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NZAHAA AGM 2012

On Friday, the 20th of April, I attended the NZAHAA management committee meeting in Timaru. This is where the 12 branch reps, President, and National Secretary get together to access the Associations' future direction. Items on the agenda were; a remit on a rule change and a remit on removing life memberships, after discussion both of these were withdrawn. Reports on the national shoot, Colfo and police liaison were other discussion topics.

As chair of the finance committee I had to prepare a report and balance sheet. We have a surplus of \$12,500 and cash reserves of around \$70k, and in my view the association is looking pretty healthy. There was discussion over the calendar and it was decided after this year (where sales hardly broke even), it would be discontinued.

Also discussed was the E-Gazette. This is a great publication, which comes out once a month, and it's **free!!!** If you are not receiving it, forward your email address to the editor at oilyrag@xtra.co.nz and enjoy the read.

The Postal Shoot trophies all went to Canterbury branch out of 6 clubs that entered. Looks like our branch needs to enter the fray and see whether we can change that outcome.

The next morning, Saturday the 21st, I attended the AGM and auction. After roll call, apologies and a moment for deceased members, more reports were read out, and the shooting and literary awards were presented. Next on the agenda, the election of officers, and as there were only two nominations for President and Vice President, Kath Arnold and myself were elected.

After morning tea and viewing, it was time for the auction. The catalogue showed some very nice items on offer, however, bidding was very slow. The reserves on many items might of been too high in my opinion, so quite a few auction lots were passed in (which no one likes to see).

Steve

Generals' Orders from the President

Our Club Auction is close at hand... and we have now closed the doors on anything coming in. It always surprises me what shows up for auction. We have a wide range of interesting items again this year.

We are now asking for helpers over the weekend of the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of July. Several of our senior members struggle with the heavy lifting, so we are asking all of YOU younger members to get involved with the set up. We will have lists available with a range of duties at the May meeting. If you haven't done this before please consider lending a hand. We look forward to the help.

Thanks, Alwyn

The Editors' Touchhole

Hello Everyone! I'm enjoying the feedback from many of you regarding our newsletter. Since I last wrote there has been much more interest in other shooting disciplines, history buffs out there are coming forward, a fella that enjoys airplanes is sending me great stories... very exciting for me to see.

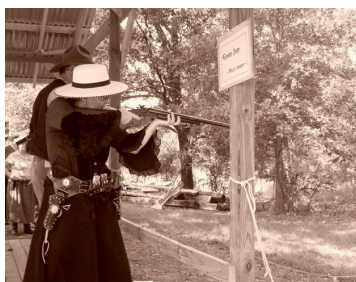
I have had a lot of interest in the display winners. May I suggest that it would be nice for a brief presentation on the subject of your display, but if you do not wish to, or if you are shy, perhaps someone else could do it for you. I know this has been discussed at our last meeting, may I suggest a vote?

Two cowboys not only suggested but actually wrote a piece for this month... and as it goes with cowboys, they did it in true cowboy form so I hope you all enjoy both their articles and the opportunity to see some of their activities outside our regular club stuff.

For myself, I love shooting these old girls and having a laugh when someone comes up to me asking what type gun I'm shooting. I can now rattle off the type, calibre, year, and condition of my gun with ease. Not bad for a city girl that was only allowed a BB gun to play with.

Thank you again everyone for sending me interesting articles...and I'm always keen for another story so keep um' commin...My email is editor@nzaaawgtn.org.nz

Now don't forget....keep your flames dry!
Pam



"Quote of the Day"

"During times of universal deceit, truth becomes a revolutionary act".

George Orwell

The letters for April were E & F

- Eley & Enfield. Enfield Scabbard & Oil Bottle, Eley paper weight including books.
- Enfield Martini 577-450 Cavalry Carbine 1885
- Bargains from Hawkes Bay. Two near new Browning .22's plus German Gew 7.92x57
- Five French Helmets and French WWI medals
- U.S. Gas masks, 6 off with carrying bags.
- Enfield No2 MK1 Revolver and 3 George III era Flintlock service pistols
- Fire Brigade Memorabilia, axes, helmets and badges.
- "Exposed", The myth behind the S&B marking on the .303 grenade discharger, designed by Robert Burn.
- Flying Officer B.S. Wipiti DFM & BAR. His records etc. plus original grave markings, German & British.
- English volunteers Flintlock musket circa 1790 and a French Flintlock musket mod. 1777.
- Enfield 2 Band Patt. 1858 Naval rifle B.P.H. plus .577 Flintlock rifle by Earl Wyatt all under the heading of "Endemic Facsimilies".
- Dolla Air pistol .177 circa 1890-1933 in its original box with label.
- Volunteer and Militia photos. 32 very interesting and informative (Uniform Weapons etc.)
- Explosives and accessories. Crimps, detonators, electric blating cap and users guide.

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

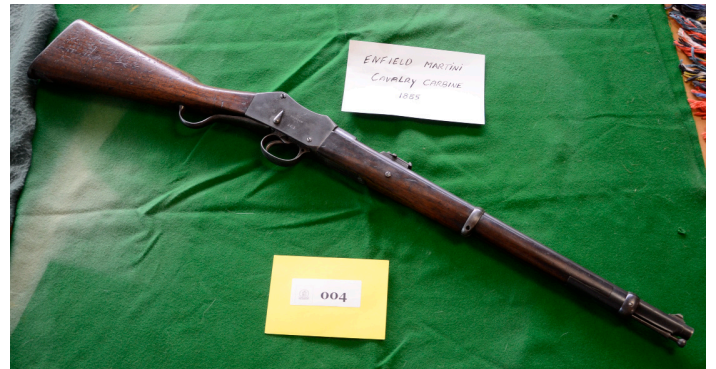


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Mid 1800's Caplock .45 cal Steyr Rifle.



French helmets with WWI medals.



Eley & Enfield books, scabbard & oil bottle.



Fire Brigade memorabilia, axes, helmet & badges.



S & B discharger.



Enfield 2 band Patt. 1858 naval rifle, .577 Flintlock rifle by Earl Wyatt, flasks, under the heading, "Endemic Facsimilies".

MUZZEL THIS

SMOKEY MOUNTAIN SHOOTOUT 2012

Egmont to the East was an imposing sight as Doc Sorebones and nurse Loosey Bloomers pulled into the "Regulators" range, a well laid-out set up right by the highway. Forty five shooters (a most appropriate and propitious number for a Colt man) were there for a real western shoot-out and shin-dig.

Friday was long range on the not-so-long 100 metre range, but size can be deceptive and if anyone thought this would be easy, they were to be sorely wrong. Overhead baffles and shifting light made possibles in the seven matches unlikely but Bloomers managed to secure a first in "lever action rifle caliber- size does matter " shooting the smallest group using the trusty (and mighty big for such a dainty wee thang') Browning 1886 in 45/70. She was even more impressive shooting "Single-shot black powder" with her 1871 Sweedish rolling block rebarellled in 45/70. The mighty boom, sparking flames and billows of smoke got the attention of all eighteen buffalo hunters and she came in third to Doc Sorebones ' first place who knocked the faraway and dim eight inch plate seven times, the thirteen inch twice and the eighteen inch once (the only possible that day). Doc carried away Firsts in "long-range lever-action Rifle caliber and "muzzle-loader-gongs". He managed seconds in "long-range lever-action-pistol caliber" and "Quigley" 100 yard off-hand rapid single shot. He even snuck-off to the pistol range for the "Wild-bunch" match using a 1927 Argentine /Colt 1911 45 A.C.P. semi-auto pistol, 1923 manufactured Winchester model 1897 12 gauge pump /Seattle Police riot gun and Winchester 1873 rifle in 44 W.C.F. and came in third after a few misses with the very worn barrel of the 1911.....

Saturday and it's Cowboy Action Three-Gun. Seven well thought-out and sportingly challenging stages. Shootists were split into three posses of 15 each.

Stages were shot with two single-action revolvers, a pistol caliber lever or pump action rifle with exposed hammer and a shotgun of double(hammered or not depending on class) pump (Winchester 1897 or copies)or Lever Winchester/copies.

Loosey was the first of six ladies bringing home "Ladies 49'er" and 25th overall. Considering the class of shootists that was some mighty fine shoot'n! yessirree. Meanwhile 'ol Doc was chizzlin' away at the day with one object in mind, remembering that "you can't miss fast enough to win" he managed a second place in "classic Cowboy" which requires shooting a rifle and revolver of at least 40 calibre and to do so in duelist/single-handed style with the handgun. He was one of only two to do so "Clean" which means no misses and no penalty/procedurals.

Saturday night was a big satisfying meal put on by ladies who might be handy if inducing early coronary thrombosis was a high priority, not one of us could resist a situation where more than one cowboy would have done better with a platter than the regular plates they had so overloaded! Back to our bunk-house and a bottle of Jack Daniels helped us really believe we were thirty years younger as tales of glory and fame on the range were heard and a few heels kicked-high to the music.

Sore heads for some on Sunday, but "the righteous shine forth!" and Doc was up at the crack of dawn cookin' bacon, eggs, fried potatoes and tomatoes with toasted fresh made bread along with pipe'n-hot coffee and then it was off to the range for day with three rapid fire events. Bloomers helped out with scoring and the like while Doc got busy and came second in "Speed Rifle", "Speed Shotgun-pump" and third in "Speed pistol".....

Glory fades but the memories are priceless. This is the most fun a grumpy old man and his delightful and ever-so-patient "Moll" can have with their clothes on! Many other wonderful souls made it possible for so much joyful fun to be had by these two and to miss a single one would be sinfull. Therefore in deference to this possibly age affected (or was it the "Jack"?) mind, I will simply say "you know who you all are" and muchas gracias amigos'..

"Happy trails".



Doc Sorebones blasting away as Shiny was standing close, making sure Doc stayed "Clean".

IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado.

April 4, 1878, Blazers Mill. New Mexico.

Buckshot Roberts rode into the midst of a gang of regulators and one Bowdre ordered Roberts to surrender. He replied with the famous words "Not much, Mary Ann!" Both opened fire and Roberts was hit in the stomach, torso area. His first shot ricocheted into the hand of George Coe and he then managed to hit John Middleton in the chest.

Both sides took cover and Roberts barricaded himself in the Mill sleeping quarters and then killed the Regulators leader Dick Brewer with a shot to the head. Roberts who was armed with two pistols and a Winchester and although badly wounded was giving a good account of himself but the Regulators realizing he was near death rode off to seek medical assistance for their wounded companions.

Bowdre survived this shootout but in Dec 1880 as a member of the legendary "Billy the Kids" gang he cashed in having been shot twice in the chest by members of Sheriff Pat Garrett's posse. Drowning in his own blood he staggered forward with his hands raised and fell into Garrett's arms dying a short time later.

Signals & Posts from the Secretary

2012 Trip to Waikouaiti Army Museum

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

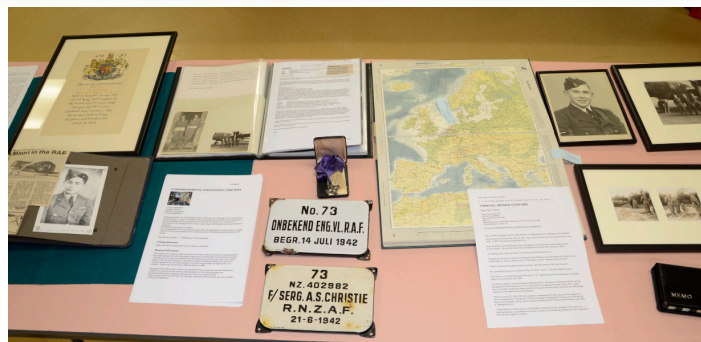
If you are interested please give your name to Scott. At this point we have 12 members signed up.

We're still figuring out transport so any ideas are welcomed. Between \$20-\$40 transport w/ addl: \$15 entry fee. Bring your own refreshments or you can buy your own lunch at the Museum Café.

SUBS AGAIN!

Would the Nice person who paid their Subs by Bank Transfer and **FORGOT** to put in **who they were** please contact the secretary with a date the money was deposited so we can update our records.

Thanks
Scott



Records, grave marker for Flying Officer B.S. Wipiti.

FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

The German submarine U-1206 was sunk by the ships Captain when using the toilet. The call of nature is a fact of life that must be dealt with by the designer of every war ship. The u-boat toilet was a complicated device that directed waste from the toilet bowl through a series of chambers to an airlock where, with a puff of compressed air, it was expelled into the surrounding sea. Using the toilet was complex and required special training. The user had to remember the exact order in which to open and close various valves to ensure the waste went out and sea didn't come in.

U-1206 was one of the late war boats fitted with the new deep water high pressure toilets that enabled the boat to use its toilet at greater depths than before. It was cruising the North Sea at a depth of 200ft, when Captain Karl-Adolph Schlitt was about to answer a call of nature. What exactly happened when he finished and flushed will never be known for sure but there are two schools of thought; The first, was that the toilet had malfunctioned. The second, more widely thought, is that the bashful captain refused to call the crewmember that had been trained in high-pressure toilet use and had a go at operating it himself. He got the order of valves wrong. The result, whether through misadventure or malfunction, was that Schlitt was showered with high-pressure sewage and seawater.

Pandemonium ensued. By the time the valves had been shut, seawater was draining through the lavatory compartment into the battery room below. When the water came into contact with the battery acid, it formed highly toxic chlorine gas. Schlitt was forced to give the order to surface to vent the sub.

At this point, U-1206 was only 10 miles off Peterhead and, as it surfaced, it was immediately spotted by a British aircraft and bombed. Capt Schlitt, unable to escape, was forced to burn his orders and to scuttle his submarine.

No doubt that Captain Schlitt will have the rather dubious honour of being remembered in history, as the only Naval Captain ever, to have his ship sunk by it's own a toilet.

The Sky's The Limit – 102 Years ago.

That aviation has come to be regarded as a normal pursuit is brought home to us by the fact that a conference is sitting in Paris to draw up laws for the regulation of the invigilation of the air. The subject is not by any means a simple one. At a glance it seems that the airman of the future, when he has obtained full command of his ship, will be capable of working much evil in the countries he visits, if his intent be hostile. He may, in fact, play the part of a spy, or, on the other hand, in countries where protective duties are in force, he may smuggle contraband across the frontier. These and other things are to be guarded against by the new laws of aerial navigation. The time is evidently not far distant when the captain of an airship will have to keep a law and observe rules as carefully as if they were the captain of a merchantman.



This article was published in 1910. It just goes to show how correct was the insight of the writer for this article, in foreseeing the future role that the aeroplane would eventually play in the modern world as we know it today.

Ross T.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

SALUTE 70

The 70th anniversary of the Friendly Invasion of New Zealand by U.S.Armed Forces 1942 - 1944 will be held in Kapiti, Porirua and Wellington from Sunday 27 May to Thursday 14 June 2012.

We will discuss this topic at our May meeting to see whether members are interested in getting involved with main events. We're also considering a Marine theme for our June meeting.

If you are interested the web site is:

<http://marinenz.com/Salute%2070%20Home%20Page>

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>

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

MAY LETTERS ARE G & H.

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.



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