

**Very Light Magazine is a magazine of The Antique & Historical Arms Collectors
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Monday Night Themes for 2018

30 April – Australian Arms and Militaria, Colonial/WW1/WW2, Noel Hall Award night

28 May – “My Other Hobby”, we think our members also have other interests so here’s a chance to display them. Noel Hall Award night

25 June – “A Mystery Object”, something from your collection that will have everyone guessing. Noel Hall Award night

30 July – The earliest item you collected and still have. Noel Hall Award night

27 August – The Annual General Meeting, supper provided

24 September - Buy & Sell Night - Books, parts, odds & sods. (no registered firearms).

29 October - Show us your junk. Bring along a battered relic (that doesn’t include yourself).

26 November - Hunting & Foraging. Supper provided.

Wanted to Buy

I would like to purchase a top quality Pattern 1903 SMLE bayonet and scabbard with the internally permanently attached frog, or just the scabbard and attached frog only. Phone John on (03) 5821 3192, please send photos to jobah@bigpond.com

Requests for Information

Request for Information from Mark Wright

Wilson Capping Breach Loading Carbine 1864

Tasmanian researcher Mark Wright is researching the Wilson capping breach loading carbine, in particular the Wilson carbines issued to Tasmania in 1864. Mark would appreciate any

information you may have. So if you have a Wilson rifle or carbine, please contact Mark Wright at email: jo.markwright@yahoo.com.au or by telephone 0438 709 876.

Request for Information from Barry Chisnall

Barry Chisnall author and co-author of such books as *British Non-Ordnance Military Carbines: 1750 – 1900* and *British Cavalry Carbines & Pistols of the Napoleonic Era* has begun research for a new book with the working title *British Ordnance Pistols*. It will cover single-shot pistols from early 18th century until the end of single-shot ordnance percussion pistols in the mid 19th century. It will have detailed colour photos and a descriptive text which will include dimensions and any special features. It will describe heavy and light dragoon pistols, sea service pistols and coast guard pistols produced by the Ordnance in the Tower as well as Dublin Castle.

As with previous books the success of the project depends on being able to obtain high quality photographs of pistols held by dealers, auction houses, museums and collectors. We are, therefore, appealing to members of the forum to help us with our search for suitable images and data. We are already in a position to photograph most of the required patterns but need help with the following pistols: -

Early Land Service Heavy Dragoon pistols: Patterns 1703, 1715, 1719, c1722-1725, 1730 & 1738: Life Guards Pistol Pattern 1756: 1740-1750 and Light Cavalry Pistol c1750. Also included in this request are details of Royal Horse Artillery double-barreled pistols, of which only two are known.

The Pattern 1842 pistol; the Pattern 1858 – 1861 Lancer pistol and the Dublin Castle pistols. Details are sought of any c.1756 or other Land Service Heavy Dragoon Pistol with the 10in. barrel, as also the c.1760 Light Dragoon Pistols and Sea Service Pistols of the pattern 1705 and c.1855 types.

Lastly Barry is seeking details of the Coast Guard and Customs Pistols of the early 1830s, 1839, 1842 and 1853 patterns and the Customs and Revenue 1839 Pattern.

If you have any of the above pistols then contact Barry Chisnall and he will send you a Specification Form which will guide you through the data and photographs required.

He may be contacted by email mail@britishcarbines.co.uk, www.britishcarbines.co.uk or on twitter @british carbines.

Brad Manera Talk 26th February.

The talk presented by Brad Manera on the Rum Rebellion at the February 26th Monday night meeting was a resounding success. The talk was interesting, well presented and the accompanying displays of weapons and other items from the period provided a fine backdrop.

The talk was followed by a supper and all in all it was a great night. But it really is surprising, given our membership numbers, the comparatively low attendance at it. The Guild committee

endeavors to provide a range of interesting events and topics during the year but it is sometimes disheartening to see how few of the members actually come along.

Members it's your club, just remember that – the committee does its utmost to find ways to make it an enjoyable experience to be a Guild member so how about contributing to that work with displays or simply coming to meetings and events.

New Committee Members

The President is pleased that after the last announcement for people to volunteer to become committee members that we have had an encouraging response. Several members have stepped forward to offer their services. In fact we have achieved a surplus to the number required – which is very pleasing.

Endorsement of Licence Applications, Licence Renewals and Permits to Acquire

Just a reminder that if you need these endorsed by a Guild Nominated Officer send them to the Guild at PO Box 2976, Cheltenham, 3192. If you include a stamped addressed envelope to Registry we will sign them and send them on directly to them. If you wish you can get them signed at our Monday night meetings at Eley Park.

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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