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June 30th Meeting and Displays.

Pre – Auction June 30th Meeting.

Another good gathering and as we have come to expect, some very interesting items out on display. The list includes;

- “Consecutively Numbered Colt Clones” a cased pair of modern 1860 Army style revolvers, displayed with a “Coffin” hilted Bowie knife;
- Collection of Civil War books – over 50 books, all different, on the American Civil War;
- Commemorative Cartridges & Cattle Crackers, a selection of cartridges, including C.A.C. with their related literature;
- Cannons under construction, detailed plans and drawings displayed with cannon wheels in the course of construction and the jigs designed for the work – together with a commemorative Captain Cook brass cannon with a swamp kauri base and the potted history of the Captain;
- “Countless Collectibles” – a large selection of collectible items including cap tallies, historical booklets, cards, photos, silver-wear sweetheart and other badges, medals, china etc; dating from WWI forward;
- Colt items including early pamphlets, booklets, memorabilia and books etc; two Colt Single Action Army revolvers – one in .44-40 and the other in .45 together with their details;
- “Customs” memorabilia from NZ, Australia & USA, including caps, berets, badges, booklets and a large selection of Commando comics, military cards and commemorative cans;
- “Chunky Crested China” a selection of NZ Army, Navy & Airforce mess china;
- Cartridges of the World, two cabinets displaying a large selection of pistol and rifle cartridges;
- Cadet rifles, an early BSA Martini action .22 and a Greener .310 Australian training rifle; each with their Cadet markings;
- Compass’s – two pieces of Aircraft equipment – one a British PH Bendix Remote Sensing type and the other of American manufacture and thought to be for a DC3 or Dakota;
- “Chronological Tree of New Zealand History From 1798 to 1840”- an old and historical frames document showing drawings, statistics and related information of our early European history;
- “Calisher & Terry” – three of these rare patented arms, a military rifle, a military carbine and a sporting carbine exhibited with a cased Beaumont Adams revolver with its accessories – including a spare cylinder, retailed by Calisher & Terry;
- “Caps” a selection of military caps of the USMC covering the period from WWII to the Gulf War, together with WWII caps from the German and British troops;
- CAC – Clay Target Loads – packets of shotgun shells for Clay shooting together with clay hand throwers;
- “Cape Carbines” two double barrelled percussion Cape Guns, one a possible Eastern copy using an 1842 Tower lock and the other a British Cavalry Smoothbore Model fitted with a Tower lock dated 1854;
- “Cutaway Carbines” – two Martini actions, one fitted to a Carbine and the other detached, both “cutaway” so parts of the internal workings can be seen;
- “Cat Crap”!! yes actually displayed;
- “Thompson Contender” target pistol with its box and able to take a variety of different calibre and purpose barrels;

- “Colt Woodsman” another classic target pistol still with its original signed test target, cardboard box and documentation;
- “Cannons” two brass model cannons on carriages, one cleaned and polished and the other in its unfinished state ready for polishing.

As can be seen, a very large number of interesting items were out on display and this made for fascinating viewing. With the trade tables also going well, we were assured of a good afternoon. Information about COLFO’s discussions with the various political parties will be sent to members soon and we should receive this with our next Gazette.

A good “pre auction” meeting with members showing plenty of support for our forthcoming July Auction Ron.

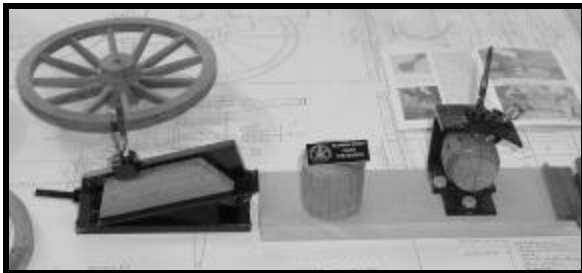
Photos of displays from the meeting



Two Cape Carbines—a type rarely seen



Two Colt Single Action Army Revolvers

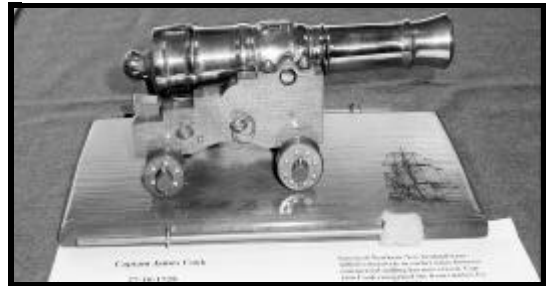


Model Cannon plans and parts including a wheel building jig.

Lady’s Pictorial papers from WW1



A model of a Naval Cannon from Capt Cook’s era



A good display of Military Caps.



Customs Caps and Insignia etc set out on a transparency plan of a vessel.



Martini Action Cadet training rifles.



The display headed Countless Collectibles



Chunky Crested China



A rifle and two Calisher & Terry Capping Breech Loading Carbines.



Tom Bartlett a visitor from UK with Tony C. Tom is the brother of the late Joe Bartlett who was a well known Bayonet collector and member of our Branch. Tom's visit coincided with the June meeting and our Auction



One of the groups of cartridges displayed.



A military P-series compass for aircraft use.



Auction

Our 2002 auction has now been and gone and in spite of a few obstacles placed before us we enjoyed strong support and achieved a record result. It all goes to prove that militaria collecting in NZ is alive and well and that collectibles are in demand and continuing to appreciate in value. Attendance was well up to usual numbers and very few of the wide variety of items on offer failed to sell. Every auction is different and on this occasion we had a good number of blades and medals on offer. The usual old bangers were around in numbers and these ranged through from flintlock muskets and pistols to cartridge rifles, pistols and machine guns - almost all found new homes.

As most of our members are aware, the whole operation is a massive task of organisation and logistics and as usual was a tribute to the large team of volunteers who worked so tirelessly to bring the event to a successful conclusion. This was a great effort and our thanks go to all concerned.

There is still quite a lot of work to do as Postals are still coming in and odd matters to be resolved. It doesn't help when local members leave last minute absentee bids then make no arrangements to collect their purchases. Payments will be made to vendors on 5th August so if you are expecting a cheque please don't bother Steve or Margaret in the meantime. Ed.

Preliminary Notice

September Meeting

Wellington Branch is holding a **Buy-Sell-Trade-Swap day** as our theme for the meeting on Sunday 1st September. Members are invited to participate. Please note there is a limit to the number of tables we are able to set up in the room available and tables will be allocated on the "first come – first served" basis from 10-30am with some possible limitation on space allocations for each individual.

The meeting will be at the usual venue Petone Workingmen's Club and the Club's dining room facilities will be available for those arriving early.

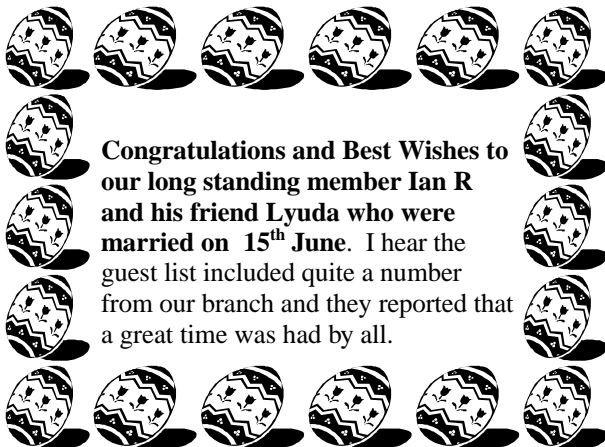
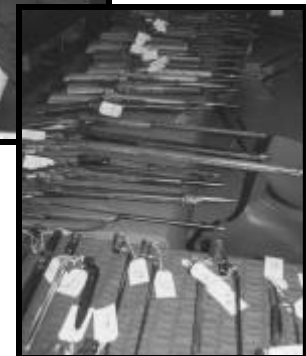
Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Ruahine branch members have been invited to attend this meeting and we are hoping to have a good response and a good range of items on offer.

So please give the matter some thought and search out your surplus items for sale on this day.

Some scenes from the Auction—setup day



Frank and Reg sorting out the restricted items



Congratulations and Best Wishes to our long standing member Ian R and his friend Lyuda who were married on 15th June. I hear the guest list included quite a number from our branch and they reported that a great time was had by all.

The aftermath of the Auction. Alwyn busy wrapping one of the many postals at Mana College hall on the Monday after the auction.



Next Meeting.

Sunday 4th August at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone from 1.30pm Display theme for this meeting will be the letter D. Suggestions include, Daggers, Dragoon, Duelling, Decappers Double Action. I am sure there will be plenty of our members who can find something to bring along with D even from a play on words and don't forget your latest acquisitions.

Please also wear your name tags. It is very difficult to get a handle on so many names if people don't wear their name tags. One case in point was at the last meeting a member asked me to place and advert in this publication, unfortunately I have lost the note I made and I don't know his name. My apologies to the person concerned but please wear your name tag in future.