



Flint & Cap

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Coming Events:

Next Meeting: 6 August 2017
Theme Letters: O and P

Following Meeting: 3 Sept 2017
Theme Letters: Q, R, and S

Kaitoke Range:

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

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From the Branch President:

As you will all be aware, we have just had our annual club auction. The cold snap, and transport cancellations was a concern for me, but the keen punters certainly turned up. What a success, and a big thanks to the small number of people that made it happen.



I trust we will see a few new treasures at the meetings over the next few months.

I have had the opportunity to invite a local National party politician to one of our meetings. His name is **Chris Bishop**, and he is a local Lower Hutt National Party M.P. He might pop in and see us some time. (I have invited him to our August meeting). If he comes, he may wish to say a few words, please be polite and respectful.

Our next big NZAHAA event, the **NZAHAA Half yearly A.G.M** is being hosted by our branch on **Saturday 23rd Sept**, and this is quickly creeping up on us. The meeting and auction will be held at the St Pats school hall in Kilbirnie. Once again, we will be asking for your help to make this event a success.

Alwyn



Cased Thomas Manton
16 bore double barrel
shotgun bore double
barrel shotgun with
shot and powder
dispensers.

Circa 1817 to 1820

What's happening in the Branch?:

Next Meeting:

Sunday, 6th August 2017 in the Petone Working Men's Club.

Theme Letters: **O**— Oberndorf, Officer, Off-Hand, Overseas, Order, etc
eg **P**— Pistol, Peruvian, Petrol, Pocket-knife, Primer, etc
Or bring a display of your choosing

What's happening in the other Branches?:

19-20 Aug Tauranga Arms and Militaria Show

2 Sept Ruahine Branch Auction Palmerston North

16 Sept Canterbury Branch Auction & Display

23 Sept NZAHAA Half Year Meeting and Auction Wellington

4-5 Nov Taranaki Gun Show New Plymouth

11-12 Nov Armistice Celebrations Cambridge, Lake Karapero Domain

July Meeting

The July meeting had the themes **M and N**.
Once again there was a range of amazing displays—
stuff that you would rarely see outside a museum.
I would thank all the members who brought items
along and shared them with the club members.

Sappers & Miners Lancaster Oval Bore 26 Bore Carbine and
Bayonet

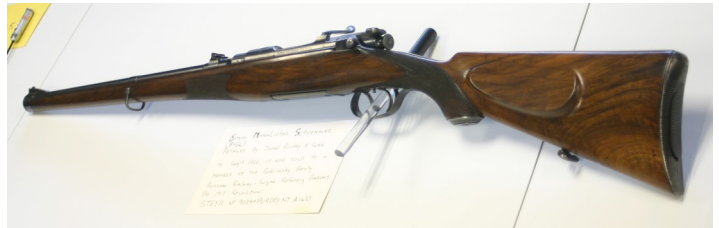


Mauser 98 G33/40 Carbine 1940 code 945 Brno
with bayonet and cleaning kit



8mm Mannlicher Schoenauer 8x56
retailed by James Purdy & Son in Sept 1920.

It was first sold to a member of the Bobrinsky Family , Russian
Railway and sugar Refinery Barons pre the 1917 Revolution.
Steyr No 9039 Purdy no A1433



Norma African Cartridge Collection Display Board



Norma memorabilia



Medals :set of 5 to Bill Fabian.
He was in the 26 Battery in
charge of the horses.
Lloyd Alexander Theyers of
24 Battery, he was also was a
2nd Officer on the ship Lorient .

Magnetic Pump Drive
for chemicals and
magnetic metal work
holding magnets



Westley Richards Monkey Tail Carbine, Patt No.5 of 1866.
Enfield manufactured 19000 of these from 1866, .451 cal



Nippon Times – 'End of WW2 Japanese Surrender'
souvenir handkerchief made of parachute silk.



July Meeting Continued



Horatio Nelson
book and
miniature
models

Navy L1A1 rifles. L1A1 with Estapol Polyurethane woodwork, plus L1A1 with brass disk fitted with L1A2 Grenade and line throwing device



Martini Henry Rifle and Bayonet and Martini Enfield 1891 II



RCMP
Royal Canadian Mounted
Police (Mounties) badges,

Colt New Service revolver
.450 cal 1915

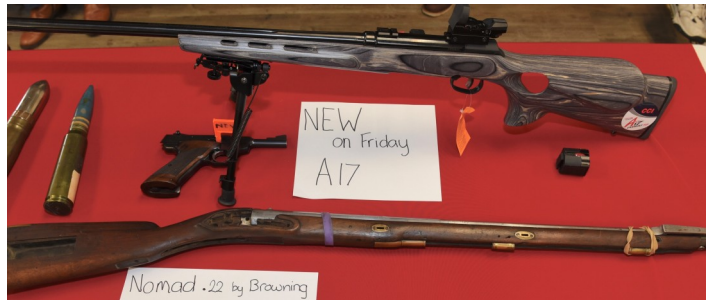
Plants Patent revolver in
.42 cal.
10,000 revolvers were made in
various calibres

08 Maximum
One of 2400 issued as War Trophies to NZ towns and cities
after WW1



Nomad .22 pistol by Browning (made 1962-74)

New on Friday, A17 Savage semi auto. Owner waited a year for
.one with a laminated stock. Plus 30mm & 40mm ordinance.
Old military muzzle loader in .68 Cal



Moroccan/ North African Flintlock, powder flask, knives, etc



Nimrod 16g German Reloading Tools and accessories



Mauser Pistol model 10/34 in 7.65 cal (.32 ACP).
It was adopted by German armed forces as a substitute
standard and also was used by various police and security
forces. Key German military buyers for Mauser 1934 pistols
were Kriegsmarine (Navy) and Luftwaffe (Air force).



2017 Branch July Auction

Well the big event—the Auction has come and gone. There was something for everyone to buy—a multitude of treasures. I hope you all had lots of fun attending and supporting it. A massive thank you to Steve, Alwyn, Vic and all the other Auction Team members who put in so



much effort to have it happen again this year.

Also, big thanks to the apprentice Auction Helper (Carmen), who held up many of the items over the two days. She received a special certificate at the end.

After the Auction



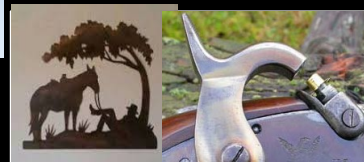
A Tale from an AAA Auction



Here's a story about a rifle shown at the last meeting. Hopefully this tale will give hope to those who have ever had a precious item stolen and never returned. In **1977** I bought this rifle (Carbine) in 8x57J from Din Collings. Din said it was a Mannlicher Carbine, and that is what I always called it. At the time it had double set triggers, a flip up peep sight on the back of the bolt and a side mount. I put a Kahles 4x scope on it. For 15 years I hunted and shot in NZDA competitions with this rifle. Then in **1992** after the new gun laws came in I secured it away. Alas I got burgled in **1993** and my new security became a target for the burglars. The sad thing was that the bolt was in my safe and they never got that; but they took the rifle anyway. I waited 10 years hoping that the rifle would turn up, but it never did, and I finally sold the bolt in **2003**. Fast forward another 11 years to **2014** and low and behold my old rifle is on our Tender Tables. It was missing lots of bits (like the side mount, bolt, triggers, trigger guard, magazine, sling swivels etc); but was definitely my old rifle; so I immediately bought it. I scrounged parts from all around the world to put it back together. (luckily Graham Champion in NZ had a bolt). So, will I shoot it again—who knows. But it is back in my possession and it brings back lots of old memories.

So, as you go round the auctions keep your eyes open and you never know what will turn up

It Happened around 1820



The **percussion cap**, introduced circa 1820, was the crucial invention that enabled muzzle loading firearms to fire

reliably in any weather.

This gave rise to the caplock or percussionlock system. Before this firearms used flintlock ignition systems that produced flint-on-steel sparks to ignite a pan of priming powder and thereby fire the gun's main powder charge (the flintlock). Flintlocks were prone to misfire in wet weather, and many flintlock firearms were later converted.

Joshua Shaw, an English-born American, is sometimes credited with the development of the first metallic percussion cap in 1814, but his claim remains clouded with controversy as he did not patent the idea until 1822. Furthermore, according to Lewis Winant, the US government's decision to award Shaw \$25,000 as compensation for his invention was actually a mistake. Congress believed Shaw's patent was the earliest and awarded him a large sum of money based on this belief. However, a claim for the percussion cap was filed in 1819 and granted in 1820 as an addition to an 1818 patent by Francois Prelat, two years before Shaw's patent.

This doesn't necessarily make Prelat the inventor however, as he made a habit of copying English patents and inventions at the time and the mode of operation he describes is flawed. According to historian Sidney James Gooding, the most likely inventor of the percussion cap is Joseph Egg, around 1817. Shaw's percussion caps used a mixture of fulminate of mercury, chlorate of potash, and ground glass contained in a small metallic cup. Other possible claimants include Joseph Manton and Col. Peter Hawker. This invention was gradually improved, and came to be used, first in a steel cap, and then in a copper cap, by various gunmakers and private individuals before coming into general military use nearly thirty years later.

The Percussion cap later evolved into the cartridge primer.