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PRESIDENTS REPORT: FEBRUARY 2021

Hi everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and ready for a new year that will hopefully not be interrupted by Covid as it was in 2020.

For our first club night for the year (Tuesday 2nd Feb) we will have a guest speaker and we will also put on a supper. The Speaker is Graeme Warrender the President for the NZ Bowhunters Society so please make the effort to come along to listen to Graeme and catch up with other members.

We have a new Editor for our newsletter in Nik Maxwell who most of you will recognise the name from NZGUNS, so thanks Nik for taking this on. A big thank you to Claire Maisey for her contribution of producing this newsletter for the club over the last 10 or 11 years. The club would not thrive without people who have contributed as Claire has done over many years.

By the time you read this newsletter the Tapu Family weekend will be close and hopefully you will have all read my email re attending either for the whole weekend or just for the Saturday evening. If you haven't read it... hurry up!

Some of you may have noticed a cool room being constructed at the club rooms which is now nearly complete. Reuben and his brother have constructed this for members to use, and he will manage the process of access for those members wishing take advantage of this facility. Reuben will post the details and rules once this cool room is up and running.

The party hunts meeting at the Judea Tavern saw eight members attend and as a result we have a plan for the year. I'm hopeful there will be enough interest in what's planned to keep everyone happy and we will see good support at each hunt. If you have any other opportunities or ideas to contribute or assist with the party hunts please let us know.

That's about it from me so hopefully we will see you at the club night.

Clyde

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CLUB NIGHT:

First Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

All correspondence to be addressed to PO Box 3111, Greerton.

NEWSLETTER:

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.

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FAMILY WEEKEND

Friday January 29th to Mon 1st Feb 2021 (Auckland Anniversary Weekend) Riverside Retreat 31 Tapu Coroglen Road Thames Coast (Stan & Arendina Lowe's)

In addition to our wonderful family weekend we are now including the 70th Anniversary of the BOP Deerstalkers Branch

Come and reminisce with members young and old. Reveal those great hunting and club stories from years ago. Bring photos if you have them.

There will be a special gathering on Saturday evening with a potluck style BBQ and cake cutting for this commemoration. Even if you cannot stay the whole weekend make an effort, as this is something special for our branch.

Enjoy a weekend of fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, walking, and biking on Hauraki Rail Trail or just relaxing with the family and other club members. Heaps of other activities and lots of space to do it in.

Bring your camping gear, caravan, camper van or stay in our cabins (several available) at Riverside Retreat or across the road in self contained flat. Other holiday accommodation can be arranged if none of the other options is to your liking.

Facilities at Riverside include non flush toilets, shower, large BBQ area with NZDA marquees, fridge and freezer space, local shop with takeaways, safe swimming whole in river, shellfish collecting, school playground plus the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

WHAT TO BRING: Sun screen, insect repellent, food & drink and usual camp gear and the toys you enjoy or even a deck chair and a good book.

Sunday night we will have a group BBQ with heaps of snapper. Bring salads and potluck food to share.

COST: \$15 per adult per night, students \$5 per night, under 5 years free.

If you have any specific requirements give me a call, as I am sure we can make it happen.

Please phone Stan on 07 868 4515 or email lowe2147@gmail.com to discuss your requirements even if you require all the home comforts we can arrange that also.

ED'S NOTE:

DEAR READER

This author would like to let you know that my time as editor on the NZDA BOP Newsletter has come to an end. I would like to thank you all for letting me be a part of the club in this role for the last (almost) 10 years!

It has been a pleasure, I have learnt more about hunting and bushcraft than the 20-something vegetarian who first took this on ever thought she would!

One thing that has stood out over the years is the camaraderie and support within the club and this shines in the stories I have received.

Now, more than ever, in this world we need to do two things of great importance:

- 1. Support each other, and
- 2. Spend time in our own big backyard New Zealand.

Get out there! Go bush! And keep up the great work!

Nik Maxwell will take over the Editor role - he can be contacted on editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

I will still clear the claire71@gmail.com email and forward on any Deerstalkers content to Nik.

Thank you!

Claire

BOP NZDA SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE LINKS

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BOP NZDA CALENDAR 2021

FFBRUARY

 2^{nd} , 7.30 pm: Club Night at NZDA Clubrooms with guest speaker Graeme Warrender, President of the NZ Bowhunters Society.

9th, 7.30 pm: Committee Night at NZDA Clubrooms.

BOP NZDA CLUB HUNTS 2021

JANUARY

29th Jan - 1st Feb (Auckland Anniversary weekend): Tapu family fishing weekend.

FEBRUARY

12th - 13th: Hare Hunt in Waipukurau. This hunt is always well attended and a highlight for many. Shotguns and quadbikes are recommended. This hunt is being organised by the famous Stan Lowe. Contact Stan at lowe2147@qmail.com for more information.

MARCH

12th - 14th: First Annual National Womans Hunt, being held at Clements Mill Road - Open to any female members of the NZDA. This is being organised by a number of woman across multiple branches. Contact courtney@deerstalkers.co.nz or Sarah Cotching our branch secretary at secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz for more information.

APRIL - GO HUNTING! IT'S THE ROAR!

17th - 18th: Proposed hunt at Aongatete, staying at the Aongatete Outdoor Education Center. This is the area where our branch erected the deer exclosure fence to protect the King Fern and assist the Aongatete Forest Project with their conservation efforts of this valued native species. Target species are red deer and pigs. Details yet to be confirmed. Contact Mike Ryland at therylandtribe@gmail.com to register your interest.

23rd - 26th (ANZAC Weekend): Proposed hunt in Te Urewera. Access through Maungapohatu Station is a priveledge this branch has experienced over many years. The hunting will mostly be based out of the Makomako Hut on the Six Foot Track. We are very fortunate to be able to access the hut via Maungapohatu Station and a short 2 hour tramp instead of via the gruelling Six Foot Track from the road end. Target species are red deer, pigs and rusa deer. This hunt is being organised by the famous Stan Lowe. Contact Stan at lowe2147@gmail.com to register your interest.

MAY

14th - 16th: Pproposed hunt in the Pureora Forest Park. Camping/Glamping at a large campsite with vehicle access. Target species are red deer and pigs. This hunt is being organised by your local hunting and fishing outfitter and branch VP Stacy Whiteman from Hamills Tauranga. Contact Stacy at tauranga@hamillsnz.co.nz to register your interest or drop in and see him in store.

BOP NZDA CLUB HUNTS 2021

JUNF

 4^{th} - 7^{th} (Queens Birthday Weekend): Proposed hunt in the Ruahine Forest Park at Purity Hut on the open tops of the Hikurangi Range. Target species is red deer. This hut is a 3-4 hour tramp uphill but can be accessed by helicopter. An organiser is yet to be confirmed.

17th - 21st is a proposed Canoe Hunt on the Wanganui River. Target species are fallow deer, pigs and qoats. Contact Reuben Hayward at reuben@haywards.kiwi to register your interest.

JULY

Proposed Kids Possum Hunt. Details yet to be confirmed. Contact the committee to show your interest.

AUGUST

Proposed Kaimai Hunt, staying at the Te Whare Okioki Hut that our branch built in 2019. Target species are red deer and pigs. Contact Jeremy Woolerton at jeremy_woolerton@hotmail.com to register your interest.

SEPTEMBER

Proposed Kaimanawa/Kaweka Hunt. Contact Jonathon Flude at j_flude@windowslive.com to register your interest.

OCTOBER

8th - 10th: Hunt at Lake Tarawera, camping at the popular Hot Water Beach Campsite. Access is via boat or an easy 5 hour tramp on a meandering 15km track. Target species are red deer, pigs and wallabies. Contact Ken Buckley at kenbuckley10@gmail.com for more information.

30th Oct - 7th Nov (TBC): Annual Tahr Hunt. This hunt is a branch favourite and is the highlight of the year for many branch members. Contact the famous Stan Lowe at lowe2147@gmail.com for more information.

NOVEMBER

19th - 21st is a proposed Spring Meat Hunt camping at Littles Clearing in the Kaweka Forest Park or at the Waipakihi Road End on the the banks of the Waipakihi River in the Kaimanawa Forest Park. An organiser is yet to be confirmed.

DECEMBER

3rd - 5th: Walk-in/fly-out hunt at the Oamaru Hut in the Kaimanawa Forest Park. The flight out is a cheap and easy option but not necessary for those who would rather walk out. Contact lain MacAulay at iainmaca@gmail.com for further information.



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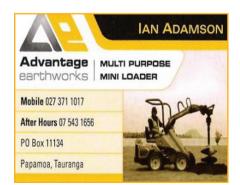
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TO: New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc) Bay of Plenty Branch
PO Box 3111
Greerton
Tauranga 3142

Dear Treasurer

I am applying for membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the year March 1st 2021 - February 28th 2022.

MY DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS: (PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS)

Surname:	Given Name/s:	
Address:	Suburb:	
City/Town:	Post Code:	
Telephone:	Cell phone:	
Email:		
Occupation:		
Family Members: (Please see over page for more information)		
Name:	DOB:	
Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant:	.]	

Junior less than 18 as at 1st March 2021. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1st March 2021.

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

Club Meetings are 7:00 PM first Tuesday of every month at the Tauriko Clubrooms, R617, SH29.

Contact the Membership Secretary, Chris Maisey on 027 496 7259 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: Period Joined (Circle one)

FEES: Branch financial year runs from March 1 st to February 28 th of the current year.	*Joining Fee		Full Year	Half Year
SENIOR: Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$50.00	+	\$145.00	\$75.00
FAMILY MEMBER: Partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1st of the current year.	\$0.00		\$5.00	\$3.00
JUNIOR: Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st of the current year. (No voting rights).	\$0.00		\$45.00	\$25.00
ASSOCIATE: Can't vote or enter national competitions.	\$50.00	+	\$100.00	\$55.00
AFFILIATE: Must be a full member of another branch.	\$50.00	+	\$63.50	\$35.00
SUPERANNUANT: Over 65 as at 1st March of the current year.	\$50.00	+	\$100.00	\$55.00
STUDENT: Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	\$50.00	+	\$95.00	\$48.00
*Joining Fee only applies to NEW and members UNFINANCIAL for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31st May of the current year).		Membership Fee		
		Joining Fee		
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS: Annual Range Ticket (Mar-Feb each yr - \$50 see separate info pack). Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range:	Range ticket			\$
	Donation			\$
	TOTAL PAYMENT			\$

Please use the bank details below to make payment for membership to the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Account Name: NZDA BOP Branch
Bank Account No: 03-0445-0184375-00
Reference: Enter your surname

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association BOP Branch, PO Box 3111, Greerton, Tauranga, 3142

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

Signature:	 Date:

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

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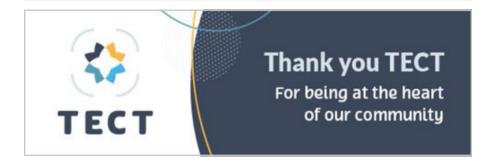
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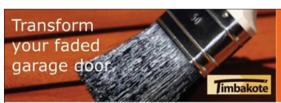
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Can come with scope, worth well over \$550 will sell for \$250. For more informtion on the above rifles - contact Gerry Carey. 022 397 9560

gerry.carey@fireandemergency.nz

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

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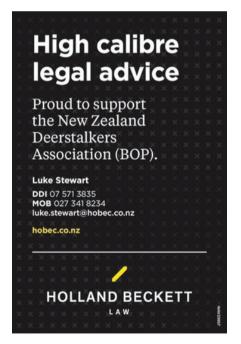
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Aldo Leopold, The Sand County Almanac

A MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- 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.
- 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.
- Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws.
- Avoid unnecessary or deliberate damage to the environment, respect property, and other users of the outdoors.
- Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'.
- Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting.
- Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.



HUNTING SAFETY GUIDELINES

Some suggestions from committee discussions.

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

