

Flint & Cap

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The Year As I see It.

Sadly, we have lost three long time members this year. Tom Hendrie, John Spinks, and Ian Rasmussen. We often think of these wonderful gents and the displays that they had put on over the years.

Our monthly meetings are always well attended, with a core that always put on some amazing displays. However, we are all getting older each year, and we need to attract some younger people along.

Our committee works well with many long hours being done "behind the scenes" Of note are Steve, James, Gabi, Pat, and Maxine. Steve has secured amongst other collections, Ians bayonet collection. Both Steve and Pat have been working tirelessly for the last two months photographing and cataloguing these with the possibility of having some form of publication of this world class collection processed.

I did have intentions of a trip to the Waiorou Museum, however this has not happened. I will have something ready for the first quarter of 2015.

Alwyn

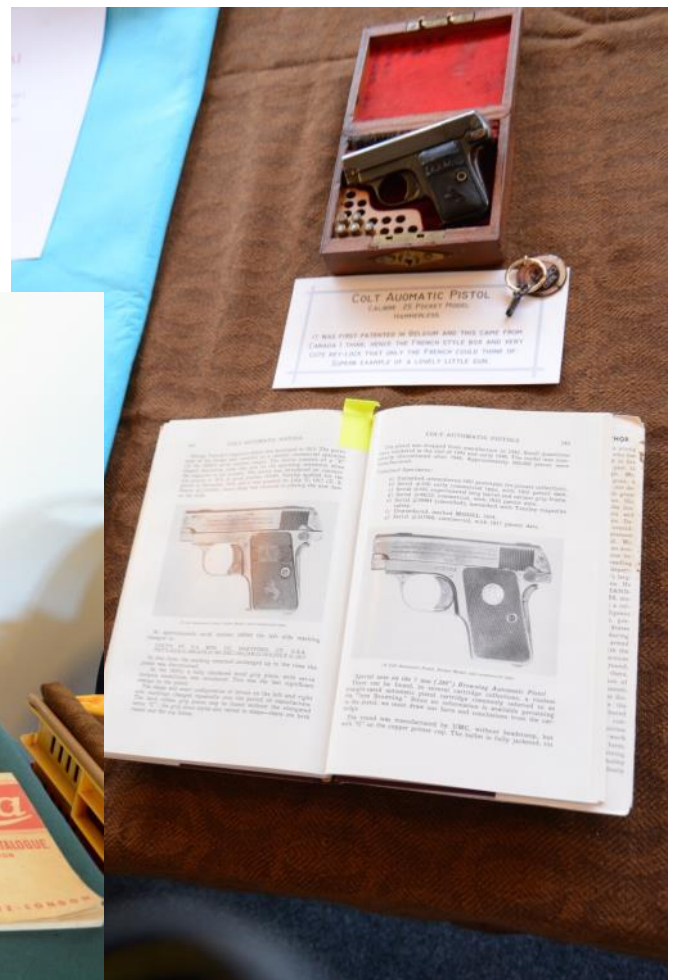
There will be a quantity of old .303,.22 ammo and 12g shotshells plus some old gun parts for sale at the Dec meeting.

For more details Ph Frank on 9708250.

It Happened This Month in 1889

Xmas day was not a happy day for rustlers and accused murderers Alvin and Will Odle. They rode into an ambush set by Texas Rangers Ira Aten, John Hughes, Bass Outlaw and Deputy Sheriff Will Terry, "a formidable quartet". The outlaw brothers never stood a chance being illuminated in the moonlight and were blown out of their saddles in short order probably without knowing what or who had hit them. Both were dead within minutes. Moral. Don't muck around with Texas Rangers. These lawmen figure prominently in many other Old West gunfights but these are perhaps another story.

By Des Perado





Hampton Court

Our travels to UK earlier in the year included a visit to Hampton Court which was one of the Royal residences from medieval times and was also the home of Henry VIII.

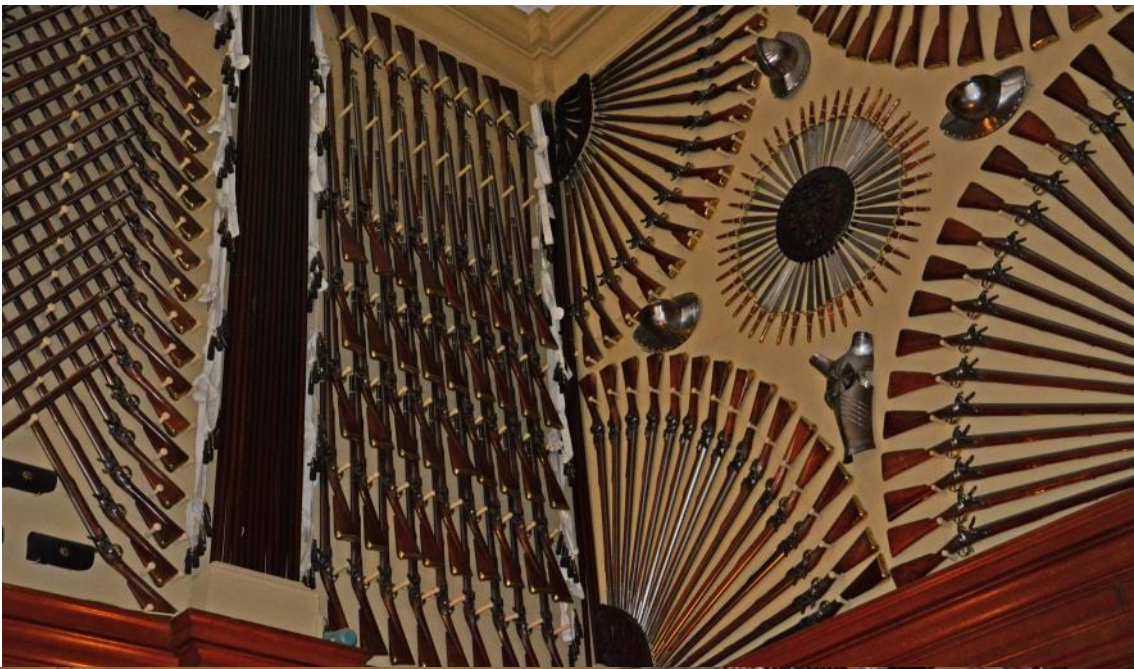
While my wife was enthralled with the Palace gardens, huge tapestries and ornate furniture that filled the interior I was not quite so interested but tagged along and marvelled at how Royalty got away with such excesses when the plebs lived very different lives.

No wonder they fled to the colonies when they had the chance. However, my interest in the place was soon awakened when we came across the Guard Room and found it was decorated with several thousand firearms. The young man in charge of that area was most surprised to find someone who was genuinely interested and went out of his way to be helpful.

Unfortunately I have mislaid the notes I took of the number of various arms but there were lots and lots of Brown Bess muskets, plug bayonets, flintlock pistols and pikes etc. I was permitted to take photos but the room was typically darkened out and the arms were at some distance displayed in rosettes and other patterns high up on the walls and well out of reach so results were not the greatest. However I will include some photos which illustrate the displays

Rex





UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **November range day** will be held on Sunday, 30th November. We will be there from 9:00am. Usual conditions apply, safety gear, warm clothes, your lunch, and don't forget a couple of guns and ammo. towards the end of the day we will hold a teams event for .22cal rifles. bring your .22rifle and a packet of ammo.

December Meeting—**7th December**

Christmas family fun day. This will be run on Sunday **14th December, 2014**, with a set up from 9:00am. Events will be in line with previous years with a children's event, ladies event, Iron chickens, cadet rifles, a teams event, and a shotgun event.

Children's event. 6 chickens, 6 shots. any .22, any sights. Shot in the prone position, with a licenced helper, at a distance off 30 yds.

Ladies event. 6 chickens, 6 shots. Any .22rifle, any sights. Shot in the prone position with a licenced helper if this applies.

Iron chickens trophy. 6 shots, 6 chickens, any .22 rifle, iron sights only. No scopes or target aperture sights. The winner gets the Iron chickens trophy.

Cadet training rifle trophy. 5 shots standing, 5shots sitting or kneeling, and 5 shots prone. 1 minute per position, all fired at a 50 meter distance.

Teams event. .22 rifles only, any sights. Balloons and pine cones. Pop the balloons, and push the pinecone up the range. Timed to 30 seconds. 4 to a team. The furthest distance the pinecone is moved will determine the winning team.

Shotgun trophy. Knock over the disc. the distance keeps increasing, until only one shooter is left. Usual rules for this event safety glasses and ear protection will be compulsory. timed to 3 seconds per shot.

The club will put on a BBQ lunch, and we will have an unusual guns session over the lunch break



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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.

CLUB AMMO FOR SALE

We still have some Winchester .22 ammo for sale. A box contains 555 rounds @ \$38.00.
Bring \$\$\$, no credit given

Letters This Month are K & L

Kaufmann, Knife, Korea,
Kynoch, Krag,
Lebel, Lead, London,
Luftwaffe, Lyman, Luger