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# Newsletter July, 2018

## 2018 SHOW DATES

Jan 14	May 27	Sep 23
Feb 4	Jun 17	Oct 21
Mar 17-18	Jul 8	Nov 17-18
Apr 15	Aug 12	Dec 9

## NEXT SHOW

**AUGUST 12 2018** - 8:30AM - 1:00PM  
Evergreen Hall  
9291 Corbould Street, Chilliwack

## OUT OF TOWN SHOWS

**July 21-22 | Hanna, AB**  
**Hanna Gun Club Show**  
Hanna Curling Rink - 501 3 St W  
403.854.7277

**July 29 | Malahat, BC**  
**Malahat Gun Show**  
Club House - 700 Holker Place

**August 11-12 | Coleman, AB**  
**Crowsnest Pass Pistol Club Show**  
Crowsnest Pass Sports Complex - 8702 22nd Ave.  
crowsnestpasspistolclub@gmail.com  
866.425.0083

**August 12 | Duncan, BC**  
**Eagles, 2965 Boys Road**  
250.746.7812

**August 24-25 | Vernon, BC**  
**Vernon Gun, Antique & Outdoor Show**  
Vernon Recreation Auditorium, 3310 37th Ave  
info@vernonfishandgame.ca  
250.547.1442

**August 25-26 | Torrington**  
**Ron Gorr Arena, Hwy. 27**  
403.556.5768

**September 8-9 | Stettler, AB**  
**Stettler Agroplex**  
403.741.7377

**September 15-16 | Prince George, BC**  
**Prince George Roll-a-Dome**  
ew1952@shaw.ca  
250.962.2716

**September 16 | Parksville, BC**  
**Arrowsmith Hall, 1014 Ford Rd.**  
250.752.1855

**September 22-23 | Grimshaw, AB.**  
**Curling Rink, 5004 - 47 Ave.**  
780.617.4570 or  
11014 - 103 St., Peace River, Ab. T8S 1K5

## Ron's Report

Well boys and girls, I was able to visit the July show. The doctor told me I was recovering faster than expected so he took me off the "no drive" orders 2 ½ weeks early. It's just the same feeling as finally being granted freedom! As I've said before, I really enjoy the shows. I got to visit around with a lot of nice people. Art told me they had a very good visitor crowd through the show. I saw lots of nice things on tables but I didn't hear what the sales were like. I left about 9:30 a.m. and checked the Aldergrove flea market thinking I would see a lot of people I knew. Wrong. I only met one person I knew; I talked him into attending the August 12 show. He is an international art dealer who likes good shotguns.

I was going through some old books the other day and found a couple of 1980 newsletters. They were reporting on the two-day show we had just held in the 500 Hotel at 12 Avenue and Cambie Street. These are my first views of the show. The room wasn't big enough as I had to turn down 45 tables! There was one last-minute cancellation on set up morning. I rented the two tables right away. There were members there with their stuff just waiting to see if they might get a space. I think I remember crowding in two or three more tables that morning in an already crowded room.

The Liberals don't seem to clue into the fact that criminals DON'T REGISTER THEIR GUNS. So it's time to email or write letters to draw their attention to that truthful fact. Surely some are intelligent enough to at least look into the fact!

I'd like to tell you now of the scarcest gun I've personally owned. It started at about the first show the Club had in Coquitlam. Remember up on the top of the hill. A one-time member came to my table to see if I would buy a caliber 303 BR Martini he wanted to turn into cash as he had started to collect in some other field. What made this gun so scarce was its accessory. It had a sleeve barrel that fit inside the 303 barrel. It was chambered for a very scarce cartridge, 297/240 Morris tube. The British Army used this for indoor shooting practice. Anyhow, after the novelty wore off the gun, I took it to the Edmonton Gun Show. Now all gun show vendors have met at least one of the "wise guys". First though, just after I got the gun I asked a very advanced British Army collector about the Morris Tube. He said he had one but they were very scarce. In the English gun auctions, they would regularly bring at least 1000 pounds! So getting back to the show. During set up a "wise guy" came and looked at my Martini. He then offered \$250. I pointed out it had a fitted Morris Tube. He said he knew that, but it was still worth only \$275. Of course I said NO. Shortly after the show opened, a man from the Territories looked at it and offered \$2100. He said that was all the money he had. I accepted his offer and gave him the three cartridges I had for it.

Another very scarce gun I once had was a Steven's tip up. I think a model 1875. What made this gun very scarce is that it was a rifle and shotgun; that is, interchangeable barrels. One was a 16 gauge and the rifle was in 25-25 Steven's calibre. The gun was in excellent condition and nickeled. I bought it from a collector who had changed his interests and he knew I would be interested. I certainly was! I'd never ever seen one before. I'd seen Steven's tip ups but not in combination and not nickeled and in such fine condition. Anyhow, I started to collect Marlins so the tip up had to go. I took it to a Saskatoon show back about 1974. During set up another vendor who was setting up wandered over to talk. He saw the gun and realized he just had to own it. He didn't quibble about my asking price. He reached into his wallet and bought it. There are times when I think about some of the guns I've owned and wish I'd kept them.

This was another gun I should have kept. It was a commercial 1911 Colt made in 1915. I bought it from a fellow who just moved back here from Edmonton. It was at a gun show in the old Jubilee Hall so I guess it was in the late 1970s. The gun was in really nice condition so it was offered to me, so I bought it. Frank Macey helped with the book work in force at that time. What made this gun different enough for me at the time was some Russian imprinting on the slide. Later on at a show we were doing in California, I was talking to a man who answered questions in the magazine The Gun Report. He told me the Russian imprint said "English make." He said in 1915 a women's club in England raised money and bought 1000 of these 1911 pistols. The Russian Revolution was on at the time. The Reds eventually won. Anyhow, these women donated 1000 of these Colts to the "White Russians." My friend told me that only five of these guns had ever turned up. Mine was one of the five! That was the rarest gun I ever owned.

Then Bill C68 loomed on the horizon. I had eight handguns at the time and none were legal antiques. My daughter, Rhonna, had two ex-police revolvers. One was BC Police and the other a CPR gun. We discussed the future and decided we could live without the guns. Somehow Rhonna had met the manager of Rock Island Gun Auctions. She phoned her and was told, no more than ten guns. Then take them to an address and all paper work and transport would be looked after. Well, they were sold and they brought a good price. But, as of now, I wish I'd kept most of them. Someplace I have pictures I took of all of them. I've put the pictures in a place they would be easy to find. Guess what! I haven't found them yet!

Now we are faced with Bill C71. It is touted as a non-registration law. All we have to do is make a note of the gun, who we sold it to, his PAL number and the expiry date. This is sent to the RCMP. My idea of any police force is they will investigate crime, enforce the law and generally keep society safe. However, now we see that they have to release members for bookkeeping duties. I'm sure drug dealers, gang members and other types of criminals are clapping their hands because this has to mean fewer boots on the street. As I've said before, it would be a good idea to contact your MP and point out the flaw in this foolish idea. This only encroaches on the freedoms of honest folks. Criminals, by nature, don't pay any attention to the law.

Here's a little more Club history. I've told you before that Mike Gillespie and I started the Club in 1970. Our first show, and where we organized a club, was in the long gone Jubilee Labour Hall in Burnaby. If I remember correctly we had 24 tables. The rent was; display only \$1 and vendors tables cost \$3. Admission to the show was 50 cents. My late wife, Jan, looked after the door and collecting table rent. The lunch service was operated by my young teenage daughters. They supplied sandwiches, sweet rolls and I think they would even cook bacon and eggs for breakfast. Before the show was over Mike got up on the stage as an election chairman. The first president was Miles Fenton. He hasn't been a Club member since about 1975.

I became show chairman and secretary treasurer. There were some directors who I've forgotten. The dues rate was set at \$5 per year. Associate non-voting out of town members were \$3 per year. The show had created a lot more interest than I had expected. We signed up members from Vancouver Island and as far away as Kelowna. We put on a show every other month. Our first two-day show was in 1973 in the Seaforth Armories. It was there because Jan's sister had once been engaged to the Colonel of the regiment. The rent was a contribution of \$100 to the Sergeant's Mess. For tables the artillery regiment supplied and delivered them free. I just gave the young officer a free club membership. I don't remember exactly how many tables we had. However, I know there were over 125. There were table holders from Washington, Vancouver Island and from lots of up-country places. The food service here was one of the PX trucks with coffee, sandwiches, donuts, etc. Our president at that time was Mike Franke. I remember the young lady on the PX truck took quite a shine to Mike. In those days the two-day shows stayed open on Saturday until 10 p.m. then opened Sunday at 9 a.m. What I remember is being DOG TIRED Monday morning when I went to work.

In those days there were always displays and trophies for the best ones. You could always learn a lot from the displays. There would be displays of 1866 Winchesters also 1873. There were also always militaria displays of badges and medals, swords and military rifles were popular. This was all before Bill C68. Two of our members collected and displayed various types of machine guns. Of course, much more but no one displayed Lee Enfield rifles!

Well boys and girls, that's about all I have to say just now. So until next time, be good to each other.

Cheers, Ron

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Receive Newsletter: Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Please fill and return with payment of \$40, or drop off at next show.

## HACS NEWSLETTER AD SPACE

### FOR SALE | Larry 604.298.2070

WW II edged weapons, bayonets, fighting knives, swords. Sporting & military long guns, hand guns, first gen. Colt revolvers, large & small, metal & wood ammo boxes. Misc. helmets, webbing, belts, ammo etc., hats. Still a few books on military weapons, ships, guns, planes. Military manuals, assembly & disassembly of many guns. Phone for inventory remaining. Model planes, tanks included. Very reasonable prices. Moving in January . . . downsizing.

### FOR SALE | Ron 604.522.3609

Reloading press Herter's H.D. c/w large and small priming arms also truline insert, shell holders, 30-06, 303 BR, 30-30, 6, 5x54 & magnum includes 7/8" x 14 die body with inserts 30-06, 303 BR, 8x57 & 264 magnum, all for \$135. RCBS uniflow powder measure complete in box \$100. Lyman Ideal No. 55 powder measure c/w 2 drop tubes, \$60

### FOR SALE | Roy [akldf@hotmail.com](mailto:akldf@hotmail.com)

- Several parker hale rifles, safari 1200, 30/06, one det. magazine for each. Fair to good condition. Open to offers.
- Box of leather and synthetic holsters (~15), for semi pistols and large revolver, shoulder rigs.

### FOR SALE | Ole 604.847.9355

- Mossberg o/u shotgun .410 cal., Grade Silver Reserve, \$525.
- Armed single shot folding shotgun 12 ga., New. \$225.
- Browning Semi-Automatic Rifle. 30/06 cal., Grade II, made in Belgium. Like new, \$950.

### FOR SALE | Robert 604.700.9554, [robertdomc@gmail.com](mailto:robertdomc@gmail.com)

- AMMUNITION for Sale: Winchester/Western & Remington: .270 and 30-06 in Various Bullet Wts. \$15.00 per BOX; 12Ga. & 20Ga. Various Shot Sizes; \$12.00 per BOX. (Located in Vancouver)
- "GUN TRAVEL CASE"--Heavy Gage Aluminum for 2 or 3 Long Guns w/3 Lockable Hasps & Carrying Handle; 132 cm (52") Long, 35 cm (14") Wide, 11cm (4 5/8") Deep & Lined w/ Rubber Foam Pads. \$110.00
- Browning Light-12 made in Belgium in 1971, Mint: Collector/ Hunter Special: 2 VR Barrels; 28" Mod. C; & 24" IC w/ Browning Hard Leather Custom Travel Case; Original owner: Lists in US for \$2500+; Reduced to \$1995.00 CDN
- KERSHAW Vintage Knives Mfg. in Lake Oswego, OR, RARE and No Longer in Production There
- KERSHAW; Folding M-2040 (Stag); Locking 3 1/4" SS Blade & Handle w/Inlaid Rosewood & w/ Original Leather Sheath, Mint: \$115
- KERSHAW; Folding M-2050 (Rancher); 3 1/4" Locking & 2 1/2" Clip SS Blades & Hd. w/ Inlaid Rosewood & w/ Gerber Leather Sheath, Mint: \$110

## BUY & SELL OR TRADE

Entire collection or single pieces of military, mountain, camping, fishing, hunting/target (rifle, carbine, shotgun, pistol, knives), surplus and factory ammo, scope, range finder, binocular and alike, parts-remains, artifact, publications, new clothes, junk for parts. Ethical service, licensed collector. State what you are looking for or what you have, condition, general location, and best price.

Adam: 778.522.2636 [adamhome@live.com](mailto:adamhome@live.com)

SA Finnish Marked SVT-40, or non refurbished SVT-40 or SVT-38.

[CollectingMilitaria@gmail.com](mailto:CollectingMilitaria@gmail.com)

Gun Stocks Refinished – hand rubbed oil finish, 1st class job, reasonable rate, excellent references. Mike 604.552.1254 or 604.833.5574

All eras Military items (autographs, helmets/headgear, uniforms, decorations, edged weapons etc.). Single items, estates, or collections.

George 604.841.0710, Bill [hughes@militaryautographs.com](mailto:hughes@militaryautographs.com)

Complete gunsmithing, metal work, wood work, checkering, all types of blueing and high tech metal finishing, rebarreling, etc.

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Outdoorsmanship in Lower Mainland (40+). Interested in hunting/fishing. I am European with a family and ethical values with all licenses and most gears looking for a partner/mentor or living legacy outlook. I have my life experience and willing to provide transportation, share costs and acquire new and reinforce, existing knowledge, behavior, skills, values. I fish and hunt with a dog.

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Wanted: Gary 604.858.7869 [g.strahl@telus.net](mailto:g.strahl@telus.net)

British and Canadian Swords; Also Weapons and Militaria of the East India Company.

Wanted: Mike 604.462.7263

Aperture Sight - Williams For Model 94 BigBore - 375 Calibre.

Wanted: Paul 778.278.2205 [pocomilitary@gmail.com](mailto:pocomilitary@gmail.com)

Poco Military is looking for all your used firearms, ammo and other surplus military equipment. We buy, trade and consign. We collect anywhere in the Lower Mainland.

Wanted: Dave 604.856.7579 [davidelchuk@gmail.com](mailto:davidelchuk@gmail.com)

Gewehr 98 All matching collectable example. PTRS/PTRD anti tank gun & dewat guns.

Wanted: Al 604.941.8489, 778.385.8489

Buying firearms, single pieces or collections, estate assistance, Winchester, Marlin, Cold, Browning, etc.

Wanted: David 604.552.1713

Inglis Hi Power, any condition deactivated for my WW2 Canadian display. Will pay cash.

Wanted: Jim 604.290.1911 [jimmygunns@gmail.com](mailto:jimmygunns@gmail.com)

Colt 45acp Government 1911's and 1911 A'1 or variations.

Wanted: Adam 778.522.2636 [adamhome@live.com](mailto:adamhome@live.com)

Smith & Wesson revolver, .38 Military & Police (Model 1905 – 4th change), 6" barrel preferred. (.38 S&W caliber) Canadian "C Broadarrow" acceptance mark. KONGSBERG Colt. (Norwegian 1911 Colt; called Model 1914 by the Norwegians). S/N range for wartime production is 26461 – 32335. Preferred 1945 manufacture with German proof and acceptance marks, and s/n range of 29615 – 32335. ASTRA 600/43. S/N 0 – 10500 w/ German proof and acceptance marks. Polish Eagle RADOM. manufactured prior to the German invasion of Poland. Chinese contract INGLIS Hi-Power.