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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.



COVER PHOTO: Charles Peters with his first NZ red stag, captured by Lewis Hayward on their Clarence River trip. Want to feature on the cover?! If you have a photo suitable for the cover, please send it through to [editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

# PRESIDENTS REPORT: MAY 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

You will all I hope have read my email marking the passing of our Patron and Life member Rod Mills. It was great to see a good number of our members at the funeral to farewell Rod, and please take the time to read the obituary in this newsletter written by Stan and Arendina.

Measuring night is fast approaching and hopefully we will see the results of your efforts over the last year to secure a trophy or photo for our competition for this year. Measuring night is the third Tuesday, 18th May start time 7.00pm. Please make sure your trophy heads are clean and free from maggots etc otherwise the measurers may refuse to touch them.

Any skulls that have been cut or chopped will not be accepted for measuring. The photo competition will have an earlier cut off date as per my email to all member's last week to accommodate the earlier National Conference date.

This will give us the opportunity to display all the photos on measuring night for you to see.

The options for submitting your photos are as follows:

1. Bring to next club night Tuesday 4th May.
2. Deliver to Keith Theobalds home 59 Henderson Cres.  
Phone first 027 693 5445.
3. Deliver to Clyde Rogers Home 30 Joblin Way.  
Phone first 021 1645 370.
4. The last option is to deliver to clubrooms on Committee meeting night 11th May 7.00pm.

May Club night will be all about the fancy gear you own that we all must have to go hunting. Bring your favourite rifle and associated gear and tell us why you selected it and what it can do. Bit of a bragging won't go amiss to add to flavour of the night. Please remember to leave the rifle bolt at home thanks.

That's it for this month so hope to 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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■ Rod and Evonne at the Club family weekend held at Kaitawa, Waikeromoana in 2009. A great weekend hunting, trout fishing, tramping and lots of laughs

# **EULOGY:**

## **RODERICK (ROD) JAMES MILLS**

**22 JULY 1941 -  
5 APRIL 2021**

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**PATRON NZDA BOP BRANCH**  
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**IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS  
THAT ONE OF OUR LONGEST  
ACTIVE MEMBERS, ROD  
MILLS, PASSED AWAY  
ON 5 APRIL. HIS LIFE  
WAS CELEBRATED AT A  
SERVICE WHICH WAS WELL  
ATTENDED BY MANY OF  
OUR MORE SENIOR AND  
PAST MEMBERS.**

Many of you newer members probably have never met our Rod, who had been our Patron of our club since 2010 until his passing. In addition he held the position of president from 1974 to 1977 and the club treasurer from 1965 to 1967.

During his years Rod was a very successful hunter with his main stomping grounds being the Kaimais and the Te Ureweras and his favourite South Island destination was the Waitatoto. His skills at roaring up red stags was one to be jealous of and his participation in the roaring competition at the Annual Dinner proved how good he was.

Rod along with his wife, Evonne were always starters at working bees, social functions, family weekends, branch hunts and also great at the administration jobs. Rod attended several National Conferences and sat on the BOP Conservation Board for a term.

His input into that was a very practical one with his big involvement in Search and Rescue, hunting and opossum trapping.

Rod had a great way with words - his stories and jokes would keep any party alive. He also



- *Rod on our club weekend hosted at the Maungapohatu Marae in 2013. Rod's early childhood years were at Te Whaiti where his mother travelled to Maungapohatu Marae in her role as a school teacher.*

had a very persuasive way of getting people to volunteer to do things without actually asking directly just a natural incorporation.

Rod and Evonne loved to travel to some of the most obscure places in the world and during his adventures he had a heart attack on the Great Wall of China, injured his leg in Australia, caught his hand in an opossum trap in the Kaimais, had a major fall in the Coromandel requiring a helicopter to retrieve him and has had several hip replacements after sustaining an injury during his rugby years while at school and university.

Rod was a man with nine lives but never let any of his setbacks stop him from fulfilling his next dream. Rods, wife and soulmate, Evonne passed away several years ago and they are survived by their 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

A big thanks to Rod from NZ Deerstalkers Bay of Plenty Branch for his years and years of valuable work and input in to the club

## TO THE BOP NZDA

WE WANT TO SAY A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOP NZDA FOR THE SUPPORT THEY GAVE US WITH THE LOSS OF OUR DAD, ROD MILLS.

Dad was incredibly proud to be a life member and patron of your club. Being a member of the Deerstalkers was very important to Dad and Mum and hunting and tramping was a really big part of our family life.

We wanted to say a special thank you to Club President, Clyde and to Keith Theobald who spoke at Dad's funeral-thank you both so much for honouring our Dad so beautifully. Keith, we also wanted to express our gratitude to you for all the visits you made to Dad when he was in the rest home, you are a true friend.

We hope that those of you who were out enjoying the roar when we lost Dad has a great trip. Dad always loved a good roar expedition!

With thanks and warmest of regards

Sandy and Nicci Mills





# 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.



# 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:

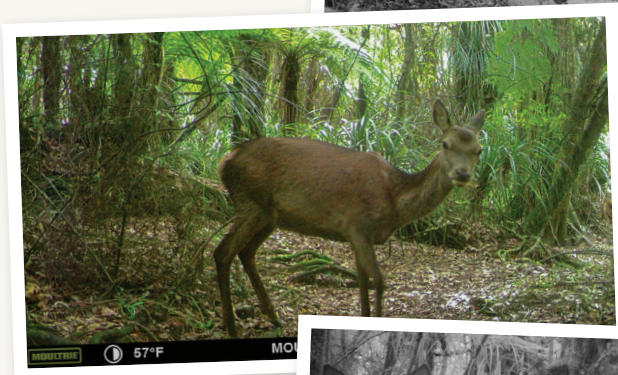
Sleeping up to 16, this hut has gas cooking and hot water. Very comfortable and recently updated with a new kitchen, it's a great place to stay.

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).

# DAVE'S TRAIL CAM PICS



# 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**.



**THE CLUB CHILLER FACILITY WAS MADE  
POSSIBLE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM  
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# 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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# KARANGARUA HUNT PREFACE

WHEN I STARTED CAMPING, TRAMPING AND HUNTING IN THE LATE 1950'S, THERE WASN'T A LOT FOR CHOICE OF GEAR. WE HAD HEAVY BOOTS, WITH LOTS OF MUTTON FAT RUBBED INTO THEM FOR WATERPROOFING ETC. THEN ALONG CAME THE RUBBER BULLERS, THEY WERE SO MUCH BETTER FOR RIVER TRIPS, BUT NOT GREAT FOR THE TOPS.

When the framed mountain mule pack came out, most of the people that I met in the hills used one.

Thick, heavy, woolen singlets, socks and shirts were the norm, but were so heavy when wet: so was the pack.

Most trampers used bicycle lanterns as a torch, they gave a good light, but were very heavy. Most raincoats were oilskin, light and short, but you got wet in the end.

Upright '*Optimus primus*' were the norm, fueled by white spirits. I have been in huts with 6 or more going flat tack, and the noise was very loud indeed.

When they produced the Kiwi Swandri's, a lot of hunters and some trampers used them. They were very good in bad weather, but carrying them around on a 5 day trip was a mission, for sure.

Nowadays we are spoilt for choice. When they brought polar fleece outdoor gear into NZ, I and a lot of my generation couldn't believe just how good and light it was. You would arrive in camp wet, take the gear off and hang it overnight. In the morning, although still wet, it was light, so good to go again.

Then there are the tents and flies you can get now. They are so light and strong, and they keep the water out. '*Magic*'.

I have done 3 trips into the Karangarua valley, and 3 into the Copland. I sure would have liked some of this flash, light gear back then. Come to think of it, I would have liked a helicopter ride with all the gear into the head of the valley back then as well.

Dave Sorenson



# KARANGARUA TRIP

**I** HAVE OFTEN BEEN ASKED TO WRITE ABOUT SOME OF MY MOST MEMORABLE HUNTS, SO THIS IS ABOUT ONE THAT EPITOMIZED THE EFFORT, PLANNING AND HARSHIP IN GOING ON A WEEK – LONG HUNTING TRIP TO THE WEST COAST, EARLY APRIL 1964.

I arranged for a trip into the Upper Karangarua Valley with 5 mates, ranged in age from 19 to myself being the oldest at 22 years of age. All of us were fit and did a lot of tramping.

Although we had 2 rifles with us, I was the only hunter in the group. As a real bonus for me, one of the party was my younger brother Brian, who I did not see much as he worked for NAC in Christchurch.

We were keen to find the top pass into the Landsborough Valley. I had hunted in the Karangarua in August 1961, but could go no further than the big gorge up past Cassel Flats because of avalanches.

We left Wellington at 5pm, sailed to Picton and met up with Brian and his mate. Then we drove all night and arrived at Fox at 10am in time to drop off our food for my first air drop.

Remember, this was before helicopters were about. The food etc was put into 2 separate piles, then packed in a sugar sack, that in turn was packed into a larger chaff sack and packed tight with straw x2. As there were no

landing strips in the upper valley, the local Cessna pilot would fly up the valley and throw the sacks out at a pre-arranged place.

You had the same food in each sack just in case one burst or went into the river. If they both did, you just went hungry. We then tramped into the Cassel Flats hut and got there just on dark. It was a very long day indeed. Morning saw us heading up into the gorge area in fine weather.

At midday, the Cessna flew over us returning from the airdrop, so it was all go to get up the valley to find the sacks before dark.

Both sacks were in good order, so there was lots of food in camp that night. The 3rd day was spent getting to the top hut just as the weather started to deteriorate.

The next 2 days it was snow, ice and wind. All of the huts had a good camp oven and we had lots of flour, yeast and raisins etc, so we spent the time baking bread. 6 guys can eat a hot loaf of bread, with lashings of butter, in 7 minutes and 15 seconds. Yeah, I timed it.

**“WHAT A MAGNIFICENT SIGHT, ONE THAT I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN. BANG! AND HE DROPS ON THE SPOT. WE MADE OUR WAY TO THE LEDGE AND THERE WAS A LARGE 8 POINTER, GOOD CONDITION AND ABOUT 6 YEARS OLD.”**

The next day dawned fine and very cold, so it was on with the frozen boots, jump around a bit to try and get warm and *‘into it’*.

Brian and I climbed high for a hunt and saw 5 deer, but no stags. The rest of the party

tried to find a route to the pass, but all had to turn back because of sheet ice.

The next day it was back down to the valley to where the rest of the airdrop was stashed. We spent the following day hunting and looking up some of the side creeks.

Mid-afternoon saw Brian and I high up the side of the Upper Karangarua honing in on a roaring red stag. We finally saw him standing on a flat ledge 150 metres away, roaring across the valley to unseen rivals.

What a magnificent sight, one that I have never forgotten. BANG! And he drops on the spot. We made our way to the ledge and there was a large 8 pointer, good condition and about 6 years old.

We packed all the usable meat into our packs and set about finding a route to the valley floor and across the main river before dark, as in those days our torches weren't very flash. We got back to camp with big smiles all round as everyone had a good day.

Next morning the weather started to deteriorate, so we packed up and headed down the main valley, past the gorge to Cassel Flats hut.

Remember, in those days we didn't have long range weather data. You just looked at the sky, considered the season and went with your gut instinct.

A lot of the time I was dead wrong. Four hours later we arrived at the hut in very heavy rain, sold and wet. The hut back then was in poor condition, dirt floor and lots of leaks.

We took the packs off, had a bit of a feed and as a party decided to go for the road end that afternoon. Off we went and the rain just got heavier as only the West Coast can.



The tramp out to the road end should have taken 4-5 hours in normal conditions. Four hours later and I figured that we were only half way to the road end.

All the bush terraces were under water (sometimes we were in waist deep water) At some of the side creeks we had to go up a long way to find a crossing point that was safe, and that's being linked together.

**“THAT WAS IT, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAD COOKING GEAR AND VENISON ETC IN THE PACKS. YOU SEE, IN SPITE OF KNOWING BETTER, NO-ONE COULD MAKE THE EFFORT TO COOK SOMETHING OR EVEN A HOT BREW, MYSELF INCLUDED. COLD AND FATIGUE DOES THAT TO YOU.”**

With not a lot of light left in the day and the rain still very heavy, I pulled the plug and told the party to stop and look for a bit of high ground to pitch our not very flash pup tents (they just strained the lumps out of the rain.)

You see, we had become far too cold wading in the water for a few hours, so it could cloud your judgement. One member was so far gone, we had to force him to stop. This was the fittest guy of all, he ran a lot of marathons, but the cold got to him.

Well, we got the tents up and struggled out of the wet gear into dry sleeping bags. They were dry for about one hour, then it was downhill after that. I remember that we all had a spoonful of butter and 2 prunes each.

That was it, in spite of the fact that we had cooking gear and venison etc in the packs. You see, in spite of knowing better, no-one could make the effort to cook something or even a hot brew, myself included. Cold and fatigue does that to you.

After one of the worst nights that I have spent anywhere, the rain stopped about 5am, so we stayed in our sodden bags until 9am (to let the creeks go down a bit).

It took us 2.5 hours to the road end as our energy levels were way down. It took a further 1.5 days to get to Wellington as that rain washed out some of the West Coast roads.

Although the stag that I shot was not the biggest or the best by a long way, for me it was still a fine trophy. The trip itself will always be remembered for the sheer effort and time to get in and out of that type of country.

Dave Sorenson

*PS: The experience of this trip proved to be of value as on 2 future trips above the bush-line in bad conditions I have seen members of our party just wander off in the wrong direction, so had to stop them.*

*Both times we got them into a sleeping bag, gave them a hot drink and rest. This treatment worked really quickly both times. This reminds me of the time, as an 18 year old, five of us got washed down the Otaki river in a big flood.*

*We lost a lot of gear and very nearly our lives, but that's another story. It gave me a healthy respect for flooded rivers that lasted a lifetime.*

# 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)

Grant Hammond  
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager  
021 138 3831

# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

## 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.

**28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>:** Proposed Hare Hunt Stan has organised another hare hunt down at Waipukurau. These hunts are always well attended and a highlight for many. Shotguns and quadbikes are recommended. Contact Stan at [lowe2147@gmail.com](mailto:lowe2147@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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.

## 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.

# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

## 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 [iainmaca@gmail.com](mailto:iainmaca@gmail.com) for further information.



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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.
- 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](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   |
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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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Can come with scope, worth well over \$550 will sell for \$250.  
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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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# 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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# RANGE NEWS

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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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