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February Meeting and Displays.

A well attended meeting to start off the New Year and as usual, some very interesting items on display. This was a great chance to catch up with members and to find out what has been going on over the last few weeks. The information about the firearms relicensing programme, timed to commence later this year, was of obvious interest to members with a number of questions resulting. This is something all firearms owner need to be aware of and the need to reapply for your license at least 25 working days before your old license expires was stressed.

The letter "W" proved popular and items on display included;

- Wilkinson Sword – Fairbairn-Sykes Commando daggers, by Wilkinson, 2nd. & 3rd. Patterns;
- "Women in Wartime" featuring plates, mug, trench art, medals and a pictorial record of women's contributions during wartime;
- Webley & Scott Ltd. – Webley made items including a revolver, air pistols and rifle, including an unusual stock killer etc;
- Wire strainers – a very large and varied collection featuring many types of strainers;

- Walther Auto 5 12g shotgun and a Martini action rifle – a new acquisition;
- Webley & Scott single shot arms, including and air rifle, .410 shotguns and a 12g shotgun;
- Another new acquisition – a brass cylindrical high pressure oil can, No. 10A;
- Winchester Lever action rifles – Models 1895 in .405WCF, 1873 in 45-90 and 1886 in .44WCF.
- William Soper Volunteer Trial rifle, No. 351 in .577/450 cal. This is a very rare rifle of the type used in British military trials, this particular trial subsequently being won by the Martini Henry rifle – while a number had heard of the rifle, few members had previously seen an example;
- Webley Mk1 revolver in .455 C/F;
- Japanese Katana sword – Shinto circa 1660, recently professionally re-polished in Japan, together with details of the specialist craftsman involved – displayed with a Waki-zashi blade by Kunishinge circa 1706 still in its unpolished state;
- Winchester rifles – Models 1892, 1890 and a Thumb trigger Model 1899;
- "World War One Heroes & Heroines" – featuring silks, cards, mug, magazines etc. showing famous faces and exploits from the era;
- British Royal Navy Officers sword by MacKay of Devon, circa early 1870's together with a Spanish Naval Officers Full Dress sword;
- "Warship HMS Warrior" – a pictorial record including a book, cards photo's etc. – the photographs included the full racks of rifles and Colt revolvers (modern copies of course) on this historic ship;
- Badges, a new acquisition of a large display cabinet filled with a huge range of different military badges;
- "Woodchoppers & Chippers", a large selection of different types of hand axes, together with a "Knobkerri" – a long wooden throwing weapon with a heavy round wooden knob on one end;
- Walther Semi Auto pistol – PP in 7.65mm – together with its holster;
- "Wind up Watch", as issued by the USSR Navy for good service.

As can be seen, there was a great range of exhibits to see and discuss as well as enough trade tables to keep members busy for the afternoon. Thanks go to all of those who participated and the numbers present, including a good representation of new faces, has given an impressive start to 2002. Ron.

Daryl's Methanex Ford Festival & Settlement Party.

Called round to Ray B's and picked up his cannon on Thursday to take to Daryl's. Arrived at Waitara on Saturday morning about 11am and glad to do so with the number of idiots

on the road. A full scale working bee was in progress getting food ready for the Paheka Hangi. (A large stainless steel receptacle with a round bottom partially filled with water with a stainless wire basket sitting above gas fired heating the water and steaming the food.) The Hangi consisted of 2 whole pigs, a side of mutton, turkey, potatoes, kumera and pumpkin. Takes 5 to 6 hrs to cook.

Daryl's 6" Naval cannon was dragged out of the museum and hoisted onto a trailer and towed to the back paddock for the nights highlight and aimed at a poor old Jap Honda car as a sacrifice and Ray Brown's cannon (a Tonka Toy by comparison) was lined up as well.

Cormack McC and his wife Margaret, all the way from Dunedin, were volunteer Curators for Daryl's museum for the weekend. For those who have not seen this collection you are missing out on one of the best "Old Time" collections in the country.

The paddock alongside was set up with claybird shooting and two Military vehicles. One a huge tank transporter and the other a large breakdown crane along with several Army round tents a WWII Jeep, Daryl's Armstrong gun, several craft stalls and a Redcoat Re-Enactment group with 53 Enfields. A food stall had the biggest Wok you're ever likely to see, 6 feet across and heated with gas, those who were at Sweetwaters Festival would remember it. There were several flash cars and hotrods as well as tents erected for those staying the night. The ¼ mile sprints down the road by the school were a great success with a Mustang winning the day. Daryl had a quick fire raffle going, always a good way to make a buck.

The Hangi was lifted at 6.30pm and was cooked to perfection with plenty for the large crowd and ample left over. After the meal Daryl dressed up in an Victorian Naval uniform with Bicorne hat and escorted by two Redcoats armed with Pattern 53 Enfield rifles marched to where the cannons were set up. Daryl was clearly in his element and rose to the occasion by welcoming everyone and telling them a bit about the history of his cannon. A charge of 1 ½lb of powder wad and shot (stones) was loaded and the cannon primed. Daryl with a very long match lit the fuse and with a loud report 10ft of flame and clouds of smoke erupted from the barrel and the target car exploded in a flaming fireball (thanks to the help of some other pyrotechnics). Ray B's cannon was then brought into action and several kids were chosen to light the fuse and fire at the remains of the car. After that it was back to the merriment.

The Sunday ended up as a bit of an anti-climax as Daryl was let down by the Ford hotrod and Vintage Car people who didn't turn up. This really wasn't on as the weekend hinged on them, however apart from that it was a good weekend with a sprinkling of Antique Arms members in the crowd. Thanks Daryl.

Clive A.

ANZAC Day

The Wellington Service Rifle Club will be holding their annual .303 shoot at the Kaitoke rifle range on **Thursday 25th April**. This event draws people from all over New Zealand and a few from Australia as well. We have been invited to put on a display based on the Anzac theme and we need members to contribute to this event. If you would like to display some items or can supply bits and pieces, or require more information please contact Alwyn D. Phone 528-8190 AH



A pair of outstanding percussion dueling pistols by Wilkinson displayed at our December Meeting .

Report on February Shoot .

Fifteen branch members and guests represented Wellington in the first New Zealand Service Rifle Assn (NZSRA) Postal Match and the International .303 Postal Match. The scores were "wide ranging" but I am sure we all had an excellent day at the range.

Results NZSRA Postal (individual)

Trinity -- John H & Chris P 114 pts; Keith J 97 ; Robin C 88.

Action M -- John H 87 pts; Brian N & Chris P 79; Robin C 78.

Mad Minute -- John H 134 pts; Michael D 132; Chris P 126.

Top Team -- Henry F, John H, Chris P --- 892 pts

International .303 Postal (individual)

No 4 Class -- Keith J 141 pts; John H 137; Henry F 136.

SMLE Class -- Michael D 135 pts; Henry F 133; Robin W 123.

Progress for our July 2002 Auction.

Cataloguing is well advanced for this year's auction and once again we have had a very good response both for the main auction and the tender tables.

In addition to the over 600 items already catalogued, a major collection is now being worked on, another collection promised and a steady stream of items is being received. Branch members who still have items to submit for the auction (and/or the tender tables) must make sure their items are handed to me urgently to avoid disappointment. We expect to close off the entries relatively soon and are keen to make sure that Wellington Branch members do not miss out.

Steve P, - Auction Convener.



Barry I.
Straight from
Rorke's Drift



Some of the diehards who turned up in the rain for the cancelled Xmas shoot



Top right. Snider Ar-
tillery Carbine with
ammo pouch. A new
acquisition.

Down 2nd left.
Commando daggers
by Wilkinson Sword.

Down 2nd right.
Japanese
Katana Sword.

Down 3rd left. We-
bley & Scott display.

Down 3rd right. Win-
chester Models
1892, 1890 &
Thumb trigger.



Women in War display.

Walther 12g 5 shot auto and a new ac-
quisition



Left. Winchester
Military rifles &
shotgun.



William Soper Trials Rifle.



Bottom left. WWI Heroes
& Heroines

Bottom right. Three Win-
chesters. Models
1873.1886 & 1895.



Annual General Meeting 2002

The AGM for Wellington Branch will be held at the Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone on Sunday 3 March 2002 commencing at 1pm.

The 2001 Accounts will be presented, subscriptions for 2002 set and a new Committee elected. In addition a number of other matters, including General business, will be discussed.

The following nominations for positions on the Committee have been received and seconded to date;

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| President | Ron S |
| Vice President | Vic C |
| Secretary | Steve P |
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Committee;

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| Glen McM | Tim R |
| Tony S | |

Further seconded nominations will also be taken from the floor.

The following members have also volunteered their services for the coming year;

Photography, Tony C & Melva C and Range Officers, Alwyn D – supported by John B and Henry F.

It will be noted that for the first time in many years, Michael D is not on the list. Michael has been a terrific supporter of our shooting activities over many years and has elected to stand down this year. Our thanks go to Michael for the great service he has given to our shooting activities and we hope he will find time to shoot with us as well as carrying out all of his many other activities.

Following the conclusion of the AGM, a club "Mickey Mouse" auction will be held.

The AGM is an important meeting for any club and we are looking for a good response from members.

The day will start at 10am when cataloguing for the Mickey Mouse auction commences and all lots must be catalogued by 12.30pm. to ensure the items are all on the tables for viewing prior to the start of the AGM. Lots will be placed on the tables as soon as they are catalogued so make sure you arrive early, bring your auction lots and join in the fun.

Petone Workingmen's Club has confirmed their ground floor dining room will be open and that any of our members who arrive early will be able to eat there. Bar facilities will be operating in our meeting room.

OTHER EVENTS.

The Annual pre-Christmas Shoot at the Deerstalkers range Kaitoke which was postponed on account of bad weather in December is now re-scheduled for Sunday 10th March. This is the day following an auction by Hawkes Bay Arms & Militaria so we hope everyone who attends the Napier auction that will be back in time to shoot.

Sunday 10th March

Hutt Valley NZDA Range Kaitoke

Practice 10.00 - 10.45 am

Competition starts 11.00 am

Matches

Air Pistol and Air Rifle --- 5 shots each, paper target

Iron Chickens --- 6 shots offhand, 25yds, any .22 rimfire rifle (no magnums)

Iron Chicken Trophy awarded to highest scoring Wellington Branch member using iron sighted rifle.

Hare Pie --- 15 shots Trinity format, 50yds any .22 rimfire rifle.

Lunch --- **Cannon Shoot** and a chance to shoot any different or **exotic rifles** at steel reactive targets, consider bringing extra ammo so you can offer a shot to someone who will appreciate it.

Remember, the chance to shoot a rifle that seems quite normal to you can really make the day for someone else.

Rorke's Drift --- 5 shots kneeling, 50 yds, traditional target. Open to **all Martini actioned rifles.**

This match remembers the defence of Rorke's Drift in Zululand in 1879, in which a company of the British 24th Regiment (approx 140 men) armed with Martini-Henry rifles beat off some five thousand Zulu warriors. Eleven Victoria Crosses were won in this action.

Bring a camera or video for this one, lots of action.

Trinity --- 15 shots, three positions, 100 yards, ISU target, **all rifles.**

Down The Line --- Shotgun, clay target match, 6 clays.

Remember --- Ear defence compulsory, eye protection strongly recommended.

Any questions, contact Michael 04 3801681 Hm onward@paradise.net.nz
