



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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Hi Everyone,

At the time of writing this, COVID Hysteria has reared its ugly head again and we're back to curtailed freedoms and practically house arrest for many, no thanks to this government.

While I've been mostly avoiding the media to try to stay blissful, I was unfortunate to have the dreaded call from Chris Crosse (East Kaweka Helicopters) at 330pm on Friday afternoon to inform me that my Saturday fly-in was cancelled. I was sad to have to break the news to my 8 year old daughter who has been waiting a year for this trip.

I hope that by the time you read this we are back to the 'new normal' if it can be called normal. Between now and then make the most of all the opportunities you provide yourselves. As part of our home schooling program our kids have been reloading ammunition, it's been great for their maths and technology learning.

Unfortunately the HUNTS course range day had to be cancelled and the whole HUNTS course schedule put on hold. We don't yet know if or when the remainder of the course will be rescheduled, however Bob and his team will be doing their best to make arrangements if possible.

As you should all know, the range is closed during level 4, as is the entire TECT Park and we will have to wait and see when we will be let out before we have any idea on when and what level of use will be permitted by the authorities.

While we all have our own views on the current regime, please be mindful of how your behaviour may reflect on the NZDA.

On a more positive note, in the middle of August, the HUNTS course held a very successful weekend at the Ngamuwahine Lodge, the club hunt in the Kaimais was again successful with two deer shot, and the Field Marksmanship testing at the range was enjoyed by those who gave it a go.

The test was run by Baden and other Range Officers with many of us attempting to complete it, including Clyde and myself. I tried a couple of times with my 300 magnum and failed so I gave it a go with my 223, managing to pass with some 3rd time luck.

I recommend giving it a go when the opportunity comes around again as it's a great way to put yourself to the test, I'll be back to try again with my 300.

Plans are forging ahead for the annual tahr hunt and if you haven't yet put your name down, contact Stan Lowe, this hunt is well worth the effort.

Keep an eye on the branch calendar for hunts as there's plenty coming up and club hunts are an excellent opportunity to get to know others, experience a new location and share knowledge.

Whether you're lucky or unlucky in your current circumstances, make the most of them and hopefully I'll see you all at a club night soon.

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

NOTICE: There will be no September club night due to the government's restrictions on movement and assembly. The range is closed until further notice as it's not a permitted activity.



TIM'S HOW TO GUIDE TO FLY CAMPING

WORDS/PICS: Tim Taylor

SHORT OF BUILDING A PONGA BIVOUAC, FLY CAMPING IS ABOUT THE MOST BASIC FORM OF AN OVERNIGHT TRIP THAT A HUNTER CAN DO. HAVING GROWN UP READING BOOKS OF THE OLD-TIME CULLERS, I EPITOMIZED FLY CAMPING AS ONE OF THE TRUEST FORMS OF OVERNIGHT HUNTING AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT MY FIRST DEER WAS SHOT ON A SOLO FLY CAMPING MISSION IN THE KAIMAIS.

My complete fly camping kit including 2x meals weighs in at 9.6kg.

In recent years I've had several club members ask questions relating to fly camping. Things like what you need, where you go, how you do it etc. I thought this was all rather obvious, but it made me think... perhaps many new hunters don't know what fly camping is?



My hammock slung up in the Kaimai bush.

With a bit of lockdown time on my hands I decided to write this article is to help fill in a few of those gaps. If it's well received, I'll look to do a few more, so let me know what you think and feel free to hit me up if there's something else you'd like to learn more about.

So what is fly camping? As stated above, it's simply the act of sleeping under a tent fly but this can be extended to include a piece of cheap material like a tarp, or for arguments sake, it can be extended to include hammocks and bivy bags.

Yes, I know these last two aren't strictly the same but I'm including them because they incorporate the same concepts and are often the logical next step.

With numerous huts spaced around the countryside you might ask why you need to fly camp in the first place? Here's a few reasons:

1. It's cheap. At the age of 16 I brought my first tent fly from the Warehouse for the princely sum of \$10. Combined with a \$10 foam bedroll, it was an inexpensive way to get out for an overnight trip.
2. You can do it wherever you want. While you're learning to become a

hunter, you might not be confident to go too far off the beaten track - try setting your fly up in your backyard to test out. It's a great way to figure out what you do and don't need and if you have kids you can get them involved... it's an easy way to build up brownie points!

3. Most of the best hunting spots in NZ are about as far away as you can possibly get from a hut so fly camping might be your best option for finding a good concentration of animals.
4. It's cooler. In summertime huts can be extremely hot and



Not my prettiest camp but tucked in just off the track no one knew I was there.

sticky so they aren't always a pleasant place to sleep. An open fly with an unzipped sleeping bag can be a really nice place to sleep.

5. They're light weight. My fly weighs about 100g and it rolls up to a ball about the size of an apple. If you compare this with my tent that weighs around 4kg, you can see the attraction.

EQUIPMENT

The idea of fly camping is to go lightweight. Try avoiding as many of the gadgets and superfluous crap that you might normally stash away for those 'just in case' moments. My essentials are:

1. A pack.
2. A fly: numerous hunting brands now sell their own versions (e.g. Stoney Creek, Huntech, Bushbuck). What you decide on will often depend on your budget and how fancy you want to get. If you want to keep it simple, try either a cheap tarp or

a piece of black plastic polythene. Whatever you decide on, my recommendation would be to put your own guy ropes on and make them extra-long - at least 4m on each corner. The reason for this is that there never seems to be an appropriately spaced tree when you need it.

3. Bed roll or mat: you never want to sleep directly on the ground as it can be incredibly cold and damp, even in summertime. A dry cell foam bedroll is the classic, but these do

take up a lot of space and they're not very comfortable. After a hard day on the hill, most hunters appreciate a good night's sleep, so an inflatable mat like a Thermarest is the best option. These come in a variety of prices, sizes and thicknesses and your budget will probably dictate what you go for. I always look for the biggest one I can find as I'm tall and I like to keep my sleeping bag off the ground (stops the toe section getting wet if it rains).

4. Ground sheet: this is optional, and many would call it controversial. It's simply another piece of cheap plastic and it's there to stop any moisture coming through from the ground. The reason it's controversial is because it's extra weight to carry, and if you set your fly in a good spot, you shouldn't need it anyway.
5. Sleeping bag or in summer a sleeping bag liner.
6. Cooking gear: as much or as little as you like. If you only plan to eat

freeze dry meals, a Jetboil and spoon is all you need.

7. Headlamp
8. Food and drink
9. Clothing: as much as you want but the idea is to go as light as possible. In summer I don't take anything extra, I simply sleep in my hunting kit.
10. Hunting gear: pair down the non-essentials. A knife and a handful of bullets are all you really need... if you use more than 3 bullets in a trip, you're either going to have more meat than you can carry or you need to learn how to shoot.
11. Safety gear: your normal grab bag of safety items including a gps and compass, an EPIRB, emergency first starting kit, and small first aid kit.

WHERE TO GO AND WHERE TO SETUP

Assuming you're ready to get out there, the idea of fly camping is to be close to where the action is. You might hike up to the tops of the Kaimanawas or it might be in the thick of the Kaimais. Just like the old

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timers, you shouldn't have to go far for your hunting once you've set up your fly camp.

When you've got to your chosen location the key is correct positioning of your fly so here's a few things to consider:

1. Contour of the ground: you always want a flat piece of ground to sleep on. Sleeping on an angle really sucks as you will continually roll downhill during the night. You should also look at the ground around you.

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Avoid obvious hollows, old river channels, or even animal trails... I’ve made this mistake and almost been run over by deer in the middle of the night!

2. Things to tie your guy ropes onto: trees, shrubs, tussock or rocks are all good options. Think about where your ropes will reach and the angle you can put the fly on.
3. Things that might come crashing down in a storm or high winds: look up and around as dead branches, epiphytes, or rocks could seriously hurt you if they came crashing down.
4. Direction of the weather: consider the prevailing wind or any impending weather systems. In the

Kaimais I know that I should try and get the western side of my fly almost touching the ground as this will block the prevailing wind.

5. Water: for cooking, drinking, and washing. Also consider how close you want to be as streams can rise rapidly and it really sucks having to move when it’s pitch black and pouring with rain.

BIVY BAGS AND HAMMOCKS

I wanted to include these as they are a slightly more advanced form of fly camping. A bivy bag is a waterproof bag that you slide your sleeping bag into.

The idea is that they can be used in more extreme conditions, so they are ideal for use in winter and particularly in the snow. I also use mine in winter in conjunction with my fly as they provide an extra layer of protection if the weather is average.

Hammocks are becoming increasingly popular with bush hunters as they keep you off the ground and have built in mosquito nets. For

these two reasons they’re invaluable for places like Fiordland - I used one on Wapiti ballot and absolutely loved it.

In a properly setup hammock, you will never wake up wet and it’s a place to escape to in the evenings when the sandflies are driving you crazy. The downside is you need a couple of solid trees to secure them to, so they aren’t suitable for the open tops, and they can only fit one person.

CONCLUSIONS

Getting out there and giving things a go is the first step, so I encourage you to give fly camping a go. As I’ve mentioned, you don’t need to spend a huge amount of money and I bet if you dig through your current kit you’ve probably got most of it already.

It’s a way to experience more of New Zealand and access hunting grounds that you might have otherwise missed out on. As simple as putting your finger on a map, loading your kit, and hitting the track.

Good luck.



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THE BALDY STAG

WORDS: Dave Sorenson

I SPENT THE FIRST 25 YEARS OF MY HUNTING LIFE IN THE TARARUA'S, RUAHINE'S AND RIMUTAKA FOREST PARKS, WITH THE ODD FORAY DOWN SOUTH AND TO STEWART ISLAND. DURING THIS TIME I WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE WELLINGTON TRAMPING CLUB, NZDA UPPER HUTT BRANCH AND A VENTURER ADVISOR TO THE NZ SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

Each Christmas and Easter, I led trips with a group of Venturers: young men aged 16-19 years. The idea was to extend their outdoor experience and give them a decent challenge.

All of the guys I took on these trips had some experience of camping and tramping, and a good degree of fitness. So my job was to push this a bit further, and they thrived on the hard stuff: nothing like a bit of hardship and suffering to bond a group together and form friendships.

A lot of these lads, over time, developed a love of the outdoors and many went on to join tramping clubs, NZDA branches etc, and to this day I still hunt with some of them. Brent, one of the lads on this trip, did a North/South Traverse of the Kaimais with me last

Christmas. Very little was on public tracks, and being a big man, he found it hard going, but completed the trip. Top marks from me, for sure.

The trip that follows, you could not run in today's environment of PC mumbo, safety, jumbo, cover your butt at all costs, nonsense and you know who the losers are. The young men, you see, they really need a challenge. The following account is of one such trip into the Tararua's in the mid 1970's.

THE BALDY STAG

This Easter trip we left the Hutt Valley on Thursday night and drove to the Holdsworth road end, got the gear sorted, put on our packs and headed for the Mountain House Hut. We had a quick brew and then on to the long climb up to Powell Hut.

Good Friday is always on a full moon, so once we were high enough, we didn't need our torches on. We reached the hut (just above the bushline) and, as there were some bodies in bags, we headed up the ridge a bit, found a large hollow in the tussock and, just like a mob of merino sheep, we bedded down for the night.

This party was 14 guys, so we didn't expect to use any huts, and had camping gear with us. The climb up to our campsite from the carpark had taken about 4 hours, with full packs, so it was a quick feed, then off to sleep real fast.

It was a still, clear night, with stars from one horizon to the other, so I lay there for a while just enjoying the magic of being high up on a mountain ridge in good weather, then I joined the land of nod.

Friday morning dawned fine and still, so it was a quick feed, pack up and on to the Holdsworth Trig. What a day! What a view of the Southern Tararuas spread out before us. It was easy to see why I like being in the mountains. Mind you, I have been at this very same trig on low visibility, snow and ice, a howling gale and icicles hanging from my beard.

Now, on Easter trips in those days, it was a given that you brought an Easter egg for each member of the party. So, at the Trig we had our 2nd egg of the trip, 12 to go. I reckon the eggs and chocolate were much nicer back then and who cares, we were young, fit and I didn't see many fat people in the hills.

So on with the packs and off along the main ridge, travelling north. I had a rifle with me and was keeping an eye out for any deer, when one of the lads said he heard a roar from in the bush just past the Isabel Saddle. So we stopped and waited.

Sure enough, a couple of moans drifted up to us, so while the party waited, I took off down into the saddle. You had better not stuff this hunt up Dave, as there are a lot of guys watching. I was almost to the bush edge when I spied a guy in the tussock, so headed over to have a word.

He told me that his mate had gone after the stag 1/2 an hour ago, so I'm not sure which one we heard roaring. I wished them good

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luck and climbed back up to the ridge. Packs on again for a great day on the tops, good clear views and at times we could see the Wairarapa coast.

We spent the night in the tussock on the South side of McGregor. The next day we continued North along the range and at South King stopped for lunch. We decided to camp on the side of Baldy for the night, as we were not sure about the weather.

The next day we intended to go over Mitre Peak, the highest point in the Tararuas, but only if the weather held up. We found a good campsite in the tussock, made camp and settled in for the night.

As I wanted to go for a hunt, first light saw me slowly sidling around the North side of Baldy, looking down onto some very good looking bush spurs. I let out some moans and sure enough, I got a reply. The stag and I replied to each other for a while, but there was no way he was coming out of the bush. You see, he wasn't vey worked up and was happy to stay in the bush.

So down I went after him. I had to push through a lot of leatherwood and dracophyllum to get to the bush proper and I

went as quietly as I could. Now, with hunting you sometimes get lucky and this was one of those times.

The light wasn't very good yet and as I crawled out into some open bush, my eyes just went straight to him - 50 metres away, stock still and standing side-on amid some small mountain beech.

In those days we didn't have telescopic sights, and the rifles were nearly all 303's (and mine was no exception) I could see his chest, so that was good for a shot, so up with the rifle and BANG. The 303 did it's job and down he went.

He was a very nice stag for the Tararuas, one of the best ones that I took out of these ranges. I set about taking the legs off and the rest of the usable meat. It took me two trips to get it up onto Baldy, and by the time I arrived with my 2nd load, so did the mist. Within minutes it turned into a total white-out, as thick as any I have been in on the West Coast, with visibility down to 2 metres.

I took a back leg and the back steaks and headed back down the tussock to camp. I thought that I was going really well until the bushline appeared out of the mist. Heck, I must have missed by a long way as I knew that camp was about midway from the top to the bushline.

So it was a big climb back up to the top again, and to try and find my meat etc. It wasn't easy, as Baldy isn't a peak, but a few small bumps devoid of any vegetation at all. Finally I found my meat stash and left the rest of the meat there, just taking one back steak with me.

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Baldy is a big area, and with no wind or visibility, it was a lot of guesswork as I tried to sidle about mid- point and give a shout every 5 minutes or so. Now sidling in wet tussock is hard at the best of times.

After about an hour I was wet, cold and totally stuffed, so when I finally heard a reply in the distance, I tell you that was one of the best sounds that I ever heard. In conditions like this, it is very hard to pinpoint sound, so I waited for another reply before I set off again.

It turned out that I was above camp by a long way, so the guys called me in and by the time I got to camp an experienced mate that I had on this trip had a hot brew ready. So it was into dry gear, a feed and into the sleeping bag, and life was good again.

The boys had heard my shot just after daybreak and they had visions of lots of venison to take home to impress mothers, girlfriends and even sisters. Then Dave gets back to camp with one back-steak: what a let-down. So a cunning plan was hatched.

A map and compass were produced, then the high point from the contour lines was pinpointed and bearings taken. Two intrepid lads were chosen. I wasn't too keen on them disappearing into the mist, but they had both

completed an advanced map and compass course, and 2 more lads were going part way with them, but staying within earshot of camp.

About an hour later they returned to camp with all of the meat and antlers. I tell you, few, if any stags have had such royal treatment and it was slaps on the back all round. (They hadn't invented high fives yet) Well, that very thick mist just stayed all day, so another night in the tussock, but this time there was a lot more rain.

The next day dawned wet, and still no visibility, so we broke camp and dropped down to the bush edge. Three lads were sent to reconnoiter a way down into the Atiwhakatu stream.

They stayed within earshot and after about 20 minutes, returned with the news that there was a good spur below us. A few years later, one member of our party found himself in a very much similar situation. He went on to join the Hutt Valley tramping club, and became a very active tramper indeed.

With his girlfriend and a mate, they were high above the headwater of a major Westland valley in thick mist and trying to find a route to the valley floor. He left his mate and girlfriend up in the tussock and dropped down a bit to have a look. He found that they were above a big bluff system, so climbed back up and he suddenly saw them in the mist, so waved them back.

As they turned, they lost their footing and started to slide down the tussock face. As they had nylon over-trousers on, they just gained speed and disappeared into the mist,

and over the bluff below to their deaths. From that time on, I have not worn that type of gear in steep tussock.

Back to Baldy. This was the 2nd day of total white-out conditions (the longest time I have experienced it) so we regrouped at the bush edge and made our way down the spur into the valley head. We found a good saddle and a bit of an old trail and it lead us to the valley floor, by which time we finally got out of the mist.

On the way down we came across an old carved cross from 1938. It stated that a hunter had been found dead there, having died of exposure. I do not think that many people had found that site as it was certainly in the middle of nowhere.

When we reached the main Atiwhakatu stream, we stopped, had lunch and then followed the true right of the valley down to Holdsworth Rd end. That part took us 4 1/2 hours, so it was a tired party that took off packs in the carpark.

Yes, the boys had their meat, I had the antlers, all the Easter eggs had been consumed, so all were tired, dirty but happy and I think you could say that everyone on that Tararua trip had been extended. Nowadays, there are good marked tracks over Baldy and down into the Atiwhakatu river to the hut, then on to the road end and lodge.

There was a stage on this trip when we could have done with some of those markers. Over the years I shot a few Tararua stags, but this one was one of the best and I can assure you no meat was wasted.

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

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BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

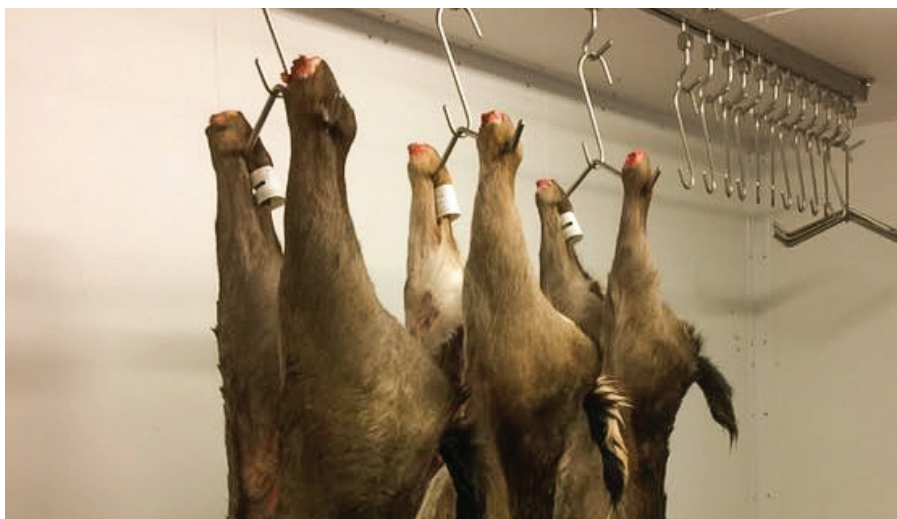
3rd - 5th: Walk-in/fly-out hunt at the Oamaru Hut in the Kaimanawa Forest Park. The flight out is a cheap and easy option but not necessary for those who would rather walk out. Contact Iain MacAulay at iainmaca@gmail.com for further information.



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

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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.

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

www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/membership/

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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
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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,
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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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