



# Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS



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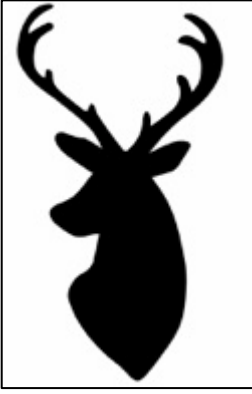
Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)

Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT – MARCH 2018

Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter.

The family weekend at Tapu was yet again another fantastic weekend at Stan's camp. Fishing was popular with good numbers of snapper being caught and families enjoyed collecting shellfish off the beach. Approximately 46 people turned up for the weekend. Stan and Arandina did an amazing job to organise the weekend and we thank them for a great time. It's that time of year again when subs are due and for those members who are paying direct into the bank account.....please!!!! put a reference on the payment as we are unable to reconcile if you don't.

The month of March will be busy starting of with our club night at Hamills on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March which has always been a great evening. Stacey usually organises a prize draw for those that purchase goods on the night. Last year Les won a rifle so it is well worth turning up for the evening. We will endeavour to draw our membership prize on the night for those that have renewed or joined - \$100.00 voucher for Hamills.

The Sunday of the weekend following our club night at Hamills will be the pre roar shoot at the range which will include a BBQ and an opening ceremony where we have invited people from the organisations that have supported our club with grants in the construction of the range. The shoot will be along a similar format as the tahr shoot with sighting in and then fun shoot at animal targets. That's it for this month, see you at Hamills.  
Clyde

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# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

<b>January</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Weekend, Tapu, Coromandel Target Species: Snapper (Level 1) Trip Organiser: Stan Lowe
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
<b>February</b>	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms – Hunting Gear
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	BOP Service Rifle M1 Carbine Shoot
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Club Hunt – Wakamaramara Target Species: Reds Trip Organiser: Ben
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Fly in Kawekas Target Species: Sika (Level 4) Trip Organiser: Chris Munro
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
<b>March</b>	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm	<b>HAMILS Club Night</b> at Hamils
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NZDA Club – Pre-Roar Shoot</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Motutapere Hut, Kaiamais Target Species: Reds/ Goats/ Pigs (level 3) Trip Organiser: Tim
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.00 am	Pre-Roar Shoot and Building Opening, NZDA TECT Park Range
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range

# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

<b>April</b>	
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Roar Hunt - Tawa Hut (Koranga), Target Species: Stag (level 3) Trip organiser: Tim/ Neils/ Reuben
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range
<b>May</b>	
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Lake Tarawera Target Species: Reds, Sambar, Trout (level 3) Trip organiser: Tim/ Stan
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range
<b>June</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Maungapohatu Target Species: Rusa and Reds (level 3) Trip organiser: Stan
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	BOP Service Rifle Bolt Action Champs
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Fathers Day Hunt (details TBA)
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range

# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

July	
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pakahi Hut Target Species: Reds, Goats & Pigs (level 3) Trip organiser: Tim/ Neils/ Reuben
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range
August	
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	HUNTS Course Range Day
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Waikaremoana HUNTS Course Target Species: Red (level 3) Trip organiser: Bob
25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> August	TBC
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range
September	
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Te Tuhi Track (Kaimais) Target Species: Red (level 3) Trip organiser: Tim Taylor
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range

# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

<b>October</b>	
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Labour Weekend)	Kaimanawa Road (Waipakahi) Target Species: Sika (level 3) Trip organiser: Chris Munro
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Mount Cook Thar Hunt Target Species: Thar Trip organiser: Stan Lowe
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range
<b>November</b>	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Little's Clearing – Kaweka Target Species: sika (level 3) Trip organiser: Chris Munro
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm	<b>Club Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	BOP Deerstalkers Club Christmas Shoot at TECT Park Range Target Species: metal rabbits & ducks! (level 1) Details TBC
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm	<b>Committee Night</b> at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>NZDA Range Open Day</b> at TECT Park Range



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## Additional Calendar information

Club Night starts at 7.30pm but doors open at 7.00pm so feel free to come along earlier for a catch up with your fellow hunters before the night officially starts!

Disclaimer: the dates, locations, and organisers of the hunts are subject to change. Where possible we will arrange suitable alternatives but we are humans and we hunt in places that are affected by weather. We welcome you to become involved as a trip leader or to suggest other locations.

<b>BOP Deerstarkers Trip Grading System</b>			
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Specific skills</b>	<b>Specific Equipment</b>
1	Flat country, suitable for any ability	none	none
2	Rolling country, suitable for most people	basic fitness	boots and a compass
3	Local bush hunting, may involve overnight	navigation, fitness, basic bushcraft	boots, pack, tent or fly
4	Extended hunting, may involve helicopters.	fitness, basic alpine skills, navigation	boots, pack, binoculars, rangefinder, spotting scope
5	Extreme Hunting, alpine or dense bush	extreme fitness, alpine skills, navigation	boots, pack, binoculars, rangefinder, spotting scope, crampons, ice axe



## CLUB HUNTS – GETTING YOU THERE AND BACK SAFELY

Just a quick note to inform you all about a new system that we're trialing for our 2018 hunting calendar. Many of you were attendance when our NZDA President, Bill O'Leary, spoke at a club night in 2017. He informed us all about our obligations under the new H&S laws, so in order to help meet them we're going to be trialing a 'signup' system for all club hunts. We've also recognized that many of our hunts require a lot of organization (e.g. the Thar hunt) so this system will help everyone involved. Details for signup...

- All participants wanting to participate in a planned club hunt need to signup at a club night.
- Signup forms for various hunts will be set out on a dedicated 'hunts' table and hopefully the organisers will be there to have a yarn with you.
- This will help insure the hunt organisers get a chance to meet you before the hunt and where necessary they can make allowances/provide recommendations for things like equipment or access.
- As part of this you will need to supply contact info for an emergency contact and info about any safety equipment you'll be carrying.
- As well as making us more organized, we hope this will grow participation at our club nights and allow new members to form new contacts with experienced hunters.

If anyone has any questions or suggestion to help improve this process please contact Tim, or feel free to have a yarn with any of our committee members.



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# RANGE NEWS

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## PRE-ROAR SHOOT AND RANGE AMENITY BUILDING OPENING

Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Time: 9.30 registration  
10:00 start shooting  
12:00 pm Range Amenity building opening ceremony  
12:15 pm BBQ lunch (meat provided, bring shared  
salad/greens/desert)

This will be a centrefire shoot to sign in your rifle for the roar and some friendly competition shooting.

More details to follow

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# TAPU WEEKEND

## Riverside Retreat Tapu

### Family Weekend

Auckland Anniversary weekend again turned on the weather for a fantastic family weekend at our Riverside Retreat. I am sure the river was the highlight for many considering the temperatures were up to 30c. The fishing, in perfectly flat calm conditions, certainly didn't disappoint either with all 4 boats taking out keen fisherman and fisherwomen catching some good sized snapper which were smoked, cooked on the BBQ and raw fish prepared for everyone. It really is treat to have as much fresh fish as you eat along with a few ales and good company (except for the mosquitoes).

In addition to the fishing plenty of cockles were collected, some keen bikers sweated it out over the hill to Coroglen for an ale and then biked home while others only made it to the Café 5 km up the road for an iced coffee, bush walking, kayaking, and just relaxing in shade of the trees were all ideal pass times.

In total there was 49 members ranging in age from about 6 months to over 75 years who stayed in tents, caravans and motor homes made the most of brilliant summer weather. It was great to have so many newer members and their families.

Thank you all for your company we really enjoyed sharing corner of paradise with you and hope to see all again soon.

Arendina & Stan









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## CLUB HUNT – FEBRUARY 2018

25 years ago I left the Bay of Plenty to advance my career overseas. Along with career advancement, I was very fortunate to travel much of the world and see many different countries, cultures, people and their attitudes towards our environment and all that lives with it. The one down-side of stretching yourself with ambitious goals, is that it often comes at the cost of time with family and loved ones. So when my wife told me she was pregnant and I was going to be a father all over again at 46 years, I considered myself lucky to be gifted such an opportunity, to do it all over again, but this time with greater focus on family and quality of life rather than quantity of 'stuff' .....I resigned the following day and we started making plans to leave our busy executive lives in Sydney and return to the Bay.

As an adult, I have many fond memories of boating, camping, fishing and hunting across New Zealand and I'm keen to establish a similar lifestyle for my newly arrived daughter. For me, joining Deer Stalkers was about meeting similar minded people who enjoy hunting, being outdoors and have a genuine interest in the environment and our wildlife. So when local member, Ben Kent-Fiebig posted a note on the NZDA Facebook page inviting others to join him on a 'club hunt' in the Kaimais, I jumped at it.

In the week leading up to our hunt I was a little surprised at the lack of interest from other members on the NZDA Facebook page....I didn't know if this was because Ben (who I had never met before) was a 'stark raving lunatic' and no-one wanted to go hunting with him, or if it was because everyone else was simply planning to attend the Shot expo that weekend? Giving Ben the benefit of doubt, we agreed to meet 6am at the 'grader blade' carpark in Whakamarama the following Saturday morning and walk in with fellow member Tim Taylor. Being new to the area I had no idea where this was of course, however Ben gave very helpful directions and it was a piece of cake getting there. As it turned out, Tim got held up testing the comfort levels of his bed and pillow, so we left him a little love note on the windscreen of Ben's car and decided to press on into the bush.

It's been a while since I've been hiking in the hills, and all those years sitting on my backside in meetings and typing out emails on my computer were coming back to bite me. The first hour was mostly uphill and Ben was very thoughtful to set a comfortable pace for my benefit as we chatted along the main track towards one of his 'secret spots'.

Within an hour of the carpark we were seeing the occasional sign where young red and fellow deer had been browsing and leaving prints behind in the softened clay and soil from recent rains. We reached the summit and took a break to check messages and prep our gear for the hunt. I snacked on a few nuts and some chocolate, while Ben polished off a can of tuna for brekky. Feeling sufficiently refreshed, we reloaded our kit and Ben took point as we worked our way along a number of reasonably well established trails.

It was abundantly clear a couple of other hunters had been through the area, it looked like they most likely arrived the afternoon prior and had ridden in on quad bikes. Not wanting to cover tracks that had already been disturbed by the quads, we decided to deviate off the main tracks and followed a couple of lesser used side trails that showed no signs of boot prints or tyre tracks. We crept our way along these trails for a good 45 minutes or so until we came to a beautiful little clearing in the middle of the bush, it looked very promising. We took our time to slowly work our way around the clearing while keeping the wind to our advantage. I could feel my heart start to



beat faster as I was sure we were going to see an animal any second. After cautiously working the clearing for any sign we were genuinely surprised not to see or hear anything. Perhaps another day?

After another short break, we decided to pull out the trusty old compass and do a little 'bush bashing'. This was my first introduction to off-track Kaimais bushland and it's dense spaghetti thickets of supplejack. It slowed our progress considerably and made quiet stalking almost impossible. Ben must have been chuckling to himself as I stumbled along behind him trying desperately not to land flat on my face every time a supplejack vine caught my foot unexpectedly.....I'm sure I sounded like a herd of wildebeest following him! While not the best for stalking, we did find some fresh stag sign and followed the indicators for another 50 or 60 meters until we came across his wallow. It looked like a great spot to mark in the GPS for a re-visit in a couple of months, perhaps another mission ahead.

We pressed on through the supplejack, crunching and knocking our way back to one of the tracks that led to Ben's magic spot 'X'. Needless to say, if there were any animals in the area they would have been spooked long before we were close enough to gain sight of them. When we finally arrived at the base of Ben's spot, we rested for a bit, drank some water and ate more chocolate while Ben shared a yarn or two of previous trips up the valley. I was pleased to feel a gentle breeze wafting down the valley and straight into our faces as we headed off. The conditions were perfect.

Ben kindly offered to let me take the lead, but given this was his 'secret spot' I had to turn down his incredibly generous offer. After all, a man has to respect the groundwork that other hunters put in. We spent the next 30 minutes slowly stalking our way up the valley, pushing our way through manuka, gorse and scrub with the wind in our faces the entire time. As we crept through a patch of gorse we both caught sight of a large hind standing broadside behind a small stand of manuka just 20 meters or so in front of us. Ben was quick to raise his rifle and take aim. It was difficult to get a clear shot at her vitals but you could hear a definite 'thump' as the 308 connected. The hind instantly leapt a couple of paces and Ben followed it up with a second shot which we didn't hear connect. The deer continued off into the bush and quick-as-a-flash Ben dumped his back pack and took off after her. She only made it 10 or 15 meters into the bush before Ben finished her off with a clean hit through the front shoulder.

I couldn't get over how well conditioned the hind was, she hadn't fawned this season but was at least 3-4 years old and fat as a cow!

Unfortunately the first shot was through the gut, so we quickly set about gutting and dressing her to minimise any taint. Between the two of us, we dragged her to a small mound to remove her insides before concocting a make-shift hoist with some paracord Ben had carted in. At one stage Ben looked more like Tarzan swinging through the trees with his rope, than a local hunter trying to hoist his quarry. Many chuckles were enjoyed.

The next hour or two were spent admiring each other's field butchery skills (please interpret with much sarcasm) as we skinned and did our very best to remove as much meat as we could without dishonouring our beautiful catch. I was quite touched to witness the respect Ben had for the hind after shooting it, and can only hope this is indicative of attitudes Kiwi hunters have towards their catch today.

After boning out as much as we could, we loaded Ben's backpack and started the hike out. We had about 3 hours or so to get back to the carpark, so we set a reasonable pace knowing we'd have to take a couple of breaks along the way. We shared the carry on the way out, and it was another test of ones resolve and endurance to grind out the kilometres with all the extra weight. At one stage I felt like my tired old legs were simply going to collapse from beneath me as I hauled the meat up

one of the many climbs. To Ben's credit, he did most of the carrying and in places it was incredibly slippery and difficult going.

We finally made it back to the carpark, exhausted, sweaty, smelly and dirty, but completely elated. It had been a great mission, a successful hunt, a good test for the body and an absolute pleasure to spend the day with Ben who is one of the nicest blokes you could ever meet.

For anyone who hasn't been hunting for a while, or would like to get into the sport, I thoroughly recommend joining one of the NZDA members on a 'club hunt' like I did.....Seriously, you couldn't carry that much fun in a bucket!

Thanks again for an awesome day Ben, much appreciated mate.

Cheers,

James Marshall (NZDA member – joined November 2017)



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# CHRISTMAS TRIP INTO THE KAIMAIS 2018

by Dave Sorenson

December 28<sup>th</sup> and the weather forecast looks OK. So the plan was for me to head into the hills and set a trapline for 2 nights, then Ken and Sharon would tramp into camp on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and spend 3 nights with me just cruising the Kaimais for a look around and to relocate a couple of my trail cameras. The first morning saw me traveling into the ranges with a heavy pack, so on the steep parts lots of effort and sweat were required. It's always the same at this time of the year. Post- Christmas trips and you just have to get rid of the excesses of the Yuletide season. I find by Day 2 I'm back in the groove.

As I climb my thoughts turn to some of the trips this branch ran over the period of Christmas to early January. Two of the bigger trips I went on being:

The first one from the high point on the Desert Rd. We tramped the Southern Corridor route on the boundary of the Army land into the head of the Rangatiki River, up Ecology Stream, up a leading spur and over into the Mangamarie. From there we traveled up the main true left ridge and on down Gold Creek to Boyd Hut, then out to Clements Rd. It was a 5 day trip for about 14 members, through some very nice country indeed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> trip of note started at the Horomanga Base, then up Red Creek, over into the Hanamahihi area, down the main Whakatane River and over into the Waimana Valley. Again a 5 day trip into some great country, about 9 members on this trip. These bigger trips soon sorted out any overeating from Christmas, that's for sure. Some of the good, keen members that I remember from those trips were:

Leo Malyon and nephew

Les Nelson and son Ben

Jeff Shirley

Paul Bellamy and daughter



Well, back to this trip. I have been so engrossed in all this “I remember when” stuff that I'm almost at the campsite. On arrival I set up camp, have a wash and a feed, then out and into the trapline. It was late afternoon and I was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way along the trapline. Upon standing up after setting a trap, a mature stag bolted from about the distance that Les can kick a cocker spaniel on a good day, and that with the right timing. I have it on good authority that's about 20 mtrs. Anyway, it was real close to me, so I crept along to the place he had disappeared from and eased around a screen of vegetation. There he was, standing stock still looking back at the area where I had set the trap. Seldom do I see, in close bush country a mature stag outside of the roar, so this was a real treat. He stood there for a couple of minutes just looking back and testing the air. I would not have taken the shot anyway, as the tops were still soft velvet. We were still only about 20 metres apart and I could see that in this area this stag was as good as it gets. The funny thing is, that I have a trail camera set up about 5 minutes away, but have never got a picture of him. But for me, it is good to know that he is around.

Two days later I get back into camp late in the morning to find Ken and Sharon settled into base with all the gear sorted. Sharon had a cup of tea and buns ready for me. What a woman! All the training is certainly paying off. As I had closed most of the line and brought back a load of traps and gear, that tea and buns were very welcome indeed.

The next day we tramped over to the Waikato side of the range, had a look around and set up a trail camera. But the weather did the same as the previous 12 months, 2-3 fine days then more rain, so it's back to camp, and a time to reflect. There has been a lot of good times this last 12 months, some of them I have mentioned before, but the low point in the Kaimais would be the disappearance of our old friend Mrs Eel. After 13 years of stopping to give her a feed and a scratch, she is no longer around. In September we had a very big downpour, the same storm that caused the large slips at Omokoroa. The streams that I travel a lot, I've never seen so flooded, some well above head height. So Mrs Eel may have been washed down into a new area.

Also after the really big downpours, like in September, the leaf litter etc gets washed away from the sloping ground in some areas and this tends to affect the health of the forest floor for some time. If you get a big blow after a lot of rain, that is when most of the wind damage occurs, as I have seen over the years. A lot of very big trees, rimus especially, just blow over, pulling out roots and all. And when they tip over, there is always a lot of other damage done. The good news is that the canopy opens up, the sun gets in and the process starts all over again. The next day the rain turned really heavy, as only easterly fronts can do in the local area. So we broke camp and 3 drowned trampers slogged their way for 3 hours to the road end. Thoroughly wet and cold, we put towels on the seats and jumped in and headed for home for a hot shower and dry clothes. We got to the main road, eased into a line of traffic and the trip of normally 15 minutes took almost an hour. Welcome to the new normal for this highway. Tauranga is certainly changing fast. We will leave some dry clothes in the wagon in future. After a shower and a change of clothes, I retrieved 3 chips from my pack, put them on the screen and found that we had some nice photos, so it was well worth the effort. (Still no shots of the big stag)

I attended the family camp at Stan and Arendina's place at Tapu in January. I hadn't been out there before, and it is fair to say that I came away very impressed indeed. There was a good camping area and lots of things to do. Putting that stream next to my campsite was a top move. There was good weather, a good turn-out of members and Stan and Arendina went the extra mile to make sure everyone was sorted. This made it one of the best family camps ever. There was plenty of sunshine, fish, swims, food and laughter, and it was a good way to start the year. Thanks again Stan and Arendina.





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Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

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3. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
4. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
5. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
6. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
7. Never fire above the skyline.
8. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards.
9. Never skylark with weapons.



Check out **NZ Deer Cullers** at : <http://nzdeercullers.org.nz/history.aspx>

For stories and history pages providing a background to Deer Culling in New Zealand. Commencing with the first operations undertaken initially by the Department of Internal Affairs beginning in the 1930's and later by the NZ Forest Service from 1956 until 1956 and currently by the Department of Conservation.

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**Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the  
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.) 2017/2018**



**To**

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc) Bay of Plenty Branch  
P O Box 3111  
Greerton  
Tauranga 3142

Dear Treasurer,

I am applying for membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2017/18 year (March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017– February 28<sup>th</sup> 2018).

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**Information for Applicants:**

Club Meetings are 7:30 PM first Tuesday of every month at the Tauriko Clubrooms, R617 SH 29. Contact the Membership Secretary, Bob Tatton 07 571 8442 or email [membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz) for further information

All new Applications are put before the Committee, at their next available meeting, for acceptance – please allow up to 6 weeks for receipt of your membership card.

The membership type I am applying for is:

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<b>FEES</b> – Branch financial year runs from March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 to February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2017	<b>*Joining Fee</b>		<b>Full Yr</b> Mar – Aug	<b>1/2 Yr</b> Sep – Feb
<b>SENIOR</b> – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$50.00	+	\$110.00	\$59.00
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<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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# YOU JUST KEEP GOING

## You Just Keep Going By Tony Orman

A friend e mailed me from Christchurch and apologised for missing my funeral. He was referring to the last Canterbury Anglers' Club newsletter in which the editor wrote 'Now you have an Australian editing a New Zealand fishing publication. The likes of Norman March, George Ferris, Rob McDowell and Tony Orman will be turning over in their graves'.

I pinched myself. Ouch!

Now I wasn't in heaven or hell? I was actually alive having just very quietly celebrated my 80th birthday last September. What's more I'm trout fishing, hooking into kahawai on the fly rod and climbing the hills stalking deer, almost always with the camera. I'm just trying to follow the example sets by a couple of good keen men I have known.

One was Nelson's Norm Livingston who at age 65 years, was hunting roaring stags in the Clinton valley of Fiordland.

"Migosh!" I thought in 1981 at about age 44, "Sixty five years of age and still hunting!"

I couldn't believe it. I thought it was remarkable. But the years slip by and suddenly you're 65 and you're still going out into the hills and stalking deer. and walking rivers for trout. It's not so remarkable after all. Who wants to be regarded as a freak? You just shrug it off, thank your lucky stars for your health and that you can still climb the hills and go fishing and hunting.

Norm continued actively hunting and at 82 shot his last deer, a yearling red deer near Murchison.

At a pensioner-plus age, you thank the Lord and head for the hills again.

But should I thank the Lord? Really longevity is a lottery. Sure you have to look after your body and hopefully you'll shrug off immature behaviour like parties, booze or even drugs and adopt plenty of sleep, as much exercise as you can and a good diet. Somehow you have to dodge the Big C.

It seems that it is a combination of a bit of luck, a bit of genetics and a bit of good management by lessening stress and eating healthily. You see my father was an Australian from New South Wales.

Genetics do come into it the authorities say and on that score, I have to attribute one of the many thanks she deserves, to my mother who lived to her 100th year - 99 years and 7 months to be more exact.

The doctors and scientists have studied this longevity thing and about retaining your "marbles" as the saying goes. Some credit longevity and a sound mind to "cognitive reserve" where keeping the brain active, just like a muscle, builds up the fitness and keep active physically, like climbing the hills.

And one of the foremost cognitive reserve authorities said those who lead mentally stimulating lives, through education, occupation and leisure activities, seem to have the least risk of developing Alzheimer's. And that's where deerstalking is such a great exercise well into the autumn of a person's years. Well Norm Livingston should be seen as an inspiration, someone to try and emulate. he gave up deerstalking at 82 but still in his 90s went trout fishing at Nelson's Lake Rotoroa.

Another good friend to me was Squadron-Leader A G Smith, of Nelson. Just after his 98th birthday on Christmas Day 2008, "Smithy" passed away. He was a hunter in his younger days but trout fishing was his special love.

He never lost the motivation and the anticipation of a trout fishing trip. Even on his 98th birthday he was murmuring about his next trout fishing trip.

I enjoyed one particularly delightful fishing trip with him. When he was 92, Smithy and I fished the Hurunui River for salmon and he caught a fine 7 kg beauty.

Just a couple of months before his 98th birthday I called on him and we chatted and he told me about a young reporter from the local newspaper asking him about his longevity, his zest for life and how he achieved it.

Smithy told her "You just keep going."

In recounting the incident, Smithy smiled, leant towards me and said, "You know I could tell she didn't understand what I meant."

But I was old enough to know, and I knew we all have to strive to be like Norm, and Smithy and "just keep going." Your next birthday is just a number.

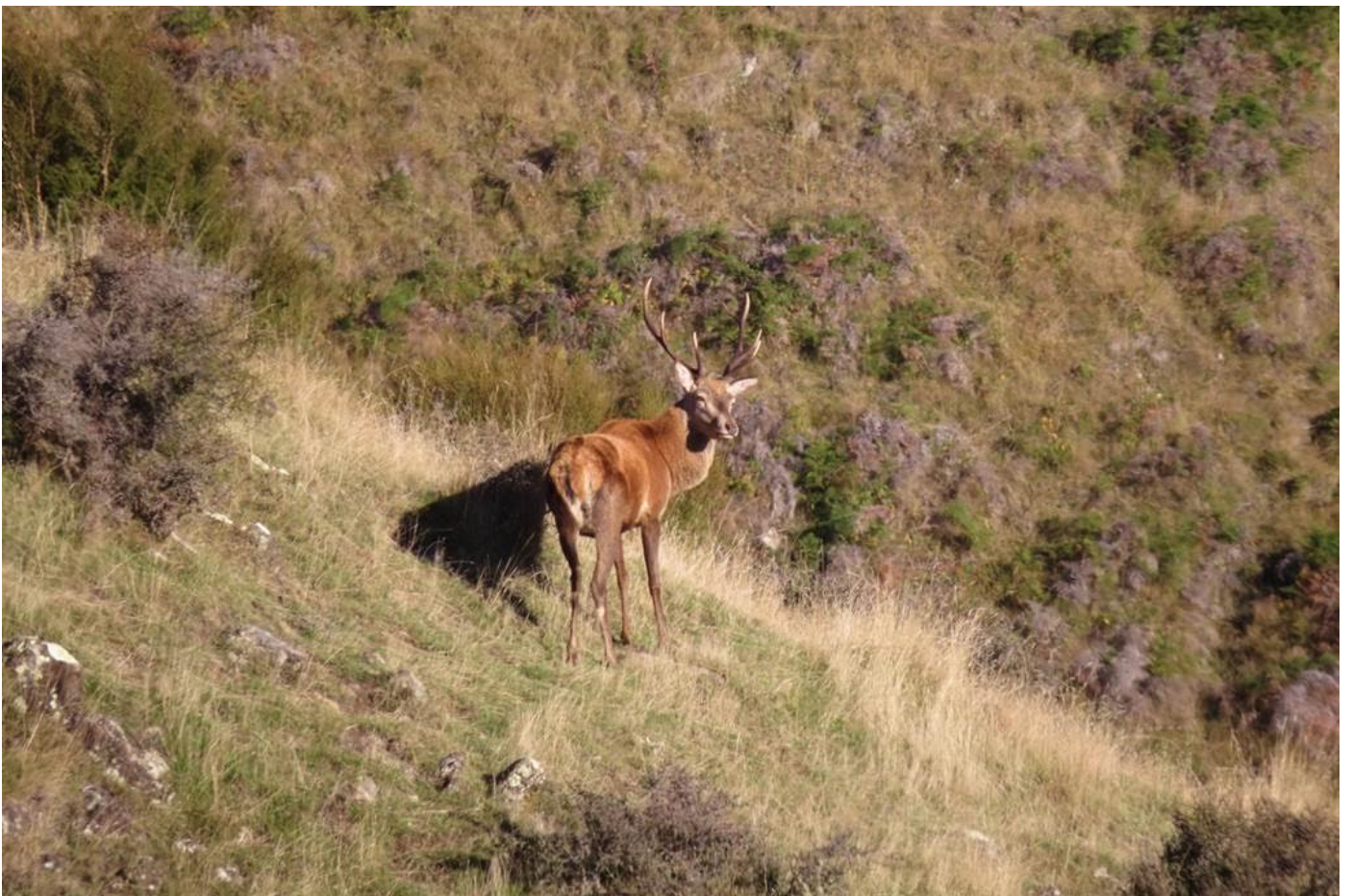
Never miss an opportunity to go fishing. Just keep going.

One of my boyhood idols was Ted Trueblood in the US "Field and Stream" magazine. Ted wrote wonderfully sincere, practical articles with some memorable lines worth quoting.

One was Ted's "Rule for Tomorrow". It went "Never say I'll go tomorrow. When you get a chance to go fishing (or hunting), go. If you wait until tomorrow, tomorrow will drag into next week and next week and next week will drag into next month and next month into next year and some day it will be too late."

<c>Still alive! Tony Orman fly fishing on the Wairau River this summer.

<c> Recent photo of red deer





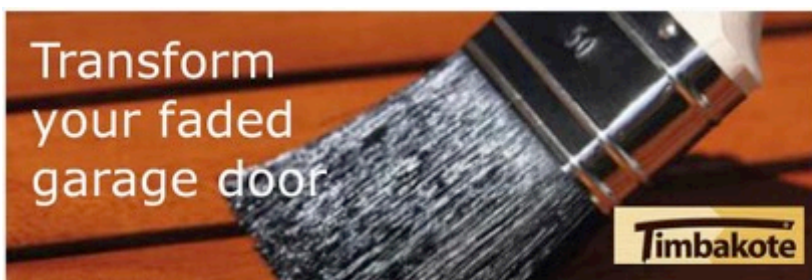
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Aldo Leopold, The Sand County Almanac.

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