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Meeting 6th June.

With a theme based on letters U and V options were somewhat limited but displays included;

- Uberti – a pair of cased percussion pistols with accessories, bullet mould etc. The unusual feature of these two pistols was that they had consecutive serial numbers. Additionally another cased Uberti replica Colt Navy percussion pistol with all accessories.
- Unusual Items. A display headed unusual and very unusual items. These were mainly in the way on unusual pliers, wrenches and cutters. The most unusual item being an adjustable plier/wrench together with its removable jaws for different purposes and complete with the original makers instructions and packaging wallet.
- Under and Over shotguns. Pedretti (Italy), Beretta (Italy), Russian, Chinese, English and Swedish.
- Vickers Simulator – A cased piece of Training equipment for use with the Vickers Machine Gun to simulate the gun firing.
- Verniers. A selection of different verniers gauges including illustrating the use of the vernier system including a Central Sight as used on full bore target rifles with vernier markings for elevation and windage adjustments.
- USA - Two commonly encountered Smith & Wesson .455 revolvers as used by British & Commonwealth forces in WW1. One a Smith & Wesson triple lock Model 1 the other a Model 2.

- Under and Over. Another common 12g Japanese Under and Over single trigger shotgun by SKB.
- UV – Ultra Violet lamp and protection mask.
- Uncovered – Very old coins and muzzle loader parts. Coins dated 1636-1839.
- Vices – A display of the smaller hand held types.
- Unknown – Muniton tool.
- Unmarked – a pair of unmarked Volunteers ? muzzle loading percussion rifles and bayonets. Possibly produced during the American Civil War.
- 1796 Pattern Pipe Back Sword with Osborn & Gunby blade. Including associated literature.
- Viewmaster slide viewers.
- Victor - .22 cal Target pistol.
- Vickers – Martini action .22 cal target rifle purchased for \$70 (no indication of when. Ed) “Cut down barrel, sloppy brazed front sight. Looks like a piece of shit. Shoots like a dream” (Owner’s description)
- Unidentified sword – with note asking for information
- Veterinary – leather case dated 1916 complete with equipment and books on animal management.
- Uruguay and Venezuela – A well labelled display of eight bayonets and edged weapons from both Uruguay and Venezuela.
- USA – Cavalry swords
- Victor. - Funny Actions. An extremely rare and interesting revolver with an odd action. (In the owners words “A Funny Action”) The revolver was a 5 shot .450cal early type of self extracting double action retailed by Tipping & Lawden London which has an extractor system based on an English 1869 Patent. The barrel on this revolver swings away from the frame to facilitate loading etc. Although retailed in England the gun has a Continental appearance.
- Picks. Three military picks date 1914, 1916 and 1917 by Rudders and Payner. Items that would have been invaluable in WW1 for digging trenches and foxholes.
- Captain’s Log – A member’s display of D Day items. HMS Retalick, a Captain Class Frigate on which his father served as part of the invasion fleet.
- US Cartridge Co – various ammunition packets.
- UMC Cartridge Co
- Unserviceable Snider relic barrel and bayonet.

Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show.

To be held 21st & 22nd August at the Greerton Hall.

The organisers state that accommodation, restaurants and pubs are all within easy walking distance of the hall. For details phone Keith or Raewyn on 07-573-6640.



A pair of unmarked Enfield pattern percussion rifles.



Uncovered - relic muzzleloader parts and old coins



Universal charge bar for a shotshell reloading machine



Very unusual and rare revolver marked Victor.

President's Report

Welcome to another President's report. As some of you may have noticed I didn't make the June meeting which makes reporting on that, rather difficult. With the meeting coinciding with Queen's Birthday weekend I was torn between Antique Arms and a Motorcycle trip and because I have been a bit overdosed with Militaria lately the bike trip won.

You should all have received your auction catalogues by now so you will all be aware that July 10th is our Auction time again!

This is without doubt the Wellington Branch premier weekend of the year **but it needs your help to make it work** so you should all be rearing to go. As there is **No Meeting** on the first Sunday of July and there is nothing of any consequence that I am aware of to report, I thought I would take this opportunity to outline briefly some of the auction jobs that assistance is required for.

Friday July 9th Transporting lots, and setting up the auction and tables etc, security behind tables and on the door. The latter is a simple task – just a matter of sitting behind the tables and keeping an eye on the items. The times security helpers are required for are 3pm-8.30pm Friday, 7am – 9am Saturday, 8am – 9am Sunday and also at times when the Auctioneer stops for breaks. There is no gender restriction on any of our jobs and wives or partners of members will be welcome.

Saturday July 10th Security before commencement and odd times during the day, plus help with eating all the food Wayne has ordered.

Sunday July 11th Security before commencement and odd times during the day, plus packing up after the auction.

Monday July 12th Wrapping postals - (At Mana College Hall from 9am)

Alwyn (phone 528-8190) and **John** (phone 526-6837) are handling the rosters, so if you are available and can help for an hour or two, please give either of them a call and I promise you a great weekend.

On the National front, there has been no change in the legal claim against the National President and the National Association. I guess the wheels of Justice turn slowly, no doubt oiled by copious sums of money. It's a great pity that all parties involved didn't stop to consider the effect on the rest of the collecting community before this whole thing got out of hand.

Wellington Branch however, seems to be flourishing and your Committee continues to work very hard on your behalf. We have a formidable auction ahead of us with a wide range of entries that should be of interest to everyone, so be sure to come along and support your Branch.

Hope to see you all at the auction and good luck with your bidding.
Steve



USA - Commonly encountered S&W revolvers, Under & Over SKB shotgun, vernier target sight and vernier measuring tools.



Unusual - a selection of most unusual pliers & wrenches .



Uberti replica Colt Navy percussion revolver



A pair of Uberti replica Colt Navy percussion revolvers, these two were consecutively numbered.



Vetinary kit from the First World War.



A brass Fireman's helmet. Although this one had seen better days a close examination shows a surprising amount of detail and workmanship has gone into the original manufacture. As a boy I can remember a line of them all polished and ready hanging along the wall of the Masterton Fire Station and no I didn't see the steamer in use, that was long before my day.



A selection of Under and Over shotguns etc.



Replica Uberti Volcanic Henry repeating rifle, Martini action target rifle by Vickers, a High Standard Victor .22 pistol and a Viewmaster 3d slide viewer all contributed to a good display on the theme letters U and V.

Above, a good selection of Military China. Below, a variety of collectible items and Right, other items including a display of old shotshell reloading gear, all displayed in the Gun room of one of our members.



There is not a lot to report for this edition, our forthcoming Auction is the Twentieth Anniversary of Branch Auctions and Committee has done a lot to make this a special occasion. El Presidente has said it all in his report on page two which spells out the need for support from each and every one of you, so come along, muck in and enjoy the occasion. Please don't be offended when you are asked to contribute an entry fee, we all pay for the privilege of attending the auction from the President to the Committee and everyone else in between (except spouses) and there is no Shindlers List for exemptions. The money goes towards the very substantial cost of hiring the hall, printing catalogues and running the auction and with a bit of luck you will all benefit from the effort.

The Auction will be our July Meeting as well and of course the venue is St Pats College, 581 Evans Bay Road, Wellington 9th, 10th & 11th July 2004.

Auction catalogues have been dispatched and if anyone wants a spare copy contact Steve or myself. Ed

A date to keep free 14th November 2004. This is the date set down for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. More info will be available on this event later.