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I am sad to report that Alan Walker Long time Secretary of Hawkes Bay Branch Died on Thursday 26 July RIP

WANTED

A New Editor for the NZAHAA

Gazette and e-Gazette

Contact me for more information

<u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

09 436 4065

Best wishes, Phil

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NZ Arms Register www.armsregister.com

A LEGACY OF JOHN OSBORNE 1941 - 2018

Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police. Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section.

AUCKLAND BRANCH ARMS FAIR

Held on Sunday 1 July the Auckland Branch members put on some excellent displays of arms as usual. There was a good number of trading tables, and a good public attendance. I am not sure whether the new Auckland fuel tax, which came into force on the same day, had any adverse influence on sales.





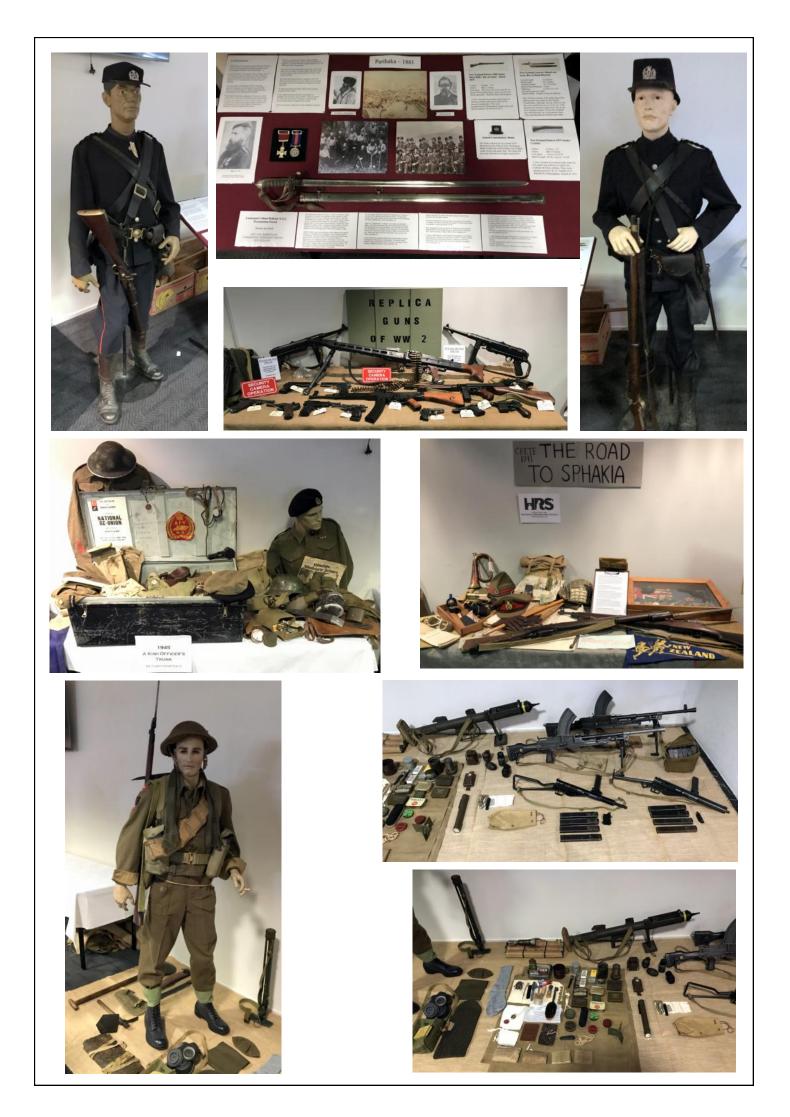












UPDATE for 2018 HYGM & Auction, held by Northland Branch

The Auction will be held in conjunction with the HYGM on Saturday September 22nd 2018

It will be held at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka. Opposite Bream Bay College. The venue is approximately ½ hour South of Whangarei proper. Only 1 hr 30 min from Auckland CBD.

There will be viewing from **0800 to 0930** Saturday morning. **HYGM** Start at **0930**, followed by Auction. There will be a \$10 registration fee on entrance. Only NZAHAA members and invited guest may bid

A full printed catalogue will be sent to all NZAHAA members prior to the auction.

Postal bids are accepted, and must be received no later than **5:00pm, Wednesday 19th September**. Postal bids are to be sent to: Postal Bids 2018 Auction NZAHAA Northland PO Box 275 Whangarei 0140

The HYGM is to begin at 0930. The auction will commence immediately after the meeting.

There will be a 5% commission on the hammer price for both buyer and vendor. Payment can be made by cash, online bank deposit, or cheque (by prior arrangement). EFTPOS will be available, you may need to arrange a higher daily limit with your bank. Credit card facilities will **not** be available.

An Arms Officer will be in attendance after lunch.

Insurance for all purchases is the responsibility of the buyer, keeping in mind that \$2000 is the limit *per package* sent via Courier.

Social Night

All members and families are invited to a barbecue on Friday afternoon at Barry Hopkins place in Ruakaka. The menu promises to be spectacular and tasty, therefore we need to know guest numbers two weeks beforehand for catering purposes. BYO drinks.

Flying in?

Please be advised that no Saturday flights arrive early enough to get to the auction on time. A Friday flight and a hotel booking is recommended.

Accomodation in Whangarei Flames Hotel 0800 132 610 info@flameshotel.co.nz

In Ruakaka itself: Ruakaka Beach Front Motel 09 432 7166 enquiries@breambaymotel.co.nz

All enquiries and RSVP's to: Paul Deeming 09 435 3232 nzahaa.northland@gmail.com Discovery Settlers Hotel 09 438 2699 reservations@discoverysettlers.co.nz

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Northland Branch 22 September Auction Preview

Some of the Webleys















And a few of the Colts



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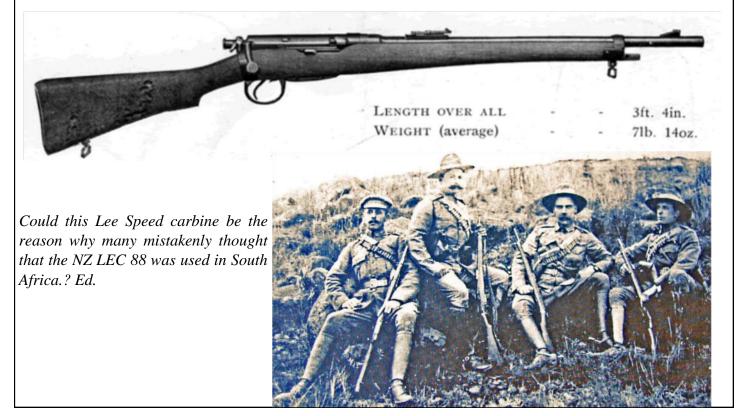
An E - catalogue for e-gazette readers in August.

RANDOM NOTES ON LEE SPEED courtesy of the late John Osborne



The Lee-Speed was popular with British officers and other hunters who wanted a fine rifle, but couldn't afford the expensive double barrel rifles made by Purdy, Holland & Holland and other famous and expensive, British gun makers. The Lee-Speed was popular because it fired the British service round (.303 British) though it was also manufactured in other calibers. The "Lee - Speed" had the same action as the Lee-Enfield bolt action rifle, which allowed many British hunters and colonists in Africa to obtain spare parts and ammunition from British Army units based in Britain's African colonies during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Lee Speed Carbine developed by BSA and used by some NZMR officers in the Boer War





Wrist marked with makers name and "Patents" with the long Lee Action with 5 shot "fish-belly" magazine. Magazine cut-off and bolt dust cover marked with retailers address; "ARMY & NAVY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMD / LONDON". BSA shotgun style safety and semi-pistol grip stock, chequered about the wrist, but worn. Fore-end also chequered and very worn. Correctly, no over-barrel handguard. The walnut stock extends three-quarters of the length of the barrel, ending with a Rigby patented bayonet bar, and marked so, Interestingly there are four patents in all recorded and marked on this gun. The bore is worn but intact. The overall finish externally is worn but some blueing remains in sheltered areas – as expected. There is a pleasant untouched quality about this piece showing a lack of interference from would be restorers. The action is crisp and operates well for a rifle used in anger in the Boer War period. It was probably an Officers private purchase from the Co-operative society before embarkation to South Africa. An interesting and rare slice of British Military history.



Lee Speed .303" sporting rifle by BSACo c1897, S/N C194, 24" barrel (worn out) for cordite only, front ring for sling hook brazed to barrel, express rear sights fixed 100y flip up 200y and 300y flip up ladder 400y - 1000y, foresight wing protected fine bead, replacement butt - tang marked N^Z / 12119 / C14, forewood and butt stock replacements, no bolt or magazine. Has been checkered over checkering. Provenance owned by a NZ government deer culler until worn out c1950s.

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Importing Parts for Semi Autos

Centralising the processing of import permit applications at PNHQ in Wellington has resulted in a faster and more consistent process. However importers are now finding that their applications to import semi auto parts, particularly for AR15, for resale or stock are being declined because police claim these parts can be used for either A cat firearms or MSSAs. A special reason is required to import MSSA parts and police do not consider resale or stock to be a special reason.

This has resulted in a number of dealers contemplating legal action against the police and uproar on social media from fans of the AR 15. At the July FCAF meeting COLFO along with others asked the police to produce a clear guide for importers to follow in order to achieve a successful application. Meanwhile COLFO is looking at all options to resolve this issue.

To put the above in perspective it should be noted that in May and June out of a total of 588 import applications 20 were declined.

Ron Mark has our back

COLFO understands how important it is to be able to speak directly to those in the beehive. That is why we have been fostering relationships with Ministers in the new government, so firearms owners have a voice speaking directly to the decision makers.

We recently spoke with New Zealand First MP and Minister of Defence, Ron Mark,

It was a positive and fruitful discussion. Most of you know how instrumental Ron was during the Firearms Inquiry and that he is a member of the Wairarapa Pistol and Sports Shooting Club in Carterton. I am happy to say that he is just as supportive of firearms owners as he has ever been and that he is working behind the scenes for us.

The nature of being a government Minister, means that sometimes, rather than saying things publicly, things have to be said internally. And while we may not see them making comments to the media, we should resist the urge to think that nothing is happening. In many ways, this is a much better outcome for firearms owners. It is much better having Members of Parliament that support us, sitting around the cabinet table, than to be on the outside looking in.

While Ron could not comment on much of what is going on in government for confidentiality reasons, we should look at the bigger picture. In just a few months time, it will have been a year since the election. During this period, not a single law affecting firearms owners has been tabled by the government and no legislation has been brought forward as a result of the Select Committee Inquiry into Firearms. If you think of that, and recall some of the comments made by the then opposition before the election, I think we can safely assume that Ron is sticking to his guns in government.

It is good to see a Member of Parliament supporting the people who helped put them there.

Latest on Licence Testing

Following a last minute rush of applicants in June to sit their firearms safety test under the old system, it would seem that the new process administered by AA, VTNZ and MSC is not yet fully up to speed. AA and VTNZ staff are still being briefed and MSC has yet to fill all instructor positions and find venues for practical training. Locations so far advised would appear to serve major cities and some provincial towns poorly.

Police have sample firearm safety questions available on their website in the form of 3 x 10 question quiz. Take the test and see how you do,

http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/firearms-learning/arms-code-quiz/content/start.html#/? k=hbgpbd

Police Road Show

Some 500 members from the firearms community attended meetings held by police around the country during June and July. Police advise that the top three themes for the firearms community are:

- The need for consistency in how the Arms Act and associated processes are administered across districts.
- Better and more frequent communication and engagement between Police and firearms community.
- The introduction of online services including licence application and payment to meet the changing needs of the community while retaining paper-based application options.

More information is available at: <u>http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates</u>

The International Side of Things.

COLFO has always felt it's important to have strong international links, not just regionally with Australia but also globally with organisations such as WFSA and the NRA. You will remember late last year we hosted WFSA in Queenstown and had, what was said by WFSA to have hosted the best conference in memory.

Having forged strong international ties gives us many advantages. Firstly, it adds to our credibility within New Zealand. Politicians and the public rightfully look at a network that an organisation is part of. If we have to make submissions on an issue, we are in much stronger (accredited) position by being able to say that we are recognised by the United Nations and indeed it was two of our board members who drafted the model firearms legislation for the UN based largely on the NZ Arms Act.

Secondly, it gives us access to pools of resources that are beyond our capability to obtain easily. There is growing international views about the use of lead for example, and it would be very easy to significantly restrict shooting in New Zealand by restricting this fundamental of substances. WFSA have done a huge amount of research on lead which we have contributed to. The SSAA in Australia have an enormous pool of research and have funded a study which proves that the "post port Arthur" changes in Australia have made no difference to firearms misuse in Australia. We have a good relationship with Canadian groups who have masses of material on the failure of registration in Canada. This gives us access to academics who can counter some New Zealand university commentators with a higher standard of research.

Thirdly, we cannot ignore the global picture of Arms control. International agreements are not binding on you as a New Zealander until they are ratified in law by the New Zealand Parliament. The devil is often in the detail with these agreements and quite often small aspects of any treaty, then adopted by New Zealand law, could have a significant effect on New Zealanders abilities to enjoy their lawful sports. New Zealand is a country that loves to sign international agreements and by having a presence there we can keep an eye on New Zealand's diplomats and report back to our own Government if they "stray from the reservation". One of our friends from SAAMI has reported that the New Zealand delegation is a bit more constrained since "They know you are watching". And watch we will be.

As part of our commitment to the International scene we will be attending the 4th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty in Tokyo later this year. We will be part of the WFSA contingence to present a united front to people who, without any doubt, would like to see no private ownership (and in some cases Military and Police!) of firearms at all.

You can become an individual supporter of COLFO here: <u>http://colfo.org.nz</u>

CUT DOWN FIREARM BILL or Arms (Prohibition on Shortened Firearms) Amendment Bill

While this Bill may seem a good idea to deter criminals from using sawn off firearms, often their weapon of choice, it also has possible unintended consequences for law abiding firearm owners. There are a number of reasons why an owner may wish to cut down a rifle or shot gun barrel, provided the overall length remains longer than 762 mm. The wording of this Bill will need careful scrutiny and comment by the firearm community. Please see more here:

https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/105737462/bill-aims-to-beefup-penalties-for-illegally-owning-sawnoff-shotguns

ANOTHER INTERESTING FIREARM FROM THE JOHN OSBORNE COLLECTION

Tupara - Lovell's Pattern 1839 musket bore double gun (developed for the Police Force in Ireland) 26"smooth bored 11 bore .733" caliber barrels with hooked breech & key. British Ordnance approved. Compiled by John Osborne DTT, PhD, FSG Feb 2011,

Brass furniture, walnut stock, fitted with steel ramrod, Bakers pattern trigger guard, barrel keyed in fore-wood & with hooked breech. Provenance – this Tupara was owned / used by a Maori Constable in the Wellington Armed Police Force c1850s. (*not verified Ed.*)



Back action locks marked Crown / V R / TOWER 1847 and Ordnance Inspectors marks



In establishing the Armed Police Forces in 1846, New Zealand Governor George Grey instructed that one quarter of the Forces were to be Maori Constables who were to be treated as Europeans in every respect, including pay, and were permitted to use their own arms. Maori warriors including some women soon realized that two barreled guns they called Tupara were better than the single barrel muskets in the close-quarter bush fighting encountered in New Zealand. The Tupara soon became the Maoris' favorite firearm. In the percussion muzzle-loading era, Tupara of musket (11 bore) were most prized, these allowed both shot and military musket ball cartridges to be used.

CAN YOU HELP answers to <u>oilyrag@xtra.co.nz</u>

Tony Bruce wanted to know if anyone could identify the machine on the back of the mule in the top left picture.

Paul Deeming came up with the answer, a 3.7 inch Mountain Howitzer. A search of the internet produced these additional pictures all taken in the same location



3.7 inch mountain howitzer on pack mule. Sadleir-Jackson Brigade, Troitsa, 1919.



In 1906, the Indian Army requested a modern mountain gun for service in the mountainous northern areas of India, but financial constraints delayed the production until 1915. The first guns were deployed to the Indian Army in early 1917. The mountain battery of the Indian (Derajat) 22nd Frontier Force was one of the first units to receive these new guns, and they operated them in action during WW1. These Ordnance QF 3.7 inch mountain guns were designed so that they could be broken into eight parts, each carried by a pack animal, for transportation over difficult terrain; the heavy part weighed 112 kilograms. A well-trained gun crew could reassemble a gun for action in about two minutes. They were the first British-made field gun to be equipped with split trails. During this time, they were equipped with wooden wheels, largely for weight savings reasons, but particularly later on they would more likely be seen with metal wheels with rubber tires. These 3.7-inch guns became standard mountain guns during the inter-war years, not only with the Indian Army but with other British and Commonwealth armies as well. During WW2, they were used by British, Indian, and New Zealand troops in North Africa, Burma, Italy, and the Netherlands. A light weight variant design was also placed into limited production for British airborne units, but they were shortlived as more modern American counterparts became available. They saw no more action after 1945 but were not declared obsolete until 1960.

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More from Noel Taylor

Your mechanism on the Pack Saddle query in the July e-gazette is the Pivot from a 3.7 inch Quick Firing (QF) How (Howitzer) Mountain Gun of Kipling Fame (Screw Gun).

The Imperial authorities sent 8 guns to NZ c1923 to form two Mounted batteries No's 14 & 20 based at North Head and Lyttelton. Mounted drill was dispensed off c1926-8 and the Guns were towed fully assembled by horses. 144 Independent Bty RNZA served with 3 NZ Div NZEF (IP) in the Pacific campaign in WWII with by then pneumatic wheels and vehicle towing couplings. Two known guns remain in NZ one at NAM Waiouru and other 16th Fd HQ Linton.

Some collectors like me and other Antique Arms folks have the remains of some of the various specialist Pack Saddles used with these guns, see bottom image.





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Follow us on www.facebook.com/ArmitisticeinCambridge to be kept up to date on what to see and do 10-11 November 2018, Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro Entry: \$15 for adults; \$5 for 12 and under

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This year we are endeavouring to have as many Artillery pieces as we can get. A limited amount of funding has been secured for this, which may be able to contribute to transport costs. If anybody is interested email Graham Pettigrew <u>pettco@xtra.co.nz</u>

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

Last months (below left), first correct answer came from Stuart Leithead - pull out ash trays from a Huey.





FROM OUR READERS

Research Press Journal Firearms, Long Range Target Shooting & Associated History

Check out this website from Tony Bruce, for interesting information on historical firearms, it comes in the form of a pdf journal.

http://www.researchpress.co.uk/index.php/publishing/category/5-journal

Also from Tony Bruce - 3D printed guns are coming



See more here:

http://maennerleben.org/noble-empire-launches-non-firing-3d-printed-firearm-replicas/

WELLINGTON BRANCH JULY AUCTION

Prices realised may be found here: http://www.wellingtonantiquearms.org.nz/

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***WANTED:** Reinforcement number badges to complete a full set **11,12,13,14,15,17,19,30,33**. Contact: Graham 09 411 7779 or 027 475 9246 <u>grahambrimble@xtra.co.nz</u>

***WANTED**- information leading to the recovery of the following:

Approximately 60cal rifled muzzle loading flintlock. Entirely hand made, has a matai stock and aperture rear sight. Serial number SRK625.001 Stolen from Te Pahu about five years ago.

Contact Julian Price jpp375@gmail.com 027 439 5960

***WANTED** for restoration work 08/15 maxim stock, pistol grip, trigger bar. Bipod for 08/15 (even the loan of a bipod to copy), Long tom fore wood, complete. If you have anything please let me know Andrew mg08nz@gmail.com

WANTED for 25-21 Stevens ammunition ,cases, or loading gear. Any help appreciated. Contact Tony ,email: <u>thesmalls@xnet.co.nz</u>, 03 539 0088

SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH NZAHAA AGM & AUCTION / SWAP DAY 6th April 2019 Venue: Pharlap Raceway in the Greyway Lounge Washdyke Off Pleasant Point Highway Fly into Richard Pearce Airport - 10 minutes from venue

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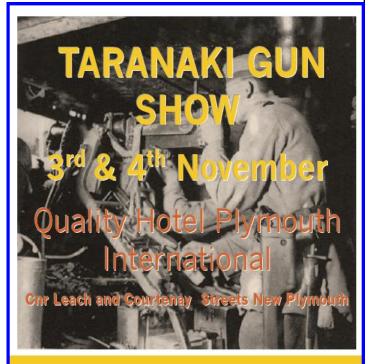
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Mike: 03 686 0876 or 027 895 6561



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ADMISSION Adults \$10 Kids \$2 Saturday 9.00am-5pm Sunday 9.30am-3.00pm

Taranaki Branch New Zealand Antique and Historical Arms

Find us on facebook "Taranaki Gun Show"



UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2019 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

2018

18 & 19 August	Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show
26 & 27 August	Militaria Auction, Paraparaumu
1 September	Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North
15 September	Canterbury Branch Auction, Christchurch
22 September	NZAHAA HYGM & Northland Branch Auction, Ruakaka , Whangarei
3 & 4 November	Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth
10 & 11 November	Armistice in Cambridge
	2019
16 February	Dargaville Gun Show.
23 &24 February	Shot Expo, ASB show ground Auckland
24 February	Central branch Gun Show, Ototorohanga
8 & 9 March	NZCCC AGM, Darfield
23 March	Kumeu Militaria Show
6 April	South Canterbury Branch Auction
15 June	SSANZ Guns Show, Whangarei
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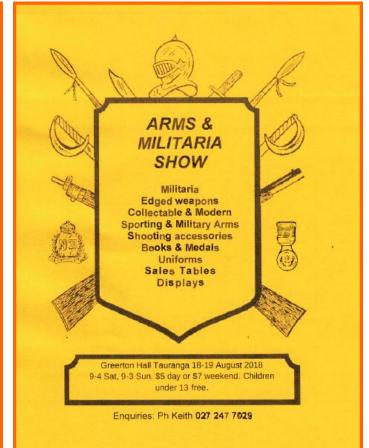
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Saturday 15th September 2018 Balmarino/Nightmarch Rooms, Members Stand Riccarton Park, Christchurch There will be an electronic catalogue available after the 23 July in the July/Aug E Gazette and branch website www.antiquearms.co.nz.

Items received after our catalogue date will be still be advertised on the branch website

There will be postal bidding available

There will be a buyer's premium only of 10% up to a maximum amount of \$100 per item. There will be NO seller's premium.

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