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Deerstalkers Association, Bay of Plenty Branch

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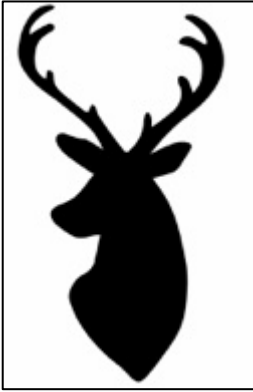
Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)

Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month

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Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome everyone and happy new year to you all.
By the time you read this newsletter the family weekend at Tapu will probably be over but as I write this report it is very hot and I'm looking forward to a cool dip in the stream at Stan's Tapu Riverside Retreat camp.

Last year members of our club built a fence for the Aongatete Forest Trust to protect the king ferns from deer feeding in this area. Barbara McGillivray has sent us some before and after photos which confirm the fence is having the desired effect.



Dec 2017



Dec 2018

The Party Hunts committee organised a meeting at the Judea Tavern to plan the party hunts program for this year. Like all things that happen within the club it requires volunteers to facilitate and run the hunts so please take the opportunity to support them where you can as I'm sure they will appreciate it. The calendar for party hunts will be included in this newsletter and if you are able, follow what's happening on our facebook page for up to date info on hunts and any changes to the planned program.

The first Club night for the year is the 5th February and we would like to have some more photos or videos of the recent Tahr hunt so if you have some photos to show and talk about it would be great. Phil and Stan presented at the November meeting and it was very interesting.

For those members that use the range please be aware that organised shoots are held on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month and then our public day on the last Sunday. All shooters are welcome to participate at any time but on an organised shoot you are under the authority of the range officers and club organising that day.

That's about it for this month, hope to see you at Club Night.

Clyde

COVER PHOTO – From this year's competition photos, Chris Munro

If you have a photo you would like to see on the cover please send it through to claire71@gmail.com



The Theobald family Keith, Glen, David, Lynda and their families would like to thank the BOP Deerstalkers Assn for allowing us to use the clubrooms for Colleens funeral and farewell.

In particular we would like to thank Clyde for cleaning the clubrooms. Chris for setting up the sound system. Clyde and Jill for organising the catering. Tracy, Win, Arendina and Donna for running the kitchen and Stu for the bagpipe farewell.

It was great to see so many past and present members attend.

Thank you all,
Keith T

This calendar sponsored by Tree Wise Men

NZDA CALENDAR 2019

January

Tuesday, 15 th January, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Friday 25 th January 2019	Family Weekend – Tapu Riverside Retreat

February

Tuesday, 5 th February, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms - Tahr Trip Photos			
Tuesday, 12 th January, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms			
February HUNT	8th - 10th	Local Hunt - Te Tuhi Track, Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park	Target Species: Reds, Pigs Level 3	Organiser: Jonathan Flude

March

Tuesday, 5 th March 7.30 pm	Hamils Night - Club Night at Hamils			
Tuesday, 12 th March, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms			
March HUNT	15th - 17th	Location: Mangamate Hut, Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park	Target Species: Reds Level 4	Organiser: Baden Prentice



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NZDA HUNTS CALENDAR 2019

Month	Date	Detail . Location	Target Species	Level	Trip Organiser
February	8th - 10th	Local Hunt - Te Tuhi Track, Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park	Reds, Pigs	3	Jonathan Flude
March	15th - 17th	Mangamate Hut, Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park	Reds	4	Baden Prentice
April	5th - 8th	Roar Hunt - Pakihi Hut / Te Waiti Hut, Urutawa Conservation Area	Red Stags	3	Tim Taylor
May	17th - 19th	Boat-in Hunt - Hot Water Beach Campsite, Lake Tarawera	Reds, Sambar, and Trout	3	Bob Tatton
June	31st - 3rd	(Queen's Birthday) Maungapohatu Station / Makomako Hut, Te Urewera	Reds, Rusa	3	Stan Lowe
July	12th- 15th	Fly-in Hunt - Boyd Hut, Kaimanawa Forest Park	Sika	4	Reuben Hayward
August	TBC	HUNTS Course Guided Hunt	Reds, Goats, Pigs	3	Bob Tatton
September	13th - 15th	Hut Warming - Te Whare Okioki Hut, Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park	Reds, Pigs	3	Reuben Hayward
October	25th - 28th	(Labour Weekend) Canoe Hunt - Mokau River	Fallow, Pigs, Goats	3	Reuben Hayward
November	2nd - 10th	Club Tahr Hunt - Mount Cook National Park	Tahr	5	Stan Lowe
	22nd - 24th	Spring Meat Hunt Clements Mill Rd	Sika	3	Mark Hargrave

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.

For up to date specifics refer to the Facebook events page.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/deerstalkersbop/events/?source=4&action_history=null&filter=calendar

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
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.

CLUB HUNTS REPORT

November Club Hunt Report - Clements Mill Road.

Clements Mill Road is located off the Napier Taupo highway and is approximately 2 hours from Tauranga. It's an old logging road that punches into the Kaimanawas and is now considered to be the home turf of the whily Sika. The forecast for the weekend was decidedly average and with snow having fallen down South during the week it was debatable what this hunt was going to be like. None the less, a good group of club members were keen to try their hand so the weekend was on...what's the worse that could happen, we get cold and wet?

Clements Mill Road was chosen as this months club hunt for a number of reasons...

1. It's got a lot of areas to hunt so it didn't matter how many people were down there (as we were to find out).
2. It's all car camping so you can take as many luxuries as you like.
3. With a road running through the middle of the block, navigation is easy for people of all ability levels.



My hunt started on Wednesday afternoon with a trip to see long time club legend, Keith Theobald. I'd only hunted this area on my Hunts Course some 16 years ago so I had no idea what to expect or how to plan a hunt in the area. I needed some intel. Together we poured over some maps, with Keith reliving his glory days and me trying to soak up as much knowledge about where to go and what to avoid. The excitement started to build.

Side note: the club has a huge amount of collective experience within its members so if you're looking to hunt a new area I encourage you pick up the phone or go and visit these people. People like Keith are great to have a yarn to; sitting down with a cuppa and look over a few maps is what it's all about.

On station at Clements Mill there was no need for an alarm clock - the dawn chorus was like nothing I've ever experienced. The bird song was so loud that I was soon to get annoyed with it. How was I meant to hear a deer moving if all I could hear was birds! Who am I kidding, I loved it, and I was especially happy to note the near constant screech of the Kaka. I entered the bush just as soon as daylight penetrated the canopy, which was at 5.45am, and proceeded to stalk up towards the main ridge. The ground underfoot was soft and spongy and the forest was a mix of regenerating beach, crown fern, and the occasional podocarp. It was an extremely pleasant place to hunt and I felt almost lazy as I wasn't having to work hard like I'm used to. I couldn't help wondering why I'd been flogging myself in the steep country out the back of Opotiki when this was right on our doorstep.

By lunchtime I'd worked my way up to the top of the main ridge. I was surprised that I hadn't spooked anything as conditions were near perfect – warm sun punctuating the canopy, a gentle downhill breeze, and deer sign everywhere. Up on the tops, my plan now changed from bush stalking to clearing-hopping. Keith had told me of a number of clearings at the head of the creeks, so I felt sure I'd

encounter something out sunning itself. I was soon to learn that this plan was going to be a total failure. Yes, I easily found the first clearing and marvelled at the 'bowling green' level that the deer had mown it down to. I also enjoyed the view out to Lake Taupo and the cell phone reception that the height afforded me, but this is where the fun stopped. I now encountered the snow damage. This was large tracts of mature trees that had been flattened by heavy snow a few years back. They typically covered the tops of the spurs and presented an absolute minefield to try and get through. Combined with the new crown fern that grew through it all, you simply couldn't see the ground or get through it quietly! The deer obviously knew better and had avoided it entirely so I resigned myself to having to climb, bash, and generally stumble through it all. Bugger this I thought, and dropped down to a lower level. My day ended back at the road some 10 hours after starting. I'd covered a lot of ground but hadn't spooked or even smelt a deer. You get that some days. Returning to the campsite I discovered that the North Auckland branch of the NZDA had made camp and after talking to some of their members I learnt that they were down for their Hunts Course...the memories of my own course all those years ago started drifting back.

Five of our members ultimately joined me at the clearing and we camped up in a loose group. Saturday morning saw us head off to different parts of the road after consultation with the North Auckland members; there was 12 of them and along with several other people we saw driving around it was a busy place. The weather had now started to turn and the day was punctuated by showers and swirling winds. Under the canopy the rain wasn't really a problem and the lads put in a big effort trying to find themselves some meat. My own day saw me spook a deer without the chance of a shot before I found a ferret to take my frustrations out...there's not a lot left when they're hit by a 30.06 round! Returning to camp I was met by a very happy Mark Hargrave who had a couple of nice legs hanging in a tree. He found this young animal not far from the road so had carried it back whole before enlisting Bob to help teach him some of the finer points of boning out. A massive congrats mate.

Over the course of the evening the weather started to deteriorate as forecasted. The enthusiasm level for getting a wet ass dictated that the hunt was called short so we all packed up early the following morning and headed home in the torrential rain. All up it was another good weekend on the hill and great to get to know a few more members. Thanks for coming fellas.



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Photo and article of interest – sent in by Dave Sorenson

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in March 2018. It is one of the best wild deer that I have seen.”



A letter from deer heaven

Malcolm Halstead

Dear Dumb Shooter,

I have called you a shooter because you are not worthy of the title hunter. You may not remember me but I am that red spiker you saw in the hills when out shooting and, yes, I am the one you tried to shoot in the head with your twenty-two. I have now passed to the other side as a magnificent eight pointer just two years after we met. I have enclosed a couple of photos of the damage you did to me that day, note my missing teeth and hole in the roof of my mouth. Also note the bullet fragments lodged under my eye! After our brief encounter, I ran as though the devil himself was chasing me, blinded by the pain in my skull and blurriness in my vision.

For the next two weeks, I wandered aimlessly around



Twenty-two inflicted damage

the hills, only able to drink small amounts of water. Sleep was impossible and my

physical condition weakened over the coming weeks.

Slowly, the roof of my mouth healed and the aching of my missing teeth subsided. My eye sight never returned to normal but slowly I rejoined other wild deer to live a near normal life. I often wondered if 1080 wouldn't be such a bad way to go after the pain and misery you put me through. I have sent you this note in the hope that in the future you venture into the hills with a suitable calibre.

Yours,

The Mighty Red Stag.

PS: I will be waiting for you to join me one day, where you to will experience penetration from a sharp object, albeit at the opposite end to where I was injured!



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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 1st 2017– February 28th 2018).

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

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- 🍷 Club newsletter – monthly.
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Information for Applicants:

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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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	*Joining Fee		Full Yr Mar – Aug	1/2 Yr Sep – Feb
FEES – Branch financial year runs from March 1 st 2016 to February 28 th 2017				
SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$50.00	+	\$110.00	\$59.00
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AFFILIATE – Must be a full member of another branch.	\$50.00	+	\$50.00	\$29.00
SUPERANNUANT – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	\$50.00	+	\$85.00	\$46.50
STUDENT – Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	\$50.00	+	\$85.00	\$46.50

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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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