

# Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS



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Monthly Newsletter of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association, Bay of Plenty Branch

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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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Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT - JUNE 2018

Welcome to this month's newsletter.

Last month's Club night was a great evening with Nicole McKee from COLFO as our guest speaker and I'm sure most of our members had very little idea how much work they do behind the scenes to protect

our rights. Our organisation financially supports COLFO it was great to find out what they have been up to.

Measuring night was well attended with a good number heads entered for measuring and also some animal skins for judging. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, presentation of trophies of the AHT and photos will not take place at the annual dinner but will be held as a separate event. This will be a BBQ on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the club rooms starting at 6.00-6.30pm with the presentations commencing after the BBQ. All members are welcome so come along and enjoy the evening.

Ticket sales have been slow for the annual dinner and we need to know prior to the evening how many we are catering for. We will be confirming numbers to the caterer on the 9<sup>th</sup> June so if you intend going and haven't organised your tickets please contact Paul Hill as soon as possible or purchase at the next club night.

At the June Club night our guest speaker will be Paul Mitchell talking about hunting dogs and we will also have a group from the Aongatete Trust as our guests for the evening. Our Club built a deer fence for the group and they will be joining our meeting to socialise with our club.

That's it for this month, see you at club night. Clyde

COVER PHOTO - By Sharon Sorenson

\*\*\* WE NEED MORE PHOTOS FOR THE COVER!! PLEASE SEND ME YOUR ROAR PHOTOS!!! \*\*\*

# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

May	
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms – Speaker Nicole McKee
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm	Measuring Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Hot Water Beach, Lake Tarawera Target Species: Reds, Sambar, Trout (level 3) Trip organiser: Tim/ Stan
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
June	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Maungapohatu Club Hunt Target Species: Rusa and Reds (level 3) Trip organiser: Stan
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	BOP Service Rifle Bolt Action Champs
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	ANNUAL DINNER
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers Day Hunt (details TBA)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 6.00pm	Prizegiving BBQ at NZDA Club Rooms, Tauriko
22 – 24 June	Hare Hunt Porangahau – see details further on in the newsletter Target Species: Hare Trip organiser: Stan
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range

# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

July	
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30 pm	AGM at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
13 <sup>TH</sup> – 15 <sup>TH</sup> July	National Conference
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	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
August	
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm	Club Night 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	Committee Night 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	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
September	
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm	Committee Night 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	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range

# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

October	
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm	Committee Night 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	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
November	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Littles Clearing – Kaweka Target Species: sika (level 3) Trip organiser: Chris Munro
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	NZDA Range Open Day at TECT Park Range
December	
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm	Club Night 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	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	NZDA Range Open Day 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 arange 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.

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

# June Club Night - Guest Speaker

Paul Michaels is a hunter, writer and dog trainer that grew up near matamata and now lives in Papamoa. He has hunted since he was 7 years old, hunting small game, game birds and then graduated onto big game, hunting pigs and deer in his early teens. He went onto trap possums full time for 9 years in his 20's where he trapped the kaimai ranges extensively and spent 5 winters living in Te Urewera forest park hunting possums for fur and deer for meat. Paul wrote for NZ Hunter magazine for 5 years writing about dog training, bush hunting, hunting Rusa, and much more. He now runs Big Game Indicating Dogs, training people to train hunting dogs. Here he has helped thousands of people all around the world to train hunting dogs his online video series The Deer Dog Training Blueprint. Paul also wrote a book 'Hunting Lucky' based on his time spent living and working in Te Urewera. He is looking forward to meeting you all and answering your questions on the club night in June.



# MAUNGAPAHUTU BRANCH HUNT

# Fri June 1st to Mon 4th June

Te Urewera's, Mako Mako Hut plus tenting base camps

Leaving at 7.30am Friday

# **Branch Hunt Conditions**

- Small access fee
- Shared travel costs
- All meat shared
- Hunters will be allocated areas which must be strictly adhered to for safety reasons.

Please register with Tim Taylor at the next club night or give Stan a call on

Phone Stan 07 8684515 or Or email lowe2147@gmail.com

# HARE HUNT

Hare Hunt

Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June Location: Porangahau

Details: one of our favourite club hunts targeting hares with shotgun and small calibre rifles. Accommodation will be in shearers quarters and transport will be arranged between us. Limited spaces. You will need spotlights and a quadbike.

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Contact Tim or Stan to register your interest.

# 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.



Great shot from Chris of Nicole from Colfo speaking at the May club night:





A big Thank you from the Setz family to the deerstalkers for the support, cards and flowers following Diannes' death. It was most appreciated by us.

# NZDA BOP BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

Venue - Tauriko Clubrooms

# **GUEST SPEAKER**

Chris Gambitsis
(Founder of Lake Chalice Winery & a Hunter. Chris has been touted by others as a very interesting speaker)

# Tickets \$58 each Children Under 12 Free

Please note there will be no Prizegiving at the Dinner this year however A Roaring Competition will be held

Dinner will be fully catered for by *Food Gurus* **BYO Drinks** 

# **MENU**

### Hors d' Oeuvres

Canape of smoked salmon, chive and cream cheese
Bacon wrapped chicken skewers
Kumara, spinach and cream cheese filo parcels
Garlic pita breads with hummus

# **Buffet Dinner**

Roast Mediterranean vegetable salad Rosemary roasted potatoes, kumara & pumpkin Warm winter green vegetables (e.g. peas, carrots, beans)

Roast Leg of lamb with mint sauce and pan gravy
Chicken breast in a creamy mushroom & tarragon sauce
Carved roast beef with gravy, horseradish and mustards
Hot baked ham with mustards and gravy
Gravy, mustards and sauces

# Desserts

Pavlova, berries and fresh cream
Cheese cake
Fruit platters with fresh seasonal fruits
Vanilla Ice cream and hot fudge sauce

## Tea and Coffee







# RANGE NEWS


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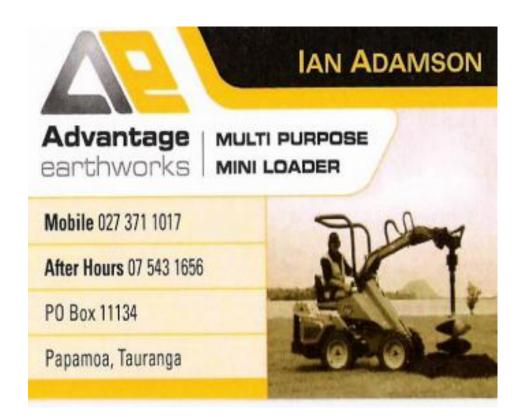
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# The Last Hurrah

When I was about 12 years old, my mother allowed me to go on a solo overnight camp to the Mill stream. The stream runs through the valley that separates Korokoro from the Horokiwis and meets the sea at the western end of Petone. The valley covers a large, mostly bush clad area, and as a young lad growing up in Korokoro, this became our backyard and some of us had our own tracks through the bush to the stream.

My mates and I knew of about 12 tracks, all of which we used at times, with one of the best going from behind the school down an easy spur to a sharp drop to the stream. Looking back, I guess we learned at an early age basic bush-craft and navigation, and certainly developed a real confidence in bush travel. Anyway, the night I went solo, I pitched my little pup tent on a small grassy, flat beside the stream and spent a long night, mostly awake. But what I remember most

beside the stream and spent a long night, mostly awake. But what I remember most was at dawn I poked my head out of the tent flap and experienced the start of a new day. The sound of the stream and a few birds, a ripple on the water from a small trout and the sound of silence. I do not recall what I ate, but after packing all the gear into my little pack and climbing back out of the valley, I remember well the feeling of solitude and achievement, and I was hooked for life.

I have done a lot of solo trips since then as I like the challenge of - in spite of the weather, terrain, flooded rivers, or in one case, avalanches, -I have just got to cope. One trip lasted for 26 days in the Upper Pike in Westland, so I got to know some of the local deer close to camp. I have been in a spot of bother a few times, the first on a trip into the Tararuas. As a 20 year old I shot my first mature stag. The next day, with a pack load of gear and meat I had a fall and smashed my knee on a rock. It started to bleed internally and the leg started to swell up real tight and then lock up. Being a Wednesday, with chance of getting help zero,(no mountain radios or helicopters in those days) I knew that first I had to find a track, then drag myself out to the road end at Otaki Forks. It took me about 6 hours, and a lot of pain, to get to my car, then there was a one hour drive to the Hutt Hospital. By that stage I had seized up, so had to call for help as someone walked past my car. They pumped about 2 pints of blood and fluid out of that leg and 4 days later I was sent home. I figured that if I could handle that, I could cope with most things. What happened to the venison in my pack is another story in itself.

One time I got stuck in the Jacob in South Westland in extreme weather. Some of my gear got washed away, I ran short of food and had to wait an extra 6 days for a chopper to get me out. I tell you, I was real lean and mean by that time. Another time, I was in the Kawekas on a 10 day trip, my Dad died. They couldn't find me and by the time I got out the funeral and burial was completed, but most trips went as planned.

I traversed some magnificent country, saw some great sights and obtained the odd trophy along the way.

October last year I got a rush of blood to the head, picked up the phone and rang Jeff, everyone's favourite helicopter pilot out of Milford Sound, and arranged to be dropped off in the Skippers Range for a 10 day hunt. At last April 10<sup>th</sup> saw me waiting at the Milford base to fly in. It was 6 degrees with a bit of light snow around. Finally, at 3pm we loaded up the chopper and started the long flight in. We went over a lot of snow and ice covered peaks, one glacier, across Lake McKerrow, then up to the Skippers. With the weather forecast not very good and a very cold and windy southerly front in progress, we changed the drop off point to just below the bush line of a valley on the eastern side of the range. As the chopper flew away and I started to look for a campsite, a real big gust of wind buffeted me, along with a flurry of snow. It was a good call not camping up there I think and this camp had better be set up right; this high up it could be blown away or flattened by snow, and the pick-up time is 10 days away.

With that in mind I find a raised area just on the bush edge and set about establishing my camp. One small tent covered by a large fly, then an extra fly over the entrance area. The tent is pegged with a few boulders as weights on the main points, but the fly sheets I like to fix to small bushes or tussock as the points are flexible in strong winds. It reduces the chance of tearing, but things do tend to flap a lot which is not such a bad thing if there is a lot of snow or hail about and there was a lot of that on this camp. ( in fact it was a very intents experience) With camp set up and some 1½ hours of daylight left, I grabbed my gear and headed downstream to some flats I had seen from the air. I set myself up just inside the bush, let out a few roars and waited. Not a sound. I let out a couple of hind calls. Still nothing, so I slowly started to make my way back to camp. But I hadn't gone far before I spied a good sized stag across the stream, creeping down to the area I had just vacated. Obviously he wanted to see what all the noise was about. I didn't have much time, or a handy rest, so I just took a free-hand shot and down he went. Wow, first night in and I have the camp meat sorted!

Number one rule on these longer trips is you keep dry gear, especially footwear, with the snow and ice about. So I took off my boots, rolled up the gears, found a stout stick and waded across a swift and very cold stream indeed. I found the stag, a mature 5-6 year old going by the teeth, and I set about taking the head and all the meat that I could carry. The light was fading fast, things were starting to freeze and I was still barefooted. The feet were very painful by the time I got back across the stream to my boots. I had lost all sensation in my feet and it was 2 days before the feeling came back, despite my best efforts. I left the head and some meat across the stream as going back was just too painful, so I collected it all 3 days later. I headed back to camp by torchlight and set about cooking up a big feed.

It was the end of a very eventful day, camp was set up and there was lots of meat hanging in the trees, so I poured myself a glass of wine. What could possibly go wrong?

Well, the weather. It just got colder and colder over the next few days. Everything froze, my lips swelled up and I had to wear a balaclava most of the time and gloves. Everything with batteries packed up - the hearing aids, digital clock, camera, range

finder etc. Just as well I didn't have a pacemaker as it would have been "good night without the nurse". Even the meat hanging in the trees became semi frozen. The good news was no flies, sandflies or politicians to be found, not even a rugged Southern Man. Mind you, they probably heard the weather forecast and have more brains than me.

I got about 3 days hunting and covered a lot of country, but the deer numbers were very low. Only one stag was heard roaring and I had a go at him twice, but he knew just where to hole up and the wind defeated me both times. It soon became apparent why the deer numbers were low. There wasn't much food in the bush so they had to feed on the river flats (very little sign) or the open tops where there was lots of food, but made them very vulnerable. The best fine and clear morning I had was the first Saturday and 1/2 hour after daylight a chopper came over the low saddle and proceeded to work all the areas above the bushline. He didn't locate any deer, so about 20 minutes later he disappeared back over the saddle. With the high price for venison they can afford to hunt this remote country regularly.

I had reasonable weather for the first 5 days, but it was windy and very cold. It snowed most nights, then froze solid by morning. The trouble was that any sun that appeared didn't reach my camp until midday, then was gone by 2pm, as there was a bloody big mountain peak in the way. I had to clear frozen snow and ice from around the tent regularly.

Day 5 the weather turned from OK, but very cold to horrendous with the chill factor meaning any digits exposed would be lost.

The next 7 days it was thunder, wind, hail, ran and it snowed most nights, then iced up big time. The peaks above me were mostly covered in mist and the streams were running far too high to attempt a crossing, so I was confined to the tent. It was hard work to keep warm in those conditions and it took a lot of effort to get kitted up to go out and toilet yourself or cook a meal. The brain, along with everything else seems to close down, so a bit of discipline was required. I now know why Eskimos so not wash in winter. I had a routine of every hour I ran on the spot, but it was still so cold with everything being damp. I had a bivvy bag over the sleeping bag, so that was kept dry along with most of my gear, which although top end, was right on the margin. Pick up time was 8.30am Thursday, so although it was still light rain and misty, I had all the gear packed ready to go as a lift in the cloud just might see the chopper try to get me out. I sat in camp all day in damp gear and got really cold again, then lost the feeling in my feet for a further 2 days.

It was the same for the next 2 days and by 4pm Saturday I started to unpack my gear, ready for another night in paradise. I was just setting up the cooking gear when I heard the chopper zoom over the pass at the head of the valley and dive down to my campsite. After being packed up for so long, it was now total panic. The pilot and Jeff gave me a hand to break camp and get things sorted before the weather set in again. Me, I just wanted to find out what warm was. We had to fly out near the coast, so I saw some new country and the flight up Milford Sound to the base was really fantastic. I got the gear unloaded and things sorted with Jeff. (Yes, he always treats me well) and then started the 2 hour drive back to Te Anau. I turned the heater up

and started to thaw out. My feet and hands were quite painful for some time, with the burning feeling in the feet lasting about 2 weeks.

As I drove I had time to reflect on the last 2 weeks, which in turn led me to one of my life's big decisions, "I'm giving up hunting." That trip was the last hurrah. Free at last, it just took me a lifetime to get it figured out. No more self -abuse, flooded rivers, tying iced boot laces at sparrow-fart, breaking through soft snow or sliding on ice, big heavy meat laden packs and mountain peaks are a thing of the past. I was free from the stress of not being sure just where I am, or how to climb around this bluff without falling off. Sitting in the tussock, waiting for the mist to lift, or pushing through sub alpine scrub with a heavy pack is all over rover. Wading through ice-fed rivers is now left to the great unwashed who I might add are not smart enough to figure it all out. No, I tell you, the load has been lifted, it's all sunshine and roses. I am going home to buy the biggest, softest lazyboy on the block, with a drinks shelf on one side and food shelf full of cream donuts on the other. There will also be a special pouch for the remote and soft gloves so that I don't get blisters from over-use. Yes, this is the new me, for sure. With lots of hunting and tramping gear now for sale, all tried and tested, there are some real bargains to be had.

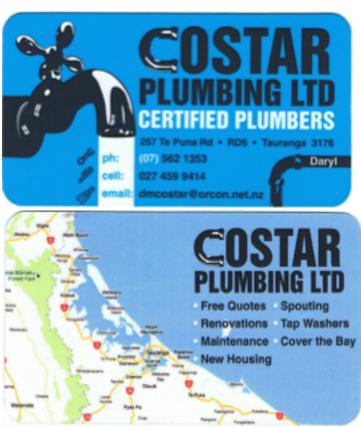
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### For Sale:

Rifle, Marlin XL7, bolt action, 5 shot internal mag, hardly used, comes with scope & supressor \$1200 o.n.o. Contact Anna on 021 225 5417. Buyer must have valid gun licence.

NOTE: if you have something to buy or sell please let the editor know. Similarly, if you advertise something for sale, and then sell it, please let your editor know so your advert can be removed...

# DEERSTALKERS LIBRARY

Don't forget the library is open for Club members to borrow books and DVDs. See Richard McEwen on club nights between 7.15 – 7.30pm



# BOP BRANCH PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS (PLB's) FOR HIRE

Available to Branch members for hire. These devices can save lives by drastically reducing Search and Rescue times.

## Members will need to:

- 1. Book the units in advance.
- 2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
- 3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
- 4. Pay a \$40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
- 5. Pay a \$10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 21 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640). There is no cost for the renewal of the unit if it is used in an emergency

but if possible we will need it returned. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.

### **Branch PLB Custodians:**

- Dean Maisey, Welcome Bay, Ph. 544 2207
- Keith Theobald, Greerton, Ph. 578 1195
- Baden Prentice, Bethlehem, Ph. 579 3107 (pick up can also be made from Newton St, Mt Maunganui by prior arrangement)



## **HUNTING SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

- 1. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
- 2. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed.
- 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.

# 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  $1^{st}$  2017– February  $28^{th}$  2018).

My details are as follows: (Please print in capitals)

Surname:	Given Name/s:			
Address:		Suburb:		
City/Town:		Post Code:		
Telephone:		Cell phone:		
Email:		Newsletter By: Post □ Email □		
Occupation:				
Family Members: (please see over page for more information)	Name: Name: Name:	DOB:  DOB:  DOB:  DOB:		
Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	/	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2017. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2017.		

# **Membership benefits:**

- NZDA \$10 Million Liability Insurance Cover, including \$1 million rural fires extension.
- NZDA working to protect your hunting interests.
- NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine (except for affiliates or associates; 1 copy per family).
- Club newsletter monthly.
- Club nights with guest speakers, organized branch hunting trips.
- **HUNTS** courses.

### **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 <a href="mailto:membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz">membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz</a> 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.

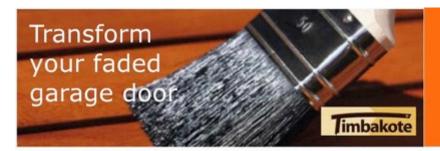
The membership type I am applying for is:		d Joine	ed	(Circle one)	
<b>FEES</b> – Branch financial year runs from March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 to February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2017		*Joining Fee		<b>Full Yr</b> Mar – Aug	1/2 Yr Sep – Feb
SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$5	\$50.00		\$110.00	\$59.00
<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b> – partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	\$(	\$0.00		\$2.00	\$1.00
<b>JUNIOR</b> – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 (No voting rights).	t \$0	\$0.00		\$37.50	\$22.75
<b>ASSOCIATE</b> – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag				\$67.00	\$37.50
AFFILIATE – Must be a full member of another branch.	\$5	0.00	+	\$50.00	\$29.00
SUPERANNUANT – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	\$5	\$50.00		\$85.00	\$46.50
STUDENT – Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	\$5	\$50.00		\$85.00	\$46.50
* Joining Fee only applies to <b>NEW</b> and members <b>UNFINANCIAL</b> for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31 May 2017) <b>OPTIONAL PAYMENTS:</b> Annual Range Ticket (Mar-Feb each yr – \$50 see separate in	fo	Joinin	g Fe		
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Signature:	Date	<b>:</b>			

# 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 this fact. Aldo Leopold, The Sand County Almanac.

A member of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated will 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'
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- 7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.



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