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# 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: APRIL 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

By the time you read this the roar should be in full swing and many of our members will be away chasing stags. For those hunters that are successful please make the effort to bring your trophies to the measuring night in May as it's great to see all trophies regardless of size.

The tanned skin competition would also benefit from some more entries so if your animal taken has a nice skin please consider tanning it and bring it along. Measuring night is Tuesday 18th May 7.00pm at the Clubrooms.

Just a quick reminder about membership subscriptions as they are due now for the 2021 - 2022 year. All members who are on email would have received a renewal notice and all others via post. If you have not received anything please contact Chris Maisey the membership secretary ASAP.

The planning process for the 900 metre range is now underway so if you have any skills or resources that you think may be of help to this major construction project please contact Grant Hammond and offer your help.

The April club night will be a casual night with nothing planned as a lot of hunters will be away. If you are not hunting come along as it's a great opportunity to have a chat with other members and find out what's happening in the club.

Don't forget to have a look in this newsletter for the upcoming party hunts that have been organised for you to participate in.

See you on 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!

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## COMMITTEE MEETING:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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

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## NEWSLETTER:

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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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# NZDA WOMEN'S ANNUAL HUNT – THE WEEKEND

WORDS/PICS: Sarah Cotching



**W**ITH TRAILERS LOADED TO THE GUNNELS WITH GAZEBO'S, FOOD, TABLES, AND A SWAG OF COOL GEAR WE HEADED INTO CLEMENTS MILL ROAD IN THE KAIMANAWAS TO PREPARE FOR THE 22 WOMEN ARRIVING FROM ALL OVER THE NORTH ISLAND.

That first night with just a few of us setting up camp was calm and serene. The forest quietly reminding us that this shroud was what we had come for, to restore and balance our minds away from the rush of the world. We headed out for a quick solo hunt in the breaking dawn before the girls arrived in the afternoon.

I'm the world's worst navigator, but to hunt solo is a kind of holy grail for me. No doubt something most of you will be only too familiar with.

In the early stages of learning to hunt I just couldn't wait to be confident enough to foot it alone in the forest. It's the ultimate in freedom, self-reliance and resilience. And it's highly addictive. Hunting with others is great. But hunting alone has a purity to it.

That morning on my way back, as I picked my way through the young beech trees, I was lucky enough to spot an elusive Sika Stag in a clearing.

His reddish coat with white spots along his spine basked briefly in a patch of dappled sunlight. He was quite stunning. Before I could get my rifle up he had bounded away and I was left standing in the sunlight he had just occupied.



Refreshed from seeing him I re-joined the girls and we set about preparing for everyone's arrival that afternoon. As Friday evening rolled in, everyone had arrived safely, all the tents were up, and the introductions were done over a beautiful meal of steak, sausages and salads.

Women on hunts equates with awesome food. In no time at all people were catching up with those they already knew through branch events or were getting to know those they had followed on social media.

All of us hailing from a vast demographic with very different lives. Cities, small country towns, self-employed, full-time mums, teachers, fashion designers and one young girl aged 14 who was still at college in attendance with her mum. All of us united in our passion for hunting.

Anticipation was high, maps were laid out and various chats were had regarding tips and suggestions for hunting the wily and cheeky sika. Being able to suggest places to spend time, sidling's where deer are often found, share where a pig or two may be spotted and other places in their blocks to keep away from, were a valuable part of the banter.



**“...FOR MANY OF THE GIRLS THIS WAS THEIR FIRST REAL IMMERSION INTO HUNTING AND ONE THAT EXPANDED THEIR CAPACITY TO NAVIGATE, HUNT AND FORM NEW FRIENDSHIPS. IT WAS ALSO A MASSIVE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO BE AROUND THOSE WHO CARRIED MORE EXPERIENCE.”**

Watching the elated face of a beautiful young woman called Katerina describe how she was “on to one” and was stalking the hell out of it until the fading light let her down, was something I’ll take away as a cherished memory.

Listening to some of my personal gurus under the canopy of a clear night sky like Ashlee Strange and Portia Nelson talk about their previous missions were like meat and drink for all of us. It was so cool just to have them there in the flesh sharing their experiences.

It was inspiring to see these super keen women of all ages heading out at first light. Seasoned hunters and trappers with those who were about to experience their first hunt.

I was humbled to be a part of it. As evening set in they returned with yarns about what had gone down during their day, each story matching or topping the previous one.

There was Portia’s sample stag poo she’d retrieved to prove she’d been in the company of the largest stag of the day, and another girl relaying how she’d ripped out the backside out of her shorts but had been loaned another pair to keep hunting.

Many had spotted or smelt deer, and upon surprising one we were informed that ‘I just about #@’#%\$ myself as he jumped up and squealed in front of me while I walked down the track in the dark!’







To top it all off we had Courtney's birthday to celebrate. A cake was produced magically from somewhere which included candles and frosting.

Everyone called out for her to make a wish while packed into a gazebo studded with fairy lights, and a large Victory knife, which was plunged into the cake and wishes forthcoming from all the other women presented as options.

**“THE FEEDBACK FROM THE WHOLE TRIP WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE AND SOMETHING WE ALL HOPE TO REPEAT NEXT YEAR.”**

Frothing from the spots discovered the previous day, most of us were up early again the next morning to head into the hills and get a final fix in before having to pack down and head home.

The feedback from the whole trip was overwhelmingly positive and something we all hope to repeat next year. Perhaps a different location this time and perhaps a few more new faces.

Either way, for many of the girls this was their first real immersion into hunting and one that expanded their capacity to navigate, hunt and form new friendships. It was also a massive source of inspiration to be around those who carried more experience.

I hope that events like this will become more common place as we grow our voice as a body of hunters who (Covid permitting) regularly gather from locations and branches around the country to celebrate and share knowledge and stories.

We need to actively support those who are “green and keen” to get in and have a go. I've been incredibly lucky to have both men and women pour their experience, time and energy into me becoming a hunter and what better way to give back than to promote others getting involved in the sport too.

Thanks again to members like Keith, Colin and others in the branch who put their effort and time into helping get this event off the ground.

Without your dedication and support it would have remained just that: a grand idea.

Sarah



# TAHR LODGE:

## SOUTH ISLAND HUNTING

Check out this great Tahr, Chamois and Red Deer hunting destination to kick back and relax and shed some of that North Island stress (the South Island is stress free!).

Built in the stunning Mount Cook National Park, near the Mount Cook Village, this is the jewel of our 'huts'.

A fabulous place to relax. Book it to have the lodge to yourself. Hot and cold running water, shower, 14 beds in 3 bunk rooms and a double in a separate room. New log fire, solar lighting, fridge freezer and all cutlery, cooking etc provided. Just linen and food required.

### INFORMATION:

Sleeping up to 16, this hut has gas cooking and hot water. Very comfortable and recently updated with a new kitchen, it's a great place to stay.

To book this excellent club facility please phone Jim Kroening, 03 688 7641 evenings, or 027 276 0905 anytime.

### FEES:

- Members \$15 per night.
- Members and immediate family \$25 per night.  
Max of \$150 per night (capped)
- Non Member \$35 per night.
- Non Member and immediate family \$50 per night.  
Max of \$250 per night (capped).



## MARCH PARTY HUNT REPORT

### CLEMENTS MILL ROAD KAIMANAWA FOREST

We had a good response for this party hunt with 16 people camping at the clearing. Lester, Ann, Jill and I arrived midday Wednesday to claim a spot for the group and to get some hunting in before the weekend.

The weather had the last say on that as it rained on and off Wednesday and Thursday. From Friday through the weekend the weather was fantastic with clear star laden skies which dropped the temperature to somewhere near zero.

Those in tents now have a better idea on the performance of their sleeping bags and how much extra clothing is required to get a good

night's sleep. Some of our group had previous experience hunting the area so it was easy to manage the remaining hunters new to the area and point them in the right direction.

***“AS FAR AS THE HUNTING GOES THERE WAS PLENTY OF DEER SIGN WITH SOME ANIMALS SIGHTED BUT ONLY ONE ANIMAL TAKEN FOR THE WEEKEND.”***

The road wasn't as busy as I had expected it to be at this time of year so allocating hunting areas was easy.

Friday evening was great with most members having arrived and we sat around Lester's Blackwell fire having a few drinks and a chat.

Some other hunters that were camped at the clearing were invited over and it made for a good evening. As far as the hunting goes there was plenty of deer sign with some animals sighted but only one animal taken for the weekend.

For the first timers to Clements Mill Road they now have some knowledge on where to go in the future to hunt Sika that is easy to access.

Clyde

# 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**.



**THE CLUB CHILLER FACILITY WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM CHILLERMAN AND HAMILLS TAURANGA**

**[www.chillerman.co.nz](http://www.chillerman.co.nz)**

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

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### B1: BIRDS

(Live and not in captivity)

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### B2: MAMMALS

(Live and not in captivity)

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### B3: INSECTS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

(Live and not in captivity)

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### C: SCENIC

(Can have minor human activity)

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### D: FLORA

(In natural setting)

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### E: HUMAN INTERESTS

(Must show evidence of human activity)  
(Can be fireplaces, trophies etc)

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### F: SEQUENCE

(3 to 10 photos telling a story)

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### G: TRAIL CAMERAS

(Photos from set cameras)

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### VIDEOS/DVDS:

#### A: HUNTING

#### B: WILDLIFE

#### C: TRAINING

Should be no longer than 20 minutes

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# IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

WORDS/PICS: Tim Taylor



**F**OR ABOUT AS LONG AS MAN HAS BEEN HUNTING WILD ANIMALS, HE'S BEEN HUNTING WITH A DOG AT HIS SIDE. BE IT CHASING PIGS, POINTING DEER, OR FLUSHING PHEASANTS, A DOG IS AN INVALUABLE ASSET NOT TO MENTION A BLOODY GOOD MATE TO ENJOY THE HUNT WITH.

For a long time, I'd wanted a pointer to help me with my deerstalking; there had been numerous times that a deer had jumped up, seemingly from underneath my feet, or spent hours trying to find one I'd shot in heavy scrub.

Now like many things in life it takes some sort of catalyst to spur you into action and in my case it was it was my fiancé leaving me. I was in a pretty bad space and decided a dog is what I needed to fill the void, so yes he was a breakup dog.

■ *Scout learnt river crossings early, approximately 4 months old.*

I'm not going to pretend I know much about dogs, I've only ever had them as pets and have never tried to train one, but I decided to write this article as deer dogs seem to very popular in the club right now, and I thought some of you might be interested in some of the processes I went through.

## STEP 1: LEARNING WHAT SORT OF DOG I WANTED

First of all, I did my research. I didn't just jump straight onto TradeMe and start looking at puppies (that's a dangerous idea by the way). I learnt there are a wide variety of dog breeds that can be used as deer pointers, everything from your household Lab to GSPs and they all have their own traits, good and bad.

I was lucky at this point as I had an old school buddy (and ex club member) Lenny Sparks, who is a professional deer culler, and he uses pointers every day. He advised me to look for

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a Hungarian Vizsla crossed with a Huntaway. If I couldn’t find this, then my backup should be anything with a bit of Huntaway.

The reason for this cross is the Vizsla’s are apparently great pointers but are known for being a bit ‘nutty’, while the Huntaway’s are known for being easier to train and very responsive. He also advised getting it from parents who had a hunting background as the natural hunting instincts will be stronger.

During this period, I also started watching Paul Michaels Deer Dog Blueprint. This is an online video series that Paul has made specifically to help you train a deer dog. It was, and still is, an invaluable resource and has helped guide me through this whole process.

### **STEP 2: BUYING THE PUP**

Now, just because you’ve decided what you want doesn’t mean you can buy it... puppies aren’t made on a production line. You’ll have to find a litter for sale and do your research on the breeder. You may also have to ask the bank if you can afford it because some of these pups go for astronomical prices.

Again, I got lucky. A customer of mine had a litter of Vizsla/Huntaway and both parents were known hunters. I had a choice of one dog or one bitch, and as they both looked the same, I paid my \$600 for the dog and named him Scout.



■ Scout aged 7 weeks on the day I first met him.

### **STEP 3: TAKING THE PUP HOME**

Most breeders will let their pups go to new homes at 8 weeks old. At this stage they’re basically a bundle of fat and I’ll tell you right now, they’re going to make your life a living hell for about 2 weeks. If you decide to follow Paul’s training method, you will introduce your pup to their kennel on Day 1.

It is almost guaranteed that they will cry, howl, and bark for their entire first night and it’s going to drive you crazy. Before he arrived I took the step of visiting all of my neighbours and giving them all a load of venison salami as a preemptive apology... they still hated me by night two.

Now apparently a puppy will cry for the first day or two and then should settle down as they get used to their new surroundings, but in Scout’s case he carried on for a couple of weeks. I can tell you right now it did break me, and he got very close to receiving a bullet. I can also tell you it’s OK to ask for help. In my case I palmed him off to my sister for a day.

The other thing I didn't expect was the destruction to my carpet. I don't have the luxury of a big backyard so if he wasn't in his kennel he was inside, and toilet training drove me crazy as well. The best bit of advice I have for that is "routine, routine, routine".

#### STEP 4: PUPPY BASICS

When you buy a pup no one ever tells you that there's going to be a lot more costs than just the initial purchase price. Let's go through them:

- **FOOD:** Scout costs me about \$120 a month.
- **KENNEL:** Depending on how fancy you get this can be \$100-\$500.  
**Note:** I brought a cheap kennel from Kmart, added an iron roof and built a run. It cost about \$150.
- 3x rounds of vaccinations at approximately \$120 a pop.
- **MICRO CHIPPING AND DESEXING.** This is optional but it's another wad of cash if you do.
- Council registration \$130.
- Flea and worm treatments.
- **INSURANCE:** Yes, a lot of people insure their pups as unexpected vet bills can require a small mortgage.
- **ACCESSORIES:** Think leads, toys, water bowls, travel crate etc.

#### STEP 5: TRAINING MYSELF AS WELL AS TRAINING THE DOG

I'm not going to describe Scout's training process here as that's an entire article on its own. We have been following the Deer Dog Blueprint and probably the biggest learning curve for me was that I had to learn how to teach.

At first this sounds a bit daft but if you think about it, do you know how to communicate with a dog? Things like body language, tone of voice, and even the commands you use

will all have an effect on the type of animal it becomes.

To complicate matters, can you then imagine trying to teach a dog how to deer stalk and how to behave when a loud gun goes off? I really didn't know any of this and had presumed that you just went bush and their natural instincts would just kick in... that's far from reality.

#### SOME BITS OF ADVICE I HAVE ARE:

If you can't spare 30 minutes a day for at least a year, then don't get a dog. The reality is you get out what you put in so you will need to dedicate a decent chunk of time.

Turn every opportunity into a learning opportunity. A quick morning walk gives you more than enough time to practice a few stop and go commands. I found they just love to learn so the more you practice skills, the better they become.

***"SCOUT IS NOW 9 MONTHS OLD AND IS PROGRESSING NICELY.... HE'S NOW SEEN DEER, TRIES TO TRACK THEM (UNSUCCESSFULLY), AND IS HAPPY AROUND GUNSHOT."***

You're going to make mistakes. One day you will realize that your pup is doing something they shouldn't, and what's worse is you've probably taught them this. Puppies are quick learners so it's OK to go back a few steps and teach them the right way.

Unless you have a lot of experience with dogs, you probably don't know how you expect your dog to behave in the bush. This sounds a bit weird, they're scenting deer right? Well yes and no. As an example, the first few times I took Scout in the bush, I didn't realise I wanted him to stop when I stopped.





I was getting frustrated because he was crashing around making noise while I was trying to listen. The reality was that I hadn't even thought about training him to do a 'non communicated stop'. In other words, I have to train myself to train him.

Don't expect to be doing any decent hunting for quite a while. You can take them on hunting trips but they will cock a lot of things up in the beginning and you need to give them time to learn the skills. They also don't have the muscle mass to be able to big days. Think of it as taking a kid into the bush... it takes time.

Don't get worried about what you see on social media. I initially brought into the forums on Facebook and got worried if Scout wasn't performing like someone else's dog. I soon got over that. While I still enjoy reading the advice that's out there, now I concentrate on what I can achieve given my own situation.

- *First taste of success. He didn't know what a goat was or what to do about them, but he knew they were there. Aged approx 7 months.*

#### SO WHERE ARE WE AT NOW?

Scout is now 9 months old and is progressing nicely. Like most, I struggle to go bush as much as I'd like so I believe he hasn't developed his hunting skills as quickly as he could have. He's now seen deer, tries to track them (unsuccessfully), and is happy around gunshot.

I try to give him as many different experiences as possible, which has resulted in him being extremely confident and happy in general. His downfall is he likes to whine and bark when left in his kennel so a shock collar was recently purchased and we're now making great progress with that little habit.

With the roar just around the corner it'll be interesting to see how he develops.

Tim

# NZDA BOP RANGE UPDATE:

I met with the range certifiers a couple of weeks ago and we had a walk over the 900m range area.

We're only going to get 820m (900 yards), but plenty of options for intermediate target lines at 300, 400, 500, 600 and 700m.

There will be quite a lot of earthworks involved with 4-6m fill at the firing line, and 4-6m cut at the far end.

We will need overhead baffles at the firing line to prevent high shots leaving the range template.

I now need to put a team together for the design phase as we will need to get TECT Park approval, earthworks resource consent, building consents and arrange funding before we start construction.

Some of the tasks required are:

1. Topo survey so we have accurate levels to design the safety template longsection and calc earthworks cut to fill balance. We currently only have lidar data done before the trees were harvested.
2. Earthworks design. Work out fill volume to form the firing line platform, cut volume form 700-820m, fill volume for end butts behind 820m.
3. Prepare earthworks resource consent application.
4. Structural design of firing line structure and overhead baffle arrangement. One option to consider for overhead baffles could be to harvest the wilding pines in our 300m range and use portable was mill to cut into 400x400 beams for the overhead baffles.
5. Firing line building consent plans, documentation and application.
6. Funding: Identify potential funding sources, corporate sponsorship etc.

If you can help with any of these tasks, or want to be involved in the development of this range please send me an email to [nzvarminter@gmail.com](mailto:nzvarminter@gmail.com)

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NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager  
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# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

## APRIL - GO HUNTING! IT'S THE ROAR!

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> (ANZAC Weekend):** Proposed hunt in Te Urewera. Access through Maungapohatu Station is a privilege 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 grueling 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](mailto:lowe2147@gmail.com) to register your interest.

## MAY

**14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:tauranga@hamillsnz.co.nz) to register your interest or drop in and see him in store.

## JUNE

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> (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.

**17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>:** Proposed Canoe Hunt on the Whanganui River. Target species are fallow deer, pigs and goats. Contact Reuben Hayward at [reuben@haywards.kiwi](mailto: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](mailto:jeremy_woolerton@hotmail.com) to register your interest.

## SEPTEMBER

Proposed Kaimanawa/Kaweka Hunt. Contact Jonathon Flude at [j\\_flude@windowslive.com](mailto:j_flude@windowslive.com) to register your interest.



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# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

## OCTOBER

**8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:kenbuckley10@gmail.com) for more information.

**30<sup>th</sup> Oct - 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lowe2147@gmail.com) for more information.

## NOVEMBER

**19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>:** 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>:** 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 [ianmaca@gmail.com](mailto:ianmaca@gmail.com) for further information.

## BOP NZDA SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE LINKS

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

[facebook.com/groups/deerstalkersbop](https://facebook.com/groups/deerstalkersbop)

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# 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  
PO Box 3111  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 - February 28<sup>th</sup> 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: .....

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Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuitant:..... / ..... / .....

Junior less than 18 as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

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

[www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/membership/](http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/membership/)

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- NZDA \$10 Million Liability Insurance Cover, including \$1 million rural fires extension.
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- Club newsletter - monthly.
- Club nights with guest speakers, organized branch hunting trips.
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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](mailto: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 <sup>st</sup> to February 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> of the current year.	\$0.00 +	\$5.00	\$3.00
JUNIOR: Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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.		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>

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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## BRANCH PLB CUSTODIANS:

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Keith Theobald, Greerton  
07 578 1195

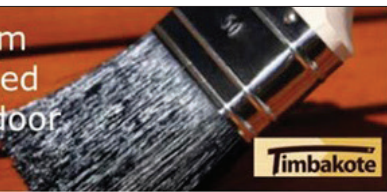
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**NOTE:** If you have something to buy or sell please let the editor know. Similarly, if you advertise something for sale, and then sell it, please let your editor know so your advert can be removed.

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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.
9. Never skylark with weapons.

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