Bay of Plenty **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.

COVER PHOTO: Dave Sorenson's Kaimai Red Stag. 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: OCTOBER 2021

Hi Everyone,

Spring is well and truly upon us and deer are venturing out to those grassy spots for the fresh growth. I hope you have plans for a meat hunt, if not, keep an eye on the club hunts calendar.

After cancelling September's club night due to the government's restrictions on movement and assembly I'm looking forward to October's. Now that our freedoms are less restricted we should be back to our regular club activities.

This club night we will have Cam Speedy from the Sika Foundation presenting to us. Cam is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Sika hunting and animal management so come along for a very informative evening.

The remainder of our HUNTS course has been rescheduled and there may be more support needed for the final hunt. If you're interested in assisting, speak to our HUNTS instructors.

The National Board has pulled together representatives from across the regions to form a Game Animal Management subcommittee to help inform the Board and the Game Animal Council of animal management matters specific to each area.

The subcommittee will be a key channel for local hunting communities to feed information through to the Board and the GAC, especially where pest contol and animal management operations may affect hunting opportunities.

Download the new NZDA app and checkout the amazing deals that have been secured for members. Discounts are ready for your summer DIY projects.

For those of us who also enjoy fresh water fishing and game bird shooting, like me you will be pleased that one of our own, Mike Jarvie, will in due course be declared elected to the Eastern Fish and Game Council. Congratulations Mike.

If you're wanting to get more involved with NZDA then speak to one of our committee members who can put you in touch with the right people. We have lots going on within our club as well as opportunities across the regions with other NZDA branches.

See you at club night. Until then, happy hunting.

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!

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COMMITTEE MEETING:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. All correspondence to be sent to secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

NEWSLETTER:

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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.

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THE ROAR OF 2001 KAIMAI RANGES

WORDS/PICS:Dave Sorenson

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Ken and I set out from the carpark about 4pm and tramped into our chosen area for a 2 day hunt. As it was early April, we had high hopes of getting on to some stags, but there wasn't a sound on the way in.

By the time we had set up camp it was nearly dark, so a bit of tucker and it was off to bed. During the night we heard a few moans east of the camp, so the next morning we decided to travel over in that direction and hunt the headwaters of the Whatakao stream. This is a huge area that isn't hunted much as it takes a lot of effort to get into that country, and just as much to get out again.

As it was a fine day, we spent most of the time hunting way back in the headwaters, but to no avail, apart from a bit of fresh sign and a couple of distant moans. During the day Ken's voice went from a baritone to a choirboy, but still a good day in the hills, and we saw some new country and got into some areas that were best forgotten.

Next morning dawned misty with a light drizzle, conditions that I have found over the years to turn on some stags, and today was to be no exception. With high hopes we set out from camp to hunt the main ridge that separates the Wairere/Aongatete catchments. We climbed up to a low saddle that we knew of and made our way south along the main ridge giving a roar every 10 minutes or so.

After about an hour of this we finally got a distant reply from down a spur heading off from the ridge that we were on. We quickly climbed to a high point to try and locate just where the stag was. Ken roared again and we got an instant reply from down off a leading spur to our right, about 200metres away. "I think it is coming our way"

"You beaut!" This is what hunting is all about. The stag was worked up. I'm worked up and Ken's eyes are bulging and he's foaming at the mouth, or is that just the rain? The stag roars again, Ken roars back, so I catch Ken's eye, point to a bushy gully to our right and then disappear into it. "AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR OF THIS WE FINALLY GOT A DISTANT REPLY FROM DOWN A SPUR HEADING OFF FROM THE RIDGE THAT WE WERE ON. WE QUICKLY CLIMBED TO A HIGH POINT TO TRY AND LOCATE JUST WHERE THE STAG WAS. KEN ROARED AGAIN AND WE GOT AN INSTANT REPLY FROM DOWN OFF A LEADING SPUR..."

Now Ken and I have shot about 9 stags together in this manner and there are no set rules. You don't presume a thing, as things can change so fast. The wind and weather, the type of country, sometimes hinds are about, and then you have worked up hunters and a stag that is unpredictable. Anything can happen and sometimes does, so stay alert.

This reminds me of the time Ken and I were working a roaring stag high on a ridge above the Whatakao stream. As usual, Ken was roaring the stag and I was stalking in from the side, when the wind changed, so I had to back out of the gully that I was in.

By the time I got back to the spot that I had started from, Ken and the stag had moved further along the ridge. It took me a while to catch up with them and as I stalked over a small rise, I could see both the stag and Ken eyeballing each other. Ken was down on one knee, looking at the stag through his telescopic sights, and the stag was about 30 metres away, side on to Ken, who lowered his rifle and let out a low moan. The stag replied with a moan of his own "Ain't love great." I am sure that they fancied each other. I guess that in today's world you are what you feel.

I slowly crept closer to Ken and hissed "Shoot the bloody thing." Ken lifted his rifle again, sighted on the stag, then lowered the gun again. I could see that this situation just wasn't going to last, so I whispered that I was taking the shot and BANG!, the stag dropped on the spot.

"Why didn't you shoot it?" I asked, and Ken muttered something about the sun coming into his scopes from the side. I think that to this day I am still not fully forgiven for ending another sordid love affair in the Kaimai Ranges. As you can see from that stalk, although I went out after that stag, my mate ended up between me and the stag and stuff did happen.

Back to the 2001 hunt. I made my way down into a gully on the north side of the spur that the stag was on as the wind and rain were coming from the south. Ken was giving the odd roar and I knew from the occasional moan that the stag was still coming up towards him, but very slowly. It is so hard to be still, especially with rain going down your neck.

Finally it all payed off as I peered into the mist and saw bush movement about 60 metres away, then a bit of antler. The stag made his way up the spur to about 50 metres from the knob where Ken was roaring from, then he turned and started to make his way south around and below the knob. BUGGER. If he keeps going that way he will pick up Ken's wind. "I SLOWLY CREPT CLOSER TO KEN AND HISSED "SHOOT THE BLOODY THING." KEN LIFTED HIS RIFLE AGAIN, SIGHTED ON THE STAG, THEN LOWERED THE GUN AGAIN. I COULD SEE THAT THIS SITUATION JUST WASN'T GOING TO LAST, SO I WHISPERED THAT I WAS TAKING THE SHOT AND BANG!, THE STAG DROPPED ON THE SPOT."

Now, I have stated before that luck plays a part in hunting and this was one such time. Ken sometimes turns and roars behind him, and that is just what he did. It confused the stag, and he turned and came back into the gully that I was in.

The area was covered in thick vegetation and at no time had I got a good look at this stag, just a flash of antler or brown, and sometimes just bush movement.

If he keeps coming in this direction there is an open area down in front of me that he will have to go through. So I knelt down, wiped the rain and mist off the scopes and waited. After about an hour, (make that 3 minutes) I detected movement to my right, then the stag moved into the open area.

He was real big, and not going to stop, so I had one chance at this, so I better not stuff it up. I didn't muck around, and as soon as I got a good bead on him, I took the shot. The stag took 2 paces and then he was down. WHAT A BEAST! I quickly reloaded my rifle to give the old timer's gun salute, but the bullet jammed in the breach.

Now, at no time had Ken seen the stag or me, and as the stag stopped making any noise towards the end, Ken must have wondered just what was happening. So I gave him a yell and told him to come on down to me quickly. As Ken makes his way down into the gully, I race up to him and say." *Give me your gun, as mine is jammed* up." *The stag is down,*" he says, "I can see it down there."

"Just give me the gun," I say and grab it, load up and empty the magazine into the air. The look on Ken's face is really priceless. Gobsmacked springs to mind, as he has never seen the gun salute before.

We made our way down to the fallen stag and what a sight. In this heavy bush area this head was as good as it gets. Big body, good antlers and aged at 8 years old (I have had the jawbone aged).

Ken and I shook hands on a job well done, as I'm sure neither of us would have got it

"IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT BY THE END OF THE TRIP KEN AND I WERE BOTH TOTALLY STUFFED. MIND YOU, HAVING A GOOD SET OF ANTLERS TIED OVER THE TOP OF THE PACK ALWAYS HELPS TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD AND THAT IS WHAT KEEPS US GOING BACK FOR MORE."



by ourselves. That stag was never going to come right into the roar. It was still raining and getting cold, so we set about butchering the meat and, yes, the back legs were huge.

We also took the head off and set out back to camp. We had a brew and a good feed, broke camp and set out for the road-end. What a load, camping gear, lots of meat and I had the head tied onto the pack as well.

Everything was wet and slippery and the trip out took about 4 hours. It is fair to say that by the end of the trip Ken and I were both totally stuffed. Mind you, having a good set of antlers tied over the top of the pack always helps to lighten the load and that is what keeps us going back for more.

This head is now on the wall in the clubrooms for anyone who would like to have a look at it.



TAKE A KID HUNTING. TEACH A KID HUNTING.

UNNING, YELLING, EXCITED JUMPING, SMILING FACES, THEN "DAD DAD, I SEEN A RABBIT". SURE ENOUGH I CAN SEE ONE, TWO, THREE... I BETTER GET THE 22.

Pressure is on, the best positioned rabbit is about 80m from the yard fence, in the second paddock.

If I miss it's the usual embarrassment but a hit itself isn't enough. It must be a head shot to avoid wasting the meat and keep everyone happy. Bang, flop. Fingers crossed.

I send a couple of kids over the fence and direct them across the paddock from my vantage point on the front lawn.

Then there's more excited yelling and running, a couple of long ears scrunched up in a small fist, a drooping bunny dangling next to some short legs in red bands.

Puffing and panting they arrive back to the excited preschoolers who want to have a hold, neither with a strong enough grip but insisting on a *"turn"* none the less.

I'm pleased when the four year old points out there's an eye missing. Headshot. Success.

Off to get a knife and begin today's lockdown homeschooling biology lesson. The lucky pooch is



much older than all the kids and is waiting patiently for what she knows is coming next.

First the skin followed by a request to make it into a pillow, I decline and toss it to the dog though she's not interested, she's waiting for the 'sweets'. Then the organs one by one with description, followed by "I want a hold". Happy dog, happy kids. Delivery to the kitchen, happy wife.

An hour later we are eating butter rabbit on rice. A very cheap meal and some life lessons to finish another day of house arrest.

Reuben

TAUPO BRANCH 2021 PRIZE SHOOT



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REGISTRATIONS:

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You can register on the day of the event from 8.30am or preregister now to secure your spot.

Do it online on the www.nzdataupo.org.nz website Events tab, or email secretary@nzdataupo.co.nz with your details to let us know which category you would like to enter. You can enter one category or both.

Make your payment online, account number: 03 04300 249818 00.

Please use your surname as a reference and include Prize Shoot as the code. Pre-registration closes on 1st November 2021.

FORMAT:

Prize Shoot: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes per grade.

100 metre Centrefire or Rimfire Graded A to D. Four positions, 5 Shots in each, 20 shots total, Three minutes Unlimited sighters.

Hunter Class: See details on the next page.

Both shoots run consecutively.

RULES:

Graded Shoot and Hunter Class. Taupo rules apply. (National rules, but the Taupo branch reserves the right to make a final decision).

ENTRY FEES: Per Event

MEMBERS

SENIOR \$35.00 JUNIOR (Under 18) Free

NON MEMBERS

SENIOR \$45.00 JUNIOR (Under 18) Free

MAJOR SPOT PRIZE

GPO 4-16 X 50 RIFLESCOPE - RRP \$1200

GPO Scope will be won by one lucky competitor on the day!*

*Winner needs to be at prize giving to qualify for the draw, if not present a re-draw will take place until a winner is found).

HUNTER CLASS RULES: Non Graded:

Top three scores - Cash Prize! Plus prize table for other entries.



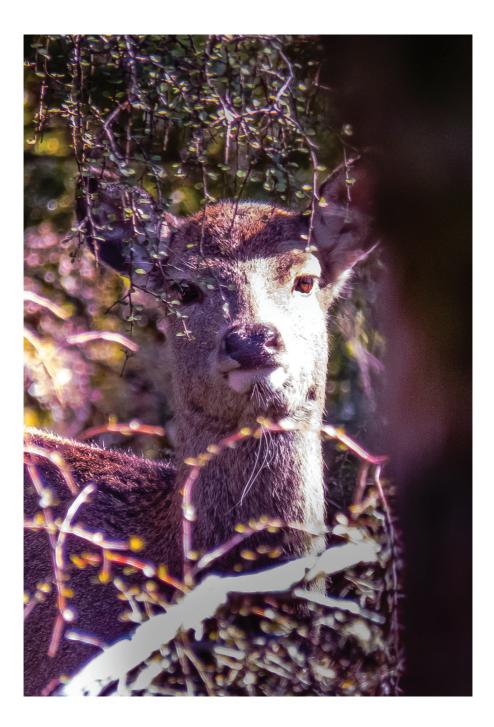
- 5 shots in each of the 4 positions: Prone, Sitting, Kneeling & Standing. Shooter can elect to shoot a less stable position if desired.
- No sighters.
- Calibre: Centrefire calibre .222 up to 8mm maximum.
- Scope set to a maximum power of 9X.
- No target equipment: No jackets, elbow pads, shooting gloves or shooting hats etc.
- No rests or bi-pods.
- Slings: 2 point slings are allowed but if used, must be attached in positions.
- No single point slings allowed.

REFRESHMENTS: Free morning and afternoon tea. Plus, free BBQ Sausages, hot pork or venison sandwiches after the shoot, and tea or coffee.

CAMPING: Camping is available on the Range. \$10 service fee only. No camp site power points available. There is plenty of room, with kitchen and toilet facilities in the clubroom.

ENQURIES: All enquiries to Kath Keeley, phone 021 035 4455, secretary@nzdataupo.org.nz.

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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).



NZDA BOP RANGE UPDATE:

BACKING BOARDS:

Some of you will have already been to the range and seen the backing board trial at 25m. We have screwed four fence palings (cut to length) into the centre of each position. The idea is that these individual fence palings can very easily be unscrewed and replaced when shot out so will be faster and cheaper to replace when needed.

So far these appear to holding up well and we will continue to do this at other distances. The sides of the positions will also be replaced as needed.

WORKING BEES:

When we can be sure we have enough supplies ready to go (palings, posts etc) - many of you will be aware how difficult it is to source well priced timber at the moment, we will announce some working bees.

These will be held on a variety of day's: weekends and after work (in the summer) to suit different members. Along with replacing posts and backing boards we need the drums in the butts lifted and turned or replaced and some topped up, weed spraying, boundary checked, rubbish taken to land fill.

CAN YOU HELP US:

Do you have access to a supply of *"off cut"* timber - but not scraps, good lengths of palings or posts that could be donated to the club or offered at a discounted rate??

Do you have a trailer, a digger, a small truck? We would like to put together a list of members that can help us out from time to time with various range maintenance that involves more than just man power with a spade, a drill or a wheelbarrow.

Please flick an email through to range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz with your details.

Grant Hammond NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager 021 138 3831



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BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

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 lain MacAulay at iainmaca@gmail.com for further information.



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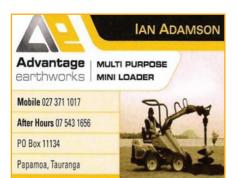
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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 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:	
Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuitant:	1	
Junior less than 18 as at 1 st March 2021. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1 st 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	٠	\$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	٠	\$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	٠	\$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			
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS: Annual Range Ticket - \$50.00	Range Ticket			\$50.00	
Donation towards ongoing development of the	Donation			\$	
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:	03-0445-0184375-00
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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- 1. Book the units in advance.
- 2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
- 3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
- 4. Pay a \$40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
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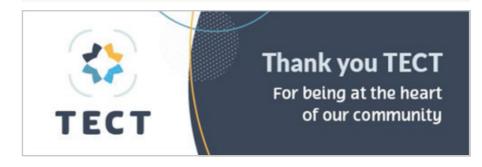
There is no cost for the renewal of the unit if it is used in an emergency but if possible we will need it returned. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.

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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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Aldo Leopold, The Sand County Almanac

A MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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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