

PRESS RELEASE

GAVIN GARDINER LTD (IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOTHEBY'S) AUCTION OF MODERN & VINTAGE SPORTING GUNS & RIFLES, SOTHEBY'S, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON W1A 2AA – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013



Gavin Gardiner Ltd's sale on **Wednesday, December 11, 2013** – just in time for the Boxing Day Shoot - will include a good selection of fine English and European sporting guns by makers such as London makers Purdey, Holland & Holland and Boss & Co. Among the notable items is a fine pair of 12-bore sidelock ejector shotguns by the gunmakers' gunmaker Boss & Co. Built in 1912, they remain in excellent condition and carry an estimate of £20,000 to £30,000.

A pair of 12-bore sidelock ejector guns by Holland & Holland is estimated at £10,000-to £15,000.

The sale also includes a collection of sporting and military rifles, including a scarce .303 Lee Enfield N0.4 (T) Sniper rifle by BSA, dated 1944, and finished and regulated by Holland & Holland, retaining much of its military finish overall, with its transit chest etc. It is estimated to fetch £1,800 to £2,400.

During World War Two, Britain urgently need a new Sniper's rifle, and the newly introduced Lee Enfield No.4 was adapted by one of London's most famous gun and rifle makers, Holland & Holland, to suit this role. Holland & Holland converted virtually all of the rifles issued to British Sniper's during this time, fitting



the telescopic sights and carefully regulating the rifles to deliver the best possible accuracy. The work was so successful that some of these legendary rifles were still in service as late as the 1980s.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Gavin Gardiner is the only specialist firearms auctioneer holding his auctions in the heart of London's West End, where he holds two sales each year as well as his prestigious sale at the Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland in August. Gavin has over 20 years experience in this field. Coming from a traditional background, he was brought up with guns and shooting and has been involved with the Gun Trade from an early age. He first worked for Sotheby's in 1982 helping with weekend viewing of a Sporting Gun auction, while still at School. From that moment he was hooked and has been involved in almost every Sotheby's Sporting Gun auction since. His passion became a full time job in 1987 when he joined Sotheby's initially as a porter on a one day a week assignment to the Gun Department, this soon became five days and he never looked back. He has been involved with many memorable auctions over the years, including Sotheby's sales in New York and Geneva as well as the renowned Gleneagles auction that has remained the market leader in this sector for over twenty years. He has also worked for one of the leading London Gunmakers which gives him a unique perspective in this field. Returning to Head Sotheby's Sporting Gun Department Worldwide in 2001 he doubled turnover in his first year, and has continued to develop and refine the auctions since. He left Sotheby's at the beginning of 2006 to establish his own company.

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