



Bay of Plenty

# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

**OCTOBER 2025**

## **PINE FOREST CLUB HUNT IN WANGANUI**

*(See Joseph Quinn's story on page 9)*

**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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## **Cover Story and Photo**

**Want to feature on the cover of our next newsletter?**

**If you have a suitable photo and can write a few words to support it, please send it through to: [editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz) and you could win a \$100 Bar Tab at The Raft Café & Sports Bar - 65 Chapel Street Tauranga.**

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## OCTOBER 2025

*Hi Team,*

**I'm writing this report while reflecting on last night's committee meeting. Most of you don't get to see the inner workings of our branch – with a committee of 15 looking after a membership of over 600 there's a huge number of volunteer hours that go unrecognized and unrewarded. It's not an easy job and know I'm not the only one thinks "what's the point, I should just go hunting".**

With such a large Branch, it's not possible for everyone to know everything, so we've settled into a format where we rely on sub committees who are tasked with their area of interest. We have the Range, HUNTS Course, Club Hunts, and the occasional smaller group such as our 75 th planning group. The members of these subcommittee don't have to be committee members, so if you have a particular area of interest and would like to be more involved, please consider reaching out and supporting us.

The 2025 HUNTS Course has now wrapped up for the year and I'd like to thank Doug and Lester for all their hard work. There are also a number of other volunteers that support this course so a big thanks to all those who contributed. This year we had 20 students who came from many different backgrounds. The course is considered a starting point for your hunting career so I hope each of you took a great deal from it. A big congratulations to Jono and Joshua for winning the HUNTS Course shield.

The 75 th Anniversary dinner in November is approaching fast and so far, ticket sales have been disappointing. While we understand times are tight, tickets are roughly the price of a box of bullets, so it's not a huge cost. An enormous amount of work has been put into this event and it would be a shame to have to cancel simply because people are leaving it until the last minute. We started with the goal of providing a fantastic evening that everyone can enjoy so talk to your better half, book a babysitter, and buy a couple of tickets before it's too late.

Club Hunts have been an unsung hero of our Branch as of late. With a couple of new faces joining the committee, some fresh energy has resulted in quite a range of new hunting opportunities and I believe October could hold the record for having the most hunts in our clubs history with a total of 4 different hunts. Club Hunt Chair, Andrew Burr, has also started keeping track of the numbers and reports that as of the 1 st of August, 42 people have attended club hunts with 48 deer, 6 goats, and 1 pig being harvested. Great stuff!

As we head towards the silly season, I appreciate that the demands on everyone's time is going to increase but please remember that our club relies on you being actively involved, so the next time you're enjoying an organized hunt or sending rounds down range, please consider if you're giving as much as you take, and perhaps think about how you can be more involved.

*Tim Taylor*  
BOP PRESIDENT

**TICKETS COST \$75PP**



**Anniversary**

**CELEBRATION**

**Date: 22nd November**

**Time: 18:00 - 23:30pm**

**Location: Cargo Shed, Tauranga**

**Join us for a fun night at the Cargo Shed to share stories, eat good food, boogie to a band, enter a roaring competition or just catch up with your mates you may not have seen for a while.**

**YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:**

- A delicious buffet-dinner from Grace and Graze (from 7pm)
- Dessert
- 3 free drinks
- Guest Speaker Brendon Weatherly
- Entertainment by Shabang
- Roaring Competition
- A cash bar will also be available for those who wish to celebrate with something a little stronger.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**Call Isabell Zitzelsberger on: 026 650 3488 or  
Email [secrartary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:secrartary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)**

# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2025/26

OCT	<p><b>18-19 October</b>            Club Hunt            Mokau River Club Hunt            Contact: Tim Taylor 027 668 9904</p>	<p><b>31 October</b>            Club Hunt            SIKA Lodge            Contact: Andrew Burr            021 477 599</p>
	<p><b>1 November</b>            NZDA Taupo Branch Prize Shoot            Contact: Baden 021 066 3791</p>	<p><b>2 November</b>            Peeking Wallaby Match 100M, 200M, 300M NZDA Range            Contact: Baden 021 066 3791</p>
NOV	<p><b>4 November</b>            Club Night - An evening with Hunting and Fishing / Free BBQ            Speakers: Nick &amp; Lisa Orson Outdoors            Starts: 7pm</p>	
	<p><b>TBC</b>            Club Hunt - Mount Cook            Contacts: Josh Keen and            Jonathan Flude</p>	<p><b>22 November</b>            75th Anniversary Dinner - Cargo Sheds            Starts: 6pm</p>
DEC	<p><b>2 December</b>            Club Night - Helicopter Hunting            Speaker: Shamus Howard            Starts: 7pm</p>	
JAN	<p><b>6 January</b>            THERE IS NO CLUB NIGHT IN JANUARY</p>	
FEB	<p><b>3 February</b>            Club Night - GPS Navigation            Speaker: Kieran Andrews, Garmin NZ            Starts: 7pm</p>	
<p>Visit: <a href="http://www.deerstakersbop.org.nz/club-events">www.deerstakersbop.org.nz/club-events</a> for more NZDA BOP events and activities.</p>		

# COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE: ANDREW BURR

EACH MONTH WE ARE PROFILING ONE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES.



<b>Name</b>	ANDREW BURR
<b>Position</b>	Hunts Coordinator/Chiller Custodian
<b>Age</b>	41
<b>Day Job</b>	Owner/Operator of Quadbitz
<b>NZDA Background</b>	Won a trophy at the ripe old age of around 11/12 but then had bit of a hiatus. Since then decided to get back to the group that stands for what we all love and do.
<b>Passion within NZDA</b>	I find it awesome to be part of a community that have the same passions and interests, and want to continue to keep these things going so that my young fella gets to enjoy the same upbringing I did.
<b>Favourite Caliber and why</b>	My favourite caliber would still have to be the 243, although I no longer hunt with one after missing a big stag at about 350 metres it's versatility has been hard to beat. For now though the 308 seems to be doing the job
<b>What you want to contribute to NZDA</b>	For me it's about trying to do my bit to give back to the community, and hoping we can leave our passions available for generations to come

# CLUB NIGHT: TUESDAY NOV 4TH FROM 7PM

Join us for a great night hosted by Ben from Tauranga  
Hunting and Fishing with special guest speakers  
**Nick and Lisa from Orson Outdoors**

Hear about Orson lightweight tents, tarps and camping accessories that are designed and built for adventurers. Whether you're hiking and backcountry tramping, bikepacking, hunting, kayaking or planning a 4x4 offroad adventure, Orson's range of lightweight and ultralightweight camping tents and tarps are designed and tested in New Zealand for all-season use.

Free BBQ  
courtesy of  
Tauranga  
Hunting and  
Fishing

Buy a \$5 raffle  
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Orson tent.

# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEEDED

SIKA CLUB HELI HUNT TO THE KAIMANAWA'S (PRIVATE BLOCKS)



**Each year, as you may know, the Sika Foundation initiates management hunts to manage the Sika deer population. With these hunts, they hunt deer and gather valuable information that helps them study this wonderful deer species.**

My intention is to arrange a hunt as soon as I get visibility on the next management hunt, there are likely to be new blocks being released in the coming weeks however I would like to start taking names from those interested and line up 4 hunters (3 plus me) so we can jump in and reserve seats as soon as these are announced.

The cost of the hunt per person will be approximately \$400 to \$650 per person - location dependant. This is for the Heli flight only. Foundation members get a slight discount I believe. All other transport and hunting gear costs are excluded.

The dates are unknown, however based on history, it would likely be over a weekend between 27 October and 17th November. I am picking 7th to 9th November.

#### **SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:**

- Maximum weight per person + pack would likely be around 135kg.
- There are no huts so be ready to camp out – temps are better this time of the year.
- You should be fully independent hunter with the required emergency gear.
- Be willing to gather some data for the Sika foundation if asked.

If you are interested please email me at [meyerthinus@gmail.com](mailto:meyerthinus@gmail.com) and we can start adding names to the list.

*- Thinus Meyer*

GO IN THE DRAW TO

WIN A BRAND  
NEW MITSUBISHI  
TRITON UTE

\$25 TICKETS ON SALE NOW



**We're thrilled to launch the NZDA 2025 Fundraiser Raffle, giving you the chance to win a brand new Mitsubishi Triton GLX 2.4 Diesel + over \$9,000 of accessories, valued at \$61,925 – all for just \$25 per ticket.**

This isn't just about the truck. Every ticket supports the future of recreational hunting, including our work in hunter safety training, outdoor education, and conservation across New Zealand.

The winner will drive away with a fully kitted Triton, including 20" Covert alloys, snorkel, nudge bar, towbar, deckliner, and even \$1,000 cash to help with travel for pickup!

**Let's drive the future of hunting, together.**



# PINE FOREST CLUB HUNT IN WANGANUI



**On Friday the 8th of August I was lucky enough to attend a NZDA club hunt in Wanganui. Sadly we were only allowed to hunt in the pine forest due to the sheep lambing.**

We left home at about midday and after a long boring drive, we arrived. We saw a couple deer in the thermal just after we arrived, which was quite cool, but it would have been cooler if we shot them. The next

morning, Reuben, who was going to hunt with us for the next two days, woke us up at around 5:30 am. It was pouring down so I chickened out for that hunt but they shot a massive hind while I was reading.

Soon after that, we set out on another hunt. At that point, the weather had died down so I decided to come along too. We followed a track down to a small stream and kept going on that track until we saw a



mob of deer. My Dad shot a small hind. He went and retrieved his kill while me and Reuben took off after that same mob and shot a yearling. By the time Dad had gutted his hind, he'd lost track of where we were so I went and guided him to our deer. When Reuben had it packed up, we kept moving.

Randomly, we found an old tin shed and plenty of deer bones. We were above a small valley of native pongas when we spotted a mob of beautiful yearlings with dorsal stripes. Suddenly, they quickly hightailed it away from us, which is weird because they were acting calm and unaware before that happened. Tired, me and Dad left Reuben and carried our deer out to our quad. We took the quad back to the cottage and had some well deserved lunch.

By the time we were about to set off for an evening hunt, no one had seen Reuben since we left him so we were expecting him to arrive soon. Sure enough, we bumped into him on the way down the driveway. There was a nice deer on a clearing at 460m but none of us wanted to take that shot so we watched it for a bit. Meanwhile, there were two a lot closer so Dad took a shot at one of

those, but we all thought he missed. Soon, we jumped back on the quad and headed back to the house. After dinner, we had a yarn about our day and went to sleep.

After the best sleep of my life, I was ready for the final day. We had a very similar plan to the day before but we would cut left onto another track instead of continuing on the same trail. By the time we were on the other track, Dad shot a young spiker. Reuben was next when he plugged a nice hind then a young hind. While bushstalking, I found my first cast antler, which made my day! Next, we cut off the track and shot another deer, gutted it and carried it back to the trail. We came along the track, picked up our deer and carried them out.

After packing up, we headed home. On the drive, I spotted heaps of goats, two peacocks and three deer. When we got home, it was dark, so I went to bed and had a nice rest. Big thanks to Reuben and My Dad for giving me this awesome opportunity.

*Joseph Quinn*



# WHAT TO PACK FOR A MULTI-DAY HELI-HUNT

If you missed our club night earlier in the month where the theme was "Whats In Your Pack", don't stress, we ran out of time for one of the stars of the show Chris Fryer and he kindly agreed to share his extensive knowledge and insights of what he packs for a multi-day Heli-hunt especially for the newsletter. Thanks Chris!

## CHOPPER SIZE & NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING IN

- Weight limit for a Hughes 500 is 400kg
- This includes people, gear & food etc.
- That's approximately 135kg per person (for a party of 3)

## ESTABLISH WHAT FACILITIES ARE THERE?

- A hut or just a camp site
- A basic hut/shelter with no bunks or mattresses
- A fireplace, if so open or enclosed
- Any cooking, eating equipment

## FOOD

You should always ensure you have all the food you will need for the time you will be there, plus a little extra in case the weather or something else unforeseen extends your intended stay. Don't rely on shooting an animal as part of your meal plan.

- 1st night's dinner pre-cooked mince, casserole etc. that just requires warming up
- Meat previously shrink bagged & frozen, in the bottom of a chilly bin, with unfrozen stuff on top that needs to be kept cool
- Sausages for the last night – Sausages are the last meat to be used as they last longer due to the preservative in them. I usually curry these and have with rice. (can precook a day or 2 before)
- Long life milk unless weight is critical, then take milk powder
- Freeze dried meals – including spare ones in case chopper can't get in to pick you up
- NB: Remember to pack food in rodent proof containers.

## FIRES

Consider whether you need to take firelighters, a newspaper, dry firewood and or a bag of coal And yes, if you don't use it all, leave it for the next people coming in.

## LIQUIDS

Liquids can really add to your overall weight

- Re-pack things into just what is needed (quantity wise)
- Do I need a full 1litre container of dishwasher liquid?
- Do I need to take a full 1 or 2L bottle of cooking oil?
- No, 500ml maximum, in a plastic container, you only need enough to use in a frying pan to stop things sticking to the bottom.
- Beer in cans, not bottles
- Spirits & wine, Worcester sauce – not glass bottles, re-bottle into plastic containers e.g Coke bottles etc. The empty container can also be an emergency fire lighter
- Also, a small plastic bottle of vinegar (to wipe down venison if it's been hanging for while and gone sticky or moldy while maturing)

*This amount of liquid will last you a week in the bush*



## EQUIPMENT

- Gas cooker/s & cartridges, dual fuel cooker (if at high altitude or frost/snow)
- Lighting – Gas, dual fuel or battery powered ones
- Gas lighters plus matches & fire lighters
- A billy set & if you have the space etc. a kettle, cooking tongs, spatula, frypans (ali), cups & plates (plastic or tin), cutlery
- Tents plus a tarp to set up as a cooking, gathering area (good if wet weather)
- A small folding table, or use some of the plastic food bins
- Folding stools
- Transistor radio (for weather forecasts, news & music)
- Silky saws
- Folding shovel (small)
- Small axe
- Chilly bin
- Tea towels, hand towels, hand cleaner, nail brush
- Cords ( for tarp, clothesline etc.) & clothes pegs
- Mouse trap
- Plastic tub or bucket to wash dishes in, dishbrush
- Sports wash (for clothes)
- Shampoo, body wash, solar shower
- Golf umbrella
- 1st aid kit
- Sleeping bags, liners, pillows & ThermoRests or EXPED's
- Insect repellent, sunscreen
- Your hunting clothes, footwear (boots plus footwear for around camp i.e. frogs if summer/fine, or gumboots for winter/damp
- Hunting gear including rifle cleaning stuff, day bag, pack
- EPIRB, InReach GPS, mobile phone, small handheld RT's

## DEER CARCASSES

### Do you carry a whole deer back to your camp?

- You can't eat all those ribs, spine & neck bones, so why carry them back to your camp
- If you do take the whole animal back, dispose of the carcass well away from the hut or tracks
- We deal to deer on the spot, unless very close to camp



## MICE / RAT POISON

- If you leave any of this, be aware that there may be dogs coming in with another party after you. So put poison/bait into something dogs can't get into or place it high so dogs can't reach it.

## TO LEAVE OR NOT TO LEAVE?

Many people think they are doing the next camper a favour by leaving stuff behind. This can be true but not always.

- Leave some dry wood and fire-starting materials (paper, dry leaves, bark, twigs or kindling). Don't cut down green wood, it isn't going to burn. But, if you have left over firelighters leave them in the hut.
- Leave other wood (under shelter or in woodshed) that can be cut or broken down into firewood once dry
- Leave the hut tidy, especially around the cooking area (clean the grease etc. off including on the walls behind the cooker).
- Candles are handy for those who forgot theirs, spare canned food, full sealed beer cans and dehydrated long-life food items.

## DON'T LEAVE

- Left over fresh and unsealed food
- Unused part filled containers of cooking oil, dishwash liquid
- Your old, broken pots & frypans, plates cups and cutlery
- Stuffed gear e.g. an old blow-up sleeping mat, solar shower, camping chair – if it's stuffed – take it OUT
- Empty wine or spirits bottles

*Chris Fryer*



# LIGHT THE HUNT: LEDLENSER'S NEW P-SERIES TORCHES

**EVERY HUNTER IN NEW ZEALAND KNOWS THE CHALLENGES  
THAT COME WITH THE FALL OF NIGHT.**

Tracks disappear, shadows deepen in the bush, and even a short walk back to camp can test your bearings. That's when a good torch stops being a convenience and becomes an essential.

The new Ledlenser P-Series has been rebuilt from the ground up for hunters who demand reliability in all conditions. With up to 120% more brightness, longer beam ranges, Dual Power Technology, simplified operation, and rugged recycled aluminium housings, these torches are ready for the realities of the Kiwi backcountry.



## Smarter Light for the Hunt

Imagine glassing a clearing at last light. With the One-Touch Focus, you can flood the scene with wide, even light, then snap to a tight spotlight to pick out detail on the far edge. The Mode Select Ring makes it easy to shift between power levels or lock the torch off completely, so it doesn't switch on in your pack while you climb.

USB-C charging makes finding the right cable easy, and when you're a long way from a wall socket, models with Dual Power options keep you covered, with the ability to run on the included rechargeable battery, or swap in standard AAs or AAAs for multi-day trips into the hills. No matter where your hunt takes you, your torch won't let you down.

## Three Hunters' Favourites



### P7R – THE RELIABLE ALL-ROUNDER

Perfect for the bush hunter who needs versatility. The P7R pumps out up to 2000 lumens with a beam stretching to 320 metres. There are 80 hours of burn time on low, with reliable IP68 waterproofing. Compact enough for the pack yet powerful enough for night navigation and spotlighting close country, it's the torch that earns its keep on every hunt.



### P18R – THE BACKCOUNTRY POWERHOUSE

When distance matters, the P18R is the torch you want in hand. Producing a massive 6500 lumens and throwing light up to 600 metres, it's built for scanning open tops, wide river flats, and long valley floors. Recharge via USB-C at home, but carry spare batteries when you're deep in the hills. It's the heavy-hitter of the P-Series.



### P4R – THE POCKET COMPANION

Not every job calls for maximum power. The slimline P4R delivers 300 lumens and a 100 metre beam, perfect for setting up camp, dressing game, or finding gear in the bivy. Light, rechargeable, and easy to clip to your shirt or pack, it's the torch you'll use more often than you think.

## Why Kiwi Hunters Will Appreciate the P-Series

- Extra brightness and reach for spotting game in varied terrain
- Dual Power flexibility when the hunt takes you out to the back blocks
- One-Touch Focus and Mode Select Ring for intuitive, glove-friendly control
- Durable, eco-conscious construction that stands up to hard use
- Extended 7-year warranty backed locally in New Zealand

From slipping quietly through the bush at dawn to picking your way out of the valley long after dark, the new P-Series gives you the confidence of light you can rely on. Whether you're after the all-round capability of the P7R, the commanding power of the P18R, or the pocket convenience of the P4R, Ledlenser has designed a torch that fits the way New Zealanders hunt.



## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AND A JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP?

**A family membership** is a cost effective way to add a partner, children or grandchildren to your full membership so they can join us on club hunts, enter competitions and be supervised by full member at the range (provided the full member is an authorised range user).

**Junior membership** is a full membership avenue for those under 18. If you are under 18 and are not eligible for a family membership, this is the best way to join the club.

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

- Cost \$15 per family member.
- Family members are the partner, child or grandchild, child or grandchild of the partner, or sibling, of the 'full member'.
- Children, siblings and grandchildren must be under 18 years of age as at 1 March of the current financial year.
- Includes hunting liability insurance so Family members are eligible for our Whanganui farm hunts.
- NZDA BOP Branch family members may shoot under the direct supervision of the branch primary member who is an Authorised Range User.

### JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- Cost \$100.25
- Full benefits at national and branch level.
- NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine digital copy.
- Branch newsletters.
- National newsletters and advocacy updates. Eligible to enter national and branch competitions.
- Eligible to join committees.
- Includes liability insurance.
- Does not receive voting rights.



# 300M RIFLE RANGE OPEN DAYS

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
TECT PARK: WHATAROA ROAD, NGAWARO

**REGISTRATION IS \$50 PER SHOOTER OR \$25  
IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF AN NZDA BRANCH  
(OR A NON-RANGE TICKET HOLDER OF THE NZDA-BOP BRANCH).**

- The range is open for use by licenced firearms owners from 9:30am to 3:00pm on the last Sunday of each month.
- The range is operated under the supervision of our nationally qualified Range Officers (NRO's).
- Registration is only open until 2:00pm. Please do not be disappointed if you arrive after 2:00pm and you are not permitted to shoot.
- All shooters will need to show their Firearms License to be able to shoot. Please ensure you have this with you.
- Any non-Firearms License holders will be required to shoot under the direct supervision of a Firearms License holder (usually the person they arrive at the range with).
- Hearing protection is mandatory for all persons on or near the firing line.
- Eye protection is strongly recommended.
- Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI's), also referred to as chamber flags, are required for every rifle you bring to the range. These should be in your rifles before you leave home. When on the range these can not be removed unless a Range Officer gives you permission to do so.
- When travelling to and from the range bolts should be removed from the rifle and stored separately from the rifle. All magazines should be empty and ammunition also stored separately from the rifle. Refer Arms Regulations, Clause 19B.
- All rifles will be inspected when you arrive at the range and you will be given an induction before you can move to the firing line.
- For the safety of others please do not bring any defective equipment or ammunition (i.e. old, damaged or corroded) to the range.
- All shooters that bring rifles with an unknown zero are first required to sight them in at 25m before shooting at longer distances.

**ME:  
I PROMISE I WON'T EXAGGERATE  
ANOTHER HUNTING STORY**

**ME AFTER 3 DRINKS:**





# HUNTING GEAR

## FOR SALE

ITEM	PRICE	DETAILS	CONTACT
Tikka T3X Blackout 7mm PRC	\$2499.00	• Left Hand New	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Tikka T3x CTR 6.5 Creedmoor	\$1999.00		Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Lithgow LA101 22 Magnum	\$1499.00	• Laminate or Synthetic stock	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Garmin Rhino 650 GPS	\$350.00		Andrew Burr 021 477 599
ATV Gun Racks	from \$108.00		Andrew Burr 021 477 599
2005 HONDA CRF230	\$3400.00 ono	• Freshly serviced and all tidied up	Andrew Burr 021 477 599
2009 YAMAHA TTR110	\$2200.00 ono	• Freshly serviced and all tidied up	Andrew Burr 021 477 599
Garmin eTrex touch 25	\$250.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has all maps for NZ installed via sim</li> <li>• Has been used once but never used in the bush so effectively brand new</li> <li>• RRP \$430.00</li> <li>• Still in the box with everything it came with</li> </ul>	Karl Jager 027 714 1778
Ruger Mk1 M77 .243	\$1000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good condition with Leupold Vari-X 11 2-7 scope and Ruger rings</li> <li>• Includes 3 boxes of .243 ammunition</li> </ul>	Barnaby 02108375490
TRX300 4x4 Bigred	\$3500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully serviced</li> <li>• Light bar</li> <li>• Rear mat</li> <li>• Mud flaps</li> <li>• Bull bar</li> <li>• Good tyres</li> </ul>	Kerry Pask kerry@ offroadmotorcycles.co.nz

## 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](mailto: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 10 cartridges for .22 rimfire, or more than 5 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.



# CARAMELIZED BROWN SUGAR VENISON JERKY WITH APPLE CINNAMON GLAZE

Credit: <https://tinyurl.com/2f7vhavp>

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds (907 g) beef, trimmed and sliced thin (0.9 kilograms)
- 1 cup (240 ml) brown sugar (200 grams)
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) soy sauce (120 milliliters)
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) apple juice (60 milliliters)
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) soy sauce (15 milliliters)
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground cinnamon (5 grams)
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) onion powder (5 grams)
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garlic powder (5 grams)
- 1/2 teaspoon (3 ml) black pepper (1 gram)
- 1/4 teaspoon (1 ml) cayenne pepper (optional, 0.5 grams)
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) honey (60 milliliters)

## DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, soy sauce, apple juice, and Worcestershire sauce.
2. Add ground cinnamon, onion powder, garlic powder, black pepper, and cayenne pepper.
3. Mix well until all ingredients are fully combined to form a marinade.
4. Place the sliced venison in the marinade, ensuring all pieces are well coated.
5. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight for best results.
6. Preheat your oven to 175°F (80°C) or set a dehydrator to the jerky setting.
7. Remove venison slices from the marinade, letting excess liquid drip off.
8. Arrange the venison slices in a single layer on wire racks placed over baking sheets.
9. In a small saucepan, combine honey and any remaining marinade.
10. Heat the mixture over low heat, stirring constantly until slightly thickened.
11. Brush the apple cinnamon glaze over the venison slices.
12. Place the venison in the oven or dehydrator, and dry for 4-6 hours.
13. Check for doneness; the jerky should be dry but slightly pliable.
14. Let the jerky cool completely before storing it in an airtight container.

# ENTER THE NATIONAL WILD GOAT HUNTING COMPETITION

1 August – 26 November

To enter, visit [doc.govt.nz/wild-goat-hunting-competition](https://doc.govt.nz/wild-goat-hunting-competition).



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



**NZDA**  
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



**The Department of Conservation (DOC) and the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (NZDA) are proud to announce the return of the National Wild Goat Hunting Competition – a nationwide initiative to raise awareness of the environmental and agricultural damage caused by wild goats.**

Running from 1 August to 26 November 2025, the competition encourages hunters and landowners across Aotearoa New Zealand to tackle the growing wild goat population.

Wild goats are prolific breeders and pose a serious threat to native biodiversity and farmland. This competition is a practical and rewarding way for communities to contribute to conservation efforts while enjoying the outdoors.

Already, ten landowners have registered their interest with the competition to get help reducing wild goat numbers on their land. Many are motivated not just by wild goat control, but by the opportunity to support conservation.

Doug Jacobs, an NZDA member, took part in the 2024 competition with a focus on hunting responsibly on private land.

"I put up a light-hearted post on our local rural community Facebook page," Doug explains. "I mentioned the DOC/NZDA National Wild Goat Hunting Competition, my NZDA membership, and the protections that come with it. I also talked about the Landowner Assist process, which helps set clear ground rules between hunters and landowners."

The Landowner Assist process, developed by NZDA, with input from DOC, Federated Farmers, and Forestry Owners Association, provides a clear framework for safe and respectful hunting on private property. It covers access boundaries, carcass disposal, and meat handling—ensuring transparency and trust. Landowners can view the Landowner Assist document online via the National Wild Goat Hunting Competition website to see how it works and what to expect.

Doug's post caught the attention of a landowner dealing with wild goats crossing over from a neighbouring property. "We met up and went through the Landowner Assist document together," Doug explains. "We covered where I could hunt, what to do with the carcasses, and how we'd handle the meat. It was all very straightforward."

The landowner later told Doug that without the professional framework provided by NZDA and the Landowner Assist documentation, they wouldn't have responded at all. That trust and clarity made all the difference.

Just a week later, Doug had four goat tails to submit for the competition, nine kilograms of salami on the way, and plans for a few hearty curries. "It was a rewarding experience," he says. "Not just for the meat, but for the connection it built and the contribution to managing a local wild goat problem."

The National Wild Goat Hunting Competition is about more than just hunting—it's about protecting native ecosystems, supporting farmers, and encouraging responsible community involvement.

This year, the competition has the private landowner category open again. Landowners who register can be paired with vetted NZDA hunters and go in the draw to win over \$3,200 worth of prizes from Bushnell and Hunting & Fishing NZ Ltd.

The hunter categories also have great prizes up for grabs, including gear from Hunting & Fishing NZ, thermal monoculars from Nocpix, a tent from M.I.A, binoculars from Bushnell, freeze dried meals from Real Meals, a wild goat hunt with the NZ Hunter crew, and more—there's over \$70,000 worth of prizes, it's a great time to get involved.

"We want to see wild goat hunting become a regular feature in the hunting calendar," says Mike Perry, Wild Animals Manager at DOC.

Thinking of entering this year's comp? Entries are open from 1 August to 26 November. Whether you're hunting on public land or teaming up with a local landowner, you never know where it might take you.

The National Wild Goat Hunting Competition is brought to you by the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association. It is supported by Federated Farmers of NZ, Hunting & Fishing NZ, and Te Tari Pūreke Firearms Safety Authority.

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First Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.  
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All correspondence to be sent to [secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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