

Flint & Cap

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April 6th Meeting

The April meeting saw an excellent attendance with a good range of exhibits and trade items. Even our egg man underestimated the numbers and ran out of supplies before the day was out. There were some very good displays that not only showed some amazing pieces but others showed great presence of mind with unusual twists of the theme.

- Items on display included,
- Hand drills.
- Family heirlooms – Boer War inscription on rifles
- Harrington & Richardson handguns.
- Hacksaws
- Hammers

- Hungarian bayonet
- High explosive cannon shells
- Husqvarna pistol
- Hamel magazine fed air pistol
- Harrington & Richardson .32
- Victorian Naval Officers Sword
- Von Temsky repro Bowie knife.
- Isaac Hollis .577cal Snider
- .45 Centenis Colonial Special
- .360 cal No5 Pryse type revolver.
- Henry .577/450 Rifle. Australian mkd.
- Horse pistol - .550 cal flintlock
- Muzzle loading 20 bore double barrel shotgun.
- Holsters.
- Handcuffs.
- Hawksley powder flasks.
- Martini Henry bullet display
- Handcuffs, horseshoes, powder horns.

Additionally there was a good selection of trade items. Unfortunately our usual reporter was absent at the National Association AGM in Timaru so descriptions are somewhat sparse this month. Apologies to any exhibitors who may have been missed.

The newsletter has had to take a different format this month as we have had some problems with the computer and the software normally used to produce the Flint and Cap. Hopefully I can get this sorted before too long. Ed.

NZAAA Inc. Annual General Meeting.

April 5th 2003

South Canterbury did a fine job of hosting the AGM combining a friendly and a well attended meeting with some outstanding displays, a number of popular trade tables as well as an efficiently run auction.

The formal part of the day saw the introduction of an impressive list of new members. Paul Shoebridge, our National President then summarised the year's activities. The Annual Accounts were approved and reports received from the Colfo, Police Liaison and Gazette representatives.

As no vote was required for the positions of either

President or Vice President, the incumbents were re-elected unopposed.

Remits numbered two and three, calling for the National Secretary and National Treasurer's positions to be for a longer term and advertised nationally, were both soundly defeated. No change has therefore been made involving the contract terms under which the National Secretary/Treasurer is employed.

The remit suggesting changes to the terms of the National President and Vice President was withdrawn in order that it could be re-submitted in an amended form at a later date.

The final three remits seeking improvements to the financial security of our funds and economies in respect of Executive travel were passed. Remit three with minor wording alterations. (a) to better reflect the IRD position on mileage allowances and (b) to ensure only the cheaper of either mileage allowance or the air fare was refundable.

Following the conclusion of the meeting the auction commenced and South Canterbury's Russell Wood showed himself to be a capable auctioneer for this "In house" event.

This was good weekend and we enjoyed some excellent South Canterbury hospitality. Thanks to the local branch members who arranged transport for the out of town representatives to the venue – with special thanks to Arthur who drove Margaret and I both to the venue and then to the airport following the auction.

Thank you South Canterbury for a very enjoyable weekend.

Ron.

Von Tempsky's Ghost

I trust that most of you saw the television documentary on Monday night 21st April about Von Tempsky. I for one, found it most enlightening and thought it was well done. It was good to see our member Tim Ryan recognized as an authority on the subject.

Interestingly the Television critic writing for the Dominion Post on 23rd April has also given the documentary a good write up and commented on the fact that this was about Von Tempsky's historical importance to New Zealand. Hopefully there will be a re-run of this programme in the not too distant future. Ed

Found

Kaitoke range on March family Sunday shoot

One polar fleece jacket. Dark green with black collar
Would appear to be a lady's jacket.

If this is yours please contact Alwyn.

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New Meeting

Sunday 4th May 2003 at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone from 1.30pm. Display theme for the meeting will be letter I. Not an easy one but how about Inches, Indian, Inertia, Infantry, Instruments, Interchangeable, Israel, Iver Johnson, Ithaca, Inventory, International. I am sure our quick witted members will not be put off and make something out of this theme.

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Reminders.

Check the expiry date of your firearms licence.

Have you paid your Antique Arms subscriptions ? Both Branch and National subscriptions are due.

Central Branch Auction Saturday 26th April 24, 2003
Otorohanga.

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Margaret's Bairnsfather evening.

The evening Margaret arranged for Mark Warby to meet Bairnsfather collectors was held on 24th April and seven members took advantage of this opportunity. Margaret advises that the evening went very well indeed and they all learned a lot about this famous character.

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Apologies for the shortened Newsletter

A number of factors have caused this but it's mainly due to computer failure. Ed