

January 2013

Meetings are held at Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Que, 1641 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, located on Rte 41 (Bus) between Pine Island Rd (SR78) & the Edison Bridge. First Tuesday of every month, at 4:30



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The December 2012 meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had a attendance of 10 members and guests. This month's door prizes were a Case XX NASCAR Knife and a (24) Knife Pak. The winner of the Case knife was John Burkhart and the Knife Pak went to Mike Mikutis. The 50/50 drawing netted Jim McConnell \$22.00 this month. Congratulations to all the winners, you too can be a winner of our monthly door prizes, 50/50 and/or raffles just simply attend one of your monthly FMKC club meetings.

This month's BEST SPECIAL KNIFE was for the best Miniature Knife. The winner was Jerry Miller with beautiful pearl miniature Earring knives.

*Next meeting Date: February 5th - Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
February's Best Special Feature Knife is : Custom Knife
Bring your best to win a Prize*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOW - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Jan 5-6	Bradenton - 2 Guys Gun & Knife Show - Bradenton Auditorium
Jan 5-6	Orlando - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Show - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Jan 19-20	Venice - Gun & Knife Show - The Dome - 5115 SR 776 - Venice
Jan 19-20	Miami - Southern Classic Gun & Knife Show - Dade County Fairgrounds
Jan 26-27	Palmetto - Suncoast Gun Show - Manatee Civic Center
Jan 26-27	Ft Myers - Gun, Civil War, Knife & Militaria Show - Araba Shrine Temple
Feb 2-3	Cape Coral - German American Social Club - Pine Island Road
Feb 1-3	35th Annual Gator Cutlery Club Knife Show - Lakeland Civic Center Custom, Modern, & Antique Knife Show Do Not Miss This Show—Best Knife Show Of The Year

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2013 are due. In order to maintain all privileges of the club you need to fulfill this requirement. The Annual Dues are \$10.00 or you may consider becoming a Life Member, this is a one-time fee of \$75.00. If you are unsure that are paid for 2013 please contact the club secretary at: 239.283.7253 or e-mail: rsmegal@comcast.net . You may pay your dues at any upcoming club meeting or submit payment to the club's address: FMKC, PO Box 706, St James City, FL 33956-0706. Checks will be excepted, however, because of club's current banking requirement all checks must be endorsed to RUSSELL SMEGAL. Any other endorsement will result in return of your check. Sorry..

CANCELLATION

**FMKC Knife Meeting that
is scheduled for January
1st will be Cancelled.**

**The next scheduled
meeting will be held
on February 5th..
See you then...**



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FMKC NEWSLETTER



Types of Daggers

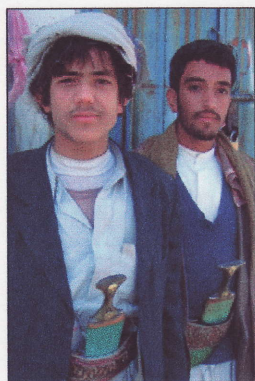
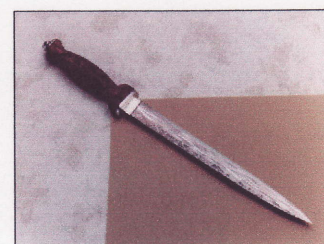
Extracted from the Internet

Ah, the **dagger**, one of the world's most longstanding weapons. Whether you're stabbing Caesar 23 times or slicing off the ear of a Roman soldier attempting to arrest Jesus, it's a great blade to have. The dagger evolved from prehistoric tools made of flint, ivory or bone, and its function was as a backup weapon to maces, axes and javelins.

After guns popped onto the war scene, daggers continued to be used for hand-to-hand combat and stealth killings. During WWII, the Nazi regime was a big fan of daggers, which they decorated ornately and wore on their uniforms to show prestige.

So what's up with daggers today? Well, they are rarely used for murdering people, but they have become quite popular with collectors. Here are four of our favorites:

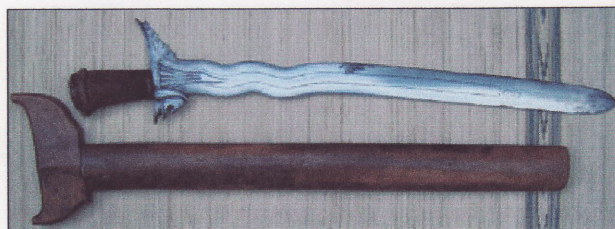
A Scottish dirk is a longish dagger worn as part of full Highland dress for formal occasions. The blades of Scottish dirks measure 12 inches and are lavishly decorated with silver mounts, pommels and cairngornstones. Unlike most daggers, Scottish dirks are single-edged and often have decorative art work on the unsharpened edge of the blade.



Jambiya is an Arabic term for short daggers that are usually worn on a belt. The jambiya is mostly associated with Yemen, where men over 14 often wear a jambiya as a clothing accessory. The hilt (handle) of the jambiya is what often determines the price, and certain hilts, like the safani hilt made of rhinoceros horns, can cost up to \$1,500 per kilogram.

The Kalis is a double-edge Filipino sword. The Kalis originated in the 13th century in the island of Java in Indonesia. From there, it migrated to the Philippines.

The Kalis is good for cutting and thrusting and has a wavy portion that is said to be meant to facilitate easier slashing in battle, because it doesn't get stuck in an opponent's bones and is easier to pull out of bodies.



Trench knives were primarily used in World War I by the British Army, the U.S. and other allied forces. The knives were often used during trench-raiding expeditions and close combat. The German version of the trench knife was often referred to as a boot knife, because it had sheaths with clips that could be affixed to boots or clothing.

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