



Bay of Plenty

# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

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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: Matt Harvey with his first deer. Want to feature on the cover?! If you have a photo suitable for the cover, please send it through to [editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

# PRESIDENTS REPORT: MAY 2022

WHAT A BUSY MONTH APRIL HAS BEEN. THE ROAR HAS COME AND PAST FOR THE RED STAGS, THE SIKA ARE QUIETING DOWN AND MANY OF US WILL NOW BE FOCUSED ON THE END OF THE FALLOW RUT OR PLANNING FOR A RUSA OR SAMBAR HUNT.

I was really pleased to get out on the club roar hunt over Easter weekend with my son, and was privileged to share in the excitement following two members taking their first deer. It reminded me of my first successful solo hunt, and witnessing the success of others was a great encouragement to my son.

At the end of March, following a detailed reading of the police's proposed regulations for shooting clubs and ranges, I contacted as many other clubs in our region as I could. It was proposed that we hold an interclub meeting to discuss the police proposals. This meeting was hosted at our clubrooms on April 12 and had representatives from 12 shooting organisations in attendance.

At the meeting we discussed the key issues in the proposed regulations and how best to lobby for more reasonable regulations. It was decided against inviting MPs to a meeting, that instead, club representatives should arrange appointments with MPs to discuss their individual club situations and how the regulations would affect them.

Subject to the approval of the various committees the clubs also decided to collectively support the release of a media statement. The result being the statement released on Thursday 21st April. You can read the statement later in this newsletter.

As you would have seen in the email, we have been working on a Branch Strategy which has now been finalised. The next step is to draft a business plan and budget for presentation at the AGM in July.

These documents will help give direction to the committee through out the year and provide clarity to how we can achieve the Branch's objectives.

With the AGM being just over two months away, now is a great time to consider whether you would be willing to join the committee or contribute in another capacity. If you have questions about what is involved you're welcome to ask any member of the committee or attend a committee meeting as a guest to observe what goes on.

Don't forget to prepare your heads for Measuring Night, and be sure to bring everything along no matter the size. You never know what is going to be entered and with all the disruptions over the last while you could have a winning trophy. It's also really good to see the results of everyone's efforts throughout the year and the heads provide for plenty of discussion and hunting yarns.

With the May Club Night being the first in months I'm expecting many will be looking forward to it and we will likely have a strong turnout. We have a great line up of presentations for the evening and I know there will be plenty of hunting stories to exchange following the roar.

Hopefully we can now put restrictions behind us and get on with club business as usual. I'm looking forward to the many club activities coming up on the calendar including, at the time of writing this, the inaugural Peeking Wallaby Match on the 1st of the month and I'm sure Baden will be reporting on it at Club Night.

See you then.

**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 7.30pm.  
All correspondence to be sent to [secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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## NEWSLETTER:

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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**NOTICE:** Cameron Luxton will be making an appearance at Club Night to briefly talk about ACT and firearms issues. Don't miss this opportunity to ask questions and voice your concerns over the proposed regulations.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS

## POLICE PROPOSALS FOR REGULATIONS FOR SHOOTING CLUBS AND RANGES

The proposals in the discussion document released by police in late March would be devastating for hunting and shooting clubs across the country, for our sport and way of life generally.

As you would have seen in the email from National Office on the 12th April, the NZDA have sent out an [Information Pack](#) to help with making submissions. The expectation is that branches across the country including ours will make submissions tailored to their unique situations. It is equally important that members make their own submission.

The proposals would be the end of the HUNTS program as we know it. The proposals include limitations that could be the end of junior and family membership and prevent under 16s and unlicensed shooters from shooting at the range under supervision.

These proposals would be the end of hunting and shooting clubs as we know them, the NZDA included.

Please take the time to read the discussion document and make a submission relevant to your personal situation.

The police [discussion document](#) can be viewed [here](#) on the police website.



## CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY MAY 3RD

MAY CLUB NIGHT WE HAVE ANDREW GLASER FROM DOC SPEAKING TO US ABOUT THE WHIO RECOVERY PROGRAM HE HAS BEEN LEADING FOR OVER 10 YEARS.

As well as being an expert on Whio, Andrew is a keen hunter and is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Te Urewera and the Whirinaki Conservation Park.

*"We really enjoyed seeing Andy present on Whio at the 2021 NZDA Conference and knew we had to have him present to our Branch".*

## NOTICE:

### BILLBOARD ADVERTISEMENT SPACE AVAILABLE

If you want to advertise on the billboard spaces at our clubrooms, or know of someone who might,

please email:

[billboards@nzdabop.org.nz](mailto:billboards@nzdabop.org.nz)



# **BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2022**

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## **JUNE**

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### **WHANGANUI RIVER CANOE TRIP**

Location: Whanganui River

Date: 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (Queens Birthday Weekend)

Organiser: Reuben, [reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

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## **JULY**

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### **HOT WATER BEACH**

Location: Hot Water Beach, Lake Tarawera

Date: TBC

Organiser: TBC

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## **MEASURING NIGHT**

### **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

### **DOORS OPEN FROM 7PM**

BRING ALL YOUR HEADS AND JAWS YOU HAVE TAKEN SINCE LAST YEAR'S MEASURING NIGHT.

All Antler Horn and Tusk (AHT) and Photographic competition entries must be presented on measuring night. No entries for the Branch competition will be accepted after measuring night.

The 2022 National Competition entries can be taken up to the end of May, and entries submitted by 5pm on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Be sure to familiarise yourself with the National Competition Rules [here](#).

If you are unable to attend measuring night due to exceptional circumstances but wish to submit entries, or have entries for the National Competition, please contact Keith Theobald or Reuben Hayward.



# NZDA BOP HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM

**THIS MONTH WE ARE  
LAUNCHING THE NZDA BOP  
HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM.**

The purpose of the Hunter Buddy Program is "To provide an opportunity for new members and post-

*HUNTS course graduate hunters to gain valuable experience with more seasoned hunters, in order*

*to develop and consolidate skills and knowledge".*

In addition to this, the program aims "to establish friendships and support networks for new hunters within the club to enable them to feel a sense of



belonging to a hunting community of outdoor enthusiasts”.

If you're an experienced hunter, think about how your knowledge and skills could benefit those new to the adventure of hunting. If you're a novice hunter think about what you can do to prepare yourself for your next hunting adventure and grow your capabilities.

The HUNTS course is still the best way for those new to hunting to immerse themselves in the basics of hunting and establish a solid foundation of knowledge to build on in the future.

The Hunter Buddy Program provides the opportunity for those who have completed a HUNTS course to continue being mentored by more seasoned hunters as well as the opportunity for those less experienced and new to the Branch to build on their existing knowledge, while establishing relationships with other members.


Experienced hunters volunteering to be 'buddied up' with an inexperienced hunter will be vetted by those coordinating

the program to ensure inexperienced hunters are paired up with a suitably capable hunter who has the necessary experience.

Experienced hunters who participate in the program and who meet the criteria will be entered into a prize draw, with the lucky winner

taking away a **Stoney Creek Stalking Pullover** (courtesy of Stoney Creek) and a **\$200 Hamills voucher**.

To participate in the program contact Lewis Hayward at [lewis@nzdabop.org.nz](mailto:lewis@nzdabop.org.nz) or speak to a committee member at a Club Night.

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# 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. The name, date and time start time of shooters shall be recorded each time they use the range. Range flags and warning signs are to be enabled at the following locations prior to firing:

- The Range status sign's "Caution Range in Use" warning shall be displayed when the range is open for use.
- The red firing line flag shall be hoisted when the range is open for use.
- The firing line flag must be lowered, and the range status sign closed when the range is closed.
- Muzzle brake
- Ammunition
- Empty chamber indicator (ECI)/ empty chamber flag (Have 1x ECI for each rifle and insert them before leaving home)
- Ear muffs/Ear plugs
- Safety glasses and/or whatever prescription glasses you may require

An empty chamber indicator (ECI) MUST be inserted in the chamber at all times except when the Range Officer allows the shooter onto the firing point and gives permission to remove the ECI.

To review the full Range Standing Orders please go to: [www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/](http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/) and click the link for App 6.1.3 Range Standing Orders

### RANGE GEAR CHECK LIST:

Print this out and put it in your gun safe or shooting box!

- Range key
- Range membership card
- Firearms license
- Paper targets
- Stapler & spare staples
- Rifle
- Bolt
- Magazine (empty)
- Suppressor

- Personal first aid kit
- Gun cases/bags/storage bins/trolley
- Bipod
- Front rest
- Rear rest/sand bags
- Slings
- Shooting mat
- Chronograph (charge any batteries)
- Phone/ballistic calculator
- Spotting scope
- Timer
- Cleaning rod
- Patches
- Bore solvent
- Tools
- Shooting diary & pen
- Ruler/tape measure
- Water & snacks
- Warm clothing

Royce Downes  
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager  
021 286 1109  
[range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)



♣ Matt Harvey is pictured with his first deer secured during the Roar Club Hunt over Easter Weekend at the Te Whare Okioki hut in the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park.

# EASTER HUNT REPORT

EASTER FRIDAY SAW SIX MEMBERS INCLUDING ONE 6 YEAR OLD HUNTING THE AREA AROUND THE TE WHARE OKIOKI HUT. ANIMALS WERE SEEN AND STAGS WERE HEARD ROARING. THERE WAS PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT AT THE HUT THAT NIGHT AS WE DISCUSSED THE AREAS WE WERE GOING TO HUNT THE NEXT DAY.

Saturday morning was early, the hut bustling before 6am with breakfast preparations and most heading out for a hunt around 7am. More stags were heard and animals seen.

There were missed opportunities and some bad luck, but plenty of encounters with deer and lots of excited hunters.





**“SUNDAY NIGHT WAS A BUZZ WITH EVERYONE ON A HIGH AFTER THE DAYS SUCCESS. WE ALL SLEPT WELL WITH BELLIES FULL OF TENDERLOINS, HEART AND BACKSTEAKS.”**

Saturday night had plenty of stories along with sharing of tips and information about

the areas hunted. Sunday saw two of the group depart for the road end, with four heading back into the bush for another more determined hunt. Fortune favoured the persistent with two hunters bagging their first deer. Well done!

Sunday night was a buzz with everyone on a high after the days success. We all slept well with bellies full of tenderloins, heart and backsteaks.

♣ *Zac Walls with his first deer. Photo taken on the Roar Club Hunt in the Kaimais. Zac completed the HUNTS course last year.*

Monday morning was an early one in the hope of a quick morning hunt, but the weather was dreary so the butchering was done, the hut given a tidy and sweep before everyone headed back to the road along with two happy hunters carrying heavy packs and a story of success to tell.



# WORKING BEE

**IN EARLY JUNE WE ARE HOLDING A WORKING BEE AT THE CLUBROOMS TO DO SOME ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AS WELL AS PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING.**

We will be planting a large number of native species and doing some landscaping work to improve the property. In time the trees will give some privacy from the houses creeping ever closer and will provide an opportunity for education during our HUNTS courses.

This is an excellent opportunity to get the family involved. Kids will

be able to plant trees and learn about our native flora.

We are also considering involving a local school in the planting process. If you have contacts at or children attending a local school and think this is an opportunity they might be interested in, contact Chris Munro or Keith Theobald to discuss.

We will need plenty of people with wheel barrows,

spades, shovels and rakes. If you have a post hole borer, powered pruning equipment, or strong arms and a will to help then we need you. Date to be confirmed and more details will be in the June newsletter.

The proposed date is Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June so keep this free. Some planting may take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> (Arbor Day) but being Queens Birthday and with a club hunt on that weekend the majority of the work will likely be undertaken on the 11<sup>th</sup>.





# WHANGANUI RIVER CANOE HUNT

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

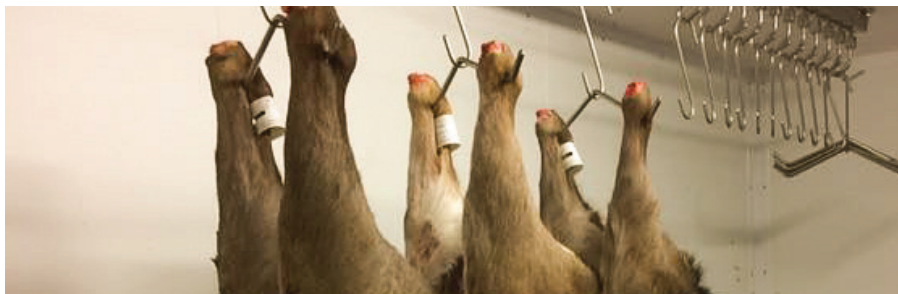
THIS HUNT IS A THREE DAY CANOE TRIP DOWN THE WHANGANUI RIVER FROM WHAKAHORO TO PIPIRIKI. THERE'S DOC HUTS AND CAMPSITES TO STAY IN ALONG THE RIVER.

This river is suited to canoes or kayaks, inflatable vessels aren't suitable due to the slow moving water and potential for head winds.

There are plenty of goats to be shot, the chance of a pig or two, and opportunities to go for a quick bush hunt along the way. For those with a game bird licence, shotguns are an option, with plenty of ducks and geese about.

Contact Reuben at [reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz) for further information or to register your interest.





## NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

Don't forget to pay your chiller fee when paying your membership fees. The chiller access code will change on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March so if you haven't paid your fees on time, you may find you can't access the chiller until your fees are processed.

Hopefully there are plenty of stags moving through the chiller this roar. A reminder of the rules below.

### CHILLER USE RULES

- Chiller use is a privilege that may be removed if access is abused or rules not adhered to.
- Clean up after yourself, every time you access the chiller.
- Use a fish bin or other suitable container to catch dripping blood etc. and remove from site when you take your meat away.
- No skinning or butchering on the NZDA premises. The chiller is for hanging only, no processing of any sort is allowed.
- All waste must be removed from the premises when you take your meat away, including any part of an animal, blood, and all wastewater.
- All animals/meat must be tagged with a label denoting the date hung, name and contact number of the person who hung it in the chiller. Any meat without a label will be considered a donation to the club.
- The maximum time for hanging any meat or animal is 10 days.
- Do not hang any foul meat or contaminated carcasses.
- Take care not to contaminate anyone else's meat with hair, blood, dirt etc.

It is preferable to hang all carcasses with the skin on and to hang any partially processed meat in a breathable bag or muslin cloth. Hanging carcasses and meat should not touch the chiller walls or they may (partially) freeze.

Respect the facility and other members meat.

For more information or if you need to report any issue, misuse, or abuse of the facility you can contact Reuben on 027 482 8969 or at [reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).



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# TAHR LODGE:

## SOUTH ISLAND HUNTING

Check out this great Tahr, Chamois and Red Deer hunting destination to kick back and relax and shed some of that North Island stress (the South Island is stress free!).

Built in the stunning Mount Cook National Park, near the Mount Cook Village, this is the jewel of our 'huts'.

A fabulous place to relax. Book it to have the lodge to yourself. Hot and cold running water, shower, 14 beds in 3 bunk rooms and a double in a separate room. New log fire, solar lighting, fridge freezer and all cutlery, cooking etc provided. Just linen and food required.

### INFORMATION:

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To book this excellent club facility please phone Jim Kroening, 03 688 7641 evenings, or 027 276 0905 anytime.

### 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).

# PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

## NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

### COLOUR AND BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

#### SECTION A:

Game Animals

#### SECTION B1:

Other Wildlife - Birds

#### SECTION B2:

Other Wildlife - Mammals

#### SECTION B3:

Other Wildlife - Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians

#### SECTION C:

Scenic

#### SECTION D:

Flora

#### SECTION E:

Human Interest

#### SECTION F:

Best Colour or B&W Print of all sections

#### SECTION G:

Best Junior Colour or B&W Print

#### SECTION H:

Best Photographic Essay - Big Game Hunting

#### SECTION I:

Supreme Branch Photographic Award

New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife Cover

### VIDEO FILMS

#### SECTION A:

Training/Promotional

#### SECTION B:

Hunting

#### SECTION C:

New Zealand Wildlife

NZDA Supreme Branch Photographic Award

### SEQUENCE

Bay of Plenty has a Branch only competition for Sequence.

A sequence must be 3 to 10 photos or slides of any or all of the other sections. A sequence is to be numbered in order and should tell or indicate a story.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Subject matter to be relevant to hunting, hunting country and/or associated activities of NZDA members and have been taken from land within New Zealand and, in respect to SECTION A only, not taken from any form of conveyance.

1. In **SECTIONS A, B1, B2, B3**, subject matter to be in its wild outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. Photographs of wounded or dead animals, birds, insects, reptiles or amphibians will be disqualified.
2. In **SECTION C**, the subject matter is to be scenic and relative to hunting country, any human activity should be of minor importance.
3. In **SECTION D**, the subject matter is to be of any NZ floral (tree, plant, vegetation, bush etc) subject in its natural environment.
4. In **SECTION E**, the main component of the subject matter is to be human activity, ie camp scenes, hunting or NZDA associated activities. Human





↑ Jamie Fairbairn with his trophies from the 2021 National Photo Competition.

interaction must be the main feature of the photograph and should tell or indicate a story.

5. **SECTION F:** Best print of all Sections
6. **SECTION G:** Thames Valley Deerstalkers' Association Junior Photography Trophy - All junior photographs entered into any existing NZDA photography category are eligible for inclusion in this section of the competition. The judges/organisers have the right to place any junior photographic entry into the competition even if they have not specifically requested to enter this competition so long as their validity as a junior is confirmed.
7. **SECTION H:** Wellington Branch Trophy for the Best Digital Colour or Black & White
8. **NZ HUNTING AND WILDLIFE:** Athol Hood Memorial Trophy
9. **SUPREME BRANCH PHOTOGRAPH AWARD:** Ian D Wright Trophy

All existing NZDA photographic section entry criteria must be applied.

Full competition rules can be found [here](#).



## OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH AROUND HUNTING IN THE KAIMAI AND KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE

Kia ora,

We want to connect with people who hunt in kauri areas of the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park, including people in local private groups/networks.

This is part of a National Science Challenge project aiming to support people to protect kauri from dieback disease.

If you would be willing to walk with us in the bush while talking through some questions (this would be recorded and your identity kept private), or if you would like to know more, please email me:

[vicki.macknight@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vicki.macknight@otago.ac.nz)

Nga mihi nui,

Dr Vicki Macknight  
University of Otago

# BOP BRANCH PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS (PLB'S) FOR HIRE

AVAILABLE TO BRANCH MEMBERS FOR HIRE. THESE DEVICES CAN SAVE LIVES BY DRASTICALLY REDUCING SEARCH AND RESCUE TIMES.

Members will need to:

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.
5. Pay a \$10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 21 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640).

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.

## BRANCH PLB CUSTODIANS:

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07 544 2207

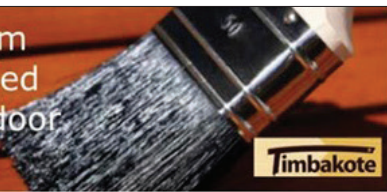
Keith Theobald, Greerton  
07 578 1195

Baden Prentice, Bethlehem  
07 579 3107 (pick up can also be made from Newton St, Mt Maunganui by prior arrangement)



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# RANGE NEWS

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# **BAY OF PLENTY SHOOTING CLUBS UNDER THREAT OF CLOSURE DUE TO PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

**BAY OF PLENTY SHOOTING CLUBS FEAR MANY WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE IF PROPOSED NEW POLICE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEIR OPERATIONS ARE ADOPTED.**

Clubs across the region have united in their objections to the proposed new rules which they say threaten their financial viability by creating extra

certification costs and ongoing compliance requirements. If adopted, the changes could force smaller clubs and those unable to pass on the extra costs to its members to permanently close their ranges and disband.

They are now appealing to all firearms users to make urgent submissions expressing their objections to the police proposals.

This month delegates from more than 10 Bay of

Plenty shooting clubs met in Tauranga to discuss the police regulations that govern their clubs and shooting ranges, and the proposed changes. The clubs cover rifle shooting, service rifles, pistol, black powder, and clay target disciplines.

Changes, if implemented, would include costly certification of clubs and ranges, onerous ongoing compliance requirements and could even include banning firearms safety

training for under 16-year-olds and those new to shooting, as well as the end-of-school shooting teams.

Founded in 1950, the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (NZDA) is the largest and most established shooting club in the region with more than 600 members.

It shares the views of other clubs who agree that the proposed rules governing their future club operations simply go a step too far.

In 2020, a number of changes were made to the Arms Act 1983 to further control and regulate firearms in New Zealand.

New regulations to increase oversight of shooting clubs and ranges have now also been proposed, and Police are inviting feedback during a consultation period, with submissions closing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

NZDA Bay of Plenty Branch president Reuben Hayward says shooting clubs already provide a safe, controlled environment for users of all sporting and recreational

shooting disciplines. Ranges also offer hunters a safe environment to sight-in rifles before heading into the bush.

There is a real risk that smaller clubs and ranges will close, leaving users with fewer facilities to use their firearms and educate shooters on best practice.

*"The clubs believe that the new regulations are trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist and are not aligned with the stated purpose of enhancing public safety,"* says Hayward.

*"There is no link between shooting clubs and criminal firearm use. The regulations go well beyond the requirements of the Act and the Police have clearly overstepped the mark."*

Before the consultation period ends on 4<sup>th</sup> May, clubs are urging every firearms user to [make a submission here](#).

The discussion document can also be found on the [New Zealand Police website](#).

This statement is supported by the following local clubs:

**“NZDA BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH PRESIDENT REUBEN HAYWARD SAYS SHOOTING CLUBS ALREADY PROVIDE A SAFE, CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT FOR USERS OF ALL SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL SHOOTING DISCIPLINES. RANGES ALSO OFFER HUNTERS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO SIGHT-IN RIFLES BEFORE HEADING INTO THE BUSH.”**

- New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Rotorua Branch
- Bay of Plenty Clay Target Club
- Kaimai Pistol Club
- Te Puna Hunting and Fishing Club
- Western Bay of Plenty Fish and Game Club
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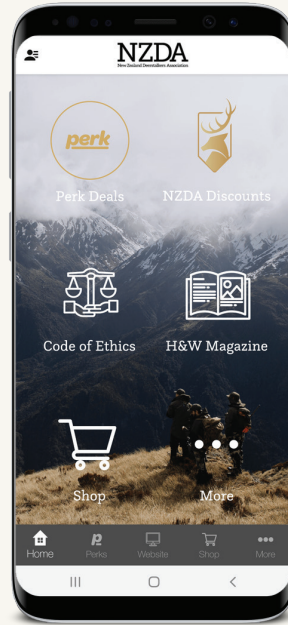


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If you have any queries, contact Chris at [membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

## TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED:

All Branch Competition Trophies MUST BE RETURNED not later than the Measuring Night.

Trophies can be returned at the next Club Night on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May or on the Measuring Night on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Trophies can also be returned to Keith Theobald or Reuben Hayward by arrangement.

## RANGE OPEN DAYS:

Range Open Days are back following the lifting of some of the government's restrictions.



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# CODE OF ETHICS

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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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