



Flint & Cap

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From the Branch President:

Here we are in 2016, I trust we have all had a much needed break over the Christmas time. I managed to get up towards Gisborne, and visited the local museum there. The Museum has a lot of interesting displays on local history, covering early settlers to more recent times, with how industry and agriculture has developed in the region. This museum is well worthy of a visit if you are in the area, and have a few spare hours.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 7th of February at the P.W.M.C. from 1:00pm. We look forward to seeing you, and viewing any new items that you may have acquired over the Christmas break.

Alwyn

What's happening in the Branch:

You may notice the change of address for our website (under the header) This allows us to operate the site without the intrusion of advertisements. We also have a new website so have a look next time you are on the internet. You will need to type in the address as it is at the top at the moment as the site has not been 'recognised by the Google robots' yet I am told.

Next Meeting:

Sunday, 7th February 2016 at the Petone Workingmen's Club.

Theme: Royal Air Force

Letters: H & I— Hammerless, Harrington & Richardson, Hawker, Hay Pattern, Hinged Barrels, Historic, Holland, Hollis, Holsters, Home Guard, Horse, Hungarian, Husqvarna, Hand loading. Imperial, India, infantry, Instruments, Irish, Ithaca, Ivor Johnson, Ivory.

Kaitoke Range: Branch shoot:

Sunday, 21st February 2016. The range is earmarked for the exclusive use of the Branch from 8.30am until 4.20pm. The calendar for 2016 is now on the Website so if you need to know what dates to set aside visit the site.

Annual Branch and National Fees:

Everyone should have received an invoice. Discount applies only if paid by 28 February. There will be the zip zap machine at the February meeting if you wish to pay by credit card.

Branch Calendar:

Your Committee has decided to produce a NZAHAA Wgtn branch calendar for the 2017 year (next year) to be sold nationally, this will require your input to produce really great pictures that everyone will want on their walls.

In order to get this done if you feel that you have some choice items that we can photograph over the year please let Pat know for consideration and photography, we can then discuss this at any of the meetings and make a suitable time to come to your home.

The final selection of 12 photos will be made about October so we have time to print and sell them.

DVD's of Ian Rasmusen bayonet collection:

There will be copies available at the Branch meeting if anyone still wishes to purchase one. They are \$10.00 each.

From the December Branch meeting:

Good turnout for the last meeting of the year. We tried putting on some finger food around lunch-time and believe this was appreciated.



3 German Ersatz bayonets with scabbards.



NZ Army Revolvers. Enfield .38 and Webley .455 plus web holster



15 Pistol grips for sale and display



Officer's hip flask and lids with cigarette or food tin all in shaped leather belt pouch



First Winchester Model 1866, Yellow Boy. Possibly the earliest known example in New Zealand. (147 years old)



German Commission rifle, 1888. GEW. 8 x 57



Mameluke sword, 1796 Pipe-Backed sword, Royal Navy Cadets Dirk,

French Navy Dirk, Imperial Russian Navy Dirk, Royal Siam Navy Dirk,



16 bore Flintlock by H W Mortimer circa



Ruger No 1 in .303



RNZ Army Medical Corps -badges, etc



Virtual disassembly of fire-arms—computer application

December Picnic Shoot

The Xmas family fun day went well with a few out of town visitors. Once again the catering team did us proud with a lovely BBQ lunch. The scores for the day brought a few surprises, and once again we had a couple of shoot offs to keep the interest up.

Scores for the day

<u>Children under 16</u>	Wyatt E	4 chickens
	Devon E	4 Chickens
<u>Ladies</u>	Margaret B	5 Chickens
	Barbara T	5 chickens
	Adrian E	3 chickens
<u>Iron chicken trophy</u>	Margaret B.	1st
	George S.	2nd
	James S.	3rd equal
	Alex	3rd equal

This is the first time a lady has won this event, yes ladies you certainly can be competitive in these events.

<u>Trinity Cadet rifle trophy</u>	1st	Phil McC	117
	2nd	Brett	108
	3rd	Alwyn	100
	4th	Robin W	95
	5th	James S	93

This event has had people asking for more time for each position. I do note that a visitor that has never held a fire-arms licence or handled a cadet rifle or shot in any form of timed event came second!! Perhaps these visitors are possibly showing some of us up a wee bit.

<u>Shot gun trophy.</u>	Winner	Brian J.
	Second equal	Alwyn, George S
	Third equal	Many others

Teams event

The RAM team won on the day, the team members each had a task to do and each member did this before starting on the target.

RAM	90 points
BAP	86 points
NRB	41 points
TBG	36 points

The weather and wind caused a few issues for certain people, as did a couple of cadet rifles that were misfiring on the day. On a whole an enjoyable day was had by all that attended.

Alwyn.



RNZ Army Medical Corps



What's happening in other Branches:

HAWKES BAY BRANCH GUN SHOW 2016 to be held on the 12th March 2016. At this stage I have no further information other than it is planned for this date. When I learn more I will pass it on.

RUAHINE ARMS FAIR 2016 will be held at the Palmerston North Convention Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North, on Saturday 28th May 2016.

I will have copies of the forms for sales table and the covering letter received at the February meeting for anyone wishing to go.

It Happened This Month in 1882 by Des Perado.



Robert Ford, later to achieve notoriety as the murderer of Jessie James had a widowed sister Martha Bolton who lived in a Ray County, Missouri farmhouse. Wood Hite a member of the James gang and another "bad egg" Dick Liddell got into a heated argument at the breakfast table and both went for their guns. Several wild shots were fired and both adversaries received minor wounds. Ford was also present and taking deliberate aim put a slug into Hite just above the right eye which exited near the left ear. "OUCH". Hite died within twenty minutes. "Hardly surprising". With help from his brother Cap, Ford buried the body in the woods about a mile from the farmhouse. One wonders if Martha carried on calmly cooking the traditional bacon and beans for the boys while all this took place. Three months later Ford was to achieve legendary status with his most famous killing but that's another story.

December Picnic Shoot at the Kaitoke Range in Upper Hutt



The trophy winners from the event. Margaret B—the first lady to win the Iron Chickens after two 'shoot-offs' and only narrowly beat George S. Phil McC the 3 times winner of the .22 Cadet rifle event and Brian J won the shotgun event.



Teaching the kids. Alwyn watches Robin showing some of the finer points to Andrew E's son and Phil supervising his son!



Some of the challengers for the annually, 'hotly contested' Iron Chickens event and the Trinity Cadet Rifle event.



Thanks Maxine for doing the food again

