



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The August of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members and guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a Tomahawk Straight Razor and a Master Cutlery linerlock knife. The winner of the razor went to Bill Cyphert and the Liner Lock knife went to Ken Rabedean. The 50/50 drawing netted Dixie Smegal \$30.00 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 **Balisong/Butterfly Knife**. The winner was Tom Hurst with is custom Balisong. The Best knife for September is: The best **Abalone Folder**. So bring your knife to impress the club members and maybe win yourself a prize.

*Next meeting Date: September 3rd – Free Door Prizes Drawing
Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and share with the members
September's Best Special Feature Knife is : Abalone Folder
Bring your best to win a Prize*

Monthly Gun & Knife Show Schedule

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

Aug 31-Sep 1	Cape Coral - Gun & Knife Show - German American Social Club, Pine Island Rd
Aug 31-Sep 1	Ft Lauderdale - uBids Gun & Knife Show - National Guard Armory
Sept 7-8	Bradenton- American Legion Gun Show - American Legion #24
Sept 7-8	West Palm Beach - Sport Show Specialists Gun Show - South Florida Fairgrounds
Sept 14-15	Ft Myers - Suncoast Gun Show - Lee Civic Center
Sept 14-15	Naples - Lee County Gun Collectors Gun & Knife Show - 800 Neffs Way
Sept 21-22	Lakeland - Lakeland Rifle & Pistol Gun Show - Lakeland Center
Sept 28-29	West Palm Beach - uBid Gun & Knife Show - National Guard Armory

Case XX

Abalone Slimlock

Pattern Number: 8173L

BG42 Drop Point Blade

Length Closed: 3 1/2"

MFG List: \$462.50



FMKC WEB SITE

www.FtMyersKnifeClub.mgmikutis.com

FMKC NEWSLETTER



History of the Winchester Knife

The Winchester Arms Company, manufacturer of the famous Winchester rifles, expanded into producing knives in 1919. Its first plants were at the Eagle Knife Company in New Haven, Connecticut, and the Napanoch Knife Company in Napanoch, New York. Eagle was known for its modern production techniques and mass assembly lines, while Napanoch was more renowned for craftsmanship.

MANUFACTURING:

Winchester's knife motto became knives "as good as the gun". In 1922, Winchester merged with a hardware company in St. Louis and became the Winchester-Simmons Company. The Merged company also produced a brand called KEEN KUTTER. After the dissolution of the merger, Simmons no longer did any manufacturing, but did the marketing for Winchester.

DISCONTINUED:

With the proliferation of other knife companies in the 1930s, prices dropped and the quality of Winchester knives began to suffer. By early 1942, Winchester ceased production of knives and entered into other contracts with the military during World War II.

SIGNIFICANCE:

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, a Germany company put the name Winchester on inexpensive knives that had no association with the original company. Winchester later authorized manufacture of knives in the late '80s by a company named Blue Grass Cutlery. Many of the company's early knives are collectors' items.



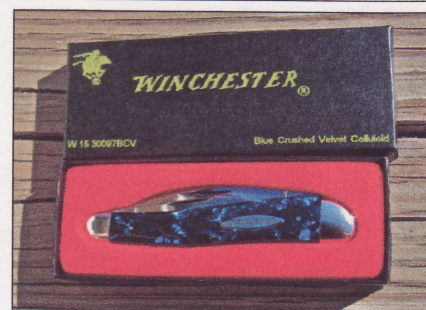
Old Winchester Coke Bottle



Collection of Old Winchester Knives



'70s & '80s
Blue Grass Knife>



NOTICE: Receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. Contact the club secretary, Russ Smegal at: rsmegal@comcast.net By doing this you will save the club the newsletter mailing cost.