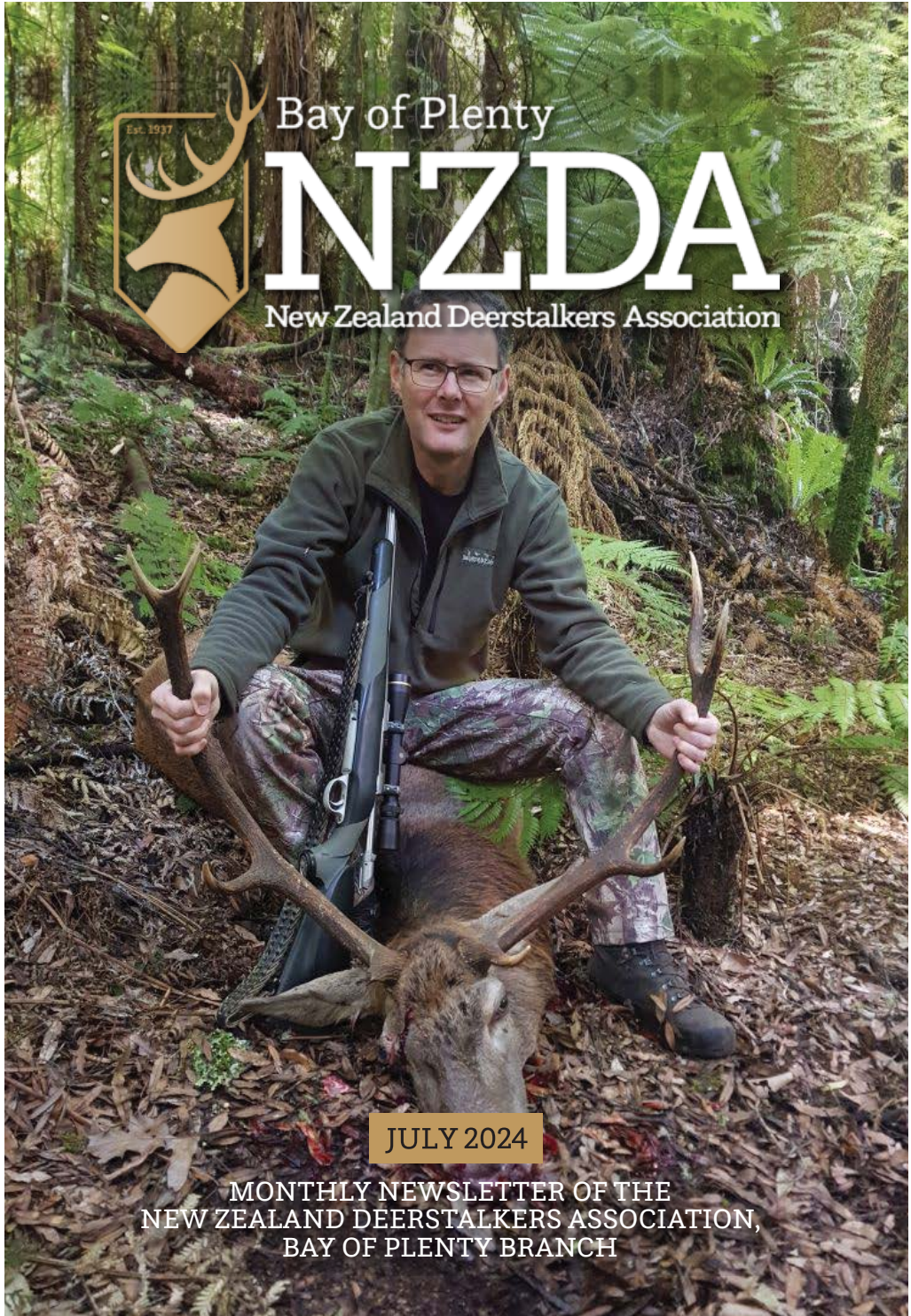




Bay of Plenty

NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



JULY 2024

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: The Late May Roaring Stag - Story on page 9
by Baden Prentice

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: JULY 2024

The Branch and National AGMs have been held earlier this month and we have a strong Branch Committee and National Board to govern for the coming year.

Thankyou to all who came to the Branch AGM on our July club night, it was a fair turnout and we got through the necessary business in good time.

Thankyou to all the members who have committed to supporting the club for the next twelve months with your valuable time, whether you're on the committee, a subcommittee or the range roster, we are all grateful for your contributions and support. Thanks too to the delegate that attended the National Conference and AGM to represent the Bay of Plenty Branch. It was a full-on 48 hours with lots of interbranch discussions and relationship building. The sharing of ideas, opportunities, and lessons learnt from different experiences helps the branches and NZDA as a whole to continue improving and set ever higher standards for the future. The new National President, Callum Sheridan, emphasised his desire to take NZDA to the next level and he has some strong board members to support him, including our own Branch VP Tim Taylor. I'm really looking forward to the coming 12 months.

Over the last year we ran the highest number of branch hunts that we ever have during my 15 years of membership and possibly in the 74 years of our club's existence. These all take considerable effort to organise, so please make the most of the opportunities and get your name on one. If you have a place you would like to go for a club hunt, feel free to contact Tim or myself and we can help you organise a branch hunt there, we always need more volunteers to put their hand up to lead a hunt. There's plenty of support and a how to guide if you're not sure where to start, just ask us!

The committee appointed a number of positions following our AGM and we have had a change of range manager. I want to say a big thankyou to Royce (and Robyn) for their tireless effort in administering the long list of range duties over the past few years. It's often an invisible and thankless task but is very demanding on time. Thankyou to the both of you, I appreciate your contribution and I know hundreds of members have benefitted from the work you have done.

Our HUNTS course starts at the end of the month and with that comes many new faces to the club. Please introduce yourself if you don't know someone, it's important to make sure our members new and old feel welcome and have the opportunity to connect with other members. If you're an experienced hunter, offer to take someone less experienced on a hunt. If you're available for the guided hunt weekend at the end of the HUNTS course and are keen to share your knowledge and experience with a novice, let the HUNTS team know.

Winter is a great time for hunting, antlers are still hard on the Red stags and Fallow bucks, and the Rusa and Sambar rut is during the cold months. Make the most of all the hunting opportunities our region has to offer. We are very lucky to have 5 of the 7 species in NZ within half a day's travel, the South Island branches can be jealous of that.

See you at our next club night for our AHT prizegiving.

Reuben



AWARDS NIGHT

**TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST
FROM 6PM**

**TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH WILL BE A COMBINATION OF OUR
MONTHLY CLUB NIGHT AND ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER.**

We will be putting on a free family BBQ, with doors open from 6.00pm.

We expect to eat around 6.30pm with the awards being distributed around our normal meeting time of 7.30pm. We encourage everyone to come down to this club night to celebrate the success of our hunters throughout the year.

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2024

JUL	BOYD HUT CLUB HUNT Date: 24 th -28 th July Organiser: Adam Rusk 021 186 6721	NEW HUNTS COURSE COMMENCES Date: 29 th July Organiser: Cath huntscourse@deerstalkersbop.org.nz	
AUG	PEEKING WALLABY MATCH Date: 4 th Aug Check the club website for more info	CLUB NIGHT/ AWARDS BBQ See website for more details Date: 6 th August from 7pm	CLUB HUNT - Clements Mill Road Date: 23-25 th August Contact: danielgallaghan@hotmail.com
SEPT	CLUB NIGHT South African Hunting Date: 3 rd September from 7pm	CLUB HUNT - Motere Station Date: 6-8 th Sept Contact: Matt 021 222 5854	
	BENCHREST SHOOTING Date: 8 th Sept Check the club website for more info	Mokau River Goat Hunt Date: 28 th -29 th Sept Contact: TBC	
OCT	CLUB NIGHT Hunting with mental health issues Date: 1 st October from 7pm Contact Ben Carson	FALLOW HUNT MT ZION Date: Labour Weekend Contact: TBC	
NOV	Tahr HUNT Date: Saturday 2 nd November Contact: Stan Lowe	PEEKING WALLABY MATCH Date: 3 rd Nov Check the club website for more info	
	CLUB NIGHT See website for more details Date: 5 th November from 7pm	NIGHT ON THERMALS Date: TBC Contact: Cam Stewart	
DEC	CHRISTMAS SHOOT Date: TBC Contact: TBC		

VISIT: www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events for more NZDA BOP events and activities.



RANGE NEWS:

2024 PEEKING WALLABY MATCHES:

4th Aug, 3rd Nov - For more information please check the club website

2024 BENCHREST SHOOT

8th Sept - For more information please check the club website

RANGE TICKET FEE PAYMENT REMINDER

If you have not paid your NZDA membership and range fee for 2024 then your range tag has been deactivated. When you make payment please send an email to range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz so that your range tag can be reactivated

CLUB SHOOT - SATURDAY 20 JULY

Join us for club shoot on Saturday 20 July. This will be a fun, social shoot, open to all calibers. If you want to come along you need to RSVP by midday Friday 19 July to royced@xtra.co.nz, this helps us with planning and arranging the BBQ for lunch.

Cost for range ticket holders (and members completing their range ticket inductions) is \$10 per shooter, cost for non range ticket holders is \$35 (this includes the \$25 range fee) to cover targets, patches, BBQ lunch - bring cash on the day.

You need to be there by 9.00am to assist with set-up. Shooting commences with a safety brief and explanation about how the day will be running at 9.30am (this is compulsory for all shooters). Any members requiring an induction must be there by 9.00am. Anyone requiring an induction that arrives after the induction has taken place will not be able to shoot.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**DO NOT LEAVE LIVE AMMO AT THE RANGE.
DO NOT PUT LIVE AMMO IN THE EMPTY CASE BINS.**

RANGE PROJECTS:

As put forward in our June newsletter below is a list of longer term range projects. Please read through this list and if there are any projects you could take on, or help with please make contact with one of the range subcommittee members. If you have any ideas on other improvements let's hear them:

Improvement	Description	Funding Source
Convert main gate motor to 24v DC	The main gate is currently mains powers that supplies the 24v DC motor. We want to install a deep cycle 24v DC battery to run the gate motor and WiFi for control system so they will operate when the mains power is off	Club funded
Reloading tables	4 rigid steel framed tables 1.8 x 0.8 to go in the amenity building or new firing line extension for use when reloading at the range	External funding
New firing line status sign	Coloured light sign: RANGE IN USE (red backlite) RANGE SAFE (Green backlite) 2 signs required, one in location of current sign, one outside by entry door	External funding
Firing line structure lining	Ply line firing line structure to bird/rodent proof it. Acoustic lining over ply	External funded
Shooting stools	Come up with a design and costing for an adjustable all weather shooting stool to the benchrest tables	External funding
Firing line structure extension	Extend firing line structure in north west corner where container is currently located This will need building consent unless it can be covered under schedule 1 exemption	Club or External funding depending on cost
Firing line position numbering	Add position numbers to rear yellow lines in firing line	Club funded or Member volunteer
Firing line flag	Mount a section of PVC pipe on the pole so the flag can be pulled into it when not in use	Member volunteer
Range floor filling	Fill in the gullies between 0-25, 25-50 and 50-100 using cut from bank on left hand side of range and/or other side of gully Suggest this will require 10-12 T excavator	Club funded
Ford crossing to western access track	We have some 375mm pvc culvert pipes that need to be installed as a ford crossing in the gully to provide ATV access to the western side access track	Club funded
Steel Plate bullet catcher Trial	We want to install a steel plate bullet catcher on firing position 1 at 100m to replace the plastic drums as a trial to test if this will reduce the maintenance requirements on the plastic drums and cost out a full replacement of the 100m target line. Some research will need to done on this to determine what thickness and grade of Galvaloy steel plate is required	Club funded
Planting to cut bank between access track and container	Weed cloth and planting to cut bank between access track and container to stabilise the bank and stop sediment washing into firing line doorway	Member volunteer
Running board range	The original range design provided for a running board range across the gully just behind the south end of the firing line. We need to assess interest in this option	External funding

200M BENCHREST SHOOT FOR GROUP

On Sunday 16th June we shot 200m for group. We had three NZDA Varmint Class shooters, two NZDA Factory Rifle Class shooters and one NZDA-BOP Club Class shooter. The weather was cold and fine, with a swifty tail wind so you had to watch your flags carefully as they kept flipping from 5 to 7 o'clock (right push to left push).

Several range records were set. In varmint class Baden broke the 200m small group record with a 9.51mm group. Dave broke the factory class small group record with a 23.37mm group and Brendan broke the factory class aggregate record with an agg of 23.736mm. Both factory class shooters shot a 5 target aggregate (average of 5x 5 shot groups) better than 1MOA, proving the rifle manufacturer's sub 1MOA guarantee in open air at 200m! Dana set the inaugural records for NZDA Club Class for 200m for both small group and the agg. Now he has to hold onto them! Baden also received a club screamer sticker for his small group.

Thanks to Chris Fryer for helping out as NRO on the day.

Range records for benchrest shooting can be found on the branch website:

<https://deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/benchrest-shooting/>

On Sunday 8th September we are shooting 300m for group. This will be the first time we have shot at 300m, so all range records at this distance are up for grabs. Could one be yours!



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION (BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH) INC.

TREASURERS REPORT:

See Appendix 3 & 4

I. Financial statements

II. Budget for 2025

It was moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted.

Moved by Jill Fryer

Seconded by Lester Polgase

Motion Carried.

It was moved that the 2025 Budget be accepted.

Moved by Jill Fryer

Seconded by Keith Theobald

Motion Carried.

MOTIONS AND REMITS

Notices of Motion

None

Remits

None

BRANCH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES

No change. Current Branch portion of the fees excluding GST are:

Senior Member: \$40

Junior Member: \$35

Student Members: \$35

Superannuant Members: \$35

Family Members: \$5

Affiliate Members: \$40

Associate Members: \$35

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

I. President - Reuben Hayward

i. Moved by Tim Taylor and seconded by Isabell Zitzelsberger

II. Vice President - Tim Taylor

i. Moved by Reuben Hayward seconded by Isabell Zitzelsberger

III. Election of Committee Members

i. Committee Members eligible for re-election:

Reuben Hayward, Isabell Zitzelsberger, Jill Fryer, Keith Theobald, Jeremy

Woolerton, Royce Downes, Doug Williams, Grant Hammond, Chris Fryer,

Evan Dines, Joshua Keen, Richard McEwen, Andrew Scott, Tim Taylor

ii. Nominations for Committee

Dean Maisey

Moved by Jill Fryer, seconded by Chris Fryer

Karl Jager

Moved by Mike Sommerville, seconded by Lester Polgase

iii. Andrew Scott stepping down

Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PATRON

Keith Theobald

Moved by Reuben Hayward

Seconded by Doug Williams

Motion Carried

General Business

i. New 900 Yard Rifle Range Update

ii. Hunter Assist Program

iii. Donation to a Community Food Bank

iv. HUNTS Course

CLOSING STATEMENTS

v. President

vi. Vice President

NEXT MEETING

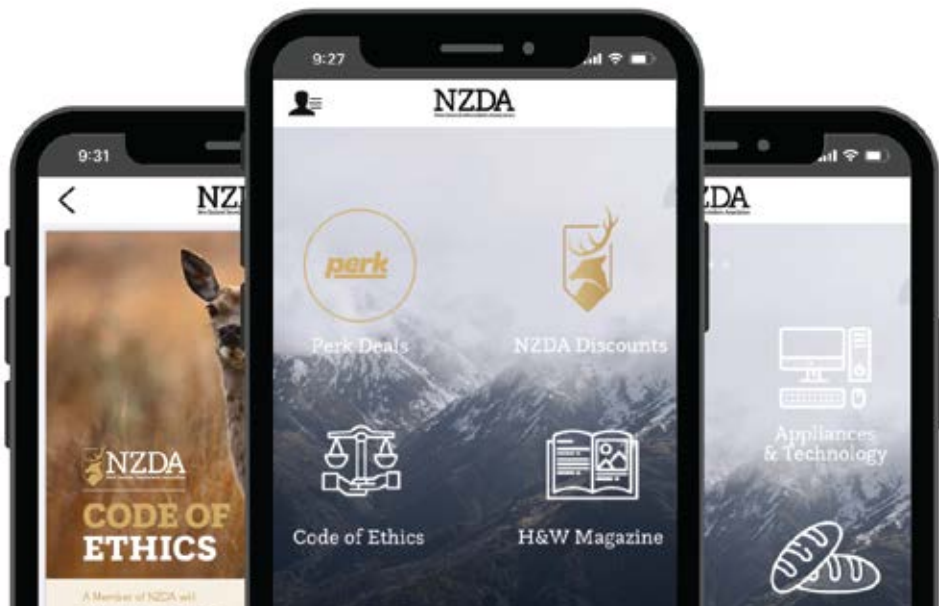
Committee Meeting on 9 th June 2024, 7:30pm at the Tauriko Clubrooms

Induction of New Committee Members

Dean Maisey

Karl Jager

Meeting closed at: 8:40pm



A MAJOR PERK OF YOUR NZDA MEMBERSHIP IS THE OFFICIAL APP

WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

Discounts at major retailers.

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NZ Hunting & Wildlife - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter

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HUNTS training program - training courses & certification
for HUNTS Instructor

FIND OUT MORE AT:

<https://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/what-we-do/governance/nzda-app/>



This months winner of a

\$100

DINNER VOUCHER

for Rain Bar &
Restaurant Papamoa

THE LATE MAY ROARING STAG

So the second to last time Steve and I headed to the Whirinaki State Forest for a quick day out for the roar it was late April 2021 and I ended up deafening his right ear drum. It was his fault really. We had been sidling around the hill side all morning with nothing exciting to report. We reached a spot that looked good for lunch and sat down on a fallen tree. While eating a hind started barking down below us and not long after that we could hear movement up above us. Bark, crack, bark, crack...

Slowly we both started reaching for our rifles. Mine was a a real bush rifle. The venerable .308WIN, Steve was packing the lesser known 7mm-08REM (really an emaciated .308 if truth be known) , with a suppressor???. Anyway a 2 year old stag eventually walked in on lunch and

with the 308 in one hand and a sandwich in the other I simultaneously shot the stag and wrecked Steve's right ear drum. Being the good chap he is though, he duly helped gut the stag and prepare it for transport back to the ute without too much moaning. I mean he could have avoided all the inconvenience just by shooting it first!

Roll on to 14th May 2024. After month and months of being whipped by Steve in Benchrest target shooting he convinced me to go back to Spot X at Whirinaki for a days R&R. Being concerned about Steve's sensitive hearing I had recently had DF Maisey Gunsmithing cut the .308WIN down to 16 inches and fit one of his Kaimai suppressors. A good excuse to take the rifle for a walk I suppose.

So we turn up at Spot X at 6:30am after a drive thru McMuffin and coffee at McDonalds on Fairy Springs Rd, Rotorua (something you seem to always regret afterwards!). Which way to go? Hmm. OK it's up, not sideways this year. Several hours later it's pretty uneventful. We pass through some clearings. Not much deer sign but lots of pig rooting. Shot lots of deer here but never seen one pig despite all the rooting. Rather than stay on the usually route I say let's head up around this way as I want to see what's around the other side. Do something different, to get a different result? We end up on a ridge top I recognise from many years ago. We decide to follow it downhill a while and then stop for lunch. The air is very still and cold. While eating I say to Steve give that electronic caller you have a go. After a couple of calls we get nothing in reply. All quiet. I'm thinking it sounds a bit meh really. So rather than going down we go back up the ridge. We hit new ground and I am up out front. We reach a point where I am looking down into a saddle. Steve's 50m behind me. With nothing to lose really I decide to give a roar through my hands while I wait for him. I didn't really want to use the meh caller again :-).

So the hand roar goes out. A faint reciprocal roar comes back from out in front of me. I look back for Steve. He's heard it too. Could it be another hunter as it's late in the roar? Are they still roaring at all? I hand roar again. This time I get a



strong roar back at half the distance. Steve comes up beside me. I roar again. This time the return roar is off to the left but closer still. We get in position. I'm looking at the ridge line down in front of me to the saddle and Steve's looking down the left side into the gully. We hear another roar. Much closer this time. Branches are cracking. It stops about 6m down below Steve. Everything goes quiet. I decide not to roar again. I feel it's too close and I can just imagine it, head up smelling the air. What's up there it's thinking, a rival stag with hinds or danger close? As it's come to us I decide to leave the final move to him. Finally after a long wait he steps out in front of Steve's 7mm-08REM. Bang and a 130 grain Barnes copper bullet does its job. Steve's overjoyed as he has shot a stag and still has his hearing!

We bone out the carcass and carry the meat back to the ute. A great day out in the end. All bad memories of the morning breakfast at McDonalds had been forgotten.

By Baden Prentice



BECOME A DOUGLAS SCORER!

**THE DOUGLAS SCORE SYSTEM IS THE OFFICIAL
METHODOLOGY THAT NZDA USES TO MEASURE
TROPHY HEADS FROM ALL GAME SPECIES.**

Our branch has a major lack of official measurers so we are looking to run a Douglas Scoring seminar later in the year (October/Novemberish) and we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who's keen to get involved. This will be a 1-day course held at the clubrooms where you will be able to start your journey to become a registered Level 1 scorer. If you already have your Level 1 and are interested in stepping up to Level 2, this will also be available.

**PLEASE EMAIL CLUB VP, TIM TAYLOR,
TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

tim.taylor@deerstalkers.org.nz



MY FIRST DEER

I recently completed the 2023 HUNTS Course with the BOP branch. I've been an avid fisherman all my life, and never once gave hunting animals other than fish a second thought.

Somewhere along the line, I began to move more seriously towards a life of self sufficiency, and eventually the switch flicked in my head, and I just knew I had to skill myself up and learn how to hunt as well.

Signing up for the hunts course was one of the best things I've done. I'd grown up in the King Country and spent a lot of time in the bush and on farmland as a kid, but kind of left it all behind me when I moved away from there. The course was pretty comprehensive, and getting back into the forest on the course camps was literally a breath of fresh air, and I pretty much fell back in love with the bush immediately.

Soon after completing the course, I had an opportunity to hunt a private area of bush back in my old King Country stomping ground. It was a chance to tag along and learn from a very experienced hunter, and I grabbed it with both hands! I was like a sponge, learning the finer points of stalking, gaining experience quickly and expanding on the great stuff I'd learnt on the HUNTS course.

On morning two, we'd gotten off to an early start, and arrived at the foot of the hill we were hunting in darkness on the quad. We began the ascent up the slippery track on foot, and within 10 minutes we'd managed to spook our first deer in the scrub on the edge of the track, despite our light-footed snail paced advance up the hill. This was my first ever encounter with a deer in the bush, and I didn't even see the bugger!

As we continued on up the rise, the light began to improve and we found several large clearings to stalk slowly as we came across them. With my heart in my mouth and my senses at an all time high, I was so sure we'd find something - loads of sign about, and the wind was favourable. We eventually came into the end of a large but narrow grassy clearing, and slowed right down. More fresh sign, and we could see that the dew dusted grass had been disturbed that morning. My mentor had graciously encouraged me to take the lead. I can't quite recall what I did, whether it was drag my foot slightly, or step on a twig maybe, but we got made, and the bush right next to us exploded with the sound of hooves - I'd never heard anything like it, and I could feel it through the ground. There was no visual sign of a deer, but we could hear them around us.

I looked over the clearing and could see the bush still moving where a deer had run from the open into the scrubby edge. To my amazement, from that very spot, a huge hind re appeared and came back into the clearing. This was so surreal to me that I was kind of frozen for a few seconds. The deer was now standing directly in front of me, about 15 metres away. I could see her coat in great detail as she walked from the edge of the bush, I remember being really surprised at how grey/dark she was.

Unfortunately there was a large branch right in between us which didn't allow for a standing shot, but she hadn't seen me yet, so I made the decision to go to a sitting position to get a bead on her, rather than try and walk further into the open to get a clear line. As I dropped, I must have made enough noise to raise the alert, and she looked right at me, then bolted! My heart was beating as hard as John Bonhams bass drum - I knew I'd stuffed it, but what an exhilarating feeling!

We continued on into the morning, with a similar result, and found ourselves on the homeward track at around 10am. My friend was very quick to reinforce in me that the hunt is never over until you're back in front of the fireplace, and to keep eyes peeled and remain in hunting mode all the way home.

This turned out to be the advice that would change my life. We were now on a wide track, lined with thick bush and with clearings every so often breaking off into the bush. My friend had turned up into one of the clearings to investigate, and I carried on, still in stalking mode. Despite now being after 10am, I still had hope.

I heard him before I saw him, it sounded like someone thrashing a small tree up ahead - I crept up slowly and peered around the corner of a bushy outcrop on the edge of the track, and there, about 10 metres in front of me was a young spiker feeding so hard he didn't have any idea I was there. I couldn't believe my eyes! I had plenty of time to decide where to place the shot, he was not side on to me, so there was a bit of geometry

to take into account. Finally I pulled the trigger, and before I knew it I was standing over him, thanking the universe for a quick kill, and for the meat that was headed for my freezer. He was a healthy looking animal but had some kind of deformity of the horns, so probably an ideal beast to remove from the chain as it happened. My mentor came running after hearing the shot, and after congratulations were taken care of I was introduced to my first real hands on experience of gutting an animal and carrying it home.

The rest of the hunts on that particular trip were on my own, which was great to experience, and great for my confidence. I've already planned a second hunt back there and can't wait - although I'm really focused now on getting myself an animal on public land, hopefully the first of many...

By Heath Menefy



HUNTS Course Experienced Hunters Required

THE ANNUAL HUNTS COURSE IS NEARLY UPON US
AND THIS YEAR WE HAVE 21 KEEN TRAINEES.

Over the course of 6 weeks, trainees work through our unique hunter trainer course, culminating with a weekend in the bush experiencing a guided hunt with an experienced hunter from the club. This where we are keen for your help.

This hunt will take place over the weekend of the 13th-15th September so if you are a confident and experienced hunter, and capable of showing a trainee around, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Doug Williams to register your interest: dougnulife@boplandscaping.co.nz



SUNRISE IN CANYON CREEK VALLEY

Being a first year studying away from home in Otago has opened a whole new world of opportunities to get outside and explore with my 7mm Rem mag Tikka. It is so beautiful down here, and sometimes it is hard to choose where to go next.

The plan for an overnight trip to Canyon Creek, deep in the Mackenzie Country and Waitaki area sprung into action when a good weekend of weather with no clouds or wind was on the cards. It was not your typical Friday night at the Halls of Residence as we prepped our Tatonka packs, taking care not to overpack as I have been known to.

My partner Cory and I left Dunedin early Saturday morning, travel mugs of coffee in hand, as we wanted to get boots on the ground to start our hike by 10am. It took an hour to tramp into the main Canyon Creek Valley with plenty of snow around. We had planned to make it up to the rock biv below the largest remaining glacier in the Ahuriri Valley: Thurneysen Glacier.

We stopped for a couple of breaks, allowing us to have a cheeky glass for animals along the way. We weren't very deep into the valley before getting distracted by two young chamois up on the scree. Typically flighty and elusive they didn't hang around for long, but it was enough encouragement for us, making the decision to set up camp in a sweet spot nearby to continue glassing and gassing into the sunset. It was a beautifully clear night, made cosy by our epic Domex Halo sleeping bags and new Domex ThermoLite sleeping bag liners.

As the sun crested the ranges we woke to ice on the tent and an absolute cracker dawn. The sub-zero temperature was bearable in our warm gear. The sun peeking over the snowy tops was such a beautiful sight and any complaints about the cold were forgotten.



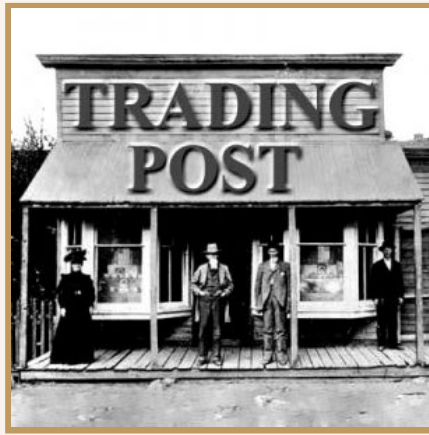
Despite a good amount of glassing, no animals were seen defrosting on the hillsides, so the decision was made to head back to the main valley. We headed up the Hodgkinson Creek for the evening to see what we could spot.

At the top, we glassed up the valley and spotted a good-sized bull Tahr. The short days were not on our side, as the evening had rapidly closed in. Old mate was left to skip among the bluffs another day, but we will definitely be back to check on him, and this incredible corner of the world we are lucky enough to call home.

By Gemma Jones

ALL PRODUCTS MENTIONED IN THIS STORY ARE AVAILABLE FROM HAMILLS TAURANGA

437 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA



HUNTING GEAR FOR SALE

RELOADING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- 7mm-08 new cases. One box of 50, and one box with 42.
- 24 pre fired cases 7mm-08
- One Lee 7mm-08 die set. 3 piece near new.
Includes Lee factory crimp die.
- One Lee pacesetter die set 7mm-08 Remington.
Includes a Lee factory crimp die. Near new.
- One 7mm Win short mag Hornady Series 1 two die set Full length.

CONTACT BOB OCKWELL 0274730731

LEFT HAND RIFLES, SCOPES AND RELOADING GEAR

FOR SALE

SAKO 85 SHORT ACTION LEFT HAND.
McMillan hunters edge lightweight varmintier stock. Hardy
20" 1:8 twist barrel chambered in 6mm creedmore. DPT
suppressor. 250 rounds on bbl.

\$3800

SAKO 75 LONG ACTION LEFT HAND.
McMillan hunters edge stock. Bartlein 24" 1:9 twist barrel
chambered in 284 Win. DPT suppressor. 350 rounds on bbl.

\$3800

STILLER PREDATOR CUSTOM ACTION IN SHORT ACTION
LEFT HAND (REM 700 CLONE) WITH 2 BARRELS

Barrel 1 (fitted) is a Brux 26" 1:8 chambered in 6mm BRX
with 120 freebore and 0.272 neck, muzzle thread 15x1mm.
This barrel has a round count of approx 800. The BRX is
same capacity as the Dasher, but 30 deg should for better
mag feeding and you can use standard 6mm BR dies.

Barrel 2 is a 24" Hardie 1:8, 6 groove barrel with Shillen No5
(0.70) contour chambered in 22 BR with around 1200 rounds
down it.

The stock is a Boyds Pro-Varminter stock that's been
modified with a 3" forend and cheek riser and Magpul
polymer mag well and mag.

Also have a HS precision Varminter Stock available with
BDL bottom metal as an alternative
20 MOA pic rail and A-Tach suppressor included.
Brass included - BRX: 118 fired cases, 35 loaded with 107
MK. 14 loaded with 105 Berger
22BR: 164 fired cases

\$4200

Browning A-Bolt Mk II short action in left hand. Bartlein 18.5
twist 5R 22" barrel in Kruger No 3 med sporter contour
Chambered in 6.5 Super LR (260 improved) 800 rounds on bbl.

- McMillan edge Sako Varminter Stock
- Hardie suppressor
- EGW pic rail
- Redding S type bush die and comp seater
- 87 fired win brass. 35 loaded with 140 AM
(stock is worth \$1k alone)

\$1500

CZ452 left hand in 22 rf. Boyds laminated stock.
Maisey suppressor.

\$1100

All gunsmith work by Dean Maisey

Vortex pst 5-25 sfp (EBR-4 MOA reticle)

\$1400

Sightron Sill. 10x50 x60 LRS (MOA02 reticle)
All scope in as new condition.

\$1800

21st Century hydraulic arbour press (100 psi).
New, not been used.

\$1700

West Texus Ordinance switchlug.
(see <https://westtexordnance.com/switchlug/>)

\$250

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nzvarminter@gmail.com

IF INTERESTED IN ANYTHING AND I'LL SEND SOME PHOTOS



TL35 V1 AND LIEMKE KEILER PRO 35 FOR SALE

If anyone is in the market for some of the best thermals, I'm selling my TL35 V1 and my Liemke Keiler Pro 35. Those who know me, know that it's well worth having this setup if you're into nighthunting or for events such as the Whanganui Fallow hunt down Mt Zion.

I mainly use the Infiray on my 300 Sauer, or 223 or even the .22. Couldn't be easier with different profiles and picks up to 2000m heat signals.

Same for the hand held, best if you want to use it for a combo, check & stalk, get close, use the thermal scope to get the job done.

\$3k for the Infiray TL35 (was second hand on Guncity for \$3.5k - sold out), comes with scope rings and has 12h runtime with inbuilt battery + has extra battery slot if needed. The handheld Liemke Keiler Pro 35 for \$3k. Might make a deal if you take both.

CONTACT CHARLES PETERS - 027 209 7232

GOT SOMETHING TO SELL OR ARE YOU WANTING TO BUY?

Simply email a photo, a few words, the price and your phone number to editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz and we will be sure to publish your listing.

NZDA TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TRADING POST LISTINGS

You may only list "A" category firearms, in sporting configuration, as defined by the Arms Act 1983. Large capacity magazines (i.e. more than 15 cartridges for .22 rimfire, or more than 7 cartridges for others) may not be sold.

Sellers must sight the firearms licence of the buyer, or for remote sales sellers must receive written confirmation signed by Police confirming the buyer holds a valid firearm's licence. Forms are available at any police station.

Firearms must already be in New Zealand. Overseas members may not buy or sell firearms on the site.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE COMMITTEE & SUBCOMMITTEES

It won't be long and the annual AGM will be happening once again. This is held on the July club night which is the 2nd of July this year.

It's an extremely important event for our Branch as it deals with any outstanding business and sets us up for the next year, including electing the next committee. We're always looking for enthusiastic people to join our committee so we'd like you to have a think about if you have something to offer the club. The commitment isn't huge, only one meeting per month, but it's a role that can be as big as you like.

Are there things that frustrate you about the club?

Do you have awesome ideas you'd like us to do?

Do you have a set of professional skills that you think we need?

It's your chance to make a positive impact on the club so we welcome you to step forward.

INTERESTED?

Please have a yarn to any member of the current committee for more information, or contact Tim or Reuben to put your name forward.

We're also seeking expressions of interest for subcommittees.

These are more informal groups of people who are charged with getting stuff done and are particularly suited to people who have particular interests. We have these for the range, club hunts, clubrooms, and social media. Again, if you're interested please have a yarn to any member of the current committee for more information.



ENTER THE NATIONAL WILD GOAT HUNTING COMPETITION

DATES:

1ST AUGUST – 26TH NOVEMBER 2024

KEY INFORMATION

Simply bring in your goat tails on Club Night on these dates;

Tuesday August 6th
Tuesday September 3rd
Tuesday October 1st
Tuesday November 5th

Alternatively, you can enter at any Hunting and Fishing Store.

NB: These maybe frozen or fresh but must be in a clean, sealed plastic bag.

“Some competitors may want to enter a goat head. These can also be brought into a club night for scoring.”

Be sure to check out the website for entry information, rules, categories, and prizes

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/national-wild-goat-hunting-competition/>

PRIZEGIVING

All winners will be announced on the 13th of December in our December Newsletter, on our website and via Social Media.

TAHR BRANCH HUNT 2024



THE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THIS YEARS TAHR HUNT

Leave Tauranga Saturday 2nd
November and return on Sunday
10th November.

NOTE the fly in date is Sunday 3rd
November and flyout date is Saturday
9th November

It is preferable that you organise your
own hunting groups but if you that's
not possible let me know and I will
endeavour to team you up with others.

This is an alpine hunting trip so is quite unique experience
requiring a whole different set of skills and gear.
Your travel arrangements to the fly in point will be your
responsibility.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTENTION TO GO ASAP SO I CAN
WORK ON ADDITIONAL AREAS IF NECESSARY.

It is best to advise by email or give me a call to discuss.

Stan Lowe
Ph: 07 8684515 Mob 0271161140
Email: lowe2147@gmail.com

SLOW COOKER GOAT CURRY



INGREDIENTS

2 pounds goat meat
4 whole cloves or a pinch of ground cloves
2 cardamom pods or a pinch of ground cardamom
2 red onions chopped
1 ½ inch knob fresh ginger minced
3 cloves garlic minced
1-2 Serrano pepper minced
1 tablespoon ghee
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon coriander powder
2 teaspoons salt adjust to taste

2 teaspoons Kashmiri chili powder or Paprika
1 teaspoon cumin powder
1 teaspoon turmeric powder
⅓ – ¼ teaspoon cayenne to taste

ADD LATER:

1 28 ounce can diced tomatoes
1 teaspoon garam masala to taste
½ – 1 cup water depending on how thick you'd like the curry



METHOD

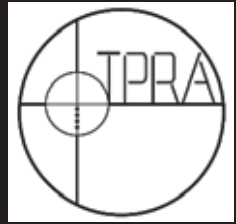
- 1 In a coffee grinder, finely grind cloves and cardamom. In crock pot, add all ingredients listed except tomatoes, water and garam masala (you will add this at the end).
- 2 Set to high and cook for 4 hours – stirring the curry every hour or so. After four hours, add tomatoes, garam masala and water. Cook on high for another hour or until the meat is tender.



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EVENT REMINDER

NZDA BOP JULY CLUB SHOOT

SATURDAY 20 JULY 2024

Join us this Saturday for a social shoot with a few fun targets thrown in for something a bit different.

Feel free to bring along any type of rifle that you like - we plan to stay within 100m (but if you want to shoot at 200m and 300m you can).

It's all about getting out there and having some fun with others.

If you want to come along please RSVP by midday Friday 19 July to Robyn on royced@xtra.co.nz.

Cost for range ticket holders (and members completing their range ticket inductions) is \$10 per shooter. Cost for non range ticket holders is \$35 (this includes the \$25 range fee). The \$10 charge is to cover targets, patches, BBQ lunch - bring cash on the day.

You need to be there by 9.00am to assist with set-up. Shooting commences with a safety brief and explanation about how the day will be running at 9.30am (this is compulsory for all shooters).

Any members requiring an induction must be there by 9.00am. Anyone requiring an induction that arrives after the induction has taken place will not be able to shoot. We are happy to accommodate your shooting requirements and young shooters are also encouraged and catered for.

Any queries please ask.

Robyn Smillie
Mobile: 021 612 746



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23-25 AUGUST 2024

CLUB HUNT

DAN GALLAGHAN IS ORGANISING THIS CLUB HUNT. DATES ARE 23-25TH OF AUGUST, BUT YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO TRAVEL IN YOUR OWN TIME. CAR POOLING WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE WHATS APP GROUP OF THE HUNT.

The ticket price covers the 2 nights accommodation at Sika Lodge and we might bring some sausages for a BBQ :-)

We are going to stay at Sika Lodge to escape the cold a little bit :-) The accommodation has plenty of room, but we are going to limit tickets to 15, so we all have an area to hunt.

Closer to the time we will start a What's App Group to plan and chat about the hunt and weekend in general, but you will get given Dan's contact details for any questions prior.

Dogs with a DOC Permit are allowed and you need to get your open Hunting Permit sorted as well.

EVENT DETAILS:

Sika Lodge
176 Clements Mill Road Taharua, Hawke's Bay 3379

Fri, 23 Aug 2024 5:00 PM - Sun, 25 Aug 2024 4:00 PM NZST

Organiser: Dan Gallagher
Contact: danielgallaghan@hotmail.com



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NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

CHILLER USE RULES

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- 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.



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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.

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