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- Greener Police gun shells, 12/14 gaige
- Guns with something in common serial numbers that date them to 1870's
- Gras rifle, model 1874 with fencing accessory fitted.
- German hunting bayonet
- Green 12g shotgun.
- German 12g bolt action shotgun
- German .177 air pistol.
- Gold weight. The New Zealand standard gold weight for 1870 NZ Government issue. (Where do you guys find these things.)
- Greener 12g double barrel shotgun, cased with a nice trade label. A high grade gun with excellent fine chequering to the woodwork. Owner believes this gun was made in 1892. The gun has Nitro Proofed steel barrels and would have been very advanced in it's time.
- Greener double barrel hammer guns dates 1860 -1878
- Gang moulds for casting 6 - 12 projectiles at a time.
- Great big brass naval shell cases. 5.2 inch dated 1939 and 1944. Missing primer fittings.

July Meeting Letter "G"

The meeting was very well patronised and we had some very good displays including,

- A fibre glass nose cap off a Sky Hawk aircraft. What next, I thought these planes were mothballed.
- Gas Masks – a large selection with literature and accessories including carry bags, optical lenses and filter elements. Quite an outstanding display and also was modelled by the owner who was seen wearing one for a good length of time.
- German. Fur back pack dated 1937.
- German. Helmets, hats and peak caps with literature.
- German. Luger long barrel Luger with holster and shoulder stock rig,
- German First World War Gott Mitt brass belt buckle.
- German Gebirgsjager anorak jacket of Military issue. This Mountain Troops reversible anorak was the first use of artificial fabric





Part of the extensive display of Gas Masks at the July meeting



German Hats and Helmets etc displayed



A nice Greener 12g Hammerless Double Barrel shotgun a fine example of gunsmithing from the late 1800's



The Greener shotgun barrels showing the distinctive W.W.Greener Registered Trade Mark in the form of an Elephant stamped on each barrel. The Trade label is also clearly visible in the background.



Some German items, Got Mit Uns belt buckle, Artillery Model Luger with holster and shoulder stock rig plus a shell which the owner had though was also German ,but our discerning collectors soon put him right by pointing out marks that indicated this was in fact a British 13 pounder shell



A fine selection of Colt revolvers displayed under the heading of Guns with Something in Common

Previous Page - Our Gas Mask Collector as a mannequin for one of his masks. I certainly wouldn't have liked to have worn one for any length of time although as school children I recollect we were issued masks at one stage.

The Presidents Perspective

If anyone had thoughts about Militaria /Gun collecting being on the decline these must have been dispelled at our auction on the 16th and 17th of July. What magnificent event it was, and the accolades are still coming in.

For the benefit of those that missed it, we had record numbers of people in attendance, with people standing in rows 6 deep in the the dining area. I have never seen that many people at a Militaria auction anywhere else.

The fantastic range and quality of the items for sale brought people from all over the country. Where else have we seen a world class collection of Tranters, quality European Hunting and Military rifles, rare badges and a huge assortment of Machine guns all in the one auction ?

The people in attendance were certainly very discerning collectors as they definitely recognized the quality and variety of the goods on offer and the record prices reflected that.

Without a doubt the weekend was an outstanding success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped make our auction possible, from the cataloguers, to the girls in the kitchen (that includes you Wayne), plus all the guys who helped setup on the Friday and worked over the whole weekend on security, computers, sorting lots and wrapping postals. You all helped to make YOUR auction the success it was, you should all be very proud of yourselves and I hope you all took the opportunity to buy something nice for your collections.

The next item on the social calendar is the Skenneron luncheon .

On Saturday September the 3rd Wellington Branch is hosting Ian Skenneron at the Petone Workingmen's Club. Ian is the author of many books on British Military and at our invitation has agreed to come to New Zealand and spend the day with us.

The day will commence at 10am with the setting up of displays and morning tea. At 12.30 we will sit for lunch after which Ian will entertain us with tales of his collecting, research and other adventures. These will be enhanced with his audio visual display.

He will then be free to answer any questions and mingle and will be bringing a selection of his books, but will also be available to sign your own treasured copies. This is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Ian speak.

Admission is by ticket only. They will be available at our next meeting for \$25 or by contacting me.

Steve

Australian Antique Arms Auction

On the 2nd of October the Australian Antique Arms hold their bi-annual auction in Melbourne .

I am looking at going over that weekend, possibly on the Friday returning Monday.



Some of the punters looking over the rifles at our Auction



A mannequin with the Mountain Troops Anorak displayed as part of the German uniform.





A New Zealand Standard Gold weight for weighing gold displayed at our July meeting. Imagine requiring to weigh this much gold at today's prices, 25lbs or 11.4kgs

Well, its all been said before but what a ripper.

The auction certainly broke all previous records and I thought it was well organized, well run, well catalogued, well advertised and well attended. So much so that we have already have had numerous congratulatory messages and lots of offers of entries for next year. Those involved were flat out from start to finish and as one said we were running at 100 miles an hour. Yes as usual there were a few mistakes but generally these were corrected on the spot and there were no real problems to worry us. The increased number of handguns and high value small items presented problems for the display of so many items under glass and a lot of effort was required to collect and return additional glass cabinets for this purpose. The logistics of this alone were quite staggering and few indeed realize just how much effort was put into this seemingly minor job by our El Presidenta and his helpers.

The food went down well and had the kitchen helpers run off their feet on the Saturday but everyone seemed to be well satisfied with result.

All in all a very good effort for a major event by our Branch.

Ed

Hunting & Fishing of Lower Hutt

Has negotiated a deal to supply a range of Military style ammunition at competitive prices. All ammo is said to be freshly manufactured with Boxer non corrosive primers in re-loadable cases. Some of the calibers available are,

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| .30M1 Carbine | 110gr FMJ |
| 9mm Para | 124gr FMJ |
| .45ACP | 230gr FMJ |
| .303 British | 174gr FMJ |

There will also be a range of other pistol and rifle calibers available, however prices and delivery times are yet to be confirmed.

Alwyn



A cartridge collector specialist's display of Greener Police Gun Cartridges with illustrations of the various headstamps.

Branch Auction Auction 2005

Once again a very busy weekend, the setup was complete with people registering by 3.30pm and the crowd who arrived for the Friday night viewing must certainly have been a Club record. The auction proceeded over the weekend without any major problems. Wayne's evening social hour was great success with many staying to catch up with friends and fellow collectors from all over the country. A big thanks must go to all the many who helped with this event in one way or another. Without your help these auctions just wouldn't be possible.

Alwyn

Next Meeting
Sunday 7th August 2005. At the usual venue. Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone. Theme letter for displays "H" A few suggestions (Not that you guys really need them) Handguns, Henry, Hamilton, Harrington & Richardson, Helmets, Holsters, Husqvarna

Reminder.

Check your Firearms Licence Expiry Date.