



# Flint & Cap

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## Coming Events:

Following Meeting is: **7th Feb 21**

The theme is **I, J and K**

Next Range day: **20 Dec**

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## From the Branch President

The year as I See it, and wow, what a year it was.

We started with many facing the process of awaiting new firearm endorsements, new police policy, and a degree of uncertainty. This was quickly followed with the Covid outbreak, and a nation wide lock down. Our monthly meetings were cancelled for a time, and our July auction was postponed.

Then, we were in for our national election of a new government. Again, we saw our dear friend Auntie J. come away with an exceptional result. However, David Seymour and the team at the Act party did very well picking up a good number of seats.

We were fortunate to have Nichole McKee visit our November lunch meeting.

Nichole needs no introduction to the firearms community.

Despite the gloom in the earlier part of the year, we have had good attendances at monthly meetings, and once again, many great items for us to see.

We have had several new members join, and we welcome them along.

Peter S. organized a visit by Andy Foster. Andy is the Wellington Mayor, and has an interest in some of the historic streets and names around some of the Wellington suburbs.

During the year we lost three members, Don McCullough, a foundation member of the branch, Mary Lee, and in recent times Mark Gallagher. Our thoughts are with their families at this time.

Your committee has worked hard to give you a good bang for your buck, and we only have to witness the branch auction catalogue to realize what work is done by a small team of skilled people. However, we will need your help over the next week-end, Fri, Sat, Sun, and Monday.

In recent times there have been several firearms related shows and events.

Reports indicate they have good records of attendance and with many still spending some of the hard earned bucks, I believe our interests are still as strong as ever.

Christmas is here once again, and on behalf of the committee we wish you a safe and happy time over the festive season.

*Alwyn*



## What's happening in the Branch?:

**Our Next Meeting: 6th December 2020**

**Buy Sell Swap Day**

**Petone Working Mens Club**

**From 1 pm**

## 2021 Events:

**7-9 Jan**

**Northland Branch Fun Shoot**

Oromahoe

**13 Feb**

**Dargaville Gun Show**

Dargaville

**28 Feb**

**Central Branch Gun Show**

Otorohaunga

**27-28 Feb**

**Tauranga Militaria Show**

Tauranga

**10 April**

**NZAHAA AGM & Auction**

Invercargill

## Missing Book

Someone has gone home from the September meeting with a book that they have picked up by accident. It is the Tim Ryan book on the NZ Colonial wars. Can you please check your book cases Have a look inside the front cover, it may possibly have one of our members names there and Tim's signature.

Please bring it to the next meeting and give it to Alwyn or Margaret

## Got Any New Purchases?

With our branch auction over, I guess we all will see a few new treasures and additions to our collections. So, bring them along to the next meeting, let us see what you got.

Even though the December meeting is a Buy Sell and Swap, if you have nothing to sell then please bring along a display anyway.



## Change of Address and Email

If you change physical address, phone number or your email address.

**PLEASE LET THE BRANCH KNOW!**

Please contact our Membership Officer (Maxine) at:  
[stewartnz@outlook.co.nz](mailto:stewartnz@outlook.co.nz)

## Personal Advert

**Looking for a married woman,  
recently cheated on, mad and  
scorned... willing to sell her  
husband's guns real cheap.**

## My Last Flint & Cap

After three years in the job of Flint and Cap Editor it is time for me to say goodbye.

It has been a fun and stressful experience and I would hope that everyone has enjoyed what I have produced.

It has certainly opened my eyes up to what is out there, and involved me doing lots of research to find out more.

I would ask that you all keep bringing out the interesting displays and help the new person as much as I have been helped.

Have a Merry Christmas

*TonyB*

## Savage 1909 Pump Action

### A Brand New Savage

IT fills the wants of those desiring a classy 22 repeater for all small game and target practice around camp. Its ease of manipulation—rapidity of fire—increased velocity—accuracy in aim and penetration will open the eyes of the young hunters and the seasoned sportsmen who desire a high-grade arm. This little rifle handles all the various black and smokeless 22 caliber ammunition, which can be purchased at a moderate price.



1909 MODEL 22 CAL.

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Perfectly balanced. Weight 4 lbs. 10 oz.  
Improved sight and bead.  
Side ejection and positive safety.  
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Positive indication when magazine is empty.  
Complete take-down by simply turning thumb-screw.  
20" round barrel. Straight stock. Rifle butt plate.  
Price with magazine \$10.00. Extra magazine, 25c.

It is provided with a safety device which positively locks the firing mechanism, placing it at all times absolutely under the control of the shooter.

Savage Arms Company, 474 Savage Avenue, Utica, N. Y.

## Range Calendar

**2020:**

Date	Start Time
20 December	9:00am

**2021 Dates**

Date	Start Time
21 February	9:00am to 4:30pm
21 March	9:00am to 4:30pm

**No Shoots over the Winter**



## November Xmas Lunch

On Sunday the 15th November we had our annual Christmas Lunch at the Pines. It was a really nice day and we had a good crowd of about 50 people turn up.

We had some 15 displays put out and everyone appreciated the effort that had gone into presenting them.

Nicole McKee (the new ACT MP) came along and gave us a brief speech thanking us for our support in the election.

Andrew Edgecombe and his wife Adie also were able to attend, and that was really great.

The Trophies were presented at the end of the lunch:

- **The Naked Soldier Trophy.**

This is for displays at branch meetings—to **Tony Clay**

**The Joe Bartlet Trophy**

Given for services to the branch—to **Steve Privett.**

Alas I had a disaster and I lost my photos. But with Barry and Dave C's help I have got some to use here.

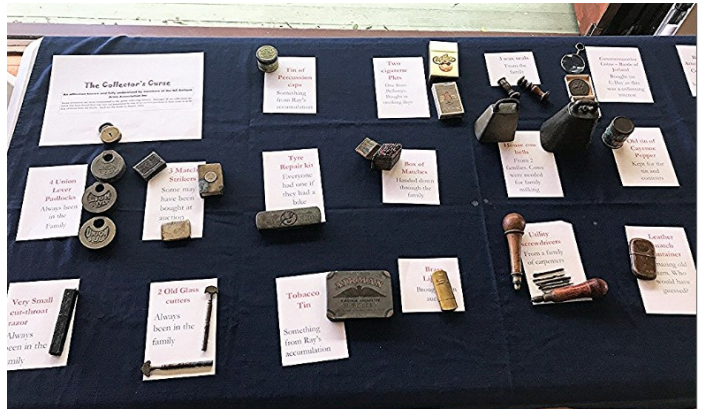
Many thanks for these guys for stepping up and helping.



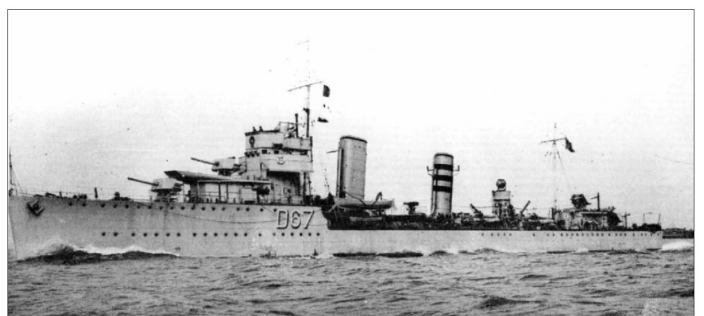
French Foreign Legion display



The Pines has views over Houghton Bay to Cook Strait



An interesting collection of containers and locks from circa 1900



A table of information on the ship HMS Wishart.

This was a destroyer built in 1920, and served in WW2 with the Royal Navy.



## November Meeting— Christmas Lunch Cont



The venue is very airy with plenty of space for talking



Lunch tables all ready laid out for us.

I would apologise again about the lack of other photos, but would mention the other displays that were brought out:

- A group of American made revolvers in British calibres.
- A table of army unit plaques—all shields showing an SLR in them somewhere. Some from South Africa, Rhodesia etc.
- A box of 303 target front rifle sight protectors for 303 rifles by various makers all circa 1900 to 1910



At the top left is a display of Maori greenstone adzes or axe heads..

And a collection of Webley air guns from 1930 to 1946.

- A group of six Pith helmets from different armies.
- A Reloading tool circa 1900, reloading manual and a special ceramic dish with a picture of the tool painted on.

A US Airborne Dagger from WW2



A collection of Colt firearms including a 1855 revolving carbine, 1848 pocket, a Colt copy, an engraved .31, and a cased 1850 .44. and a copy of the Colt Book—signed by the author.



## November Meeting— Christmas Lunch—Cont



A nice collection of miscellaneous pistols. It looks like various European pistols being displayed



Top pistols are early 1900s FNS,  
Luger  
Folding stock is a Yugoslavian VZ61 Scorpion



Note the Inglis Browning with shoulder stock  
The large revolver looks like a stainless S&W .50 Magnum

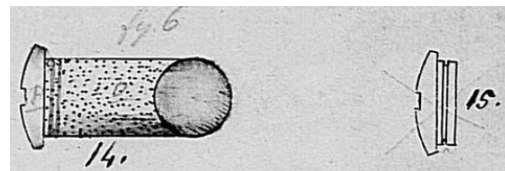
## Samuel Pauly Invents the Cartridge in 1812

On September 29, 1812, Jean Samuel Pauly took out a French patent for a new gun design that allowed cartridges to be loaded at back of the barrel rather than shoved in from the front. This was the very beginning of breechloading weapons and cartridges as we know them.

Samuel Johannes Pauli was born outside Bern, Switzerland in 1766, and became an engineer.

Among them were bridge design, passenger-carrying balloons (he would work seriously on a 15-20 passenger balloon service between London and Paris later in life), and firearms. Only a few years after Forsyth's invention of fulminate priming, Pauly would become the first to use it in a fully self-contained cartridge. He patented this invention in Paris in 1812, having moved there in 1802 in pursuit of financing for his many grand projects (going then by the name Jean Samuel Pauly).

Pauly's cartridge was a multi-part affair with a rimmed brass base containing a fulminate powder,



connected to a paper or cardboard cartridge body which held a charge of regular gunpowder, and the shot or ball to be fired. It was an expensive system, but contained all the elements of a modern cartridge. Pauly would move to England in 1814 (then taking the name Samuel John Pauly) in pursuit of aviation inventions, although he continued to tinker on his firearms design and filed to additional patent improvements. He died in London in 1821, and his name and work became rather obscure.

His former apprentices would carry on his legacy in their own work

- Nicolaus Dreyse would produce the needle fire system of Dreyse rifles used by the Prussian military.
- Casimir Lefauchaux would create the pinafore system based on Pauly's designs. Lefauchaux in fact became owner of the company in 1827, and with his son would provide the most direct link between Pauly's design and the modern metallic cartridge



## Wellington Branch Auction— November 21-22

The Wellington branches annual auction was held on the 21-22 Nov. The hall was set up on Friday 20th starting at 8:30 ish. We had a large number of helpers, and the volume of items laid out and organised was amazing.

We had some 1900 catalogue lots and another 250 Tender Table items to lay out.

The auction itself started on Saturday and it was a very intensive weekend for all concerned.

I believe that all who attended the auction would have been happy with the range of items to buy



There was a huge range of rifles available.



One of a number of deactivated and mounted rifles



Setting Up



The Tender Table area



Something you don't see every day—a .45 Liberator pistol



The view of the auctioneer from the back of the hall on the Sunday—only a few dedicated bidders stayed till the end.



Boxes and boxes of stuff for sale

Many thanks to all who put so much effort into making the auction a success

## New Police Firearms License Form

*This message came through from Phill at SSANZ today:  
It is an email to Phill.*

Hi Phil,

I thought it newsworthy for you to advise members that that the single page hand written application to renew a Firearms Licence is no more. It has been replaced by an online 35 page pdf which applicants download from the Police website.

I have attached a copy for your perusal.

Police have now moved from the paper based system to a digital one for Firearms Licence applications and renewals.

Members need to be aware that applications to renew their licences are now to be done on this form. The first two pages explain some workarounds for people who may not have access to the internet or the skills to complete a pdf on a computer. There is an option to print out the 35 pages and fill it in by hand and deliver it to the local police station.

Many members may need assistance from others to complete these forms or access to a computer and likely a printer.

These forms will be processed by Police after submission and the Police will then send questionnaires to the nominated referees. I have not seen the questionnaires, but they will most likely be sent via email to the referee and be in a similar, hopefully shorter, pdf format. After the initial internal assessment, Police will then send the complete and reviewed application and referee questionnaires electronically to the local Police Firearms Licence Vetting Officer who will, with the aid of a laptop computer, conduct face to face interviews with the applicant (new or renewing) and their referees. The Vetting Officer may receive directives for further enquiry to be carried out in the face to face interviews. The Police approach is now officially a regulatory rather than an administrative one.

Members would be advised to check the expiry date of their Firearms Licences and familiarise themselves with the new system. Quite a few collectors who had lifetime licences pre 1991 will find the 10 year cycle for renewal will approach in the next 2 to 4 years.

Perhaps members who are confident in computer use could offer their assistance to local members who are more uncertain. Branches might consider a buddy system for members to help other members.

I think it is important that senior members (who pre-dominate in our Association) are not put off by this new technology. It would be a pity for collectors to withdraw from their lifelong interest because continuing looks too

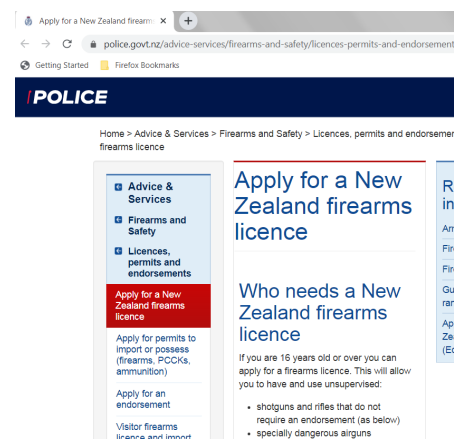
hard. It is in our collective interest (pun not intended!) to mutually support all members and not lose the knowledge our community shares.

I am also concerned that others in the wider firearms community might find the challenge of the digital application too difficult and thus opt out. There is a higher risk of non-compliance when something appears more difficult than before. We must, as law abiding licence holders, encourage all in the firearms owning community to meet their legal obligations. We should be prepared to help people maintain compliance.  
Kind regards—Dennis

PS. This is the [link](https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/licences-permits-and-endorsements/apply-new-zealand-firearms) to the Police web site page on the new application method.

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Note that this link is to the Police Firearms page.



The new application form is 1/2 way down and is 35 pages long, so it will not be that easy to print out at home.





## Death of General Lee October 12 1870

General Robert Edward Lee, the commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, dies at his home in Lexington, Virginia. He was 63 years old.



Lee was born to Henry Lee and Ann Carter Lee at Stratford Hall, Virginia, in 1807. His father served in the American Revolution under George Washington and was later a governor of Virginia. Robert Lee attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated second in his class in 1829. He did not earn a single demerit during his four years at the academy. Afterward, Lee embarked on a military career, eventually fighting in the Mexican War (1846-48) and later serving as the superintendent of West Point.

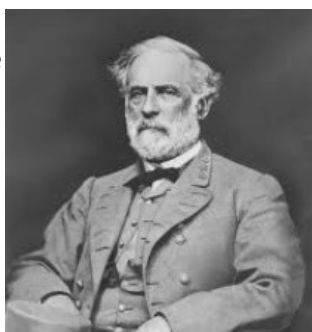
When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Lee sided with the Confederacy and spent the first year of the war as an advisor to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia when Joseph Johnston was wounded in battle in May 1862.

Over the next three years, Lee earned a reputation for his brilliant tactics and battlefield leadership. However, his invasions of the North, at Antietam in Maryland and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, ended in defeat.

After Lee surrendered his army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, in 1865, he returned to Richmond, Virginia, and an uncertain future. With his military career over, he accepted the presidency of Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. Under his leadership, the struggling institution's enrollment increased from a few dozen to more than 300 students. He contributed to faculty stability, revamped the curriculum, and improved the physical condition of the campus.

He also became a symbol of the defeated South, a dignified and stoic figure who was lionized by North and South alike. Lee suffered a stroke on September 28, 1870, and lingered for two weeks before passing.

The school changed its name to Washington and Lee College soon after he died.



## Can You See It?



## Wishing Well

