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# Newsletter March, 2018

## 2018 SHOW DATES

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

## ANNUAL 2 DAY SHOW

**March 17 2018** | 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
**March 18 2018** | 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
***Heritage Park***  
44140 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack

## OUT OF TOWN SHOWS

**February 24-25** | Yorkton, SK  
Gallagher Centre  
306.783.6025  
educhnit@sasktel.net

**March 3-4** | Edmonton, AB  
Pavilion Heritage Park  
780.473.3032 - 780.455.5036  
edmgunshow@hotmail.com

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**April 6-8** | Regina, SK  
Callie Curling Club  
306.536.2381  
sces@sasktel.net

**April 7-8** | Dawson Creek, BC  
Encana Events Centre  
250.782.2111

**April 7-8** | Duncan Eagles Hall  
2965 Boys Road  
250.746.7812

**April 14-15** | Penticton, BC  
Penticton Curling Club  
250.809.9163 - 250.490.6165  
collector0003@gmail.com

**April 21-22** | Kamloops, BC  
McArthur Sports Centre  
250.376.0055 - 250.319.1916  
kamloopsgunshow@ktsa.ca

## Ron's Report

Well boys and girls, this isn't really club news, but I'll have to sell hard at the February show. My water tank just sprung a leak. It was installed 15 years ago. It replaced an Inglis glass lined tank that lasted 46 years. The installer assured me the replacement would not last that long.

I've known a lot of very good gunsmiths over time, however, the one I would describe as exceptional was George King. George apprenticed as a gun maker in London. When I met him years ago he had a shop in Qualicum on Vancouver Island. When I first got to know him it was through an ex club member, Barry Thompson. I had taken a high grade side by side shotgun on trade that was missing a trigger guard and key plate. Barry told me George was the man to fix it. I called him, he said, send it over with Barry. He told me it would be expensive and take some time. We were going over to a show two weeks later and George phoned me that my gun was ready.

So we went over early to get the gun. I was prepared to pay out a lot of cash for the repair. Anyhow, I saw the gun in his shop while my wife, Jan, went in and visited his wife, Barbara. My gun didn't look like it was repaired, it look like it had just left the factory. George had matched the engraving on all the parts he made and replaced. I couldn't believe how nice it looked. Then he reminded me that it would be expensive – that will be \$70! I also said the gun was now worth over \$700. By the way, this was about 1975. But that isn't all. Barbara came out to the shop to say lunch was ready. We were invited to lunch also.

After that, when we were going to a show up Island, they expected us to drop by in the morning. Jan would visit with Barbara and me with George. The last visit was a long time ago now and this is just the sort of thing I would get to see. We were in the shop and George said, "See that shotgun? I just proof fired this morning, though I still have some screws to make for it." A man up the road brought it in a while ago and told me it was a gun I couldn't repair! He had run over it with his tractor. Well, George said, "Nobody comes into my shop and tells me what I can't do!" He had to straighten the barrels and, of course, make them into tubes again. Also, straighten the ribs, re-blue everything and solder the barrels and ribs together. Then it also had to be restocked. He stocked it from a walnut tree his neighbor cut down. As he showed it to me he also told me, "It really wasn't worth all the work because it was only made in Birmingham!" Just then Barbara called us for lunch.

A couple of years later Barbara passed away. Then George quit gunsmithing and just repaired musical instruments. Barry told me he always said he was born in London and would like to die there. He decided to take a trip there and in three weeks we heard he had his wish and expired in London. I don't think I'll ever meet another man like George King!

Another member and I were talking and he suggested that I remind everyone that there isn't an ATM on the Evergreen Hall premises. So if you're coming to a show, and see something you need, don't be disappointed. Bring extra cash or cheque book. Another way around the problem that some men have found, they bring their wife. We've all seen this, I bet.

The man sees something they MUST have. The cost is \$325, so he turns to his good wife and says, "I only have \$25 would you loan me the rest?" Sure enough she digs into her "wife size" purse and produces the money hubby is short! I bet you've all seen this scenario play out. I've seen it many times and admit to being a party to it many times before I lost my wife.

I almost forgot another outstanding gunsmith I met. His name was Sandy Sanderson. He has now departed this earth. I met Sandy in Abilene, Kansas when Jan and I used to do the KCCA shows down there. During the shows I saw lots of his expertise. However, the most significant thing I thought was a picture I saw of the last rifle he built. At that time he said it would be the last one he was going to build. He was 103 years old! I still have a few of the show souvenirs he made. I guess I'm lucky at having met some remarkable people during my life time. It's because I was born on Friday the 13!

Here's a little story about luck. Years ago, I worked with a man named Bill Kidd. He was the cake shop foreman in the shop where I worked at the time. He was born in England and decided to emigrate here in 1912. He booked passage on the RMS Titanic. His mother asked him to please stay another month because she knew she would never see him again. So, Bill went along with his mother's wishes and stayed another month. Well, we all know what happened to the Titanic, don't we? That's real luck!

More bad news. My old friend, Charlie Stewart, passed away on January 26. He had been in pain for a month with pancreatic cancer. He has been cremated and a service was held on February 10 at the Richmond Funeral Home on Cambie Road. I'm sure for all people who knew Charlie they will be sorry he's gone. However, he suffered a lot of pain and now he is out of pain. Charlie had just turned 89 years old. Our sympathy goes to all of his family.

I know this isn't really the place for a for sale ad but, through a mistake I made, I'm doing it here to make myself feel better. Al Olson, 250.547.8812, has a Shults and Larson rifle for sale in caliber 7x61 Sharp & Hart. If this is what you're looking for, why not give him a call?

Well, the February 4 show fooled a lot as to attendance. We all thought because of the Super Bowl on television, attendance would be light. WRONG! We had 195 paid admissions! Also, there were a lot of members attending; some I hadn't seen since the shows were in Burnaby. So there was plenty of catching up conversations. I understand that sales were also good. A well-known member told me that within the first hour his sales were over \$3000! Mike Hodgson was in for the first time and was showing around two cased Krieghoff sub-caliber barrel inserts to be used in Krieghoff shotgun barrels. I think they were the first any of us had ever seen. He was trying to find out a price for them. I think he was told by nearly everyone to put them on Gun Nuts auction. For myself now, my sales covered my expenses so I had a very good time and had enough money to pay for gassing up my truck. You're right, I didn't sell either of the guns I took! However, one man looked at one of them and told me it was a very nice gun. Then he just walked away.

Now I'll tell you the story of how I came to own that shotgun that George King repaired for me. It was the very first gun show in Salmon Arm. John and Ruby Witzel put it on. They were trying to start a gun collectors' club in the Interior. Since Ruby worked at the high school, they were able to get the use of the auditorium for the show. It was fairly well advertised and they had a fair amount of tables. It had attracted some of the Prairie gun dealers including a man who called himself "Horse Trader Ernie". I've told you before how a lot of Prairie dealers liked to drink during shows. Well, Horse Trader was one of them. Late in the first day he had taken on quite a load and it had slowed down quite a bit in the show. He staggered over to my table and asked me if I'd make a trade. I asked what, did he have in mind. He told me he would trade me that shotgun for a bayonet on my table that was priced at \$35. So I said okay and that's how I came by the nicest shotgun I ever owned.

Hey! Boys and girls. I've got some good news finally. I thought since the last two shows that I'd had an expensive magazine clip stolen. I found it! I had moved it to another case and had forgotten. I'm glad for two reasons. I still have the mag and I like to boast to anyone who will listen that theft at Evergreen Hall is almost NIL!

Here is more bad news. An old time club member from back in the early 90s, has passed away with pancreatic cancer. His name was Dennis Gelean. In the times past when we did display shows, Dennis' display was of all the early gas masks. These covered soldiers' masks and masks for the horses. He retired and moved to Smithers so they could be closer to their daughter. Our sympathy goes to the family.

I think now, boys and girls, I'm running out of news and paper. It must be time to sign off. So be good to each other.

Cheers for now,  
Ron

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Do you want your newsletter mailed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and return with payment, \$40, or drop off at the next show.

## HACS NEWSLETTER AD SPACE

### FOR SALE | Larry Lee 604-298-2070 (Burnaby, BC)

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 | Lance 250-768-7721

Military Collector/Man Cave: One 27 foot 50 Caliber Gun Belt. 312 Rounds. Brass, Bullet, and Links = 1 Belt. Price: \$1,800 (Valued @ \$2,500)

### FOR SALE | Colin Stevens 604-341-1917, [seaforth72@gmail.com](mailto:seaforth72@gmail.com)

1944 Long Branch No. 4 Mk. I\* DCRA conversion to 7.62x51. Named rifle that belonged to LtCol J Steels of Guelph who competed at Bispley and was twice President of DCRA and is a couple of Halls of Fame \$1,500; Backsight for No. 5 Mk. I Jungle Carbine \$75; Mk. I backsight for No. 4 Mk. I Fazakerley \$75; Model of 1913 sniper scope Warner & Swasey with case (no bracket or rubber eye cup) \$600; Telescope Sighting No. 22B Mk. I W dated 1924 for an unknown cannon. \$40 More items such as uniforms, military books, edged weapons on my web site <https://captainstevens.com/militaria-for-sale-and-wanted>

### FOR SALE | Robert 604-700-9554 or [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 QWNER: Lists in USA for \$2500+; REDUCED TO CDN \$1995.00
- ITHACA M-500 SKB 20Ga. 3" VR O/U (Circa 1970); Like New w/Soft Padded Case. ORIGINAL OWNER. REDUCED TO CDN \$1045.00 (SOLD)
- 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

### FOR SALE | John 604-620-0652

CZ 455 LUX .22 WMR barrel. only 20 shots through it. \$175.00.

### 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 | Contact [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.
- Parker hale rifle, safari 1200, 35 whelen, good condition, c/w bausch/lomb 3x9 scope, two det. magazines, loading dies and lots of good brass and bullets. Very good shooter.
- Box of leather and synthetic holsters (~15), for semi pistols and large revolver, shoulder rigs.

SA Finnish Marked SVT-40, or non refurbished SVT-40 or SVT-38. Please contact: [CollectingMilitaria@gmail.com](mailto:CollectingMilitaria@gmail.com)

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

Complete gunsmithing, metal work, wood work, checkering, all types of blueing and high tech metal finishing, rebarreling, etc., Gary Flach, home - 604.329.6176 or email [garyandtammy@shaw.ca](mailto:garyandtammy@shaw.ca)

Canadian Firearms Safety Courses & Conservation Outdoor Recreation Education Courses & Exams – certified examiner – contact Al Simmons, 604-291-1952. Burnaby.

Gun Stocks Refinished – hand rubbed oil finish, 1st class job, reasonable rate, excellent references. Contact Mike at 604-552-1254 or cell 604-833-5574.

Military items from all eras such as autographs, helmets/headgear, uniforms, decorations, & edged weapons. Single items, estates, or collections. Contact George at 604-841-0710, or Bill at [hughes@militaryautographs.com](mailto:hughes@militaryautographs.com)

### FOR SALE OR TRADE | Dave (Salmon Arm) 250-832-4123 [snapcap@telus.net](mailto:snapcap@telus.net)

"OPEN TO INTERESTING TRADES"

- RUGER AMERICAN, .22lr, synthetic w/both combs. Factory manual, NIB. \$450.00 + shipping
  - RUGER AMERICAN, .223", all-weather, threaded muzzle, Picatinney, 10 sighting rounds fired. EXC., \$700.00 + shipping
  - REMINGTON 870 EXPRESS, 12 x 3", 20" barrel w/rifle sights. Factory manual, NIB. \$500.00 + shipping
  - BROWNING BLR-81, "BLACK LABEL", .308", Take-Down. NIB. \$1550.00 + shipping
  - BROWNING BLR-81, "WHITE GOLD MEDALLION", 7mm-08, stainless. NIB, \$1950.00 + shipping
  - BAIKAL MP-94 "CEBEP", O/U, .22 WMR x 20g.-3". Three screw-in chokes & wrench. NEW w/factory manual (no box). \$650.00 + shipping
  - COLT 1911A1, .45acp, CLARK LONG SLIDE (155mm), BO-MAR Rib & Sights. VG. \$1500.00 + shipping
  - COLT NATIONAL MATCH, Mk. III, .38 Spl., Wad-Cutter, Mid-Range. Two mags., VG. \$1200.00 + shipping
  - WW. II ELBOW TELESCOPE. Anti-Aircraft M75C, #7578389, s/n 59408. Four separate lens colours. Adj. for focus. EXC/USED. \$200.00 + shipping
  - WW. II U.S. NAVY, 20mm Oerlikon Cannon Sight. Mk. 5. 'Spider Web' front grid sight, missing rear sight piece. Mfd by General Motors, Pontiac, Michigan. VG/USED. \$150.00 + shipping
  - W. OTTWAY & Co. Ltd., ARTILLERY GUN SCOPE. #281, Pattern G.2021, British Broad Arrow, used in WW. I & WW. II. Clear optics, red eye cushion missing, 40mm bushing, factory fitted wood case. VG/USED. \$350.00 + shipping
  - WW II, ROSS OF LONDON, BRITISH ROYAL NAVY Naval Cannon Gunsight Binoculars. Pattern G352-P, 7 x 50. Three sets of filters, black soft eyepiece. Four mounting bolts for attaching to Naval Cannon. Factory fitted & labelled, naval grey wood case. Appears UNUSED. EXC. \$1000.00 + shipping.
  - ALSO AVAILABLE: Very large collection of non-restricted, restricted, prohibited, muzzle loading-black powder, edged weapons, military memorabilia, optics, vintage ammo & brass, leather, webbing, water bottles & ???.
  - 20g. X 3" Yildiz SP2M, o/u, 5 chokes. NEW in factory box with manual. \$1050.00 + shipping
  - 12g. X 3" Optima/Hatsan Semi-Auto, adjustable & detachable stock, pistol grip, oversized charging handle, adj. sights, 'DOOR-BUSTER' muzzle attach. AsNew \$500.00 + shipping.
  - SAVAGE 10-110 Tactical Rifle, .308 Win., Bushnell Elite Tactical 6-24 x 50. Call for details. AsNew. \$2950.00 + shipping
  - .357 Magnum, Ruger GP-100, 4" barreled revolver. Cushioned wood & synthetic grips. New, no box or papers. \$495.00 + shipping
  - 'BRODIE' – Canadian WWII 'Tin Hat', GSW 1941, Mk.I. EXC. E-photos avail. \$150.00 + shipping
- WANTED - Interested in acquiring by trade or purchase the following:**
- MAGAZINES for .223" AK-47
  - MOSSBERG 46(b) & 46(a) rifles – MINT
  - MOSSBERG "CHUCKSTER", .22 WMR w/ extra mags & VG – MINT
  - MOSSBERG "Wood & Steel" period accessories & parts
  - Magazine(s) for Beretta 38/42.
  - Vintage Single-Shot cartridge pistols

## BUY & SELL OR TRADE

Entire collection or single pieces of military, mountain, camping, fishing, hunting/target (rifle, carbine, shotgun, pistol, knives), surplus and factory amo, 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, the condition, your general location, and your best price. Contact Adam at 778-223-3335, email [adamhome@live.com](mailto:adamhome@live.com)

**Wanted:** Colin [seaforth72@gmail.com](mailto:seaforth72@gmail.com) 604-341-1917. Bracket for R.E.L. C No. 67 Mk. I (aka C No. 32 Mk. 4) sniper scope; Windmill sight for Long Branch Scout Sniper's Rifle; Long Branch rifles with serial numbers starting ASE or EX. Photos and more info on my website: <https://captainstevens.com/militaria-for-sale-and-wanted/wanted-militaria>

**Wanted:** British and Canadian Swords; Also Weapons and Militaria of the East India Company. Email [g.stahl@telus.net](mailto:g.stahl@telus.net) or telephone Gary @ 604-858-7869.

**Wanted:** Aperture Sight - Williams For Model 94 BigBore - 375 Calibre. Mike Bishop 604.462.7263

**Wanted:** Poco Military is looking for all your used firearms, ammo and other surplus military equipment. We buy, trade and consign. We can collect anywhere in the Lower Mainland with pleasure. Please contact Paul at 778-278-2205 or email [pocomilitary@gmail.com](mailto:pocomilitary@gmail.com)

**Wanted:** Gewehr 98 All matching collectable example. PTRS/PTRD anti tank gun and deactivated guns. Call Dave 604-856-7579 or [davidelchuk@gmail.com](mailto:davidelchuk@gmail.com)

**Wanted:** Inglis Hi Power, any condition deactivated for my WW2 Canadian display. Will pay cash. Call David 604-552-1713.

**Wanted:** Colt 45acp Government 1911's and 1911 A'1 or variations. Call Jim at 604-290-1911 or [jimmygunns@gmail.com](mailto:jimmygunns@gmail.com)