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Christmas Luncheon 12th November.

Our November meeting produced an excellent selection of exhibits and the following is a brief description.

- * An outstanding display of swords and daggers, including British, Imperial Germany, Spanish and Japanese. The Japanese section included a rare Samurai Naginata from the Edo period (1600 to 1867)
- * Military China. A very large display only inhibited by a shortage of space. The display included tanks, cannons, ships cups, armoured cars, cups and saucers, cream jugs, shells, kukris, ships, submarines, ambulances, hand grenades, machine guns and even a motorcycle. There were probably others I have overlooked, this was one of the largest displays of Military china we have ever had displayed.
- * Helmets and medals, two British WWI helmets and a selection of Swiss shooting medals. Documentation with the medals outlined details of present day contests that

annually attract 4000 boys and girls from age 12 to 16 years who shoot military assault rifles on a 300 metre range. Sponsorships and donations ensure that around a third of contestants win prizes.

- * Webley handguns, a selection of Webleys auto pistols and revolvers and some five Webley revolvers all variations of the same model, in the same caliber but with various barrel lengths.
- * Linked to a murder, two pistols that were reputed to be recovered from a convicted New Zealand murderer.
- * Large caliber revolvers. Three large revolvers, one a late model Smith & Wesson, another was a Government Model Webley in .455cal and the third a .450cal Tranter 1868 Model rod ejector revolver. All big and heavy but would have all packed some punch.
- * Pocket Auto Pistols. A display of .25cal pistols by Haenel, Webley & Scott, Colt, Melior and Ceska.
- * Wellington Fort Relics, including brass shells, chains ,buttons, coins, badges and fasteners.
- * FN Sporting firearms. A pump action Browning .22 rifle, a Browning 12g autoloading shotgun and an autoloading rifle in .35cal Remington caliber.
- * Rimfire revolvers. An outstanding collection of some 10 different pistols including, amongst others, a Colt Theur Deringer, a Chicago palm squeezer, a Tipping and Lawden 4 barrel derringer and two Webley Woodward derringers.
- * Embellished handguns including a Belgium pinfire revolver, a Merwin & Hulbert 1st Model single action open top Frontier Army model revolver in .44cal and an Astra Falcon semi auto pistol in 9mm Browning Kurz cal. While all three pistols were engraved the Astra was more profusely engraved and it was interesting to note the high quality of the workmanship.
- * A pair of target type Belgium made saloon pistols, another similar single shot pistol, a pair of folding trigger small caliber revolvers and a fabulous display of ladies silver evening purses and Victorian hair pins.
- * Winchester lever action rifles. Two early examples of black powder Cowboy era repeating rifles, one a Model 1873 in .44cal and the other a Model 1886 in .45-90cal.
- * A well presented display of various gun related items under the heading of "Three or more is a collection." Included were percussion cap tins, primers, cartridges of various sizes, muzzle protectors, miniature medals, powder measures, military buttons, rifle oil containers, projectiles and badges.
- * Crystals and gem stones. A selection of around 30 different items of NZ minerals cut and polished into works of art.
- * Air pistols. A display of some sixteen different makes and models of air pistols from manufacturers around the world. All of which are now rare items.
- * Sterling Sub Machine gun with accessories. A Steyr assault rifle with accessories and a Colt M16 rifle also with accessories.

- * A display of Bayard .22cal rifles. All were single shot with four being bolt action and two falling block action.
- * A display of Royal Copenhagen china with seagull paintings.
- * A “Before and After” display of two neglected .22cal rifles that responded well to restoration. Photos indicated the original state and targets provided the proof.
- * Dolls. A lovely selection of Strawberry Patch dolls.
- * Toys. A collection of miniature metal toys with an emphasis on models of John Deere farm tractors and machinery.
- * An unusual item. The remains of a wooden propeller from a Gypsy Major Tiger Moth aircraft with an old Morris Cowley car clock inset in the hub. The propeller was broken in an air crash by the member who displayed this item.
- * A fine example of an 1893 Prussian Officers’ Picklehaube helmet and a colourful Peruvian Palace guard’s helmet from the 1950’s
- * Browning autoloading pistols. Seven different models of Browning designed pistols from the .25cal Baby Browning to the Military Hi-Power model.
- * Medals. A large display of around 100 different medals, unfortunately not labeled but included a good number of impressive looking medals that were undoubtedly rare items.
- * Lantaka. Two East India type bronze ships’ cannons dating from the 18th Century.
- * A display of kitchen items from yesteryear. Old balance type scales and weights, an old range heated flat iron, glassware, crockery, silverware and a pocket watch.
- * Fighting knives. A selection of fighting knives and grenades including some unusual looking hand grenades and a couple of knuckleduster knives.
- * Sniper rifles. A display of British sniper rifles
- * Uniforms, two mannequins dressed in full uniform, one an East German Naval Officer and the other an East German Guards Watch Regiment Officer.
- * Motor car bonnet ornaments and mascots. A selection of American ornamental car radiator mascots and embellishments dating from the 1950’s. (We are all waiting for our exhibitor to buy a Rolls-Royce which will include “The Spirit of Ecstasy” one of the most well known car mascots that has adorned the radiators of Rolls-Royce motor cars since 1911. Ed)
- * Shooting Trophies. A very nice collection of silver cups, a shooting prize belt, two presentation Snider rifles and a trophy consisting of three spirit decanters in a wooden carrier.
- * A display of New Zealand hand made pottery items used as props in the filming of Lord of the Rings
- * A display of silk post cards and book marks etc from the World War 1 era complete with literature.
- * A very large display of pistol and revolver holsters with cleaning rods and lanyards as well as various cartridge pouches. The holsters were from the early leather flap top military holsters to the modern webbing types, fast draw open cowboy types and everything in between.
- * Reloading tools. A selection of shotshell reloading tools together with powder flasks, air gun pellets and knives all displayed on a laptop computer. This display was presented by a prospective new member visiting for the first time.
- * US Garand rifles and accoutrements. An extensive display of semi auto Garand rifles, GI helmets, ammunition belts, bayonets, original military cartridge boxes as well as various tools and items of cleaning equipment.
- * A Vickers gun on a tripod mounting complete with accessories and fabric ammo belt.



Saloon pistols and a display of ladies silver evening purses and Victorian hat pins.



Embellished handguns - a display of engraved revolvers and an auto-loading pistol



An excellent display of rare rimfire revolvers



Fighting knives and a some most unusual hand grenades.

Our thanks to everyone who made the effort to display their collectibles.

Alwyn



The display of Japanese and other swords

President's Report

Well another year has come and almost gone, and this is the last newsletter for 2006.

It has been another good year for the Branch with a successful auction and well attended meetings with great displays.

Our Luncheon meeting on the 12th of November produced a great turnout and was a credit to Wayne who almost single handed organized the day.

Of concern to us is the Police action being taken against Greg Carvell, who shot and wounded a man who threatened him with a machette in his Auckland gun shop. The negative publicity from a front page article in the Dominion about the number of firearms in NZ was also a matter of concern. In this regard I was contacted by National Radio who recorded an interview regarding the article, but after I explained the licencing vetting procedures and the strict security requirements for firearm owners, they failed to air the interview.

On a lighter note the outlook for next year is great. Wellington Branch is running a Gunshow on the 17th and 18th of February, this will involve Club members displays and sales tables with dealers from around the country attending, plus we have had interest from the Army, Mountain Safety, and numerous hunting and shooting organisations.

We have one meeting left for the year on Sunday the 3rd of December and then our Christmas shoot the following weekend, see you all there.

Steve



A display of Belgium FN Browning designed firearms



East German Naval and Guards' Officers Uniforms



Some of the Military china collection



An extensive display of air pistols including some rare examples.



A display of Garand M1 rifles and accoutrements



Above, Frank T the winner of the Joe Bartlett Memorial award and right, Bill S. receiving the award for the Most Consistent Displays.



Editorial

As usual our November Christmas Luncheon meeting was well attended and it was pleasing to see the increasing number of wives and partners who make the effort to support their spouses by attending, and in many cases also mounting displays of their own. A problem with the lack of tables for displays surfaced again this year, and in spite of being assured that a sufficient number would be available this did not happen. Unfortunately this resulted in some confrontation with the Management but with a touch of ingenuity we managed with what we could muster. A subsequent meeting with the Management of the Club has resolved the matter and there should not be any repetition of this in future. The Workingmen's Club has grown at a phenomenal rate in the past 4 years and our meetings are becoming more difficult to accommodate as their own needs grow, however it seems that there are plans afoot to expand the complex in the near future. Never-the less our tenure is becoming rather fragile and we must ensure that our members do not antagonize the Club in any way.

Congratulations to Frank T who won the Joe Bartlett Memorial Award for Service to the branch. A well deserved win Frank. Our other annual award for the most consistent displays went to Bill S for his exceptional efforts. Another well deserved win.

The year has been seen some full on activities for our Club and it is surprising that a voluntary group such as ourselves has done so well. Membership has been fairly static with new members making up the numbers of a few that have dropped off, but enthusiasm remains and we have an excellent group that has carried the banner for the Branch.

Our President Steve has done a good job of representing our Branch at the National as well as the local level and things are looking good for 2007.

I am standing down as Editor of the newsletter next year as I will be relieving Margaret of the responsibility for the finances. Our thanks must go to Margaret who has done a tremendous job with the accounts over a long period but with increasing work and family pressures has requested relief from these responsibilities. Ross T has agreed to take over the newsletter next year although he will not be available for several months in the early part of the year. I am sure a new man will bring a fresh perspective to this publication so we look forward his contribution. Thanks to all who have helped to make this a memorable year.

Rex

**Christmas Family Range Day - 12th December.
Kaitoke Deerstalkers' Range – Set-up from 9am.**

Match 1. Air pistols. 15metres 10shots at paper targets, standing.

Match 2. Iron chickens. Persons under 15yrs, 6 chickens 6 shots at 35 metres prone. Any .22rf rifle except magnums and any sights. Shooters must be under supervision.

Match 3. Iron chickens. 6 chickens, 6 shots, iron sights at 35metres, standing. Any .22rf except magnums. **This match is for the Iron Chicken Trophy.**

Match 4. Iron Chickens. 6 chickens, 6 shots, any sights at 75 metres prone. Any .22rf except magnums.

Lunch break. Cannon shoot – unusual firearms and blackpowder etc.

Match 5. Shotguns. Flip up plate procedure. Stand to line, load shotgun 1 round with gun pointing down range and arms straight. On whistle take aim and hit target within timed 3 seconds. The distance will increase after each round until only one shooter remains. **A fine trophy is contested for in this match.**

Match 6. Team event. Teams of four shooters will shoot at balloons and chickens.

First team to knock over all chickens and pop the balloons wins. Distance 50 metres, 22rf rifles only, no magnums.

Next Meeting.

Sunday 3rd December at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone from 1.30pm. Display theme for the meeting will be **letter "S"** which presents a multitude of choices. Remember Terry will be running his Lucky Draw for exhibitors so make sure you are in the draw.

Coming Events.

Sunday 10th December, Christmas BBQ shoot.
Sat & Sunday 17th & 18th February 2007. Gun Show at the Lower Hutt Horticultural Hall.

Please use the next page as an advert for the Gun Show

A selection of photos from the November meeting



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