

**Very Light Magazine is a magazine of The Antique & Historical Arms Collectors
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Monday Night Club Meetings Remain Cancelled Until Further Notice

Due to public health concerns caused by the outbreak of the Corvid-19 virus the Guild Committee has decided that our regular Monday club meetings at Eley Park will remain cancelled until further notice.

We realise that this will be a disappointment, but we have no choice given that the health of our members must be our prime consideration.

Noel Hall Award

The Corvid-19 restrictions that have closed our meetings since March, and the continuing uncertainty as to when we will resume our regular Monday night meetings have made it clear that there are insufficient display nights available to give all competitors a fair chance. Accordingly there will be no Noel Hall Award this year.

The Guild Committee has been concerned in recent years that there is a marked reduction in members making the effort to bring items from their collections to display on Monday evenings. This has resulted in a small group of regulars shouldering the task of presenting displays to highlight collector specialties and themed displays. Clearly this is an unhappy state of affairs and also unfair to the diminishing number who do take the effort to present displays.

In the light of the above comments the Guild Committee will examine the question of displays and the manner in which they are encouraged. Accordingly we will revisit the topic of displays and produce a plan for future Monday activities.

Articles Wanted for the New Look *Caps & Flints*

Members will have received the February issue of the new look *Caps & Flints*. This is without doubt a major advance in the quality of the Guild's magazine. The change to an A4 size journal has given the Editor a chance to produce a commercial standard magazine.

But as we continue to remind members the journal cannot exist without content. Therefore we once again remind you, our members, that we need you to contribute articles on the interesting items you have in your collections. The journal cannot survive without the contributions of Guild members, so please consider contributing to *Caps & Flints* if you want it to thrive.

While we would prefer articles and accompanying images to be sent in digital form so that the Editor's job is simplified, we realise that some members may not be able to do

that. However, we will accept handwritten articles, which will be retyped. Please ensure images are clear and focussed.

Please forward articles or enquiries to the Editor *Caps & Flints* by email to cupfire1@ozemail.com.au or by mail to PO Box 2976, Cheltenham, 3192, or contact the Guild Secretary on (03) 9584 2907.

Licence Renewals and PTAs

As we have cancelled our Monday meetings until further notice, **all members** are requested to submit licence renewals, licence applications and Permits to Acquire requiring the signature of a Nominated Officer to the Guild at PO Box 2976 Cheltenham, 3192, or by email to cupfire1@ozemail.com.au

Please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that we may forward them to the required destination. Mail costs are increasing, and we appreciate members' cooperation in this matter.

The Secretary can be contacted on (03) 9584 2907 or by email at cupfire1@ozemail.com.au

Urgent Research Assistance Required

Adrian Roads is researching British Ordnance Percussion Muskets for a book and would be grateful if members would contact me please ASAP if they have any of the following percussion smooth bore muskets in any condition:

Serjeants Musket/Carbine/Fusil
Sappers & Miners Carbine
Artillery Carbine
Ordnance Musket/Carbine
Sea Service Musket

Contact: Adrian Roads, Ph: 0417 772 535 Email adrianroads1@gmail.com

Annual Membership Subscriptions 2020 - 2021

By the time you receive this edition of *Very Light* you will have received your membership renewals for the coming financial year 2020 – 2021. Those who haven't yet renewed are reminded to do this promptly as current membership of an approved collecting organization is a requirement for all holders of Collectors Licences and also for collectors of edged weapons. The Guild is required by both the *Firearms Act* and the *Control of Weapons Act* to advise L&RD of those who have failed to renew.

Name Badges

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



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

Request for Members' Email Addresses

The Guild is attempting to provide direct notification of the latest issues of *Very Light* and any other news that might be of interest to collectors. 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.

The Guild commenced this initiative to obtain members' email addresses some time ago, but response has been very limited which is disappointing. In accordance with the Guild Committee's desire to extend the direct email of *Very Light* to our members, one of our committee members John Accardo 0417 577 773 will progressively contact by phone Guild members who haven't provided an email contact to ask if they would like to be included on the list.

Wanted to Buy

Rifle sling for a 577.450 Martini Henry, contact Gordon 0490 498 714.

FOR SALE

Rossi Mod.89C/F Revolver: 32 Long, 6 shot fluted cylinder, 2 Inch barrel, good bore, standard sights, barrel address & markings, clear markings, 85% orig. blue remains, drag marks in cylinders, good black rubber grips.

Contact John paljoey@gmail.com Sale must be through a licenced dealer and a Cat.2 Collectors Licence is required.

H&R Young America revolver. 7 shot. In fair condition. Some surface wear, especially to cylinder, 22rimfire, **\$200.**

FN 1910 semi-automatic pistol, in good condition, with slight surface rust, and wear (mostly to name engraving.) 7.65mm, **\$500 ono.**

Contact, please email nsrelics@gmail.com if you require any further information or images, plus transfer fees and shipping cost if applicable.

Pattern 1888 R.N. Boarding Pike 7'8" in length - \$1,300.

Pattern 1894 R.N. Boarding Pike 5'41/2" in length - \$850.

Rorke's Drift diorama 85cm x 60cm base, in glass topped display case. Most 24th Regt. and Zulus are Britains' figures - \$1250.

Pattern 1858 Cutlass Bayonet to suit Snider Enfield Naval rifle, Holler, Solingen blade, no scabbard - \$950.

Downsizing: Variety of Boarding Axes, Cutlasses, Assegais available.

Contact Eric 0410 558 067.

Henry Arms .38 Revolver, collectors' revolver Australian made by Henry Scott. This is a rare piece of Australian History. **Price \$2500** (price negotiable)

License No. 423-259-90H, **Contact** Tony, email mrom6653@bigpond.net.au

History of the above Henry Scott Revolvers is found in magazine *Caps & Flints* Volume 19 No. 4 June 2004

Offers Invited for a Piece of Australiana

Poker dice distributed to dealers in the late seventies by I.C.I after they changed their title to I M.I. It's a set of four poker dice, each has the I.M.I brand on one side. Comes complete with instructions and a leatherette case marked I.M.I Ltd. Australia. Contact Fred Weston 5722 3255.