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Caps & Flints Journal Report

Caps & Flints Journal No. 10 is almost completed and is expected to be printed and posted to Guild members in the next few weeks. Some articles are already proposed for the following publication, No. 11. Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by the end of November.

The authors of articles prepared for *Caps & Flints* are vital to the success of this publication. Please accept the appreciation of the Editors and all Guild members for the willingness to share knowledge and time by creating the articles we all read in each volume.

Since the first edition in Feb 2020, about 150,000 words have been written by collectors around the world. Authors come from within Victoria, interstate and overseas. Discussions with our overseas contributors indicate that *Caps & Flints* presents historical research not found in other publications. As a result, *Caps & Flints* is becoming a well-regarded journal by the international gun collectors who have seen it.

Although Journal distribution is generally limited to Guild members, contributors outside the Guild are also sent a copy in appreciation of their efforts and to encourage future contributions. Some frequent non-Guild contributors, including those overseas, have received several volumes and we welcome the interesting diversity of research they bring to *Caps & Flints*.

We would be pleased to have contributions from a wider range of collecting disciplines than previously. For example, only a limited number of articles about edged weapons have appeared in *Caps & Flints* over the past five years. Informative articles about these and other topics, such as cartridge collecting, would be very welcome.

Whatever your specialty area, spread the word and help develop interest and knowledge in the antique and historical arms collecting fraternity. Become an author in your field of interest and add your name to the list of authors.

Fred & Diana Bienvenu, Editors.

Guild Committee 2024 -2025

At the 2023 -2024 AGM the committee for 2024 – 2025 was elected –

President: Eric Estlin, Vice President: Adrian Roads, Secretary: Dr Malcolm McKay, Treasurer: Kevin Saunders, Editor of Caps & Flints: Fred Bienvenu, Other Committeemen: Barry Thomas, Chris Cosopodiotis, David Pearce, David Henderson and John Accardo.

Licence Renewals and PTAs

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.

Alternatively members may scan and send by email the page that requires a Nominated Officer's signature and this will be signed and returned by email to the member.

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

Monday Meetings 2024

The remaining dates date for the Guild Monday Meetings in 2024 are October 28 and November 25.

Notice Regarding Security and Safety at Meetings

We note that while it is pleasing to see increasing attendance at the Monday night meetings there has been a slackening of necessary security measures by members presenting displays.

Accordingly the Committee has resolved that –

1. All registerable firearms displayed must have either cable ties locking their actions, or trigger locks, or be firmly affixed to the table by locked cables, and the display must be attended at all times. The Guild has some cables and locks and these can be supplied if requested.
2. In regard to ammunition the sale of ammunition by individual members who do not possess the necessary WorkSafe permit to sell cartridge ammunition is banned.

This does not apply to licensed dealers and members who hold the appropriate Ammunition Collectors Licence who may be presenting displays. Any members who can sell ammunition

under these conditions are reminded that they need to physically confirm that the purchaser has the appropriate licence before a sale can be made.

The restrictions on ammunition display either for sale, or as part of a display is because we run the risk that someone may take a loose round and chamber it in a firearm in an unattended display. The results of that would be horrendous for the club.

We also run the risk of a spot check by a L&RD Officer. This has not happened in the past. However the future is uncertain we must assume a visit will only be looking for trouble.

Attendance and Participation in Monday Night Meetings

THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE ALL MONDAY MEETINGS BUY AND SELL NIGHTS

Besides presenting displays we encourage members to bring along items for sale which can include exempt firearms i.e. pre-1900 genuine antiques like single shot percussion pistols, flintlocks etc. and other types of exempt firearms such as longarms taking obsolete ammunition.

We remind members that it would be helpful if we could have some volunteers to help set up the hall before our normal start time of 7.00 PM.

Guild Meeting Monday 30/9/2024

The meeting was only lightly attended which, given that the weather was OK, was disappointing. Nevertheless there were some interesting displays and here are pictures of some of the items.

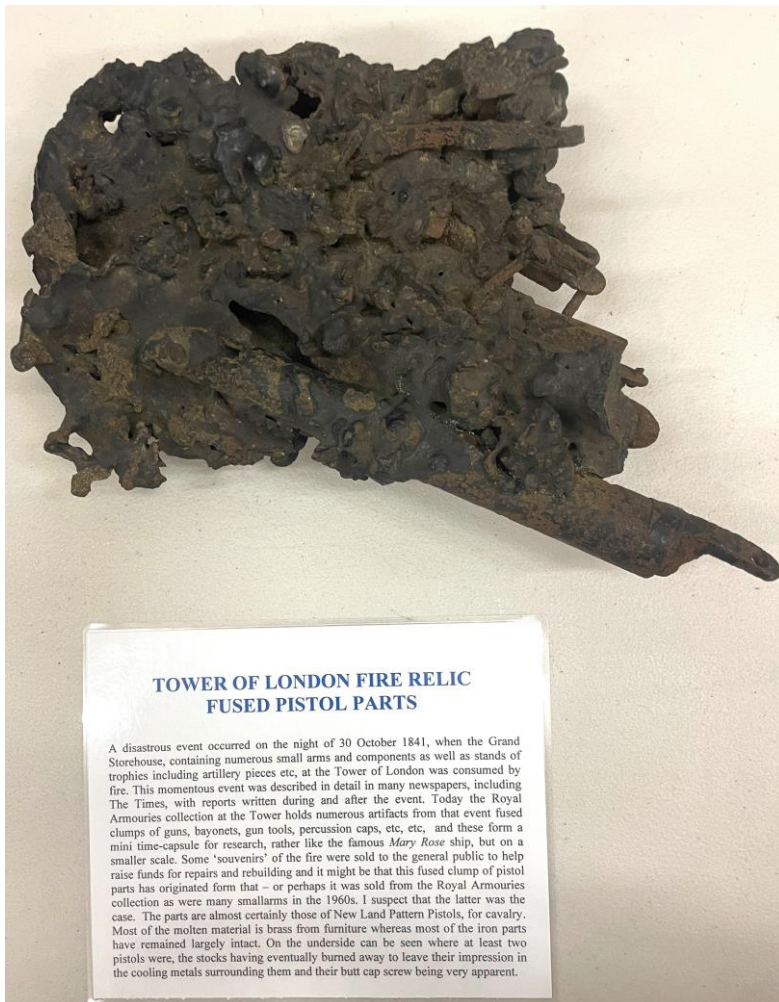
Two New Land Pattern Dragoon Pistols



Two More New Land Pattern Dragoon Pistols and a Sea Service Pistol



A Piece of Fused Debris from the Fire at the Tower of London in 1841



A French Napoleonic Gendarmerie Pistol



Cannon Locks



A Pair of Queen Anne period Superposed Two Shot Pistols



A Ross Sporting Rifle



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FIREARMS FOR SALE

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Contact Joe 0498 581 280

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