



Flint & Cap

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Coming Events:

Next Meeting: 4 Mar 2018
Theme Letters: AGM and Buy Sell Swap

Following Meeting: 1 Apr 2018
Theme Letters: C and D

Kaitoke Range:
Club Shoot: 18 March 2018
Start time: 12:30pm

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From the Branch President:

Once again, we had some lovely items out at our Feb meeting, and it is always interesting to see such wonderful and diverse items out on display. Well done to all that took the time to bring a display.

We held our Family Fun Day Shoot on Sun, 11th of Feb. Yes we had a number of rain showers during the day, however that did not dampen the spirits of the shooters.

A big thanks must go to Maxine, Craig, Lou, and their team of helpers for putting on a lovely BBQ lunch for us all to enjoy.

We also had a number of visitors come along, with a number winning a chocolate fish. By inviting people along like this, it gives them a first hand look at how law abiding responsible people use firearms in a safe and organized manner. The Results are later in the newsletter.

As we are all aware, March is the branches Annual General Meeting. We don't have any pressing issues, however we do need more people to help. It is your club, and maybe you have some skills or knowledge in areas that we could use.

Give it some thought, and see you at the AGM.



Alwyn

From the February meeting
An antique Jambia -
a Bedouin mans dress dagger
(from Yemen)

What's happening in the Branch?:

Our Next Meeting:

Sunday, 4th March 2018 in the Petone Working Mens Club.
Starts from 1pm

Theme Letters: **Branch AGM**
Plus Buy Sell Swap
—everything welcome, get a bargain

25 Mar 2018 Sth Canterbury Branch Auction
14 Apr 2018 NZAHAA AGM and Auction
26 May 2018 Ruahine Arms Fair
9 Jun 2018 SSANZ Gun Show
6-8 July Wellington Branch Auction

Timaru
Invercargill
Palmerston North
Whangarei
Porirua

4th March Meeting: Wellington Branch AGM

Our 4th March meeting is the Wellington Branches AGM and also the 'Buy Sell and Swap' day.

As Alwyn has said in the Presidents Report, we would encourage you all to attend the AGM and hear what the branch has been up to.

A lot of work has been done by a few people on the Committee and Auction Teams and these people need to be acknowledged. Plus the direction the branch is taking for the next year is defined. No-one has a reason to complain if the committee are not doing what you think we should be doing—if you haven't come along to the AGM, spoken up and voted.

We also need more people on the committee, and so I would ask you to consider if you can join the committee and spread the load.

It is also a Buy Sell and Swap day—so, there's an opportunity for you to bring out the odd and sods from the back of the cupboard and give someone else a chance to play with it.

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 that they feel affects the National Association, then the process 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
- She will distribute all the remits and documentation to the other branch reps a month in advance of the meeting.
- The remit or motion is then discussed by the NZAHAA Management Committee and they will then vote on it. **The process starts two months in advance of the AGM!**

If you want an issue raised please contact us now.

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 that 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

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

Also, there will be a lot of people changing address with Vodafone cancelling the email systems for Paradise and Clear, and it is important that the branch and the national Assn knows it has happened and can contact you in the future.

Branch July Auction

Great news. I can confirm that the branches annual July auction is still on. However we will need to use a different venue to previous years. We will be at the Porirua Kennel Club this year from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July—this has been confirmed.

Margaret, Alwyn and Steve have been working really hard to get it all together for you, so thanks for all your efforts

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).

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Next Club Range Day—18 March

The next Range Day at the Upper Hutt Deerstalkers Range will be **Sunday the 18th March in the afternoon (12:30pm).**

This will be a practice and casual shooting day
Bring earmuffs if you have them

A Reminder

— Check your 'Expiry Date'

February Meeting—A and B

The February meeting was the first meeting of the year and set the tone for the rest of 2018. It was extremely well supported with some 24 displays. We may need to bring out more tables in the future. Don't be put off putting on a display though—the more we have the more interesting it is for all of us. Everyone had a great time admiring the displays and socialising, so thank you again to the members who brought them along.

We also need to recognise Rex for many of the photos here. He also photographs the displays each meeting, and between us we can recognise your contributions in this newsletter.



Pattern 1853 1st model Artillery Carbine with Artillery Yatagan Bayonet plus examples of ammo



German 9mm machine pistol
and MP40 automatic machine pistol



British Bayonets – Baker and Brunswick,
2nd model Baker 1805
and 2nd model Brunswick 1848 for percussion rifle.



Anti-tank rifle PTRS-41 14.5 x 114 a Russian semi auto-
matic based on scaled up SKS. Plus sample of ammo.



Soviet 5.45 x 39mm AK74 rifle with accessories ,
The rifle was made at the Tula Factory in 1981 .
PMN1 Anti-Personnel Mine



Arsenal Firearms, Browning's: 1900, 03, 06,10,28,35 autos
plus 1965 Nomad 79 Hi Power, 96 Buckmark and
2014 FNZ pistols

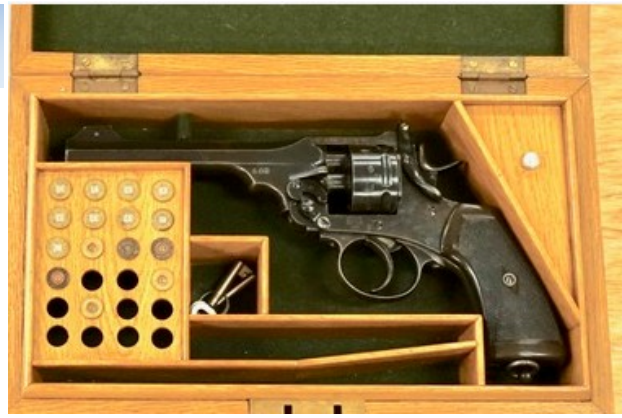


From the
display above
note the 3x .25
Baby Browning
pistols.
Different years
made

February Meeting Continued A,B



Winchester 1886 Takedown 45-70
(manufactured in 1897.)
Win 1912 shotgun 1960,
Winchester 1897 takedown 16g special order 1902



A Webley .455 Mk 6 Service revolver
converted to a .22 six shot target revolver
by Parker Hale in its original case.



NZ Army Carbide Lamp and accessories



Diary of NZ WW2 soldier in Egypt until his capture



Brno No.1 Model .22 rifle with original Meopta scope
- note the exposed elevation knob



Auto extraction and hammer safety on revolver.
Patented by S.W Solver and Co Cornhill London.



Browning Mod B .22 semi auto rifle,
plus an Adams 1856 .54 bore 5 shot made by
Calisher & Terry; plus Adams manufactured by Lon-
don Armoury with NZ Forest Rangers markings.



American and Canadian Police and Fire badges

February Meeting Continued A,B



BSA Sniders, Sargent's model , Cavalry Carbines, (BSA and Bonehill) plus British Boer War Cavalry Carbine and Saddlery bucket



Alexander Henry Rifle and Carbine with bayonet



Bearded Brigands. Long Range Desert Patrol books and model diorama of desert scene



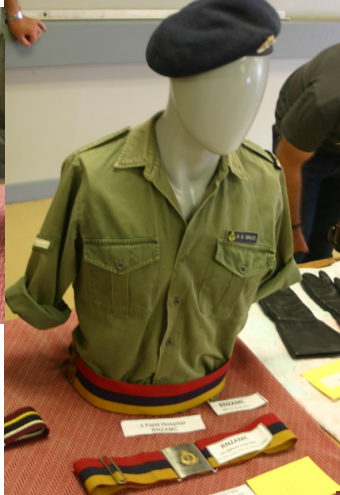
Altimeter. Made by Smiths, Brought back in 1964 from a radio station, and mounted in a custom wooden case



Acquisitions- pouch for Thompson machine gun , small arms training pamphlets for 1928 Thompson and 1911



NZ Army Territorials 1977 – 82. Uniform, RNZAMC (Medical Corps) Corps Belt and 7 Battalion RNZIR Corps belt, Dog Tags and Medals



A variety of 303 ammunition , Mk6 Mk7 blanks, Drill rounds etc



Replica Brown Bess Carbine with original bayonet



Assorted items including Yemen Bridal bracelets, US Pilots gloves etc

Branches Annual Picnic Shoot 17 February

The annual Branch Picnic shoot was held on the 17th Feb. The weather forecast was dodgy in advance of the day and it was raining on and off during the whole day— but we still had a good turnout of die-hard shooters ready to have some fun. There were around 30 shooters in total

Alwyn was there early getting things ready for us, and we had a good time (mainly) shooting from under the covered shooting bay. Many thanks must go to him for all the work he put in. There was a BBQ lunch provided, and again extra thanks must also go to

Maxine for all her hard work in providing this. Thanks also to Vic, Louise and Craig for the barbeque and the cooking— everyone really appreciated the lunch.



Results:

Match 1. Air Rifle.

10 shots, 50m target ,standing at 15 yards:

Tony B	97 — 1st
Phil M	95 — 2nd
Brian J	92 — 3rd =
Geoff C	92 — 3rd =

Match 2. children under 16yrs.

6 shots, 30m 6 chickens prone .22.

Larissa	6— 1st =
Port	6— 1st =
Esther	5— 3rd
Jake	4— 4th

Match 3. Ladies

6 shots, 30m, 6 chickens, prone .22.

Barbara	6— 1st =
Louise	6 — 1st =
Belinda	5 — 3rd =
Sandy	5— 3rd =
Deanna	5— 3rd =



Match 4. Iron Chicken trophy.

6 shots, 6 chickens, 25m, offhand, .22 .

(This was decided with a shoot off).

Tony B	5 + 4 - 1st
Rex H	5 + 2 - 2nd
Ethan W	4 - 3rd =
Neville	4 - 3rd =

Match 5. Cadet rifles.

Using a .22 cal cadet training rifle.

5 shots standing, then

5 shots sitting and 5 shots prone.

One minute per position.

Tony B	127 — 1st
Robin	117 — 2nd
Phil M	98 — 3rd =
Alywn	98 — 3rd =



Match 6. Shotguns

From the gun at the hip, aim, fire and knock over the disc in three seconds. Start at 40m and move back 5m for each shot

Ethan W — 1 st

(Using Craig's shotgun)

Craig	- 2nd
Brian	- 3rd =
Alex	- 3rd =

Final range was about 65 yds



Match 7. Teams event.

Chooks at 25 and 50m, balloons, and lots of targets. a team of four.

Won by Team 5 with a score of 325

Neville, Ray B, Ben and Belinda



(Note that Neville fired 90 x .22 rounds in 1 min)

2nd place was Team 5 with 279 points

Ethan, Martin, Alex and Phil



Picnic Shoot 11/2/18 Continued



Practice and preparation time



Much of the shooting was done from under cover as the day was rather damp at times.



Tony won the Iron Chicken trophy
— using a 1920 BSA No.2 Mk IV rifle in .22 long rifle.

Brunswick Rifle



Craig under recoil in the shotgun shoot

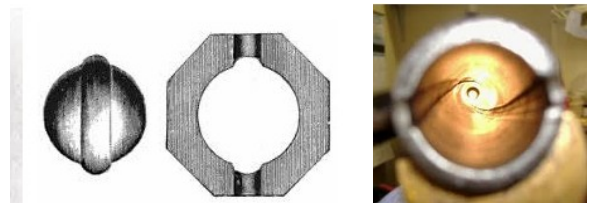


Of particular interest during the display time was Geoff using an original Brunswick muzzle loading rifle. These rifles fire a Belted Ball (not a ball and patch). Geoff has made his own mould to be able to load the rifle. These rifles were made from 1836 to 1885, and had an effective range of 300 yds.

It



One of the teams preparing to shoot



MIT Pirate Certificate

Want to be a pirate?



Massachusetts Institute of Technology awards official "Pirate Certificates" to students who complete courses in archery, pistol shooting, sailing, and fencing.

It's a real course! <http://mitpe.mit.edu/Pirate-Certificate/>

Canadian 1812 Powder Horn

I would give a bit of space to an interesting item from the Feb meeting. This is a period militia gunpowder horn made sometime between 1812 and 1815.

There is a map scrimshawed on the horn along with the unit name.— 'Les Voltigeurs Canadiens.'

The quality of the scrimshawing is amazing, and the horn artwork looks like it has been lasered on.



The **Canadian Voltigeurs** were a light infantry unit, raised in Lower Canada (present-day Quebec) in 1812, they fought in the War of 1812 between Britain and the United States.

The unit was disbanded in May 1815.

The "... men to be enrolled in this corps to be between the age of 17 and 35 years and not below 5 feet 3 inches."; in addition to a bounty of £4, the recruits were promised a grant of 50 acres (200,000 m²) of land on discharge



100 Year old footage of the Red Baron



(An item from Margaret.)

1917 (100 year old) footage of the Red Baron during WWI is on Youtube. This is a very rare piece of film.

It shows Baron Von Richthofen doing an external check prior to a mission, as well as his putting on a flying suit prior to a flight.



Notice the engineers squirting oil onto the engine heads, prior to spinning the prop. Note also the cylinders moving as the propeller turns.

Note also Hermann Goering on the left in the group shot of admiring young officers]



The Red Baron was shot down on 21 April 1918 by Roy Brown of the Royal Navy Air Services (a prelude of the R.A.F.).

The Australians also claim that one of their machine gunners on the ground shot the Baron down.

But UK & Aussie Doctors after the autopsy stated that the fatal bullet was shot from above.

The author of this video clip has been very involved as a Director of the Roy Brown Museum in Carleton Place, the home town of Roy Brown.

Finally Roy Brown was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame on 4 June 2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XliuyijwKR8>