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EDITORIAL

My thanks to those members who have contributed material for publication in this e-Gazette. Please remember this is your Newsletter, so it would be good to be able to publish news from our member Branches.

The future success of the NZAHAA depends upon attracting new members to our organisation. Each year the new members who join just about replace the ones who for one reason or another fail to renew their subscriptions, hence the total membership has remained fairly steady at around 930 for many years. Since new members join through one of our 12 Branches it falls to these Branches to recruit new members. This is most effectively achieved by individual members taking a friend along to a Branch meeting, so that they can see the attractions of being a member.

When Branches and members are involved in putting on public gun shows and auctions around the country there is an excellent opportunity to promote the NZAHAA. By displaying a Branch banner, handing out flyers, pamphlets or business cards, selling calendars and displaying the Gazette we can show like minded people what we do. Pamphlets and back issues of the Gazette are available from the National Secretary to use as promotion material.

If you have comments to make or news or articles to contribute, send them to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz
All views (and errors) expressed here are those of the Editor and not necessarily those of the NZAHAA Inc.

Phil Cregeen, Editor oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

AN INTERSTING BAYONET



Identical to the No 5 Mk I, this bayonet is a commercially manufactured bayonet by the Sterling Armament Company, Dagenham, UK, for their Sterling 9 mm SMG. These bayonets were supplied with commercially manufactured SMGs. The makers name is etched in a rectangular box on the blade as indicated. (Unfortunately the etching is very faint on this one, so I have superimposed the name on the image). A later hybrid version used the L1A3 bayonet blade with steel grips but a larger MRD.

New Zealand Purchased 776 Sterling bayonets, where are they now?

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

ELEVENTH WHANGAREI, HUNTING SHOOTING & FISHING SHOW –Photos Phil Cregeen

Organised by the Sporting Shooters Association of New Zealand this annual event has a strong involvement by Northland & Auckland Branch members in organising and providing displays and sales tables. Despite the current economic climate public attendance was good at 600 with most exhibitors happy with their level of sales. Here are a few images of NZAHA involvement:



AUCKLAND BRANCH GUN SHOW – Photos by Dennis C

On the 3 July with a small group of Northlanders I travelled down to the big city to attend the Auckland Branch Gun Show held in Mt Eden. As in past years I was most impressed by the quality and diversity of the displays, the images below speak for themselves. In addition to the displays there were plenty of sales tables with a good range of collectables on offer. These shows are a great opportunity to look at a wide range of collectable arms and militaria, pick up a bargain and meet up with friends from other Branches.

I was asked to assist Mike R. in judging the displays and I have to confess it was very hard to pick the winner for each category as they were all so good. The criteria we used were: the breadth of subject matter, depth of knowledge imparted in signage and labels, and rarity of material displayed and overall presentation.

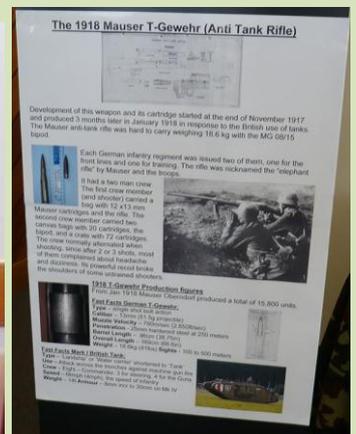
Best Display: Lewis Gun by Ricky Best Single Item: German Anti- tank Rifle by Myles

Best Pre 1900: Snider by Paul Best Post 1900: Japanese war machine by Russell

Best First Time: South African Uniforms by Mark



500 Westley Richard by Steve T



Best Single Item-WWI German Anti-tank Rifle by Myles C



Government Model Webleys by Wayne J



Best First Time Display-South African Uniforms WWII by Mark L



Best Post 1900 Display-Japanese War Machine by Russell L



Fire or Salvage by Simon W



The Garden Gun by Kevin



Italian by Dennis C



Best Display-Lewis Gun by Ricky



Best Pre 1900 Display-Snider by Paul F



Soviet by Ivo D.



Imperial German bayonets WW I by Murray F.

WEBSITES

For Enfield collectors: <http://www.enfield-stuff.com>

For collectors of European arms and armour: www.bolk-antiques.nl

Something for all those born in the 1940s. Click on "The 1940s" It advances automatically. [The 1940s](#)

For reproduction leather gear check out www.ethosleather.co.nz this is the website for Donna Nobilo who provided the notes on the conservation of leather in the July issue.

An updated BAYONETSPLUS website has just been loaded to www.bayonetsplus.com.

You'll be able to view:

- * A new 'Feature' article
- * Additional 'Contemporary Images'
- * New items added to the 'Sales Table' for Bayonets, Swords, Knives and Militaria.

No passwords required, just follow the links.

COLFO REPORT

Dear Members

No doubt you will have heard something of The Arms (Military Style Semi-Automatic Firearms and Import Controls) Amendment Bill over the last two months.

The extent and implications of this Bill was wider than originally indicated. It resulted in many hours spent between the Associations' co-ordinating submissions.

COLFO was involved from the release; we met with police the day after the first reading and passed on information to the member Associations represented on the Board. We felt it was important to keep our member Associations informed first, as they have financially supported us through the years. The Board spent the weeks following the reading involving these Associations' in discussion as we developed a mutually supportive submission.

You can view a copy of our submission is on our website via the following link - <http://colfo.org.nz/index.php/resources/library/79>

We also compiled a verbal submission to the Select Committee. The Select Committee was very involved and put forward considered questions; it was pleasing to see their level of engagement despite our presentation being at 8pm.

We are also interested to note there has been little opposition to the amendment, which could indicate there is mutual support of the Bill across all parties, or perhaps little understanding of the issues.

While this has been our primary focus through May and June, we have also had some progressive meetings at Police National Headquarters and with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. These meetings have been around developing consistent positions on rules applied to the differing endorsements and the potential effects of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, both in New Zealand and Geneva.

While we cannot report back at this time, we await the results of these discussions to clarify any changes in policy or developing issues firearm owners should be aware of. The results will be passed through to the member Associations for consideration as they become available.

All the best, Michael Dowling

Chair COLFO



From a member's collection: Snider NZAC saddle ring carbine by W H Tisdall, Birmingham 1872

NZMHS MILITARY HERITAGE FESTIVAL LECTURE SERIES - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

This year the NZMHS will again be part of the Auckland Heritage Festival during the month of September.

We will be changing things up this time around with a bigger and better presence in the Festival and hopefully a new location at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

While the finer details are still to be confirmed we hope to put on a display as usual, call on the support and contributions of other like-minded historical groups as we have done in the past and most importantly run a series of public lectures on three Sundays throughout the Festival.

Dates are September the 18th, 25th and October the 2nd.

At this stage we would like to call **for any member or organisation or Tertiary body** interested in presenting a lecture of approx 50mins duration (with 10mins question time afterwards) on any subject relevant to New Zealand's military history in any shape or form to send me expressions of interest. As we are expecting a much wider cross-section of public to attend this time we are encouraging those who have presented lectures in the past to step up again and do a rerun. This would also be a great opportunity to present research or studies to the general public.

So can you all please consider this request and forward on details to anyone you think would be willing to make themselves available.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the Society to reach out to the interested public and make ourselves heard, and in doing so hopefully attract new members to our Society to reinvigorate the membership and provide a secure future for the NZMHS. Please send contact me on this email address as soon as you can to present your interest, we can firm up details over the next couple of months but need to start compiling lists now to make the deadlines around publicity and catalogues etc.

I do encourage all of you to think seriously about presenting a lecture or taking part in the displays and membership activities during the Festival days as noted above.

Many thanks and I'm looking forward to hearing from you all! J.atkinson@xtra.co.nz

Cheers, Jeff Atkinson

Secretary
New Zealand Military Historical Society

FIREARMS GUIDE

The Firearms Guide is an interactive DVD that features current manufacturers and the arms that they produce, however black powder replica arms are also featured, so while many firearms that members of the NZAHAA collect are not included, such arms as Brown Bess, Pat 53 Enfield, Colt revolvers and other current replicas are included.

I have imported a small quantity of these DVDs, if you want one see the flyer at the end of this e-gazette.

CARING FOR LEATHER

Several readers appreciated the notes on leather care in the last issue, so here is another.

Please see: **THE RE-ENACTOR'S GUIDE TO LEATHER CARE IN THE 19TH CENTURY** By David Jarnagin & Ken R Knopp, **attached as a separated pdf file.**

Thanks to Grant Soich for contributing this article.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 20 & 21 August Tauranga Gun Show
- 10 September Hunting & Shooting Expo, Hamilton
- 24 September HYGMA & Auction hosted by Canterbury Branch, Christchurch
- 1 & 2 October Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
- 5 November Rogers Militaria Auction, Wellington
- 5 & 6 November Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth
- 12 & 13 November Armistice in Cambridge

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- 17 March Hawkes Bay Branch Auction, Napier
- 21 April NZAHAA AGM & Auction, hosted by South Canterbury Branch, Timaru
- 23 June Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show

MYSTERY OBJECT

What is it? Send your answer to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz



Dave Theyers was first with the correct answer for last month's mystery object, below, a brass breech cover for a Martini Henry Mk I, II or III



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Robin Rapley
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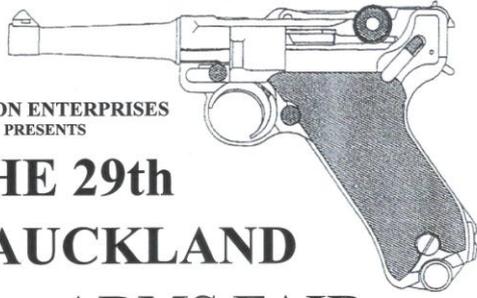
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Contact Scott Brightling with the items that you wish to put into the Auction and also for **SALES** and **DISPLAY** tables, Rod Woods will hold any 'Restricted Items.' Cut off date for catalogue items, 30th July 2011.

Contact Scott on Phone: (03) 960 7838

Fax: (03) 960-7839

Email: scott.b@paradise.net.nz

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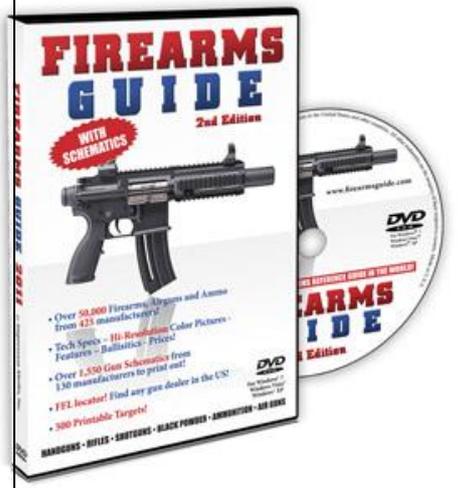
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