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EDITORIAL

Another Half Year General Meeting has been and gone, Northland Branch was pleased to welcome the National Branch Reps to Whangarei. The Reps were entertained at a BBQ and feast kindly hosted by Jan and Barry Hopkins at their place in Ruakaka on Friday evening, along with quite a few of the members from out of town. Thanks Jan and Barry to you and your team of helpers, a great evening in spite of the rain. .

On behalf of Northland Branch and the Osborne family I would like to thank all of you who participated in our auction on Saturday (22/9), especially those who mucked in and lent a hand setting up. Thanks also to our auctioneer Graeme Barber who did a great job, and all other vendors, all of whom helped make this the most successful auction that this branch has ever held.

Sadly our oldest member Urb Seux collapsed during the lunch break, and despite the best efforts of those on hand and the ambulance crew he passed away shortly after arrival at the hospital. Urb has been a stalwart of Northland Branch for many years, taking part in all our activities and bringing interesting items to display at our meetings. He will be greatly missed by all his many friends. Rest in peace old friend.

Phil

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Barristers

Lisa Hanson & Nick Taylor

Beware of Fake No. 5 Bayonets

By Kevin Adams
4 September 2018

The issue of fake bayonets is nothing new in New Zealand, so long as collectors are willing to pay high prices for certain bayonets there will always be someone out there trying to make a quick buck at the expense of the unknowledgeable. In the past No. 4, Mk. 1 (cruciform blade), 1907 (hook quillion), WW2 NZ Aluminium handle Fighting Knife, 'NZ Fighting Knife / Bayonet' and now No. 5, Mk. 1 Bayonets have been faked.

In the #71 December 2016 and #72 January 2017 E-Gazette editions a question was asked about the origins of a No. 5 Bayonet: -

MYSTERY BAYONET from Nick Perry

It appears to have a Lithgow L1A2 blade with a No 5 Mk I hilt.

Do you have any thoughts on its origin?



I was lucky enough to be in the same area as the owner and was able to look at the bayonet first hand. I suspected that it was a fake but was unable to remove the grips to confirm my suspicions and said to Nick that if he did manage to get the grips off to let me know what he found.

Move forward to 2018, I was cataloguing some items for Militaria Auction and was handed a No. 5 Bayonet to catalogue, I removed the scabbard and low and behold what did I see. An L1A2 Bayonet blade fitted to No. 5 crosspiece, grips and pommel.



Fake No. 5, Mk. 1 Bayonet

We sent the bayonet off to a specialist collector and he confirmed that it wasn't a variation of an original No. 5 bayonet, he had the wooden grips removed and confirmed the tang had been brazed.



Fake No. 5, Mk. 1 Bayonet, with grips removed

You can see from the photo the L1A2 blade has been brazed to the tang / pommel of a No. 5 bayonet. In this case the crosspiece has been put back on the wrong way around with the chamfer facing forward rather than backwards. It might seem unimportant, but the chamfer is there to aid in slipping the muzzle ring onto the front of the flash eliminator of the No. 5 rifle or positioning lug on the L2A3 Sterling SMG.

The bayonet was catalogued as a 'fake' for the auction, which is disappointing for the vendor. As No. 5 rifle owners know, the cost of a No. 5, Mk. 2 bayonet can be between \$350 - \$500.

Things to look out for: -

Australian L1A2 Blade (note early Australian blades have a straight ended fullers but aren't as wide as those found on the No. 5 bayonet).

Crosspiece could be on back to front (chamfer facing forward) or not.

The defining tell-tale sign is with the grips removed you can see its been brazed together.

As with any manufacturing there is always a signature with the way its been made, so too if seems with the fake No. 5 bayonets. The mistakenly reversed crosspiece is also found on another 'Fake' bayonet/knife which appeared recently in New Zealand. That is the 'NZ Fighting Knife/bayonet' which looks like a L1A2 bayonet but with a very thin blade. These bayonet/knives are made using the thinned Malaysian No. 5 blade grafted to the crosspiece, grips and pommel of an Australian L1A2 Bayonet. Because the grips are riveted in place you can't see the tang, but I suspect it will look like the Fake No. 5 tang shown above. Common-sense says both come from the same source.



Fake "NZ Fighting Knife"



Top: *Sterling No. 5 Bayonet for the L2A3 SMG.*

Upper Middle: *Fake No. 5, Mk. 1 Bayonet.*

Lower Middle: *Australian L1A2 Bayonet.*

Bottom: *Fake "NZ Fighting Knife" Bayonet.*

I'm interested to hear from anyone that has one of these bayonets, so I can get a tally on how many of them are in circulation. I suspect there is probably an equal number of 'Fighting Knife Bayonets' and No. 5, Mk. 1 Bayonets.

Caveat Emptor.

FROM THE 2018 MAM'S GUN SHOW 9AM-4PM SATURDAY JULY 21

The 2018 Show contained a large number of sellers and displays (including vehicles, WW2 camp scenes), It was again a must attend event suitable for all ages. Free entry was provided for 16years and under.

Saturday 21 July dawned fine and sunny, as opposed to last year when it had been raining for the whole day! (or was that the two days before hand!!) Perhaps it was the fine day or perhaps a sign that the show has come of age, but it seemed that the displayers had put more effort in with bigger and better displays and just more stuff. The German Unit 3 Kompanie is an example of this, as this year they had put together a burnt-out house and made a small camp with all the soldiers kit, loading link belt and ways of how the troops fed themselves.

Those with vehicles didn't just line up along the front of the grandstand but had set up on the grass this year again with all the soldiers kit and accessories.

Again, the public were given the chance to make the choice of who had the best display and thereby win the *Robin Rapley Trophy* for best display. Last year the German Unit won this esteemed trophy, however this year the trophy went to Mike H.



Winning 2018 Public Choice Best Display – German WWI trench scene containing Maxim 08, 08/15, anti tank gun and captured British Lewis Gun



FOUND

As all NZAHAA members should know, each year the Editor nominates the author of what he considers the best article that appears in the Gazette to be awarded the Scott Rose Bowl. Currently it is held by Vic Longley of Ruahine Branch for his article A Tsars Pistol. (see For Sale and Wanted page 18)

The history of this rose bowl has been lost in the mist of time, but we did know that the current bowl was the second such bowl to be used, however no one seemed to know what happened to the original. Well now we know, it is sitting on my desk, have been found by Anne Osborne after sorting through her late husbands possessions and returned to me very recently. I will of course pass it back to our President for safe keeping.



Inscribed on the front

**NZ Antique Arms Assn Inc
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On shields around the base are the names of the winners:

1978 - M A EDSALL

1979 - L HARRIS

**1980 - ALAN JERRARD
ANN BABBAGE**

1981 - G B HILL

1982 - K MAXWELL

1983 - R J TRYE

1984 - R H THORBURN

1986 - G K YARREL

1987- R H THORBURN

1988 - J OSBORNE

1989 - T H HUGHES

1990 - R H THORBURN

1991 - D A PROVAN

Engraved on the rear of the bowl

1982 - K MAXWELL

1992 - T H HUGHES

1993 - J C OSBORNE

The bowl was supplied by Westende Jewellers of Manchester Street, Christchurch.
Do any current members remember B W Scott?

FROM THE GUN ROOM By Andrew Edgcombe

A WW1 luger, a relatively common firearm in Kiwi collections, many of which would have started the New Zealand chapter of their story in the kit bags of servicemen returning from the Great War.

One of the most popular bring backs for Kiwis returning from the First World War has to be the German Luger pistol. They are a beautifully made sidearm and in comparison with most hand guns that would have been available in our little corner of the Empire at this time they were vastly superior.



This one was a recent pick up, made by DWM in 1916. I suspect due to the condition it has spent much of the last 102 years in its holster. The pistol was quite dirty having been heavily oiled so a strip down and scrub with a toothbrush was in order. The side plate has pitting and finish loss due to sweating away in the holster for so long; the muzzle has a little rust spotting and a bit of corrosion was found under the left grip plate. The rest of the gun is in very tidy condition. The holster which is now well contoured to the gun has had a post war modification (probably for a pig hunting at some stage of its life) the leather has been cut down to allow easy access to the pistol grip. Also the stitching in the belt loops has been reinforced with rivets, unfortunate from a collecting perspective but also a legitimate part of the history of this particular firearm. The stripping tool has been in the tool pocket so long it's worn through the flap!



This holster is indecipherably named under the flap, I can make out "Invercargill" which is the area this gun came from but unfortunately not the name. There is also an Imperial German depot stamp and a makers name and date indicating this holster was manufactured in 1911 making this a very early production holster.

Like many of these First World War "bring backs" or possibly a better description would be individual trophies it would be great if it could talk, yet it remains a mute reminder of the sacrifices and hardships endured by New Zealanders that selflessly went to war for King and Empire. Items such as these should be preserved and treasured as the heritage items that they are. Thankfully many Collectors do just that through their hobby, preserving the past for the future.



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Importing Parts for Semi Autos

COLFO has facilitated a meeting with affected Dealers and Legal Advisors to plan for a Judicial Review of Police policy in relation to the importation of parts and components for A Cat. ARs and AKs, which Police are treating as MSSAs. This is seriously restricting the importation of spare parts and components for repair and custom builds of A Cat. ARs and AKs.

Transporting Ammunition by Courier

Most courier companies will no longer transport ammunition, primers and powder due to threats of \$50,000 fines by Work Safe Inspectors if they hold these products in their depots longer than 24 hours. COLFO has written to the Minister responsible requesting a relaxation of the regulations for these Class 1 Dangerous Goods.

United we stand – will you stand with us?

The New Zealand firearms community is comprised of diverse groups. Many of our interests are shared, such as aspects of law and policy which affect us all. Other interests or concerns might apply to one group more than others. Regardless of our origins, are your respective clubs or organisations prepared? Are you financially resourced? Do you pay club or association fees? Does any of it go towards protecting the interests of firearms owners? These are all questions to reflect on and discuss at the local and national level. Does your organisation have access to financial reserves when the day comes to defend your interests in court? Or does your organisation contribute financially to one that does?

We welcome the return of IMAS as a Club member to COLFOs ranks and warmly thank the Northland Black Powder Club for voting to become a club member, and financially support COLFO. We are stronger if we are united and work together on our common issues. The UK experience clearly shows the pitfalls of a divided approach.

Another Police Road Show

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

We Failed

On the 1st of April 20XX a mentally disturbed young man, with a long history of mental illness and isolation, illegally obtained a SKS rifle, and a sawn off side by side shotgun. Both firearms had been stolen from a semi-rural property about 4 years before, and had made their way through various hands before being sold together with some synthetic cannabis. The original burglary had not been investigated by Police and the Police had not acted on a number of complaints about the young man's increasingly odd behaviour. He had no licence and had made a number of threats on social media. The young man ran amok with both. The nation was stunned and in a state of grief.

That evening, a grey and obviously shaken Prime Minister said "let me be clear- we will make sure this never happens again". A member of the coalition Government stated publically that "no one in New Zealand needs to own these battle field weapons". The Police Union, riding the success of the heroism of uniformed officers who had rescued victims, appeared on several 7pm talk shows, and stated that "the evidence is clear that there is no need to own weapons like these". The talk shows at 7pm seemed to have gone out of their way to push an agenda that the "gun lobby" were out of touch and callous. Any members of the shooting world who appeared suffered selective editing that made them look terrible. The following week, under urgency, all pistols, rifles over .338 calibre, collectors' firearms and pump-action and semi- automatic rifles and shotguns were outlawed in New Zealand without compensation and those handed in were crushed.

If this scenario occurred, what would you do as it unfolded? Write to your politicians? Post on social media? No doubt there would be form letters and emails prepared and someone would start a petition, but the end result would be nothing would change. We are New Zealand firearms owners and as a group we tend to react when the horse has bolted. Do we really want a motto of “Too little and Too Late”? Would we ever be forgiven by our future generations for not trying hard enough?

In social media, for example, we preach to the choir which achieves little. All we end up doing is disagreeing on stupid points and splinter an already very diverse group of gun owners. COLFO routinely sees posts in which we are told we need to do this that or the other thing, yet the poster cannot really point to what they [themselves](#) have done. To these people we ask “What are YOU doing?” We will see posts where people deride other shooting sports or are unwilling to assist other disciplines. It is for this reason that we have asked airsoft and paintball to join us. We must unite if we are to survive. **Will YOU work together with others?**

The major issue that gun owners face is that usually the only time non-gun shooters hear about us in the press is when a criminal uses a firearm. Recently COLFO has made some success, but the work is endless. As gun owners we usually keep a low profile, keep quiet and hope “she will be right”. This will not do! **Will YOU help?**

Our hobby, our clubs and the businesses that support us all will be finished forever unless we can show, clearly to the public **right now** that licensed firearms owners are a vastly law abiding group and that we are not and will never be the problem. It is time for gun owners, related businesses, and gun clubs to show themselves. We are law abiding responsible citizens, not the terrorists, mentally ill or gang members who misuse firearms. **What are YOU doing to be seen and heard?**

Firearms owners should always be alert to a chance to teach a new shooter and introduce someone to the hobby. Even if they say “I’d really like to try a handgun” and you are not a pistol owner, you should facilitate this as best you can. When was the last time YOU took a new person shooting and introduced them to the sport? **What are YOU doing to grow our collective numbers?**

Gun Clubs must list their open hours, have a social media presence, recruit new members, recruitment drives, host family days, invite a friend day, have a kids day. Before and after every event get a report in the local newspaper, and make full use of social media as the window to our sports. If your club is unwilling to get some publicity get on to your leadership. After all if guns are banned we do not need gun clubs, and they will cease to exist. **What are YOU doing to help develop your club?**

Firearm businesses must support new shooters in every way possible. Do not just give them their first firearms, they must talk to them about how they can try other disciplines, or how they can get their friends involved. Sponsor schools and shooting clubs. We have recently seen a great example of this in Upper Hutt. Have COLFO’s details available, and a list of clubs. These are, if you look after them, customers for the rest of their lives. After all, if guns are banned, your business is gone too, and we need YOU. **What has YOUR Business done to grow the sports?**

WE must now promote our sports and hobbies and YOU play a part. WE must increase the pressure on poor policy and administration that undermines our interests. YOU play a part. WE must come together; and that includes YOU. Numbers are power. Without numbers we are POWERLESS. **So, what will YOU do to help?**

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

NZAHAA RESPONDS TO NEW POLICE POLICY

In the past months since centralising import permits at Police National HQ police have adopted a policy of declaring all parts for AR and AK type semi automatics as parts of an MSSA thus requiring a special reason to import. Our representative who attends the Firearms Community Advisory Forum (FCAF) has sent the following response to police:

Thank you for the opportunity to view and respond to the proposed guide to importing MSSA firearms and parts. I don't think there is an easy answer to this and we need to be looking at workable policy solutions.

The AR platform is one of the most popular firearm types in NZ today, the parent rifle is a tried and true design first introduced over 50 years ago. They have seen both military and civilian use and have continually evolved over this time. Civilian market rifles are hugely popular, they are adaptable for numerous shooting disciplines and sporting requirements. They are also easily adaptable to individual shooters needs. They can be configured to use many different calibres of cartridges. Adaptability is one of the reasons for their immense popularity.

The bulk of AR and AK platform rifles in New Zealand are predominantly A category configuration. Where as prior to the 1992 Arms Act Amendments the Chinese Type 56 Carbine (SKS) and the Chinese Type 56 Rifle (AK), AR15A2 along with the L1A1 (SLR) ,HK G3, M1 Carbine, M1 Garand, Mini 14, Hakim rifle, G-43,G-41,MP44,Stg44, Rasheed carbine, SIG-AMT, Armi Jager AP-74 plus others that have not yet spring to mind were freely available on a standard licence. The option was given to apply for the new category licence to retain these semi automatic firearms in their original configuration which would now be deemed Military Style Semi Automatics or MSSA's this is solely a New Zealand definition. The other option which given the number of registrations at the time was to convert these firearms to A category configuration by removal of the defining features of an MSSA, being the free standing pistol grip if fitted, bayonet lugs, flash suppressor and a reduction in Magazine capacity. This gives us two legitimate user groups with differing compliance for what is in essence the same firearm.

I note the proposed guidelines mention a requirement for a Dragunov type stock (draft states Druganov) is this a policy change or a legislative change? Or possibly an error as one defining feature of the MSSA is a free standing pistol grip, many A category compliant rifles have the pistol grip integral to the stock or removed, and many conversions are done with the addition of a permanently affixed bar connecting the once free standing pistol grip to the stock. Many MSSA's don't have pistol grips either, Type 56 Carbine/SKS for example. I would suggest that the defining features of what constitutes a MSSA be stated rather than stating the use of a Dragunov stock as it is not relevant all to MSSA's.

Back to the AR platform rifles, love them or hate them they are here to stay, this is a reflection of the evolution of firearms and hunting. The majority of these firearms are in A category configuration and they have become extremely popular as previously stated. The owners and users of these rifles are legally bound to be compliant with the Arms Act and there is legislation in place to deal with any infractions.

PARTS AND IMPORTATIONS, THE CAN OF WORMS

The majority of these "MSSA's" are A configuration, the majority of parts will be consumed by A category compliant owners and users, those that use and build or maintain E category firearms are also compliant and again there is legislation in place to deal with an infractions. Retailers are well aware of the legal requirements in relation to the different licence categories and it is in their best interests to ensure the end user is aware of these requirements also. It is also something that Police could promote more through arms officers and the new licensing system ensuring people "Know the true defining features of an MSSA"

Without including the concerns about dual-purpose component parts and even the majority of the defining features of MSSA rifles the reality is you can change the category of many A category type semi automatic firearms by simply fitting a standard or "high Capacity" magazine making them an MSSA by definition. The availability of such magazines wont really be impacted by restriction as they are manufactured locally as are many dual purpose component parts.

Dealers are a specialist minority within the firearms community; they provide support and services to the firearms community. They are thoroughly vetted and are deemed fit and proper persons. Dealers are annually audited and must annually renew their licences. A crucial component of business is offering support and service to customers also being able to provide back up and parts for product sold. Should the importation of parts for stock not be seen as a "special reason" in its own right? Given the extra length dealers go in maintaining their "special" licence?

I trust that this will be taken as constructive input. Andrew Edgcombe

TIPS ON APPLYING FOR AN IMPORT PERMIT from COLFO

How to put together a decent import permit for “C” endorsed firearms or parts.

Some feedback we frequently receive from our stakeholders is difficulty with import permits. On the other hand we have seen some import permits which have gone through without a hitch.

We have recently seen an import permit application that passed without difficulty so if you are looking at getting an import permit for a firearms part, or a restricted firearm (not the Polices’ illegal restrictions on “A” category AR15 parts!) then we suggest that you provide a covering letter with the following:

- Add photographs of the parts you want. This will enable the perhaps non- expert reviewer to see what you are after;
- Show a photograph of the firearm which you are going to install it into, or how the firearm fits into the “theme” of your collection;
- Detail your own qualifications and expertise in this area;
- Detail the reason why you require this part or item.
- Describe the relevant organisations and activities that you take part in.
- Point out that you have the appropriate security on place.

This may seem like a great deal of information to provide, but the legal onus remains on you to provide reasons to enable the import to be allowed.

TSAVO LIONS DENTAL ISSUES

Not sure if it will be of interest to anyone but as a addendum to the article about Col. Patterson and the lions of Tsavo

Recent research <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-00948-5> indicates that they were indeed both suffering from dental issues. One worse than the other. Their dentition shows no signs of scavenging but the one with better teeth was still taking some wild game.

A more popular article about it can be found here <https://newatlas.com/man-eating-lions-tsavo/49109/>

Cheers, Mark

Check out your firearm safety knowledge

With the AA now doing the Firearms Theory testing, the question was asked if there were any practice tests available for new applicants. The good news is that the Police have included some sample modules within their web site. These should help to give you an idea of the type of questions you can expect to face on the day. Also, this is a good opportunity for us old dogs to do a little revision and see if we really are as clever as we may think we are. The other obvious thing to study is the Arms Code, this is a vital document and it contains some great practical safety advice. It’s worth keeping a copy on hand for reference. Follow the link below and test yourself! (Note: there were 3 x separate 10 question tests available to try) .

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/firearms-safety-programme/firearms-safety-elearning>

Firearms Project update - see what we've been up to, and give your feedback

In Police's effort to review and improve the administration of the Arms Act, the Arms Act Service Delivery Group is looking closely at how Police can best deliver firearms related services to the public in a timely, consistent, and cost effective manner.

In June, the team met with staff, the firearms community and iwi members across the country to identify the opportunities and challenges in the current processes used by Police in the administration of the Arms Act. You can read more about the key themes that came out of those sessions on this page.

Since then, the team's focuses have been on initiating discussions with solution providers to assess and identify a technical solution that will best facilitate the streamlined, automated future of firearms administration. The team have also facilitated workshops with Police subject matter experts from across the 12 Districts to redesign and simplify the key processes for firearms applications, permitting, endorsements, dealers and more.

In October, the team are keen to meet again with the firearms user community to test and gather feedback on some of the redesigned processes, and share a demo of how technology could streamline and automate these in the future.

The sessions will be held in six locations across the country in order to balance our commitments to careful management of travel costs as well as engaging widely with the firearms community. We appreciate that timing and travel distance may be prohibitive for some, but continue to look into how we can share these types of sessions in other flexible and cost effective ways.

There will be two community sessions in each location – one session focussing on the redesigned Category A licence application process which all firearms community members are welcome to attend.

Dates and times of the sessions are as follows and **we will advise venues as these are confirmed:**

District	Date	Session Focus	Session Time
Christchurch	Monday 8 October	Cat A	7.00-8.00pm
Palmerston North	Tuesday 9 October	Cat A	7.00-8.00pm
Wellington	Wednesday 10 October	Cat A	7.00-8.00pm
Auckland	Tuesday 16 October	Cat A	7.00-8.00pm
Hamilton	Wednesday 17 October	Cat A	7.00-8.00pm
Invercargill	Thursday 18 October	Cat A	7.00-8.00pm

The second session in each location is for dealers only, in recognition of the frequency and volume of their Interactions with Police for Arms Act related services.

Both sessions will feature the system demonstration, and will provide the opportunity to ask questions, have open and genuine discussion, and provide feedback to help shape the way forward.

Dates and times of the sessions for Dealers only are provided below. **We will advise venues as these are confirmed.**

District	Date	Session Focus	Session Time
Christchurch	Monday 8 October	Dealers	4.00-5.00pm
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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 pettco@xtra.co.nz

NEW ZEALAND WWI TANK REPLICAS

In response to the item in last months' e-gazette on the British built WW I tank replica, Stuart Leithead reminded me that here in New Zealand we have two of our own replica tanks. Here are some photos he sent in.



FROM OUR READERS

From Kevin Godkin

To any member that has brought an M16 rifle at Ted Rogers Auction or Wellington branch Auction, over the last few years if you got a M16 that was made by Hydra-Matic -Div you may find your top receiver is made by Colt and not Hydra-Matic . It is easy to tell if it has a Colt one as the back of the Carry handle will be smooth and well finished were the Hyda-Matic will have a ridge on it and not as well finished. As the Hydra_Matic is far more rare than the Colt it would be a shame not to have the right one on your rifle, I have three Colts M16 with the Hydra-Matic tops if you would like to swap to make your rifles correct please email me on auckland_militaria@hotmail.com or call me on 09 5798350

Regards Kevin Godkin

From Dennis Lally

I have an enquiry from a researcher in England, Tom Heptinstall. Tom is currently doing a Mechanical Engineering PhD thesis on 19th century British cavalry carbine development from 1855 tp 1903 (Sharps to SMLE). He also works part time at the Royal Armouries National Firearms Collection in Leeds. He kindly spent many hours assisting me with research on early breechloaders when I was there in May this year.

Tom has a question which might benefit from sharing in the NZAHAA e-Gazette:

I have a question to ask regarding one of the rifles I am writing about, known as the 'Brand' patent rifle...It is from 1854 with Brand's patent on the breech and W. Terry, maker on the lock. I have been told there is one in a New Zealand collection, but have not been told which one, and could be like finding a needle in a haystack!

Tom Heptinstall.

Kind regards, Dennis dennislally@xtra.co.nz Tel 021 283 3082

From Lex Severinsen

Here's a 1753 model 6 pound, Armstrong cannon, in a replica naval mounting, firing a fence post as a projectile. Not quite to those totara trees. Using quite a lot of FG Holy Smoke black powder. There's no screw holes to take a flintlock, so this one used a lighted wick (linstock) to touch off the powder.

This cannon is the same as Captain Cook took around the world on the Endeavour, and threw overboard when he got stuck on the Great Barrier Reef. His were 4 pounders. One is on the stairs at Te Papa.

Often the 4 pounders were rebored into 6 pound calibre, when they got rusted and pitted barrels.

This one was used as a bollard in Wellington wharf until it was rescued from the scrap iron pile in the 1970s and sold to Ted and Paul Shoebridge for the price of scrap.

I happily paid quite a bit more.

Lex



Also from Lex

Enjoying looking up the difference between Victorian era Wheel lock pistols, and genuine 16th century ones. Here's two on "Forgotten weapons" video. Bottom is genuine, but both have same German proof marks (one fake).

One has bone inlay, other has shell. See a couple for sale in Otago sale soon.



From Jeremy R

Hi Phil, your readers might be able to help with this restoration.

The Historical Re-enactment Society were recently gifted this MG08 from the Morrinsville RSA. We don't know much about it's history but it has been sitting on display there since WWI. It needs a front sight, grip caps, lock, main spring and spring cover. A mount would be great too although we know these are very rare.

Contact: Jeremy docjr33@hotmail.com



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

Last months (below left), first correct answer came from Brian Farrell, who said -This is a pen flare discharger. I carried one of these when I was flying in the South Island. The clip on the pen held it snugly in the flying suit shoulder pocket and the flares in an adjacent zip pocket.



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

2018

- 14 October Military Heritage Day, Auckland War Memorial Museum
20 October Otago Branch Auction, Dunedin
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, Otorohanga
8 & 9 March NZCCC AGM, Darfield
23 March Kumeu Militaria Show
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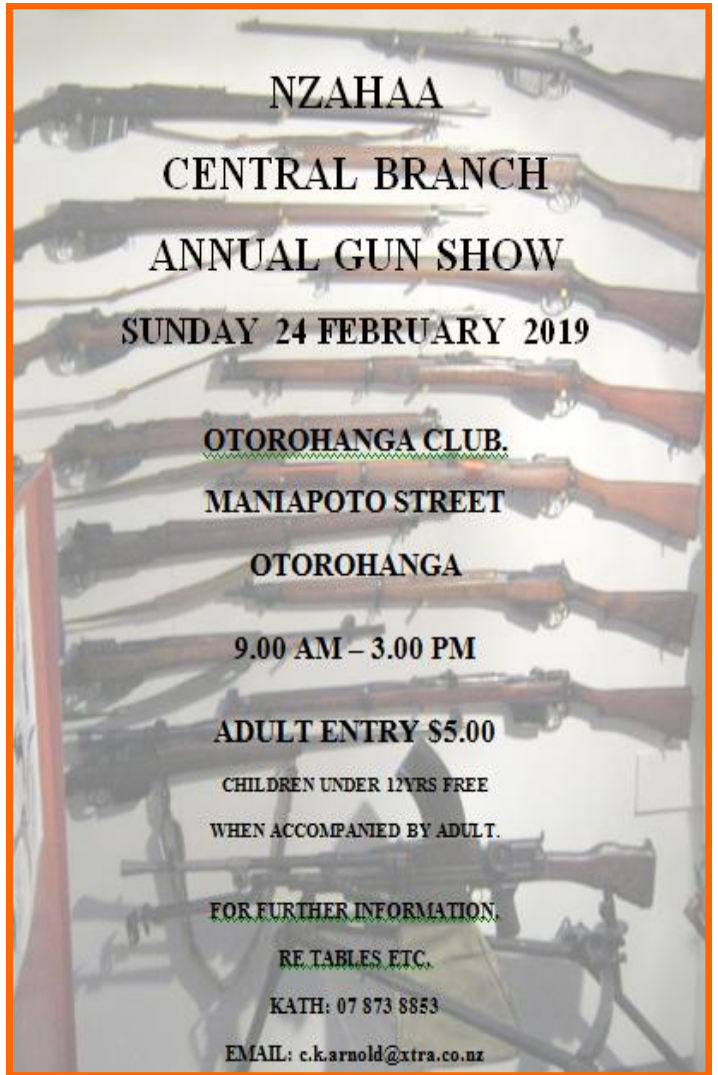
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