



# Flint & Cap

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## Generals' Orders from the President

I would like to touch base on a few highlights from our AGM:

Congratulate yourselves on another exciting year. Our monthly meetings were always well attended and the displays were entertaining and as well as interesting.

We have members who travel from the Wairapapa and from the other direction of Rangitiki just to enjoy the afternoon

Our Club range days were well attended by a core of people... Geoff C. made a nice trophy for the ..22 cadet rifle match to be contested at our next christmas family fun day 2012...

The club auction was an absolute rip snorter! It was not only seen as a world class auction here in N.Z., but was also reconized in Australia. We had a record number of people who attended.

Many future events are underway: We will have our annual club auction with in excess of 1200 lots this July.

We have Scott organizing a trip to the Waiouru Army museum in Sept.

We have booked the Lower Hutt Horticultural Hall hosting another gun show in February 2013.

We have Rex compiling the national gazette which is becoming a publication of first class standard. Pam is also doing an exellent job for our own Flint and Cap newsletter.

For many, these activities "just happen", however a phenomenal amount of work is put in by a very small core of people that make this club what it is. And I wish to thank these people for their amazing efforts.

And I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage others of our membership to step up and volunteer. We have an awesome opportunity to become even better this year.

You can approach any of the committee or come see me and we can get you involved for as long as you want.

Alwyn

## RANGE CALENDAR

Eye and Ear Protection is mandatory (Don't forget)

Range Calendar is available at:

<http://www.hvnzda.org.nz/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/ClubRange/HomePage>

- 29th April
  - 16th September
  - 14th October
  - 11th November
  - 16th December
- XMAS Shoot & BBQ

## Dispatches from Headquarters

JUST IN CASE YOU DIDN'T SEE THE  
LAST 3 NEWSLETTERS...

**LAST CALL FOR SUBS**  
NO MORE DISCOUNTS,  
PAY UP OR LOSE OUT.

If there's any issues with your invoice, details or paying please see me or send an email to:

[secretary@nzaaawgtn.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzaaawgtn.org.nz)

...and please send me an email if you are depositing your subs into the BANK directly, as this takes some time to get through our system. **DON'T FORGET TO TAG THE DIRECT PAYMENT WITH YOUR LAST NAME AND BE PATIENT!**

Scott

## NZA&HAA WN Branch Inc 2012 AGM

Please take a minute and look at the new committee at the beginning of this newsletter.

We have two new people listed on the committee; Pat P. and Mike G. and we look forward to some new fresh ideas. John W and Bruce C stood down due to other commitments and we want to extend our thanks to these two for their efforts and support during their time on the committee.

Vic C has stepped up to the VP task again, and Terry A. has stepped down as VP taking a role as a committee member. All other positions are as last year, with no positions being contested.

Many thanks to all of those who have put their time and effort in during 2011. You are appreciated and all our membership benefitted. To the rest of you... when you can give a hand where you can, whether it be articles for our newsletter (or for Rex for the Gazette), assistance at our main Auction or just helping because you have some extra time, it's all appreciated. And from what we hear, our branch is becoming reconized as one of the best in NZ.

We wouldn't be where we are today without this

volunteer effort so for those of you that would consider volunteering this year, we would appreciate your enqueries.

And thanks to Margaret for a massive effort in getting all the financials documented, for answering the 101 questions the auditors had in order to sign off 2009, 2010, and the final push for 2011.

Thanks to Steve and Alwyn for their massive effort in getting things organized for our July Auction, and this includes their band of helpers in cataloguing etc. Looks like we may have another great year...

Thanks to Pam for her effort in the changes of our monthly newsletter.

Best of all, great news... our subs will remain at \$25.00 for 2013. We can't speak for the National subs but I'm sure Steve and Alwyn will push for a sensible outcome when they attend the National AGM in April.

Keep your powder dry, your nerve steady and your shot true.

Scott

## Signals & Posts from the Secretary

### 2012 Trip to Waiouru Army Museum

We are planning a trip to the Waiouru Army museum. And at this stage it looks as though we will get to see parts of the museum not generally open to the Public.

Our tentative date is the 15th September. We're hoping to leave around 7am with the return close to 8pm.

If you are interested please give your name to Scott. Depending on the number of people interested we will have a minivan, possibly a bus or two private cars!

Costs are dependant on the numbers signing up, so our approx. cost is as follows:

Between \$20-\$40 transport w/ addl: \$15 entry fee  
Bring your own refreshments or you can buy your own lunch at the Museum Café.

Scott



**The letters for March were E & F  
but because of the AGM  
we will carry these letters onto  
next month!**

**And the treasures for the  
Mickey Mouse Auction were spectacular!**



An interesting "F" design. A Model 1900 Remington rifle with pistols including a Baby FN .25 cal.



A 1941 & 1942 Lee Enfield MkIII



A green plate, some very nicely wrapped DVD's, a beautifully framed map (probably of a foreign country) along with interesting other bits.



Green cameo bags and a foreign object, possibly speakers?



A lovely green chainsaw with a special green bag and two very big beautiful boxes. Does the chainsaw work?



And the best part of the AGM meeting... everyone got fed!  
Looks like I missed a great party!



## OTROHANGA GUN SHOW

A few of us Wellingtonians attended this show. We had a great time looking around and by 10:00am on Sunday, I noticed quite a crowd and as the day progressed all kinds of items were finding new homes.

As we meandered through the show I enjoyed some very interesting displays, but what caught my eye was the military vehicles parked outside, and a number of military L.A.V. type machines rolled into an adjoining carpark.

These machines were opened to the public to have a look inside, which was great for me. The crew members readily answered any questions many of us had.

The Central Branch can put on a good show always worth visiting.

Alwyn

## FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

When allied armies reached the Rhine the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill who made a big show of it and Gen. Patton who had himself photographed in the act.



Any errors, misspellings or mistakes are intentional and for testing members power of focus and comprehension.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 31 March & 1 April Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
- 7 & 8 April NZSRA Champs, Waiohuru
- 21 April NZAHAA AGM & Auction, hosted by South Canterbury Branch, Timaru
- 23rd 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
- 29 & 30 September Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson

## 2013 Gun Show

The Committee has booked the Lower Hutt Agricultural Hall for our Gun Show on the 16th & 17th February 2013.

Start thinking about how you can help (ie.put on Displays etc.). If anyone has an interest in this please see Dave.

## DICK TRAVIS SHOOT RESULTS

For those of you who didn't come along to Trentham you missed a great challenge. Whilst you might think it would be boring just lying down popping away at a target but in fact, it flowed thru very quickly and some of the down time was spent figuring out the wind conditions, whether the ammo loads were as good as they could be etc. If you think putting 76 rounds thru a 303 is easy ask a few of the shooters how their shoulders were afterward!!

Some excellent shooting was done as evidenced by 3 possibles at 500 and 600 yards.

Congratulations to Duncan and his crew for putting the show on and I hope more of you come along next year.

Thank you all for your support.

Kind regards  
Duncan McKee

### 300 YARDS 1ST MATCH

1st	Richard L
2nd	John B
3rd	Nicole M

### 300 YARDS 2ND MATCH

1st	John B
2nd	Richard L
3rd	Ewan L

### 500 YARDS 1ST MATCH

1st	John B
2nd	Nicole M
3rd	Duncan M

### 500 YARDS 2ND MATCH

1st	Nicole M
2nd	Ewan L
3rd	Richard L

### 600 YARDS 1ST MATCH

1st	Richard L
2nd	Ewan L
3rd	Duncan M

### 600 YARDS 2ND MATCH

1st	Nicole M
2nd	Richard L
3rd	Michael D

### FINAL SCORES

1st	Richard L
2nd	John B
3rd	Nicole M
Most V-Bulls	Ewan L



PRESENTATION BY DIN C. TO RICHARD L.



GROUP PHOTO



OUR 303 TARGET



EVERYONE ON THE MOUND



## The COLFO Report

Dear Members:

In the last column I considered the statistics for New Zealand of deaths and injury relative the hours of loaded firearm use that occurred in 2008. I estimated there are 1.9 million hours of safe firearms use every year in New Zealand.

In statistical terms there was one accidental death every 8.9 million hours of loaded firearm use, per 100,000 of population.

This time I look at New Zealand's statistics in comparing international death rates. This is not easy because different countries measure in differing ways and title it differently. Although there is a move in recent times to move to a standard international measure has been no long term consistency.

Accidental death is simple to search, however in a number of cases with firearms the shooter is found to be culpable, so the death becomes manslaughter and may result in a conviction, therefore is not recorded as accidental.

In the 2008 year in New Zealand there were 1918 deaths as a result of injury. The majority of these were as a result of motor vehicle accidents, suicide or deliberate self harm, falls, assault or drowning. I have looked at activities that are accidental rather than intentional.

I have prepared two simple tables in the next column comparing data from 2008. The sources are – 'The National Injury Prevention Research Unit at Otago University NZ'; 'The Australian Bureau of Statistics for 2008'; and Canadian Statistics from the 'CANSIM site' for 2008 and 'Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in the USA', whose latest data was 2007 in the same areas. While I considered United Kingdom the data is separated between England, Wales and Northern Ireland with unique issues, so no combined view.

Firstly - in New Zealand firearms are largely in responsible hands. The number of firearm related accidental deaths is small compared to other causes of death such as falls, motor vehicles and drowning. Given the high number of deaths by falling, I am surprised a licensing system has not been suggested for ladders.

In comparison to Australia, in 2008, we have similar levels of firearm related deaths as a percentage of population but we had more unintentional or accidental deaths and less intentional deaths.

Secondly - trying to control accidents through legislation is expensive and ineffective. In my opinion New Zealand's excellent firearms safety record has been achieved and can be improved through three areas;

	Deaths per 100,000 of population in NZ	Deaths per 100,000 of population in NZ	Deaths per 100,000 of population in NZ	Deaths per 100,000 of population in NZ
<i>Unintentional Deaths</i>	30.6	25.5	30.7	41.0
<i>Falls</i>	11.1	6.7	9.3	7.5
<i>Motor vehicle</i>	8.6	7.2	7.9	13.9
<i>Poisoning</i>	2.5	3.7	4.3	9.9
<i>Drowning</i>	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.1
<i>Unintentional firearm deaths</i>	0.09	0.05	0.1	0.2
<i>Firearm related Total</i>	0.16	0.15	0.71	0.4

- Education – such as is offered by the NZ Mountain Safety Council, teaching responsible and safe practice with firearms. If these courses were offered in schools it would reduce the number of airgun accidents, as it has with defensive driving courses with the number of motor vehicle accidents for those who have attended these courses.
- Safe areas for firearms to be used – up to now shooting ranges have been a part of most communities, look at your local map you will find a road called "Rifle Range Road" or similar near most towns. Every district council should plan for shooting ranges to provide a safe training and shooting area for their population,
- Reward compliant behaviour – the "Fit and Proper person" test allows individuals to be assessed for the appropriateness to access firearms as they demonstrate their interest and responsible behaviour - rewarding the right behaviour rather than banning access to firearms. Banning can create a decision cross road for young people to head down a criminal path if it is their only opportunity to pursue an interest.

The point of this baseline is to measure the public safety of responsible firearm owners against their own actions, accidental death and injury, and not against the actions of criminals.

Michael Dowling  
Chair  
COLFO

### APRIL LETTERS ARE E & F again!

We're looking forward  
to these displays,  
be creative and  
have fun!

Venue is Petone  
Working Mens Club  
@ 1:00pm  
First Sunday  
of the month.



USE E'M OR LOSE E'M