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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION,
BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH



NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

Our mission statement is to retain, enhance and create opportunities for the enjoyment of legitimate recreational hunting and the sport of shooting, for the members of the Association.

Founded in 1950, the Bay of Plenty NZDA is a branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association.



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PRESIDENTS REPORT: MARCH 2021

Hi everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

This year's roar is just around the corner so I hope you have all got something planned for the next month or two. After missing one year due to Covid I'm sure there will be a lot of hunters champing at the bit to get out amongst it and make up for the previous year.

There may be as a result more hunters in the bush this roar so safety is paramount and the key is the same as always... Identify your target and hopefully other hunters you encounter will be doing the same.

If you are lucky enough to get a trophy please remember not to cap the head. For measuring we must have the full skull for identification and I will get Nik to include the Antler Horn and Tusk competition rules in this newsletter.

The Tapu family weekend was a great success again and it was fantastic to have our members come and enjoy the camp and the Saturday evening club 70th Birthday celebration. Plenty of fish were caught so it was a great weekend. Thanks must go to Stan and Arendina for hosting this weekend and looking after everyone.

March Party Hunt details have been emailed out and are also on Facebook so check out what is happening.

This month's Club night will be at Hamills on Cameron Road so please make the effort to come along and enjoy the evening. Start time is 7.00pm and we will have a door prize of \$100.00 Hamills voucher and of course Stacy will be issuing raffle tickets with your purchases on the night which go into a draw.

Last years first prize was a rifle so if you need hunting or fishing stuff might pay to purchase it on the night.

By the time you read this newsletter the Ladies hunt at Clements Mill Road and the Hare hunt will have taken place so we look forward to reports and photos of both those events in next month's newsletter.

That's it for this month so hope to see you at Hamills on Tuesday 2nd March.

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.



TAPU FAMILY WEEKEND

ALL I CAN SAY IS WOW, WHAT A WEEKEND. AGAIN THE WEATHER WAS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT, THE FISH WERE PLENTIFUL, THE WATER WAS WARM, THE TURN OUT WAS EXCEPTIONAL.

The biggest number ever with about 70 people which included 20 kids which is wonderful - the next generation of hunters.

Also some of our oldest members came along to help celebrate the clubs 70th birthday. Great you could make it.

Fishing from the 5 boats was as good as usual with an estimated guess that about 200 snapper were caught.

The biggest being 4.5kg caught by one of the kids. Nothing is like eating BBQ fish, raw fish, smoked fish on the day it was caught with a few drinks and good company on a balmy summer evening. We live in paradise.

There was plenty of action for all with bike riding, walks along the beach, visits to the cafe, swimming in the water hole and the beach, relaxing with a book. Others

went to Hot Water beach and Coromandel to check out the region. One of the life guards watching the kids in the river tried his luck at panning for gold with the spoils tucked away in a special place to remind him of what could be!

The club's 70th birthday was a very special part of this years family weekend. Thanks to Clyde for organising the cake for this occasion.

Thank you all for making this another fun filled weekend and look forward to doing it again next year.

Stan and Arendina



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THE ROAR OF 2011 KAIMAIS, EARLY APRIL

THIS CLUB MEMBER WAS SIGHTED HIGH ON A RIDGE HUNTING IN THE RAW (SEE PHOTO). NOT BEING ONE TO HOLD BACK, I APPROACHED THE HUNTER AND QUESTIONED HIM ON THE LACK OF CLOTHES AND MODESTY.

The Bare Butt Hunter assured me hunting in the raw really works. He reckons the deer see a flash and stop for a second look. That gives the geriatric hunter time to get a sight on him. You see, experience does count for something. Oh, and I have found that the really white butts work best. Back in camp that night I decided to question the hunter further.

Q: Bare Butt Hunter, what gave you the idea of hunting in the raw?

BBH: South Westland, in fact.

Q: Tell me more.

BBH: I used to have a lot of success hunting in South Westland a few years ago. The chopper pilots told me that I was the only hunter they ever picked up that was clean shaven.

Q: So?

BBH: Well, I got to thinking about this. You see, I added 1+1 together and came up with a pair. Not to be cheeky about this, but my face is not the whitest or shiniest part of me, so off went the gears, and I tell you, it really works.

Q: So you came out of the closet?

BBH: No, I just keep my clothes in there, you dipstick: besides, they don't wear out in there. I've got socks that go back to the roar of '62 in the Tararuas.

Q: Do you still shave in the hills?

BBH: Oh yes, that still works and Brazilians are even better.

Q: Heck, any other advantages?

BBH: Yes, when it rains, you don't have to dry anything (after some thought), well not much.

Q: Do you know any other BBH's?

BBH: What do you think I am? A kiss and tell kind of hunter? Get stuffed!

Q: I'm sorry, I didn't mean it that way. Any advantages other than shooting more deer, not wearing clothes out and not much to dry out?

BBH: (After some thought) You have to walk erect, but not too erect as that can be painful.

Q: Anything else?

BBH: Yes, don't bend too much as the shafts of sunlight scare the deer away. Oh yes, and watch out for the dreaded bush lawyer, that creates a lot of difficulty.

Q: I can see where you are coming from. What about the safety angle?

BBH: Watch it, or you will get a clip around the ear!

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Q: Sorry.

BBH: Safety is no problem, except I don't shoot on Stewart Island.

Q: Why not?

BBH: I hear they shoot whitetails down there.

Q: Of course you know, I'm starting to get the hang of this whole thing. It's really tongue in cheek.

BBH: Watch it mate. About that clip around the ear...

Q: Sorry, I got carried away. Butt, aren't you worried about your image? It's not pretty.

BBH: Mate, hunting is not about pretty, it's staunch, real staunch - mist, cold, wind and rain, snow, hail, damp and pain - and a lot of other 4 letter words. Besides, fun isn't even a 4 letter word.

Q: Any last thoughts?

BBH: Yes, watch the cold river crossings, mate. I tell you, after a deep crossing the roar can be very inadequate.

ON THAT NOTE, I put the whole matter to bed and dreamed of large stags, shafts of sunlight, cracked butts, four letter words and really cold rivers.

For me, the great outdoors will never be the same again. There is so much to watch out for, especially the razor-sharp bush lawyers.

Dave Sorenson

NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

The club chiller will be available very shortly for your use should you choose to pay the usage fee for the coming financial year.

With the renewal of your membership it is a great opportunity to pay the chiller use fee of \$30.

This fee will give you access to the chiller facility in line with the "chiller rules" below.

1. Chiller use is a privilege that may be removed if access is abused or rules not adhered to.
2. Clean up after yourself, every time you access the chiller.
3. Use a fish bin or other suitable container to catch dripping blood etc. and remove from site when you take your meat away.
4. No skinning or butchering on the NZDA premises. The chiller is for hanging only, no processing of any sort is allowed.
5. All waste must be removed from the premises when you take your meat away, including any part of an animal, blood, and all wastewater.
6. All animals/meat must be tagged with a label denoting the date hung, name and contact number of the person who hung it in the chiller. Any meat without a label will be considered a donation to the club.
7. The maximum time for hanging any meat or animal is 10 days.
8. Do not hang any foul meat or contaminated carcass.
9. Take care not to contaminate anyone else's meat with hair, blood, dirt etc.

It is preferable to hang all carcasses with the skin on and to hang any partially processed meat in a breathable bag or muslin cloth. Hanging carcasses and meat should not touch the chiller walls or they may (partially) freeze.

Respect the facility and other members meat.

If you need to report any issue, misuse, or abuse of the facility you can contact Reuben on **027 482 8969**.



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ANTLER, HORN & TUSK AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION & MEASURING NIGHT 2021

Tuesday 18th 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 received.

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 SIZES:

These can be either 6x4 or 7x5.

TIP: 7x5 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.

Photo Categories:

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)

F: SEQUENCE

(3 to 10 photos telling a story)

G: TRAIL CAMERAS

(Photos from set cameras)

VIDEOS/DVDS:

A: HUNTING

B: WILDLIFE

C: TRAINING

Should be no longer than 20 minutes



CENTRAL HAWKES BAY HARE HUNT

THE CLUB BRANCH HARE HUNT LEFT TAURANGA ON FRIDAY 12TH, WITH 13 HUNTERS AND 6 QUADS IN NEAR PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR CENTRAL HAWKES BAY.

The shearer's quarters on the station were perfect for the party with everything we needed including an area to deal with animals.

The main concern of the land owners was the current fire safety issues due to the dry conditions even though it was not as dry down there as what is in our area.

The first night shooting proved a bit more challenging than the second night. A total of approx 170 hares and rabbits were

shot over the two nights. As most of us only shoot these small game animals once a year there is plenty of room for improvement not only in hunting skills but also technology which is improving all the time. The whole experience was fun with the parties being spread out more than any other year due to the increased number of properties available.

The hares seemed to have honed their skills in evading the lights and the noise of the bikes. The wind directions are a contributing factor but in saying all that it is great fun and a quantity of meat was brought home to top up the freezers.

As hunters you are privileged to be included in an opportunity that I have created with my connections in this area over the past 25 years and as you are all aware of the hunting etiquette and what is expected of you in these hunting opportunities we will be able to continue this as an ongoing hunting experience. Thank you all for ensuring the place was clean and tidy when you vacated on Sunday.

There will be another hunt in about 4 months and will endeavour to give you more notice than was possible for this hunt.

Stan
Branch Hunt Organiser



NZDA BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH PARTY HUNT

MARCH/FRIDAY 12TH - SUNDAY 14TH

TARGET SPECIES: SIKA

Location is Clements Mill Road Kaimanawa's where we will camp at Clements Mill clearing and then access the hunting areas from the road.

Topo 50 maps are BH36 and BH37 or if you are still using the old series map it is U19. Bring a GPS!!!

You will require camping gear etc including a cooker and I would suggest bringing water for cooking and drinking as it has not rained much in that area lately.

If you would like to go on this party hunt please contact me:

021 1645 370

jillclyderogers@xtra.co.nz

or talk to me at the next club night.

Clyde Rogers

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BOP NZDA SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE LINKS

Please join us on Facebook and Instagram for ongoing information about party hunts and information about our events.

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Scan the QR Code to be directed to the BOP Deerstalkers Instagram.

BOP NZDA CALENDAR 2021

MARCH

12nd: Hamills Shop Club Night, Cameron Road, Tuesday 7.00pm.

BOP NZDA CLUB HUNTS 2021

MARCH

12th - 14th: Clements Mill Road Hunt, camping at Clements Clearing. This is being organised by Clyde Rogers our branch president. Target species is sika deer. See Clyde at a club night or email Clyde at jillclyderogers@xtra.co.nz to register your interest.

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 enclosure 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: Proposed 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.

JUNE

4th - 7th (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: Proposed Canoe Hunt on the Wanganui River. Target species are fallow deer, pigs and goats. Contact Reuben Hayward at reuben@haywards.kiwi to register your interest.

BOP NZDA CLUB HUNTS 2021

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: Proposed Spring Meat Hunt camping at Littles Clearing in the Kaweka Forest Park or at the Waipakihi Road End on 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 Iain MacAulay at iainmaca@gmail.com for further information.



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

Dear Membership Secretary,

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: Mobile:

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 1st March 2021. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1st March 2021.

Membership info is available on our website where new members can apply online:

www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/membership/

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

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- NZDA working to protect your hunting interests.
- Club newsletter - monthly.
- Club nights with guest speakers, organized branch hunting trips.
- HUNTS courses.

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 +	\$140.00	\$70.00
FAMILY MEMBER: Partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1 st of the current year.	\$0.00 +	\$5.00	\$3.00
JUNIOR: Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1 st of the current year. (No voting rights).	\$0.00 +	\$45.00	\$25.00
ASSOCIATE: Can't vote or enter national competitions.	\$50.00 +	\$95.00	\$50.00
AFFILIATE: Must be a full member of another branch.	\$50.00 +	\$63.50	\$35.00
SUPERANNUANT: Over 65 as at 1 st March of the current year.	\$50.00 +	\$95.00	\$50.00
STUDENT: Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	\$50.00 +	\$95.00	\$50.00
*Joining Fee only applies to NEW and members UNFINANCIAL for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31 st May of the current year).		Joining Fee	\$50.00
		Range Ticket	\$50.00
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS: Annual Range Ticket - \$50.00		Donation	\$
Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range. Magnetic Swipe Key \$20.00.		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: 03-0445-0184-375-00
 Reference: Enter your surname

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

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:

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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
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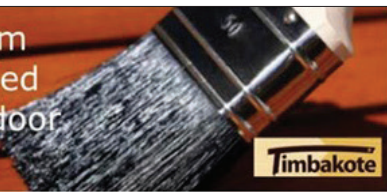
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Link here: www.trademe.co.nz/sports/hunting-shooting/rifles/centrefire/listing-2699039423.htm?rsqid=1d46a162ca824ccaa7a35d15109643a1-002

Can come with scope, worth well over \$550 will sell for \$250.

For more information on the above rifles - contact Gerry Carey.

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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.

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Don't forget the library is open for club members to borrow books and DVDs.

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Aldo Leopold, *The Sand County Almanac*

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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.



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.
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