

Flint & Cap



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General Orders from the President

In recent times I have had several enquiries on the latest changes to the firearms laws concerning thumb hole stocks, semi auto rifles and the likes. If we have more enquiries, I will see if an arms officer would put a few lines together that we could have printed in our newsletter.

NZAHAA AGM The national association AGM will be held in Napier on the 12th of April. Would people be interested in travelling in a van for the day. If we had a good number keen, we may look at taking a van up.

A place off interest. Towards the end of last year, I spent a wee bit of time working at the police museum in Porirua. In the entrance to the museum, I noticed a small selection of books that are offered for sale.

Among them were several on police service medals and the likes. As I had dirty hands, I didn't handle any, however at a glance they seem to be very informative and very well priced. They may be off interest to some one!!

Membership fees

Just a reminder to those of you that haven't paid that membership fees are due. \$25.00 plus \$65.00 for the National Association. If its not paid by the end of February it will increases to \$70.00

Alwyn

From the Secretary's Desk

Two reminders

First the AGM will be held on Sunday 6th April starting at 2.00 pm

Agenda

Welcome by chairman

Apologies

Minutes of the previous AGM

Business arising from the minutes

President's report

Treasurer's report and presentation of the financial statement

Remits

Election of Office Bearers

General business

This will be followed by a buy sell or swap; so bring all your goodies that you no longer want along.

Second reminder Club subs are now due.

Tips for Buying a Used Revolver

I recently uncovered a long forgotten box of old firearm publications dating back to the 1950's which provided some interesting articles. Certainly most was well out of date but a number of these had good information and also excellent drawings and instructions on the assembly and disassembly of various firearms which of course

are invaluable if you happen to own the gun featured.

However, one article brought to my attention could be of general interest highlighted what to look for when buying a used revolver. The tips possibly apply more to modern revolvers so prevalent in North America rather than antiques which are bought as collector's pieces in NZ but nevertheless the warnings are undoubtedly just as applicable here.

Firstly check that the manufacturer's serial number has not been altered, obliterated or removed. Burred or missing screws are a warning that the gun may have been abused and burred edges on the sideplate of a frame could indicate amateur tinkering which might reflect hidden lockwork faults.

Check the barrel for bulges and cracks which might indicate inferior material or overcharges ammunition. Cracks in the barrel or cylinders, even the smallest, scream danger.

The firing pin or hammer nose should be free of nicks and burrs as damage could indicate improperly fitted recoil plate or cylinder mis-alignment. No appreciable play should exist between frame and yoke. Excessive side play indicates bent crane, loose or worn cylinder latch, or serious internal wear. Ratchet teeth should be clean and sharp and the extractor mechanism should operate smoothly.

Check the alignment of the cylinder by pulling hammer to rear cocking position and ensure that the cylinder is properly locked into position and aligned correctly to the barrel.

There should be no appreciable play in the cylinder, when the hammer is cocked and the gap between the cylinder and barrel should be very small. An excessive gap results in loss of bullet velocity and side spitting of gases and lead.

Finally place a heavy forward pressure on a cocked hammer to ensure it does not trip off without the trigger being pulled. If the hammer will trip in this way the gun is unsafe and in need of replacement parts, which of course may or may

Letters of the Month were Q , R and S



Quite rare shot shells, 30 odd unusual shot shells



Reproduction - homemade moulds to make grips for a .32 Webley Auto



WWI German sweetheart bracelets and brooches made from artillery driving bands



Smith & Wesson revolvers 1st and 2nd Model



Selection of smith & Wesson revolvers – 4 different models

Sniper sight, Canadian telescope, sniper CI plus other equipment



12 Gauge shot glasses (unfortunately empty)



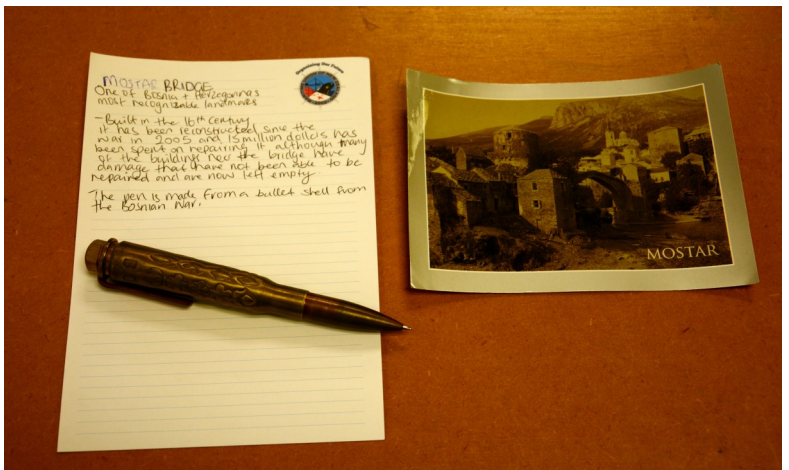
Smith and Wesson a.32 RF Tip up 6" barrel 5 shot revolver.
Cased .44 Russian Model cased by Cogswell and Harrison



German WWII "Schuma" Knil Helmet. A rare German issued helmet



Reloading accessories, sizers etc..



Pen made from .5 shell from the Bosnian war



Swords—A Japanese Wakizashi and katana

Scorpion. The Story of Claude Grimsey, stung 3 times by scorpion then used the scorpion to design the famous LRDG Badge



The Rhodesia Reg. History and item from the regiment.

Replica Russian Submunition. A dummy Russian PTAB 1.5 Aviation Anti Tank Cluster Bomblet

P Beretta Pistol. Pocket Pistol and P.H Conversion Revolver

.28 Colt Root Model 1855 Revolver. Remington New Model No 30 with brass frame, and .31 Remington Rider Double Action Revolver converted to 32 Rimfire

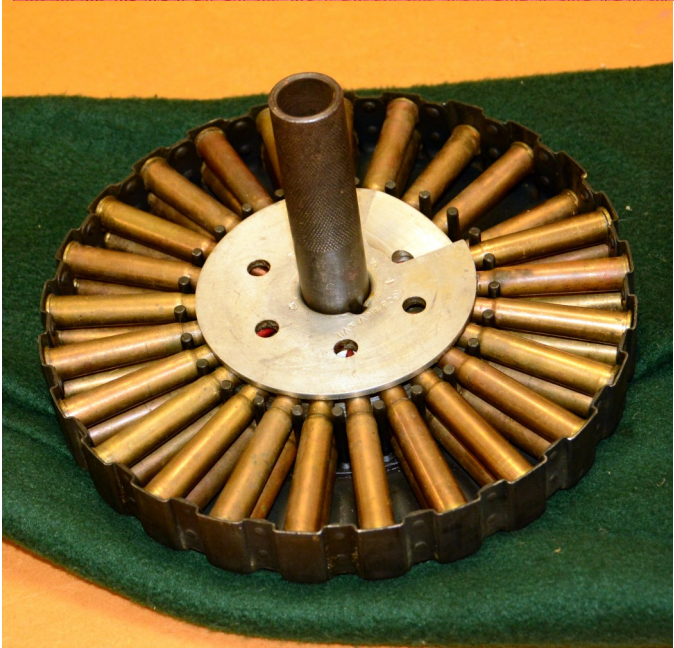
Reproduction Revolvers -Colt Walker, Colt Army 1873, Colt frontier Scout, Remmington 1875 Army, Colt 3rd Dragoon 1851 .44 cal

Quant – Ruger Suppressed, Stevens Single Shot, Steyr Sniper Rifle in 7x57, Steyr Sporting Rifle in 6.5x54 and Steyr 9x23 Pistol



Lewis magazine showing loading the bullets

Greener 12g Shot gun, Empire Grade in case plus shotgun shell knives



UPCOMING EVENTS

9th March - Range Day

Eye and Ear Protection is mandatory

(Don't forget)

Range Calendar is available at:

<http://www.hvnzda.org.nz/Default.aspx?pageld=1432199>

6th April - AGM Wellington Branch

12th April - National AGM

CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

There is still a couple of boxes of Winchester .22 ammo for sale.

A box contains 555 rounds @ \$38.00.

Bring \$\$\$, no credit given

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.



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The submarine that sank itself

The USS Tang. The USS TANG under Cmdr. R.H. O'Kane set out from Pearl Harbor on September 24, 1944, to begin her fifth war patrol. The story of TANG's sinking comes from the report of her surviving Commanding Officer. A night surface attack was launched on October 24, 1944 against a transport which had previously been stopped in an earlier attack. The first torpedo was fired, and when it was observed to be running true, the second and last was loosed. It curved sharply to the left, broached, porpoised and circled. Emergency speed was called for and the rudder was thrown over. These measures resulted only in the torpedo striking the stern of TANG. Nine survivors, were picked up the next morning by Japanese frigate CD-34. The nine captives were placed in prison camps until the end of the war

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Tang_%28SS-306%29

Letters this month are T and U

Some ideas are: Texas, Trigger, Trooper, Tools, Tranter, Thompson, Telescope, Turret, Uberti, USA, USSR, Union

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.