



# **Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS**



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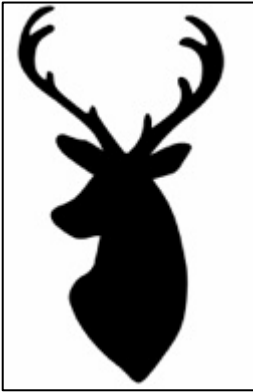
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**Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)**

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT – AUGUST 2018**

Welcome to this month's newsletter,

The Annual General meeting is done and dusted for another year with the majority of the committee and executive volunteered for another year. We also have some new committee members which is fantastic. For those that were unable to attend the AGM a copy of my report will be in the newsletter.

The Annual NZDA National Conference was also held in July in Wellington and we were represented by Reuben, Bob and Richard. Reuben has compiled a report which will be included in this newsletter so please take the time to read it as it will help keep everyone up to date on what's happening at a national level. There will be some impact on our club from the decisions made at conference and the committee will review these at the next meeting.

A working bee was held at the range in July to repair the shooting butts. What a fantastic turn out by 25 members which made the job so much easier with that number of volunteers. By lunch time all the work was done so the shooting commenced and inductions were completed for those that required them.

This month's club night will be an info night on rifle setup and options as well as reloading demo and info to help you improve your skill level where ever that may be.

That's it for this month see you at Club Night

Clyde

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# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

July	
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30 pm	<b>AGM</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
13 <sup>TH</sup> – 15 <sup>TH</sup> July	<b>National Conference</b>
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

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# NZDA CALENDAR 2018

## October

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

## November

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

## December

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 Deerstalkers 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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## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT - AUGUST

Hi everyone and welcome to my first report as Vice President. I will be using these as a chance to inform you about what's going on with the club, important issues we're facing, and ways you can be involved.

Like many of you I was introduced to the club via the Hunts course. This was when I was at the tender age of 16...when hills were never too steep and mornings never too cold. Things have changed slightly since then. Over the last few years I've been fortunate to be on the club committee and more recently, to be the membership secretary. The club has come a long way since I was 16 but in many ways it's remained much the same. An obvious example is we no longer shoot in a paddock out the back of the clubrooms; we now have our awesome 300m range at the TECT park. What hasn't changed is the people. Yes, we've nearly doubled our membership, but the people who make it happen are still there. Keith Theobald, Stan Lowe, and Les Nelson (just to name a few) were leading figures when I was a teenager and to their credit, they're still here to this day. This is what I want to talk about...

We now have a little over 400 members in our club. At a club night we see roughly 30-40 of you; at a working bee roughly 10-15; and on a club hunt a dismal 2-5. Not a week goes by when a member doesn't ask me "why's the club not doing more?" My answer is always the same "we can't do it without you". To put it very bluntly, the people who have always been there are getting tired of it. They desperately want you to be involved, and I believe they show an amazing openness to change (just look at the Facebook page as an example). But this is a club, not a business, so if you want something you need to commit. As an example, I've been repeatedly asked for more club hunts, so this year I put out a 12-month calendar full of them. Disappointingly, on the July club hunt only 2 people bothered to come with me...I ask you what's the point of organising a hunt when only 2 people show up?

Going forward I'm asking all of you to get more involved. There are many ways you can do this:

1. Come to a club night – this is the first Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm at the clubrooms. If you don't know anyone, I encourage you to stick out your hand and introduce yourself.
2. Come on a club hunt – it's an awesome way to get to know people and you'll learn some sweet new spots.
3. Share your hunts – if you have photos or stories from a recent adventure, please share them with us. Facebook is an easy option and our newsletter editor, Claire Maisey, is always screaming out for content.



4. Share your ideas constructively – don't moan or put cheap comments on Facebook. Write them down or pickup the phone. Our committee members want to hear your ideas so get a plan together and get in touch.
5. Come to a committee meeting – if you're serious about being involved, if you have a good idea, or if you simply want to see what goes on behind the scenes, please feel free to sit in on any meeting. These are the second Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm at the clubrooms.
6. Give us a hand – volunteers make light work of big jobs and we have a number of projects coming up (the new Ngamuwahine hut is a major one). Please consider helping when we put out the call.

Thanks for taking the time to read this piece and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

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# HUNTS REPORT

## Tahr Hunters Meeting

For all those who have put their names forward plus anyone else who is interested in the November (Oct Sat 27th to Nov Sun 4th) Tahr hunt there will be a planning meeting

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**7.30pm**  
**Tauriko Club Rooms**

1. Discuss and finalize areas
2. Discuss itinerary

If you are unable to attend please let us know so that your participation and your intentions are made clear before this date by email ( [lowe2147@gmail.com](mailto:lowe2147@gmail.com) ) or by phone.

Stan  
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## Hare Hunt

Late in June 11 hunters geared up with quads, shot guns, heaps of ammo and lots of winter woollies travelled down to the Waipukarua area to hunt hares, rabbits and opossums. This is the first year that we have done this hunt in the middle of winter instead of during the summer so it was going to be an interesting comparison.

As much as the nights were cold and frosty with a slight sprinkling of rain with right clothing it was pretty good. We had to show a lot of caution when it came to getting the quads off the tracks, as there had been an awful lot of rain in the previous couple of weeks. The accommodation on the station was great with plenty of beds, hot showers and great kitchen facilities.

Over the 2 nights on the 2 properties the guys shot over 200 hares, 15 opossums and a few rabbits. Most of the back steaks were butchered from the animals with the balance being disposed of as requested by the station manager. With results like that the station manager is very happy for us to come back and I am sure all the guys had a great shoot with some new gear being put through its paces by some. Infra red spotting was superb on the opossums and we all did some pretty good shooting.

Stan Lowe  
Branch Hunt Coordinator

## PAKIHI TRACK – HUNT REPORT

13-15/07/2018 – Pakihi Track

My first north island deer hunt was here, it's also my first hunt with the NZDA and my first proper hunt in 3 years. I had been traveling and then relocated from Timaru to Tauranga 18 months ago. It was a long time coming and I was so excited. I had spent most of the week analysing google earth and topos as well as researching forums on the Pakihi area and what it has to offer. I was fizzing to get back in the outdoors and away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Paul and I meet Tim on a rainy Friday afternoon after work. We got a cheeky feed at Maccas on the way and not long after Whakatāne it stopped raining. We parked the truck at the start of the Pakihi track at 7.30pm. After about 20-30mins of walking and seeing a handful of possums, something else caught Pauls eye. At first, I thought it was a Weka but as it turned broad side we couldn't believe our eyes. It was a large brown kiwi. We were stoked. We spent a good 5 mins following it getting photos and we were completely ecstatic. For me that was the it, if that's all I saw that weekend I was happy. Hands down the coolest thing I have seen hunting and a very special moment for us all.

We continued up the track under head torch and arrived at an empty hut before 10pm. It wasn't long before we were tucked in the for the night. We were up at first light and we each had a game plan to maximise our time in the valley. I opted for a side creek that had a massive catchment. Wet boots didn't take long as I had about 20 river crossings. I stalked my way up the river looking up all the side creeks and sunny north faces.

I came across some incredible scenery along the way, everything was so lush and green and not like the hunting I was familiar with in the east coast of the South Island. It was hard to capture it on camera. I pushed up the stream and saw sign along the way but nothing really promising. I spent about 3 hours walking the stream then I came across some sign that looked more promising heading up a small creek. I thought this is it, my first North Island red skin.

I headed up the side creek and the sign was looking better and better. The elevation began to increase and the bush got thicker. I was doing my best to be as quiet and possible. Catching loose rocks in my hands were possible. I could smell the rich musty smell of deer; the prints were fresh, the excretion was moist, warm, and tasted of broad leaf. I was very careful with each step slowly making my way up the face until I stepped on a loose bit of soil and a rock broke free... I heard a noise then loud crashing, that was it. I was gutted. I knew I was close but not that close. I didn't even get to see what it was.

It was 12pm so I decided that was a good time for a few sammies. After lunch, I came up with another plan. I was going to head for the ridge and walk back towards camp. I headed up and it didn't take me long to find that fun stuff called supplejack. It took 30mins to move 300m. I thought I am out. I consulted my GPS and came up with the plan to head over the ridge and meet up with the Pakihi tack on the other side and then walk back long the river bed.

A few hours later I arrived back to the hut with nothing in hand and that's where I meet the other boys who said the same. I had another bite to eat then planned to head up the other side of the river and find a nice spot to watch over as the sun went down. Again, no luck. I had put in a big day but had nothing on the ground. But, I saw a wild Kiwi.

That night we smashed back some dehydrated meals, chocolate, hot drinks and yarned with another hunter who came up for an overnight trip. I always find it the best time to catch up with old mate and make new friends.

Our last morning was here, we each gave ourselves areas to hunt which left me with the option of heading down stream back towards the carpark. I packed my gear and got away before light. About 1km downstream I had to visit the loo. After doing my business I walked another 50m and saw a really nice looking face with lots of feeding potential on it. I slowly walked the next 50m then suddenly, I noticed two heads pop up. It took me a minuet to realise what was looking at me. I slowly dropped my pack and drew my trusty .25-06. The two young deer saw me and there was no messing around, they took off. It was now or never as they were fast approaching dense bush. I let of a shot and knocked one over. Down it came, right into the river. I finished it off with a shot to the head and that was that.

Deer down in a dream location. It rolled down the face and landed only 50m from my feet. I gutted it then and there. It was a slow 7km walk back out to the car but I had all morning before the other boys were due back. There were no hills to worry about. No river to stumble down. Just a nice wide mountain biking track between me, my deer and the car.

It was a fantastic trip and I can't think Tim enough for sharing his spots and Peter for the yarns. The deer is currently being turned into some tasty steaks and sausages. Bring on the next hunt!

-Jeremy Webster





# RANGE NEWS

We are currently having the range re-certified which includes reviewing our range standing orders so there may be a few minor changes coming out of this process including our induction process.

The public open days on the last Sunday of each month are well supported with 40-50 shooters on most open days now. Our club's Range Officers put a lot of effort into running the public open days with 6 RO's being rostered on for each of these open days. As a club, we have recognised these events are our commitment to the greater shooting community, but these events are not providing for our club members so we are looking at organising more club orientated shooting events in the near future. Possible events under consideration are:

- Summer mid-week rimfire silhouettes shoot
- Long range rifle/scope setup
- Chronograph your load
- Service rifle demo day (shoot the old 303's and Mausers and modern military rifles)
- 300m egg shoot

If you have any suggestions for other styles of events let me know.

We had a great working bee up at the range on the 7<sup>th</sup> with over 20 members helping out with maintenance of our range so thanks to all those who helped out. We ran a friendly shoot afterwards and a few new members received inductions towards their range ticket so this format for the working bee's seemed to go down well.

I think I might have been in denial over the range maintenance, as I've tended to be "reactive" waiting until I see enough work to warrant organising a working bee rather than being "proactive" and scheduling regular working bee's. The use of the range is pretty regular, so the need for ongoing maintenance is also regular. With this in mind I have decided to schedule working bee's for the first Saturday morning in January, March, July, October each year with the following set tasks:

- Replace shot out target backing boards
- Rotate drums
- Top up rubber in drums
- Top up earth behind profile boards at each target line
- Weed spraying
- Check perimeter fence

There will be a shoot and BBQ afterwards and members will be able to receive an induction towards their range ticket.

I'm looking for someone to take on the task of managing these regular working bee's so please contact me if you would like to take this on.

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# 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

by Reuben Hayward

Conference was hosted by Wellington branch who did a stellar effort, it was well organised and executed in an effective manner with proper use of multimedia for both conference and prize giving. The Thorndon Hotel was a short walk from the NZDA headquarters which was used as the location for the conference photo. The prize giving dinner was at the Rydges a few blocks away but still within walking distance.

The address by Eugenie Sage (green party MP and Minister of Conservation) was setting off alarm bells on all fronts for the NZDA members present. The immediate threat is to our Tahr population, but the threats to our game animals are wide spread considering the narrow view of Eugenie, we cannot afford to be apathetic towards any attempt to carry out operations on public land by DoC or any other organisation where it threatens game animals or our rights as hunters.

The theme was a continuation from recent years, phrased “– The next generation”. The usual troublesome topics were revisited. Of note, the notices of motion were in a poor order for discussion and had they been ordered more thoughtfully there may have been a very different outcome.

Due to a badly worded amendment the Heritage Trust almost lost their only income for the 2019/2020 financial year. The final result was a continuation of the standing \$3 levie.

Recently the Heritage Trust received charitable status allowing for tax credits to be claimed from the IRD under charitable donations tax credit scheme (up to 33%). The clear message from the Heritage Trust is that they would issue donation receipts to persons who donate \$5 or more. I(Reuben) would encourage the branch members to make a donation to the Heritage Trust of \$5 at the time of paying subs in 2019. If branches showed that members can and will continue support for the Heritage Trust by way of a donation then it is likely that at a future conference the levie on capitation may be removed. This end result would be a theoretical increase in annual cost to the member of 35 cents but provide the Heritage Trust with a further \$2.00. The compounding effect being approximately \$8-10k more income for the Heritage Trust.

The COLFO levie motion was amended to \$2 and passed. The discussion showed support for COLFO in principle but suggested that COFLO should ask for funding when it is needed rather than growing a larger slush fund. The \$2 levie should be sufficient to cover operating costs.

There was considerable request (and ensuing argument) from conference to the executive - that the national executive be more transparent with its advocacy and display a stronger public image in opposition to significant incursions on hunters rights and in support of hunters in general. The objective being to show members where their capitation is being used and encourage new membership from other hunters. This was a contentious matter where the executive reminded conference of the volunteer status of the executive and the need to employ a CEO.

All the branches recognise the need for a CEO/COO, there was still hesitation across the branches to give approval to national executive in the form of financial support. Without the financial support to implement a new structure the executive's hands are tied. Notice of Motion 2018/05 was amended to \$70 for Seniors and prorate for the other membership classifications, this was a poor result with figures including cents being passed and not enough funding to support appointment of a CEO yet still enough to cause upset at branch level.

In light of the lack of support, Vice-President James Steen withdrew his acceptance of the nomination for National President. This was a surprise to many and the announcement at the 11th hour caused much uncertainty. In the absence of another nominee, nominations were sort from the floor, resulting in Trevor Chappell being elected as National President. Trevor is a long time member of the organisation and past national executive member.

The incumbent South island representatives were re-elected to the satisfaction of the Bay of Plenty delegates. We know and support Snow, and Ian Owen has proved his commitment and value to the organisation in the previous 12 months.



There was much debate about how to fill the vacant North island representative position. In a private conversation I(Reuben) was asked by Snow if I would consider accepting a nomination, I declined on this occasion but made it clear it was not on principle and I would consider it for the future. He commented they need younger people on the executive and asked that I gave consideration to being co-opted onto the national executive. Eventually a Wellington branch member was nominated from the floor and together with our incumbent Waikato branch president are our two North island representatives.

Bay of Plenty raised the subject of thermal imaging equipment and the AHT competition by a notice for general business, this quickly progressed into a discussion on legalities and ethics which was not the point of the notice. Of great concern to me(Reuben) were Bill O'Leary's comments that DoC management have explicitly told him that person's found with thermal scopes on conservation land will be treated in a criminal manner and the assumed purpose will be to use a firearm during hours of darkness. It was brought to his attention by conference that the law states that hunting is not permitted outside of daylight hours and that using a thermal scope during the day is legal on DoC estate. Bill was not supportive of the concept and the incoming President indicated that use of thermal is/may not be ethical in his view. This type of outdated thinking is what we don't need from national executive. I replied to conference and the executive requesting that urgency be placed on reviewing the use of thermal imaging technology in regard to both the DoC estate and the AHT competition with the purpose being to clarify DoC's position in relation to the law and NZDA's position in relation to hunting ethics. I will be following this up via our North island representatives.

The general mood of the conference was better than the previous two years. Where previously there had been considerable criticism there has been a shift of thinking toward a more collaborative approach and if this continues will see some positive changes to the structure and operation of the organisation.

The executive will be undertaking a review of the organisation's structure and looking to change the constitution to bring it inline with the coming changes to the Incorporated Societies Act, to modernise where required, and separate policy from operational guidelines and competition rules etc. The current intention is to provide a constitution template for the branches to adopt in due course. As a branch we need to understand that this will need to be done in the near future.

The Waikato branch have indicated they will host conference in 2019 in Hamilton. This will be a great opportunity for Bay of Plenty members to attend conference and the national AHT prize giving dinner.

Key points to note:

- The minister of conservation will cause considerable damage to our game animal populations if the department is not held accountable.
- The NZDA require a CEO to meet the operational and advocacy expectations that the members place on the National Executive. This is long overdue and is critical to survival of the organisation.
- The cost of employing a CEO needs to be met by capitation. In the short term this will require a significant increase in capitation until the membership reaches a level that capitation can be lowered. The reality is that a capitation decrease is unlikely regardless of the NZDA's financial position.
- If the branch is not willing to pay increased capitation then the branch needs to increase their senior membership while taking responsibility for advocating on behalf of hunters in our region.
- The constitutions will be undergoing changes in the near future.
- More support from branches to the National Executive is required if the NZDA is to survive the changing demographic and maintain its position in the public arena.
- All members need to recognise the societal changes and how that impacts on the way we operate, there is a serious need to modernise our brand and continually adapt to changes.
- The organisation at national level and branch level needs to be run like a business to maintain its viability into the future.

I encourage all members to consider finding an area where they can contribute to the NZDA at branch level. We need people with no expertise and people with specific expertise but most off all the organisation needs people to support its activities.

Reuben Hayward

As another year closes it's time to look back over the year and see what the branch has achieved. Membership was similar in numbers to the previous year with new members replacing those that have chosen not to renew. The range facility has attracted a large proportion of the new members to our club and this confirms to the committee that our investment to continue to develop the range complex is well founded. The administration building is complete and is proving to be a fantastic facility which we use each month for public days as well as the two club shoots that Dave Harris organised through the year.

The number of attendees on the Hunts course was down with only nine attending, however the quality of the training was well received and the feedback from the trainees was positive. Recognition for Keith Theobold's 25th year of running the course was presented at conference and Keith appreciated Bill O'Leary attending the course wind up in Tauranga.

Our branch hunts have had mixed success as far as participation goes but I believe they are an important part of the club's activities to provide opportunities for new and existing members to not only go on a hunt but also meet other member's and form friendships for the future. The Family weekend at Tapu (Stans place) is continuing to be a success with good numbers attending this year.

This year's measuring night was well attended which was great to see and the numbers of trophy heads to be scored was also up from last year.

The annual dinner and prizegiving were split into two events this year in the hope that it would increase the attendance. The short answer is that it did not, so we will have to review what happens next year.

Our Club rooms at Tauriko came very close to being swamped by flood waters after a very heavy rain event in April with the water lapping the bottom edge of the exterior cladding. We were lucky that no damage occurred. The club rooms roof was repainted at Christmas which looks great.

Our Club remains in a strong financial position due to membership numbers remaining consistent from year to year and the income from our advertising boards. The range use from our members and public days is supporting our range facility which is a great result.

I will take this opportunity to thank all the committee members who have contributed to the successful running of our club over the last year and also those members who assisted the committee such as working bees, as without your efforts we would not function. I would also like to thank Claire Maisey for producing the newsletter each month. Thankyou to all of you.

I look forward to the continuing success of the Bay of Plenty Branch of NZDA

Clyde Rogers  
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## DEERSTALKERS LIBRARY

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See Richard McEwen on club nights between  
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# QUESTIONS PAGE

As suggested by a member... here is a place to ask those **burning** questions:

What is the right distance to sight in a rifle?

How do I build a Maimai or hunting stand?

How do I clean and cook my game bird / deer / pig?

Where is your secret spot in the Kaimais? ;)

Best gear to take on a day hunt / overnight / long trips?

Here is a chance to ask questions of your experienced club members. If you have a question please send it to the newsletter editor who will publish it in the next issue and then it is open for other members to send through their answers.

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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<sup>st</sup> 2017– February 28<sup>th</sup> 2018).

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

Surname:	Given Name/s:	
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Email:	Newsletter By: Post <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Family Members: (please see over page for more information)	Name: _____	DOB: _____
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- 🍷 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 [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:

**Period Joined**

(Circle one)

<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
<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).	\$0.00	+	\$37.50	\$22.75
<b>ASSOCIATE</b> – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag	\$50.00	+	\$67.00	\$37.50
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<b>SUPERANNUANT</b> – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	\$50.00	+	\$85.00	\$46.50
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\* Joining Fee only applies to **NEW** and members **UNFINANCIAL** for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31 May 2017)

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Bank Account No: 030445-0184375-00

Reference: Enter your surname

**\* In all instances this application form must be filled out in full and posted to:**

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**P O Box 3111, Greerton, Tauranga, 3142**

*Under the terms of the Privacy Act 1993, I acknowledge that you are retaining my name and club details for the purpose of mailing further information on NZDA and related matters.*

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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# 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
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