



# Flint & Cap

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## Coming Events:

**Next Meeting: 4 Feb 2018**

**Theme Letters: A and B**

**Following Meeting: 4 Mar 2018**

**Theme Letters: Branch AGM  
and Buy/Sell/Swap**

**Kaitoke Range:**

**Club Shoot: 11 Feb 2017**

**Start time: 9.00am**

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## From the Branch President:

A Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday time. Although it's early in the year, already several of our key people have been working tirelessly over the Christmas break to bring our new auction venue together at the Porirua Kennel Club. It looks like it will meet our needs very well.

Over the holiday period, I spent several days around the Ruapaehu area and met a fine gent who has a good knowledge of the Maori Wars history of the district. He is well known to some of our members, and has extended an invitation to visit him. He's offered take us to some of the historic sites around the area. This may be a weekend event sometime in the future.

On the 11th February our annual family BBQ range day will be held. Set up will be from 9.00am, and the competitions start at 10:30am. We have had requests for an air gun event again, so this year we will run an air rifle event as well as our normal events. As usual the branch will put on a nice BBQ lunch for those who attend. Things to bring: Ear and eye protection, sunscreen, cool and warm clothing, outdoor shoes, the Mrs or girlfriend, and a sense of adventure.

I would again encourage you all to support the branches meetings and activities, and I look forward to seeing you all again.

*Alwyn*



WW Greener  
12 Gauge Shotgun.  
Circa 1901

## What's happening in the Branch?:

### Our Next Meeting:

**Sunday, 4th February 2018 in the Petone Working Mens Club.**

**Starts from 1pm**

Theme Letters: **A Automatic, Armourers, American, etc**  
**B British, Browning, Blades, Bazooka, etc**  
**Or bring along a favourite item**

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

<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>Dargaville Gun Show</b>	Dargaville
<b>17-18 Feb</b>	<b>SHOT EXPO</b>	Auckland
<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>Central Branch Gun Show</b>	Otorohanga
<b>25 Mar</b>	<b>South Cant. Auction &amp; Swap Day</b>	Timaru
<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>NZAHAA AGM and Auction</b>	Invercargill
<b>26 May</b>	<b>Ruahine Arms Fair</b>	Palmerston North

## NZAHAA AGM—April

The NZAHAA National AGM will be held on the 14th April 2018 in Invercargill.

Note that for both the National AGM and Half Year General Meetings that remits cannot be submitted on the day! If anyone has an issue or motion that they feel affects the National Association the process to follow is:

- submit the issue to our branch committee .
- The committee and branch will discuss the matter , and if it is supported it will then progress.
- The motion is then written up and is sent to the NZAHAA National Secretary
- a month in advance of the meeting she will distribute all the remits and documentation for the next AGM (or 1/2 year meeting) to the other branch reps
- The remit or motion is then discussed by the NZAHAA Management Committee who will vote on the item.

**The process starts now, two months in advance of the AGM!**

So, if you want an issue raised please contact us now.

TonyB ( Wellington Branch Rep)

## 2018 Branch Fees Now Due

A gentle reminder. Maxine emailed out the invoices for the 2018 branch fees in December 2017.

We would appreciate your payment as soon as possible so you do not miss out on any newsletters or Gazettes.

Payment can be made by cheque or by Internet banking. Please be sure to include your NZAHAA number or name we have you recorded as to be sure that it gets credited to you.

**If you didn't receive an invoice it probably means that you have changed address or we have your address incorrectly loaded!**

In that case, please contact our Secretary (Margaret) at [secretary@wellingtonantiquearms.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wellingtonantiquearms.org.nz)

## Change of Address and Email

A quick reminder please. If you change physical address, or change your email address.

**PLEASE LET THE BRANCH KNOW !**

Please contact our Secretary (Margaret) at [secretary@wellingtonantiquearms.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wellingtonantiquearms.org.nz)

Also, there have been many people changing emails with Vodafone cancelling the email systems for Paradise and Clear. It is important that the branch and the National Association knows it has happened so we can contact you in the future.

## Branch July Auction— 6-8 July

Great news. I can confirm that the branch's annual July auction is still on. However we have to use a different venue to previous years. We will be at the **Porirua Kennel Club** this year; and the auction dates will be **Fri 6 to Sun 8 July**.

Margaret, Alwyn and Steve have been working hard to get it all together for you.

Steve and his helpers are still accepting items at this time, and we have a great range of stuff already.

If you have any items you want to put up for sale, please contact Steve urgently in case you miss out.

Tel 04-934-2756 or

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## Dick Travis 303 Shoot— 17-18 Mar



On the 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 the 7th annual 'Dick Travis VC National .303 Target Rifle Competition' is to be run by the Karori Rifle Club at the Trentham Rifle Range in Upper Hutt .

(note that in previous years they have also held a practice day before the competition date)

The event is open to all 303 target rifles. Note that all rifles competing must be 'accurized' and be checked by a gunsmith.

The format for the 2018 competition is:

- 2 strings each at 300, 500, 600yards
- and a single 15 shots to finish at 800 yards.

Prizes are offered.

The distinctive blue Karori Rifle Club/ DTVC cloth patch will be given for the first 10 place getters, and also prizes for other achievements.

If you are interested please contact:

Duncan McKee Match Director – DTVC 2018

Ph – 04 386 3253 E – [le303@xtra.co.nz](mailto:le303@xtra.co.nz)

## Next Club Range Day—11 February ANNUAL PICNIC SHOOT

We will be holding this event on

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**at the Kaitoke Deerstalkers Range.**

We will be **setting up from 9:00am for practice,**

and the days **competitions will start from 10:30am.**

We will have a range of different events for the whole family.

There is a **BBQ lunch provided**, and lots of fun prizes

### Things you will need:

- Warm and cool clothes,
- ear and eye protection,
- lots of guns and ammo,
- a camp chair to sit on (optional),
- sunscreen
- and a sense of adventure.

### Match 1. Air Rifle event.

10 shots at 15 meters

Any .177 or .22 break action, side or under lever air rifle.

Offhand shooting position

Any Sights

Unlimited time

### Match 2. Lads and Lassies

(ie children under 15yrs).

6 shots, 6 chickens at 25 meters.

Prone shooting position (may be supported).

Must be fully supervised by a licensed person.

Unlimited time.

Any .22 cal rifle with any sights.

### Match 3. Ladies

6 shots, 6 chickens at 30 meters.

Prone Shooting position.

Must be fully supervised if not currently holding a FAL.

Unlimited time, any .22 cal rifle, any sights

### Match 4. Iron Chicken trophy.

Any .22 rifle with iron or original sights.

6 shots, 6 chickens at 30 meters

Standing shooting position

Unlimited time.



### Match 5. Cadet rifles.

Must use a .22 cal Cadet training rifle with original sights.

5 shots prone,

5 shots sitting or kneeling,  
and 5 shots standing.

**One minute per position.**

Shooting at an ISU target at 50 meters.

A lovely trophy for the winner.



### Match 6. Shotguns

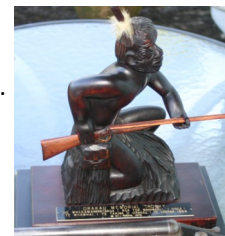
From the gun at the hip, aim, fire

and knock over the disc in **three seconds.**

The range starts at 40m and increases by 5m until only one shooter is left.

We have a lovely trophy for this event.

Ear and eye protection is needed



### Match 7. Teams event.

Lots of Chickens, balloons, and a final knock down target.

Targets are at various ranges.

Teams of four.

Any .22 cal rifle with any sights, unlimited ammo.

Work as a team, you have 1 minute.

### Lunchtime Fun shoot

The range will be opened during the lunch break for an unusual firearms shoot. See you all there.



## Question—Who may shoot a gun?

Recently a query was made about the legality or appropriateness of wives, children or other non licensed shooters participating at branch shoots.

**The simple answer is that the Branch encourages these people to participate.** I would also stress that the branch has always endorsed safe shooting practices and we abide by the law. So to clarify our position I would quote the Police WEB page:

<https://safershooting.co.nz/nz-police/>

### 9. Can a person without a firearm license use my firearm?

*No matter how old you are, if you do not have a firearms license but want to use a firearm, you may do so only under the immediate supervision of someone who has a firearms license.*

Note that this definition only applies to A Cat firearms, and not to E Cat MSSAs.

However at the branch shoot events we normally only use A Cat firearms anyway.

**So everyone, please bring along your wives and kids for a fun day's shooting.**



## December Meeting—W,X,Y,Z

The December meeting was the last meeting of the year and was well supported. Tasty finger food was organised by Margaret and everyone had a great time admiring the displays and socialising.

Thank you again to the members who brought such interesting items along and shared them with the other club members.

Also, many thanks to Reg for many of the photos here.

Rex was away and it's always great to have a second set of pictures available.



Austrian Wanzl Converted from Lorenz musket.

14.33 Rim or centrefire plus Dutch Snider converted from a flintlock musket



Winchester 2 model 1886 models made from 1886 to 1932 one in 45-90 and 45-70



Japanese 8mm Nambu Type 14 auto pistol with holster etc.

Plus **Japanese Army type 95 NCO sword.**

**The Type 95 sword**, (also just known as the **NCO sword**) is visually similar to an Officers sword but is much less expensive. Authorized for production in 1935 and put into production in 1937, they first appeared with copper tsuka (handle) and thick (11 mm) brass tsuba (hand guard). These early models are scarce and quite desirable .

Next in the line of development was a version with an aluminium tsuka and thick (11 mm) brass tsuba.

That was followed by a model with aluminium tsuka and thinner (9 mm) brass tsuba.

And lastly in mid 1941, an aluminium tsuka and iron tsuba.

Late war versions of the Type 95 can be found with wooden tsuka and are poorly constructed in comparison to those that preceded them .

During the WW2 period the method of securing the swords in their scabbards also changed from the initial top latch version to a side latch in the end.

All NCO swords are serial number (Arabic) matched between scabbard and sword.



Wadding – Exhibition – a restored Youth Cadet Rifle and information , also Zombie Hunting Permits



Webley Air Pistols, Mk 1 – Premier, Hurricane etc





## December Meeting Continued



Webly and Scott No.1 Mk 3\* signal pistol.  
NZ Marked and dated 1918



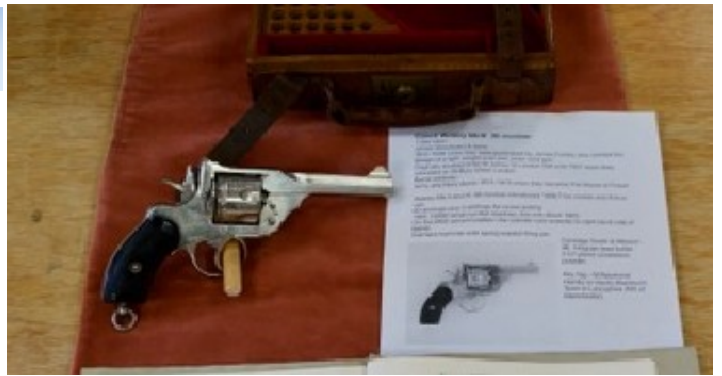
Winchesters model 1886 Yellow Boy by Uberti ,  
Win model 1886 40-65 manufactured 1888  
San Marco 1873 in 32-20  
plus Remington Uberti 1875 in 44-40



Winchester Mod 97 Trench shotgun with bayonet



Boxed Webley Mk1 air pistol, Webley Senior Air Pistol,  
Wilkinson Hooked Quillion bayonet,  
plus whistle by J.Hudson & Co 1918



Cased Webley Mk III .38 Revolver  
by James Woodward and Sons



A Whatsit.  
A Left Hand Snider action of approx. 8 bore  
with Naval Markings .



WW Greener Shotguns x 2 ( D and F Grades) and displayed  
with a copy of the 1900 WW Greener catalogue.



Work of Art Engraved by Loirrotte on an A5 Browning.  
WW2 Wheelgun in .38 S&W,  
Wee Wheelgun in .22 short, plus Winchester 1895 in .405 Win





## December Meeting Continued



Smith & Wesson pistol  
and two Colt Pistols

## Winchester 1906 advert

**WINCHESTER REPEATERS, MODEL 1906, \$8.50.**  
21 CENTS PER 100 FOR 22-CALIBER SHORT CARTRIDGES. SEE PAGE 738.  
Made in 22-Caliber Short only.

**The Standard Shooting Gallery Rifle.**

The Model 1906 Winchester Take Down Rifle is one of the most popular 22-caliber repeating rifles on the market. The rifle is cocked and loaded by a sliding action of the forearm and is fitted with 20-inch round barrel, adjustable, Model 1906, rear sight, weighs about 5 pounds, can be easily and quickly taken apart by unscrewing a thumbscrew on the left side of the frame, is made in 22-caliber short rim fire only and is a very popular shooting gallery rifle. The 22-caliber short is good for 35 yards.

**THE MODEL 1906 RIFLE** is similar to the Model 1890 except it has a plain fore end, round barrel, 20 inches long instead of octagon barrel 24 inches long and shotgun butt instead of rifle butt. Otherwise it is identical with the Model 1890. These rifles cannot be furnished in any other way.

Catalogue Number	Model	Caliber all Rim Fire	Barrel	Weight	Shoots Cartridge Number	Number of Shots	Price
6K781	1906	22-Short	20-in. Round	5 lbs.	6K2336 only	15	\$8.50

For fitting Lyman Sights on any of the above rifles, add 25 cents to the cost of sights for fitting. We box and pack guns free of cost to you. Some houses charge extra for this.

## Worrying?

**MOM FOUND THIS IN MY DRESSER AND THINKS I'M ON DRUGS.**



## Flintlock Conversion



Its not always the things that are nicely done that are the most interesting. Functional and kind of brilliant, this is a Swedish smoothbore made with parts from a m/1731 musket. Will we ever see any contemporary makers doing these conversions?

## WW1 Australian Gallipoli Poster





## My Intro to Collecting By Louise

In the great scheme of things, I'm what you would call a newbie in the world of collecting and shooting. Growing up in a house which did not have any firearms, until my brother brought home a Kentucky rifle and my interest was piqued. I remember I was about 9 years old and this rifle was taller than me by a long shot. (pun intended). I also remember thinking how beautiful it was and I just wanted to touch it and run my hands over it, feeling the shape and bumps of it.



My brother explained it all to me, about how it was loaded and what exactly it shot, he knew a little bit about the history of it, to my 9 year old brain, it didn't really sink in, I was too enthralled in how it looked, to me it was art, and to this day, these older firearms are still art to me.

Except now of course in my 'grown up' years, I more fully appreciate this history behind them, and I often sit and think of the men who made them, I try and picture them working away for hours and hours, creating the stocks out of hunk of wood, which we know is called a blank. The hours of engraving, done all by hand, in these modern days, is mostly done by laser, it kind of seems to me, to be cheating.

The engraving done on the actions long after the metal has been formed and all the workings inside have been made, it strikes me as incredible, the talent of these guys (don't think there were any/many women gunsmiths?), that not only were they pioneers of their day, in coming up with a design, but then to make all the parts, forging the steel, making the tools to make the parts. No wonder it took years to create these artworks.

What truly breaks my heart, is that after all this time and effort by these long past talented men, that these old firearms, from shotguns to rifles, to pistols, have been handed down through the generations, and now in my day, I see that some people just don't care nor want anything to do with them. This may of been the same case in the days prior to my existence, I wouldn't know, all I can do is watch what is happening in the days of now.

One of my loves is now when we attend an auction and get the chance to pick up an old firearm, it may not be in the best of conditions, so my very talented husband, works his magic on them, everything from removing dents, re-browning barrels, to fixing cracked stocks, where you would not even know they had been cracked, to a restock, to even making some of the small parts inside the action, bringing these old guns back to their former glory, without taking away signs of its long long life thus far. At the auction I like it when he goes to get a cup of tea and I'm left holding the number, free for a few

I'm so grateful being in the Antique Arms Association, I get to see other firearms and related paraphernalia and talk to the people who, like me have a love of these old things. A lot of these people are older themselves and have an encyclopedia of information in their heads. Somehow we need to get this information recorded, for future generations to appreciate, some guys write books and these are hugely applauded, but not everyone has the ability or want, to sit down and put 'pen to paper', perhaps we need to take the time and sit with a few cups of tea and just talk, with a voice recorder going, so that someone is able to then type it up at a later date. Maybe it's a matter of giving a voice recorder to some of these guys and let them record it in their own time? After all they took time to learn about their particular interests, this may not be a complete answer, but it may help to save a lot of information being lost, after their own passing, which will come to us all at some stage.

I feel really lucky, I met and married a man who not only taught me to shoot, but also shares my love of these older antiques, my only problem with him is that he has no problems with selling a firearm, whereas I feel like once they with us, they are family and I don't want to sell any of them, which brings it owns problems, space being the main one, so where some couples may have their own separate rooms, I have now told him, we are going to have our own separate rooms, yes I think that time has come, we need separate gun rooms!

Sadly my brother sold the Kentucky rifle a long time ago, before I had the chance to talk him around, gone but not forgotten, I only hope that where ever it ended up, it went to a loving home and was treated with the respect it deserved and not just dumped in a damp corner to rust and become a home to the local spider or wasp.

Foxy Locks (CAS alias.)

## CAS = Cowboy Action Shooting



**Cowboy Action Shooting** recreates life in the Wild West by *shooting* a course of fire designed to depict an old west historical shootout, a movie scene or just someone's idea of the wild west. Shooters must wear wild west era costumes; and use period style lever rifles, hammer shotguns, holsters and six-guns. Multiple targets are engaged from 10 yards and out, and the stages are timed. Several pistol clubs in the greater Wgtn region shoot CAS. It is one of the fastest growing shooting sports in NZ.

## Cheer Up



Cheer up, your day could be a lot worse.  
Alas the bridge collapsed under this Panther V tank.  
Apparently the tank was later salvaged though.

## Useful Alaskan Pizza Boxes

### Hunt Brothers Pizza Box Target



## Broken Barrett



A Barrett .50 Cal sniper rifle stopped working. So these US marines called Customer Service during a firefight !



When something breaks on the battlefield, soldiers' lives can be at risk. Finding help is essential. So why not call tech support? That seems like the logical option for a computer glitch, but what about when the problem is with a rifle that you have to have to stay in the fight? You could get it to an armourer. Or, if you needed a faster option, you might call the manufacturer.

That's exactly what happened when a Marine in Afghanistan had a problem with his Barrett .50 cal M-107. The M-107 takes a beating from recoil, and it is put to use across the globe. Salt water, deserts, even arctic conditions can shorten the service life of a rifle.

So Barrett provides customer service for those who need to keep the guns working.

Don Cook, a Marine Corps vet, is one of the people who answers the Barrett customer service line when it rings. He talked about the time when he got a call from Marines who needed help. They were in the middle of a fire-fight, and their rifle wasn't working.

"It's probably one of the biggest highlights in my life to be able to help a Marine unit in a firefight," Cook said in the 2011 National Geographic interview.

As it turns out, the Marines had bent the lower receiver the last time they were performing maintenance, and the gun wasn't firing.

The problem had to do with a delicate piece in the receiver that had been bent up. Without seeing the rifle, Cook was able to talk the Marine through how to bend them back into place.

They didn't have the tools needed for the repair, so Cook talked them through how to do it with the bottom of the bolt carrier. It was an improvisational fix and it worked.

It took all of 30 seconds to fix the problem and the rifle was working again. They were back in the fight

