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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION
BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH



NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

Our mission statement is to retain, enhance and create opportunities for the enjoyment of legitimate recreational hunting and the sport of shooting, for the members of the Association.

Founded in 1950, the Bay of Plenty NZDA is a branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association.



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PRESIDENTS REPORT: NOVEMBER 2021

Hi Everyone.

Summer is almost here and the days are getting long enough for some afterwork twilight hunting. I hope many of you are getting out regularly. Another successful HUNTS course has been completed, congratulations to all those members who participated and thanks to all the volunteers who helped along the way.

While the government's restrictions caused significant disruptions our instructors did a great job rescheduling and making things happen.

Next month we have the Christmas shoot, it would be great to have a big turnout for some social shooting and BBQ. Put it in your calendar now before the silly season rush starts, Sunday 5th Dec.

We've been having more and more attending every year with plenty of partners, families and kids joining in the shooting. Keep a look out for a coming notice.

We have got some great speakers lined up for coming club nights and although we've had to do a lot of rescheduling we are really lucky to have such a good line up. If you have any ideas on who you might like to have present at a club night or any contacts that may be interested, please let the committee know.

We are also looking for stories for the newsletter about any of your hunting adventures, if you like to write or if you don't, we would all appreciate to hear about one of your memorable hunts.

See you Tuesday.

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 7.30pm.
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.



Group butchery session at the Pakihi Hut.

CLUB HUNTS – GETTING THE MOST FROM THEM AND THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

A CLUB HUNT IS THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF ANY DEERSTALKING CLUB. IT'S A TIME TO CHECK OUT NEW HUNTING LOCATIONS, GET TO KNOW OTHER MEMBERS, LEARN NEW SKILLS, AND MY PERSONAL FAVOURITE, SPIN A FEW YARNS.

I still remember my first club hunt. I was a teenager and we did a fly camp at the Te Tuhi/North South junction. I have a couple of vivid memories from that trip. The first is a family sized tent that Paul Adams and I found in the middle of nowhere.

We marveled at how anyone had got it there in the first place, but we were even more surprised when we looked inside... there was porn scattered all over the floor! The second

memory was him telling me that a deer I'd spied was too small to shoot.

It would have been my first deer and at the time and I was a bit disappointed. However because of that club hunt I had the courage to go back into the Kaimais and I shot my first deer not far from that spot. It must have been a good lesson aye Paul.

But I digress, the reason I wanted to write this article is because I regularly get members asking me what's the deal with club hunts. There seems to be a list of common questions, so I thought I'd jot some down with appropriate answers. In no particular order, here we go...



Heading off down the Whanganui River.

“WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO COME ON CLUB HUNTS. THIS INCLUDES YOUR PARTNER, CHILDREN OR EVEN A KEEN FRIEND.”

Q: Who can go on a club hunt?

A: We welcome everyone to come on club hunts. This includes your partner, children or even a keen friend. Some hunts have restrictions on numbers and some require a certain degree of experience, so it always pays to check with the hunt organiser just to be sure.

Q: I'm new to hunting and not confident on my own, will I get partnered up.

A: Short answer, most of the time. Long answer, we try our best to partner up new hunters but this isn't always possible due to numbers and the experience levels within the group. Our normal process is to plan the hunting each night and where necessary partner people up. We will never leave you to fend for yourself but on the odd occasion you might be directed to walk up an easy riverbed on your own. Please try also to consider that experienced hunters may not necessarily want a newbie with them on a hunt - this might be their only time away from reality or they may just want to do a serious day's hunting.

Q: What if I don't know anyone?

A: No worries, this is the best possible time to get to know people! Hunting and camping with a bunch of like-minded individuals is the best way to get to know them. It's the ideal time to make new hunting buddies and it will make you feel more welcome at the club as you get to know other members.



Evening planning session at Te Whare Okioki hut.

Q: I've never been to that location, how do I hunt it?

A: We deliberately plan our club hunts to go to different areas throughout the year. This is so you can get exposure to different terrain and different species throughout NZ all within the supportive club environment. You may not be successful on this trip, but it will give you the chance to explore the area and should hopefully inspire you to return.

Q: What gear do I need?

A: Each hunt is slightly different but at minimum you should have a pack, sleeping bag, cooking gear, and hunting kit. You don't need a huge amount to get started so I'd recommend going easy on the gadgets until you know what you really need. I personally think that one of the best things about a club hunt is seeing what other people bring:

it's a favourite nighttime conversation and you will ultimately pick up a variety of tips and tricks that make successive hunts more enjoyable.

Q: What's the deal with transport?

A: This varies slightly with each hunt but wherever possible we try to carpool to save costs. The hunt organiser will help coordinate this but please remember to flick the driver some gas money.

Q: Do we share the meat?

A: We try to encourage members to share in their success and divvy up any animals shot. While it's not a hard rule, it's encouraged so that everyone can feel like they've had a successful trip. Please note that you're expected to help carry it out if you want to take it home.

Q: Is there mattresses at the hut?

A: It's surprising how often I get asked this



Having a beer and getting to know each other at Clements Mill.

question. The short answer is yes, there is. I'm yet to find a DOC hut without a mattress but it never hurts to carry a Thermarest if you have one - other members of the public may have beaten you to the hut or sleeping outside on the balcony might be preferable, especially on a hot summers night.

Q: What food do I bring?

A: This is entirely up to you and will vary for different trips. If you're packing in, then lightweight food such as Back Country Cuisine is preferable (but not compulsory) but if you're driving to the location you can bring as much as you like. I personally like to eat so I happily carry in a pack full of goodies knowing it will only get lighter as the trip goes on.

Q: Can I bring alcohol on a trip?

A: Normally it's not a problem but it never hurts to check with the hunt organiser first.

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As an example, I enjoy a cold beer after a long day on the hill and I often stash a few cans in a handy creek, but this might not be appropriate on one of our hare hunts where we're spotlighting all night.

I hope the answers have helped cover off a few of the things you're wondering about. If you have more questions, please feel free to give me a ring, send me an email, or chat to me at a club night (contact details are in this newsletter).

Tim



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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.

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NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
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BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

NOVEMBER

Location: Pakihi Hut, Opotiki area (previously advertised as Waipakihiri).

Date: 12th - 14th November (previously advertised as 19th-21st).

Organiser: Tim Taylor, tim@nzdabop.org.nz, 027 668 9904.

Target: Reds and goats.

Notes: Easy 2 hour walk in.

DECEMBER

Location: Oamaru Hut, Kaimanawas.

Date: 3rd - 5th December.

Organiser: Iain MacAulay, iainmaca@gmail.com, 021 263 9845.

Target: Sika.

Notes: Options for walk or chopper.



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

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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
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Account Name: NZDA BOP Branch
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 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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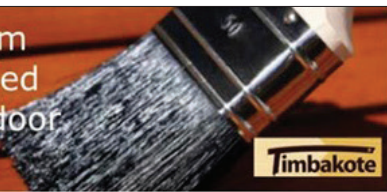
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RANGE NEWS

Royce Downes
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
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- We are encouraging anyone who wants to bring a head or jaw in for measuring on club night to do so. If you bring a head to measure you'll get a free beverage.
- Warmer months make it all the more important to chill your kill. The Club Chiller is available, contact Reuben Hayward. (See Page 12).
- November Club Night we have Louise Saunders, the new CE of the Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust. This will be an informative presentation about conservation in our back yard.

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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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