

# Flint & Cap

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It was also reported that the Police were doing spot checks of firearms' licence holders in the area and members were reminded to ensure they maintained proper storage of their firearms and related equipment.

Alwyn.

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#### Bus Trip - Waiouru Military Museum.

This Club event has now been booked and will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The bus will leave the Johnsonville at approximately 7am with several pick-up points and these will be kept to a minimum. It is envisaged that pick-up points will be Porirua, Paraparaumu, Levin and Sanson. There will be a charge of \$20 per person (non refundable). Phil and Alwyn are attending to reservations so contact either of them to secure a booking. It should be a good day out.

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#### September Meeting.

Our September Buy, Sell, Swap, Trade meeting went off well although did not achieve quite the same impact as in previous years. Never-the-less by 11am there were a number of bargain hunters waiting to see what was next to be unpacked with some rapid bargaining before the hordes got to see what treasures they had missed. On the sales tables there was everything from books to videos, medals and badges, miscellaneous militaria items, reloading supplies and equipment, ammunition, gun parts, rifles and shotguns, hand tools and numerous other items. It never ceases to amaze me with what comes out of the woodwork and finds its way to our Club meetings.

Numbers were down a little with the absence of several regulars and of course the loss of our stalwart supporter and past President Ron Stewart. Frank and Vic spoke of memorable experiences they had had with Ron in times gone by and Steve called for a moment of silence to commemorate the memory of Ron. Ian Rasmussen was reported to be recuperating after a heart attack and was unable to attend, Steve also expressed our best wishes for his recovery.

Once again Wayne had gone to the a lot of trouble to provide hot sausage rolls, cheese and crackers and cake to keep the wolves at bay and these went down well.



Above. Some of our members examining the offerings at the Buy, Sell, Swap.

Below. An interesting pair of .303's that one of our members acquired recently complete with the old registration certificate.



# A BORING SUBJECT

A CONVERSION CHART OF BORE OR GAUGE SIZES TO INCHES.

2 Bore = 1.326	62 Bore = .422	122 Bore = .337
3 Bore = 1.158	63 Bore = .420	123 Bore = .336
4 Bore = 1.052	64 Bore = .418	124 Bore = .335
5 Bore = .977	65 Bore = .415	125 Bore = .334
6 Bore = .919	66 Bore = .413	126 Bore = .333
7 Bore = .873	67 Bore = .411	127 Bore = .332
8 Bore = .835	68 Bore = .409	128 Bore = .331
9 Bore = .803	69 Bore = .407	129 Bore = .331
10 Bore = .775	70 Bore = .405	130 Bore = .330
11 Bore = .751	71 Bore = .403	131 Bore = .329
12 Bore = .730	72 Bore = .402	132 Bore = .328
13 Bore = .710	73 Bore = .400	133 Bore = .327
14 Bore = .693	74 Bore = .398	134 Bore = .326
15 Bore = .677	75 Bore = .396	135 Bore = .326
16 Bore = .663	76 Bore = .394	136 Bore = .325
17 Bore = .650	77 Bore = .393	137 Bore = .324
18 Bore = .637	78 Bore = .391	138 Bore = .323
19 Bore = .626	79 Bore = .389	139 Bore = .322
20 Bore = .615	80 Bore = .388	140 Bore = .322
21 Bore = .605	81 Bore = .386	141 Bore = .321
22 Bore = .596	82 Bore = .384	142 Bore = .320
23 Bore = .587	83 Bore = .383	143 Bore = .319
24 Bore = .579	84 Bore = .381	144 Bore = .319
25 Bore = .571	85 Bore = .380	145 Bore = .318
26 Bore = .564	86 Bore = .378	146 Bore = .317
27 Bore = .557	87 Bore = .377	147 Bore = .316
28 Bore = .550	88 Bore = .376	148 Bore = .316
29 Bore = .544	89 Bore = .374	149 Bore = .315
30 Bore = .538	90 Bore = .373	150 Bore = .314
31 Bore = .532	91 Bore = .371	151 Bore = .314
32 Bore = .526	92 Bore = .370	152 Bore = .313
33 Bore = .521	93 Bore = .369	153 Bore = .312
34 Bore = .516	94 Bore = .367	154 Bore = .312
35 Bore = .511	95 Bore = .366	155 Bore = .311
36 Bore = .506	96 Bore = .365	156 Bore = .310
37 Bore = .501	97 Bore = .364	157 Bore = .310
38 Bore = .497	98 Bore = .362	158 Bore = .309
39 Bore = .493	99 Bore = .361	159 Bore = .308
40 Bore = .488	100 Bore = .360	160 Bore = .308
41 Bore = .484	101 Bore = .359	161 Bore = .307
42 Bore = .481	102 Bore = .357	162 Bore = .306
43 Bore = .477	103 Bore = .356	163 Bore = .306
44 Bore = .473	104 Bore = .355	164 Bore = .305
45 Bore = .470	105 Bore = .354	165 Bore = .305
46 Bore = .466	106 Bore = .353	166 Bore = .304
47 Bore = .463	107 Bore = .352	167 Bore = .303
48 Bore = .460	108 Bore = .351	168 Bore = .303
49 Bore = .456	109 Bore = .350	169 Bore = .302
50 Bore = .453	110 Bore = .349	170 Bore = .302
51 Bore = .450	111 Bore = .348	171 Bore = .301
52 Bore = .448	112 Bore = .347	172 Bore = .300
53 Bore = .445	113 Bore = .345	173 Bore = .300
54 Bore = .442	114 Bore = .344	174 Bore = .299
55 Bore = .439	115 Bore = .343	175 Bore = .299
56 Bore = .437	116 Bore = .342	176 Bore = .298
57 Bore = .434	117 Bore = .342	177 Bore = .297
58 Bore = .432	118 Bore = .341	178 Bore = .297
59 Bore = .429	119 Bore = .340	179 Bore = .296
60 Bore = .427	120 Bore = .339	180 Bore = .296
61 Bore = .424	121 Bore = .338	

An enthusiastic supporter, we recruit them young in this Branch.



Below. A selection of items on display and for sale at the September meeting



**Club Range Day – 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Deerstalkers Range Kaitoke.**

.22 Rifles - Shotguns – CentreFire Rifles

Set up from 9-00am to 9-30am.

First up will be .22 rifles, usual format. An informal practice/sight in session followed by our specialty, an iron chicken match. Second will be clay targets so bring a shotgun and plenty of cartridges.

Finally will be centre fire rifles. Various targets and ranges will be available for those who may want to try out any new acquisitions etc.

Things to bring; Guns, ammo, warm clothing, ear protection, lunch and a drink. Also extend invitations to any friends/family members who might enjoy an interesting day out. We will also be trialling some new events for the Christmas family fun day so shooters of all abilities will be very welcome.

Alwyn

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**Editorial**

Members may recollect that our June Newsletter included a report from our President Steve who reported that there had been no change in the legal claim against the National President and the National Association. He went on to say that it was a great pity that all parties involved didn't stop to consider the effect on the rest of the collecting community before this whole thing got out of hand. While it seems that there is still no progress to report on the legal situation, our Steve is not the only one to question the ethics of the parties involved. A letter to the Editor of the September 2004 Antique Arms Gazette by a South Canterbury member raises the very same sentiments that have been expressed by Steve and members of our branch. Unfortunately the rank and file members of the Association have not been privy to details of the case and management has been reticent about disclosure.

Until this whole sad episode is revealed in full and responsibility apportioned there is little chance of returning to normal as it seems that branches are ducking for cover and the National Association is marking time and spending precious monetary resources on what appears to be a no win situation. It must be two years since this business blew up, surely it's time that this mess was sorted and the record put straight.

Ed

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**Want to know who owned that Webley Wilkinson, Webley, or pistols retailed by Army and Navy CSL.**

Richard Milner has Webley, Wilkinson and Army & Navy CSL records plus access to Army Officer's service material.

Richard charges £30 plus a £7 cheque clearance fee for each letter. (No VISA etc) You can risk sending cash by post, do not register the letter as Richard reckons it just makes it more obvious to the postal people.

Before you commit to sending money Email Richard at [rmol@merlin57.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:rmol@merlin57.fsnet.co.uk) to make certain he can assist.

Good luck - (from an anonymous contributor.)



**Above and Below.  
Items at the Buy, Sell, Swap meeting.**



**Some of our local experts !**



A very nice Pattern 53 musket that would grace any collection

#### Our Next Meeting

**Sunday 3rd October 2004** – at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street, Petone from 1.30pm. Display theme for the meeting will be the letter A. A few suggestions; Ammunition, Adams, Automatic, Anson & Deeley, ACP, Airforce, American, Antique, Astra, Australian

#### Reminders - other events of interest.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Auckland Arms Fair  
10<sup>th</sup> October - Club Range Day - Kaitoke  
16<sup>th</sup> October - NZ Antique Arms Association Inc - Half Yearly General Meeting. Christchurch  
6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November - Taranaki Gun Show  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Wellington Branch Christmas Luncheon  
21<sup>st</sup> November – Bus trip to Waiouru Military Museum

Check your Firearms Licence expiry date.



More items available at the Buy, Sell, Swap meeting



An 1874 presentation plate on a Snider rifle displayed and won by Lance Cpl Sheppard