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New Zealand Antique & Historical Arms Association Inc. # 6 June 2011

EDITORIAL

I had a fantastic trekking holiday in Nepal, I have written an article, if you are interested in reading it, send me an e-mail.

Now to more pressing matters: The **Arms (MSSA & Import Controls) Amendment Bill 2011** has had its first reading and submissions have been called for. While associations such as ours will be making a submission it is important that as many firearm owners as possible make their own individual submissions to reinforce our arguments. **Submissions close on 16 June.** Note this Bill is not about MSSAs but about making more semi-automatic rifles into MSSAs.

Congratulations to Rex Hill our new Gazette Editor on his first edition of our magazine. It contains some interesting articles and will be in the mail to you within the week.

If you have comments to make or news or articles to contribute, send them to oilrag@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 oilrag@xtra.co.nz

ARMS (MSSA & IMPORT CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL 2011

These are some of the points that you could make in your submission:

- The Bill as written is confusing, even to MPs themselves and should be withdrawn.
- The ability for Police to change the definition of an MSSA by regulation will lead to confusion.
- If it is acceptable for the magazine capacity of a semi-automatic rifle to appear to be 10 rounds then its actual capacity should be 10 rounds.
- There is no evidence to indicate that soft air guns or imitation firearms are a threat to public safety.
- Any problems associated with soft air guns would be better addresses by educating the public.
- Criminal use of imitation firearms should be dealt with by harsher penalties.
- Parliament should consult with Firearm users in drafting this type of legislation.

Definition: "the quality of having clear, precise limits of form". This is something that the drafter of this Bill has failed to realise.

Visit this link to see the first reading of the bill and other MPs comments:

<http://inthehouse.co.nz/node/8660>

See the how to write a submission guide attached as a pdf file with this e-Gazette, it is not difficult. **It is very important that as many people as possible make submissions which must be in your own words, not copied from someone else, to be effective.**

WANTED

The NZAHAA Inc. is seeking a new person to take over the Secretary/Treasurer support contract commencing in January 2012.

The fee for this contract is subject to negotiation.

Expressions of interest from those interested in applying for this position should be sent to:

National Secretary
NZAHAA Inc
PO Box 275
Whangarei 0140

e-mail: info@nzahaa.org.nz

Closing date 1 August 2011



Webley RIC 1st Model 1867 calibre 0.442



Chairman's report for the Council of Licensed Firearm Owners - 16th of April 2011.

The past year has had a moderate level of activity for the Council, meeting six times through the year.

I would like to thank the representatives from the national associations which make up the Council: Andre Doyle for National Rifle Association NZ; Bill Wright and Gary Burch for Pistol; NZ Gary Howat for NZ Black Powder Federation; Lech Beltowski for Sporting Shooters Association NZ; Kath Arnold and Steve Privett for NZ Antique and Historical Arms Association; John Bryce for NZ Service Rifle Association; Stuart Hayman for International Military Arms Society; Paul Clark for NZ Ammunition Co Ltd; Trevor Dyke for NZ Deerstalkers' Association and also as Vice Chair; Andre Doyle and Tobin Bradwell as Treasurer and Dianne Brown as Executive Secretary - for the efforts they have put in over the last year for the benefit of all licensed firearm owners.

Over the year COLFO launched the updated website.

We were involved in discussion around the shelving of the Arms Amendment Bill No 3 and the potential Arms Amendment Bill No 4.

In the last six months, as Chair, I have been writing articles for distribution to member associations and *NZ Guns and Hunting* every two months to give members greater transparency around the activities of the Council, what we are doing to address current issues and what we see as developing issues.

Additionally I, and others, have attended a number of member association AGMs and events to give us greater visibility to members. These include: NZDA AGM, PNZ AGM, NZAHAA AGM, NRA NZ Ballenger Belt final match, Pacific Regional Shooting Championship, Sika Show and Tahr Show. It is our intent to attend the national meetings of member Associations throughout this coming year to give us greater visibility to members.

Internationally we have met with Sporting Shoots Association of Australia in New Zealand; attended a meeting of the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities in Brisbane and one in Las Vegas; and a UN meeting in New York. These meetings have been on the implication of international changes to policy and standardisation of firearms laws that have an impact on the ability for New Zealand firearm owners to purchase either directly themselves, or indirectly through dealers, firearms, ammunition and accessories.

We have approached NZ Clay Target Association and Milsim, a softair and paintball association, to have representatives on the Council. At this date we have not had any nominations.

We have written a number of press releases and have given feedback into multiple UN publications (including the Arms Trade Treaty) which will effect the international transfer of arms and ammunition for competition or hunting events. We have also conducted a comprehensive review of the constitution of the Council to ensure it is current.

Three members of the Council have undergone media training to improve our professionalism and ensure we deliver the message we intend in from on cameras and on the radio.

We have made a couple of TV appearances and had a number of radio interviews taped.

We have met regularly with the police at national level and commenced quarterly meetings on strategic issues. We have also liaised with a number of politicians.

Looking forward it is our intent to promote New Zealand firearms laws internationally at the UN, with the support of the government, as being the best model. We are looking for the chance to enhance these laws at national level as a result of any future Arms Amendment Bills when they arrive.

Michael Dowling

Chair COLFO

P.S. Following the AGM, COLFO has asked all members associations to consider submissions for the Arms Amendment Bill and is co-ordinating a combined submission.

LEE ENFIELD OIL BOTTLES contributed by Grant Soich

http://www.enfield-stuff.com/oilers/oiler_types/oiler_types_index.htm

Your Lee-Enfield oiler was made between 1888 and 1978. There are five different models (or Marks) of oilers. It is easy to tell them apart. We'll show you how to do it in three steps.

Name	Made of	Size (inches/mm)	In production
Mk I	Brass	4.75" / 120mm	1889 - 1891
Mk II	Brass	3.75" / 95mm	1891 - 1899
Mk III	Brass	3.75" / 95mm	1899 - 1906
Mk IV	Brass	3.75" / 95mm	1906 - 1950's
Mk V	Non-brass	3.75" / 95mm	1950's - 1978


STEP ONE

	ROUND TOP OR KNOB TOP?	Mark	Top
		Mk I	KNOB
		Mk II	KNOB
		Mk III	ROUND
		Mk IV	ROUND
		Mk V	ROUND

Official description	Adopted	LoC
Bottle, Oil, Mk I	12 August 1889	LoC 5877
Judging from the official records, it appears that the Mk I oiler was in production for about two years before being superseded by the Mk II. Total rifle production during this time was about 360,000 units.		
Rifle, Magazine, Lee-Metford, Bottle, Oil, (Mk II)	20 August 1891	LoC 6761
This oiler was replaced by the Mk III in 1899. Approximately 1.5 Million rifles (presumably with oilers) were produced during this time.		

	<p>All Mk I & Mk II oilers have a knob top. The Mk I oiler is one inch longer. Many oilers have Armourers' marks on the cap and side.</p>	
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STEP TWO

	ROUND BOTTOM OR FLAT BOTTOM?	Mark	Bottom
		Mk I	ROUND
		Mk II	ROUND
		Mk III	ROUND
		Mk IV	FLAT
		Mk V	FLAT

Official description	Adopted	LoC
Bottle, Oil, Mk III	19 December 1899	LoC 10122

The Mk III oiler has a much larger mouth than it's predecessors, as well as a rounded top and a shallow spoon to put oil on the rifle. It retains the slightly convex (rounded) bottom of the earlier models.

Bottle, Oil, Mk IV	22 March 1906	LoC 13470
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Finally, in 1906, someone figures out that a flat-bottomed oiler will stand up where you put it, instead of falling over. The design will remain unchanged for another forty years. This is the most common oiler and remained in production at least until the 1950's.



There is no discernible difference between the Mk III and Mk IV caps and spoons. There may be slight differences by manufacturer.



Occasionally one encounters **steel** or **recessed** caps on Mk IV oilers. These are WWI economy measures. The **steel caps** are unique to WWI **WESTERN ELECTRIC** oilers; the recessed caps sometimes show a **HARCOURT** patent mark.



Steel caps are a scarce find as many have succumbed to rust.

STEP THREE



**BRASS
OR
NON-
BRASS?**

Mark	Material
Mk I	BRASS
Mk II	BRASS
Mk III	BRASS
Mk IV	BRASS
Mk V	NON- BRASS

Official description	Adopted	LoC
Bottle, Oil, Mk V	WWII	Unknown

Approved during WWII as a production economy, the Mk V oiler is generally plastic, Bakelite, or steel, often without inspection or easily recognized makers' markings. There are many variations of spoons. Generally, the amber or translucent oilers tend to be much later post-war production.

That's it! Three easy steps and you, too, can impress your family, awe your friends, win bar bets and save Western Civilization with your knowledge of Enfield oilers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25 June	SSANZ Gun Show, Whangarei
3 July	Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
16 July	Gun Show, Christchurch
30 & 31 July	Wellington Branch Auction, Wellington
20 & 21 August	Tauranga Gun Show
4 September	Collector Grade Arms NZ Ltd Auction, Auckland
10 September	Hunting & Shooting Expo, Hamilton
24 September	HYGM & Auction hosted by Canterbury Branch, Christchurch
5 November	Rogers Militaria Auction, Wellington
12 & 13 November	Armistice in Cambridge



Lanchester Mk I*, Calibre 9mm, made by Sterling Armament Co. Northampton, 1943

Issued to the Royal Navy and used by Boarding Parties.

Which lead to the saying “there is nothing more dangerous than Jolly Jack armed with a Lanchester”

INTERSTING BAYONET (Photos by Phil Cregeen)

The bayonet of interest this month is the middle one of the three shown in the photos. This is a Pattern 1876 Martini Henry bayonet that has been bushed to fit the Martini Enfield 303 rifle. The top has been removed from the socket ring to allow it to fit over the higher fore-sight. When fitted the bayonet is to the right of the rifle, rather than below as is normal with the Pat '95 and Martini Enfield.



**Pat 1895
M E**

**Bushed Pat 1876
M E**

**Pat 1876
M H**

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

INFORMATION REQUEST

Do you know what the unit marking RNG over L/41 denotes. It is on a the underside of the magazine housing of a Commercial Sterling 9 mm SMG, Mk II, manufactured in March 1955.

Answers to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz please.

MYSTERY OBJECT

My thanks to Bill Lowry for submitting this month's mystery object, below right. What is it? Send your answer to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last month's mystery object, below left, was correctly identified by Grahame Atkinson, who said "Mystery item supplied by Bill Lowry is a WW2 Escape compass, these escape compasses were sewn into jacket collars etc."



Bill Lowry wrote: The May Mystery object was a WW2 Escape Compass Needle.

The needle was disguised as collar stay, the stiffener sown into the collars of most shirts.

Normally, a pair of these escape compasses, wrapped in tissue, were sown into the uniforms of operational flight crews and were used to "find their way out" in the event of being forced down and/or escaping from captivity.

In this case, the needle is suspended from a fine thread and aloud to stabilise. The pointer could also be lowered into a glass of water to "dampen" the swing of the needle. The North end of the compass has two holes filled with luminous paint while the South end has only one.

Do you have some mystery objects in your collection? Please send photos to the editor.

Can you fill this space?

A short report about your Branch activities/auction.

A photo of an item from your collection.

Have you taken a photo for the 2012 Calendar?

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FOR SALE: Lee Enfield Mk I* Sparkbrook 1901 Complete in all respect, non matching Nos. Good condition except for some surface pitting on muzzle end of barrel & 2 small holes in left side of stock. Marked N^Z 5557/E 14 on butt plate. Bore quite good. Price \$550.

Contact: Phil 09 430 6588 oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

WANTED: Parker Hale sights PH4 aperture and PH2 Fore sights for the No4 Mk 1 ,

Mosin Nagant reloading dies and cases .

CONTACT Tony Allnutt: tonyallnutt@gmail.com

***WANTED:** Barrel for a Mod 92, 32-20

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