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August Meeting

Point 303, grenade launching rifles with grenades and the correct blank firing ammo.

Purchased at last auction, Cavalry Snider marked WW Taylor (William Waring Taylor) namesake of Waring Taylor St. Wellington.

Posters of the L1A1 rifle, Large colour posters showing all internal workings.

Quail hunting paraphernalia, .410 shotgun, gaiters, hat, bag and other pieces.

Painting, "Carillon" A reproduction sold in aid of NZ war charities.

Prussian, Prussian percussion pistol, buttons and a picklehaube.

Police, a collection of medals, books, and photos.

Pepperbox, English made percussion pepperbox pistols, circa 1830 by Fenton and Reattie.

Purchased at auction, Wellington Highland Rifles Volunteers 1902 uniform and photos.

Police, Webley handguns .32 and .38 autos and police badges.

Persian chainmail penetrating spear.

Plug bayonets, four old plug bayonets.

Pistol shooting, Pistol used in winning medals in the trans Tasman and Commonwealth games.

Parts wanted, for Bruno .22 and Walther air pistol.

WWII police helmet and customs service medal.

Bits and pieces, the start of a collection of medals and hats.

Medals, full size and miniature from all over the world.

Plastic dummy rounds, 9mm, .50 cal, 14.5mm Russian, 23mm Russian, 20mm US and double size 30-06 dummy.

Quartz, a large chunk of quartz.

Pratts combination come-along and handcuff, circa 1916.

Propeller, sailboat self feathering prop.

Pair of Martinis, a 577/450 and a .303 with bayonets and scabbards, also a cutaway Martini action.

Purchased last month, a model 1903 Mannlicher Schoenaur carbine.



Pepperbox Pistols



Police cuffs



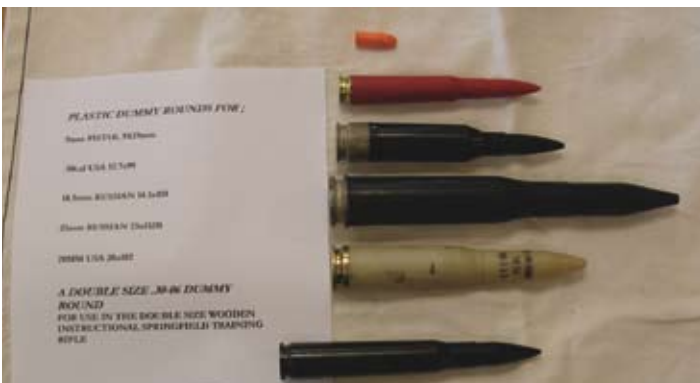
Prussian items



Police books and medals



Target pistols



Plastic dummy rounds



Posters of L1A1 rifle

Club Promotions

Two branches that are running Antique arms promotions to raise funds for the national association.

The first is polo shirts with a NZAHAA logo embroidered to the shirt. Various sizes available. Cost is \$35:00 each plus freight.

The second is a padded gun bag, with a NZAHAA logo embroidered to the bag.

Cost is \$40:00 each plus freight.

Futher details at the next meeting.

Alwyn.



Quail hunting equipment

Purchasing a safe for security

The Arms Officers have been advised of the following requirements by Police National Headquarters when checking security and this information has been sent to all Arms control staff.

It was in response to a number safes being advertised as being suitable for the storage of endorsed firearms that could be accessed/doors opened, using hand held tools. These retailers/importers are now having their safes certified by registered engineers/locksmiths. One importer has arranged for upgrade kits to be installed in relation to the locking mechanism.

Please be aware that there are safes/cabinets on the market which do not comply with the 67N requirements. Arms Officers and Vectors are being advised not to approve any installation of safes for restricted weapons unless they sight an engineers and locksmiths report for the product indicating that it meets the standards required.

A particular example has been cited where a B/E endorsement holder purchased a \$1200 "E" cat advertised safe approx 6 months ago. This safe was, within very recent times, opened by opportunist thieves using basic hand held tools to force the door handle which resulted in the retraction of the locking bolts and the door opening. The result is that the contents of the safe were removed which included a number of "B" cat handguns and "A" cat rifles.

The Police are aware of a number of safes on the market that are being advertised as being suitable for the storage of B/C/E firearms - the retailers/suppliers appear to be unable to provide details that these safes comply/meet the Police requirements as outlined in the Police document POL 67N - Conditions and requirements for firearms licences and endorsements.

The document detailing the security requirement is given to every person applying for an endorsement and outlines the Arms Regulations relating to the security precautions relating to pistols, MSSA's and restricted weapons plus details in relation to steel safes, steel boxes and steel cabinets - this document also outlines the construction, fixing requirements and specifies the lock that must comply with BS3621:1998.

It should also be noted that the Arms Regulations section 28(1) (c) states:

Locked in a steel safe or steel box or steel cabinet (being in every case a safe, box, or cabinet of sound construction and of a type approved in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police) bolted or otherwise securely fixed (in a manner approved in writing either generally or in the particular case by a member of the Police) to the building within which the pistol or military style semi-automatic firearm or restricted weapon is kept.

If retailers are selling safes or individuals wish to construct their own they will need to prove to the Vector / Arms Officer that the construction and fixing of the safe to the building are in accordance with the POL67N requirements. The Police are aware of a number of "B" endorsement holders who have attempted to purchase/install non complying inferior quality safes from Bunnings, Mitre10 etc.

Nothing has changed in relation to the security precautions for endorsement weapons and the British standard that covers the locking mechanism.

Police do not certify or approve safes, the onus is upon the retailer/importer/manufacturer to prove that they comply with the requirements, and this will include a report from a registered engineer & locksmith in the absence of any other supporting documentation showing compliance. You should request such an assurance when making a purchase and if this can not be provided in some written form then you may need to look elsewhere for your safe.

The end of the story has to be that you perhaps obtain a 'money back guarantee' from the seller of the cabinet/safe when you purchase it in case it does not meet the requirements.

Copies of the specifications for safes can be found on the Pistol NZ Website.

www.pistolnz.org.nz

Auction

With the auction over and most of the postal parcels dispatched it seems like we have done it again. We had a good turn out for the set up and the running of the weekend. Once again many people went away with a few new items for their collections. A big thank you must go out to all the people involved with the many aspects of the weekend. The catering crew, the security team, the data processing people, the people dealing with tender tables and keeping the drawn items ticking over and the team involved with the handing out of the sold items all worked well with the tasks that were required of them. Once again a big thanks as it is your efforts that make these events the success that they are.

Alwyn.

Trademe gun sales

In recent times an Auckland newspaper has done an article on how easy it is to purchase a firearm through the Trademe internet auction site without an arms licence. Once again I have had a few calls about this from members. As we are all aware it is illegal to sell or give a firearm or ammunition to a person who does not hold a current Firearms licence. As a few of you use this method of buying and selling items I urge you to thoroughly check the buyers licence details and ask for a counter signed copy of their licence. If the buyer cannot supply these then do a few checks your self. Contact your arms officer and ask if this person holds a current arms licence.

As we are all aware it is election year and maybe the anti gun lobby group are up to a few tricks as well. Please check the licence before you accept any form of payment for a firearm or ammunition.

Alwyn.

Security of your items

In recent times one of our members had his home broken into. The robber smashed some aluminium window fittings got into the house and managed to search the house where he discovered a safe. The owner of the house was away and had forgotten to set his burglar alarm. The robber then searched the house and found some keys which he then used to open the safe. At this point a neighbour had heard some noise and had called the police. The police turned up and caught the robber with a bag full of goodies. The burglar was charged with the crime, but this should be a reminder to all members to check their security and always set alarms, even if you are only going down to the local dairy. The average robber is only in a house for a few minutes, however think what would be seen in your home by a robber in a couple of minutes and what would attract a robber back.

Spare keys and sets of keys should be kept in a discrete safe place. Bedside tables and cabinets are a favourite for burglars, people keep jewellery, and other valuable items there. Most burglars will make a bee line to this source of small valuable items. Think outside the square when it comes to places to keep keys and such items.

In recent times I have noticed members coming to meetings carrying firearms with parts exposed and not fully enclosed in properly fitting covers. Once again if someone with criminal intent is to see this and decide to follow you they could get a fair idea of where you live. Once again use a bit of basic common sense.

Alwyn

We have been given the opportunity to have a guided tour of the railway workshops situated in Gracefield, Lower Hutt. We will get a chance to see a range of the machining and refurbishment facilities.

This tour will take place on Sunday 5th October. This is our normal meeting date.

Start time will be 1:00pm sharp. Entrance is from Elizabeth street, Moera.

For more details contact Alwyn.

Web sites of interest

Service records of the NZ armed forces

<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/cenotaph/locations.aspx>

Old NZ newspapers

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

Martini Henry site

<http://www.martinihenry.com>

Ian Skennerton

<http://www.skennerton.com>

NZ Cartridge collectors club

<http://www.nzccc.org.nz/>

Peter Guthrie

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Peter Guthrie. Peter was a member who always came to meetings and enjoyed the activities that were put on by the club. Peter was a keen shooter and was well known in the cowboy and western shooting circles. Peter was a quiet polite fellow who would enjoy a good chat and a look at the items out on display.

Our thoughts are with Peter's family at this time. Alwyn.



Granade Firing Lee Enfields



Letters of the month are R and S

Things to think about are: Rifle, Remington, Rolling block, Sterling, Sten, SS, Snider. We are always keen for people who have not done a display for the club to make a special effort. Lets see what else you can come up with.

Venue is Petone Working Mens Club at 1.00pm Sunday 7th September, See you there.