

# Flint & Cap

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Recently the prospered area was viewed by a New Zealand Pistol Association (PNZ) range certifier and the image with this article is a draft of what can be built on the area. Essential there is room for three separate range areas; a range up to 500 yards, a shorter 100 yard range and a 50 yard square pistol.

Comment from PNZ was that the long range (which will allow 10 -15 positions) can be rated for .50 cal (centre fire) and that aerial clay shooting is possible in several locations. The pistol range will also provide a reasonable arc of fire; and hence cover a number of pistol shooting disciplines.

The next stage will be to produce an earthworks plan, which then allows for HVSA to apply for a Resource consent and so begin the actual construction and define their clean- fill requirements. The first construction priority of HVSA will be to establish the central 100 yard range, the other range projects will then depend on whatever priority the HVSA board sets for each but no doubt those member clubs so interested will be working towards getting the specialty ranges up and running as soon as is possible, dependant on funds and resources

Currently the Club representatives that make up the HVSA board are members of various sub groups tasked with specific activity. I'm with the groups tasked with funding and policy. We are still at the early stages and there is a lot work still to take place. I will be at the next club meeting day and will be happy to answer any questions I can from those interested in the project.

Terry Anderson

## Hutt Valley Shooting Association (HVSA) - Proposed Wainuiomata Range

The following is an update of where things are at with the proposed development of a range complex on the old Wainuiomata tip site. As most are aware I have been the branch representative at meetings of the HVSA which was set up to develop the use of the area as a shooting venue

## Some photos from a 2 month journey around Europe

Returning on the 18th July we were laden with hundreds of photographs from some amazing places. Not the least of them was the museums.

I have included a few of them that we found were something extraordinary and we are planning to assemble the museum photos into an album so they can be looped for those who may be interested. We saw some amazing places but head and shoulders above the

museums was the Polish Army Museum. A veritable graveyard of tanks, armament, planes and helicopters lay at the front but all were maintained and in good condition. As you would expect, the legacies from both World Wars – and beyond – were captured for the military enthusiast. You would not come away disappointed. Hope you enjoy these selected photos.

Ray and Margaret Brown

### Soesterberg (Dutch Military Museum)



### Polish Army Museum







Vienna







Berlin



Budapest



Military Shop in Prague





## It Happened This Month in 1883

Law officers of the old west occasionally worked both sides of the law and Lon Chambers wore the badge in the Texas Panhandle before moving on to New Mexico and was in the posse led by Pat Garrett which captured Billy the Kid near Fort Sumner NM. A year or so later Chambers "crossed the tracks" and took up train robbery in the Kansas region. Better pay perhaps! On Sept 29 the west bound train stopped in Coolidge and three masked men climbed aboard, the leader, assumed to be Chambers shot dead the engineer John Hilton and then the fireman George Fadel but it is not recorded if he in fact survived or not. Conductor Peterson then opened fire at the gang who returned fire wildly while "heading for the hills". A Dave Mather led posse soon rounded up the gang who were acquitted because of lack of evidence. Perhaps the masks had something to do with that. Chambers then vanished from history.

by Des Perado

## Letters this Month

WWI German plate / plaque made by Rosenthal factory to raise funds for the German Redcross

Yatachan bayonets etc., Lancaster patt 1853, Yatachan

patt 1858, patt 156/58 and patt 1860

Yankee shot shell loading tool by Henry Thomas Hazard  
patt 1887

X Bolt Browning .308, Xtra long slide 1911 .45 ACP Xtra long mag .45ACP 10 and 15 round, 9mm High Power extra-long mag on a 5 round plus 8

AA Gunsight tester dated 1935 (for 3" AA gun?)

X designated rifles, X8E1, 1961 prototype and L26A1 ifle

Ceska Zbrojovka CZ527 American .223

.22 Military short rifles, No2 Mk IV and 1914 No2

Colt auto pistols, military model 1902 and sporting model

A-Z Letter Marking Punches

Winchester - pump action pistol

Colt army single action 1860 .44cal, Colt army double action 1892 .41 Colt CAC, Colt army special double action .44 Colt CAC

Warner Greene56-50 Rimfire Spencer. Originally .50 cal Warner cartridge. "The gun had no claim to fame"













## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Club meetings

**Venue is the Petone working mens Club**

**Starting at 1.00pm**

6th September

4th October

**19th September**— Auckland Branch Auction

10.30—4.30pm Alexandra Park Racecourse

**20th September**—Range Day

**15th December**—Club Dinner (same venue as last year)

### Newsletters from the Branches:

**The Magpie** – Hawkes Bay

Mainly Branch related information

**The Plainsman** – Canterbury

Write ups on:

the Battle of Waterloo

grenades

NPEA Student dagger

Enfield Tanker's revolver

Report on a presentation on the fall of Singapore

Hanbury Crater – Britain's biggest WWII explosion site-70 years on

The Battle of Palmdale

Burying the dead on Armistice Day

Serbia: Belgrade's monument to Franz Ferdinand assassin

From the SAS to the Gurkhas: The story of Sir Christopher Lee

The Naval Toasts

Extracts can be taken from this Newsletter if you would like to read any.

Call Margaret on 04-2375471.

### The Wellington Branch Flint & Cap.....

Whilst most Branch Newsletters – including our own – report mainly on Branch matters with the occasional foray into some insights from members' trips overseas, there is so much information held by members that could be shared. The listing from the Canter-

bury Branch Newsletter is from just one month. Their newsletters are quite sizeable each month.

It has to be asked – how much wonderful information and knowledge of history is within our own Branch? We have such a small handful of contributors and, from talking to people, there is a lot of interesting history and knowledge that could be shared.

If you have something to share you do not need to be concerned that you 'don't write well', or you can't type' or all the other 'reasons' that we receive. If you have a story, let us know, and we can help with the composition and the typing.

Just tell us..... Tel: 04-2375471

### Bayonet DVD's

A new batch has been produced and will be at the next meeting. Please see Steve

### 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 for the month are B and C

Badges, Barrel, Bayonet, Belgian, Beretta, Bolt, Bow, Brno, Bullets, B.S.A,

Calibre, Canadian, Carbine, Cavalry, Centre Fire, China, Colt, Combat, Commando, Conversion, Chile





HVSA PROPOSED RANGE LAYOUT - DRAFT 1

