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## June 1st Meeting and Displays.

Another very good group attended our June meeting and with the video of the re enactment of a WWII battle, there was certainly plenty of action for everyone. Once again the theme letter of "B" was well supported and the displays were outstanding so a good list follows;

- Browning FN collection - including a good range of shotguns, repeating rifles and semi auto pistols;
- British Constabulary revolver "Warranted Accurate by W W Greener" – an unusual item designed to tax the dismantling skills;
- "Best British Breechloader" a NZ Government Sergeants Model Snider rifle complete with its bayonet and scabbard – a rarely seen variation;
- Blacksmithing forge – mobile type as used in WWI together with its heavy duty blower, vice and related forge tools;
- "Bombs" – Bofors, Bushmaster and Naval together with their documentation;
- Blunderbuss flintlock, Brown Bess musket and India Pattern musket with its spike bayonet – great to see a

- group of three good flintlocks;
- Badges, a very large group of British Police badges, together with a major collection of American Sheriff and Marshall badges – many of which date back a considerable period;
- Bullet moulds by Colt, Adams Tranter and Kerr etc – a very interesting and old group;
- B.S.A. rifles and related sights including an early very heavy air rifle and a War Office .22;
- "Backaction & Boxlock Bangers" – a selection of back action percussion D/B and S/B shotguns and boxlock flintlock and percussion pistols together with their accessories;
- Bren Gun MkI set up on its tripod – an impressive set;
- Westley Richards Patent "monkey tail" saddle ring carbine in .450 cal – another rarely seen item;
- Medal collection – a wide selection together with Badges, Buckles, Bayonets, related frogs etc;
- "Boots, Bottles & Belts", a selection of military items showing the range of variations;
- "Beretta's and Brownings" a good group including shotguns and semi auto pistol from these famous makers;
- "Bonnets, Boats, Bombs, Balloons" an impressive display of a wide range of military china;
- Browning rifles – a group including a semi auto and an unusual dropping breech model;
- "Bugger All" – a nicely prepared sign from a member who had difficulty in finding something suitable in his collection!
- "Bairnsfather" a major display of Bairnsfather memorabilia including a rare "Old Bill" statue, a serious selection of decorative plates and a huge range of books, magazines, postcards and related items.

In addition to the impressive items on display, Jeremy spoke of the Wellington re enactment group and had his video running to show the groups activities. We were also able to discuss COLFO's upcoming analysis of where the various political parties stand on the important issue of firearms registration. Ted reminded us of the importance of strategic voting, particularly in respect of our party vote where this important issue is concerned. We were also given a supply of COLFO's bumper sticker to distribute as widely as possible to make sure the politicians remain aware of our concerns.

Another good Branch meeting with a reminder that support is required over the full period of the July auction. Members were also give advance notice that our 1 September meeting is a major "Buy, Sell and Trade" day where other local Branches of the Association will also be invited to participate.

Ron

The following item was regrettably omitted from our May newsletter but the Anzac Day report missed the printing deadline. Ed

**Range Day .303 Practice 21<sup>st</sup> April**

About 20 shooters turned up to a fine day. The start was a bit slow as I had forgotten to pick up the targets and patches.

As the day progressed new shooting events were trialed. There was a great range of rifles brought out including .22 training rifles, a Mk1 complete with original cleaning rod and various other .303 models etc which were used with good effect as the day progressed.

Another item that stirred interest was a black motor cycle of Russian origin. The owner of this elegant piece of machinery said that it may be seen in future with a side car. Everyone went home happy and satisfied and a few had even used all of their ammunition reserves as well.

Alwyn.

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**ANZAC Day Kaitoke.**

The day was overcast with a few showers. About 50 shooters signed on so the pace was set right from the start. It was good to see about 12 Antique Arms members shooting, with some winning trophies. The day's major competition was won by John L. with Mike D getting to have his name on the SLR L1A1 shield.

The Club display was well received with some very unusual items. There were a number of rifles including a Cavalry Carbine, a Lee Metford, a Long Tom with bayonet and a No4 T snipers rifle complete with accessories. One member displayed some uniforms that also got well checked over by a number of people.

Thanks to all who helped and to those who brought items to make an interesting display  
Alwyn.

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**A Bren Gun displayed at the May Meeting**



**"SPRING SHOOT"  
Blackpowder Section  
Rifle Rod & Gun Club  
Palmerston North  
3 August 2002**

Yes this is our 19<sup>th</sup> annual open shoot and your chance to have an informal fun day with plenty of challenges. Targets may be stuck in the mud, running or flying and will be somewhere between the mound and the hill. Black stuff only and muzzle loaders preferred (but bring a Lever Action if you've got one).

More later -

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**The Historical Re-Enactment Society - Jeremy Rae,  
Wellington Branch AA**

I'd like to introduce you all to the Historical Re-Enactment Society (HRS), a group with which I've been involved with for several years. I was introduced to the society through participation in service rifle shooting in Wellington (c/o Michael D), and this re-awakened my interest in WWII military history, equipment and weaponry.

My first official involvement was at the Waiouru Desert Fair in February 1999 and since then I have been involved with a number of displays, theme shoots, public battles, gun shows, ANZAC day parades and other events, including open days at the Wright's Hill Fortress in Karori, Wellington.

**About the Society:** Re-Enactment in New Zealand is very young and the main areas of interest are the New Zealand wars of the 19th century and World War II. The society is dedicated to preserving and presenting New Zealander's contribution to the Second World War.

The HRS was formed in March 1995, the year of the 50th anniversary of the end of the second World War. The society formed two units, one allied and one German for a TV N.Z display battle and went on to provide extras to several local TV programmes like "The Charles Upham Story", "The Call Up", and "Heroes" as well as several short films. The HRS also became a draw card at MOTAT "LIVE" days with display battles involving both tanks and infantry. The HRS holds regular "tactical" events, displays and meetings around the country.

Most recently the society was involved with Warbirds Over Wanaka 2002, which was a huge success and we received many favourable comments from all involved. Later on this year we should be holding a public display battle at Wright's Hill over Labour Weekend and next year we plan to be present at Warbirds Over Wairarapa. Currently we are working on forming a Wellington branch of the

HRS. We would like to model ourselves on a WWII Wellington regiment and would appreciate any information or suggestions fellow AA members may have. We would also like to hear from ex-servicemen with advice on marching, drill and generally ensuring what we do is as accurate and faithful as possible.

For more information about the society and upcoming events, check out the web page <http://www.hrs.org.nz> or contact me on (04) 2356859, or [jlrae@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jlrae@xtra.co.nz).

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**A good display of Back Action & Boxlock Bangers.**



**Military and Patriotic china items.**



**A section of the Bairnsfather memorabilia.**



**Hats and helmets and a view of the display table**

**A selection of Browning designed firearms.**



**Bullet Moulds from a by-gone era**



**Blunderbuss & two Brown Bess Flintlocks.**



Tony seems to be haggling with Fred over a trade item.



More Browning patent shotguns etc.



An extensive display including Fire Service and Law Enforcement badges.



A close-up of the Law enforcement badges from the above photo showing numerous rare American Sheriff badges.



Our military historian Tim R signing copies of his new book "The Colonial New Zealand Wars"

**Next Meeting.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** at the usual venue, Petone Workmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone from 1.30pm. Yes we appreciate that this is a week earlier than usual but the Committee considers it important to hold this meeting to ensure that everyone is kept informed regarding requirements for the forthcoming auction on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will be requiring everyone to do something to assist in some way with the Auction and we wish to co-ordinate the duties as much as possible. Considerable assistance will be required on Friday 5th July with setting up the hall and transporting items etc so please turn up at the meeting and make yourself available for the auction for the benefit of the Branch and yourself as a member of the organisation.

Display theme for this meeting will be letter C. Should be an easy one with Calibre, Calisher & Terry, Canadian, Cannon, Caper, Caps, Carbine, Cartridges Centre fire, Colt to name a few. Our displays go a long way to making these meetings interesting so don't just leave it to someone else, bring out an item from your collection and don't forget to include a description. Not everyone will know what it is unless you include an explanation.

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