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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



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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: JUNE 2021

WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

Another busy month for the club with the main event being the annual measuring night with a great turn out by members for the evening. This year was a little different from previous years with the photos all on display for everyone to see and I believe all would agree that's the way to do it in the future.

The measurers had plenty of heads to keep them busy this year and hopefully the display of photos will encourage others to enter the competition next year.

On the hunting side there has been another Ladies Hunt based at Sika Lodge, a party hunt in Pureora forest and by the time you read this the Hare Hunt will be in full swing. We look forward to the reports on those hunts at the June club night.

The June club night has been moved to the second Tuesday 8th June to accommodate our guest speaker.

Organising guest speakers is a difficult task and we would appreciate a good turnout for our guest speakers as they give their time freely to come and talk to us.



This year our prize giving will be combined with a lunch time BBQ at the clubrooms on Saturday 26th June.

This will replace our annual dinner as numbers in the past have dropped and hopefully a daytime event may encourage families to come along.

Details can be found in the flyer later in newsletter. It would be great to see more members come along and join into these club social events.

See you at next 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.

NZDA WOMEN'S HUNT – SIKA LODGE

WORDS/PICS: Sarah Cotching





THE WEEKEND OF THE 14TH-16TH MAY ROLLED AROUND AND ONCE AGAIN DESPITE THE HEAVY WEATHER WARNINGS, 17 WOMEN FROM A WIDE RANGE OF DEMOGRAPHICS AND LOCATIONS CAME TOGETHER TO HUNT, COOK AND SHARE THEIR RECENT EXPERIENCES IN THE LEARNING TO HUNT JOURNEY.

The weekend of the 14th-16th May rolled around and once again despite the heavy weather warnings, 17 women from a wide range of demographics and locations came together to hunt, cook and share their recent experiences in the learning to hunt journey.

Our first Annual Women's Hunt had occurred previously in February with overwhelmingly positive feedback from all members of the hunting community and we were eager to repeat this.

Hosting it at Sika Lodge was a great idea. Luxurious hot showers and electricity made it a very comfortable weekend for all of us. We headed out early Friday morning to quadrants all within the Clements Mill road area.

Determined to try and locate the cheeky and wily sika. Nothing was shot but myself and Courtney (Auckland branch secretary) were lucky enough to spook 2 hinds that were bedded down behind some large logs.

If we'd just been even slower and stealthier than we already thought we were we probably would have had a shot. Either way it was amazing to see them bouncing through the bush away from us.

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When we returned that late afternoon all the women had turned up from more than 7 branches. For those of us reuniting from the previous trip it was a huge boost to reconnect with familiar faces, share new tales of hunting and general life stories.

There is now a sense of female hunting culture that is developing within our group. It's incredibly supportive, safe and has some very knowledgeable women hunters on hand to answer questions and offer guidance on gear and what not to do when out there.

The Saturday was another epic all day hunt for me. Starting at 5:30am I went out through the clearing campsite area and into the scrub lining the fire break. We saw so much sign. Fresh and old.

We hunted with care and endured the drizzling rain that made us think of the warm fire and hot food waiting for us back at the lodge. No deer again. Rome wasn't built in a day.



Some awesome moments taking time to sit next to quiet streams, have a coffee break and take photos of the light streaming in through the trees that glistened with fresh rain.

The evening was well planned with an excellent presentation from Maureen Coleman (Thames Valley President) about Sika Management and the offer from Cam Speedy to become involved in an upcoming weekend with the Sika management group.

Some of us signed up, all were really well informed about which members of the herd should be targeted and why.

I want to personally thank Maureen Coleman for an outstanding weekend that she made extra time to organise for us. She also took the extra time to organise a sika deer for us to learn to butcher on the Saturday afternoon and I know from many of the women they were really impressed with this opportunity.

Having organised the previous hunt I'm well aware of the work it takes to bring everything together. She is a pioneer in the world of women's hunting in New Zealand and has been a tower of strength and support for women hunters keen to get amongst it.

I'm already thinking about when the next one will be...

Sarah

NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

The club chiller is now available for your use should you choose to pay the usage fee for the current 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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KOOL KIDS KAMP!

16-18 JULY

FURTHER TO DISCUSSIONS AT RECENT REGIONAL MEETINGS, PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE INFO FROM OUR NEWSLETTER RE A KOOL KIDS KAMP BEING HELD AT TVDA OVER THE WEEKEND OF 16-18 JULY.

TVDA's committee was totally supportive of extending our invite to outside branch members but numbers will be limited to approx. 8 - 10 kids (from other branches) so if you have or know of members and juniors in your branch that are keen to take part, please forward this email on and tell them to let me know ASAP as this will fill quickly.

For those that register for the camp, there will be an additional form that will be sent to them for completion and with bank account details for the payments etc.

Friday afternoon/evening of 16th July the clubrooms will be open and it will be time to arrive for the camping and shooting weekend being held at the clubrooms.

There will be plenty of activities to keep the kids amused:

- Sleeping in the clubrooms
 - (or tenting if you wish)
- Heaps of
 - Archery
 - Slug gun and .22 target shooting
 - Shotgun (.410) clay target shooting
 - Camp cooking
 - Hopefully a bon fire too
- Possum shoot if the weather is OK
- Hands on for the kids
 - Skinning and cutting up venison
 - Making Bread
 - BBQ venison sandwiches for lunch
 - Learn how to Douglas Score
- And so much more!

This is open to NZDA members only, bookings are essential and the cost will be \$20.00 per person for the entire weekend. Adult and parent helpers needed as well please. Permission slips must be completed and payment received to confirm your booking for this weekend.



**NZDA BAY OF PLENTY
PRESENTS**



ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

Our annual prizegiving is upon us. We welcome all members and their families to share in this annual event. Please bring a salad, veg or dessert to share. Meat will be provided.



SATURDAY

26 JUNE

12PM

ONWARDS



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!).

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INFORMATION:

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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).

NIK'S TRAIL CAM PICS



A MEMORABLE KAIMAI HUNTING TRIP

SOME OF THE SUCCESSFUL HUNTING TRIPS I'VE HAD JUST HAPPENED REAL FAST, BUT THE ONES THAT I PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT INTO ARE THE ONES THAT I REMEMBER THE MOST. HERE IS ONE SUCH HUNT FROM 1984.

April 1983 and I am hunting on the side of Mount Eliza up from Thompson's Track. As I sidle slowly into the wind, I hear a low moan above me. I change direction and ever so carefully make my way towards the area the moan came from, only to be met by a solid wall of thick bush, so I backed out of there and climbed above the area.

Another low moan, so I moved into the area from the top end, more solid bush: so I carefully worked my way over, under and through the vegetation as best I could. Not good enough Dave, as about 40 metres away, the stag suddenly jumped up and thrust with those large powerful back legs and was gone.

Too fast for me, but what a sight. A huge stag, by far the biggest that I had seen in the Kaimais. I had a look around his area, only one way in or out and that's the direction that the wind was coming from. A smart and older stag for sure. That was the end of my hunting for that roar.

The following January, with a half day to spare, saw me cutting a track from the main stream up into the stag's area. I marked the track at the base so I could find it in the dark. I

was pretty sure that the stag was still around. As I lived in Katikati, I would have heard if it had been shot. I stayed out of that area and waited for the roar to start. I found a spur 3/4 of the way up Thompson's Track where I could sit and hear any roaring from that area.

Six trips up Thompson's Track, all in the dark, over an hour each way. For 3 trips, I was at the spur at daybreak and 3 times I went up at 9pm with the sleeping bag and spent the night up there. Not a sound. Those of you that walked the track in those days would know what a prick it was to travel: mud, mud and more smelly mud. Some of it was really deep. The 4WD's totally wrecked it.

The 7th time I arrived at my spur about 10pm. Not a sound, and as it had been a hard day at work, I went straight to sleep. 2am I woke up with a start. What was that? Silence.

Then it came, a low moan from that area. At last! No more sleep now, so I cranked up the primus and had a brew and something to eat, then waited. A few more low moans,

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so at 4am I was off, stoked up with lots of adrenaline, optimism, enthusiasm and lots of other isms.

I was down off the spur and into the stream. I followed it by torchlight for 30 minutes and found my cut track. I went up the track to about 300 metres from the stag pad. It was still dark, so I waited and waited. I heard a few moans, but never a roar. As daylight broke, the stag started to become more active and I could hear sticks breaking as he moved around.

Then "disaster". He moved out of his area and into the next gully. I had no choice but to move off my cut track into the base of the gully I thought he was in. I didn't put all this effort in to be stymied at the last jump, so off I went.

With the light getting better all the time, I travelled as fast as I dared, on full red alert. There - movement right at the head of the gully. Boy, he was big and about to move out of sight. So at about 100metres, I take a snap shot that felt like it was good.

"Bang!" The stag spun around and raced down and across to the opposite side of the gully to me. At times like this, I will never die wondering, so I emptied my magazine as he went. 5 shots in total and then he disappeared.

Time to regroup. That first shot seemed a good one and I was pretty sure that I had connected at least once more, so I made my way over to where he had disappeared. There was blood on the trail, so with high hopes I made my way over the next spur and there he was, dead as a dodo.

I stood there with a mixture of feelings: elation, relief, melancholy and a bit of pride. I guess, as I had put in so much time and effort to get a second chance at the stag. He was a really big red stag with a bit of age, wide spread, heavy timber and 11 points.

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However, like a lot of heads out of the main bush areas in the Kaimais, some of the tines were damaged in velvet. The first shot was into the hilar region, so he was dead on his feet and I managed to connect with 2 more shots.

It took me 2 trips to get the meat and head over to my overnight camp, and by then it was 10.30am. I sat there pondering about the 2 trips it would take to get all the gear to the road end, about one hour each way, when a hunter came into my campsite. He told me he heard all the shots at daybreak, so he came up Thompson's Track to investigate.

He found my camp and the head from my 1st trip, so hung around to see who got it. He proved to be a "Good Bugger" hunter and carried the head and some of the meat down to the road-end. So it was only one trip for me. Yea Ha!

That head was placed in our Red Competition (remember the Moto heads dominated then) and along with a good 8-point Sika head, won me the club trophy for all antlered species.

This hunt took place over two roars and I guess taught me that percy is a good friend to have at times, perseverance, that is.

Dave Sorenson

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

Grant Hammond
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
021 138 3831

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

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 Whanganui River. Target species are fallow deer, pigs and goats. 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: 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 ianmaca@gmail.com for further information.

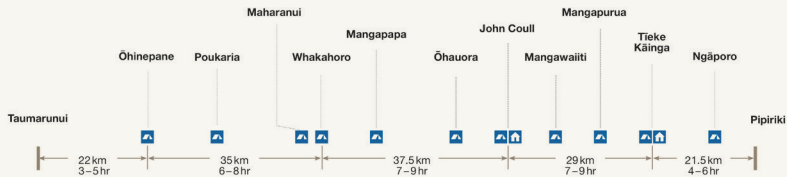
WANGANUI RIVER HUNT - 3RD WEEKEND OF JUNE

Find information at doc.govt.nz and make sure you have a permit. (A separate permit is required to hunt with dogs.) The put-in is at Whakahoro. The take-out is at Pipiriki. Whakahoro is approx. 3 hours from Pipiriki by road. The river paddle is 87km (3 days by canoe).

The recommended vessel for this trip is a Canadian canoe. Rafts are not recommended. Canadian canoes can be hired from a few operators in the Taumarunui and Wanganui areas. Everything is your responsibility.

The area has relatively high numbers of goats, as well as pigs and deer (particularly fallow deer). Bush hunting is the main type of hunting in this area. Accommodation is tenting at doc camp sites along the way (John Coull hut is currently closed for maintenance).

Email Reuben to put your name on the list: reuben@haywards.kiwi



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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 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 Superannuitant:..... / /

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:

- NZDA \$10 Million Liability Insurance Cover, including \$1 million rural fires extension.
- 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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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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