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Generals' Orders from the President

Welcome to another year!

I trust we all had an enjoyable and safe break over the Christmas period. At this stage, we have our Arms and Militaria fair right on our heels. This event will take place in the Lower Hutt Horticultural Hall, and are now asking for people to help with displays and an array of other tasks.

We are taking bookings for display and trader tables. We are also asking for those wanting to exhibit, when booking a space to advise us of the display contents.

Set up would be on Friday, 15th February at 3:00pm, and the show would draw to a close around 4:00pm Sunday, when exhibitors can pack up exhibits.

Just as a reminder, we as a club, would like to have a selection of collectables on display so please get in contact with one of us to let know.

For security purposes we will have a team of people staying in the hall over the weekend. Several will have the appropriate license requirements for the items displayed.

For further information, or to book space, contact Terry A. (04) 9713227 or Alwyn (04) 5288190.

Thanks Alwyn

"Quote of the Month"

"What rank are you?" asked a visitor to an army base.
"I'm relieved to say that I've just been promoted from captain to major."

"Relieved? "Why?"

"Because my last name is Hook."

FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

Welcome to 2013 and we are not far away from the Clubs first major event of the Year. The 2013 Militaria Arms and Gun show to be held the weekend of 16/17 February 2013 at the Horticultural Hall Laings Road Lower Hutt. The event is intended to positively promote collecting of military and responsible use of firearms. With events that have happen overseas it's probable as important as ever to promote the positive aspect of our hobby. We are also providing space to clubs involved in collecting and shooting to promote themselves.

A small team has been working away arranging this event. As with previous years we will have dealers from around New Zealand selling items, displays by club members plus promotional displays by other collecting, sporting and shooting clubs. Bit of a plus this year is that we're hopeful to bring an example of a WWII Chevrolet truck made up as a New Zealand Long Range Desert Group patrol vehicle.

We have quite a few displays and dealers involved but also have a large hall to fill so if you haven't already indicated you will put on a display then please do give it some serious thought. The hall will have 24 hours security from set up on Friday to pack up on the Sunday. A number of lockable club display cases are available if required.

We will also have a club sales table where members can put up items for sale. Details on this will be provided at the February meeting or if are interested and can not make the club meeting then give me a call.

Lastly if you can't put on a display we do need your support by passing details to anyone you think may be interested, flyers for the event will be available at the monthly meeting; and of course visiting the event yourself. There is bound to be something of interest for all.

As with any event like this there are little jobs that need to be done over the weekend so if you do have some spare time and can help out please let me know.

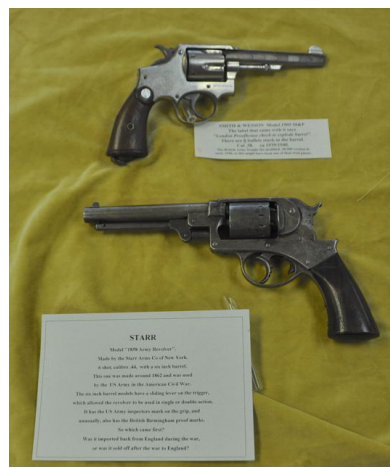
Terry



Selection of Engineering & Automotive Small Tools



Kaiser fruit bowl, German Red Cross plate & WWI Beer Stein.



S & W 1905 and a Starr 1858



Fighting & Military knives

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



Chicken shooter, Hare shooter, Coyote killer & more...



South African Badges & Police Marksman badges



Latest model Sniper Night Vision Sight



Stock for Auction...

December Displays

- Special Shot Shells - Other uses for shot shells, bird fright, mortar launching, etc
- Training manuals & latest model Sniper night vision sight.
- WWI China. Kaiser Fruitbowl, German Red Cross plate 1915, WWI Beer Stein.
- Bruno target rifle mod. 4 .22 cal., Winchester 1892 .44 cal.
- Stevens favorites - Mod. 1915 .22 chicken shooter, .25 Hare shooter, .32 coyote killer, .32 made by savage arms, Steyr Haan 1912 .9mm S & W .22 revolver
- South African badges & Police Marksman badges
- Trainer 1868 mod. .450 cal., S & W 1917 commercial mod. revolver .455.
- Some stock for Auction...repo pistols, webley air pistol & many badges.
- Starr mod. 1858 Army revolver with both US Army & British proof marks. S & W mod. 1905 (London Proof house check to explode barrel since 8 bullets are still stuck in the barrel)
- Recent Purchases - Browning Hi Power, FN 7.65 1910 semi-auto FN Browning baby mod. 6.35 semi-auto.
- Trapdoor Springfield model 1870 .45-70 with bayonet & scabbard.
- Small tools, engraving & toolmaking tool from yester year.
- Specialized tool - Nibbling tool for cutting sheet metal.
- French mod. 1831 Gladius pattern infantry short sword with scabbard.
- No. 4 .303 target rifle with Tiger stripe finish.
- S & W mod. 27 Classic "N" frame revolver .357 .
- 4 Helmets - Swiss, Swedish, Soviet & S. African.
- Ornate .22 S & W and Thompson Contender.
- NZ shot shell packets marked Stanley & Eley.

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

A narrow, rocky path in a forest. On the left, a large, weathered rock face has a yellow warning sign and a small yellow tag with the number '13'. The sign contains text in Polish, Czech, and English. The path leads into a wooded area with mossy rocks and trees in the background.

UWAGA!
WSTĘP DO JAMY
DRAKONICZNOJ CZĘŚCI
WYKAZUJĄCYCH
WIEKOWYCH WYKAZUJĄCYCH

ACHTUNG!
EINTRITT IN HÖLEN
STRENG VERBOTEN
GEFÄHRDUNG

13

BHUKAŇNĚ!
VSTUP DO JAM
STŘIKOVÉHO KAMENÍ
STŘIKOVÉHO KAMENÍ

ATTENTION!
NO ENTRANCE TO THE
CAVE OF DRAGON
CAVE

The Wolfsschanze, as it was known in German, ended up on Polish territory after border changes following World War II.

"The new contract will include clauses obliging the management to draw children, as much as history buffs," said Kurek, whose office is in charge of the tendering terms.

Lying overgrown in a forest, the ruined concrete bunkers offer a chilling reminder of World War II, when Hitler turned his darkest dreams into reality.

East Prussia's territory was divided between Poland and the Soviet Union under the border changes that followed the Nazis' crushing 1945 defeat.

The site currently draws between 180,000 and 200,000 visitors a year, but officials estimate that a €1.6-million upgrade could raise the number by 20 percent.

Hitler arrived at the site on June 24, 1941, two days after the attack began. He left only on November 20, 1944, as the Soviets rolled back his forces.

In early 1945, as Soviet troops edged ever closer, German sappers used around 10 tonnes of explosives per bunker to try to destroy the site.

Firearms License Reminder

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.

Anyone interested in a Name Badge with a NZA&HAA WN Branch logo please give Scott \$20.00 and a piece of paper with your name written as you want it to appear on the badge.

THE COLFO REPORT

Dear Members,
Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good break and are looking forward to a good year pursuing your interests.

There have not been a lot of meetings since we last reported to you; we had one informal meeting with police, one with MFaT staff and one meeting with another MP since the last report. The Council intends to meet early in February to discuss setting up the Strategy committee. This group will help us plan for the areas on which to focus our energy for the next 5 years. We made two radio comments and one TV comment in relation to the airgun death.

We are continuing to discuss the potential impact of the Arms Trade Treaty with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFaT), and we are monitoring if the recent events in the United States of America (USA) affect the development of the treaty.

You may have seen a number of media organizations publishing a call for full registration of firearms to improve safety. We have contacted the author of the article, asking for him to share the research that backs this claim. The research we have seen from overseas shows complete registration is neither cost effective nor accurate, therefore not offering a benefit to match the cost. We have also contacted the Members of Parliament (MPs) who are on our mailing list, and reminded them of the research we had circulated to their advisers in March last, which shows two societies similar to ours are either removing full registration or questioning its value in providing real benefits to public safety.

We took the opportunity of the end of year to reflect on the number of shootings in the USA and sent an email to MPs highlighting the significant differences between firearms legislation in New Zealand (NZ) and the USA. While it is not prudent to say events like these could not happen in NZ, when you consider the vast difference in firearm controls the risk of a similar event happening in NZ is very low.

The email we sent to MPs is available on our website if you are interested. If you have any thoughts or feedback please email me at chair@colfo.org.nz

All the best,
Michael Dowling
Chair
COLFO

Subs are Due Reminder

Thank you to all 30+ Sparks who have paid promptly, and for those who have updated their phone numbers, email addresses (for urgent notifications from the committee), and addresses. If there's any issue with your invoice, details or payment please see me or send an email to secretary@nzaaawgtn.org.nz

And to all of you that are depositing your subs into the BANK directly, it will take some time to get through our system and I don't want a repeat of last year where I had to chase up people unnecessarily. So just remember to tag the direct payment with your last name and be patient.

If paying by credit card you do not get the \$5.00 Discount as it costs the branch that in fees.

So until then...make sure your flink strikes.
Scott

IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado.

Chunk Colbert of Colfax County, New Mexico had a reputation as a gunman in the early 1870's in Colorado, West Texas and New Mexico and is thought to have killed seven men, two of these encounters are on record.

In January 1874 he eventually ran afoul of Clay Allison "BAD MOVE" and after a horse race challenge which ended in a dead heat the unhappy pair retired to Tom Stockton's Clifton House for a meal. Stockton had a quarter-mile race track adjacent to his inn and store on a Canadian river crossing in Colfax County. After their meal the pair were drinking coffee and while reaching for the coffee pot with one hand Colbert began sneaking his pistol out with the other but Allison was awake to this and quickly drew his own revolver. Colbert's hasty shot buried itself into the table top but Allison's carefully placed slug took Colbert just above the right eye and he was dead before he hit the floor. He was buried in a small cemetery behind the Clifton House.

When asked why he dined with someone he intended to kill Allison replied "I did not want to send a man to hell on an empty stomach". Seven years later Allison's time was up and he departed this earth in a most unusual way.

But that's another story.



WWII carrier pigeon's remains found in chimney

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British man finds carrier pigeon skeleton in his fireplace with a canister attached to the leg containing an encrypted WW2 message. Sarah Sheffer reports.

A British man has found the remains of World War II carrier pigeon in his fireplace complete with a canister attached to a leg containing an encrypted WW2 message.

David Martin, 74, found the bird's remains while renovating a unused Victorian fireplace at his Surrey home not far from the wartime headquarters of General Bernard Montgomery.

"It could have been a secret message for him. I hope it is something interesting it will be amazing if we discover an unknown detail from such an important part of British history," Martin told Britain's Daily Mail.

Martin said he and his wife Anne "were stunned it was like Christmas had come early. The chimney was full of hundreds of twigs and rubbish and then I just started finding various bits of a dead pigeon."

At first they thought it might be a racing pigeon "until we spotted the red capsule and our eyes just lit up."

Carrier pigeons have been used since ancient times to relay messages from behind enemy lines and the capsule Martin found was the kind British troops used during World War II.

The message, written by a Sergeant W Stott, contains 27 codes that each contain a combination of five numbers and letters. The message was destined for "X02," which is believed to be the classified designation for Britain's Bomber Command.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

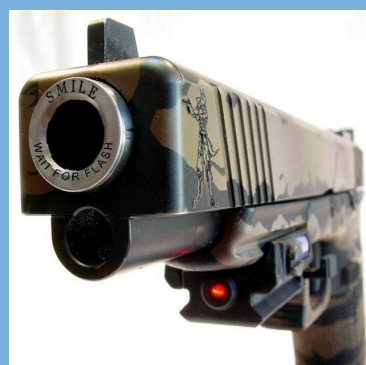
- 24 February Central Branch Gun Show, Otorohanga
- 16 & 17 February Wellington Arms & Militaria Fair, Lower Hutt
- 13 April NZAHAA AGM & Auction, Invercargill
- 25 May Ruahine Branch Gun Show, Feilding
- 22 June Whangarei Hunting Shooting and Fishing Show

RANGE CALENDAR

Eye and Ear Protection is mandatory (Don't forget)
See you at the Kaitoke Deerstalkers range.

Range Calendar is available at:
<http://www.hvnzda.org.nz/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/ClubRange/HomePage>
as the AAA Entry

- 10th February @ 9:00am
- 24th March @ 9:00am



February Letters are U & V

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.

See you there!