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massive behind the scenes efforts associated with the newsletter, the gazette, and her commitment to helping with the auction.

Reg M was awarded The naked soldier trophy, for the most consistent display during the year. Reg always puts out a lovely and informative display from his wide range of collectables. I would imagine many hours of research must go into each and every item in Regs collection.

Margaret Brown Was awarded a Perham award, for her service, her commitment, and huge effort that she puts into the club activities. Margaret has for many years been an exceptional committee member, always on the ball and taking many challenges in her stride.

Also at the Christmas function the club presented a cheque for the better part of \$6,500 to Russell Woods, the National Association President. The funds were the proceeds from the wine sales and the auction held in conjunction with the half yearly meeting. Once again a massive amount of work was put in to making this result possible by a very hard working core of people, I must thank you for your exceptional efforts. Russell was thrilled to receive the cheque and was possibly almost speechless!

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all good collecting, and a safe and enjoyable break over the Christmas period.

Thanks Alwyn.

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## From the President's Pen...

Once again we have had another busy and exciting year, with a large number of activities being run by the club; the Lower Hutt gun show, the Palmerston North bus trip, our July auction, the bottling and selling of wine complete with our own label, to assist the National Association funds, the half yearly meeting and our range shooting days held over the summer months, and of course our Christmas luncheon meeting held in November. Organizing these events is a huge task and I would like to thank all the people who have given of their time and effort to make each and every one of those events the success that they were.

The half-yearly meeting was the first time in a number of years that a National Association event had been held in Wellington. The day went well with police inspector Joe Green and Paul Gatland coming along for a talk.

The Christmas function was well patronised as usual and I was thrilled to award the annual prizes to the following recipients

Maxine S was awarded The Joe Bartlett trophy, for her

## WANTED TO BUY

I am interested in buying several collectors books of German World War Two daggers from the series of books written by Thomas M. Johnson titled

“Collecting the Edged Weapons of the Third Reich”

Volumes two, three, four, & seven are required. If you are able to help phone **Ross**,

A selection of photographs from the December meeting



**Next Meeting.**

**Sunday 3rd February 2008.** First meeting for the year at the usual venue, Petone Workingmen's Club, Udy Street Petone from 1.30pm. Display theme for the meeting will be the letter "G" which presents a multitude of choices so get your thinking caps on. Remember Terry will be running his lucky draw for exhibitors so make sure you are in the draw. and a reminder to those mounting a display don't forget to include a label to detail what the exhibit is all about.

## HALF YEARLY MEETING AND AUCTION 2007

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October, Wellington Branch hosted the half yearly Management Committee meeting, General meeting and auction.

The Management Committee meeting commenced on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at midday, this was attended by the National President, Vice President, the twelve Branch representatives, the Gazette Editor and Secretary.

This meeting went on till around 7pm with reports and discussions on finance, incorporation, membership, Police liaison, shooting, Colfo and the Arms Act. At the close of the meeting everyone went down to the auction venue where Alwyn and a team of our branch members had set up the hall and laid out the auction lots .

The half year meeting commenced on Saturday morning at 9.30 am, the National President welcomed the membership, presented his report, welcomed new members and discussed general business.

At 10.30 am he then introduced Inspector Joe Green and Paul Gatland who is also involved in Police firearms policy. Joe gave a speech titled "It's a New World" which highlighted the fact that firearm owners need to understand global influences .

This was followed by a question and answer session with Inspector Green fielding questions from the floor. This was very informative with clarification on some issues such as mortar bombs, storing C cat weapons and if you have enough parts to assemble a restricted firearm then they must be registered, to name a few.

However on a number of occasions, his answers were followed by "I see this as the beginning of discussion, not the end and the outcome is undetermined". I feel if the Inspector is unsure of the firearms policy where does that leave collectors.

**There are a few 2008 firearms calendars left, these are great calendars with photos of members items and includes dates of next years auctions, meetings and gunshows.**

**Only \$10 be in quick, ring Margaret or Steve**

## Family Range day - Sunday 9th December

The day was fine with good shooting conditions. A quick practice session was had and the first event was underway.

Scores for the day are as follows.

**Air Pistol** 1st Brian J. 54 points  
2nd James 36 points  
3rd Tony C. 32 points

### Iron chickens under 15 yrs

1st Alex 4  
2nd Nathan 2  
3rd Sam 1

### Iron chickens, Trophy Match.

1st Phil Mc.  
2nd Terry A.  
3rd Neville A  
= 3rd Stu W  
= 3rd John K

### Iron chickens 75 metres

1st Stu W  
2nd Andrea  
= 2nd Gareth  
3rd George  
= 3rd Phil

### Shot gun trophy match

1st Brian J.  
2nd Many others

### Teams event

1st equal  
The young guns  
and Tony— George— Stu — Andrew.

During the lunch break an amazing array of black powder rifles found their way to the mound and a good few shots were fired at the targets that were set out for this event.

Dave C. wheeled his cannon out and soon had it hitting a 44 gallon drum once he had the powder charge set.

The catering team once again had everyone well fed and watered with tea, coffee, orange juice, burgers and cakes. A big thanks must go out to all the people who helped with the cooking, range set up, and the cleaning and packing up

**Early Notices**

We are looking at the feasibility of a club trip to visit the Omaka Historic Aviation Museum in Blenheim. The visit will possibly take place in April. Present thoughts are to fly to Blenheim and also try to organise some other activities for the day. The cost will probably be around \$200 to cover travel and entry to the venue.

**February Meeting**

We have managed to book an interesting guest speaker for our Febuary meeting. The gent concerned has spent part of his life in a prisoner of war camp, and gives a very interesting talk. I would think he will start about 2:00 pm. so please make an effort to be on time as we don't want people drifting into the hall once he has started.

**More information on the above two items should be available with the next newsletter.**

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**War Art**

Members may not be aware that Archives New Zealand, which is situated at 10 Mulgrave Street Wellington, currently has a display some 26 paintings from the National Collection of War Art. These include several well known paintings by Peter McIntyre. A fact sheet provided says the paintings are from a collection of 1500 War Art paintings held by Archives and which begs the question of, "when are the other 1474 going on show". However they certainly don't have room to exhibit a large number at any one time and do state that the images have been digitised and the works can be seen online at <http://warart.archives.govt.nz/>. Reference to this site does in fact give a good insight to the exhibits

**Photos from the Family Range Day Christmas Shoot**



**We start them young in this Club**

