



Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS



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Deerstalkers Association Bay of Plenty Branch**

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Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)
 Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month
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Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month.

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Presidents Report's – December 2015

Hello again,

Welcome to our new members Nicholas Maxwell and Anthony Daw.

Well it's been a busy month with plenty happening. The Branch hunt at Maungapohatu was successful with 4 deer being shot and then the following weekend the tahr trip got under way. Thanks to Stan we had a very enjoyable trip and I'm sure there will be many of us who will be keen to go again next year. A number of Tahr were shot as well as Chamois and deer so hopefully we will see these at the measuring night.

A request to those members who have photos or video from the Tahr hunt please bring along (on memory stick) to club nights to share your trip with others.

The club has been successful with an application for funding to TECT for the planned admin building for the range. The amount of \$75,000 has been granted which will get us half way to our goal. Thanks to Peter Setz and Grant Hammond for their time and effort on this project.

Thanks must go to Don Hammond from The Game Animal Council for an informative presentation at our November Club Night.

Our next social event will be the Xmas Shoot and BBQ to be held at the range on **Sunday 13th December**. Have some fun on the range in the morning (22's only or air rifles) and then lunch time BBQ.

The family weekend in January (22nd to 24th) will be at Tapuhope Stan has told Arendina before she reads this.

Hope to see you at the club night

Clyde

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. Photo by Dave Sorenson, from his trail cam.

If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the Newsletter editor

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Tuesday	1st	7.30 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Kevin & Carol Watson from Advanced Archery				
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Committee Night</i>	<i>NZDA Clubrooms</i>
Saturday	12th	BOP Service Rifle Club Day		NZDA Range
Sunday	27th	NZDA Public Open Day		NZDA Range

JANUARY

NO CLUB NIGHT! Go hunting!				
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Committee Night</i>	<i>NZDA Clubrooms</i>

FEBRUARY

Tuesday	2nd	7.30 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Darren Clarke – Taxidermist – learn how to head skin an animal and how to look after the skin before taxidermy.				
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Committee Night</i>	<i>NZDA Clubrooms</i>

Please Note: Club Night starts at 7:30pm
but doors open at 7:00pm, so feel free to come along earlier
for a catch up with your fellow hunters before the night officially starts!



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Shooting will be limited to 22 long rifle only so no magnum rimfire and no centrefires until later in the day. Bring along your air rifles and archery gear too.

There will be a BBQ at lunchtime
The club will provide meat, tea/coffee etc...
Please bring along some salads and maybe a sneaky dessert!

This is a good opportunity to check out the TECT Park if you haven't been up there yet. There are walking, mountain bike and equestrian tracks, Adrenalin Forest high wire course and motor sport area see.



The range will be open from 9:30 with some fun shoots starting at 10:00

*Please note there will **not** be any function at the Tauriko clubrooms this year.*



Range Calendar for 2015

November	Saturday 14th Sunday 29th	BOP Service Rifle Club Day NZDA Public Open Day
December	Saturday 12th Sunday 13th Sunday 27th	BOP Service Rifle Club Day CHRISTMAS FUNCTION NZDA Public Open Day
January 2016	Saturday 9th Sunday 31st	BOP Service Rifle Club Day NZDA Public Open Day

Any alternatives or additions to this calendar will be notified in the newsletter if time permits and on the branch website.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Friday January 22nd to Sun 24th 2016

At

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

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So gather up the kids and the rest of the family and come and enjoy a weekend away before school goes back as well as meeting other club members.

WHAT TO BRING – food & drink and usual camp gear and the toys you enjoy.

Saturday night we will have a group BBQ – Bring salads and potluck food to share.

COST - \$10 per adult per night

If you have any specific requirements give me a call, as I am sure we can make it happen. **Please phone Stan** on 07 8684515 or email lowe2147@gmail.com to advise your intentions.



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Date; 19th -22nd February 2016

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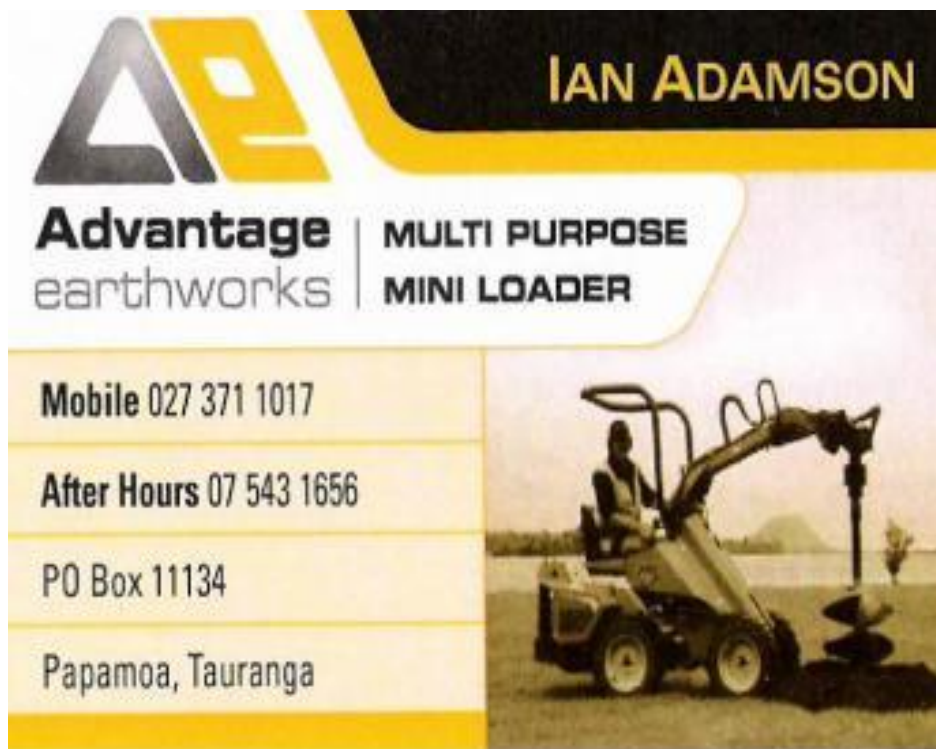
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January 16 - 17th Te Waiti Hut.

For more info and to register contact James ph 027 9570649

The hare hunt in January is still to be confirmed. Usually Late January

February 06-08th Family Camp at Minginui. More info in the next newsletter, we need to book this well in advance.

No organized branch hunts in March and April. Get your mates together practice roaring and go out and get them!

We are also organizing hunts now for May, June, and July. Info in the newsletter and on facebook as we get them together.

You can also catch up with any of the branch hunts contacts at the monthly meetings.



News from the gunsmiths bench...

Due to poor planning (or, surprise!) another Maisey is due in March - right before the Roar!

Dean and Claire kindly request that you plan ahead for the next roar and book in to get your gunsmithing-related work done well before March if possible!! Claire also hopes to take a break from the newsletter for a few months from then, so we are looking for someone in the branch to take care of this while we have our hands full with the new baby.

Thanks!!

Claire & Dean.

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Deer “pest” Syndrome a Factor in Firearm Accidents?

A hunters’ advocacy group says a government-generated prejudice against wild animals is a significant factor in firearm accidents particularly hunters mistaking another hunter for a deer.

Sporting Hunters Outdoor Trust spokesman Laurie Collins of the West Coast said departmental prejudice against browsing animals and calling them “pests”, particularly deer, instilled in many hunters, a mind set on the need to shoot and kill as many animals as possible.

“Selective hunting of taking only enough for immediate needs and deliberately and carefully selecting an animal, is a rarity amongst most hunters, mainly due to the philosophy and attitude promoted by the old Forest Service and now the Department of Conservation,” he said. “Instead hunters generally have been imbued with killing any and often every deer plus indulging in careless reactionary snap shooting.”

Laurie Collins who began his working career in the Forest Service and has a lifetime of association with mountains and hunting, said the attitude of the “only good deer is a dead one” was archaic. It had been born with ‘The Deer Menace Conference’ of 1930 which changed the status of deer from previously game animal resource to one of vermin.

“That 1930 change in status had nothing to do with science.”

Today an estimated quarter of million deer browse grass and to a lesser extent foliage just as several million moa did for millions of years. In addition a 2001 Landcare Research study showed 81 percent of public considered deer were a resource and not a pest. However the department still overtly or covertly pursued anti-wild animal policies implementing them with 1080 poison programmes and commercial or “search and destroy” operations to waste helicopters slaughtering deer, tahr and chamois.

Laurie Collins said the Department of Conservation should instruct and educate hunters into game management based on ethical hunting such as not shooting female deer when newly-born fawns were with their mothers.

“In identifying and selecting a deer as to whether it was an adult female or a prime young spiker for meat for example, a hunter would take time to positively identify the animal. This would have a major spin-off in terms of heightening hunter safety,” he said.

In addition, judging by recent accident circumstances, hunters being so intent on shooting any deer or other animal, were too often carrying a loaded firearm when in a vehicle or crossing a fence. Frequently hunting accidents involved spot lighting, an unethical practice in any sportsman’s code. Laurie Collins said he suspected that spot-lighters on country roads at night often were likely to have been drinking alcohol beforehand thereby breaking a cardinal rule in hunting safety.

“DOC needs to crack down on spot-lighting on public lands, police on private land and public roads and apprehend offenders with heavy fines for guilty parties, but the prejudiced Department of Conservation turns a blind eye as it wants as many deer shot as possible,” he said.

Laurie Collins said a good starting point would be firearms safety instruction in all schools as part of the national curriculum.

" After all we teach children road safety and water safety. New Zealand is a country where firearms are widely used for sport and recreation - and long may it remain so.”

However Laurie Collins said the suggestion of firearms safety training would probably cause a few academics to react that such training glorified “a gun culture”.

He said recent reaction by academics was “wooly-headed thinking.”

Road deaths relative to car ownership were many times more than hunting fatalities relative to firearm ownership added Laurie Collins. And in over 450,000 sporting injury claims in one year there was likely to be only a few firearm related injuries.

COURTESY OF Tony Orman

Hunting Safety Guidelines

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

1. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
2. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed.
3. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
4. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
5. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
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Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.) 2015/2016



To:

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc) Bay of Plenty Branch
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Dear Treasurer,

I am applying for membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2015/16 year (March 1st 2015– February 29th 2016).

My details are as follows: (Please print in capitals)

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All new Applications are put before the Committee, at their next available meeting, for acceptance – please allow up to 6 weeks for receipt of your membership card.

The membership type I am applying for is:

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Signature:	Date:
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CODE OF ETHICS

A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his act they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact.

Aldo Leopold, The Sand County Almanac.

A member of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated will be expected to;

1. Approach recreational hunting from the highest possible level of ethics, having due regard to the welfare of the animals hunted, and prevention of cruelty to the same
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3. Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws
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