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

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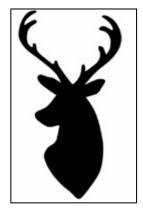
Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)

Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month All correspondence to be addressed to PO Box 3111, Greerton

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

Opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the branch, its executive committee or the national association.





Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter.

At this time of year the excitement of the approaching roar is usually pre occupying most hunters thoughts of antlered stags, and with last minute planning underway. Sadly the events that

and with last minute planning underway. Sadly the events that have taken place in Christchurch will for most of us have overshadowed that excitement and brought us back to earth with

a thud. I'm sure most of us thought this would never happen in our country and were happy with the freedom we had in relation to our firearms laws as they currently stand. The NZDA National office released a statement of condolence on social media which I felt was well written under the circumstances. I am aware that some members did not like the wording in relation to excepting changes to the gun legislation but I think National office is being realistic so let's hope we get the opportunity to negotiate otherwise it will be one way traffic as happened in Australia in 1996.



The construction of the hut at the Ngawahine shelter site is well under way but Stan requires more volunteers to share the load for the completion of this project. If you can help please contact Stan 07 8684515.

The April club night will be a general get together with nothing planned, so come along if you're not out hunting and have a chat.

The May club night will be butchering a deer supplied by Les and assisted by Shane.

It's the time of year when we require trophies to be returned and it would be great if you could manage to polish them which will save Keith a job.

That's it for this month so hope to see on club night.

Clyde

COVER PHOTO - From Pakihi roar hunt

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

*** WE ARE RUNNNG LOW ON PHOTOS - PLEASE SEND YOURS NOW!! ***

NZDA CALENDAR 2019

Apri]	l					
Tuesday, 2 nd April, 7.30 pm			Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms - Tahr Trip Photos			
Tuesday, 9 th April, 7.30 pm			Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms			
Thursday, 4 th April, 7:00 pm			Lecture Night at NZDA Clubrooms			
			(for Firearms Licence)			
April	April 5 th – 8 th	Roar Hunt – Pak	ihi Hut / Te	Target Species:	Organiser:	
HUNT		Waiti Hut, Urutawa Conservation		Reds, Pigs	Tim Taylor	
		Area		Level 3		

May						
Tuesday, 7	th May, 7.30 pm		Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms - Butchering a deer			
Tuesday, 14 th May, 7.30 pm			Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms			
May HUNT	May 17 th – 19 th	Boat-in Hu Hot Water Campsite Lake Tara	Beach	Target Species: Reds, Sambar, Pigs Level 3	Organiser: Bob Tatton	

June	
Tuesday, 4 th June, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 11 th June, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 22 nd June	Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner



Paul Adamson

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Save The Date

Saturday 22nd June 2019

Mid Winter Christmas themed Dinner and Prizegiving At Tauriko Clubr**ooms**



There will be no charge for this dinner

Meat provided by Club

BYO Drinks

Attendees will be asked to please bring a salad or

dessert to share

More Info to follow

NZDA HUNTS CALENDAR 2019

Month	Date	Detail . Location	cation Target Species		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	
July / August	30 th – 1 AUG	HUNTS Course Guided Hunt Waikeremoana	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 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.

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

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CLUB HUNTS

April Club Hunt: 5th-7th April at the Pakihi Hut (Opotiki area). This area has become a regular producer for our club and every trip has secured at least one deer. Hunting is a mix of bush and river flats so you can go as hard or as easy as you like. Numbers are limited to 6 but any extras will be encouraged to use the Te Waiti Hut which is approximately 1 watershed over (opportunity for some friendly rivalry). Tim will be driving down on the Thursday night and walking in under headlamp but you're welcome to come whenever it suits. To register for this hunt please call Tim on 027 668 9904

	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			
	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			
5						

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.

Membership card update: due to some difficulties with printing we're experiencing delays in getting the cards out. Please bear with us as our club now has close to 500 members and it's a significant job which is done solely by volunteers.

Range Keys: as previously communicated, we're not doing a key swap this year as we has a new system that we hope to implement soon. Please keep your current key and await further instructions.

BRANCH HUNTS

Maungapahutu Branch Hunt

Fri May 31st to Mon 3rd June

Te Urewera's, Mako Mako Hut plus Ruas Track and tent base camps

Leaving at 8.00am Friday

Branch Hunt Conditions

- Small access fee
- Shared travel costs
- All meat shared
- Hunters will be allocated areas that 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

Tahr Hunt 2019

The date has been set for this years Tahr Hunt -

Leave Tauranga Sat 2nd November and return on Sunday 10th November.

A meeting sometime in August to finalise areas and numbers but will advise dates in July newsletter.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTENTION TO GO ASAP SO I CAN WORK ON ADDITIONAL AREAS IF NECESSARY.

It is best to advise by email if possible or give me call.

Stan Lowe

Email lowe2147@gmail.com Phone 07 8684515



Bumper Stickers available from Club Night: \$10 each



STONEY CREEK CLOTHING



Stoney Creek clothing with the NZDA logo is now available for ordering.

Samples will be available to view at club nights. Ordering to be done at a club night or by special arrangement with Reuben Hayward."

FIREARM LICENCING

INFORMATION for MEMBERS

The committee has agreed to allow me to offer to people going for their first firearms licence the opportunity to attend a safety lecture on the seven safety rules and other useful tips around handling firearms at our branch clubrooms.

So please tell your family members and friends who wish to obtain their first firearms licence that these lectures will take place on the first Thursday of the month starting on 7 March. Start time will be 7.00pm and will last approx. 2 hours. There will be an entry fee of \$10.00 adult and \$5.00 high school student. Sorry <u>Cash only</u>

This has come about because of the changes that police have made for obtaining your first firearms licence, people are expected to learn this theory by online learning.

Richard 021 1382483

BUILD A DRY MEAT SAFE

URGENT

2 Volunteers

To design and build a dry meat safe facility for holding and preparing meat for packing out

This is for the Te Whare Okioki Hut site

Time Frame 2 -3 weeks

Ph Stan Lowe for further details and instructions PH 07 8684515

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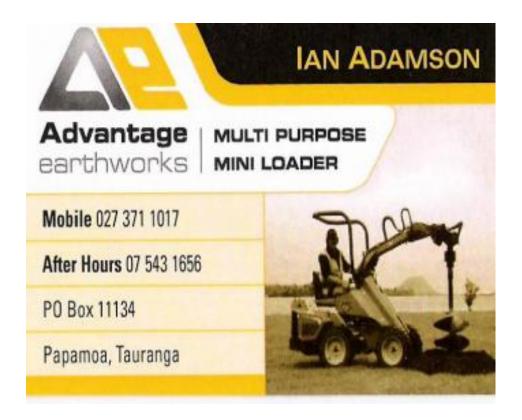




RANGE NEWS

Grant Hammond NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager

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MEASURING NIGHT 2019

Tuesday 21st May - 7.00pm

A reminder of the conditions of entry

All members must be financial both at the time of taking the trophy or photo and at the time of entry to the competition. Financial means that subscription monies are in the hands of the Treasurer and have been receipted.

All A.H.T. trophies must have been taken under fair chase rules and not have been paid for. They need to be presented in a clean and non-smelly condition. Skulls must be whole and can only have the brain cavity opened below the atlanto-occipital joint where the skull joins the spine. The lamdoidal ridge at the back of the skull must be intact. On Sika, Red and Wapiti heads the nasal bone must be complete and intact for measuring skull.

Entries in both the A.H.T. and Photographic competitions are limited to 3 per category excepting the sequence section which is from 3 to 10 photos to tell a story.

Photo Categories: -

F SEQUENCE

G TRAIL CAMERAS

A GAME ANIMALS (Live and not in captivity)
B1 BIRDS (Live and not in captivity)
B2 MAMALS (Live and not in captivity)

B3 INSECTS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (Live and not in captivity)
C SCENIC (Can have minor human activity)

D FLORA (In natural setting)

E HUMAN INTERESTS (Must show evidence of human activity)

(Can be fireplaces, trophies etc)
(3 to 10 photos telling a story)
(Photos from set cameras)

VIDEOS – DVDS A HUNTING

B WILDLIFE C TRAINING

Should be no longer than 20 minutes

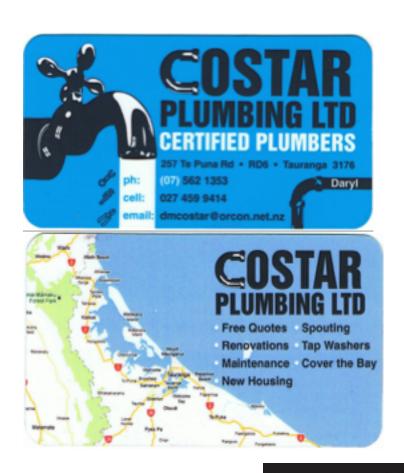
PHOTO SIZES:- These can be either 6 x 4 or 7 x 5.

A tip – 7 x 5 present better particularly in the National Competitions

All trophies in both A.H.T. and photographic are to be taken in New Zealand only and not from any

moving conveyance i.e. car, boat, aeroplane or helicopter.

The BOP NZDA competitions run from measuring night to measuring night, usually the third Tuesday in May. The National competition goes from 1st June to 31st May leaving a couple of weeks gap. If you shoot a worthy trophy in this period it can only qualify for this years competition. Get in touch with us quickly.





TE WHARE OKOIKI HUT PROGRESS

During March there has been much progress on the hut construction. It has taken two weekends to complete the block work up to the bond beam stage which has been given building inspection approval and the concrete poured into these. By the time this newsletter is published the final blocks will have been laid and inspected. The next step is to get the roof on which should happen by the end of the month. Roofing materials are on site ready to go.

Without the volunteers from the club this project would not be possible. A big thank you to all those who have made time to support hut project which will be a great asset to hunters and trampers. We still have a way to go and need more volunteers that are able help with plastering, painting, installing fireplace as well as general clean up and building work so there is job suitable for you. Just give me a call. (07 8684515 027 6671140)

Photos below were taken in mid March so much has been done since then. Stan Lowe.







NOTICE BOARD

For Sale:

Genuine Victor #1 leg-hold possum traps (500 available). Top quality steel made in USA \$4 a trap

If anyone is interested they can contact Mike on the telephone numbers below to view or discuss prices.

Michael Thame H:07 576 5087 M:027 338 2582

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.

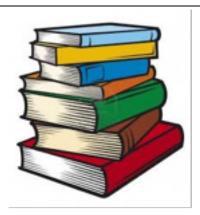
For Sale:

303 SMLE, matching bolt and rifle, reasonable condition for age, \$250ono all proceeds go to the club, contact Tim Taylor on 027 668 9904

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



BIG 4 COMP

Notice on behalf of Reuben Hayward: the Big 4 competition is looking for douglas scorers for their competition. Anyone willing to donate their time please contact Reuben Hayward on 027 482 8969.



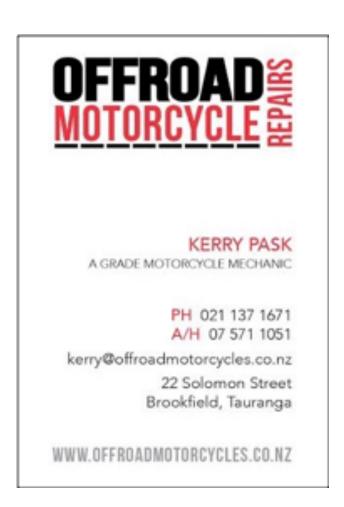
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- 2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
- 3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
- 4. Pay a \$40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on 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 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:	Perio	Period Joined			(Circle one)		
FEES – Branch financial year runs from March 1 st 2016 to February 28 th 2017		*Joining Fee		Full Yr Mar – Aug		1/2 Yr Sep – Feb	
SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$5	\$50.00		\$110.00		\$59.00	
FAMILY MEMBER – partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1 st 2016	\$(\$0.00		\$2.00		\$1.00	
JUNIOR – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1 st 2016 (No voting rights).	\$(\$0.00		\$37.50		\$22.75	
ASSOCIATE – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag	\$5	0.00	+	\$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	0.00	+	\$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 NEW and members UNFINANCIAL for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31 May 2017)		Memb		ip Fee e	\$		
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS: Annual Range Ticket (Mar-Feb each yr – \$50 see separate info pack))	Range	e tick	ket	\$		
Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range	e:	Donat Tota	tion al Payment		\$ \$		
Please find enclosed my payment for my application to Bay of Plenty Branch. Cheque Cash Direct Credit Account Name: Bank Account No: Reference: NZDA- BOP Branch 030445-0184375-00 Enter your surname * In all instances this application form must be filled out in full and posted to: New Zealand Deerstalkers Association B.O.P Branch, 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:							





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'
- 6. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting
- 7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.



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