



# Flint & Cap

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## Coming Events:

**Next Meeting:** 4 June 2017  
**Theme Letters:** K and L

**Following Meeting:** 2 July 2017  
**Theme Letters:** M and N

### **Kaitoke Range:**

**Next Club Shoot:** 17 Sept 2017  
**Note— No shooting over Winter**

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## From the Branch President:

### **ANZAC Day 2017 at the Petone Working Men's Club.**

Once again we had an outstanding display with eight or so people putting on displays and exhibits. This year, we were set up downstairs in the upper level of the restaurant. All went well with many ex service people and current service personnel being impressed with the club display.

We had every thing set out by about 9:30, and the people started coming along for a look. Items on display included, badges, medals, military china, holsters, sectionalized large cal ammo, helmets, surgical tools, armourers tools, bayonets and knives, a large assortment of firearms, paper documents, and a model boat.

As said earlier, the ANZAC display was well received by all that came and had a look with many memories coming back. A big thank you must go to the people who brought an item or more along and the extra people that helped in the afternoon with both the keeping an eye on things and the pack up.

### **Monthly displays.**

Over the years I have often commented on the quality of some of the items that turn up at our monthly meetings. Recent meetings certainly have not been any exception. We all look at the displays, smile and carry on to the next display. How would people feel if we asked just one person to talk on their item or display? I see this as a way for us all to learn a wee bit more about many different things that we all get to see. Give it some thought, and let me know at the next meeting.

*Alwyn*



Browning No.1 Mk1  
High Power  
Cal = 9mm

Made in Canada  
by John Inglis & Co

## What's happening in the Branch?:

### Next Meeting:

**Sunday, 4th June 2017 in the Petone Working Men's Club.**

Theme Letters: **K**— Kings Crown, Kingdom, Kilo, Knife, Knight, Kentucky, etc  
eg **L**— Line, Ljungman, Luger, Leman, Lyman, Lee Enfield, etc  
Or bring a display of your choosing

### What's happening in the other Branches?:

**10 June SSANZ Gun Show** Whangarei

**2 July Auckland Branch Gun Show**

**15-16 July Wellington Branch Auction**

**22 July Mainland Arms and Militaria Show** Christchurch

**19-20 Aug Tauranga Arms and Militaria Show**

**23 Sept NZAHAA Half Year Meeting and Auction** Wellington

## 2017 Branch July Auction

Our annual branch auction is on the **14th, to 16th July**.

Once again, we have an amazing selection of goodies on offer, and the auction team have put in hours of work cataloguing the items. **Now we are asking for your help.** To run the auction on the day is a huge task, the set up, checking items, security, sleep over, administration, catering, Tender Tables, dispatch over the weekend, and postal wrap to name just a few tasks. We really do need your help in so many different ways.

Additionally I would remind you that it is your club; and all of the benefits and activities you enjoy are all paid for by the auction. So please really make an effort to give a hand in some way over the auction days. We will be having a list for helpers and times at the next two meetings, or else contact Alwyn or Vic.

### Key Times we need helpers for are:

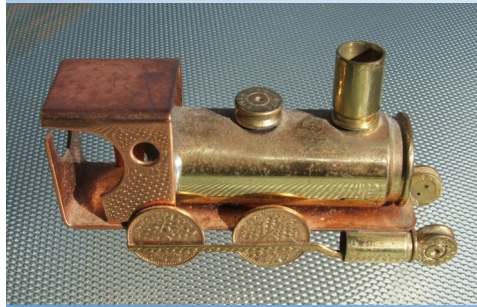
Friday 14th:	09:00 to 17:00	set-up
	17:00 to 21:00	viewing
Saturday 15th	07:00 to 09:00	viewing
	09:00 to 17:00	auction
Sunday 16th	07:00 to 09:00	viewing
	09:00 to Finish	auction
	After last lot:	clean-up
Monday 17th	09:00 on	wrapping of postal bids

## A New Blunderbuss

At the May meeting there was a 4 bore Blunderbuss. You may be interested that it is not made from a kit, and that it was actually custom made by one of our members (Craig). He had turned the barrel out of a solid piece of 4140 steel, and had sand cast and shaped the brass accessories. The stock is from a Black Walnut branch from a tree he had felled. 4 bore is actually a 1" barrel, opening out to 3". The recoil from such a beast will be massive. A very nice looking gun indeed though.



## Interesting Trench Art



An interesting piece of trench art that came out of Rhodesia. How many bullet cases can you recognise?

## QEII US Marines Hut Restored

One of our members (Barry) has been involved with a local Kapiti mens group (MenZshed) to restore a WW2 US Marines 4 man hut from McKayes Crossing (in what is now QEII Park).

When WW2 ended the huts were sold off as surplus and used as garden sheds and the such. Few survived. Last year the Kapiti Marines Trust was donated a bach made from three of these old 4 man huts. They commissioned MenZshed, to re-build an authentic hut as per WWII for a display and memorial. Barry helped them demolish the old bach and salvage enough parts to build the hut you see. But a lot of the wood was beyond salvage and new parts were made. The restoration took place at the clubs Waikanae shed. The green hut was then moved back to a special place behind the existing white Marine Memorial at QEII Park where it is now on display.





## May Meeting

The May meeting had the themes **I and J** and I thought members would be struggling to find subjects—but I was wrong. We got many great displays and a good turnout.



Japanese Arisakas.  
Type 38 6.5mm  
Type 38 Carbine  
Type 99 7.7mm

Images of War

Steriograph viewer with  
Boer War Sterio cards



Imperial Japanese  
headdress and  
insignia

Walther P38 9mm  
50th year Anniversary Model  
1938—1988

Came with case  
and has gold trigger  
and hammer



East India Pattern  
Muskets.  
Patt 56 Cavalry  
Carbine plus  
Brown Bess's

Cased Webley  
made by Chas Ingram  
of Glasgow .  
442 cal,  
double action



Israeli issued FN  
FALs, including parts  
and night vision  
scope



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What is it? It's about 6' long and 6-8" wide.  
Turns out it is a Maori Waka Paddle or 'Hoe'



Persian Armour, helmet, shield,  
knives etc, plus Katar Push dagger



Indian made Ammo.  
Snider buckshot,  
577-450 577-476,  
303, 308 and .455

Imperial German 9mm  
Artillery Luger with  
holster and cleaning  
gear, shoulder holster  
plus Iron Cross,  
Belt Buckle  
and FN .25 Cal pistol



Cased Pistol made by  
Robert Jones,  
48 bore or .45  
with a mould, flask,  
turnscrew etc.

Ivanhoe?  
Scratch made or Custom made  
model of a mounted knight  
with a Jousting lance.  
Model stands about 30cm high



Jeffery's .256 Mannlicher sporting rifle , built in 1896.  
Action is derived from the GEW88. Note the rear sight on the  
barrel and the flip-up peep sight on the back of the bolt.





## If Guns could talk



## STEN Gun Trivia



The STEN Gun is also an iconic WW2 SMG of the British, Commonwealth and other armies . It was used from 1941 ,through WW2 and later. But how many of you know where it came from, and what the word **STEN** means? The chief designers were **Major Reginald V. Shepherd** and **Harold Turpin**. It was quickly designed in 1940 to counter the threat of German invasion and first produced in 1941. The Stens were designed to also use German MP-38 magazines. Cal 9x19mm. Rate of fire was 5 to 600 rpm. Effective range was 70m.



There were 6 Marks of Sten put into production, and another two Marks of suppressed Sten. All up there were about 4.6 million Stens made of all Marks. Mk. I, II, IIS, III, IV, V, VI

And it was finally withdrawn in the 1960's.

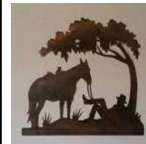
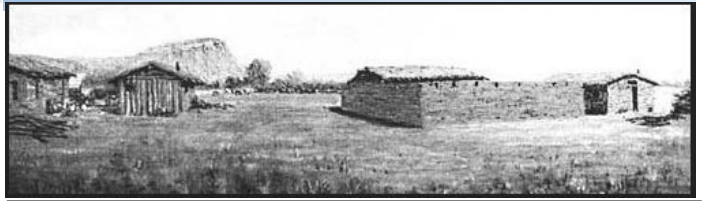
And what of the name **STEN** ?

The **S** was derived from **Major Reginald V. Shepherd**

the **T** is from **Harold Turpin**

the **EN** is from **Enfield**.

## It Happened This Month in 1874



In 1874 the **2nd Battle of Adobe Walls** was really only a minor skirmish in the history of the Wild West and barely worthy of mention, **except for one amazing shot.**

28 men and one woman were holed up in a small trading post called 'Adobe Walls' , 15 miles northeast of Stinnett on the Texas Plains (where buffalo were in abundance).

The group occupied the outpost of five buildings .

They were attacked on June 27, 1874, by a band of over 700 Indians. The stand-off continued into a third day, when a group of Indians were noticed about a mile away east of Adobe Walls. **Billy Dixon** (a 24 year old buffalo hunter) took



aim with a borrowed **.50-90 Sharps** rifle, and on his third shot he knocked an Indian Chief **Quannah Parker** off his horse killing him. Unnerved, the Indians then withdrew and left the settlement alone.

Billy Dixon went into the history books for firing "**The Shot of the Century**" which effectively ended the siege. Several weeks after the

battle Dixon returned to the battle site with US Army surveyors, and **they measured the shot at 1538 yards.** Although Dixon states in his biography that it was a "scratch shot", he is still honoured to this day with competitions in England and the US that attempt to match his skill.



### Postscript:

In 1992 Mike Venturino (a black powder writer and shooter) was invited to bring a Sharps 50-90 (like Billy Dixons) to the US Army weapons proving grounds at Yuma in Arizona .

One of the army scientists had written a paper that stated that Dixon's shot was impossible because a 50/90 Sharps could not shoot a 675 grain bullet past 1500 yds, and they wanted to test it . The scientists set the Sharps in the shooting frame at 35 degrees and the shots were monitored with radar.

**The 50/90 bullet actually travelled 3600 yards!**

And to achieve the 1500 yard shot of Dixon's it only required the barrel to incline 4.5 or 5 degrees.

So, did Billy Dixon do it? He himself said it was luck; but the radar said it was certainly possible.