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- Naval Snider Mk2 with lock dated 1860 and in very nice condition.
- Victorian British Naval Brigades. Model of soldiers, Gatling gun supply carriage and a rocket battery.
- Never used. Beaumont Adams 54 bore 5 shot percussion revolver cased with accessories and an Adams 3rd Model Tranter Patent 80 bore pocket revolver also cased with accessories. Both revolvers believed to have never been used.
- Notable Numismatia. Bank notes and coins from the late 1700's to 2002. A big selection.
- Numismatics. Coins found locally dating from 1636 -1881.
- Nordenfelt machine gun shell.
- National Antarctic Expedition. A print of Captain Scott.
- New Colt Service revolvers. Two cased target revolvers in .455 calibre
- Norway. A collection of Norwegian bayonets.
- Naval Issue. Tarver percussion pistol dated 1846 with a Naval Boarding Cutlass dated 1875 and a Naval Musketoon dated 1799.
- Nice Daggers. German Army National Socialist Motor Corps and German Air Force.
- New Acquisition. An AR15 M4A4 carbine.
- Needhams Patent Conversion of the Springfield Musket with Naval buttons, a Nazi Naval Officers dagger and a percussion British Naval belt pistol.
- A collection of pocket knives some with unusual opening and locking features.
- Night vision goggles and equipment.
- An exceptional display of the service and records of a New Zealand Serviceman who ended up as a signalman with the Royal Navy and was engaged in the Atlantic ocean search for the German battleship Bismark and its ultimate destruction. Photos of the ill fated Swordfish torpedo bombers and numerous other interesting photos and documents made up this display.

All in all a great showing and some wonderful talking points. Three displays won Terry's prized petrol vouchers and interestingly one was won by a prospective new member. Let's hope he is sufficiently enthused to join the Club and keep up his interest.

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An exceptional display of Naval items

May Meeting. Letter N.

Our May meeting was very well attended and produced a great selection of exhibits.

A brief run down of some of these was as follows.

- New acquisition – 7/8th scale Japanese type 38 training rifle made for children.
- New acquisition – Helmets, Hungarian M1950, M1950-65 and M1971 all slightly different.
- Naval helmets. A lovely selection including US MkII, British MkII, US Navy 1950s and a German M1935.
- NZ CAC Shot shells and a selection of Nobel manufactured shot shells.
- Nice Nazi Naval dagger with attractive engraving to blade and scabbard.
- New acquisition. British Army Arctic sling for use on self loading rifle. A very unusual item.
- Nail gun, nail puller, nail punches, needle files, Nylon nitrate and nylon extracting die.
- NZ Books and NZ Forest Service ammo packets. A number of these books were written by a well known author, the late Lynn Harris.
- Naval line thrower by Blanch. Cannon priming horn and a naval one pound shell plus a naval sea service belt pistol.
- New acquisition. A lovely sword and trumpet of German origin.



A display of New Zealand books, a number of which were written by the late Lynn Harris



A new acquisition - Arctic sling for the L2 A1 Self Loading rifle



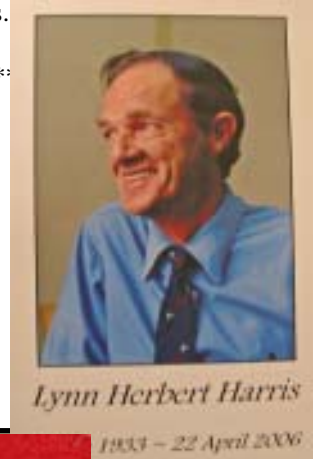
Needhams Patent conversion of the Springfield Musket. An unusual exhibit in this part of the world. A fascinating story surrounds these breechloader. Members should refer to Flayderman's Guide to Antique American Firearms.



Another most interesting display, a chronicle of the war service and experiences of a New Zealand Serviceman in WW2 who served in the Royal Navy. This display took in so much detail that it was impossible to summarise in a few words. The sort of display that should be on permanent exhibition for all to see in a place like Te Papa or Waiouru

We were sorry to learn that Lynn Harris, a long standing member of our Branch died recently. Lynn was one of the early members of the Branch and we understand he founded the New Zealand Cartridge Club in the early 1960's. In latter years he did not keep the greatest of health and had not been active in our Branch activities for some time, so was probably not well known to many our members. Lynn was a prolific writer and since the mid 1950s produced numerous books and articles on firearms, ammunition and reloading that were published in NZ and overseas. As well as that he acted as a firearms advisor and instructor.

One of the displays at our May meeting included a number of his various books and publications.



A fine example of an English Tower percussion Naval issue pistol dated 1846.

President's Report

Welcome to another edition of the Flint and Cap, I would like to start by thanking everyone who brought items along to display at last months meeting, it was great to see so many good displays and three happy members went home with \$20 petrol vouchers for their trouble. I would also like to thank Stuart from the Wairarapa who brought along his laser speed shooting equipment, I think just about everyone had a go and having seen a video of experts firing off 6 revolver rounds then reloading and firing off another 6 rounds in about 4 seconds, I was very disappointed with my own efforts .

At the May meeting I also had the pleasure of presenting Rex Hill (your editor) with the Scott Rose Bowl. This literary trophy is presented every year by the Editor of the National Gazette for the best published article. Dennis (the National Editor) had given the Rose Bowl to me in Invercargill and I had been keeping it as a surprise for our May meeting. However two days before the meeting Dennis published the name of the winner in the E-gazette, Luckily Rex who is a bit techno-phobic had not opened his e-mail and even the hints from a few well meaning members had gone over his head and didn't spoil the surprise.

Rex's article on the Remington-Lee featured his own rifle plus photos and original text, was very well written and even created interest from overseas collectors.

Getting back to reality, your Committee has been very busy with the auction. As I write the catalogue is at the printers and should be in the post by early June. We have another great selection of items this year and once again we need everyone's help to make this a success. Help is needed on Friday with transportation of lots and setting up the hall, security during viewing hours, holding up lots, cleaning up the hall on Sunday and wrapping postals on Monday. If you are available to help, please ring Alwyn or speak to either of us at the next meeting, see you there.
 Steve



Your rather surprised Editor receiving the Scott Rose Bowl from El Presidente Steve. I wondered what Steve was rabbitting on about when he started and had no idea that any such award existed, let alone that I had won it.



Stuart demonstrating his electronic revolver practice set up



A rather nice Naval Snider displayed at the May meeting.



Displays of Knives (left) New Service Colt target revolvers (centre) and a German Naval Officers tunic.





Last months meeting saw a good turn out of displays as noted elsewhere in the newsletter. It was also the first month for the random draw of prizes for those that displayed items. Three lucky members each received \$20.00 worth of petrol vouchers after having their display number drawn from a helmet (I'm after all a helmet collector).

It seems to have been a good start to this venture but it needs your support. Next meeting is for the letter "O" although your display need not be related to the letter of the month.

So now's the time to start thinking of what you can bring along for the next meeting.

Terry Anderson

Etiquette

A timely reminder to all members, especially to our newer members on the etiquette involved when viewing items on display at our monthly meetings. At the last two monthly meetings there have been occurrences where people uninvited have picked and handled items without first asking permission of the items owner. Some items displayed are very valuable and irreplaceable, so first, ask the owners permission for a closer look and I am sure that owner will only be too pleased to show it to you, and even to explain in full the workings and the history of the item.

We all started off our collecting careers by looking at the valuable items the "Old Timers" displayed, items which we then could not afford. They imparted their knowledge to the younger ones coming through and helped to nurture the collecting spirit and today we don't want to dampen their collecting spirit either, so would like to educate them that if they are not invited to pick up an item for a closer look, just leave it alone and **"look with your eyes only and don't touch"**



A good display of Norwegian bayonets



Naval Cutlass and brass barrelled muskatoon dated

Book Review by Tim Ryan

New Zealand Army Personal Equipment 1910 - 1945
by Barry O'Sullivan /Matthew O'Sullivan

This book is a major achievement in the field of New Zealand militaria and represents many years of research in New Zealand public collections and the help of private collectors both in this country and overseas. It was researched by Barry O'Sullivan ably assisted by his brother Matthew who took most of the photographs and inputted information obtained by Barry. As a published author myself, I can appreciate the huge amount of time and effort it takes to assemble a book such as this. The authors are to be commended for the historic images that have not appeared in any other publications, this book therefore is a must have for all collectors and museums that have an interest in the military heritage of this country.

People in our club have approached me and have said, if only they had known, they could have supplied items for photography that do not appear in the book. Well now is the opportunity for these collectors to help with the second volume that Barry & Matthew are preparing which will cover the uniforms that New Zealand Soldiers wore during the period 1910 - 1945.

Barry O'Sullivan can be contacted at barrylisa@xtra.co.nz

Next Meeting

Sunday 4th June at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone from 1.30pm.

Display theme for the meeting will be letter "O"

Suggestions, Orbendorf, Olympic, Open/frame/top, Ordnance, Under & Over.

Coming Events.

1st July Auckland Branch Gun Show

8th & 9th July Wellington Branch Auction

15th & 16th July Mainland Militaria show Christchurch