



Bay of Plenty

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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

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LUCKY IN LIFE

(See Eric Hazeldens 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 and you could win a \$100 Bar Tab at The Raft Café & Sports Bar - 65 Chapel Street Tauranga.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

Hi Team,

We're halfway through February and I honestly don't know where the year is going.

We kicked off our club year with a great presentation by Kieran from Garmin at our February club night. A special thanks to Ben from Hunting and Fishing for making this happen as I know Keiran is a hard man to nail down. Just a reminder that the March club night will be taking place in store at Hamills Tauranga so the clubroom won't be open. Stacy has always been a big supporter of our club and is known for putting on some great pre-roar deals, so show your support and bring your cheque book.

Our financial year finishes at the end of February and at 681 members, we are only 2 people off our record membership number of 683 which we obtained in the 2022/23 year. Interestingly, we lost far fewer members this year than in previous years, with a "churn rate" of 13% compared to 25% the previous year. We know that times are tight, but to achieve this level of retention suggests we are doing something right so thanks for your continued support. Growth doesn't come without its headaches, and we've definitely been feeling some growing pains lately. The increased workload on volunteers is obvious, so another big thanks must also go to all those who contribute to our community.

The roar is on the horizon, and the darker mornings are a clear indication that summer is drawing to a close. As the stags start to strip their velvet and you begin to make plans for your annual roar hunts, it's timely to remind you to think about our Antler Horn and Tusk (AHT) competition. Both our club, and the National organisation run separate competitions for this and there are many categories you can enter.

The "glamour" categories are dominated by the antlered species, but don't forget about some of the more achievable trophies. There are categories for photography, bush poetry, writing, and even tanned skins. I'd encourage you to check out both our website and the national website and start thinking about what you'd like to target.

Looking further ahead, several of our committee members have indicated they will be stepping down at the AGM in June. If you have time to give back, or perhaps you have some technical skills that you think we're lacking, check out the "situations vacant" later in this newsletter. We'd love to see more people stepping forward so please get in touch with any committee member if you'd like more information. As a member, you're also welcome to attend any committee meeting which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the clubrooms.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all around the club this year.

Straight shooting everyone.

Tim Taylor
BOP PRESIDENT

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2026

FEB	<p>15 February Peeking Wallaby Match Contact: Baden - baden.prentice@gmail.com</p>	
MARCH	<p>3 March Special Pre-Roar Club Night Location: Hamills Tauranga Starts: 7pm</p>	<p>8 March Pre-Roar Shoot, 100m 4 position Time: 8am - 12noon Contact: Baden - baden.prentice@gmail.com</p>
	<p>13 - 15 March Club Roar Hunt Location: Pakihi Hut (Opotiki area) Contact: Tim - tim@deerstalkersbop.org.nz</p>	
APRIL	<p>2 April Club Roar Hunt / Te Whare Okioki Hut Contact: Dan - 022 128 0828</p>	<p>7 April Club Night - Reloading for competition shooters Speaker: Tony Daw Starts: 7pm</p>

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

RANGE NEWS - FEBRUARY

Hello members.

As most of you will be aware, Dean Maisey has recently stood down as Range Manager.

I have been elected Interim Range Manager, until the AGM.

Firstly, I would like to thank Dean for all the work that he has done up at the range. This has taken a huge amount of his time, and It's in fantastic condition now.

Thanks also to the other volunteers that have assisted at the working bees.

Unfortunately, it's often the same 20 odd people, which considering we have over 300 have range tickets, is not a good turnout.

At the next Range Sub Committee, on 24 th February, we will be reviewing the splitting up of the range management functions (to split the workload). Also how best to communicate the penalty for alleged breach of the Range Standing Orders by anyone.

Recently I have seen some pretty impressive shooting i.e. when helping run the NZDA North Island Benchrest Championship shoot in Tokoroa.

WE ALSO HAVE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS AT OUR RANGE I.E.

- This Sunday (15 th) a Peeking Wallaby Shoot
- March 8 th a Pre-Roar shoot

ou can check these out further on our website

<https://deerstalkersbop.org.nz/events/peeking-wallaby-match-16/> <https://deerstalkersbop.org.nz/events/pre-roar-shoot/>

Regards, Chris Fryer

Interim Range Manager



As a parting gesture from our outgoing Range Manager Dean, he has shared some old photos from the early days at the range. I see some familiar faces who are still volunteering today, testament to the hard work and dedication over the years that has made the range what it is today!



New NRO (National Range Officer) Training course

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME AN NRO? Contact rangeroster@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

TUESDAY MARCH 3RD FROM 7PM

CLUB NIGHT - HAMILLS

SPECIAL EVENT BEING HELD AT

437 CAMERON ROAD (NOT AT NZDA CLUB)

Come join us at this club night to enjoy pizzas and drinks at Hamills Tauranga, along with many great specials.

HUGE PRE-ROAR SAVINGS

ACROSS OUR ENTIRE RANGE, EXCLUSIVE TO NZDA MEMBERS ON THE NIGHT

SPECIALS INCLUDE

Stoney Creek clothing 30% off

RAB Clothing 20% off

Stone Glacier Clothing 20% off

Burriss Droptine Scopes \$200 off

Selected Bushnell scopes 50% off

Nocpix thermals specials

Boot specials

+ MORE GREAT SPECIALS ON THE NIGHT

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\$50
SPENT

GETS YOU IN
THE DRAW FOR
GREAT PRIZES

PRIZE DRAW INCLUDES
A NOCPIX THERMAL.

MARCH CLUB HUNT

Pakihī hut, Opotiki area



DATE: 13TH-15TH MARCH

LOCATION: PAKIHI HUT, OPOTIKI AREA

Getting there: An easy 2 hour hike in from the end of Pakihi Road

Sleeping arrangements: 6 bunk hut with room for extras on the balcony.

Fitness level: Moderate, hill climbing and river crossings required when hunting.

Target species: Reds and goats.

Cost: Totally free.

Bookings: If you're interested in coming, please email tim@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

PRE-ROAR SHOOT

WHEN: SUN, 8 MAR, 8AM - 12:30PM NZDT

WHERE: TECT PARK RIFLE RANGE

Have some family fun and polish up your field shooting before the roar!

Open to all NZDA BOP Branch members (no range ticket required).

ENTRY FEE:

\$10 per Adult/Junior Team (.22LR rimfire)

\$10 per adult 4 position shooter (centrefire)

Light lunch included.

GET TICKETS



<https://events.humanitix.com/nzda-bop-pre-roar-shoot>

Prizes from Hamills, Bronco's Outdoors and Hunting & Fishing.

PLUS SOME
RANDOM DRAW
PRIZES!



Photo: A recent 4 position shoot held at the NZDA Taupo range.



Photo caption: That's going to be a little awkward

LUCKY IN LIFE

Saturday evening, 17th Jan

Metvuw looks ok, a bit of rain due Wednesday evening. Better double check. Weather app on my phone's reliable. Yep, all good. Overcast Sunday 18 th right through Tuesday then a bit of rain late Wednesday the 21 st . Great bush hunting. Good to go!

Solo this time. My two, longtime, mates can't make it.

"When are you off?"

"Tomorrow at 6am, honey, meeting my ride at 10 am"

"You said three nights."

"Yes, I'll be out on the afternoon of Wednesday the 21st."

Under instruction to be careful and not to use the new blue pillow slip for venison carriage, I finished packing my gear. Nothing over the top, spare socks, shirt, sleeping bag, inflatable Kmart pillow (good advice from the forum that), sleeping bag, cooker, billies and tucker. Just enough for three days, no dehydrated food apart from spuds, too expensive.

Double check, PLB, knife and belt pouch. Ammo, rifle with bolt locked in the glove box.

Packs about the right weight. Ready to rock early tomorrow.

Sunday morning, 18th Jan.

" I'm off honey"

" I'm a bit worried, you be careful"

" No worries honey, I'll use the ol" common sense, see you Wednesday arvo, give you a call as soon as I'm out".

Jumping in the truck, I headed from Tauranga towards the hills. Weather's good, overcast but no rain. Traffic's light and I'm making good time as I hit the foothills. Should meet my ride about 9.30 now. Winding my way through the ranges I'm keeping an eye out on the streams, looking for colour. There's a bit in some but not too bad on the other side of the summit.

Drizzle is light and occasional. All in all, not too bad. At my destination I hung up truck keys, secure vehicle storage, then loaded my gear into a well-used 4x4 double cab. As we drove, I



Photo caption: Going to be heavy carry out

discovered that Will, my driver, and I shared many acquaintances. We had a good korero. 40 minutes later, after a slow grind up to and through the saddle we arrived at the bush edge. I mentioned the colour I'd seen in some of the streams. Will replied, "We've had no rain for the last three days and the forecast's ok 'till later in the week, you should be ok and it looks like you've got the valley to yourself. Pick you up lunch time Wednesday. Take care Bro"

I shouldered into my vintage patched Cascade, picked up my rifle and headed down the slope towards the stream and hut track. Looking forward to a two-to-three-hour walk. The stream looked like it was up a little, not really summer flow but clear enough. I'd been this way a time or two in the past and knew the stream was no drama. Drizzle was very light and occasional but just enough to make the foliage drip. The temperature wasn't too warm, ideal light raincoat weather. Slipping it on I managed to keep myself reasonably dry and not overheat.

For the first half or so I was walking through plenty of clearings with ever-present stream crossings. Pretty easy really. I was keeping an eye open but spotted very little sign. Just the odd print here and there. Nothing to get excited about.

A little further on, the valley got a bit tighter with the stream gorging up a little. I had to watch my footing a bit but still straight

forward. After the wee gorge the track started to meander through the bush then crossing the stream and repeat. I noticed little to no birdlife and a distinct absence of Whio. Very little onga-onga, nasty stuff, so that was great.

Day dreaming, as I sometimes do, I was just going to step out onto a streamside clearing when 60 metres away, head down, grazing, was a typical size stag for the area. His head came up, he looked around, looked straight at me then back to his tucker. Of course that didn't last long, head came straight up again staring in my direction.

By now my rifle was up. "Did I really want him?"

With this weather he'd go off hung in a tree and it would be a long carry to the hut and then back out again. Fleeting thoughts.

"Well, if you're stupid enough to stand there" Just then he decided he wasn't that stupid after all, which was probably a good thing for us both.

Animals around, awesome. The trip bodes well.

After another hour or so of stream crossings, one or two of which I took care at, I found myself following the track through a large corner of bush heading towards the hut stream.

One crossing left. The last one, the hut stream, which could be a bit gnarly at times.

On the bank, looking down, I could see a bit of brown in the water, the bottom visible but a little vague at times. It was up a little too, but crossable without drama. Funny, the valley stream was clear, but this one was not. Different water shed.

Lowering myself in from the bank, I took my time, quartering upstream and making very sure of my footing. Climbing out, job done, I gave my pack a shoulder shrug up. Hut's 10 minutes.

No longer daydreaming and looking forward to a brew. Suddenly, ground hog day! 25 metres ahead, virtually side on, another stag, head down feeding. No doubting this time, instantly tipped over. Another typical size stag for the area. I did have one negative thought, "Going to be a heavy carry out".

A few minutes more and I dumped my pack at the hut. On my lonesome, cool. Bigger it, I'll have a quick brew then go and sort him out. Have a quick look for the meat safe while I'm waiting. Well, no meat safe. That's going to be a little awkward.

Brew done I went back and had a good look at him. Was going to be an eight but lost one complete side. In good nick though.

Knife out, I took my time removing his back steaks, next off with his hindquarters without gutting him. Pretty straightforward if you take your time.

What was very evident, virtually by their absence, no blowies, none-whatsoever. Peculiar.
But a godsend.

Getting the meat back to the hut, I pondered on how to keep it dry from the, by now, ever present drizzle and avoid blowies should they show up. Another cunning plan. Sorry about that flash new pillowslip honey, good job you like venison!

Hindquarters jammed together in my old venison pillowcase, skin pressed together, meat sides facing out. A very tight fit. The top tied off and then hung under the veranda next to the wall. The back steaks followed, hanging on wire then slipped inside the flash blue job. Tied off, hanging, job done. Again, absolutely no blowies, astonishing.

After a quick vote the consensus was to take the afternoon off. Beauty, a few brews, read a book and knock up a feed.

Monday 19th Jan, 4.30am.

Had a great nights sleep. Time for a brew, coffee with condensed milk. Hard to beat. A muesli bar and out the door. Still drizzling, constant, but not heavy. Misty low clouds, not ominous, just ever-present.

Having grabbed my rifle, I wandered out at first light, with the idea of just going for a look up towards the clearings on the main valley stream. A quick check of the hut stream revealed it still had colour but hadn't really risen or changed much from yesterday.

The bush was soaked and very quiet. I crossed the hut stream again, not easy, even without the pack. Taking my time, I wasn't really hunting just having a good look. Had enough to carry already. Didn't really know what I'd do if presented with any more gifts.

15 minutes later, light's good now, I stepped out of the bush onto a long grassy bench beside the stream. I was quite intent on looking up at a clear face when I noticed a slight movement.

There, 20 metres away was this year's fawn, standing stock still, staring. A quick "boo" and it galloped away, crossing the stream, probably off to mum.

I meandered a few hundred more metres to the edge of another clearing. There, across the stream, up against the bush edge was another stag. Probably 100 metres away. He was standing as tall as he possibly could. Right up on his hindquarters browsing. I watched but already had enough to carry.

Now for a feed and a brew. Standing outside the hut door I could see the drizzle was relentless. The stream hadn't risen any more but didn't look like dropping either.

Time to assess.

Weather not looking great with no obvious sign of improvement. The last viewed forecast was for rain late Wednesday but that could have changed. The stream hasn't risen any further but is showing colour and is likely to rise. Crossing the hut stream with a heavy load is going to be a challenge, much harder if the stream rises.



Photo caption: Quick brew and check the stream

A three hour walk to my pickup point but not expected until midday Wednesday the 21 st . If I leave tomorrow, Tuesday the 20 th , a six hour plus walk, with a heavy load, to my truck. The last two and half relatively easy. I'm by myself, time for common sense. I've been around for a while and I'm concerned. Decision obvious.

Tuesday 20th Jan

Up at first light. Quick brew and check the stream. Hasn't changed overnight but the drizzles heavier. Everything's in my pack with the meat loaded last. Yep, there's some weight alright.

One last thing, cut me a pole. Taking a hand saw, I found a suitable beech sapling and cut it to length. Perfect. It was too, helped me keep my feet several times.

Six and a half hours later I was getting into my truck. Knackered, but relieved.

As soon as I got reception, I phoned home. She was very relieved too. Apparently, the forecast wasn't great.

The following day the heavens opened.

Was I lucky or what?

By Eric Hazelden

DINING OUT UNDER *THE STARS*



AFTER A LONG DAY TRAMPING, THERE ARE FEW PLEASURES THAT COMPARE TO THE SATISFACTION OF A COLD DRINK AND A HOT MEAL AT CAMP.

From boiling water for noodles to pan-frying fresh backstraps, the gear you eat with can shape your whole experience as well as the weight of your pack. Here's how to match your dining kit to your hunting style, from gram-counting minimalists to basecamp traditionalists.



THE ULTRALIGHT SETUP DOMEX TITANIUM ESSENTIALS

For alpine stalkers and long-range hunters, every gram counts. Domex Titanium gear delivers the ultimate strength-to-weight balance without compromise. The 750 ml titanium pot (which doubles as a mug), the 20 cm pan, and the double-ended spork together weigh just 248 g. That's a full cook-and-eat setup lighter than most coffee mugs.

Titanium resists corrosion, cleans easily, and won't warp over open flame. You can boil, fry, eat, and pack up in minutes, perfect for solo missions when mobility and simplicity matter most.

Pack weight: 248 g

Ideal for: alpine hunts, solo overnights, and gram-counters who still appreciate a decent feed.



THE MID-RANGE SETUP WILDO CAMP-A-BOX® COMPLETE

Hunters who prefer a bit of practicality without extra bulk will appreciate the simple practicality of the Wildo Camp-A-Box® Complete. Made in Sweden, it's a nesting system of BPA-free plates, bowls, cups, a cutting board, and a spork, all locking together in a clean and tidy box weighing about 360 g.

This clever kit suits anyone who likes their gear orderly and easy to clean. It's tough enough for the rough stuff yet civilised enough to make bush dining feel, well, like dining.

Pack weight: 360 g

Ideal for: short hunts, hut trips, and anyone who values a little structure with their stew.



THE BASECAMP SETUP TATONKA SCOUT SET & THERMO MUG

When you're set up for several nights or running a hut base, weight takes a back seat to comfort. The Tatonka Scout Set (0.6 L pot, pan, and lid) and Tatonka Thermo Mug bring a bit of luxury to life outdoors. Together they weigh around 540 g, built entirely from stainless steel for long-term durability.

The Scout Set's nested design saves space while giving you real cooking versatility to boil, fry, or serve straight from the pot. The double-walled Thermo Mug keeps coffee hot and fingers unburnt on frosty mornings. This combo is classic Tatonka: functional, bombproof, and built for years of hard use.

Pack weight: 540 g

Ideal for: hut-based hunters, extended camps, or those who believe a proper brew deserves proper gear.

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THE JOY OF DINING OUTDOORS

A good meal in the bush isn't just about food; it's a small ritual of comfort that keeps you sharp and grounded. Whether you're sipping from titanium, folding up a Wildo set, or clinking stainless steel by the fire, your kit reflects how you hunt. Lightweight, balanced, or built to last, there's a perfect setup for every campfire appetite.



Photo: Game Animal Council CEO Corina Jordan says if the hunting sector is given the go ahead they can use recreational hunters, management culls and subsidises aerial operators to bring deer numbers under control.

HUNTERS SIDELINED IN DEER CONTROL PLANS

The hunting sector has been excluded from a new national deer control strategy.

CREDIT: "Published in Farmers Weekly January 2026

Game Animal Council CEO Corina Jordan says the hunting sector makes the largest dent in deer numbers, yet has been sidelined in a national initiative to reduce increasing numbers of the pest.

In December the Ministry for Primary Industries announced a joint initiative with the Department of Conservation, Federated Farmers, Beef + Lamb New Zealand and Forest and Bird to nationally control and monitor feral pests.

John Walsh, Biosecurity New Zealand director for pest management said the MPI is reviewing regulations to make control operations easier and improve data collection to enable better coordinated control operations.

The initiative will also run trials at catchment level to help farmers and growers manage the impacts of feral deer on their businesses.

Jordan said no one in the hunting sector has been included in the initiative, even after the council asked for a national strategy five years ago.

She said the hunting sector can use recreational hunters, management hunts, that are essentially culls, and aerial control.

Currently commercial aerial controllers focus on large animals for venison, but they need a subsidy to make culling of smaller deer financially viable.

Professor at Lincoln University and data analyst at the Game Animal Council, Geoff Kerr, said there is no national database to report deer numbers killed.

The GAC crunched numbers after a survey of almost 500 hunters in 2024, with results showing recreational hunters killed about 181,000 deer annually, about 125,000 goats and 53,000 wallabies.

The annual kills are estimated by multiplying average annual kills per hunter by the total number of hunters.

Excluded from the analysis is anyone who did any commercial hunting, or reported very high kills, Kerr said.

He said there is also no database of how many deer Wildlife Recovery Operations (WARO) processes for venison each year, but there are estimates of over 20,000.

Unlike other countries, New Zealand hunters do not need a special permit for each species or for specific animals and surveys are the best bet to gather data.

Reporting on the issue in the past by Farmers Weekly has put some numbers to annual kills..

Founder of Trap and Trigger NZ, Jordan Munn, the largest commercial hunting team in the country, said his operators typically take 3000-4000 deer per year, but have shot as many as 10,000 in a year across public, private and forestry land.

Mike Perry, DOC wild animals manager said WARO recovered 3787 deer from public conservation land between July 2024 and June 2025.

DOC does not hold a consolidated national dataset of animals removed by aerial and ground control, but are implementing a new system which will hold this information, Perry said.

"DOC's monitoring focuses on ecosystem improvements, rather than total animals removed."

DOC's annual goat hunting competition removed 10,134 goats in 2023, 12,935 in 2024 and 10,350 in 2025.

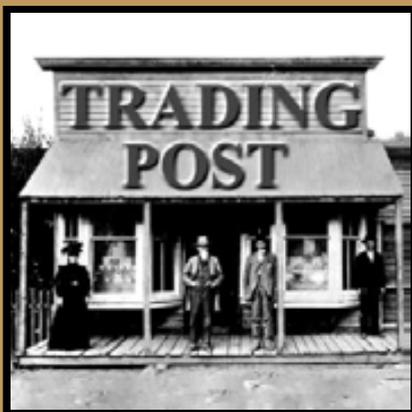
There are many private cullers shooting high browser numbers.

Alan Sanderson of Next120Ltd has recently culled 2000 wallaby on an undisclosed high country station in South Canterbury, with Trev Dibben South Island representative for The New Zealand Deer Stalkers Marlborough, saying 312 hunters recently culled 1060 Goats and 72 pigs in a single culling operation at Molesworth Station. Last year 1600 goats were shot by Department of Conservation contract operators at the station.

Kerr said there are many culls across all land types that go unreported.

A photograph of two male deer with large, velvet-covered antlers standing in a field of tall grass. The deer on the left is looking towards the deer on the right, and its mouth is slightly open as if speaking. A white speech bubble with a black border and a tail pointing to the deer on the left contains text. The background is a soft-focus forest with trees and foliage in warm, autumnal tones.

I've got him patterned again this year. Always comes in here 1/2 hour after daylight smelling like bacon and McDonald's coffee.



HUNTING GEAR

FOR SALE

ITEM	PRICE	DETAILS	CONTACT
Garmin Rhino 650 GPS	\$350.00		Andrew Burr 021 477 599
ATV Gun Racks	from \$108.00		Andrew Burr 021 477 599
Galvanized Sliding Gambrels	from \$25.00		Andrew Burr 021 477 599
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Tikka T3X Blackout 7mm PRC	\$2499.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left Hand New 	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
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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 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.



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEEDED

Have you thought about standing for the NZDA BOP Committee?

We are seeking motivated members to join our Club Committee and help shape the future direction of the club.

Committee members play a key role in guiding strategy, supporting operations, and ensuring the club continues to meet the needs of its members. We are particularly keen to hear from people who bring fresh thinking, practical skills, and a constructive approach to problem-solving.

Whilst we have 3 key roles open from July 2026, if these don't sound like you but you are still keen to be involved, please reach out as we have other positions available: tim@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

CURRENT VACANCIES AVAILABLE FROM JULY 2026

Membership Secretary:

We are lucky enough to have membership support from the NZDA National office, so the local Membership Secretary role is all about coordinating with the NZDA wellington team, new members and the wider committee. Do you enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to all things great about NZDA BOP? This role could be for you.

Vice President:

The VP role has no regular accountabilities but is expected to support the branch President as required and keep close to club operations so they can step into the President role if for any reason the President isn't able to fulfil their duties. Are you a good communicator who is passionate about the NZDA BOP and our chosen sport? Consider putting your name forward for Vice President

Club Secretary:

The Bay of Plenty NZDA is seeking an organised, reliable and community-minded Secretary to support the smooth running and continued growth of our club.

This role is responsible for attending committee meetings, preparing and distributing agendas and reports in conjunction with the President, recording accurate meeting minutes, managing apologies and guests, and supporting the organisation of committee meetings. The Secretary plays an active and engaged role within the committee, contributing to discussions and supporting the overall operation and development of the club. This is a hands-on role, ideal for someone who enjoys being involved, working as part of a team, and helping strengthen and grow a passionate hunting and outdoor community in the Bay of Plenty.



WILD PORK AND GREEN BEAN STIR FRY

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE STIR FRY

- 1 lb green beans, trimmed and cut in half on a bias
- 1/2 lb wild pork bottom round or loin
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp shaoxing wine or cooking sherry (optional)
- 1 mild red chili, sliced
- 2 tbsp lard or neutral oil

FOR THE SAUCE

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp shaoxing wine or cooking sherry (optional)
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp oyster sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1/4 cup water or chicken stock
- 1 tbsp cornstarch

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add a big pinch of salt. Add the trimmed beans and cook for 2 minutes. Drain immediately and run under cold water until completely cooled. Set aside.
2. Slice the pork into thin strips, then transfer to a bowl. Add the cornstarch, salt, baking soda, soy, and wine, mix well. Set aside to marinate for 10-20 minutes.
3. Mix the sauce ingredients in a bowl.
4. Add the lard or oil to a wok or large skillet over high heat.
5. Add the pork and stir fry for about 2 minutes, or until cooked through, stirring and tossing often.
6. Add the blanched green beans and chilies cook 30 seconds.
7. Stir the sauce in the bowl, then add it, quickly stirring it into the stir fry as it thickens. Remove wok from heat and give a final stir. Serve with rice. Enjoy!

RECIPE CREDIT: <https://tinyurl.com/4rjvawn6>



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