



# E - GAZETTE MK II

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## EDITORIAL

I am sure you will be sad to learn that long time Central Branch member Terry Ryan passed away in Wanganui Hospital on the night of 15 November, following a heart attack the previous week. Please see Obituary below.

The first part of November was an interesting and busy time for me as I attended the Taranaki Branch Gun Show in New Plymouth, visited two New Plymouth museums (Puke Ariki & Transport & Technology) and two great Taranaki members' collections at Hawera, spent a day at the National Army Museum at Waiouru and then Armistice in Cambridge the following Saturday, rounding it all off with a day at Carvell's auction on Sunday. All of which has provided more material for the e-Gazette and further research for NZ Arms Register. Mixed in with all this gun stuff we acquired a Jack-Russell puppy, had some nice sea front walks, visited some great Taranaki gardens, retail therapy in Taupo and a thermal experience at Orakei Korako north of Taupo.

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

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY.

John Debney, is married to Dorothy and has lived in Otaki for the past 23 years.

*"I have been shooting and involved with guns since the age of 10. Served eight years in the R.N.Z.A.F. as an Armourer and the NZ Police as the Armourer. Very interested in the development of guns and ammunition and am still shooting pistols. I am also a hand-loader. I was one of the members that helped set up the NZ Pistol Association. I first joined the Antique Arms Association about 1965 and remained a member until about 1975, next joined about 1983 (when I realised that I was not a member) and that period lasted until about 1988 when I moved up the coast to Waikanae at which time my membership lapsed again. Things slowed down again about 3 years ago and I rejoined the Association.*

*I have made many good friends through shooting and collecting whom I value very much. The collecting scene has changed a lot over the years but the same sort of people are still involved which make it so enjoyable.*

*I am looking forward to my increased involvement with the collecting fraternity and making more friends. I have always enjoyed the study of the development of firearms and the chance to get out and use them. I am also a member of the NZ Cartridge Collectors Club.*

*My phone numbers are: Home = 06 3646333; mobile = 027 2750941, members can ring me any time I want to help you and our Association grow and prosper."*

**John E. Debney**

As from 1 January 2012 John will be taking over the role of National Secretary & Treasurer.

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## **OBITUARY - TERRY RYAN 28 December 1938 ---- 15 November 2011**

Terry Ryan joined the NZAHAA in 1970. He was great mates with Ted Shoebridge and was a member of Central Branch. I don't remember when we first met Terry, but it would have been at Ted's for sure. What I do know for sure, is that Terry and Margaret have become a very large part of our lives over the years.

Terry was a member of the Central Branch Committee and had been for some years. He and Margaret participated in all aspects of our Branch and displayed his very fine firearms at our Gun Show as well as Taranki Branch Gun Show and the Tauranga Gun Show. In fact, he had a beautiful display at Taranaki Branch Gun Show a week before he died. We all had a great weekend in New Plymouth and I know Terry really enjoyed that.

Few people, who had dealings with Terry, would forget his purse, and the "old age pensioner" statements that came with the opening of the purse! Terry was a great craftsman, anyone who had been in his gun room and seen his displays would know that. The term "Old English Craftsman" really suited Terry. The term **was** turned around a little to "Crafty Old Englishman" from time to time. He built a beautiful gypsy caravan, (with some help from his friends) which is in pride of place in the yard at their home.

He had huge courage, and his strength of mind, during many setbacks in his health, was an inspiration to all who knew him. Mostly though, he was a loving husband and father, a great mate to his friends, an amazing source of knowledge, which he was happy to share with all and sundry.

It would be impossible to list all the things that Terry brings to mind, his sense of humour, his sharp wit, and his laugh, his comradeship and his loyalty will be so sorely missed. The loss to our collecting fraternity will be felt deeply in the years ahead.

All his friends in Central Branch and the NZAHAA are so much richer for having known him and so much poorer for losing him. Terry was a big man in all ways and he has left a gap, too big to fill.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Margaret and the Ryan family.

Kath Arnold.

President NZAHAA

### **AN INTERSTING BAYONET**



Not exactly a bayonet, but something that should be included in a bayonet collection. This is a Fencing Musket Mk X and has a button tipped spring loaded plunger that allows trainees to practice fencing with a rifle and bayonet. Introduced in August 1913 it is intended to have the balance and feel of an SMLE. In 1926 its nomenclature was changed to "Musket, Fencing No 2"

This particular example was manufactured by Webley & Scott Ltd, Birmingham in 1942 and is so marked on the underside of the fore-end.

*Reference: The Lee Enfield by Ian Skennerton.*

Do you have a modified or unusual bayonet that you would care to share with our readers? Send details and a photo to [oilrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilrag@xtra.co.nz)



## TARANAKI GUN SHOW photos by Andrew Edgcombe & Phil Cregeen

One of our smallest Branches put on a first class two day gun show in New Plymouth on the weekend of 5 & 6 November. The whole perimeter of the hall was filled with outstanding displays and the floor taken up mainly with sales tables. It was good to see this event supported by exhibitors from Auckland and central North Island and members attending from as far away as Northland, Hawkes Bay and Wellington.



Best Military and Overall- Maxim Guns



The late Terry Ryan' last display



Powder Flasks



Best Non Military-Princess Victoria's Hunting Rifle





Best Individual & People's Choice



Swivel Gun



Best British Military





Mannlicher sporting rifles



Krag-Jorgensen Rifles



Knight at rest



Medieval



Best Visitor



Box Locks & Powder Flasks





Boys Anti Tank Rifle and .22 Training Aid



British Sniper Rifles



Best Individual & People's Choice



Best Non Firearms



Best Taranaki



## Display Prize Winners were:

Best Military	Andrew Edgcombe
Best British Military	Blair Horter
Best Non Military	Graeme Champion
Best Non Firearms	Robert Gunning
Best Individual	John Howe
Best Visitors	Troy Picknell
Best Overall	Andrew Edgcombe

Best Taranaki Branch Blair Horter

People's choice John Howe

In selecting the prize winners the judges were looking for interesting and visually appealing displays that also provided information on the subject matter. It was a hard choice because all the displays were excellent and the exhibitors had obviously made a big effort in their presentation. All are to be congratulated.

"I would like to express my thanks via the e-gazette to all exhibitors, dealers, assistants and attendees who helped make this show a success, I really appreciate all the time and effort expended to participate in our Taranaki Gun Show and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next one in a years time...the count down is on!"

Andrew Edgcombe, Taranaki Branch Rep

## A TARANAKI MEMBERS GUN ROOM, Photos by Phil Cregeen

Two South Taranaki members very kindly invited me to visit their Gun Rooms in the days following the gun show. Here are some photos from one of them. My thanks to both of you.



My wife Pam was so impressed with the display above that she thinks I should enlarge my gun room!!



## COLFO REPORT

There has been little activity in Firearms Legislation over the past 2 months worth reporting on, hence the short report. Like most I guess we were distracted by the Rugby.

We avoided travelling on COLFO business due the increased cost of travel.

We are continuing our work in New Zealand with regard to the issuing of permits to Import and storage of ammunition, interestingly this has been raised by Dunedin City Council, with submission required by the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. We are concerned that regulations may be mis-interpreted resulting in unreasonable restrictions on the storage of ammunition which could effect the purchase of ammunition by individuals and clubs for Sports events, hunting or training.

We plan to continue promoting the good points in our current legislation to dispel some of the myths that exist with all successful Members of Parliament after the election.

Of interest lately is that a researcher from Geneva visited New Zealand recently to discuss why New Zealand has such a good record in regard to firearms related deaths given we were rated with a high percentage of firearm ownership per 100,000 of population. It is recognized internationally that our high ownership rate of firearms has not resulted in high death rate by firearms.

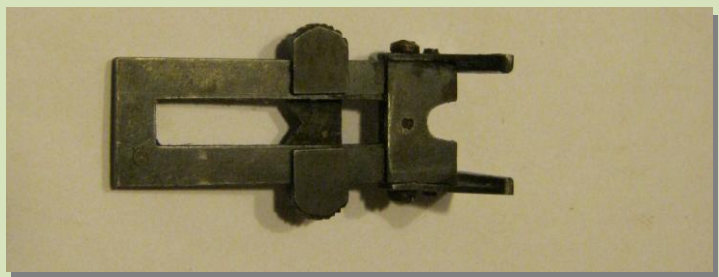
All the best, Michael Dowling

Chair COLFO

## MYSTERY OBJECT

Left hand picture below (F), answers please to [oilrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilrag@xtra.co.nz)

No-one came up with an answer for Novembers Mystery Object,(below right) which was a clip on rear sight for a Westley Richards, Monkey Tail Sporting Rifle.



Vickers tool



WR sight mounted

More information on the October Mystery Object (above left), from Paulus: "This tool is for adjusting the tension Fuzzee spring pressure for a Vickers Machine Gun in the field, the pointed tool bit is used to open up the Vickers belt to insert missing or jammed bullets, this tool was never used on a Lewis Guns. What's more it is complete".



## **GUN REVIEW**, by Phil Cregeen.

This month we have another Carbine, but something more recent, a US Carbine .30 Cal. M 1. A gas operated semi automatic, with a 15 round magazine, it has an unloaded weight of just over 5 Lbs and a length of 36 in. and barrel length of 18 in. It fires a special .30 calibre round with a muzzle velocity of 1,900 ft/sec. and has an effective range of 300 yds.



This M1 carbine was manufactured by Inland Division of General Motors in May 1944 and is complete with 15 round magazine, bayonet lug, sling and oil bottle. This late model has a rear sight adjustable for both elevation and windage.

The M1 carbine was developed as a more effective personal weapon for rear echelon troops to replace the M1911 .45 cal Pistol. The Pistol had an effective range of 25 yds which gave troops little chance when confronted with an enemy armed with a rifle or SMG, however a light carbine with a range of 300yds would give them a fighting chance. Experienced gained in the field lead to it being used by front line troops where a light handy weapon was required.

In August 1940 Winchester was asked to develop a suitable cartridge and this was achieved in six months. Development of the carbine was put out to competition and after several rounds of testing the winning entry was one designed by David Marshall Williams working for Winchester. A late comer to the competition Winchester produced their first prototype in just 13 days. The Winchester carbine was approved for production in October 1941, and contracts awarded to Inland Division of General Motors and Winchester for 336,698 and 350,000 carbines respectively.

On Americas entry into the war the requirement for carbines increased drastically and contracts were awarded to a further 5 contractors: Rock-Ola, Quality Hardware & Machine Co., Irwin Pederson Arms Co., Underwood-Elliott-Fisher Co., Rochester Defense Corp. By the early 1943 the number of main contractors had been increased to 10 with many sub contractors.

As experience was gained in the field, improvements were made which included an adjustable rear sight, bayonet lug for M 4 Bayonet and improved safety catch. Also a folding stock for paratroopers (M1A1) and in 1944 a selective fire version (M 2) with 30 round magazine was produced. By the end of the war total production was 6,117,827, Inland Division being the largest producer at 2,642,097.

Between March 1944 and September 1945, 22,506 M 1s, 2,104 M1A1s and 753 M2 were supplied to Britain under the Lend Lease agreement.

After the war most carbines were refurbished and over five million supplied to foreign governments in aid programmes.

New Zealand soldiers have been reported to have been armed with the M1 in various conflicts including in the Solomon Islands in WW II, Korea, Borneo and Vietnam. One member recalls seeing M1 Carbines in the armoury at Waiouru in the late 1970s. If any members have first-hand experience of using the M1 in the NZ military or photos of NZ soldiers armed with this carbine I would be pleased to hear from you.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **2012**

7 & 8 January	Northland Branch Invitation Shoot, Oromahoe
26 February	Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
17 March	Hawkes Bay Branch Auction, Napier
24 March	NZAHAA National Shoot, Auckland
31 March & 1 April	Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
21 April	NZAHAA AGM & Auction, hosted by South Canterbury Branch, Timaru
19 & 20 May	Ted Rogers Militaria auction, Kilbirnie
23 June	Whangarei Hunting Shooting & Fishing Show
1 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
7 & 8 July	Wellington Branch Auction
21 July	Mainland Arms Gun Show, Christchurch

## **WEBSITE**

This website may be of interest to Lee Enfield Collectors:

<http://www.enfieldresource.com/2012-complete-book-lee-enfield-accurizing>

Thanks to Kevin Hussey



## **2012 NATIONAL SHOOT**

The National Shoot for 2012 will be held in Auckland on Saturday the 24th of March 2012 at the Deerstalkers Range in the Riverhead Forest.

There will be a full range of matches to cater for all tastes, from .22 cadet rifle to MSSA, blackpowder to smokeless, muzzleloader to cartridge.

To allow us to tailor the day to suit participants, please advise your interest by contacting John Collins at the address below.

A program of events with range location will be sent to interested parties early next year and notified in the Gazette and e-gazette.

## **NATIONAL SHOOT TROPHIES**

To enable the preparation and engraving of the National Shoot Trophies, could those holding them please contact John Collins to arrange for their collection.

Contact Details:

John Collins [jcollins@orcon.net.nz](mailto:jcollins@orcon.net.nz)  
PO Box 10186, Dominion Rd PO, Mt Eden, Auckland 1446  
(09) 638 6201

## **NZAHAA 2012 Calendar**

We still have 100 unsold, have you bought one?

Calendars cost \$12.00 each plus \$2.50 P & P for up to 4 Calendars.

They make an ideal Christmas gift.

Send your order with payment to: NZAHAA Calendar, PO Box 275, Whangarei 0140

Thanks to the generosity of Wellington Branch a calendar has been sent to all District Arms officers.

### **AUCKLAND BRANCH GUN SHOW**

**Sunday 1 July 2012**

**Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, Auckland**

**Contact Myles Chandler 021 897 455**

**for bookings**

### **CENTRAL BRANCH – OTOROHANGA**

**Annual Gun Show**

**Sunday 26 February 2012**

**Otorohanga Workingmen's Club**

**Contact Kath Arnold 07 873 8853 for  
bookings**

## BUY SELL OR SWAP (Free advertising for NZAHAA members for 2 months)

**FOR SALE OR TRADE :** U.S. Model 1871 Ward Burton .50 calibre Rifle; U.S. Model 1875 45/70 calibre Lee Vertical Action Rifle; U.S. Navy Model 1895 Winchester Lee 6mm calibre straight pull Rifle; U.S. Model 1903 Rock Island Arsenal Rifle dated 1911 in totally original condition; U.S. WW I Model 1903 Springfield Rifle with 25 round Trench Magazine; Collection of approx 80 British & Australian Lee Enfield Range Sights including many RARE examples.

**WANTED :** British Commonwealth Trials Rifles especially Pattern 1913, No I MK VI & No 4 Trials Rifles; WW I Lattey, Gibbs, Martin, and similar Optical Sights; Rifle Grenade Cups & Spigots, and Wire Cutters & Breakers.

**CONTACT :** Colin Green, 5 Tiffany Grove, Templestowe, Victoria 3106, Australia.

Phone : ....61 3 98462070. Email : [colingreenaust@hotmail.com](mailto:colingreenaust@hotmail.com)

**WANTED.** Recoil spring for 3" Mortar required to complete a restoration project.

If you can assist please email

Andrew [mg34nz@gmail.com](mailto:mg34nz@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** A barrel for a Winchester 1892 cal 32 WCF(32-20) as my rifle has a burst barrel from a previous owner!!

Contact: Steve 0274728328, or 09 8360390.,

E mail: [stevecor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stevecor@xtra.co.nz)

**WANTED:** M1 Carbine cleaning rod/kit M8

Bayonet for M1 Carbine M 4.

Contact : Phil 09 430 6588, e-mail: [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)

## GAZETTE

**Dec 2005 to Dec 2011**

Back issues available from the

National Secretary

Cost \$5.00 each, plus \$2.5 P&P up to 4 copies

Note: March 2006 sold out

**WANTED.** I am writing from Canada to inquire whether any of your members would be willing to sell a Lee-Metford MK 1 or MK 1\* rifle in VG or better condition. I am willing to pay very handsomely for the rifle. I have noticed that, in your last auction, 2 such rifles were sold. I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide in this matter. Best regards, Stephen Tuttle.

Reply to: [oilyrag@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oilyrag@xtra.co.nz)

## STOLEN MEDALS

**The National Army Museum has provided a list of medals still missing from those stolen by Keith Davies.**

**See separate PFD File with this e-Gazette**

**Send any information to: Adam Moriarty / Assistant Curator of Heraldry / National Army Museum**  
PO Box 45, Waiouru, New Zealand  
P. 0064 6 3876911 extn 218 / F. 0064 6 3876319  
E. [Adam.Moriarty@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:Adam.Moriarty@nzdf.mil.nz)



## Wellington Branch Auction

**7 & 8 July 2012**

We are currently seeking lots

And will be picking up in both North and South  
Island during February.

Contact Steve Privett

04 9342756 or 027 4411785

or e-mail [steveprivett@paradise.net.nz](mailto:steveprivett@paradise.net.nz)

## SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH

**Annual Auction**

**Saturday 21 April 2012**

We are currently seeking lots, in particular: military  
rifles, machine guns and handguns.

Phone: 03 6157 673 (day) 03 686 6884 (evening)

**NZAHAAI Hawkes Bay Branch in  
conjunction with the Hawkes Bay  
Chapter of IMAS**

**are calling for quality lots for an**

**AUCTION**

**to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.**

**Vendor & Buyer commission will be 5%.**

**Venue: Clive Rugby Club Rooms  
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Delivery of goods to HBAHAA:  
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West Quay  
Ahuriri  
Napier

Contacts: Paul 06 844 7321, E- Mail [jo\\_paul@clear.net.nz](mailto:jo_paul@clear.net.nz)

HBAHAA - Alan 06 835 4425

## Northland Branch

**Invitation Shoot 2012**

**7th & 8th January**

**At Oromahoe Range, as per last year.**

(map and shoot programme available)

**Camping at the range encouraged, but you  
must be self sufficient. Spit roast supplied on  
Saturday night.**

**Organised events on Saturday with prizes, and  
the usual evening auction. So bring along your  
excess stuff!**

**All members and families are welcome.**

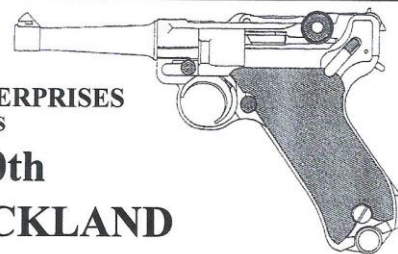
**Fee \$20 for weekend.**

**For details contact:**

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## THE 30th AUCKLAND ARMS FAIR



**SAT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH & SUN 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2012**

HOURS: SATURDAY 9.00am - 5.00pm SUNDAY 10.00am - 4.00pm

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