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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



DECEMBER 2021

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: DECEMBER 2021

Hi Everyone.

The warm weather is here and there's been a good number of deer moving through the club chiller. It's great that it's getting plenty of use and members are putting animals in the freezer ready for the summer BBQs. If you haven't been out, there's still time before Christmas and we have one more club hunt before the chaos starts.

Amongst all the busyness, don't miss our branch Christmas shoot and BBQ on Dec 5th. Bring the family for a friendly social shoot and meaty feed to start summer off properly.

As many of you will be aware, the range was closed for a few days for investigation of an incident. There was no harm, but there was potential for harm. Please let this be a timely reminder to make sure when you are using firearms that you are meeting all your obligations under the law and any other requirements that land owners may impose. Let it be a safe and enjoyable summer.

It's very pleasing that our members have taken the opportunity to get their dogs trained to avoid Kiwi. All up 16 dogs were booked in for a November training day arranged specifically for our branch members. If you have missed out this time and would like to get your dog/s trained, get in contact with myself or another committee member.

This training is really important as it helps protect Kiwi, it means you can take your canine companion into Conservation areas that require Avian Avoidance Certificates and it's great for our organisation to be seen doing our part to help protect our native species.

Government restrictions on movement and assembly continue to play havoc with club night speakers. We have again had to postpone Annealing Made Perfect, this time until next year as they can't escape Auckland in time for December's club night. Let's hope our best-laid plans for the next few months don't get further disrupted.

We again have the opportunity to have our annual Family Weekend at Tapu at the end of January, see the advert in this newsletter. Book early so as not to miss out on this truly epic club event.

On a side note, there's no Range Open Day in December as the last Sunday falls on Boxing Day.

See you at club night for a cold drink and chat about the new rifle your family is buying you for Christmas...

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.

FAMILY WEEKEND

**FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH
TO MON 31ST JAN 2022**

(AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND)

RIVERSIDE RETREAT

**31 TAPU COROGLLEN ROAD, THAMES COAST
(STAN & ARENDINA LOWE'S)**

Enjoy a weekend of fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, walking, and biking on Hauraki Rail Trail or just relaxing with the family and other club members. Heaps of other activities and lots of space to do it in.

Bring your camping gear, caravan, camper van or stay in our cabins (several available) at Riverside Retreat or across the road in self contained flat. Other holiday accommodation can be arranged if none of the other options is to your liking.

Facilities at Riverside include non flush toilets, shower, large BBQ area with NZDA marquees, fridge and freezer space, local shop with takeaways, safe swimming whole in river, school playground plus the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

WHAT TO BRING: Sun screen, insect repellent, food & drink and usual camp gear and the toys you enjoy or even a deck chair and a good book.

Saturday and Sunday night we will have a group BBQ with heaps of snapper plus tahr meat - Bring salads and potluck food to share.

COST: \$15 per adult per night, students \$5 per night, under 5 years free.

If you have any specific requirements give me a call, as I am sure we can make it happen.

Please phone Stan on 027 667 1140 or email lowe2147@gmail.com to discuss your requirements even if you require all the home comforts we can arrange that also.



THE 11TH ANNUAL TAHR BRANCH HUNT

THE BAY OF PLENTY DEERSTALKERS 11TH ANNUAL TAHR HUNT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 31ST OCTOBER AND 6TH NOVEMBER. WITH A TOTAL OF 21 HUNTERS, 14 OF THOSE WERE HUNTING IN THE MT COOK NATIONAL PARK, IN 4 SEPARATE LOCATIONS AND 7 IN NEARBY RANGES IN TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS.

All parties had successful hunts with plenty of meat taken home and some personal best trophies. Again the weather was near perfect apart from it being a bit windy in the early part.

The parties outside the National Park in the Hopkins catchment had a successful hunt and a great experience however while hunting there was a doc culling operation happening in parts of the area. This was some what of a surprise as it was our understanding the culling operations were to be completed by the end of October due to the kidding.

All parties in the National Park also had very successful hunts. About half of these hunters were first time tahr hunters which included teenagers, children and women. For these the experience is one they will never forget. They all had the thrill of shooting a bull even if it was not the biggest trophy but I am sure they will be back looking for mr big.

DOC aerial culling of animals this year and in previous years has had a dramatic effect on the numbers of nannies and bulls in Mt Cook National Park. The numbers of nannies would have been less than 10% of sighted animals.

With this in mind I wonder what is the target of the reduction in numbers DOC is aiming for in these culling operation. While there is sufficient numbers of animals in the National Park recreational hunters will continue to participate in productive hunts and continue to do their part in animal control.

The absolute delight for me was to see and hear about these first time hunters achieve not only an animal but and experience in the alpine areas that they will never forget and will want to repeat themselves and for their next generation. Most are lining up again for next years hunt.

Stan Lowe
Branch Hunt Coordinator.
Bay of Plenty Deerstalkers.

ANTLER, HORN & TUSK



THOUGHTS ABOUT THE AHT COMPETITION WERE ON MY MIND AS I SAT POLISHING A TROPHY FROM THIS YEARS COMPETITION. THE TROPHY WAS ESPECIALLY TARNISHED, MORE THAN I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IF SOMEONE HAD POLISHED IT LAST YEAR, BUT IT HADN'T BEEN AWARDED LAST YEAR. IN FACT THIS TROPHY HADN'T BEEN AWARDED 18 YEARS OF THE LAST 55. MAYBE IT'S CHALLENGING TO WIN.

The necessarily long polishing session gave me plenty of time to read the names of previous winners, some names featured multiple times. The previous winners included names of legend, club officers, and several branch presidents from the past.

It was clear the trophy had taken some hits and it had the scars to show. Possibly someone's child had knocked it from the mantle piece where it had been proudly put on display, any manner of events could have brought about such character, the events now lost to time. All this polishing and thought caused me to ponder my hunt that had led to me being awarded this trophy.

What of the previous winners? I wondered where they had shot their competition entry, was it a magnificent example of the species or was it their personal best... I will likely never know. How many of these previous

winners have sat and polished this exact trophy pondering similar thoughts.

The first winner held this trophy two decades before I was born. What was it like hunting these animals back then? Did he even have a scope on his rifle? What did his trophy score? Did he get it mounted?

I started to think of other members of the branch now and future. Who will read my name on this trophy in the decades to come? Will they know who I am? Will it be one of my children, or maybe a niece or nephew? Perhaps my wife might win it one day. Perhaps a grandchild, how special would that be?

This really got me thinking about how privileged it is to be awarded one of these trophies from our annual AHT competition. It's stamping your name on history, giving the opportunity to someone in the future to be inspired by and awed by your name, your story, your legend.

Next time you think about going hunting, taking an animal, entering the AHT competition: think of the thousands of hunters who have done the same but different for lifetimes before: think of the hunters who will do the same but different for lifetimes in the future.

Be inspired, be awed, and get out there, challenge yourself and do your best. You never know, next year might have your name engraved next to some of the legends of the past.

Reuben



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CLUB NOTICE:

DUE TO THE "TRAFFIC LIGHTS" IMPOSED ON US FROM FRIDAY,
THE CHRISTMAS SHOOT GATHERING HAS A LIMIT OF 50 UNDER
ORANGE, SAME FOR THE DECEMBER CLUB NIGHT.

The committee will be making some decisions at the next committee meeting
on the 14th December around club activities under "traffic light" restrictions.

Next year's activities will likely be impacted in some way so make sure to read
the club newsletters and emails to keep yourself informed.



TAHR LODGE:

SOUTH ISLAND HUNTING

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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:

RANGE STANDING ORDERS REMINDER ("The Range Rules"):

- Range ticket holders CANNOT allow other non-range ticket holders or non-members to shoot at our range.
- Shooting at 200m may only be from kneeling/sitting, prone or bench rest positions.
- Shooting at 300m may only be from the prone or bench rest positions.
- All shots should be falling on or near your target on the target backing board.
- All shots must be fired deliberately one at a time. Non-aimed shots are not permitted.
- All targets must be located onto the fixed target backers 25m, 50m, 100, 200m or 300m target lines.
- No targets between target lines and free standing target holders are prohibited.

To review the full Range Standing Orders please click on [Range Standing Orders](#).

BACKING BOARDS:

We are continuing to roll out the fence paling backing boards at each distance. We are screwing four fence palings into the centre of each position. These individual fence palings can very easily be unscrewed and replaced when shot out so will be faster and cheaper to replace when needed.

A supply of palings along with the screws will be left at the range, ideally the palings can be replaced as and when needed.

WORKING BEES:

Our working bees are underway again - thanks to everyone who has been able to give up a couple of hours of their time so far. We will continue re-building each range, focusing on a specific range each working bee. Working bees are needed and if you want to enjoy our range then put in the time to help out when you can.

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.

BECOMING A NATIONALLY QUALIFIED RANGE OFFICER:

We will be holding our next exam day to become a National RO in the new year. If you are interested in completing this keep an eye out for an email in early 2022. A requirement of this certification is that you go on the roster for our Public Open Days, this would mean attending approx 3 Public Open Days each year.

Royce Downes
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
021 286 1109
range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz



THIS CALENDAR SPONSORED BY TREE WISE MEN

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2021

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
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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Name: DOB:

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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- 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	+	\$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
OPTIONAL PAYMENTS: Annual Range Ticket - \$50.00			Range Ticket \$50.00
Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range. Magnetic Swipe Key \$20.00.			Donation \$
			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

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:

Dean Maisey, Welcome Bay
07 544 2207

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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 7.15pm - 7.30pm.

RANGE NEWS

Royce Downes
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
021 286 1109
range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

- 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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