

**Very Light Magazine is a magazine of The Antique & Historical Arms Collectors
Guild of Victoria, Inc** **No 100 April 2019**

Monday Night Themes for 2019

April 29, European arms – **non-British**, (Noel Hall Award Night)

May 27, **American handguns**, (Noel Hall Award Night)

June 24, **British sporting and military longarms**, (Noel Hall Award Night)

July 29, **Naval and cavalry weapons of all nations**, (Noel Hall Award Night)

August 26, **Annual General Meeting**.

September 30, **Buy & Sell Night** - Books, parts, odds & sods. (No registered firearms).

October 28, **Show us your junk. Bring along a battered relic** (that doesn't include yourself).

November 25, - **Any items of interest**. Supper provided.

Request for Information on Whitworth Rifles

Tom Rowe (rowebooks1@gmail.com) is gathering information on these rifles for a new book. Many Australian collectors will know of his previous works which has included his collaboration with Wal Winfer on Wal's series of books on British single shot rifles.

Anything on Whitworths and particularly the following;

1. Serial numbers. On militaries is underside of barrel at breech.
2. Markings on bullet moulds,
3. Photo of a torsion bar which is a flat piece of iron or steel that went into the end of a cleaning rod to give more purchase when turning the rod,
4. Interesting accessories,
5. Calibres, barrel lengths, marking on lock,
6. Really keen to hear of Military Pattern 1862. Easy identification is 36" barrel. Only 1000 made.
7. Weird match rifle which has a half stock typical of match rifles but has a blade front

sight only (no wind gauge). They were called “Any Rifles” and are super rare.
8. Type; Military, Semi-Military, Military Target, Sporting, Match.

Request for Members’ Email Addresses

The Guild plans to provide direct notification of the latest issues of *Very Light* and any other news that might be of interest to collectors. So if you wish to make use of this facility then please send us your email addresses.

It is quite simple to subscribe to this service just send your name and current membership number by email to info@armscollectorsguild.com. We will place your email address on our list, and you will get direct notification in your email.

This additional service will not replace the current system of posting the latest issues and news on the Guild’s website nor the regular mail out of printed material to those without internet access.

For Sale

British P/1796 Heavy Cavalry Sword & Scabbard. Ex Tower. Unmodified. Very good condition. \$2200

Socket Bayonet for Victorian Volunteers rifle, marked F over 295 and V.V., VG Cond. With scabbard. \$375

Lancaster Bayonet. Marked to RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corp) with scabbard, VG Cond. \$950

New Land Pattern Flintlock Pistol. Board of Ordnance marked. Good Cond. \$2500

All enquiries to Adrian Roads 0417 772 535; adrian@stonehenge.com.au

SS Helmet, very rare piece comes with papers from Sgt Arthur Dillon US army. Filled grey SS helmet in good condition, SS Decal 66% intact, paintwork is original it has a few little scratches with original chinstrap, markings SS and a carry strap SS marked also; the shell is 100% top condition. I bought this from Crimson Mist Antiques in Queensland. Bob Watson the dealer. I am asking \$5000.00 with papers.

Contact Mark 0499 820 557. I have other German WW2 items available as well.

A New Book

The Spencer Repeating Rifle in Australia & New Zealand

An interesting read for the collector, being a chronology of the actual events regarding this important evolutionary firearm in the antipodes.

38 pages, A4 size high quality paper with heavy covers and dual wire binding. Price \$20 plus postage.

All enquiries to John R. McLean 0408 641 716; j.mclean@optusnet.com.au

Name Badges

Members are reminded that the Guild is taking orders for name badges for members. The cost is \$15.00. The badge is depicted below



If you want one and haven't ordered it please contact the Secretary by telephone on 9584 2907, or by email at – cupfire1@ozemail.com.au

Advertisements in *Very Light*

Members are reminded that they can place advertisements in *Very Light* if they have items for sale.

There isn't any charge but people offering registerable firearms are reminded that the actual transaction must be carried out through a licensed dealer. We suggest that for security purposes anyone wishing to advertise items for sale should keep their contact details brief such as just first name and land line or mobile number.

If you are seeking a particular item, then you may also run an advertisement free of charge. Again, we suggest for security that you restrict the contact detail to your name, landline or mobile number or an email address.

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90th MELBOURNE ARMS & MILITARIA FAIR

The Westgate Sports & Leisure Complex

(Free Parking at Venue)

Corner Grieve Parade and Dohertys Road, Altona North

Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th April 2019

Times

Saturday 9.00am – 5.00 pm

Sunday 9.00am – 3.00 pm

\$15 entry, children under 16 free with accompanying adult.