

**New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
(Bay of Plenty Branch)
Incorporated**

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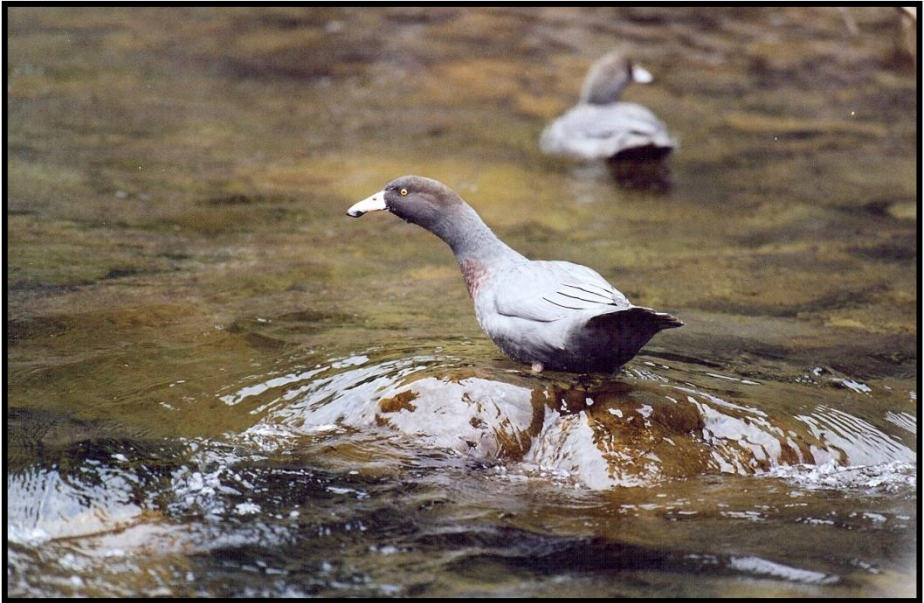


Members Handbook

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“Oroua” The Blue Duck

Photo courtesy of Les Nelson

First and foremost, I wish to congratulate you. I note that the National Executive recently announced the blue duck as its national conservation project. I also noticed that the blue duck is one of the themes for this year’s conference. With several branch projects already protecting the blue duck, I can’t think of a more appropriate conservation project announcement. What this did highlight to me was how much DOC and NZDA do actually have in common – a desire to see the bush environment preserved is a common goal across both of our organisations. It is a good illustration showing where NZDA and DOC can work together to achieve common goals.

Excerpt from speech to the 2010 NZDA National Conference in Palmerston North
By the Hon. Kate Wilkinson
Minister of Conservation

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WELCOME TO THE BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

Welcome,

To the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Incorporated (NZDA).

This booklet has been created to serve as an induction to the Branch and to give you an understanding of the Branch's activities, ethics, guidelines and competitions, both at the Branch and National level.

There are many facets to the NZDA and we challenge you to really get involved. It could be a lifetime affair.

It is important for you to know exactly what the NZDA and this Branch is all about so you can become a knowledgeable and active member. Hunting in New Zealand has a rich history and is quite unique compared to what is available in other countries around the world; particularly how it is administered.

This Branch is passionate about hunting, shooting and advocacy. We are family orientated and children are welcome. We encourage your participation on the Branch Committee and this can also lead into positions at National level should you have higher aspirations

If you have any questions please contact a Committee member. Their details are in the monthly Branch newsletter and you should be able to identify them at club nights by looking for their name tags. They will be only too happy to help.

So please get involved,

"Remember you only get out of a club what you put into it!"

CONTACT DETAILS

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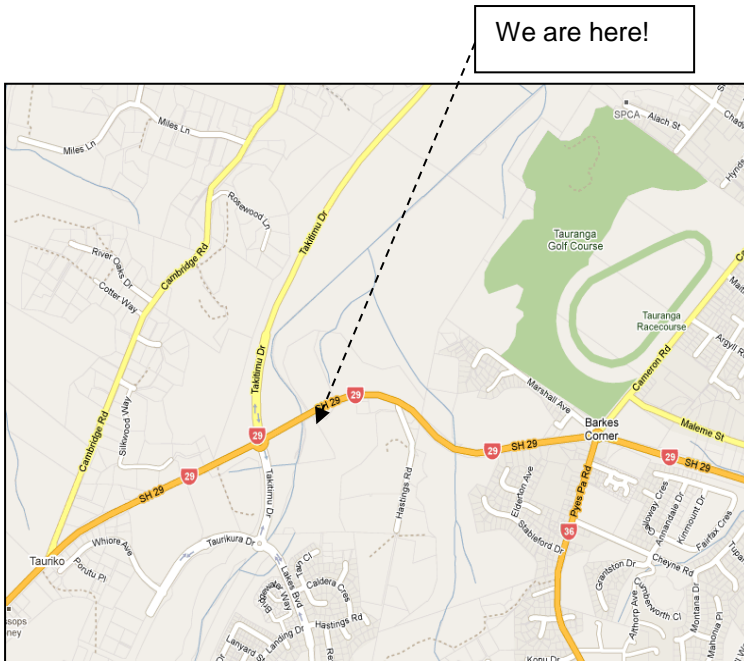
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Tauriko
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How to find us...



BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NZDA

Formed in 1937, the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association is New Zealand's recognised National body representing and speaking for hunters generally.

The fundamental aim of the association is to ensure that the organisation and management of recreational hunting in New Zealand is carried out by hunters.

Our Mission Statement is:

"to retain, enhance and create opportunities for the enjoyment of legitimate recreational hunting and the sport of shooting, for the members of the Association"

The principle activities of the Association are:

- Advocacy on behalf of New Zealand's hunters and shooters.
- The promotion of hunting as a legitimate recreational pursuit.
- The promotion of running target, scoped rifle, & benchrest shooting.
- The promotion of sensible, effective, legislation on firearms ownership.
- The publication a quarterly magazine, "New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife".
- The promotion of effective hunter education through the HUNTS programme.
- The collection of data, and publication of the New Zealand Big Game Trophy Record Book.
- The organisation of National Competitions for:
 - Antler, Horn & Tusk Trophies
 - Photography
 - Range Shooting
 - Literary & Research Contributions
 - "Young Deerstalker of the Year"
 - Branch Administration

The Association is divided into 51 local branches, each serving a geographical area of New Zealand. All members are affiliated through a branch. Most branches:

- Hold regular meetings
- Publish a newsletter
- Operate a rifle range
- Have annual competitions for Photography and Game Trophies.
- Organise hunting trips
- Conduct training in bushcraft and hunting techniques

- Participate in their local Search & Rescue organisation

The National Association holds a Conference annually, in the first week of July, which serves as its Annual General Meeting. At the Conference, a National Executive is elected to administer the affairs of the Association.

The National Association has a permanent office in Wellington and employs:

- a Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for the administration of the Association
- a part time national Advocate who deals with matters of advocacy on matters related to hunting and shooting
- a part time Office Assistant who assists the CEO in the day-to-day affairs of the Association including administering the membership database and taking care of centralised membership.

An editor, along with his advertising sales and design team are also employed under contract to take care of all facets of the 'New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife' magazine.

Visit the NZDA national website at:

www.deerstalkers.org.nz



A Rakaia Red.

Photo courtesy of
Phil Lowe.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BOP BRANCH

The initial meeting was held in Haymans Hall, Tauranga on the 13th July 1950 to discuss the formation of a Branch of the NZDA. Twenty eight interested persons attended. Another meeting was called for Saturday 12th August and the Bay Of Plenty Branch was formed. Joe Monk was elected President and Ra Jennings, Secretary. There was a rapid increase in membership in 1951. On the 17th November 1951 the Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch was formed and our Branch lost thirty members. However by the end of that financial year our membership had risen to 165.

At the annual meeting in McDowell's Hall on the 5th July 1952 Mr G.A. Walsh (MP for Tauranga) was elected as our Patron. Mr Walsh was on the Government Select Committee involved with Wapiti issues during the 70's and he turned to our Branch for advice on various issues. Many of our members were involved with Wapiti culls at the time.

In 1968 when the Wahine sank in Wellington harbour two of our members, the late Leo and Joe Malyon who were returning from a Wapiti hunt in Fiordland, were on board and survived the disaster. However Leo lost an excellent Wapiti trophy. Leo and Joe were some of the last to leave the vessel with the ship's captain.

During the 60's and 70's membership increased greatly with 300 tickets being sold for the 1973 Annual Dinner. In July 1974 the NZDA National Conference was held at the Tauranga Race Course hosted by the BOP Branch. Some 350 delegates and visitors attended.

The Branch's first rifle range was constructed by members on John and Carol Hamilton's property on Taumata Rd, Pyes Pa. During the 70's and 80's the range was used for Branch competition shooting and invitation prize shoots. We lost the range when the property changed hands.

The 70's also saw the establishment of our Tauriko club rooms, after purchasing the property from John and June Jefferson. Extensive fund raising was carried out by members during this time. A running boar moving target complex was built to international standards beside our clubrooms. National and club shooting was held on site. When the Lakes Subdivision came into being around 2005 the Branch voluntarily closed the range as a safety precaution. In 2010 it was dismantled.

The Branch has always been heavily involved with Search & Rescue, with advisors, field controllers and field staff coming from our ranks. In 1976 the Tauranga Branch of the Mountain Safety Council was established, with the

majority of bush craft and firearms instructors coming from the BOP Branch of the NZDA.

In 1974 we were represented on the Kaimai Forest Park advisory committee by Rod Mills. This lasted for the 12 years the park was run by the NZ Forest Service until being administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC), thereafter the advisory committee was disbanded.

In 2007 the Branch signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DOC to help upgrade and maintain the Mangamuka Hut in the Kaimais. In 2010 the Branch also did the same for the Hurunui Hut.

Another recent highlight was the 2008 opening of a new park access off the end of Lunds Rd into the Kaimai Forest Park. This was the first new access into the park for many years and would not have occurred without the determination of Branch members and the cooperation of the Western BOP District Council and DoC.

On the 2nd September 2010 the Branch formally entered into a long term lease agreement with the Western BOP District Council for a new rifle range complex in the TECT All Terrain Park. This was after 8 long years of suitable site research, negotiation, and a massive effort from the Branch Committee of the day. The first range being 300m long was officially opened on the 19th Feb 2012 and was certified by Tony Loughnan of the NRA.

Over the last several years the Branch has supported the Whakamarama Community Group to get the Whakamarama Rd end access to the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park re-opened following a major slip at the bush edge. After much pressure was applied to the local council and DOC the road was repaired and re-opened with an upgraded car park at the end.



Rebuilding the Mangamuka Hut
2007
Kaimai Forest Park

Rebuilding the Hurunui Hut
2010
Kaimai Forest Park



ADVANTAGES

The NZDA is involved in issues such as:

- Public access
- Firearms
- Range shooting
- Training of prospective outdoor enthusiasts
- Funding and assistance in building huts
- New hunter training
- Hut maintenance
- Opposition to the use of aerial 1080
- Animal control/Game management
- Game animal protection

The NZDA has affiliations and associations with such organisations as:

- Mountain Safety Council (MSC)
- International Hunting Education Assoc (IHEA)
- Sporting Shooters of Australia Assoc (SSAA), through Pacific Shooting Forum
- NZ Council of Licensed Firearms Owners (COLFO)
- Department of Conservation
- Other groups involved in outdoor recreation

Advantages of belonging to the NZDA for full members include:

- \$10 million liability insurance (including \$1 million cover for Rural Fires Act as well as punitive and exemplary damages).
- Four NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazines each year.
- Between four and six issues of The Bugle, the NZDA's in-house newsletter.
- A discount on DoC annual passes.

Local branches can offer:

- Monthly meetings with displays, guest speakers etc
- Regular newsletters
- Antler, Horn & Tusk and Photographic competitions
- Comradeship
- Organised hunts
- Some branches have rifle ranges and huts available to members

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & PRIVILEGES

The BOP Branch financial year runs from March 1st to February 28th. You must be a financial member to enter any competition and also be financial at the time any entry was taken.

Membership Matrix	Senior	Family (of Senior)	Junior	Associate	Affiliate	Superannuitant	Student
Vote	Y					Y	Y
COLFO Levy	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
Heritage Trust Levy	Y						
Game Research Management Fund	Y						
H&W (1/4 ^{ly})	Y		Y			Y	Y
Bugle	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
National Competitions	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Insurance	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y

Membership fees can be pro-rated for members joining later in the membership year.

Senior

Full benefits at Branch and National level.

Family

Family can be partner/spouse or children/grandchildren of a Senior member under the age of 18 as at March 1st, still living at home. This membership category carries only one vote for the Senior member.

Junior

Juniors must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st.

Associate

An Associate member may join for support of the Branch/NZDA or for access to services other than competitions, voting rights or the H&W magazine.

Affiliate

Must be a current member another Branch and must produce their membership card as proof.

Superannuitant

Superannuitants over the age of 65 years as at the 1st March.

Student

Students studying full-time at Polytechnic or University. Must produce a current student ID card.

Endowment

Endowment members are persons who have paid a subscription to provide for "remainder of life" membership of NZDA. This subscription is set by the National Executive and is invested to cover the cost of the membership. Endowment members automatically become members of the Headquarters branch but, if resident in New Zealand, may elect to become members of their local branch. In all respects, Endowment members have the same privileges as Senior members.

Branch Life Member

Granted at Branch level for exceptional service.

National Life Member

Granted at National level for exceptional service.

Our Branch is also registered with the NZ Charities Commission and we have Donee status. Any donations are eligible for tax credits.



Family Camp 2009
Lake Waikaremoana



BRANCH RULES

The affairs of the Branch are run by a Committee elected at the Branch's Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Committee is made up of 4 executive officers and a group of committee members (totaling not less than 8 for the whole committee).

- President
- Vice President (can be up to 2)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The Branch may also have other nominated or honorary positions such as:

- Patron
- Assistant Treasurer
- Honorary Solicitor
- Membership Secretary
- Library Administrator
- HUNTS Course Coordinator & Assistants
- Club Rooms Custodian
- News Letter Editor
- Branch Hunt Coordinators
- Search & Rescue Coordinators
- Hospitality Coordinator
- Douglas Score Measurers
- Antler, Horn & Tusk (AHT) competition coordinator
- Photographic competition coordinator
- Shooting competition coordinator

Branch meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Branch rules which are held by the Secretary and publicly online with the Min. of Economic Development, Societies & Trusts Register.



BRANCH RULES continued

Special notes for Competitions

- Antler, Horn & Tusk (AHT)
- Photographic
- Literary
- Special
- Postal Shoots
- Free Rifle Shoots

1. To enter any competition members must be fully financial at the time the entry was taken and at the time of the entry into the competition.

Please note that the membership year runs from 1st March to 28th Feb. Membership renewals are sent out in January. If membership renewals are not received by the Branch Secretary by the 7th March then you are still deemed a member albeit an un-financial one. This means you are not entitled to any of the benefits of membership such as voting, speaking at meetings or entry into competitions. If after 90 days your membership renewal still has not been received then membership will cease.

So if you shoot a trophy or a photograph etc while un-financial in April and then pay your membership renewal before the May Measuring Night, your entry will be ineligible.

2. The Branch hunting year runs from the day after the 3rd Tuesday in May to the 3rd Tuesday in May the following year. The 3rd Tuesday in May being Measuring Night.
3. The NZDA National hunting year runs from the 1st June to 31st May. So any entries to the national competition taken between Measuring Night and the 31st May must be entered in that year otherwise they will be deemed to be ineligible for the following year as they will be deemed late.
4. The guiding document for all competitions shall be the latest version of the NZDA National Competition Rules.
5. For competitions at Branch level the rules of the Branch and decisions of the Branch Committee shall take precedence and be final.

Excerpts from the NZDA National Competition Rules as updated after National AGM July 2012:

Definition of wild game animal: - Entries for all categories of Antler Horn and Tusk competitions be accepted from all feral self sustaining populations of game animals, whether these be from the acknowledged existing feral ranges of the animals or from new or satellite herds which have developed from natural spread, liberations or escapes.

Escapees and animals taken with ear tags or evidence of previous ear tags or other identification markings are not eligible for entry into the Antler Horn and Tusk competition.

Definition of Fair Chase: - Fair chase is the ethical, legal and sportsman-like taking of any free-ranging feral animal that has an unimpeded avenue of escape on both private and public lands.

Eligibility for National Antler, Horn and Tusk Competitions in relation to Fair Chase:

Entries will not be eligible if A TROPHY FEE HAS BEEN PAID.

Entries will also not be eligible for entry if any of the following methods of taking a trophy(s) are used: The animal: -

- Must not have been taken in an enclosed area ie, behind deer wire or any such fence or fixture that impedes the animal's unrestricted chance of escape.
- Must not have been restrained ie, in a snare, trap, fence etc.
- Must not have been taken with the aid of a spotlight or use of night vision equipment.
- Must not have been taken from an aircraft, powered vehicle or vessel.
- Must not have been coursed by dogs (with the exception of wild pigs).
- Must not have been taken in a manner where animal behaviour has been intentionally influenced by the use of a powered craft.



A large Red Deer wallow used during the 2013 roar in the Te Urewera National Park

ANNUAL EVENTS

Club Nights first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm (check your newsletter)

Committee Meetings second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm

Family Camping Weekend usually AKL Anniversary weekend

Measuring Night third Tuesday of May.

Cleanliness is 'next to Godliness' – please have consideration for the Judges and ensure your entries are in a clean condition - dirty entries are liable to disqualification.

Annual Dinner & Prize Giving usually held in June

Branch AGM July club night

National Conference July

These dates can vary and there is not always a club night every month due to the Roar and Christmas. Check your monthly newsletter for the latest information.



Annual Dinner 2008

CODE OF ETHICS

A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his act they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the fact.

Aldo Leopold. *The Sand County Almanac.*

A member of the NZDA shall be expected to:

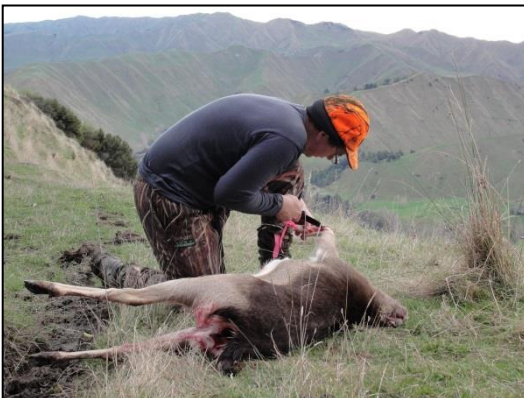
1. Approach recreational hunting from the highest possible level of ethics, having due regard to the welfare of the animals hunted, and prevention of cruelty to the same.
2. Not hunt or carry a firearm on property without the proper approval of the owner, occupier of controlling authority and shall strictly observe any conditions imposed upon him.
3. Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws.
4. Avoid unnecessary or deliberate damage to the environment, respect property, and other users of the outdoors.
5. Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'.
6. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting.
7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.



FIELD GUIDELINES

Each member shall endeavour, as far as possible:

1. To approach the sport of recreational hunting from the highest possible level of ethics, with due regard to the welfare of the animals and the prevention of cruelty to same.
2. To encourage the use by hunters, of sporting arms of calibre and/or power adequate to ensure quick clean kills of the particular game species being hunted.
3. To encourage the fullest possible use of the game killed by hunters and to avoid always, unnecessary wastage of the game resource.
4. To promote safe practices by ensuring oneself and others are suitably trained to minimise risks in the outdoors.
5. Respect the property of others and respect the natural environment.
6. To assist in the gathering of research information from the animal secured for Association (and related) research programmes.
7. The New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated recommends and promotes safe hunting practices, including the wearing of high visibility clothing that contrasts with the environment and the game being hunted. To be effective a responsible hunter should wear sufficient high visibility clothing to ensure immediate recognition by other hunters. This is an important risk management measure designed to minimize the risk of hunters failing to quickly identify other hunters, but does not in any way detract from the primary responsibility of all hunters to positively identify their target.



Luke Stewart
preparing his Fallow
doe for back packing
back to base while on
a Branch hunt

THE DOUGLAS SCORE

The Douglas Score (DS) was developed by hunter, and NZDA member, Norman Douglas over a number of years, during which he formulated a system of measuring trophies. The Waikato Branch of the Association, of which Norman Douglas was a member, adopted the system in 1949 for its own competitions. Over the next few years the system was hotly debated at the Association's Annual Conference, before being adopted as its official measuring system in 1959.

A lifelong study of flora and fauna of New Zealand and a deep love and appreciation of our big game animals has brought about the development of a system for measuring trophy heads of New Zealand that is truly unique in the hunting world. Through observations of nature, the late Norman Douglas appreciated symmetry of nature, and with critical analysis and experimentation, he created a system that rewarded balance and penalised imperfection.

The Douglas Scoring System is now widely regarded as the South Pacific measuring system for trophy heads - something to be valued by recreational hunters in New Zealand. NZDA appreciated Norman Douglas's vision and ingenuity in a life-long dedication to the development and refinement of a unique method of measuring the antlers, horns and tusks of animals found in this part of the world.

The system has been developed using the Imperial Measurement of One Inch and its fractions. The Douglas Formula has proven, in the generations it has been in use as a judging and recording method, to be the only formula that caters to all the needs, even the most fickle, man's individual ability to make a commonly acceptable judgment.

To become a DS Measurer you need to attend a training seminar organised periodically by the Branch.

Bill Humberstone's
Red deer trophy
DS 252-3/8
2010 Winner of the
BOP Cup



RIFLE RANGE

The Branch currently operates a 300m rifle range in the TECT All Terrain Park on SH36 (Pyes Pa Rd) approximately halfway between Tauranga and Rotorua. This range has a covered firing line for 15 shooters and target butts at 25, 50, 100, 200 & 300m. After paying for a range ticket and sitting through an induction program the range is available to members dawn till dusk, 7 days a week (unless a programmed event is being held). Alternatively it is open to the public for a fee on the last Sunday of each month under the operation of Nationally Qualified Range Officers.

www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz

We also are planning these additional ranges in the TECT All Terrain Park as the land becomes available:

- Running boar for .22 rimfire
- 100m
- 450m
- 900m

Shooting Competitions

Starting in 2013 the Branch will be conducting shooting competitions in centrefire and .22 rimfire, in both Open and Hunter rifle classes. Read the newsletter for further information and dates.

Field Marksmanship Test (FMT)

This is a practical shooting test that gives the shooter a benchmark to reach for field hunting. It simulates varied target ranges and shooting positions to make the hunter more confident with his firearm. The primary outcome is for hunters to be able to ensure a quick, clean kill in keeping NZDA's Field Guidelines. The Branch will issue a certificate signed by a NQRO upon successful completion. If you would like to try it, ask an RO on a public range day.

The 300m range



LIBRARY

The Branch has a large collection of books and magazines covering most hunting interests. To check out a book contact the Branch Librarian on a club night. He is usually loitering nearby the cabinet with a register book in his hand.



ANTLER, HORN & TUSK (AHT) COMPETITION

The NZDA conducts the largest and most comprehensive competition for NZ Game Trophies. The competition is run at both Branch and National levels. The NZDA also maintains the NZ Big Game Record Book for exceptional trophies and has records for comparison for its national competition going back many decades.

BRANCH AHT AWARDS

In addition to the cup or trophy being awarded to the overall winner, certificates are also issued for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (with the exception of the first 2 cups).

1. Bay of Plenty Cup - best Red deer head
Donated by: Branch Committee of the day
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
2. H. Seely Cup – second best Red deer head
Donated by: Hunt Seely
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
3. Stan Lowe Trophy – best Kaimai Red deer head
Donated by: Stan Lowe
Criteria: Based on its DS score. Must be taken within the Kaimai Forest Park north of State Highway 29.
4. Joe Monk Memorial Shield – classical Red deer head
Donated by: Joe Monk
Criteria: Visual, as judged by the measuring panel. Precedence is for an imperial (14 point) or secondly, royal (12 point) configurations. If there are two identical heads then the deciding factor will be the DS score.
5. NZDA-BOP Branch Cup – non typical deer head (any species)
Donated by: Committee of the day
Criteria: Visual evaluation. Awarded to the most unusual or peculiar head.

6. Jenson Shield – best Sika deer head
Donated by: Malcolm Jenson.
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
7. Jack & Ken Barrow Shield – best Fallow deer head
Donated by: Jack & Ken Barrow
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
8. George Baldock Cup – best Fiordland deer head
Donated by: George Baldock
Criteria: Based on its DS score. The head can be a Wapiti, Red or a hybrid.
The head must come from the Fiordland area.
9. Stoney Creek Trophy – best Sambar deer head
Donated by: Martin Askes
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
10. Waghorn Trophy – best Rusa deer head
Donated by: Peter Waghorn
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
11. John Hamilton Cup – best Chamois head
Donated by: John Hamilton
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
12. Neville Hogg Cup – best Tahr head
Donated by: Neville Hogg
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
13. Bruce White Shield – best Goat head
Donated by: Bruce White
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
14. John Dyke Ford Trophy – best Goat head taken by a junior
Donated by: John Dyke Ford
Criteria: Based on its DS score.
15. Huxtable Shield – extracted Pig tusks
Donated by: Colin (Hucky) Huxtable
Criteria: DS score.
16. Joe Malyon Cup – undrawn Pig tusks
Donated by: Joe Malyon
Criteria: DS score

17. Pickering Shield – best head taken by a lady
 Donated by: Steve Pickering
 Criteria: Based on its DS score.
18. Leo Malyon Cup – best head taken by an under 20 year old
 Donated by: Leo Malyon
 Criteria: Based on its DS score.
19. Burr Family Trophy – best head taken by a junior under 16
 Years
 Donated by: Gordon Burr
 Criteria: Based on its DS score
20. D'Luxa Caterers Cup – most outstanding head (all species)
 Donated by: Basil Shea
 Criteria: Based on its DS score Red equivalent
21. Rod Mills Cup – highest Antler, Horn & Tusk aggregate
 Donated by: Rod Mills
 Criteria: Points system based on placing. 3 points for a first place, 2 points
 for a second place, 1 point for a third place.
22. Knight Trophy – highest aggregate over all competitions
 Donated by: Doug Knight
 Criteria: Points system based on placing over all competitions (AHT,
 Photography & Shooting). 3 points for a first place, 2 points for a second
 place, 1 point for a third place.
23. Dale Treanor Cup – best tanned skin of a game animal
 Donated by: Dale Treanor
 Criteria: Best score based on shape, appearance, condition of hair markings
 and type (species). Skin must be tanned by the entrant and not done
 commercially.
24. West Trophy – best Whitetail deer head
 Donated by: Kelvin West | Criteria: Based on its DS score.
25. West Trophy – best wild Sheep head
 Donated by: Kelvin West | Criteria: Based on its DS score.
26. Golden Oldies Trophy – Best head taken by a member 65 years or over, at
 the time of taking their trophy
 Donated by: Committee of the day
 Criteria: Based on its DS score Red equivalent

NATIONAL AHT AWARDS

Details on the previous winners and DS scores can be found on the NZDA National website (www.deerstalkers.org.nz).

Members wanting to put an entry into any National competition should seek the advice of the Branch Secretary.

1. Orbell Trophy – best deer head all species
2. McGowan Shield – Fallow deer
3. Mel Larrit Memorial Trophy – Red deer
4. Seddon Shield Trophy – Rusa deer
5. Henderson Trophy – Sambar deer
6. Cliff Marshall Memorial Trophy – Sika deer
7. Keith Severinsen Trophy – Wapiti
8. Manawatu Branch Trophy – Whitetail deer
9. Egmont Trophy – best of all horned species
10. McConochie Shield – Chamios
11. Colin Porter Memorial Trophy – Goat
12. Trevor Chappell Trophy – wild Sheep
13. Mount Cook Trophy – Tahr
14. Putaruru Trophy – undrawn Pig tusks
15. Dillon Shield – drawn Pig tusks
16. Poverty Bay Branch Trophy – best game animal taken by a junior
17. Z Veronese Cup – best antlered species taken by a junior
18. E Veronese Cup - best horned species taken by a junior
19. Kaimanawa Branch Trophy – best game animal taken by a lady
20. Norman Douglas Trophy – Antler, Horn & Tusk Branch competition
21. Leithen Award – non typical
22. Waikato Branch Trophy – for members over the age of 65
23. Bow Hunting – female, mens & junior

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The NZDA recognises the fact that hunters travel to some of the remotest parts of the country, and also appreciate the flora, fauna and scenery as well as the hunting. Our photographic competition produces some outstanding images.

Photo evaluation at Branch competition level is judged on the following criteria:

Subject Interest	Impact
	Depth of interest
	Creativity/imagination
	Does it say something?
Composition	Subject placement
	Subject size
	Overall balance
	Structural elements
Technique	Essential focus
	Exposure
	Lighting
	Colour rendition/tonal range
	Presentation

CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION AT BRANCH LEVEL

Subject matter to be relevant to hunting, hunting country and/or associated activities of NZDA members and must have been taken from land within New Zealand and not from any form of conveyance.

1. In **Sections A, B1, B2, B3**, subject matter to be in its wild outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. Photographs or slides of wounded or dead animals, birds, insects, reptiles or amphibians will be disqualified.
2. In **Section C** the subject matter is to be scenic and relative to hunting country, any human activity should be of minor importance.
3. In **Section D**, the subject matter is to be of any NZ floral (tree, plant, vegetation, bush etc) subject in its natural environment.
4. In **Section E**, the main component of the subject matter is to be human activity, ie camp scenes, hunting or NZDA associated activities. Human interaction must be the main feature of the photograph or slide and should tell or indicate a story.
5. **Section F** is for the best slide/print of all Sections.
6. **Section G** is for the best slide/print of all Sections for a Junior.
7. **Section H** is for the best sequence of 3-10 photos, or slides, of any of the sections A to E above. The sequence should be numbered and in order, and should indicate a story. This is only a Branch level award.

BRANCH PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS

In addition to the cup or trophy being awarded to the overall winner, certificates are also issued for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Coloured Slides

Section A	Game animals	No trophies, just certificates
Section B1	Other wildlife – birds	
Section B2	Other wildlife – mammals	
Section B3	Other wildlife – Insects, reptiles & amphibians	
Section C	Scenic	
Section D	Flora	
Section E	Human interest	
Section F	Best slide of all sections	

Colour and Black & White Prints

Section A	Game animals	Rendall Rose Bowl
Section B1	Other wildlife – birds	Watson Trophy
Section B2	Other wildlife – mammals	Charles Maclean Memorial Trophy
Section B3	Other wildlife – Insects, reptiles & amphibians	Jim Harris Cup
Section C	Scenic	Kevin Baldock Cup
Section D	Flora	Paul Carter Cup
Section E	Human interest	BOP Branch Cup
Section F	Best colour or B&W print of all sections	Adamson Trophy
Section G	Best Junior colour or B&W print	Theobald Trophy
Section H	Photographic sequence	Milsom Cup
Section I	Photographic aggregate	George Walsh Trophy

Video Films

Section A	Training/Promotional	Fluerty Cup
Section B	Hunting	
Section C	NZ wildlife	

A maximum of 20 minutes video running time should be adhered to.

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS

Coloured Slides

Section A	Game animals	Wellington Cup
Section B1	Other wildlife – birds	Hong Tse Trophy
Section B2	Other wildlife – mammals	Duncum Rose Bowl
Section B3	Other wildlife – Insects, reptiles & amphibians	Patron's Trophy
Section C	Scenic	Bush Branch Trophy
Section D	Flora	Gillespie Trophy
Section E	Human interest	Auckland Branch Trophy
Section F	Best slide of all sections	Kodak Cup

Colour and Black & White Prints

Section A	Game animals	Taupo Branch Trophy
Section B1	Other wildlife – birds	North Otago Branch Trophy
Section B2	Other wildlife – mammals	Jock McQuilkan Cup
Section B3	Other wildlife – Insects, reptiles & amphibians	WH Robinson Trophy
Section C	Scenic	Veronese Trophy
Section D	Flora	Harris Trophy
Section E	Human interest	Gore & District Branch Trophy
Section F	Best colour or B&W print of all sections	Carter Cup
Section G	Best Junior colour or B&W print	Thames Valley Branch Trophy
Section H	Best digital colour or B&W print	Wellington Branch Trophy
Section I	Supreme Branch photographic award	Ian D. Wright Award

Video Films

Section A	Training/Promotional	North Canterbury Branch Trophy
Section B	Hunting	Ramsey Trophy
Section C	NZ wildlife	John Anderson Memorial Trophy

NZ Hunting & Wildlife Cover – Athol Hood memorial trophy

NZDA Supreme Branch Photographic Award – Athol Hood memorial trophy

LITERARY COMPETITION

The NZDA encourages members to write up their experiences and have them printed in their Branch newsletters. Sharing your stories is a great way of motivating other hunters and you could even win an award for it. It may even give you something to do while stuck in the hut on a wet day!

BRANCH LITERARY AWARDS

1. Prentice Family Cup – for the best literary contribution to the Branch newsletter.
Donated by: Baden Prentice
Criteria: Branch Patron to review the previous hunting years newsletters and in his or her opinion, pick the best literary contribution to the newsletter by a member. It can be a story, poem or research.

NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS

1. Philip Holden Trophy – a hunting story or article of interest to stalkers.
2. Tony Orman Trophy – subject may be observation of wild life behavior, hunting experiences etc.
3. Halcyon Publishing Trophy – bush poetry
4. Rotorua Branch Trophy – for branch newsletters.



NZDA-BOP attending the opening of the new Maungopohatu Marae dining hall 2006



SPECIAL COMPETITION

The special competition recognises some of the more unusual aspects of membership, as well as Branch and personal achievements. Lets face it, not everyone belongs to the NZDA because they want to hunt!

BRANCH SPECIAL AWARDS

1. Paul Hooker Memorial Shield – best HUNTS course student
Donated by: Paul's widow, Sue
Criteria: Student who improves most during the course
2. Stoddarts Sports Cup – mens roar (at annual dinner)
Donated by: Stoddarts Sports Shop
Criteria: As judged on the night
3. Fiske Cup - ladies roar (at annual dinner)
Donated by: Peter Fiske
Criteria: As judged on the night
4. Skite Night – for best tall story (usually on a specific club night)
Donated by: Keith Theobald
Criteria: As judged on the night

NATIONAL SPECIAL AWARDS

1. John Murphy Memorial Award – for administrative excellence on the part of a Branch committee member
2. Newton McConochie Award – for the most outstanding young deerstalker of the year
3. Morrow Trophy – for Branch membership percentage increase
4. John T. Dillon Memorial Trophy – Branch with the greatest numerical increase in members
5. Harvey Morrow Award – for NZDA research
6. Norman Douglas Memorial Award – for promotion of the Douglas Score System

SHOOTING COMPETITION

The NZDA promotes running target, scoped rifle and benchrest shooting, with competition at Branch and national levels.

BRANCH SHOOTING AWARDS

All Branch shooting awards are under review until such time as competition shooting at the new range is commenced in 2013/2014.

NATIONAL SHOOTING AWARDS

1. J M Wilkinson Cup Postal Shooting Championship – open (centrefire)
2. J M Wilkinson Cup Postal Shooting Championship – ladies (rimfire)
3. J M Wilkinson Cup Postal Shooting Championship – juniors (rimfire)
4. J M Wilkinson Cup Postal Shooting Championship – juniors (rimfire)
5. Hawkes Bay Challenge Cup Postal Shooting Championships – juniors (centrefire)
6. Taupo Inter-Branch Postal Shoot – team event
7. Brown Trophy “Short F” Rifle Rules
8. NZDA Nationals “Short F” Competition

Photo courtesy of Les Nelson

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for future issues of this
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HUNTS COURSE

The Hunter National Training Scheme (HUNTS) course is delivered by MSC and NZDA instructors and is designed to introduce new hunters to the skills needed to hunt below the snowline. Courses will have regional variations dependent on game species and may have input from Fish & Game with modules on game birds.

Experienced hunters may find value in some sections of the course.

Course includes:

- Ethics and Ecology
- Equipment and Food
- Travel and Navigation
- Big Game Species
- Firearms and Marksmanship
- Hunting Techniques
- Trophy and Meat
- When Things go Wrong
- Travel and Navigation in Wilderness Areas
- Establish and Hunt from a Fly Camp

Other Notes:

Participants must have a reasonable level of physical fitness and access to personal tramping equipment.

Course Duration:

8 x 3 hours sessions and 2 weekends.



Practicing river crossing techniques



Skinning & butchering your animal

ORGANISED BRANCH HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

A group of experienced Branch hunters nominated by the Committee form a Branch Hunt sub-committee. They are tasked with providing group or “party” hunting opportunities throughout the year.

Examples of some of the recent hunts organised by foot, 4WD and helicopter:

- Lake Waikaremoana – Red deer & pigs
- Maungopohatu – Red deer & pigs
- Stewart Island – Whitetail deer
- Galatea – Rusa deer
- Rakaia River watershed – Tahr
- Wanganui – Fallow deer
- Waipukarau – Hare shoot
- Gisborne – Goat shoot
- Kaimai Forest Park – the back door step!

Goals of Branch hunts:

- Hunt in new areas with experienced hunters
- Gain confidence
- Learn new skills from others
- Share costs
- Comradeship and meet other members

Branch hunt etiquette generally dictates that the meat from any game taken shall be distributed among all members on the hunt regardless of who bagged it.



A successful Fallow deer hunt.

KAIMAI FOREST PARK JAW AGING PROGRAM

History

As a result of criticism from outsiders to deerstalking in general several members of our Branch, in consultation with Allan Jackson (jaw aging specialist and deer jaw coordinator for Hunters and Habitats), decided to begin collection of deer jaws from the Kaimai herd for research purposes. The program started between 2005/2006 and to date we have recorded some 120 deer on our database. We are interested mainly in hinds but will age any deer procured in the Kaimai Range north of State Highway 29.

How

Most jaw bones can be aged without having to be cut but it is done by cutting through the 4th molar tooth and the jaw bone itself, exposing the tooth longitudinally. The section is then polished and placed under a microscope. Annual deposits of dentine can sometimes be detected between the underside of the tooth and the bone itself. This material is laid down similar to the growth rings on a tree. By counting these layers an age in months can be obtained.

Why

This information gives us an opportunity to contribute to a database with the objective to have deer recognised as a Game Animal Resource and could contribute to a management plan based on facts. Facts based on animal and habitat quality, especially as we are constantly under fire from outsiders predicting imminent canopy collapse from over browsing deer. This information will also give deerstalkers credibility where apathy once reigned. We are dealing with reality and facts which are irrefutable. They cannot be misrepresented or disputed.

Please be serious about your sport / recreation. BRING OUT THE JAW BONE. Only one side is required.

Please record:

1. date obtained
2. sex (male or female)
3. if female whether in milk or in calf

Then bring the clean jaw bone along to the next Club night with all the pertinent details and give to Karl McCarthy or Russell Nelson.

We look forward to your assistance and contribution.

A typical Kaimai Red deer hind.

Did you know that our Kaimai jaw aging data to date shows 66% of deer taken are hinds. This is the opposite of other major central North Is forest parks where it is stags. Please keep bringing in your jaw bones.



Wairere Falls

Western side of the
Kaimai Range

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FIREARMS SAFETY

The seven basic rules are:

1. Treat every firearm as loaded.
2. Always point firearms in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm only when ready to fire.
4. Identify your target beyond all doubt.
5. Check your firing zone.
6. Store firearms and ammunition safely.
7. Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms.

THE FIRST DEER STALKER

*And so it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: Now, therefore, take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out into the field, and take me some vension.
Genesis 27:1-3*

RECOMMENDED READING

The Deerstalkers, A History of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association 1937-1987 by Philip Holden

There are several copies of this book in the Branch library.