee back sight, lock assembly made to fit inside the cast iron stock. Courtesy Butler Point Whaling Museum.

Acknowledgements and special thanks to:

Butler Point Whaling Museum, Doubtless Bay, NZ.

www.butlerpoint.co.nz well worth a visit.

Whaling Shoulder Guns by Thomas G. Lytle.

Whaling in Early New Zealand by Anthony B. Flude

TARANAKI BRANCH AUCTION PREVIEW



Full unopened box of .303 tracer, 1248 rounds manufactured in 1942 !



No4 Mk1 cruciform bayonet with scabbard correctly marked No4Mk1 at the throat.



Some of the hand gun selection, these are all in excellent condition. PPK 7.65mm, M40 Husqvarna lathi 9mm, Webley .450 RIC, Webley Mk V .455 and S&W .38 Victory.



Pritchard bayonet for MkVI Webley revolver, these were a private purchase item from WW1.



Pre WW2 Mauser shop advertising card, note the eagle and swastika on the column in the background

Webley & Scott Mk III .22 cal. Target Pistol
Webley & Scott Mod 1906 .32 cal. Pistol



Webley RIC Revolvers
RIC Mod 1883 .455cal., RIC .450 cal
RIC No 5 .360 cal., RIC No1 New Model .476 cal.

A New Firearms Safety Council is Formed.

Firearms safety, shooting and other organisations concerned about community safety with firearms have combined to form the **Firearms Safety Council of Aotearoa New Zealand**.

The wide-ranging membership of the newly formed Firearms Safety Council of Aotearoa New Zealand demonstrates the deeply held concern the Council has for community level firearms safety.

Interim Chair of the Firearms Safety Council, retired Police Inspector Mr Joe Green said that that the Council grew out of a growing concern by these organisations that the firearms safety of communities was at risk. 'We see highly skilled and motivated volunteer firearms experts delivering safety training to firearms licence applicants and others' Green said. 'However they are no longer trained, qualified or moderated by anyone'. 'The Firearms Safety Council aims to address this through established national networks of firearms users and others who have safety at heart' he said.

One of the key objectives of the Council is to provide advice to government agencies and other organisations, such as the media, on firearms safety related matters.

'Central to this objective is representation on the Police Firearms Advisory Forum', Mr Green said.

The membership of the Firearms Safety Council indicates its far reaching, national and international reach. It includes the NZ Deerstalkers Association, Pistol NZ, NZ Shooting Federation, NZ Pig Hunters Association, Sporting Shooters Association of NZ, NZ Sporting Industry Association, Antique and Historical Arms Association, Federated Mountain Clubs, Target Shooting NZ, Firearms Safety Specialists NZ Ltd, NZ Black Powder Shooting Federation, NZ Service Rifle Association, Rural Women NZ and Safari Club International (NZ).

Issued by:

Joe Green

Chair (Interim) Firearms Safety Council of Aotearoa New Zealand

The link below will take you to an online audio of Joe Green's interview with Newstalk ZB's Larry Williams.

Note the Newstalk ZB writer has incorrectly quoted the number of civilian firearms in New Zealand.

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New Zealand Firearm Legislation

The Arms Act 1983 abandoned registration of individual firearms (with the exception of hand guns and certain other restricted firearms) and replaced it with a system of licensing firearm owners who were judged to be “fit and proper” individuals to be in possession of firearms. A system of safety training lectures and test was introduced for licence applicants administered by volunteer instructors of the Mountain Safety Council together with vetting of individuals and a minimum standard of firearm security established by police. The Act was further strengthened with the 1992 Arms Regulations which classified certain semi-automatic long guns as Military Style Semi Automatics (MSSA) requiring additional vetting and security for owners. Enforcement and administration of this legislation is vested in the Police.

The effectiveness of this legislation may be judged by the following:

Since 1985 there has been a steady decline in the number of firearm homicides annually (Fig 1), equating to about 10% of all homicides.

Since 2003 there has been a steady decline in the number of unintentional shooting incidents (Fig 2).

Both of these results can be set against an increasing population, growing rate of firearm ownership and increasing pool of firearms.

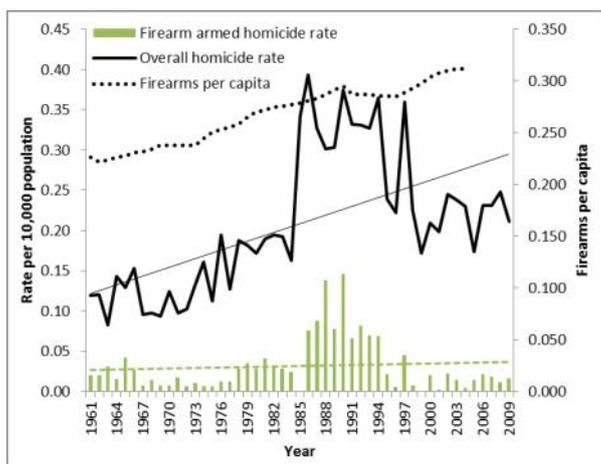


Figure 1: Trend in rates of homicide and firearm-armed homicide per 10,000 population, and in firearm ownership per capita, 1961 - 2009.

(Sources: AJ, 1986; Forsyth, 1978, 1985, 2011; Statistics New Zealand, 1996).

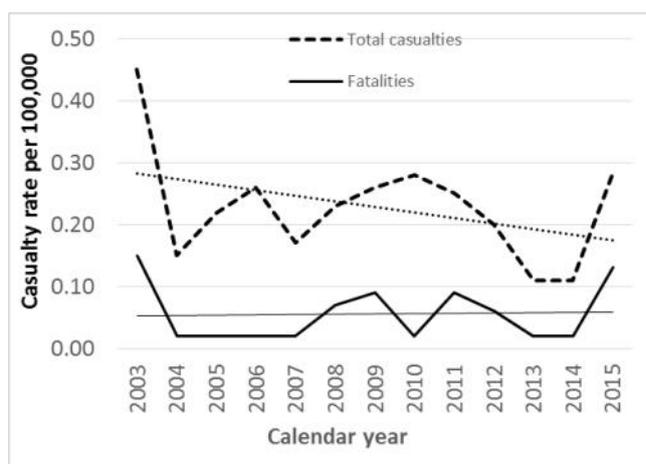


Figure 2: Unintentional shooting casualties 2003 to 2015.

The trend lines show a decline in the overall casualty trend, and a level trend for unintentional shooting fatalities

(Source: Forsyth, 2016)

If the legislation is working well why change it?

All legislation should be kept under review to ensure that it is fit for purpose as technology and social attitudes change. Many firearm owners would welcome improvements to the administration of firearms, as inconsistencies between police districts and delays in issuing licence renewals and import permits is currently causing much frustration.

Anecdotal evidence from Police in 2016, following the shooting of four officers in one incident, that officers were facing firearms more frequently and the subsequent hysteria in the popular media has lead Parliament to instigate a Select Committee Inquiry into the illegal possession of firearms by criminals. Submissions to this inquiry from some quarters have called for the reintroduction of registration for all firearms, reclassifying all semiautomatic firearms as MSSAs as well as a call for stricter security for firearm storage.

However as Figure 3 shows the incidents of assault on police with a firearm, about 10 per year, have changed little over the past 21 years, as is also true for the general public at about 160 per year. Use of a firearm equates to about 0.06% of assaults on police and 0.5 % of assaults on the general public. Thus there is little evidence of an increase in serious firearm offending.

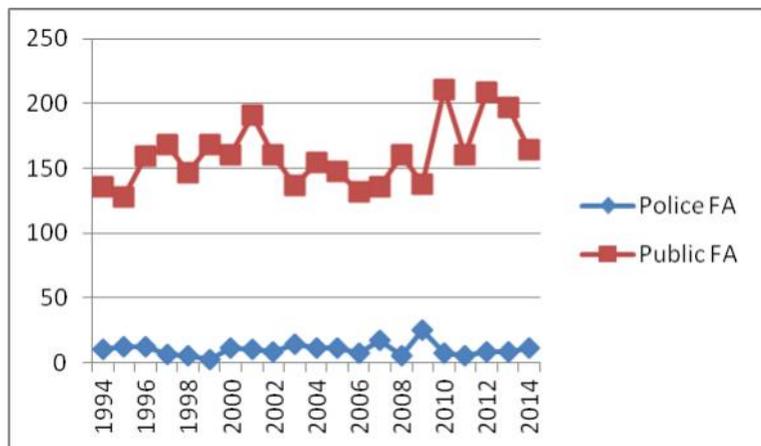


Figure 3. Assault with firearm on police and public (source NZ Police 2016)

Reports in the media indicate that illegally held firearms are frequently found when police carry out searches in relation to criminal gangs and drugs. 1,231 firearms were seized by police in 2014/15; however this figure includes some that were later returned to their owners. The source of these firearms could be theft from licensed owners, 776 firearms were reported stolen in 2014/15, and with the large sums of money to be made by selling illegal drugs could just as easily have been smuggled into the country when only 10% of shipping containers are inspected by Customs. No evidence has been provided by police for any correlation between stolen firearms and those seized from criminals.

In 2014/15 there were a total of 3,374 reported firearm offences, but only 1,231 firearm seized and only 584 firearm licences revoked, many of the latter for non firearm offending such as DIC, domestic or mental health issues. This would indicate that each seized firearm involves several offences and that licensed owners are involved in a relative small number of offences, no specific data is available.

It is naïve to expect those who conduct their illegal business outside the law to comply with any changes to the Arms Act. Changes to the Arms Act will only impact the already compliant lawful owners, resulting in more costs and inconvenience, possibly leading to less compliance and more firearms going underground. Further, registration of all firearms would be costly and divert already stretched police resources from their core activities with no tangible benefits; this applies equally to reclassifying all semi auto long guns. Improved storage security will be better achieved by an education campaign aimed at all firearm users.

Conclusion

The current Arms legislation is effective in reducing firearm homicide and unintentional shootings and encourages maximum compliance by firearm owners because it is on the whole reasonable and fair. Changing this legislation in ways that affect licensed owners will not be effective in curbing criminal possession and use of firearms.

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Arms Safety and Control Workshop held on 16 February

Members of the Firearms Community Advisory Forum (FCAF) were invited to attend a workshop at Police National Head Quarters in Wellington on the 16/02/17. This was a full day of discussion, which included progress to date on the internal review of licensing; vetting and arms control being undertaken by Police.

A Police Portfolio Office senior facilitated the meeting. I feel that as a facilitator he kept the meeting on track and ensured everyone's input was duly noted. The FCAF members made a very constructive contribution with logical and well informed input. It is also good to see that we as representatives of our various organizations share similar sentiments and views therefore can present a unified front on issues as they arise.

We discussed the frustrations that are often encountered when dealing with permitting and inconsistent application of policy by regional Arms Officers, delays with permitting from PNHO and lack of resources. Delays with licensing renewal and general administration issues.

We stressed that we believed that fundamentally the system we have in place for licensing and vetting is seen as robust and well regarded internationally. We expressed concern that Police were looking to fix something that wasn't broken. It was made clear that we as law abiding and responsible firearm owners were concerned that any legislative or policy changes and restrictions would adversely affect those that are already compliant and have been declared "fit and proper" persons rather than impacting the issue of criminal misuse of firearms by criminals that have little regard for the law.

The Police representatives were asked directly what they considered needed fixing, it was stated there were "loop holes" in the Act, essentially the issues mentioned could not be defined as loop holes rather they were defiance of the Arms Act and therefore acts of criminality which could be deterred if sufficient penalties levied at district court level.

Possible issues picked up during the day

- Gang members and associates having Firearms Licenses
- Lack of traceability for firearms sales (A Category)
- Security concerns

Please remember this is my viewpoint on the day and my viewpoint only.

On the whole I feel the day was constructive and if this paves the way for more positive input where our viewpoints and opinions are given fair consideration by Police and the Police Policy team then that is a positive for us all. FCAF members indicated a willingness to advise and assist wherever and whenever possible and we are happy to have a good working relationship with Police.

Security was given a mention and I feel that it is something that will come up in the future. We need to be realistic about this and maybe **some self auditing should be undertaken**, if you think your security may be lacking then consider taking steps to enhance the safety and security of your collection and more importantly your self and your family.

Cost recovery and funding, there is a potential for user pays when it comes to certain aspects of licensing, vetting and permitting

Delays and issues will persist; the crew at PNHQ are hugely understaffed and under resourced.

Andrew Edgcombe
NZAHAA Representative

Could your guns end up like this?



ADOVE - Now this is “on subject” regarding the potential destruction of law bidding gun owners rights & interests being screwed over by faceless self interested Politician's & flat earth society members.

The above items arrived in NZ by chance. Taken from a Police scrap barrel in Canberra, they are from destroyed firearms as part of the Johnny Howard “Buy Back” madness in Australia during 1996 & 2003. Just humble bits of scrap now, but they epitomise the mindless waste wrought upon lawful gun owners by faceless minority interest groups. Right - SKK barrel with a mud wasp nest, how Aussie can you get ?

Above reproduced from Otago Branch “Hangfire”

How Secure are your guns?

While it is well recognised that no level of security will deter a determined thief who has time to spend attacking your gun storage, we all have a responsibility to ensure that we keep our guns as safe as possible from access by unauthorised persons. The prime objective of the security requirements specified by the Arms Act and Regulations is to prevent access by children and opportunist thieves.

At the present time the Police are looking closely at firearm security requirements, so it is a good time for us all to carry out an audit of our own arrangements.

Check you security today

Does it comply?

Can you improve it?

CENTRAL BRANCH GUN SHOW

Held on 26 February in Otorohanga the show attracted the usual good attendance of collectors looking for a bargain. The body of the hall was filled with sales tables and around the walls were placed members displays.



Sales



Displays

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Last month (below left), first correct answer was from Rod Woods who said “This is a .22 Webley break-open target pistol. A good number of these were imported for the Christchurch and Nelson pistol clubs in the early 1960’s and have given excellent service until quite recently. They are accurate and easy to use but they just don’t look like most people’s idea of a pistol.



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<https://kiwigunblog.wordpress.com/>

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27 May	Ruahine Branch Arms Fair, Palmerston North
10 June	SSANZ Guns Show, Whangarei
15 & 16 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Kilbirnie
2 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Alexandra Park
22 July	Mainland Arms and Militaria Gun Show at Riccarton Racecourse in Christchurch.
19 & 20 August	Tauranga Arms and Militaria Show
2 September	Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North
16 September	Canterbury Branch Auction and Display, Riccarton Raceway, Christchurch
23 September	NZAHAA HYGGM and Auction, Wellington
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