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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: Whanganui River Club 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

PRESIDENTS REPORT: AUGUST 2021

Hi Everyone,

Following the AGM on July 6th this is my first President's Report for the monthly newsletter.

Firstly, I want to say a big thanks to Clyde Rogers for his dedication to the Branch over the past 6 years. A very commendable effort Clyde, thank you very much.

Secondly, congratulations to Keith Theobald our new Branch Patron. You are an inspiration to many deerstalkers and we are pleased you accepted the honour.

Thirdly, congratulations to Grant Hammond on receiving a Life Membership from the branch, well deserved.

Thanks must go to all the committee who have volunteered for another a year and to our new committee members who are in for a treat. A few notes from the National Conference and AGM in June. Sarah Cotching (our secretary), Keith Theobald (our now Patron), Stan Lowe, and myself attended the conference in Queenstown. Southern Lakes Branch did an outstanding job at hosting the conference which was a great success and has set a new standard for conferences in the future.

While there's much to communicate to the members it won't all fit here, keep an eye out for updates. The key note speaker at the Prizegiving Dinner was Dave Shaw, the man behind the popular TV series Red Stag Timber Hunters Club. Dave shared some really great insights into the hunting scene in New Zealand. Hopefully we can convince him to present at a branch club

night. At the AGM there was no change to the National Executive.

As you may have heard, the HUNTS course starting on the 2nd of August is fully booked, this is a great problem to have and it goes to show that Kiwis want to learn to hunt. There's more interest than ever before and other branches are having similar experiences with not having the capacity to cope with the demand for HUNTS.

We've recently heard the announcement that \$700,000.00 will be delivered through the Jobs for Nature Community Conservation Fund to boost hunter education. This couldn't come at a better time and I'm looking forward to seeing an increased capacity for the NZDA to deliver hunter training.

Thank you to all those who turned out for the Prizegiving BBQ, it was a great success with over 80 in attendance and some young members taking out many of the prizes. Well done to everyone who put in the effort over the year and thanks for submitting your AHT and Photographic entries.

We have a great local hunt coming up in mid-August and I really hope the members support it. The efforts that go into organising a branch hunt really deserve to be recognised, thanks to everyone who helps these hunts happen. Last year three deer were shot over the weekend of the club hunt at Te Whare Okioki, hopefully some of you can top that this year!

See you all at Club Night.

Reuben

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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 sent to secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

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. All newsletter content to be sent to editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

WHANGANUI RIVER CLUB TRIP ~ 20TH – 23RD JUNE.

WORDS/PICS: Tim Taylor

THE WHANGANUI RIVER IS WELL KNOWN AS A FUN TRIP FOR CANADIAN CANOES. IN SUMMER TIME IT'S CLASSED AS A GREAT WALK AND IN PRE COVID TIMES HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PADDLE IT EVERY WEEK. THIS TRIP WAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT HOWEVER, AS OUTSIDE OF THE GREAT WALK SEASON HUNTING IS ALLOWED... THE GOAT POPULATION WAS ABOUT TO LEARN A WHOLE NEW RESPECT FOR CANOES.

EIGHT OF US MET AT THE CLUB ON THURSDAY AFTER WORK. WE WERE A MIX OF HUNTERS AND TOURISTS, WITH A MIX OF DIFFERENT CANOES AND EVEN A DOUBLE KAYAK.

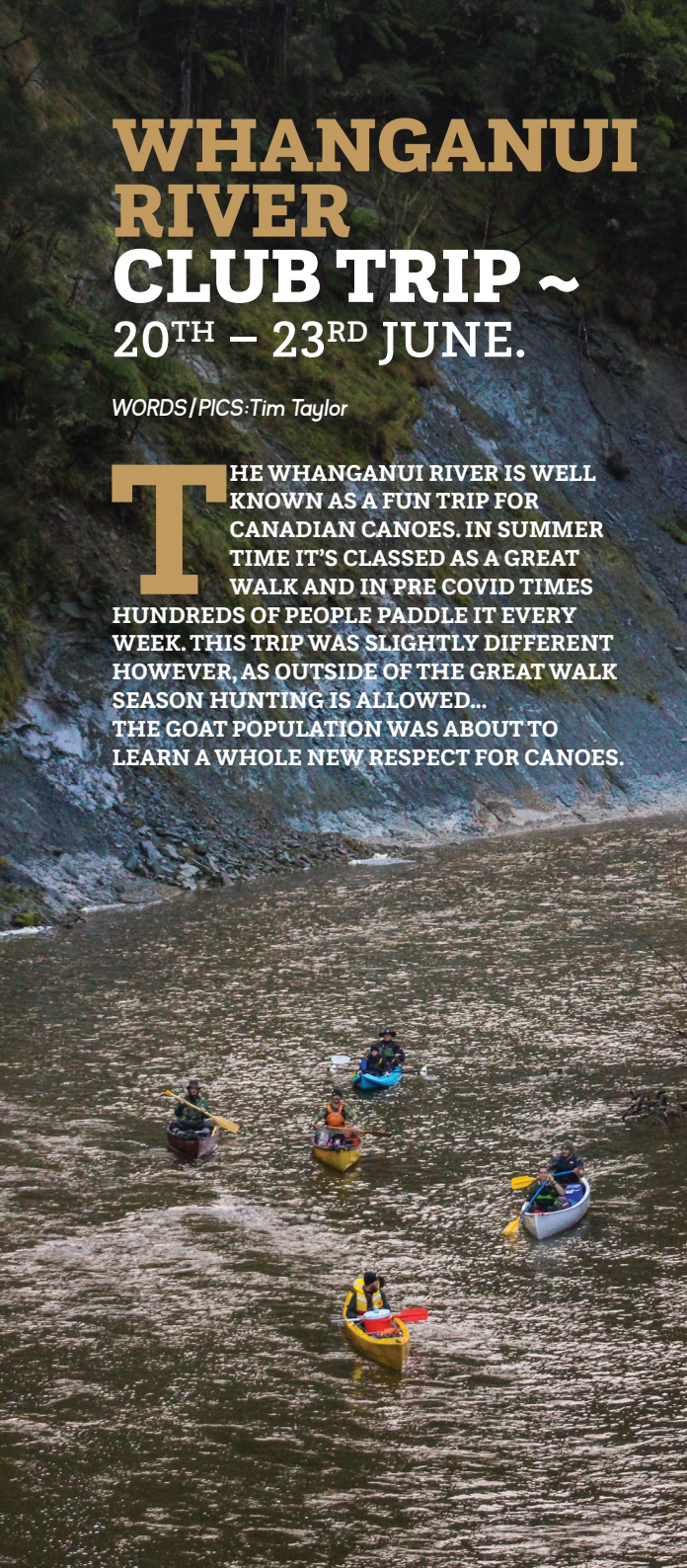
After a 5-hour drive, we made it to the Whakahoro campsite and expecting to have to pitch tents in the dark, we were pleasantly surprised to find the old schoolhouse deserted and fully set up like a DOC hut, luxury!

The river trip began at around 8.30 am on Friday morning. There was a fun energy pervading through the group. It felt like a mix of nervousness, excitement, and the thrill of the unknown.

The river was running high and it was the middle of winter so we didn't really know what to expect.

The dogs could feel it and were causing all sorts of havoc. I think Reuben got the tone about right by cracking the first Canadian Club. A Canadian in a Canadian. haha!

And they're off, the start of an epic 3 days.





Pretty happy with the canoe I built specially for this trip.

At Whakahoro you start the trip in a side stream which enters the Whanganui approx 1km from the launching ramp. The stream is slow and willow choked but the minute you enter the main river it's game on.

We had a 37km paddle to the John Coull hut and were expecting it to take 6-7 hours, but with the high river level we averaged 7km/hr so it turned out to be a pretty cruisy day. Five minutes from starting, the first mob of goats was encountered and I believe they pretty much set the tone of the trip.

No one was quite sure who should shoot first or if there was some sort of etiquette. Well, that didn't last long, and it quickly became the first to see them shot them. If you were second, well

you tried to shoot the ones that were running away. It reminded me of a goat cull that I did with the club back as a teenager.

Our then club president, Russell Neilson, took me under his wing and explained that "you've got to hunch em up". I'll never forget that Russell, the technique still works!

Day One ended at the John Coull hut and it was deserted like everything else we encountered. Later on, I was sitting next to the river writing my hunting diary when I looked up and spotted a goat on the opposite bank.

I raced up to the hut and young Gideon was down there in a flash. With a full audience he poleaxed that goat while resting the gun on his dad's gumboot. It was approximately the 20th goat of the day.

Day Two dawned dull and damp. It just had that feeling like it was going to rain, and sure enough it started right around morning tea.

Overnight it had loosely been decided that as we were deerstalkers, we should actually try to find a deer, so we all set off at our own pace intent on finding somewhere to hunt. This is easier said than done because you still have a 30km paddle to do, and the country is generally either steep or damn near vertical.

Well, the short story is the hunting was crap and all anyone found was old pig rooting. We must have all figured this out at the same time because we all ended up together as we went past the Bridge to Nowhere.

As we got closer to the Tieke Marae, the boys were trying to snipe some goats so James and I nipped up a side creek to see if we could find a deer. James did find a whole mob but sadly some cows spoil his chances.

We returned to the main river and could see no sign of anyone else. We assumed



We all laughed at first but as the rain got heavier James definitely had the last laugh.

they'd be pulled in at the marae but on arriving, there was no sign of anyone. This was worrying as it's a long way to the next campsite.

We were at a bit of a crossroads - stay at the nice dry lodge and enjoy the

comforts or get back on the river and chase them down in the rain and looming dark.

I have to admit that I was leaning towards the comfort the fire figuring we'd find them tomorrow, but luckily James spotted them rafted up approximately 500m down river. A quick whistle to get their attention and we had a good chuckle as we watched them slog back up river.

Curled up around the fire, we had a pleasant night at the Tieke Marae but come morning some bright spark decided we needed to be up early with the hope of catching a deer out.

Picture this, it's absolutely pouring down and pitch black, but here we were standing next to our canoes waiting for it to get light enough to see. What a great idea that was!

The rain continued for most of the morning and it seemed the goats weren't that keen on it either, we just had to put our heads down and grind it out. In the last few kilometers of the trip you start to encounter a few small rapids.

One of them is called 50/50 as apparently about 50% of people fall out. I think we were all secretly looking forward to a bit of action but after paddling through it young Gideon remarked "that was fun, when are we getting to the actual rapid?" The high river level had meant for a quick trip but



John Coull hut, end of Day 1.



ABOVE: The DOC hut at Tieke Marae/Kainga.

ABOVE RIGHT: Gideon lining up a goat



at a fleeing goat only to have Reg the dog run it down was one such moment.

We'd had the river and huts entirely to ourselves, and the higher water meant the paddling was both quicker and easier.



The most exciting whitewater we got on the 50/50 rapid.

sadly it had washed out the fun parts. We finished at Pipiriki around 1pm. Despite a wet couple of days, it had been a great trip and the general consensus was it was well worth it.

To top it off, Reuben had organized a shuttle driver to pick us up so for a few bucks we saved 6 hours of car shuttling. It wasn't long before I noticed 7 heads nodding away in slumber, even the dogs were out to it. It was welcome bit of luxury before we started the drive home.



The whole crew had been top notch and as you'd expect, there had been a fair amount of banter... watching Reuben empty a magazine

Cheers to Reuben for organising and to everyone for making it such a good trip.



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- Non Member \$35 per night.
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CLUB NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER: TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

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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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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



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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)

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Address: Suburb:

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

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

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

Contact the Membership Secretary, Chris Maisey on 027 496 7259 or email: membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz for further information.

All new Applications are put before the committee, at their next available meeting, for acceptance - please allow up to 6 weeks for receipt of your membership card.

The membership type I am applying for is: Period Joined (Circle one)

FEES: Branch financial year runs from March 1 st to February 28 th of the current year.	*Joining Fee	Full Year	Half Year
SENIOR: Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$50.00 +	\$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**

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Signature: Date:

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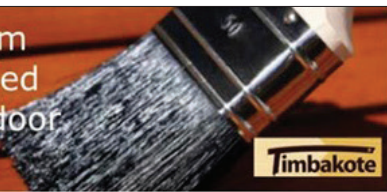
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RANGE NEWS

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CODE OF ETHICS

"A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his act they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact."

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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