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

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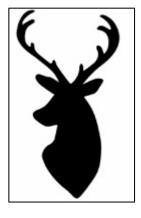
Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)

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

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

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#### PRESIDENTS REPORT - JULY 2020



Hi everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. The main topic for this month is the Annual General Meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> July which is our normal club night. If you have not attended our AGM in the past or you are a new member please come along as it is your opportunity to see how the club is performing and what financial state the club is in.

For those members that feel it is time to contribute please come and have a go as we need new blood to lend a hand and to shoulder some of the responsibility for the coming year. It is also much easier to take up executive positions while the incumbent person is still around to show you the ropes and help in passing on their experience.

We currently do not have a Treasurer as no one volunteered at the last AGM. Paul has continued doing that role to help out the club. We also do not have a membership secretary and luckily Grant has stepped up and has been doing this work. Our Secretary Dave has been in this position for 11 years and would like a break and I have been in the Presidents role for 5 years. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Stan is organising some party hunts so that info should be in this newsletter and the hunts course which was originally cancelled due Covid19 is now back on, so if you are interested please get in touch with Bob Tatton.

We had very small number of heads to measure this year and a small number of photos due in part to the Covid19, so the prize giving will be very short and sweat and we will probably hold this on a club night in the future. That's it for this month. Clyde

**COVER PHOTO** – Meet Tessa - The Maisey's new "Lockdown Pup" – what a way to spend Level 4 – puppy-mania!

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

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#### This calendar sponsered by Tree Wise Men

# **NZDA CALENDAR 2020**

July	
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm	Annual General Meeting Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms

August	
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms

September	
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September, 7.30 pm	Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm	Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms



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#### MAUNGAPAHUTU BRANCH HUNT - JULY

# Maungapahutu Branch Hunt

#### Thurs July 9th to Sunday July 12th

Te Urewera's, Mako Mako Hut, Taurawharona Hut (weather permitting)

Leaving at 8.00am Thursday from Clubrooms

#### **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.

Phone Les 544 2442

Text Stan 027 6671140 Or email lowe2147@gmail.com

#### **CLUB HUNTS**

	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	avtrama fitnass alaina	hoots nock himoculars rangefinder			
	Extreme Hunting, alpine or dense bush	extreme fitness, alpine skills, navigation	boots, pack, binoculars, rangefinder, spotting scope, crampons, ice axe			
5						

# COVID-19 safety plan

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU WILL DO		WHO IS RESPONSIBLE			
How will you gather information on the wellness of your members to ensure that they are	Consider: Daily health screening check, discussing options with workers, follow-up procedures for ill workers, contact tracing information.  Example: To find out if workers are well when they come to work, we will ask each worker basic questions about their physical and mental health.	Team leaders  Each and everyone			
safe to participateinclub activities?	We will rely on individual member honesty and integrity				
How will you operate your organisation in a way that keeps members and others safe from exposure to COVID-19?	Consider: Who needs to be in the workplace, worker input into different ways of working, what other people or businesses you'll have to interact with, ensuring separation distances, disinfecting surfaces, shared equipment, equipment for remote workers, training requirements, physical separation or PPE requirements, worker transport.  Example: We will review guidance on the Ministry of Health website and to be sure we are cleaning surfaces the right way with the right disinfectant.  Make hand wash facilities available at clubrooms and rifle range.  Rearrange seating/table arrangement at clubrooms to maintain social distancing. Increase frequency of cleaning and sterilise frequently handled surfaces.  Rearrange firing line set out to maintain social distancing	Facilities manager to review procedures and order supplies, cleaners to use the new supplies and follow new cleaning procedures  Club Custodian  Range Manager			
How will you manage an exposure or suspected exposure to COVID-19?	Consider: Isolation procedures, gathering and using workplace contact tracing information, clean down procedures, contacting Healthline.  Example: Arrange safe transport home immediately and provide all workers with advice on contacting GP and/or Healthline.  A contact registers will be maintained for all events  Collate contact tracing information	Site manager  Event manager			

	and contact health department	
How will you evaluate whether your work processes or risk controls are effective?	Consider: Adapting plans as you find better/easier ways to do things, how to ensure workers are raising concerns or solutions, conducting regular reviews of your plan, communicating changes.  Example: We need workers' feedback and some speak little English, so we will team up workers with buddies who are more fluent in English at team meetings.  Seek feedback from club members	Team leaders Committee
	and review Covid practices at monthly committee meetings	
How do these changes impact on the risks of the activities that you do?	Consider: With workers, review existing critical risks and whether work practice changes will affect current risk management, are any new critical risks introduced due to changes in worker numbers, work practices, what new risk controls are required?  Example: Regular check-ins with workers about how they're coping with the change to shift work.  They do not increased any existing risks or add new risks.	Team leaders Committee

#### NZDA-BOP TECT Park 300m Rifle Range Manual - Covid-19 Range Safety Procedures

#### 1 GENERAL

#### Covid19 Range Safety Procedures for Operating Under Level 2 Restrictions

The rifle range will be open during the Covid19 Alert level 2 period, starting from **10am** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The normal modes of operation as outlined in the range manual will apply (refer to section 4.6 - club events, individual member use and open public days), subject to the following additional safety procedures:

1. 2 SOCIAL DISTANCING The Government's Covid19 website stipulates the following physical distancing rules:

Keep your distance when out and about (ideally 2 metres).

- 1 metre from others in most other environments, unless there are mitigating measures. Examples of times where you should keep 1 metre between groups include cafes, church groups, gatherings, restaurants and retail stores.
- Take extra care if you interact with people you don't know. The firing line shooting positions are set out at 1.6m centres, so it is considered this level of separation meets the above physical distancing requirements, however some people may wish to observe the 2m separation rule so we ask that you show consideration to your fellow members and check they are ok with being positions in the next shooting position (at 1.6 spacing) along-side them, and provide more space if they request it.

2. **3 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS** The Government's Covid19 website stipulate "venues" must: And "Gatherings" must:

have no more than 10 people

not be longer than 2 hours

keep high hygiene standards

record attendees to ensure contact tracing can be conducted if necessary. We have interpreted an event at our range as a "venue", and consider a group of people down at the firing line, or up in the car park, or in the amenity building as three separate "gatherings". On this basis the maximum number of people that can congregate on the firing line is 10 people for 2 hours. Similarly 10 people is the limit for people in the amenity building for a 2 hour period. It will be the range officer in control of the firing line's responsibility to ensure there are no more than 10 persons on the firing line at any one time. The RO has full control of the firing line, and may direct anybody to exit the firing line in order to limit the gathering to no more than 10 persons.

- **4 HYGIENE** There is no hand basin down at the firing line, so shooters should bring their own hand sanitiser/steriliser to sterilise their hands, and any surfaces they intend to use before, and after use. The loan staplers will be one of the mobile items frequently handled by multiple persons, so take appropriate precautions. On public days all frequently touched surfaces (bench rests, doors, gun racks hand staplers etc) in the firing line and amenity building should be sanitised at the start and end of the day by the RO's rostered on duty. Hand squirt bottles and bleach will be provided and stored up in the amenity building for this purpose. (NB bleach solutions needs to be made up daily as it oxidises, so these should not be left down on the firing line).
- 3. 5 CONTACT TRACING Contact tracing information is required to be collected to assist in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be given to the Ministry of Health and/or the District Health Board on request in the event that it is required for contact tracing purposes. Although we have an electronic access tag that recorded entry and exit of range ticket holders, we will re- implement the hard copy range register book as our contact tracing register. All persons one the range will be required to record their name, and contact phone number or membership number in the register. DO NOT RECORD YOUR ADDRESS (for obvious firearms security reasons).
- 4. **6 EXPOSURE TO COVID19** Anyone who has been exposed to Covid-19 and has been to the range should advise the Range manager immediately

G M Hammond Range Manager NZDA Bay of Plenty Branch

Gunbammind.

# This is my club so how can I help??

What a great question and one that all members should ask themselves from time to time. Have I contributed to help run the club in some way, whether that's on a working bee or going on the committee or just helping out when required.

Without members contributing in some way the club will not function successfully and the trend in recent years is that a small number of members bare most of the responsibility and for a considerable number of years without a break. The time is fast approaching when we need new blood to take up the executive positions on the committee such as President, Secretary and Treasurer and we will also be looking for a Membership Secretary.

If more members would step up and contribute some of their time and especially those members with some skills it would make life easier for all which would share the load. I can hear some of you saying I'm too busy and don't have time.... Are you really that busy or is it just a convenient excuse. I guess if you haven't had time to go hunting, fishing or out to the range then maybe you are too busy.

For new members joining the club one of the best ways to get to know everyone and make some friends is to get involved with organisation in one way or another and for me the satisfaction of making a contribution is rewarding.

If you are interested in getting more involved in the club please come and talk to me about it at one of the club nights.

Clyde

President

#### It's all about the hunt - Dave Sorenson

#### It's all about the hunt

I had promised myself a special hunt for when I turned 75, so with that in mind I booked a hunt with Gerald Fluerty who runs Wildside Hunting. Gerald was an active member of our branch and I had hunted with him before. He became an outfitter and guide, so I knew that we had similar views on hunting, and that he had access to some good hunting areas. It is getting harder to find mature red stags on public land nowadays, so for the first time in 60 years of hunting, I decided to have a NZ paid hunt. "

I do not need to shoot a massive head as it is all about the hunt" I told Gerald. "Not behind wire and a genuine wild stag." The hunt was booked in for mid roar this year, so I got myself fit and my gear in top condition, and waited with a lot of anticipation. Late March and Gerald sent me a photo of a magnificent stag on the bush edge, taken with a telephoto lens, with the comment, "Never seen him before, obviously jumped the fence from the National park to get to the hinds. Thought you might be interested." Would I what!



Then along came lockdown. The roar came and went and so did the stag. Lockdown over, and still no stag. Gerald rang and said there was no point in coming down yet, but he thought he was still around, just staying in the bush. He would ring me if he saw him. There was no word on the stag, so I hunted in the Kaimais and got a 6 point bush stag. I was just about to go on a hunt down to the King Country when I got a call from Gerald." I saw the stag with a younger mate. They are holed up in some bush, so come down and we will try to catch up with them." You bet!



So with everything else on hold, I packed my gear and headed to a very cold National Park, set myself up in a cosy cabin and set the alarm for 5am. Dawn saw us crunching through a frosty track to a small knob to glass the likely area to see the stags. We saw 3 as they headed back into the bush to bed down, but they did not come our way. The advantage of having a guide is you get knowledge and experience of the local area. It saves a lot of effort and time, but you are still hunting wild deer which are unpredictable. We spent most of the day glassing likely areas to no avail, so mid- afternoon we went back to base for a warm brew and some more clothes as the wind was very cold indeed. That evening we set up to wait in bush overlooking the most

likely area for the stags to come out. The bush edge we were watching was 250-300m away and with the cold breeze blowing into our faces; with eyes and noses watering, it wasn't much fun. We were glassing from a small finger of bush, so I had set up my rifle and watched and waited; apart from a lone hind- nothing.

2 1/2 hours later, with the light just starting to fade, a lone young stag appeared at the bush edge. He started to feed and with the light now fading fast, three mature stags also appeared and started to feed. YES! my stag was there, that's the top one that has just stepped behind that tree. How many times in a hunter's life has that happened. A real test of patience to wait for him to step forward. I have a good quality scope, so with the poor light, I could still see alright. Finally the stag stepped forward and I could take the shot, 230 metres and no pressure for the geriatric hunter "Yeah right". The stag dropped with the shot and the tension eased, so I could enjoy watching the other two large stags as they ran down towards us and stopped. Each one was a trophy and they did not have a clue where we were. It was nearly dark as we got over to the stag and what a beast. Large, in good condition and 14 points, so even, a true trophy of a lifetime. 319 7/8 Douglas score. We just had time to gut it and open it up for cooling overnight, ready to collect next morning.



Any hunter or fisherman who has strived for a trophy will know just how I felt that night. A long, cold day but we got it right in the end. Mind you, between the two of us, we have over 100years of hunting experience.

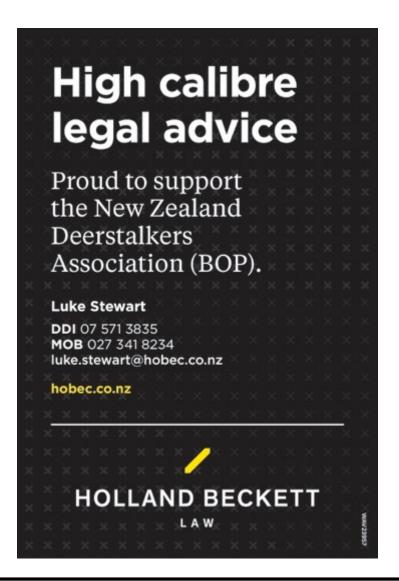
Next morning, and another heavy frost, saw us take the quad bike and trailer to collect the stag. Yes, this is one trophy that looks a lot better in the morning. We had to drag it by rope to get it loaded onto the trailer.

What a big stag and what a mission. Being careful not to damage the head, we transported it to Gerald's meat shed, hooked it up on to the hoist and processed it. It had a very good looking head-skin, and as I did not want a mount, Gerald gave the skin to a taxidermy friend. The meat has proved to be very good eating indeed.

I was off back home the next day with fond memories of nice hunting country, Gerald and Brenda's fine hospitality, sunny but cold weather and a top 14 point trophy. You see, it is all about the hunt.

PS: I took the head to the measuring night and although it can't go into the competition, the members enjoyed having a look at it. Thanks Baden and James for measuring the head for me. The last two mature stags that I have shot have been just on dark, with the younger deer coming out to feed first. It just proves that to live to a ripe old age you just gotta be smart and crafty. At least, that's what I tell my wife.

**Dave Sorenson** 





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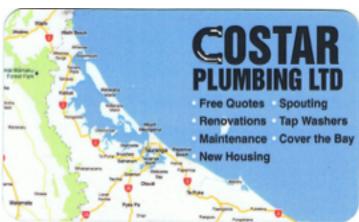
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(Max width including mudguards=2430mm and max length including draw bar =5750mm)

Max Load: 1800kg

GVM: 2800kg (i.e. gross vehicle mass is the max operating weight comprised of trailer weight and maximum trailer payload weight)

Tyres: x4 175cm/13 inch

- -Draw bar and hydraulic brakes with parking brake lever and reverse auto-braking device.
- -High performance disc brakes
- -Spare wheel
- -Retractable jockey wheel
- -2x removable gantries to support load above wheel arches
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Please contact Mike or Sue Thame Tel: 07 576 5087 or Mobile: 027 441 4813

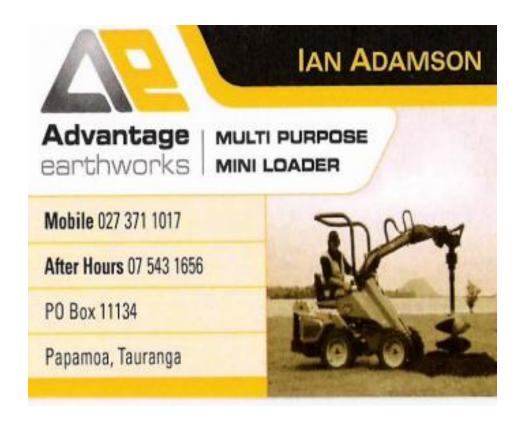
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#### **FOR SALE:**

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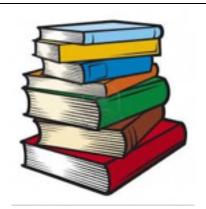
Contact Michael Thame for any of the above. H: 07 576 5087 M: 027 338 2582

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- 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)

- 5. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
- 6. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed.
- 7. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
- 8. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
- 9. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
- 10. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
- 11. Never fire above the skyline.
- 12. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards.
- 13. Never skylark with weapons.

# Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.)

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 year March  $1^{st}$  2020 – February  $28^{th}$  2021.

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:	DOB:				
	Name:	DOB:				
	Name:	DOB:				
	Name:	DOB:				
Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	/	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2020. Superanuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2020.				

#### **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, Tim Taylor 027 668 9904 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.

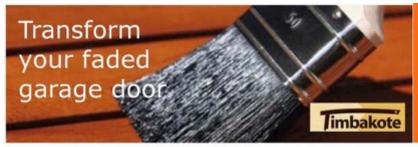
The membership type I am applying for is:	Period Joined (C		(Cir	cle c	one)	
<b>FEES</b> – Branch financial year runs from March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 to February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2017		*Joining Fee		<b>Full Yr</b> Mar – Aug		<b>½ Yr</b> Sep – Feb
SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.		\$50.00		\$145.00		\$75.00
<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b> – partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	\$(	0.00	+	\$5.00		\$3.00
<b>JUNIOR</b> – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 (No voting rights).	\$(	\$0.00		\$45.00		\$25.00
<b>ASSOCIATE</b> – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag	\$5	\$50.00		\$100.00		\$55.00
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SUPERANNUANT – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	\$5	\$50.00		\$100.00		\$55.00
STUDENT – Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	\$5	\$50.00		\$95.0	\$95.00	
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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
- 5. Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'
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