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## **“Quote of the Month”**

***Gold is the money of kings, silver is the money of gentlemen, barter is the money of peasants – but debt is the money of slaves.***” - Norm Franz, Money and Wealth in the New Millennium

## **Generals’ Orders from the President**

Just a word of caution for those of you interested in service medals..... The TV show “Fair Go” has featured two shows that related to individuals offering various services regarding these medals.

In one instance, a customer sent original medals to the medal specialist, however, repro medals had been returned to the customer. Other instances included stories of, “it’s in the post” and incidences of excessive charges.

If you are interested in getting work done regarding medals, or medal mounting, contact one of our medal specialists involved within our Association of Antique and Historical Arms. They have a wealth of knowledge and may be able to offer some honest fair advice.

If you don’t know someone in our club that has this expertise contact me and I will direct you.

Enjoy the Auction. There’s something for everyone and I hope to see you all there.

Alwyn

## **Weird Facts & Figures of WWII**

It was a common practice on allied fighter planes during W.W.II to load every 5th round of ammunition with a tracer round to aid in aiming. Sound good!! Wrong!!, the tracers had different ballistics so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target, 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet, the tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction it was coming from.

Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell you that you were nearly out of ammo. That was definitely not something you wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their “Kill” rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.

## IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado.

Hugh Anderson was tending the bar at Harding's Trading Post in Medicine Lodge, Kansas on June 1873. One Richards entered and informed him that Arthur Mc Cluskie was in town intending to get revenge for the killing of his brother Mike of which Anderson was involved and may well have been the killer.

Anderson closed the bar stating that he had a "chore to do !!!" Mc Cluskie's challenge was a knife or gun duel in the old tradition. Pistols were decided on and Harding was enlisted as Anderson's second.

A large crowd gathered and the pair stood back to back 20 paces apart, turned and fired at the given signal with the first shots going wild. Both men then took several wounds and Mc Cluskie spitting blood and teeth charged Anderson, but by now they were on their knees still determined to finish the fight.

Drawing their knives they crawled towards each other stabbing and slashing until both bloodstained and exhausted, collapsed and died where they fell. One would assume there was enough blood and guts in this epic encounter to make a first rate western movie but to my knowledge this was never done. "Pity!!!"

The power of accurate observation is frequently called cynicism by those who don't have it.

- George Bernard Shaw

### ***The letters for JUNE were I & J***

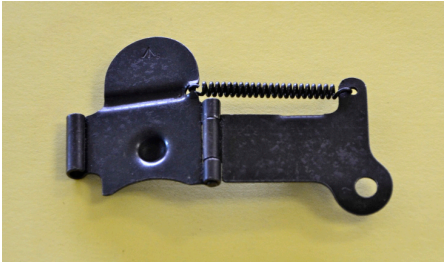
- Illustrations of Wrights Hill Fortress, showing assembly, use and dis-assembly.
- WWI cartoon "Blacking Uncle Sams Boots" WWII Cartoon, Wanting any Information. WWI Cartoon, Zeppelin Period 1915.
- Japanese Arisaka rifles and Jap swords 6.5x52 Arisakas 2 carbines, one medium rifle and 3 rifles plus 10 swords.

- Japan, Arisaka carbine & rifle with bayonet plus Nambo pistol and holster.
- Ignition, showing different types of Ignition, Flint, percussion, needle fire, pin fire, rim fire, centre fire, I & P fire and electronic.
- Migai rifle with sling, bipod, bayonet, cleaning rod starlight scope, mag. filler, stripper clips, magazines and cartoon booklet and repair parts scale.
- Rhodesia's internal affairs- call sign- lighthouse 1894-1980 display showing badges, cloth stripes and metals.
- Ivor Johnson .30 MI, Israel military Industries desert Eagle .50 pistol, Inglis 9mm Hi Power, Japanese replica Flintlock.
- Recent purchases, Brno's .375 H&H Mag, .280 Remington, .22 Training rifle.
- Iconic Long Tom & items of Interest. Various Target sights for Long toms and other shooting accessories.
- Ideal reloading tools, made in USA, 6 various designs, Japanese type .38 rifle with bayonet, Japanese Army NCO sword. Japanese type 99 rifle with paratroop wire mono pod.
- Cup fire pistol .42 cal. 6 shot front loading pistol patented by Rollin White in April 3rd 1855, 10,000 made. This is the only one seen in NZ, what happened to all the other 9999?
- Instruments of earlier years, traction engines and motorcars.
- Japanese medals, 14 different medals from 1875 to 1945.
- Italian war medals and Helmets. 6 medals and 2 helmets.
- ICI logo on ammo packets, 22 in all.
- Cased Deane & Adams pistol with all its accutments.
- Junior cadet Air/Drill rifle made by Diana (circa 1900-14) modelled on 1871 Mauser, used by NZ Education Ministry including French Foreign Legion recruitment posters.

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



*June letters were I & J*



Spring loaded object with a hinge.



Iconic Long Tom Rifle with a variety of sights & accessories.



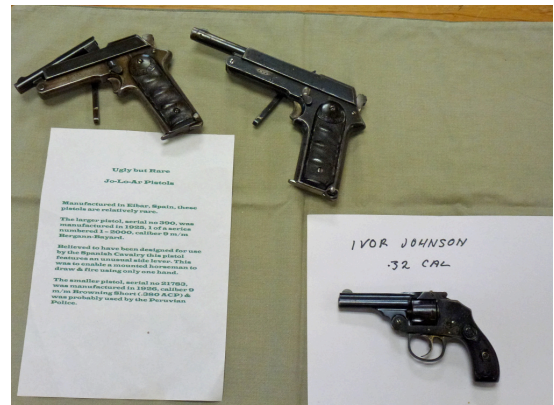
Type 38 Arisaka rifle with bayonet, sword, Arisaka type 99 rifle on Japanese flag.



Ivor Johnson .30 M1 carbine; IMI Desert Eagle .50 cal. pistol; Inglis 9 mm Hi Power pistol with stock, & Japanese Flintlock pistol



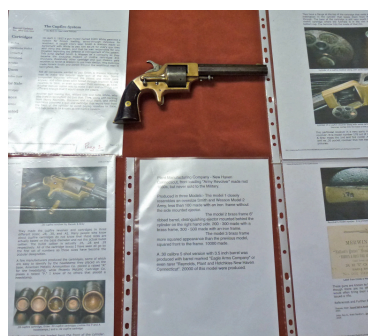
Italian Helmets and War medals.



Ugly but Rare-Spanish pistols, & Ivor Johnson .32. cal. pistol



6.5 x 52 Japanese ammunition



Cup Fire 42 cal pistol



Japanese medals

The article below was sent to me as an informative piece but I decided it was such a good read it needed to be print in its entirety once again. Enjoy everyone!

# THE NATIONAL BUSINESS REVIEW

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Gun sport is fun for the whole family.

More than ever, Mum, Dad and the kids are picking up rifles, shotguns and pistols to enjoy competitive shooting, social plinking and hunting.

Some even dress up as cowboys (and girls), buckle on their gunslinger rigs and take on wacky Western aliases such as Kaimai Kate and Bald Eagle to shoot .44 or .45 revolvers in what is known as Cowboy Action shooting - an increasingly popular discipline.

Kids with parental supervision attend shooting ranges from as young as nine and senior shooters still bang away into their seventies. Sons and daughters learn the sport alongside Mum and Dad on approved ranges and under the supervision of qualified range officers. They all take part in a well-established pastime which focuses on safety, respect for firearms and courtesy to fellow shooters.

The shooting experience is both social and competitive. It caters for those who are content to have a once-a-year go at a duck on the wing with a side-by-side shottie, to an elite handful who squeeze the trigger between heartbeats.

Some shooters spend years honing their skills and go on to represent New Zealand internationally at Olympic and Commonwealth Games and world championships. World class pistol shooters such as Greg Yelavich and Alan Earle, both of Auckland, regularly score highly in international competition. Mr Yelavich, for example, who competes in the 50 m pistol, 25 m centre-fire pistol and 10m air pistol events, has won more Commonwealth Games medals than any other New Zealand athlete.

Some shooters are good keen outdoors types who relish deer stalking, pig hunting and game bird shooting – ducks, pheasants, and geese. Others are happy to get their basic firearms licence, plink at targets on a range, or whack a few bunnies down on the farm.

Many Kiwi shooters take part in the various disciplines administered by two of the sport's main bodies, the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). This includes mainly pistol shooting and the popular three-gun shoots comprising a series of challenges using rifle, pistol and shotgun.

ISSF shooting is mainly done from a bench at a set of fixed targets with a 200mm black diameter, usually 25m away.

IPSC shooting is more active, as a holster-certified shooter on the move draws and tackles a series of targets, usually placed through a tight course of safety barrels, judged on accuracy and time.

Rifle shooters have several disciplines to choose from, including .22 precision target shooting, deerstalker ranges, black powder events and service rifles (including everything from British .303 bolt action models to the latest semi-automatic military rifles (ARs) from makers such as Colt and Armalite – so-called “black guns.”)

One of the most popular events on the Auckland rifle shooting calendar is the Auckland Swiss Club's annual Any Rifle Any Sights competition, shot over 300m at the club's Silverdale farm and which attracts about 100 men, women and youngsters. When they can find enough outdoors space some enthusiasts – usually in remote open areas of the South Island – shoot high-calibre specialist rifles over 1000m and even out to 1500m.

Pistol shooting has grown in popularity, with more than 3000 licensed pistol shooters belonging to clubs all over the country and affiliated to the sport's governing body Pistol New Zealand (PNZ).

Because firearms ownership in New Zealand is a privilege and not a right, pistol ownership and shooting in particular is strictly regulated by law and by a memorandum of understanding between the police and PNZ. Pistols may be used only on police-approved club ranges and cannot be used for hunting. Most pistol club ranges are outdoors but Auckland has indoor ranges at Howick and Central Shooters Inc, in the central city.

At Central Shooters, which has been in operation for about 20 years, members shoot a range of approved hand-gun calibres, mainly .22 and 9mm, as well as .22 rifles, over 25m. The club, for example, encourages young shooters by hosting and providing range officers for an annual scout shoot which sees between 400 and 500 scouts shooting .22 rifles. New members are encouraged and Central Shooters, in association with the Mountain Safety Council, enables new shooters to learn all aspects of safe firearms handling, and sit the test for an initial firearms licence – which when issued allows the holder to own shotguns & sporting rifles.



Those keen to take up pistol shooting then go through a period of regular supervised range shooting where they are assessed for attitude and aptitude, safety awareness and suitability to apply through the club for a pistol licence.

There are a number of additional legal requirements which must be met before and after a pistol licence is granted, all of them centred on safety, security, regular range shooting and consideration for fellow shooters. The same applies to other specialised licences required by collectors and those who shoot military style semi automatic rifles.

Some clubs boast two or three generations of family shooters, most of whom have come up from nippers squinting behind a trusty bolt action .22 rifle. Regular and competitive shooters tend to reload their own centre-fire ammunition – it is time consuming but cheaper.

A youngster can get into shooting with a good .22 rifle for about \$400 and ammunition is cheap – usually less than \$50 for 500 rounds. New centre-fire pistols range from about \$1000 to more than \$3000. Good shotguns and higher calibre centre-fire rifles usually start about \$800 and up to many thousands of dollars for enthusiasts with money to burn.

Why not give it a go? Believe it or not, shooting is very relaxing. And a vigilant shooter looks at Hollywood “hardware” more critically.

## FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

### Our Gun

*Written by Geoff Lawson, May 2012*

In a national sense, Krupp Number Four is “Our Gun”. It is New Zealand’s only 19th century Krupp, our only black powder Krupp and of course, our oldest Krupp. It is also our only surviving Boer War artillery gun and our first artillery gun trophy – in other words, it is an icon and a national military treasure. The story of Krupp Number Four is a good deal more than a story about a gun. It is a story about people and events in far-off Africa that had a profound influence on our political and military history. At the beginning of the 20th century, these events were at the forefront of public consciousness, just as the Vietnam War was in the sixties and the Iraq War was in the ninety’s. It is a story that is not without drama, and hope, success, defeat and loss are all a part of it.

Until recently, little was known about our Krupp and for the last hundred years it has only been a curious relic, but a great deal is now known about it and the people and events that influenced its destiny. The story’s backdrop – the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1900 – is memorable as the last war undertaken by Britain for the purpose of annexing land and resources. It is also memorable as a war of daring horsemen and the final

war of consequence to involve horsemen on a large scale. ‘Boer’ is Afrikaans for ‘farmer’ and that is what the bulk of them were – descendants of Dutch colonists who had inhabited the Cape of Southern Africa in the mid 17th century and had spread inland in the early 19th century to find their own republics. Their abilities as horsemen and their mastery of the Mauser magazine rifle was to force a profound change to the way the British Army waged war, a considerable accomplishment given that Britain was a superpower at that time.

New Zealanders were the first international troops to arrive in South Africa and were treated to an enthusiastic reception from the citizens of Cape Town. Within days of their arrival, the “Firsts” (1st contingent NZ Mounted Rifles) were attached to the cavalry division of Lt General French and were thrown into the fighting. They were quickly mentioned in dispatches for their resourcefulness under fire. New Zealand Hill was named in their honour; they took part in French’s epic cavalry charge at Klip Drift; they were the first to reach the beleaguered town of Kimberley; and they participated in Cronje’s final stand at Paardeberg, the first significant British victory of the war.

Usually, we don’t know where an old artillery gun has been or what has happened to it, so its value as an historic artifact is limited. In this case however, we know that it was involved in a series of events that created headline news around the world. This makes Krupp Number Four unique among artifacts of this type and elevates it to be a lot more than ‘just an artifact’ from a long forgotten war. It is elevated to an entirely new level of the historical consciousness; a poignant reminder of a unique and barely remembered episode of our past that for more than a century was to define us as a country.

This story is a sabre-rattler. Krupp Number Four was a major participant in the battles of the western front and is the only known survivor of the guns under Albrecht and Cronje that were captured at Vendusie Drift on 27th February 1900. Now in the 21st century, it is a unique window into a faded and almost-forgotten past.



## 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

### 2012 Trip to Waiouru Army Museum

The date is set for the 15th September. If you are interested please give your name to Scott.

## Firearms License Reminder

[Check your Firearms License Expiry Date Now!](#)

It has become a lot harder to get a new license (if it has expired) than renew...

Remember it can take up to six weeks for the Police to act on a renewal request. So keep yourself updated and don't delay.

### 2013 Gun Show

The Committee has booked the Lower Hutt Horticultural 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.



The Lower Hutt Horticultural Hall: Laings Road, Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Telephone (04) 570 6930 Fax (04) 569 4290 email: [contact@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:contact@huttcity.govt.nz)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

**2012**  
**Taranaki Gun Show**  
**PLYMOUTH HOTEL**  
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**3rd & 4th NOVEMBER**  
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### JULY LETTERS ARE K & L

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

Venue is Petone  
Working Mens Club  
@ 1:00pm  
First Sunday

The Complaints  
Department  
Manager