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- Fish Hooks. A selection of large fishing hooks.
- Fireman's helmet of the early 1900's era
- Fire Station badges and English fire trucks.
- Silver Fletcher. A modified Webley RIC revolver and a Fosbery revolver with relevant literature
- Fiocchi & Falcon shotshells. A collection that had an immediate "Do you want to sell" inquiry.
- Fighting shotguns. A Winchester 1897 Pump, Winchester 1912 Pump and a M520 Savage pump.
- Fourten shotguns. A Kea gun and revolver plus a selection of hammer guns, bolt action and traditional break open guns. The revolver was of Belgium manufacture by J.Scheinfod, a very unusual item.
- Shotguns by Fall Arms and Forehand Arms.
- Five and Six Shot semi automatic shotguns.
- FBI poster, French print and Felt lemon squeezer complete with Fake watch.
- Found recently a selection of helmets.
- French training rifle and Francotte rifles.
- FR8 Bolt action Mauser rifle with technical data.
- Lee Enfield carbine and fighting knife.

Apology – I regret that the last newsletter was inadvertently headed April 2005 instead of May 2005. Something overlooked in the rush to meet a deadline in a short month.
Ed.

June Meeting.

The letter "F" brought on an outstanding array of items including,

- Fancy that. A model 1908 Brazilian Mauser rifle in very good condition fitted with an unusual muzzle cap. This rifle was numbered 34.
- Furniture. An outstanding display of S.L.R. fittings, variations including forewoods, butts, but plates, handles, grips and some experimental fittings.
- Found. Coins, a dozen of them dated from 1636 - 1843. Mostly found around the Porirua area. (1636 ?? I wasn't aware of European settlement that far back)
- FN Belgium made Minimi 5.56cal light machine gun that was used for NZ trials. Complete with relevant literature and accessories.
- Files. A range of hand files ranging from needle files to big bastards. (Don't forget that files were a necessary tool for gunmakers from the earliest of times.)
- Famil items. Including Grandfather's and Father's service certificates, medals, Princess Mary Christmas tin, photos and a range of badges relating to the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

Obituary.

Julian Winston. (Winnie) was a highly esteemed teacher, historical musician, marksman and writer, so says his death notice. Winnie passed away on 12th June and was cremated privately at his request. My own knowledge of Winnie is limited but I do know he was a master of the banjo and steel guitar after having witnessed him playing on several occasions. In fact his book on the steel guitar is known world wide and is considered the "Bible" on this instrument.

He was blessed with an unusual sense of humour and members may remember some of the displays he put on over the years containing amongst other things a petrified turd, a racoon's penis bone and his Grandmother's glass eye to name a few.

Winnie always wanted a Colt (Roots Patent) sidehammer revolver having seen or owned one in his youth and he recently acquired one which he proudly displayed and talked about. Some of you may wonder who was this guy, well if you recall a quiet unassuming little fellow with glasses and a pronounced American (Philadelphia) accent usually moving slowly around the venue wearing Eskimo or UG boots, that was Winnie. Another unique character has gone, we will miss him.

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A display of SLR fittings at the May Meeting



An extensive display of files from our Masters of Improvisation



A modified Webley RIC and a Webley Fosbery with well set out information



A display of bomb fuses etc also with good documentation.



Five and six shot autoloading shotguns



A Mauser Bolt action rifle displayed, unfortunately I was not at the meeting and the photo does not give sufficient detail for me to be certain, but this would appear to be the Mauser 1908 Model Brazilian rifle mentioned by my scribe,



French Training rifle and Francotte rifles displayed.

I am sorry to say that the photos taken at the last meeting were rather disappointing as both cameras used malfunctioned to a greater or lesser extent. Almost all of the digital photos were unusable and a lot of the film shots did not respond well to reproduction. There appeared to be some most interesting exhibits at the meeting and I was disappointed to find I could only make use of a few photos.

Ed

The President's Perspective

Well another year has raced by and once again its time for the annual Wellington Branch auction. This year's event is shaping up to be the best yet as we have a marvellous range of quality firearms and militaria. Some of these are very rare and it will probably be the only place you will get to see and handle these items.

Once again we will need lots of helpers for this event such as setting up on the Friday, security behind the tables, holding items up during the auction, data entry, cleaning up after the auction and of course wrapping the postal lots on the Monday. If you would like to assist in any of these tasks, even for an hour or so, give Alwyn or myself a call.

The next event on the Wellington Branch calendar is a luncheon your Committee has been working on since the end of last year. The Committee has approached Ian Skennerton, and we are bringing him to Wellington on the 3rd September. We have booked the function rooms at the Petone Workingmen's Club where there will be displays, morning tea and a sit down luncheon, after which Ian will speak for an undetermined amount of time on British firearms, swords, writing his books and his research. This will be followed by a free period where Ian will be available for any questions and to sign his books. He will be bringing a selection of his books with him, but is more than happy to autograph your own treasured copies if you bring them along.

On a sad note I report the passing of Julian Winston after a long illness. Julian was a regular at our meetings and a real character. My fondest memory of Julian is when he played the banjo during Saturday night drinks at our auction a couple of years ago. He will be sadly missed.

See you all at the next meeting.

Steve.

IAN SKENNERTON

Members attending the last meeting will be aware of the announcement that our Branch is bringing Ian Skennerton to New Zealand as our guest speaker at a luncheon to be held on Saturday 3rd September. Ian is a recognised world authority on British Military firearms, bayonets and military accoutrements and a prolific writer. He is the Producer and Editor of an Australian quarterly magazine titled International Arms & Militaria.

A flier for this publication states amongst other things that the magazine features; qualitative articles by noted researchers and authorities on all types of firearms, edged weapons, cartridges, accessories and militaria.

It aims to promote the preservation and study of arms and militaria.

The flier shows good photographs of firearms ranging from flintlock to percussion long arms as well as a Webley revolver with shoulder stock fitted, Martini Henry, 303 NZ ? carbine, a Colt revolving rifle, a Winchester, a number of Owen guns as well as a sword and Victorian style helmet.

The luncheon will be at the Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone on 3rd September and is scheduled for 12.30pm and Ian will speak at around 2pm.

The function room will be open from 10am for people to set up displays and Ian has advised that he would be particularly interested in seeing items of New Zealand significance such as;

Remington Lees, Sniders, Enfields, SLR's, Charltons, Hay Pattern Enfields etc. especially any with New Zealand markings. Swords bayonets and NZ badges would also be of interest.

Members attending the luncheon are requested to bring along an item or items for display and there will be an opportunity for individuals to speak with him.

Ian will have his books for sale and be pleased to autograph these for anyone purchasing. He has also indicated he will sign his other books that you may have purchased previously if these are brought along.

Entry is by ticket only and these will cost \$25 per person

A strictly limited number of tickets are available so make your bookings now.

Call (04) 934-2756 or email steveprivett@paradise.net.nz for tickets.

Reminder.

Tauranga Gun Show

20 -21st August Greerton Hall. Tauranga.

For details and bookings etc call 027-247-7029

At our last Committee Meeting it was pleasing to note that Tim Ryan agreed to take on the position of Branch Secretary which has been vacant for several months. With our annual auction rapidly approaching it is good to have that position now filled and it is pleasing to find that others in the branch are standing up to be counted in various ways. Our monthly meetings and the annual auction are great attractions for our members and like minded collectors and present good opportunities to meet others and renew old friendships but please remember there is a lot of work and organisation required to run meetings and auctions so do your bit and be counted, your help is particularly required with the auction.

Ed

Next Meeting

Sunday 3rd July 2005. At the usual venue. Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone. Theme letter for displays "G" A few suggestions (Not that you guys really need them) Guns, Garand, Garden guns, Gauges, German, Greener, Gras, Gunpowder

Reminder.

Check your Firearms Licence Expiry Date.

You wouldn't want to be caught out with an expired licence if there was an attractive gun you wanted to buy at our auction and believe me there are some really first class items to be had at this auction.