

# Flint & Cap

Newsletter of The New Zealand Antique  
and Historical Arms  
Association Wellington Branch Inc.

P.O. Box 14-029  
Kilbirnie  
WELLINGTON.

February 2007

**President** Steve  
**and Auction Convenor**

**Vice President** Alwyn

**Secretary** Tim

**Treasurer** Margaret

**Editor** Ross

**Committee.**

Terry

John

Vic

Wayne

John

Glen

Terry

Frank

**Feb 4th Meeting. The Letter "T" brought out an interesting variation including,**

- \* Tower Locks. A display with a flintlock pistol, a percussion pistol, a percussion carbine and a centre fire carbine, all with Tower locks and dating from about 1820 to around 1860.
- \* Toggle. A display illustrating the use of the toggle in firearms. One was an early Walther semi auto 12g shotgun with a toggle action, another was a Nemrod two shot single barrel shotgun with a toggle action. (I am uncertain whether this was an autoloader or not) and the third was an Ivor Johnson .22cal rifle with an unusual toggle action safety. (I am surprised that this exhibitor, who is renowned for his lateral thinking and came up with toggle for his display omitted the most famous toggle action of all, namely the Luger 08 pistol. Ed)
- \* Training rifles and training aids. Our No1 SLR collector has yet another surprising selection of rifles, dummy ammo, short range training ammo, blanks, aim correctors eye disks and a sectionalized rifle with all items connected with the SLR family.
- \* Target. An aluminium Nato figure 11 target and an old wooden aircraft propeller hub. (This was listed as part of a Tiger Moth prop but I believe this was too big for

a Tiger Moth. I am also uncertain whether the target displayed was used for live firing as it would appear to me that such a target made of heavy gauge alloy would be too costly for regular target shooting, especially with semi auto rifles and pistols. Ed)

- \* Trophy. A 12pt Stags head listed as My first trophy when I was 4 years old. (I have since learned that this head was given to our member when in fact he was this age but he didn't shoot himself and I gather he was frightened of it for a number of years after. Ed)
- \* Target Rifles. Two very similar target rifles, one a Westley Richards Patent Miniature rifle chambered for the .300 Sherwood cartridge. (A very similar cartridge to the .310 Cadet but longer and straighter) The other was one of the more common BSA Miniature Rifle chambered for the .310 Cadet cartridge. Both in very nice condition and complete with literature.
- \* Time Pieces. Three attractive pocket watches, one English made circa 1800, one American circa 1900 and a Swiss from the 1930's along with a Swiss ladies wrist watch of similar age.
- \* Terry's Tiger stripe target rifle. A No 4 .303 target rifle with an unusual tiger stripe figured stock.
- \* Toys. A number of tinplate toys, mainly of a military type dated from the 1930's. (Another keen toy collector was heard to lament the fact that this display did not include a fire engine. Ed)
- \* Tank Caps. A selection of badges, medals, berets, helmets and books relating to tank crews.
- \* Tankers Helmets. A selection of specialist tankers helmets from all corners of the world, approx ten in all.
- \* Thomas Patent. A James Thomas .380cal revolver dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 1869.
- \* A cased Tranter percussion double trigger revolver previously owned by the late C.A. Vallance 1819-1882. Complete with historic info about Mr Vallance.
- \* Tools. A nice selection of bullet moulds, oil bottles, powder flasks, cleaning rods, gauges, screw drivers, bore gauges and other related items. A fine display.
- \* Thirty Millimetre Cannon Rounds. A selection of current and obsolete 30mm cannon rounds from various manufacturers around the world.
- \* Three - O - three. An SMLE rifle with profusely Maori carved stock and matching bayonet and similarly carved grips along with a collection of teddy bears each dressed in uniforms of various sections of the Armed Services.
- \* Tinnies of the Third Reich. A selection of German badges from WW2
- \* Trimming tools for the reloading of shotshells and an old clay target thrower that appeared all ready to go.
- \* Twenty two. A selection of firearms that used the world's most popular calibre, the ubiquitous .22. Two rifles and a .22 target pistol.
- \* Trench Art. An engraved alloy US water canteen and an engraved brass item in the shape of a ladies leg.

Some of the items displayed at the February meeting.



Military tinplate toys



Toggle actions



Tools - A selection of gun tools.



Thirty millimetre cannon shells



Tiger striped stock on a No 4 303 etc



Hats and helmets



Time pieces



Tower locks in various configurations



Target rifles - Martini action Single Shot rifles



## Presidents Report

Well it's been a very busy month for the Branch with our first shoot for the year at the Kaitoki range and of course the Arms and Militaria Fair on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Fair was a great success, it showed members of the public what collecting is about and we had quite a few people inquiring about becoming members.

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped with the fair, especially the Committee who put in hundreds of hours before the show even started. I have had heaps of positive feed back from everyone who attended with all of the out-of-town dealers asking if we will do it again next year. The Club displays were world class and a credit to everyone who displayed.

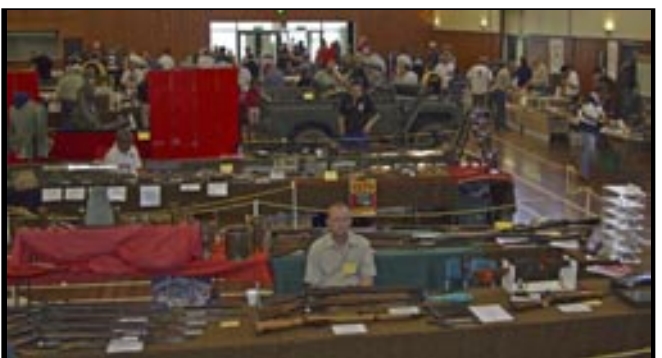
We were also honoured to have Russell Wood the National President in attendance, Russell was up for talks with Joe Green regarding the Police searches of members' homes' late last year.

Our next meeting on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, will be our AGM. I will not be seeking re-election as Branch President, however I will be standing for Committee and the Branch Representative position. We have received two nominations, Alywn Davies for President, and Terry Anderson for Vice President, further nominations will be taken from the floor for all positions. As usual the election of officers will be followed by a Mickey Mouse auction, so don't forget to bring all those treasures you no longer want.

See you all at the AGM

Steve

### Photos from the Arms Fair



### Editorial.

You may have noticed that we have had to return to the old format for the newsletter as our new Editor is presently unavailable on account of family business. Hopefully he will soon be back on the job and you can look forward to some new ideas and a new layout.

I was absent for the Arms Fair but from all accounts was a successful event in spite of strong competition from several other high profile activities in the region. Along with at least two others from the Branch Robin and I attended the Art Deco celebrations in Napier and must say it was an enlightening and enjoyable experience.

Rex

### Bus Trip – Palmerston North.

We have been invited to attend a Ruahine Branch meeting on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. They have suggested a Buy, Sell, Swap and Trade day and we intend to put on a subsidised bus for members who would like to attend. Bus pick up points will be Johnsonville, Porirua, Paraparaumu, Otaki and Levin. Cost will be \$10 per person.

We understand Taranaki and Hawkes Bay members have also been invited so this should be a good opportunity to acquire or sell some quality collectibles.

To book a seat please contact Alwyn or put your name on the list at the next meeting.

When; Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Where; Trip to Palmerston North.

Cost; \$10 per person.

### Arms & Militaria Fair 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.

By 2.30pm on Friday an active crew was on site and the tables were being set out. Apart from a small hiccup with the floor plan all proceeded with true military precision and by 7pm most displays were set up and everyone was happy.

On the Saturday morning a large Kenworth transporter arrived with a Bren Gun carrier as well as a Jeep and some other items of interest. In total we had some eight different military vehicles on display as well as some magnificent displays from our own members and other Clubs. By 9am the doors were opened and the public started arriving. Buying, selling and trading seemed to be progressing well and good feedback was received from the dealers.

During both days we had around 1200 people through the doors with numerous stories of experiences, questions asked and information changing hands. There were many family groups and others inquiring about the Club and shooting sports.

Judging from the response from the dealers and Club representatives this event could possibly be held again next year.

The effort made by exhibitors, helpers, security crew and clean up helpers was absolutely awesome. A big thanks must go to all who helped with this mammoth task.

Alwyn

It was brought to my attention that one of our members was celebrating his 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the Friday of the Arms Fair. He arrived late to set up his display on Friday evening and explained the significance of the day, he then told us he wanted to go out for a nice meal. At this stage it was around 7pm and he still needed to go home and get cleaned up before going to dinner. Luckily he found a Chinese restaurant that would serve him later in the evening. Presumably this all went well and on Sunday he said that their wedding reception was held in the Horticultural Hall some 44 years earlier. I wonder if he was on time or running a wee bit late on the day of his wedding.

Congratulations to the member concerned and his very understanding wife.

Alwyn

### Reminder.

Subscriptions are now due and invoices were sent out last month. To qualify for the discount of \$5 these should be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**For Sale. Rifle safe, made from 210 x 210mm rectangular hollow section steel, 1200mm long. Phone Pete 232-6233**

A display of NZ issue swords and Cavalry Lances at the Arms Fair.



An extensive display of reloading tools and equipment at the Arms Fair.



### Next Meeting

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone **from 10.30am**. This meeting is our AGM and will feature a Mickey Mouse auction. The early start is to give time to record items for sale. Please be early if you wish to sell items.

### Coming Events.

**10<sup>th</sup> March** Hawkes Bay Arms & Militaria Auction.

**31<sup>st</sup> March.** Auckland Arms Fair.

**1<sup>st</sup> Apr.** Wellington Branch monthly meeting.

**14<sup>th</sup> Apr.** NZAHAA Annual General Meeting. Central Branch, Otorohanga.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Apr.** Wellington Branch trip to Ruahine Branch,