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## 4th August Meeting and Displays.

The letter "D" certainly didn't cause any problems for the large group who exhibited at our August meeting and by the level of interest and conversation, our members approved of the items on display. The list of items included;

- WWII German Army and Naval Dress Daggers, complete with their knots;
- "Double Action Revolvers" - Colt 1877 .38 Lightning & .41 Thunderer,
- .442 R.I.C. by Webley and a similar Belgian Model in .430C/F;
- English Flintlock brass barrelled Coaching Blunderbuss by John Richards - circa 1780;
- "Delightful Duck Gun" - 1897 Winchester take-down Pump action in 12g together with period duck decoys;
- Deane Adams & Deane Model 1852 Self cocking revolver in 54 bore (.442);
- Display of WWI cigarette silks featuring famous Royal & Military figures of the era;
- "D Day" memorabilia from a members father who went in on "D Day" with the American army and showing photographs medals etc;

## Our New Branch Web Page.

We have now joined the World of Information Technology and opened a Web page to bring our Branch to the notice of a wider audience. For those who are on computer the reference is;

**[www.nzaaawgtn.org.nz](http://www.nzaaawgtn.org.nz)**

- old "Don't Know" musket - searching for information;
- "Ducktown" Double barrelled pistol and a Remington Rolling Block rifle in 50/70 cal.;
- Daggers Dirks & Diggers - a selection of small daggers and knives, together with a Decorative Dosh belt, a WWII money belt with period badges and related items attached;
- MI Carbine, US helmet, cartridges and information sheet;
- "Daggers" WWII German - Airforce, Army & NSKK (Transport Division);
- "Double Barrelled Shotgun's Through the Ages" a selection showing developments of the 12 g D/B shotgun;
- Dreyse Semi auto pistol in 7.65mm, designed during 1905-06;
- Japanese Naval Dirk - 1886 Pattern;
- Trooper Joseph Dyer's NZ War Medal - Kai Iwi Cavalry Volunteers;
- Desert Eagle .44 Magnum S/A Pistol with its literature;
- "Dress" Military uniforms - Iraqi, American, & British from the Desert Storm Campaign;
- "Dummy or Drill" rounds, including Hispano, M5, USN, Browning & Gau;
- Double Damascus 12g Shotgun by W Richards together with a Diana, Daisy & Dolla air pistol and air rifle collection;
- M 35 Double Decal German helmet, with battlefield dug up WWII Japanese helmets - one restored and one as found;
- Deer rifles - 95 Winchester, two Mannlicher Schoenauer's, .303 Lee Enfield Sporting by Greener and a Savage High Power Drilling by Rich Mahrholdt of Austria;
- Soldiers memorabilia from WWII, photo's, paybooks, telegrams etc with related training booklets; "Daggers" - Fairbairn Sykes, Eastern, African, ivory & bone handled as well as a number of specialist home manufactured types;
- and a new acquisition - a 75 cal. Flintlock Coach pistol by W Smith of London.

As can be seen, a very wide range of collecting interests were catered for and as well as keeping up to date with information such as the Auction review and the Krupp Gun, members were able to buy from the trade tables. Another very worthwhile and well attended Wellington Branch meeting.  
Ron.



**“D Day” memorabilia from a member’s father who went in on “D Day” with US Forces. It all proves there is a lot of history to be found right on our own doorsteps.**



**Melva and Phil, two of the many workers at the Branch Auction.**



**A very nice and also rare example of a Coach pistol exhibited at our August meeting.**



**Ray was presented with a surprise achievement award at a Committee Meeting before the Auction.**



**The Delightful Duck Gun—An 1897 Model Winchester 12g Pump action shotgun with an old Duck decoy and an 1852 Model 54 Bore Deane Adams and Deane percussion revolver .**



**Rex, Wayne, Maxine and Miranda of the auction catering team with Vincent doing the tasting.**



**German Army and Navy dress daggers with sheaths and knots**



**Display of WW1 silks featuring famous persons of the time.**



**Steve, who celebrated his birthday on our auction day was seen unsuccessfully trying to blow out the candles on his birthday cake with a bugle. Much to the amusement of Vincent G and all who were present.**



**More of the extensive cartridge collection displayed at our July meeting.**

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**My One Accident  
by Julian W**

A few months ago when the theme was "A" I showed the results of "My One Accident"-- an empty 45 LC shell, a very distorted bullet, and a framed picture with a big hole in it. The editor, in the May issue of Flint and Cap, commented that "it sounded like a good story for the newsletter." So here it is.

In about 1976 I purchased a Semi Auto Colt .45 from a friend in Connecticut. He didn't want it, and was asking \$165. I took it. He had bought it from a friend in California who had bought it new in Oregon. It had no paperwork as Oregon at the time didn't require records to be kept, and as it was always passing between friends I had no doubts and took it home to Philadelphia. Philly does have purchase laws, but lots of folks have pistols that were obtained out of state and were never registered. An unregistered gun in Philly is a valuable commodity. So I searched around the house (I lived in one of a row of attached houses) trying to find a place to stash it that was really, "unfindable" were someone to burgle the house. I found a place in the bathroom, in the 3" space in the vanity under the swing-out dirty-laundry hamper. I dropped the hamper out, put a sliding bolt in place, so for all intents and purposes, it seemed fixed in the cabinet-- unless you would reach around the back and dropped the bolt. And there the Colt sat, with a few other pistols, for the next few years.

In 1983 I came home from a half-year sabbatical from my teaching job, and found that the NRA was having their annual meeting at the Convention Center. I went. One of the displays was from a local pistol range and was offering a "free trial" coupon. Now, because of insurance reasons, most indoor ranges in Philadelphia require you to purchase ammo from them. I guess they didn't want someone testing home-made hot loads and hurting themselves. I hadn't fired a pistol in over ten years and I figured that this was all an omen to get me back into pistol shooting.

Which of my pistols should I take?

Well, I'd LOVE to shoot the .45.

I called the range and asked them if they had a box of .45LC. They did.

The next morning, I got up feeling great, thinking "I'm going to go shooting and get to use the beautiful SA Colt." My girlfriend went out to the corner store to get some fresh bagels and I, in my knickers, wandered into the bathroom. I dropped the hamper, and there was the Colt in its holster. I took it out, pulled it out from the holster cocked it, and aimed it out the door of the tiled bathroom. "Boy," I said to myself, "This is going to be fun!" And I pulled the trigger.

I was aware of a giant orange fire ball appearing in the doorway, and a deafening roar. I felt no recoil. My first thought was, "What was that f\*\*\*ing noise?" And then I realized that I had put it away loaded. I lowered the gun, opened the gate, and ejected the 4 unfired rounds and looked out of the bathroom. There was a neat hole in the wall at eye-height. That wall was on one side of a heating return air shaft. I walked to the other side of the wall-- three feet further away. There was a much bigger hole on that side. The picture that had been hanging there was gone and there were no pieces of glass bigger than a BB. I followed the track of the bullet. In seven more feet it had tried to go through the common wall to the other house. Happily the wall was concrete block but there was a big dent in the wall. I looked over the banister down the stairs, and there was a glint-- the bullet itself. Everything was glistening with powdered glass. My ears were still ringing.

Just at that moment the door opened and my girlfriend walked in. There was silence. "Uh...you OK?" she asked. "Yup. Get the vacuum cleaner." She said the whole house was smoky, glistening, and smelled of gunpowder.

I eventually patched the holes in the wall and re-framed the picture with its large hole. I waited for the cops. None came. Seems like no one heard a thing-- a single shot from a big .45 in a house in the city, and no one heard !

I went to the range. All I had were sound protectors that fit in the ear. I didn't have any muffs. "Will those do?" they asked. "It's a big gun, ever fired it

indoors?" "Yes," I honestly replied.  
Ever since have been extra careful to check any weapon  
I'm around to make sure it is unloaded.

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**Wanted to buy** --- Colt AR15, std model with "handle"  
20" barrel pref an A2, plus Colt scope and spare mags.  
Contact  
gerry@ivt.co.nz or 021 461520.

**FIREARM REGISTRATION**

It appears that the UN is increasing its efforts to rid the world of privately owned "small arms" - Here in NZ it seems that our Government is about to announce "universal registration" and say that the United Nations requires us to register PRIVATELY OWNED firearms.

Well, I don't remember voting for the UN and more importantly I don't recall voting for the people who represent the 'free' world to the UN.

As for the people who represent New Zealand. UN matters are the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) - their previous Minister was Mat Robson who was also the Minister for Disarmament. You may recall Matt invited anti-gun extremist Philip Alpers to accompany and advise the NZ Delegation to the UN Conference on "The Illicit Trade in Small Arms" in NY July 9-20th 2001?

That conference received some media attention BUT the "Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition" had already been agreed by that time. The Resolution was adopted by the UN General Assembly on June 8th 2001!

Anyway, it appears to me that ALL of these protocols and rules relating to regulating the illicit trade in firearms should relate to GOVERNMENTS rather than individuals. What are the firearms that are being misused? They are AK-47 style, they are SKS style, they are M16 style, they are L1A1 style, they are Beretta, H&K, Colt, FN etc . Who made them? GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. Who bought them? GOVERNMENTS. Who on-sold them? GOVERNMENTS. The British, Australian and American Governments have ALL been involved in the recent supply of small arms to (so called) 'friendly' guerrilla groups. (Or to Governments that will use them to suit the suppliers aims)

The funny thing is that the people who lobby and advise the UN Committees on these matters are intelligent enough to realise that it is NOT individuals with sporting weapons that are causing the problem. They must know that it is Governments who are to blame. So why then are they targeting everybody EXCEPT Governments?

I must be missing an angle. Perhaps they think that disarming responsible law abiding citizens is the way to universal peace? Who knows.

You are going to hear a lot more about this in the next few months.

John H.

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John, I think you will find that Matt Robson was Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister in Charge of Disarmament, the Minister in Charge of Foreign Affairs and Trade was Phil Goff a position he has now retained in the new Govt. Ed

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**NEXT MEETING— Buy- Sell -Swap**  
**Sunday 1st September at the usual venue, Petone Woringmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone from 10.30am.**

This is a new departure for the branch with a buy sell swap meeting instead of the usual display format. Please note there is a limit to the number of tables that can be set up in the room available and although these will be allocated on a "first come—first served basis" there may have to be some rationing of space for each individual.

The Club's dining room and Bar facilities will be available for those arriving early. Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Ruahine branch members have been invited to attend and we are hopeful of a good response and a wide range of items on offer. This is a good time to flog off your surplus collectibles at no cost to the seller so sort out your unwanted treasures and bring them along for a fun day.

Don't forget to bring plenty of dosh as sellers will want crincklies or pictures of the Queen and don't forget you name tag either.