



DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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This will be my last newsletter, it has been an honor serving as your President 3 times in the last 40 years and many years in between serving on the board of directors.

Thank You!!

We have a great club, and have always had a great board of directors. Now we need young people to take over

our place and keep this great organization alive.

Let this serve as a shout out to young members to get involved, get on the board and be active part of this great organization.

Just a reminder this years Grand Forks gun show will be a Thursday set-up Noon to 7pm and a Friday, Saturday Show 9:00 to 5:00pm.

Thanks for being a great part of my life.

President DTGCA William Braun

DUES

New Member / Yearly Renewal —\$25.00

Life Member—\$ 250.00

Free Admission to all shows w/ valid membership card - Effective 1/1/2021

To renew by mail include a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address or renew at any show.

I'm in color on the WEB www.dtgca.org

Update on - Membership Renewals, Membership Cards and Table Rent:

At the Summer Meeting of the Board of Directors there was much discussion and deliberation on membership renewals, membership card admission and vendor table rent. Comments from the Annual Meeting were taken into consideration and starting **July 15, 2023** below is the new schedule.

NEW MEMBER \$25.00 RENEWAL \$25.00 FREE ADMITTANCE with current card

LIFE \$250.00 FREE ADMITTANCE TO ALL SHOWS showing LIFE card

ALL SHOWS (except Sioux Falls Trophy Show)

TABLE RENT	6 FOOT	\$35.00 MINIMUM MEMBER
		\$45.00 MINIMUM NONMEMBER
	8 FOOT	\$40.00 MINIMUM MEMBER
		\$50.00 MINIMUM NONMEMBER

TROPHY SHOW – SIOUX FALLS

TABLE RENT	6 foot tables	\$60.00 Member	\$70.00 Non Member
	8 foot tables	\$80.00 Member	\$90.00 Non Member

Limit to be determined by the show manager

ABOVE STARTING July 15, 2023

Advance table rent paid at Brookings, Watertown, Grand Forks
will be honored at the price quoted at time of payment.

Our Extended Sympathy

The Association would like to notify you and recognize the death of the following members:

- Roger M. Lundberg - Detroit Lakes, MN - 4/20/2022 Life Member
- Kelly Landis - Mobridge, SD - 6/25/2023 Life Member
- Edward Decker - Dickinson, ND - 6/30/2023 - Yearly Member
- Don Deckert - Porcupine, SD - 7/31/2023 - Life Member
- Daryl Jensen - Sioux Falls, SD - 9/4/2023 - Yearly Member
- M. Brook Davis - Park Rapids, MN - 9/9/2023 - Life Member
- Layne Huffman - Mitchell, SD - 10/5/2023 - Yearly Member
- Joseph Lorsung - Hunter, SD - 10/15/2023 - Yearly Member



DTGCA SHOW NEWS



• DTGCA now has a Facebook page. Please give us a like to stay up to date on all that is happening with the DTGCA.

- As always you can check out our Website for updated information - www.dtgca.org
- Other entities may list the gun show dates on their Website but they may not always have the updated information.
- Show Managers - As a reminder please turn in your vendor list and table layout after your show.
- As of July 15th, 2023 the Board of Directors have changed the price of memberships to the following:

New / Renewal - \$25.00

Life Membership - \$250.00

Grand Forks

- March 29 - 30, 2024
- Setup will be Thursday at Noon
- Show will run Friday and Saturday 9-5pm

West Fargo

- February 9 - 10, 2024
- Setup will be Thursday night / Friday morning
- Show will run Friday 12-8pm and Saturday 9-5pm

Rapid City

Hotel Room Reservations at the Holiday Inn -

Call 1-800-HOLIDAY (800-465-4329).

- *Rooms/rates are offered on a first call/first served basis and cannot be guaranteed after 03/13/2024.*
- A discounted rate associated with the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors **Gun Show 2024** is available at the Holiday Inn Rapid City Downtown – Convention Center, in Rapid City, SD on the night of April 12th – 15th, 2024 (departing April 16th).

Rapid City

The Monument has changed their policy on animals.

The Monument fully supports the ADA regulations regarding public access to service animals.

- Non-service animals are not allowed into the event area.
- Comfort animals and emotional support animals are not protected under federal law and are not allowed into the event area.

T-Shirts and Hats

We now have added to T-shirts to our DTGCA merchandise that is available for purchase at any of our shows.

T-Shirts are available in black or grey.



Sizes -

Large - 2XL = \$20.00

3XL - 4XL = \$22.00

Hat and Shirt Combo - \$25.00

Hat and Shirt Combo Extended Sizes -

\$27.00

Hats = \$10.00

Belt Buckles = \$40.00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2024
DAKOTA EVENT CENTER, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association, Inc will be held at the Dakota Event Center (The DEC) located at 720 Lamont Street, , Aberdeen, South Dakota at **5:15 p.m.** on Saturday, February 03, 2024 to take action upon the following matters:

The reports of officers, directors and committees.
The election of officers of the Association.

All other business which may come before the meeting, or any adjournments thereof.

Positions up for election:

Vice President ND

At Large

One SD Directors

Two ND Director

Nominations for the above will be made at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Call to Order

Establish Quorum

Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

Annual Report

Old Business

Seating of the New President

Election of Directors

New Business

Adjournment

The Association has a new policy in regards to animals at our shows -

DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

The Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association, Inc. (“DTGCA”) is committed to providing full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services, facilities, and accommodations to individuals with disabilities. As part of that commitment, the DTGCA welcomes service animals to its events to the extent required and permitted by applicable law, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

Service animals include dogs that are trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of individuals with disabilities, including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, and other mental disabilities. Other species of animals, untrained dogs, and pets are not service animals and may be excluded from DTGCA events.

Service animals must be housebroken (i.e. bathroom trained) and under the control of their handlers at all times. Service animals also must wear harnesses, leashes or other tethers unless doing so would interfere with the service animal’s performance, in which case the handler must use other methods for control (e.g., voice control, signals, etc.). **Service animals that fail to comply with these requirements will be asked to leave.**

February 5th, 2022 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association was held on Saturday, February 5th, 2022 at the Dakota Events Center immediately following the close of the show that day. Present were President Daethal Dockter, Vice President Bill Braun, Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson, Directors Laura Ennen, Keith Hakeman, Wayne Duncan, Mike Seaburg, Adam Sandvig, Bob Lee and Jim Keller. There was a total of 37 in attendance. President Daethal Dockter established a Quorum was present and opened the meeting for business. Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson read the minutes from the February 6th, 2021 meeting and presented the 2021 Annual Report to membership. Paul Dulitz moved with Jim Keller's second to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Lee moved with Wally Darkow's second to approve the 2021 Annual Report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

President Daethal Dockter opened for Old Business. There was no Old Business discussed. Bill Braun was seated as the new President of the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association.

President Bill Braun opened the election for officers with paper ballot voting. For one Vice President position in SD, Daethal Dockter / Bob Lee nominated Keith Hakeman. Thrice call for nominations, all ayes. **Keith Hakeman is Vice President.** Two Officers in ND, Paul Dulitz / Keith Hakeman nominated Wayne Duncan. Wally Darkow / Jason Jackson nominated Laura Ennen, Steve Livermore / Mike Seaburg nominated Adam Sandvig. Thrice call for nominations, Wally Darkow / Glenn Johnson moved nominations cease, all ayes. **Wayne Duncan and Laura Ennen are ND Officers.** One Officer in South Dakota. Bob Lee / Daethal Dockter nominate Ethan Hintz. Paul Dulitz / Jim Keller nominate Jason Jackson. Thrice call for nominations, Wally Darkow / Glenn Johnson moved nominations cease, all ayes. **Ethan Hintz is SD Officer.** One At Large Officer. Mike Seaburg / Jim Keller nominate Adam Sandvig. Wally Darkow / Leo Semmler nominate Jason Jackson. Thrice call for nominations, Bob Lee / Jason Jackson moved nominations cease, all ayes. **Adam Sandvig is At Larger Officer.**

Wally Darkow extended Thanks to Laura Ennen for job well done on the Bismarck and Aberdeen Shows.

New Business was introduced.

Steve Livermore took the floor to talk about the Sioux Falls Trophy Show dates and tables (6ft / 8ft).

Leo Semmler to the floor to talk about the pricing of admission, membership, bump up the rate / punch card.

Nate Gilbertson took the floor to talk about getting rid of the annual membership and just keeping life membership.

Paul Dulitz took the floor to talk about Memberships / mailing lists are good to keep and that he supports the board.

Hannibal Haase took the floor to discuss about opening the Shows on Friday Night.

Leo Semmler took to the floor to discuss display tables, 1 table free for young folks absolutely nothing for sale. Also, discussed raising the rate of the annual membership to \$40.00.

Daethal Dockter moved with Wally Darkow's second for adjournment, all ayes, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Duly Submitted,

Amanda Robinson
Executive Secretary, DTGCA

February 5th, 2022

The Re-Organizational Board of Director meeting was held at The Dakota Events Center in Aberdeen, SD directly following the Annual Meeting. Present were President Bill Braun, Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson, Directors Laura Ennen, Keith Hakeman, Daethal Dockter, Wayne Duncan, Mike Seaburg, Adam Sandvig, Jim Keller, Bob Lee and Ethan Hintz.

President Bill Braun recognized a Quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson presented the Summer Meeting Minutes from July 24th, 2021 and they were reviewed. Daethal Dockter moved with the motion to accept the minutes. Jim Keller second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson presented the Actual Yearly Comparison budget and projected, along with the Savings Summary to the board. Jim Keller moved with a motion to accept the budget. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried. Bob Lee moved with a motion to accept the Savings summary. Wayne Duncan second. All ayes. Motion carried.

President Bill Braun opened Old Business.

Certificate of Deposits were discussed. Bob Lee made a motion to leave money in savings until interest rates improve. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

President Bill Braun opened New Business

Contribution Requests were discussed. Daethal Dockter made a motion to give \$500.00 donations to Bismarck – Mandan Rifle and Pistol Association, Red River Area Sportsmen Club and PDR Disabled Youth Hunt 2022. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

NRA Renewal was discussed. Jim Keller moved for a 5 year renewal. Daethal Dockter second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Steve Livermore took the floor to talk to the Board of Directors about :

Setting table rent for 6 foot and 8 foot tables to \$60.00 and \$80.00 for the Sioux Falls Trophy Show. Motion proposed to \$10.00 a foot.

Negotiations for future contracts. Arena at \$2000.00 for 200 to 250 more tables.

Website – make website for the Trophy Show or do a tab on the main DTGCA website.

Steve Livermore was asked to leave, so that the Board of Directors could discuss. Bob Lee made a motion to table all discussion until the Summer Meeting. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Mike Seaburg made a motion to add a tab on the current website for the Sioux Falls Trophy Show. Laura Ennen second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Daethal Dockter moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Keller second. All ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

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February 6th, 2022

A board meeting was held at 9am at the Dakota Events Center in Aberdeen, SD. Present were President Bill Braun, Directors Bob Lee, Wayne Duncan, Jim Keller, Mike Seaburg, Adam Sandvig and Laura Ennen and Show Manager Steve Livermore. Not present was Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson and Keith Hakeman.

President Bill Braun recognized a Quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Bob Lee made a motion to let Steve Livermore work on getting the dates lined up for the Sioux Falls Trophy Show. Wayne Duncan second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

No decision on tables until after the Summer Meeting.

Bob Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Duncan second. All ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Duly Submitted,

Amanda Robinson
Executive Secretary DTGCA

July 23rd, 2022 Summer Meeting

The Summer Meeting of the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association was held on Saturday July 23rd, 2022 at the Holiday Inn and Express Board Room in Aberdeen South Dakota. Present were President Bill Braun, Vice President Keith Hakeman, Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson, Board of Directors Bob Lee, Wayne Duncan, Laura Ennen, Mike Seaburg, Adam Sandvig, Daethal Dockter and Jim Keller. Absent was Ethan Hintz. President Bill Braun established a Quorum and opened the meeting for business.

Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson presented the meeting minutes from the Re-Organizational Meeting, Annual Meeting and the Meeting that was held in Watertown. Jim Keller made a motion to accept all 3 meeting minutes. Daethal Dockter second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Second Quarter Reports of 2022 were presented along with all income and expenses were reviewed. Bob Lee made a motion with Wayne Duncan second to approve all financial reports including the Widmer and Roel tax audit for 2021. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Certificate of Deposits were discussed. Bob Lee made a motion to leave the money in our Savings account until the rates improve on CD's. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Old Business was opened by President Bill Braun.

Billboards – The show will pay 80% of the cost and the Association will pay the other 20% of the cost of a billboard if the show manager would like a billboard. Laura Ennen made the motion and Mike Seaburg second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Sioux Falls Trophy Show – Laura Ennen made a motion to leave the size as is, the show doesn't need to grow into the Arena. 1 year. Daethal Dockter second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

New Business was opened by President Bill Braun.

Contribution Requests –

Daethal Dockter made a motion to give no money to the Friends of the NRA. Bob Lee second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Laura Ennen made a motion to give \$500.00 to the Missouri Valley Shooting Sports. Daethal Dockter second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Watford City Show – Wayne Duncan made a motion that Laura Ennen take over the show for 1 year. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Mitchell Show - Bob Lee made a motion to suspend the Mitchell Show. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Show Managers – Bob Lee made a motion to raise the Show Manager fee to \$1000.00 and then also pay for 1 hotel room and the \$75.00 travel allowance for mileage if over 30 mile radius. Jim Keller second. All ayes. Motion Carried. Keith Hakeman, Mike Seaburg, Laura Ennen were a conflict of interest.

Show Policies –

Laura Ennen made a motion to put a memo about Wooden Nickels in the newsletter to say that they are invalid and have no value. Extra Wooden Nickels will be given away at the membership table. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

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Daethal Dockter made a motion that the Association will pay up to \$4000.00 for a banquet. The show manager would have to bring up to the board of directors if they want to host a banquet in their town. Bob Lee second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Daethal Dockter made a motion to strike #18 Promotion – (First time show vendor at a DTGCA show – members only, receive two free tables, One time only to show your gun related items. Show Manager Discretion on items, contact the show mgr. of the show you are interested in for more details). Off of the Show Policies. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Show Reports - Laura Ennen made a motion, if a show manager wants the Executive Secretary Amanda Robinson to do a Show Report it comes out of the Show Managers Fee for the show. The amount paid would be proportion it to the size of show. Mike Seaburg second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Executive Secretary Raise – Laura Ennen made a motion. Effective August 1st, 2022. The DTGCA will pay Amanda Robinson \$2500.00 a month. Will pay for gas, Lodging and Food (no alcohol). Amanda Robinson will need to attend all DTGCA Shows, weather permitting. Saturday all day and Sunday until Noon. Daethal Dockter second. All ayes. Motion Carried. Keith Hakeman conflict of interest.

Credit Cards – Daethal Dockter made a motion, that we just use cash or check, no credit cards at the membership table. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Display Table - Adam Sandvig made a motion, for 1 free display table at the discretion of the show manager. Bob Lee Second. 4 Yes and 3 No. Motion Carried.

Banner – Daethal Dockter made a motion, to limit the height of banners to 102 inches from the floor. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Admission – Mike Seaburg made a motion that Sunday will be Family Day at all of the DTGCA Shows. 2 Adults and kids 18 and under get in for \$30.00. Bob Lee second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Board of Directors Raise – Bob Lee made a motion, to raise the Board of Director mileage pay to \$300.00. Wayne Duncan second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

T-Shirts – Bob Lee made a motion, that the Association get T-Shirts. Sizes L – 5XL with our Logo. Pocket and No Pocket shirts. Mike Seaburg will take care of. Wayne Duncan second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Show Managers Meeting at 10:00 am –

Daethal Dockter made a motion to accept all of the show reports. Bob Lee second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Bob Lee made a motion to change the color of the membership card every year. Keith Hakeman second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Laura Ennen made a motion to raise the Card Reimbursement to \$500.00 @ 50 cards. Adam Sandvig second. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Show Manager Meeting concluded at 11:30am.

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Discussion –

Honorary Life Membership to Federal Ammunition from the DTGCA including a certificate. Bob Lee will call to see if they accept.

Silver Belt Buckles are 3 ounces of silver, see if we can sell on Facebook.

Universal Tags – Green and Pink, a stamp for show managers. Show Managers will pay for.

Change the Sioux Falls Classic to Sioux Falls Fall Show – James O Aplan Memorial.

Life Member form to get rid of.

Check into buying 600 6 foot tables from Jeremy at United Tent and Convention. He will store them, but we get 1st choice to rent those tables.

South Dakota Sales Tax – Check with Ethan Hintz to see if he has the paperwork.

The next meeting of the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors Association will be the Annual Meeting on February 4th, 2023 in Aberdeen South Dakota at the DEC or as called by President Bill Braun.

Summer Meeting will be July 22nd, 2023.

Jim Keller made a motion with Laura Ennen second to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Duly Submitted,

Amanda Robinson
Executive Secretary DTGCA



Examples of small arms used by Finland in the 1939-40 Winter War and 1941-44 Continuation War.

Parts I & II – Introductory history and handguns,
By Brian Carlson (DTGCA Life member)

This series is based on the display that I have exhibited over the last few years, in whole and in part, at several DTGCA shows

Part I - History

Before 1917, Finland had not existed as an independent country.

Throughout time, it was fought over by Sweden and Russia. The former controlled the ter-

ritory primarily from the middle ages

until 1809, although its influence - especially along the western coast - remains strong to this day. In 1809, Sweden ceded control of the territory to the Russian Empire, becoming the semi-autonomous Grand Duchy of Finland. During this era of Russian control, authoritative control over the region ebbed and flowed with the particular Tsar reigning in Russia. Beginning in 1898, Tsar Nicolas II's appointed governor over the Grand Duchy instituted a policy of eradicating a separate Finnish identity in the region. This led to a subsequent rise in Finnish nationalism, which came to fruition upon the fall of the Tsar in the 1917 Russian revolution. As a result, Finland declared its independence on December 6, 1917, but was immediately embroiled into a brutal civil war in early 1918 between Communist backed Red Guards and anti-Communist White Guards. By mid-1918, the White Guards had essentially won control of the country, and with the League of Nations recognizing Finland as an independent country after the end of World War I in 1918, its political and economic security began to stabilize (figure 1).

By the late 1930's, the Soviet Union, emboldened by the non-aggression pact with Nazi Germany, began occupying the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Since Leningrad (St. Petersburg) was less than 50 Kilometers from the Finnish border, the Stalin made hard-headed demands for control of Finnish owned territory, both on the mainland and to control Finnish islands in the Baltic Sea. Finland refused to acquiesce, so on November 30, 1939 the USSR bombed Helsinki and 600,000 Soviet troops crossed the Finnish-Russian border, starting the Winter War.

The brunt of the Winter War was fought primarily along the southern border of Finland – with the Soviets massing their forces on the Karelian Isthmus and around Lake Ladoga - although Soviet invasion forces had breached essentially the entire Finnish border from the Baltic to Arctic seas. However, they were repelled by the skillful and dedicated Finnish forces who were generally better led and vastly more motivated than the Soviets. While the Soviets had tanks and vastly more artillery, their Generals ranged from “yes men” to incompetent, due to Stalin's various purges throughout the 1930's. The Finns better knowledge of the turf they were defending, with the brunt of their soldiers being from rural areas and subsequently more attuned to using firearms, plus being better trained to fight in the winter, made up for the lack of artillery and no tanks. Let alone the psychology of their homeland being invaded. As such, they were able to hold back the invaders. Helping the Finns was Mother Nature, as the winter of 1939-40 was colder than average, with most battles taking place in sub-zero weather (-40 degrees, the same in Fahrenheit and Celsius, was common). As the war progressed, the masses of Soviet troops being replenished to the front (generally by a factor of forty to one) meant that the Finns couldn't hold the back indefinitely. As such, a negotiated peace led to a ceasefire on March 13, 1940. As part of the agreement, Finland ceded 16,000 square miles of territory to the Soviets, mostly the Karelian Isthmus and Finland's only Barents Sea port city of Petsamo; the Soviets essentially getting most of what they wanted.

During the Winter War, Finland began aligning its self with Nazi Germany, as they essentially followed a “my enemy’s enemy is my friend” approach to foreign policy. After Germany started Operation Barbarossa (the invasion of the USSR) in early 1942, Finland went on the offensive to invade and reclaim the lands lost at the end of the Winter War on June 22, 1942, starting the Continuation War. While the Germans provided some limited materials assistance and some SS foreign legions (more to recruit the scrappy Finlanders for Germany than to fight with Finland), the Finns were essentially on their own. To placate Stalin, Great Britain declared war against Finland shortly after, but aside from one token air raid, they did nothing else to aid the Soviets. While the United States and the Soviet Union were technically allies, the US never declared war against Finland. Indeed, sizable numbers of expatriate Finns from the US fought for Finland as foreign volunteers in the Winter War. The Finns eventually re-occupied the territory they lost in 1940 but did not invade across the pre-1939 Soviet border. Yet, as in the Winter War, by mid-1944 the same basic formula was playing out; while the Finns had the drive, they lacked the materials and massive manpower of the Soviet Union. As such, the Soviet-Finnish armistice was signed on September 19, 1944, ending the Continuation War. Once again, the Finns re-lost the same territory (figure 2), but also severed ties with Nazi Germany (to include forcibly driving out the German troops remaining in the northern regions of the county) and were also required to disband the Finnish Civil Guard. Yet there was still one thing that, despite two wars within a decade and the subsequent years since, the Soviets were not able to take – Finland’s freedom.

General notes on Finnish military equipment markings.

Before 1942, the Finnish armed forces sporadically marked their arms and material. The Civil Guard, on the other hand, marked all their arms and accoutrements with “SY” since inception. Early in 1942, the Finnish Army started marking all material that belonged to them, after going through their logistical branch, with “PUOLUSTUSLAITOS” (GOVERNMENT PROPERTY). Most often, this was with a roll stamp, which on hardened firearms components didn’t mark well. By mid-1942, it was changed to a simpler stamp of “SA” within a rounded corner rectangular box (SA meaning “Suomi Armeija” – Finland Army). From that point on, all weapons and ancillary components – new, existing, and confiscated – were thusly marked (figure 3). If Civil Guard arms were transferred to the Army, they had the “SA” markings added, but generally the “SY” markings were untouched. This labeling was officially used until 1970, when the Finnish armed forces went to a castle turret pictogram stamp, which is still in use.

Part II – handguns

Finland originally had a smattering of various handguns – ranging mostly from police issued Fabrique National model 1900’s to Russian Nagant revolvers left by the Russians after the 1917 revolution. Finland’s first attempt at a standardized pistol was the purchase from France in 1919 of 10,000 Spanish made “Ruby” series autoloaders, called the M/19. These hand-made pistols from a multitude of small factories with no real interchangeable parts (usually including the magazines) were a logistics nightmare, and were chambered in the anemic 7.65 x 17mm (.32 ACP) to boot.

In 1922, Finland’s started fixing the error of the M/19 “Ruby” by an initial purchase of 2,000

model 1908 Lugers from DWM of Germany, as the M/23, chambered in .30 Luger (Germany was forbidden by the Treaty of Versailles to make handguns in 9mm Parabellum at that time). In short order, the Finn’s initially were not impressed with the lackadaisical stopping power of the .30 Luger cartridge (especially since it barely penetrated heavy winter clothing), so they also purchased a small



Pictured: L/35 Lathi pistol, second series production with SA-marked post-Continuation War replacement bolt without the loaded cartridge indicator also shown is the issue holster.

quantity of 9mm Parabellum P/08 Lugers in the late 1920's, the Finns denoting them as the M/08. During the Continuation War the majority of M/23's were rechambered for 9mm Parabellum by installing Sako and Tikkakoski (Tikka) made 100- and 120-mm barrels and appropriate recoil springs, essentially becoming a M/08. In total, the Finnish armed forces purchased approximately 8,000 Lugers from 1922 to 1929 (figures 4 and 5).

While the 9mm placated the Finns for a potent enough round, they were becoming less enamored with the actual pistol due to its less than stellar operation in extremely cold weather - on top of desiring a locally produced weapon. Enter Finnish arms designer Aimo Lahti. By 1929, he developed the first prototypes for what became the L-35 Lahti pistol. While it had a passing resemblance to the Luger, they are significantly different in operation. Namely, the toggle mechanism of the Luger was jettisoned for a blowback mechanism with a Blish-like lock and a slide accelerator to work in cold weather. The Lahti was adopted in 1935 and production started in 1938. All were produced by VKT (Valtion Kivääritehdas = State Rifle Factory), which was renamed Valmet after the end of the Continuation War - with 5,731 Lahti's delivered to the Finnish military (figure 6).

VKT also licensed Lahti production to Husqvarna of Sweden, starting in 1940, as the M/40. The Swedes found themselves between a rock and a hard place by 1940, as they had initially adopted the Walther HP, buying 1,500 in early 1939 (becoming the P-38 when adopted as the primary sidearm of the Third Reich), but received very few as Germany was putting as many as they could make to use annexing its neighbors and then invading them. With both the essential loss of their primary military handgun vendor - let alone one that could possibly invade them - Sweden looked to its neighbor Finland. With Finland having bigger troubles with their neighbor to the east, they didn't have the capacity to sell the Swedes pistols, but were happy to license L-35 Lahti production to the Swedes (made by Husqvarna as the M/40) after the Winter War ceasefire. As such, none of the Swedish M/40's were used by Finland, even during the Continuation War (figure 7).

Finland also purchased handguns from other countries. Immediately before the winter war, primarily from Fabrique National of Belgium. Most notable was the M35 High Power from Fabrique National. While Finland had evaluated the High Power before the Winter War, the start of hostilities forced them to purchase the pistols expediently. They bought a total of 2,400 High Powers from FN, complete with shoulder stock holsters, delivered in two separate shipments in December 1939 and March 1940 (figures 8, 9, 10). In similar quantities (2,500 each) Finland also purchased from FN before the fall of Belgium the model 1910 and model 1922 self-loading pistols, in 7.62 x 17mm/.32 ACP (figure 11). Most of these were used in rear echelon units, yet some m/1922's saw front-line service.

Both before the Winter War and during The Continuation War, Finland also obtained approximately 4,100 Beretta model 1935 (7.62 x 17mm/.32 ACP) in 1941 and 1,400 to 1,500 model 1934 pistols (in 9mm Short/.380 ACP) from Italy.

Swedish expeditionary forces in the Winter War also brought their FN and Husqvarna made M/1907 self-loading pistols, chambered in 9 x 20mm/9mm Long (figure 12). 860 were left behind by them at the end of the Winter War, which were issued to some front line troops during the Continuation War, but generally in the northern (Lapland) battlefields, due to the non-standard to Finland chambering.



Picture Left: M/08 Luger conversion, with a Tikka barrel.

Picture Right: A representative example of an early production FN model 1910.



The Board of Directors, have decided to have everyone fill out the table reservation forms to rent tables at our shows. Below is a copy of what the form will look like. The form needs to be initialed, signed and filled out fully.

Your Information:

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please initial the following:

_____ I have read the Show Rules of Conduct and agree to abide by them.

_____ I have read the ATF Gun Show Guidelines.

_____ I understand that sales tax forms must be filled out properly.

Sales tax form will be provided for you at the show. (SD)

_____ I understand that we have to abide by all rules and regulations set by the facility.

_____ I understand that my pet is my responsibility any damage done by my pet is my responsibility.

_____ I understand that all firearms must be tied and that the DTGCA will provide ladder ties for my use.

_____ I understand that the DTGCA is not responsible for Theft, Loss or Accidents.

SIGNATURE:

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SHOW RULES OF CONDUCT

- A. Exhibits, displays, buys, sells and trades all types of acceptable arms and their accessories, along with the Association membership and guest attendance, formulates the primary goal of this Association Show Meeting.
- B. Illegal arms and bulk explosives shall not be brought in the Show Meeting Hall.
- C. Only the contracted table surface or surfaces shall be the display areas. Exception can be made by show manager.
- D. No playing videos or electronic audio visual aids.
- E. An item that is considered detrimental, by the opinion of the majority Board members present, to the safety or best interest of this Association shall be barred. No loaded or strapped to oneself firearm except for authorized security personnel.
- F. All firearms including air guns must be strapped, re strapped and or made inoperable.
- G. DTGCA recognizes a "Zero Tolerance" to any Discharge of a fire arm, accidental or otherwise.
- Show manager has authority to determine who is at fault.
 - If fault lies with table vendor, vendor is ejected indefinitely from all association shows.
 - If fault lies with the table vendor, the vendor has a right to appeal to the Board of Directors.
- H. Badges will be distributed by the show manager to all authorized attendance and security at the beginning of set up for the show.
- I. Contracted space shall be well maintained by its renter from garbage and refuse.
- J. If a show is sold out, all "no show tables" will be open until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, then allocated via a waiting list in numerical order.

Definition of acceptable arms and accessories:

- Air Weapons
- Ammunition
- Smokeless Powder
 - Only in factory sealed containers
 - No Larger than 8 pound containers
- Archery Equipment
- Bayonets
- Cartridges and Shot Shells for Collectors
- Gun Parts, Sights, Gun Repair Supplies
- Pole Arms & Battle Axes
- Military Uniforms and directly associated accoutrements related solely to conflicts in which the United States was involved. Said items are to be individually displayed or sold in bulk or from clothes racks.
- American Cowboy, Indian Weapons & Personal Artifacts (Antique Only)
- Armor
- Books and Videos (Weapons related)
- Firearms of all legal types
- Firearm Curiosa
- Knives, Swords & Daggers
- Military weapons & direct weapons related items
- Powder Flasks & Horns
- Paintings, Pictures, Prints & Statuary-covering items on this list (Jewelry not permitted)
- Reloading Tools and Supplies
- Belt Buckles – Dealing with item on this list only
- Scrimshaw-Dealing with items on this list only.
- Bumper stickers are prohibited from all gun shows.
 - An exception: stickers may be sold or given away by non-profit organizations whose purpose is to promote shooting or gun ownership: stickers must be shooting or firearm related.

Prohibited Items:

- Smoke bombs
- Blow guns
- Black Powder
- Communication equipment
- No dummy ammunition in firearms
- Martial Arts items (Ninja), examples: throwing stars, numb chucks, throwing balls, etc.
- Parts, Kits, manuals, instruction books, etc. for the conversion of legal items to illegal items, or making of bombs, silencers, machine guns, etc.
- Any form of media on government overthrow or anarchy, including anti-semidry or bigotry items.
- All items prohibited by the organization rules shall be banned from the show and must be removed from the facility.

DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSN.

PO Box 90446

Sioux Falls, SD 57109



2023-2024

DAKOTA TERRITORY GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION GUN SHOW DATES

SEPTEMBER 9 – 10, 2023
SCHERR-HOWE EVENT CENTER
MOBRIDGE, SD
CHAIRMAN: GENE COX
614 1ST AVE E
MOBRIDGE, SD 57601
(605)-848-2427

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2023
BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER
BISMARCK, ND
CHAIRMAN: LAURA ENNEN
508 N BELL ST
BISMARCK, ND 58501
(701) 221-2638

OCTOBER 28-29, 2023
RAMKOTA HOTEL EXHIBIT HALL
SIOUX FALLS CLASSIC
SIOUX FALLS, SD
CHAIRMAN: DAVID ROBINSON
5701 SOUTH CAIN AVE
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57106
(605) 731-9155

DECEMBER 9-10, 2023
MCKENZIE COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
WATFORD CITY, ND
CHAIRMAN: HEATHER STABLER
1004 15 AVE SW
WATFORD CITY, ND 58854
(701) 651-2585

JANUARY 6-7, 2024
RED RIVER VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS
WEST FARGO, ND
CHAIRMAN: MIKE SEABURG
25 3RD ST S
CARRINGTON, ND 58421
(701) 650-1233

JANUARY 13-14, 2024
SWIFTEL CENTER
BROOKINGS, SD
CHAIRMAN: TOM HOLMSTROM
2803 ALUMAX ROAD
YANKTON, SD 57078
(605) 661-8294

JANUARY 20-21, 2024
BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER
BISMARCK, ND
CHAIRMAN: LAURA ENNEN
508 N BELL ST
BISMARCK, ND 58501
(701) 221-2638

JANUARY 27-28, 2024
NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY BLDG
YANKTON, SD
CHAIRMAN: TOM HOLMSTROM
2803 ALUMAX ROAD
YANKTON, SD 57078
(605) 661-8294

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024
THE DAKOTA EVENT CENTER (THE DEC)
ABERDEEN, SD ANNUAL MEETING after show
CHAIRMAN: LAURA ENNEN
508 N BELL ST
BISMARCK, ND 58501
(701) 221-2638

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2024
RED RIVER VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS
WEST FARGO, ND
CHAIRMAN: MIKE SEABURG
25 3RD ST S
CARRINGTON, ND 58421
(701) 650-1233

FEBRUARY 17-18, 2024
RAMKOTA RIVER CENTRE
PIERRE, SD
CHAIRMAN: STEVE LIVERMORE
PO BOX 972
FT. PIERRE, SD 57532
(605) 280-2438

MARCH 16-17, 2024
CODINGTON CTY AG BUILDING
WATERTOWN, SD
CHAIRMAN: TOM HOLMSTROM
2803 ALUMAX ROAD
YANKTON, SD 57078
(605) 661-8294

MARCH 23-24, 2024
TROPHY SHOW - THE BIG ONE
SIOUX FALLS CONVENTION CENTER
SIOUX FALLS, SD
CHAIRMAN: STEVE LIVERMORE
PO BOX 972
FT. PIERRE, SD 57532
(605) 280-2438

MARCH 29-30, 2024
ALERUS CENTER
GRAND FORKS, ND
CHAIRMAN: BILL BRAUN
1331 14 1/2 AVE N
WAHPETON, ND 58075
701-640-626

APRIL 13-14, 2024
RUSHMORE CIVIC CENTER
RAPID CITY, SD
CHAIRMAN: KEITH HAKEMAN
7301 PINON JAY CIRCLE
RAPID CITY, SD 57702
(605) 270-0764

APRIL 20-21, 2024
WAHPETON EVENTS CENTER
WAHPETON, ND
CHAIRMAN: BILL BRUAN
1331 14 1/2 AVE N
WAHPETON, ND 58075
701-640-6260