

**Very Light Magazine is a magazine of The Antique & Historical Arms Collectors  
Guild of Victoria, Inc** **No 95 June 2018**

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Monday Night Themes for 2018**

**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.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be held at 7.30 PM on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 at the Eley Park Community Centre, Eley Rd., Blackburn South, Victoria.**

**(Supper will be served after the meeting)**

Any notice of motions and nominations for committee positions must be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations are called for the position (s) of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Officer/Editor of *Caps & Flints*, and seven other officers.

Ordinary Business (as required by Rule 9 (4) of the Guilds Rules):

- To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Guild during the last preceding financial year;
- To elect officers of the Guild; and
- To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Guild in accordance with section 30 (3) of the Act;
- To appoint an Auditor.

The annual General Meeting may also transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with the Guild's Rules.

Please do attend the AGM (and enjoy the supper). We need a quorum of 20 members which means we need you to come along!

After the AGM we will announce the results of the Major Noel Hall Award. This has been very successful and has resulted in really excellent displays. Our grateful thanks to all those who participated. We have all enjoyed these evenings.

**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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> century until the end of single-shot ordnance percussion pistols in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mail@britishcarbines.co.uk), [www.britishcarbines.co.uk](http://www.britishcarbines.co.uk) or on twitter @british carbines.

## **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](mailto: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.

If you want to run an advertisement please contact the Secretary by telephone on 9584 2907, or by email at – [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au)

### **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](mailto:jobah@bigpond.com)

### **For Sale**

*British Military Firearms 1650 – 1850*. Hard back 1961 edit. Howard L. Blackmore, \$50.  
*A Study of Colt Conversions and other percussion revolvers*. Hard back, Bruce Mc Dowell, \$300.  
*Smith & Wesson Handguns*. Hard back McHenry and Roper. \$40.  
*German Pistols and Holsters 1934 – 1945*. Hard back, R. D. Whittington. \$100.  
*British Non Ordnance Military Carbines 1750 – 1900*, Barry Chisnall. Soft back – spine has been sprung, with many pages unglued. However, all complete and clean. \$20.  
*Modern Firearm Engravings*. Hard back, Mario Albiotico. \$100.  
*Mauser Military Rifles of the World*. Hard back, Robt. Ball. \$50.  
*Arms in the Service of Queensland 1859 – 1901*. Hard back, J S Robinson. \$50.  
*Small Arms of the World*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edit. Hard back J E Smith \$30.  
*Small Arms of the World*, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, Hard back J E Smith \$50.  
*Luger an Illustrated History*. Hard back John Walter. \$100.  
*Gunsmithing*, Hardback, Roy Dunlap. \$20.  
*Firearm Blueing and Browning*. Hard back R H Angier \$20.  
*Colt Firearms from 1836*. Hardback James Serven \$50.  
*The Shooting Field – 150 Years with Holland and Holland*. Hardback \$50.

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