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- Days Gone By. An astounding collection of Uniforms, webbing, water bottles rifles etc from the Vietnam period.
- 9mm Luger Long Barrel Artillery Model dated 1918. A very nice example complete with holster and plank type shoulder stock.
- December Postcards, many dated in the 1940's
- Vickers Machine Gun on tripod. A gun that I have heard has since changed hands but is still within the branch.
- A Dreyse Model 1907 pistol in .32 ACP complete with a reference article from The American Rifleman giving the history of these pistols and showing working parts and illustrating the method of assembly/disassembly etc.

Lower Hutt Gun show.

By 3.30pm on Friday the tables were laid out and cabinets placed. Over the next 2 ½ - 3 hrs Club exhibitors started setting up their displays with one or two waiting until early Saturday morning.

Displays included.

- Enfield Rifles and Carbines.
- Early New Zealand Snider Rifles and Carbines.
- New Zealand marked Martinis and other rifles covering technology changes in 50 years.
- SLR Rifles with many variations.
- Japanese Militaria.
- A lovely selection of Trench Art.
- Air Pistols.
- English Handguns, a wide selection put forward by several collectors.
- Maori War Medals and related information.
- A Vickers Gun set up on its tripod.
- A Mortar.
- Two Anti-Aircraft Orlikon cannons set on each side of the stage.
- A display of swords and edged weapons.
- A display of US Garand rifles.
- Two wagon wheels suspended from the ceiling to display a large selection of early New Zealand rifles and bayonets.

These shows are always positively received by the general public and I see this as a way of promoting firearm ownership and collecting.

A big thanks to all who helped with exhibits security and the major task of set up and clean up.

Thanks,

Alwyn.

April Meeting

There were not quite the usual number present at this meeting but never the less there were some very good displays. Steve was absent at the Auckland Gun show and the meeting was handled by Alwyn.

- Daggers. A nice selection of British Fairburn Sykes fighting knives and Daggers, dating from 1940. Most with scabbards.
- Damascus. 12g Double barrel Underlever hammer shotgun by W.Richards.
- Double Barrel Shotguns. A selection of 12g double barrel shotguns illustrating the changes through the years. Pinfire Underlever HammerType, A backlock hammer gun, A boxlock hammerless gun and an Under and Over gun. (Pity there wasn't a percussion muzzle loader to complete the display)
- Daggers. A display of Wilkinson Sword daggers and a William Rogers dagger.
- Daggers & Dirks. A display of 13 various Dirks, Daggers and Devices for Doing Away with Undesirables
- Derringers. A pair of Colt Theur No3 Derringers. Circa 1870 in Cal 41rimfire.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Last Friday Margaret and I travelled to Whangarei for the AGM of the NZAHAA, Margaret in her role as the National Secretary and myself as the Wellington Branch Representative. As a cost saving measure it was suggested we fly to Auckland, meet up with the other Branch Reps, and then drive to Whangarei. This sounded a great idea at the time, however the travelling time was under estimated and 5 of us ended up slightly late for the 1pm start time of the Management Committee Meeting, which couldn't start without the Secretary.

With the late start we got straight down to business discussing the Canterbury NZAAA's proposed remits, and with the omission of the word Branch from their name and whether they were indeed a Branch at all.

Then we heard the recommendations from the Sub Committee that had been going through the Associations rules. All branches must now be Incorporated and there will be new rules for dispute resolutions.

Next up was the Ruahine Court case, this was discussed "in Committee", so all I can say, is that all parties involved have come to an agreement, and the whole issue is over, finalized, finished etc. There will be a "Press Release" in the next Gazette. So hopefully now we can put his matter behind us and start moving forward as a united organization.

It was about 7pm by the time these issues had been dealt with, but we pressed on with all the other general business and the meeting finished up around 9pm.

On Saturday morning we got down to the venue for the AGM and auction in time for a quick look around the auction lots and a latte before the 10am start of the AGM. The meeting was straight forward, with about 30 people present passing all the rule changes and listening to the reports.

The auction that followed achieved some good prices, but with only a small number of people present quite a few items were passed in.

However, we could not stay to the conclusion, having to leave early to drive to Auckland to catch a plane back to Wellington. Congratulations must go to the Northland Branch for a very well run meeting and auction.

Steve



A very well preserved WW1 Artillery Model Luger pistol complete with holster rig and shoulder stock.



The display of Fairburn Sykes Daggers and Fighting knives



The Dreyse Model 1907 Auto Pistol



The display of Double Barrel shotguns at our April meeting.

For sale. Safe, with 2 lockable drawers and all keys. 500mm W, 500mm D, 760mm H, and heavy! \$250. Phone 04 904 0901



A good keen man, he not only exhibited at our April meeting but also dressed up with full military kit. Quite a weight the ordinary foot soldier was required to carry, no wonder they like the LAVS to transport them around.



SLR s of the Vietnam era -now outdated but still a formidable weapon.

April Gunshow.

The Gunshow held in the Lower Hutt Town Hall on 16th and 17th was well supported by the public and our Branch members who mounted good displays that attracted a lot of attention. It was sad that the parties running the Gunshow and the Model Club could not have got their act together and run the combined exhibition we had been led to believe was to be the case. They did however agree on an entry fee discount for patrons who visited both shows but this was still not as satisfactory as a combined effort might have been. Fortunately the weather was fine and mild and it appeared that both shows were sufficiently well supported to satisfy each group.

On this subject I failed to see why both shows could not have been combined in the Horticultural Hall as it appeared to me that with a bit of space reorganisation the larger hall could have probably coped with everyone.

However, as I see it, we were let down by the organisers who did not live up to the assurance given to the Branch that it would be a combined event. I for one have no interest in supporting just a private enterprise Gunshow that does little for our organisation other than offering us public exposure. Unless there are some significant changes in future and tangible benefits for the Branch I personally will not be exhibiting again. Our Branch and members put money and a lot of time and effort into setting up displays that made this more than just a market place for traders. I sincerely hope that this effort has not gone unnoticed and it will be interesting to note how this support is reciprocated when we run our July auction.

Ed



This was the gear our soldiers of the Vietnam era were required to carry



Some very nice Wilkinson Sword Daggers displayed.



A well presented display of Short Swords at the April Gunshow.



A diorama of NZ Forest Rangers displayed at the Model Show



Another diorama depicting Zulus attacking a Redoubt.



A well prepared listing of Maori Warriors displayed at the Model show.



Above the Vickers Gun and Bottom Left. A display of Lee Enfields at the Gun Show.

2005 Auction Report

Cataloguing is now finished for our 16th and 17th of July auction, we have a wide range of absolutely brilliant items, so you all better start saving. If you would like a sneak preview then just check out the Branch Web site www.nzaaawgtm.org.nz and look under the auction page.

The catalogue will soon be off to the Printers so you can expect it in the post late May. As usual the club will need as many helpers as we can get that weekend for setting up the hall, transporting auction lots, security and of course wrapping postals the next day.

The Branch is also looking to fill two positions, the first is Club Secretary, Phil our last Secretary has had to step down from the committee because of work commitments. The job involves taking committee meeting minutes about every two months and writing the occasional letter. There is an additional reward with the job, the successful applicant gets free national membership as well as hanging out with some cool guys of course.

We are also looking for someone interested in a bit of data entry, this would be mainly at the auction but with a view to assist with loading data in future.

If you are interested in either position or know of someone who might be please let myself or Alwyn know.

Steve.

Next Meeting.

Sunday 1st May 2005. At the usual venue. Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone. Theme letter for displays "E"

Reminder.

Check your Firearms Licence expiry date and take steps to renew it well before expiry date.

Subscriptions.

Subscriptions are now overdue and reminders have been sent to those still outstanding. If you haven't paid yours please attend to this promptly.