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John's Favourite Firearm. Colt AR15-A2 complete with spares, accessories, sights, magazines, bayonet, slings and literature relating to the rifle. One of the magazines which I presume is for this rifle, appears to be a most unusual double drum type with feed through a box in the centre.

Kurdish knives. A selection purchased by a member of the SAS in Iraq.

Japanese Meiji 1st Pattern Police Dirk and a lovely crested milk glass with flags.

Knives. A selection of pocket knives and various fighting knives, including a military Kukri, 3 sheath knives, one an American made Marbles, a German Puma Skinner (new unused) a Swedish knife by P.Holmberg (also new) a fighting dagger and knuckleduster dagger as well as half a dozen lock blade pocket knives, several other pocket knives and a folding hoof cleaning type knife.

More knives – a selection of some nine pocket knives with a claw end for extracting fired shotshells, plus an old brass shotshell reloading tool, a shotshell capper and decapper and a shotgun pull thru cleaning set.

John's Junk. That's what the label said on a good selection of old James Dixon and Kynoch reloading tools, if this is considered junk I would sure like to see his good stuff.

Japanese Naval Uniform items.

Khyber Pass. A member's photo album and documents obtained while working as a tour guide bus driver in England.

Christmas Shoot – 11th December

Once again a nice day was to be had, (not the last couple of years when it bucketed down if I remember correctly. Ed) The tent was soon up and members started to arrive and after a short briefing we were into it.

Results for the day were,

Air Pistol.

1 st Equal.	Rob De Matty
2 nd	Brian J
3 rd	Tony C.

Iron Chickens – Under 15yr old

1 st Equal	Alex Caitlyn
2 nd	Sam.

Iron Chickens Trophy Match

1 st	Matty
2 nd Equal	Brian J. George S
3 rd Equal	Marg B Robin W. Ray B.

December 4th Meeting.

Not quite the usual crowd present but still a good showing. Unfortunately I seem to have lost the run of some of the photos taken but luckily my scribe has made a record;

Just ... My collection of WW1 souvenir spoons to commemorate the Leaders of WW1 and significant events. This display included some twenty spoons.

Knife. A Bowie knife by Smith & Co Sheffield. Circa 1855. Came from a Dunbar action catalogued as a paper knife. (Guess we can all make mistakes)

Medals. A selection of medals

Korean. Helmet and badges together with a Soviet flag and several belt buckles.

Kynoch. Books, cartridges and wad packets, a wall hanger with many different style cartridges.

Hamilton standard propeller blade from a Catalina flying boat.

Japanese Bayonets. A display of Japanese made bayonets that were sold to other countries during the First World war period which included one sold to Britain and issued to a Manchester Regiment and two sold to China. How many of you would have known that Japan was an exporter of bayonets at this time.

Chickens 50m

- 1st Equal Phil
Alex
- 2nd Equal Matty
John S.
Rob De
- 3rd Brian J.

Shotgun Trophy Winner

- 1st Matty
- 2nd Vic C.
- 3rd Many

Cube O Wood & Balloons – Team Event

- 1st John B, Matty, Glen, Ray. 19.33m
- 2nd Matty, Vic, Duncan, Glen 18.23m
- 3rd Alwyn, George S, MargB, Caitlin. 14.4m

During the lunch break there was an unusual type gun shoot with one member using a Snider to constantly keep hitting a steel silhouette pig. Once he ran out of ammunition I heard him say he would go out and get a Deer or two with it over the holiday break. (wonder if that happened? Ed).

Once again the BBQ lunch was a great effort put on by our catering expert and his helpers with plenty of hamburgers and refreshments to go around.

A big thanks to all who helped with this event.

Alwyn

**Range Day – Sunday 12th February 2006.
Kaitoke Deerstalkers Range from 9.30am.**

The above is a day scheduled for our Branch to use the range and we would hope members will take advantage of this facility. Remember, we do not get the use of this range for nothing and this is another of the benefits provided by the Branch from your membership subscription.

We will run .22 rimfire shooting first, then about lunch time a few clay targets for those who want to get some practice for the duck shooting season. After lunch there will be targets set out for centre fire rifles.

What you will need;

.22 Rifles and any centrefire rifle you may wish to shoot.

Shotguns for clay targets. Ammunition.

Ear and eye protection. Lunch and a drink

Warm clothing – it can be very changeable there.

Any interested friends. See you there.

Alwyn.

Below. Cooks at the Christmas BBQ shoot



The Bowie knife purchased as a paper knife, with an illustration that identified it as genuine.



Examples of Japanese manufactured bayonets sold to other countries in the First World War period.



Some of the magazines and accessories displayed with the Colt AR15 -A2 SLR



The Colt AR15-A2 SLR

Members may have noticed there are changes sweeping the National Association and with the retirement of Grant Sherriff from the position of newsletter Editor a new look Gazette was published in December. Grant has done a great job in difficult circumstances over a very long period and with budgetary constraints has made an excellent job of producing the Gazette with the resources he had available. We are fortunate that a keen and dedicated member, Dennis Lally, who brings new computer and photographic skills, has now agreed to take over the position as Gazette Editor and his first attempt was a great result that has been most favourably received. Certainly the new larger format makes a more legible and dramatic statement than was possible previously with good sized photos showing fine detail. Hopefully this will set a new standard for the future. Keep it up Dennis, we look forward to your next edition.



There is no doubt that new personalities bring in new ideas and perhaps it is time for new blood to rejuvenate this newsletter as well, after all we have coasted along with the same old format for some years now, any volunteers out there ??

Members will be aware that Tony Clay has taken photos of Branch activities and displays for record purposes for many years and has now been issued with a new digital camera to simplify reproduction of photos for our newsletters. It was pleasing to note that Tony's first attempt with this new technology was a resounding success. Keep it up Tony.
Ed.

One of the knife displays with a selection of different types



Buttons, medals patches and other odd items including a whistle or two.



A relaxed looking group at the Christmas Shoot Range briefing.

From the Historic Places Trust Wellington Newsletter we note the following which may be of interest to our members.

**Fort Balance Open Day
Sunday 19th Feb 10am to 4pm.**

A once only free event.
In association with the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Defence Force.
Walking access up the road from Mahanga Bay.
Inquiries to Peter Cooke Phone 0274 512 312



A motley looking lot of contenders for the Shotgun shooting trophy

President's Report

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2006, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year, maybe you managed to pick up a little something for that collection or got out for a shoot.

By now you all should have received your invoices for the combined branch and National membership. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, this is not an increase merely the two subs combined and was voted in by the National Committee at the half yearly meeting in Nelson.

Please pay these 28th of February for your discount.

Membership of the NZAHA Association gives us numbers on a National and Political level. NZAHAA members are involved in a Firearms safety seminar to be held in Christchurch on 21st –24th of February, during which time MP's, media and members, including Alwyn our own Vice President will be addressed by Police and invited guest speakers.

Hopefully educational seminars such as this can teach the Politicians that gun ownership is a legitimate sport and pastime.

The Branch has once again offered space to put on displays at the Wellington Firearms and Militaria Show on the 18th and 19th of February .

Last year we had a good turnout of members and some great displays, even if you are not able to put on a large display the branch will have some cabinets available for small items and joint displays. If you wish to put on a display please ring Alwin, it will be great to see everyone support this event again.

It is with sadness I have to report that one of our members, John McKay passed away recently. John and his wife Marjorie were regulars at our meetings over a long period and supported the Branch on trips away and at our auctions. They were always keen to help wherever they could and frequently assisted with clean ups and parcel wrapping of postals.

Our first meeting of the year will be on Sunday the 5th February, I hope to see you all there.

Steve

Wellington Gun Show 18th and 19th February 2006. Lower Hutt Town Hall.

Once again we are looking at putting on a Club display at this event and require people to display items and assist. Please do not just leave the displays to the usual few as we would like to see others take an active role in this area. Our displays at monthly meeting prove that members have desirable and interesting items in their collections and this is a good chance to try and attract others to the collecting hobby. There will be sales and trade tables available to anyone who wishes to purchase space for this purpose. For more details contact John Leith (04) 526-2007 or johnwayne@paradise.net.nz



Above Ray and Steve with odd auction entries

Next Meeting.

Sunday 5th February at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone from 1.30pm.

Display theme for the meeting will be letter "L"

Coming events

18th & 19th February Wellington Firearms & Militaria Show
Lower Hutt.

19th February. Fort Balance Open Day

21st – 23rd February International Seminar on Firearms Safety
Christchurch.

26th February. Antique Arms Show Central Branch.
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25th March Hawkes Bay Arms & Militaria Auction