



Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS



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**Monthly Newsletter of the New Zealand
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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Presidents Report's – February 2016

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our first newsletter for 2016.

For our first meeting of the year we will have Darren Clarke as the guest speaker talking about taxidermy and head skinning. The next 3 or 4 months are generally the serious side of the hunting calendar when it comes to trophies so Darren's talk should be of interest.

It may be a good time to remind you all that membership subs will be due soon and you must be financial at the time you shoot that trophy of a lifetime. Paying your subs late and then entering a cracker head in the competition can be a little contentious so please get them paid when the notice is sent out.

The Christmas shoot was a lot of fun with metal silhouettes and clay targets being shot with rimfire 22's and air rifles. This was followed by a BBQ lunch expertly cooked by Grant at usual.

The March meeting will be at Hamills again and I'm sure we will have a good turn out as we have in previous years.

We will reserve the May meeting for a "Tahr photo or video evening" for those hunters who wish to present and talk about their hunt. These evenings were popular last year so please come along and enjoy.

As far as the hunting side for February goes there is the Hare Hunt Feb 6th- 8th organised by Stan.

And the Fly in Feb 19th-22nd organised by Chris.
Details of these in newsletter.

Hope to see you on 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

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>9th</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Committee Night</i>	<i>NZDA Clubrooms</i>

MARCH

Tuesday	1st	7.00 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Hamils Shopping Night! – Head to Hamils at 7pm for great deals!				
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Committee Night</i>	<i>NZDA Clubrooms</i>

APRIL

Tuesday	5th	7.30 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Casual meeting - no guest speaker tonight, just head along to the clubrooms to catch up with the members and swap hunting stories.				
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>12th</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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Range Calendar for 2016

January 2016	Saturday 9th Sunday 31st	BOP Service Rifle Club Day NZDA Public Open Day
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Any alternatives or additions to this calendar will be notified in the newsletter if time permits and on the branch website.

Woodhill, by Jon Howard

We arrived at Woodhill shortly before dawn and then began heading to our blocks. Dave and I headed to the West Block and went down the main trail seeing plenty of sign as well as a pheasant and a pair of rabbits. We then proceeded to traverse the edge of the pines and kanuka until around 10 o'clock. Then we noticed some fresh sign and spore heading down a ridge line into the kanuka, we followed this trail along the ridge until the first deer of the day walked in front of us, an average sized yearling, unfortunately I wasn't in a position to fire a lethal shot so we let it wander off hoping to cut back around and get another chance. Unfortunately this was not to be.

Shortly after we heard the report of Logan's rifle, and continued along the edge of the pines until I noticed a trail heading through the kanuka and along the edge of a swamp we startled a pheasant and stopped for a short time, about 400 metres down the track I noticed a yearling just over 100 metres away running half way up a ridge and took a shot, I missed and it didn't stick around for seconds. We went to confirm anyway. As we checked I had a funny feeling and turned around to see a full bodied hind running below us and shot, she flipped around and stopped, coughing blood and stumbled, falling down the lip of the spur she was on. Dave and I headed down excited to see what she looked like, we found her belly up around a tree. I dragged her down to a shady spot and Dave took a picture. I then proceeded to gut her and Dave showed me how to turn her into a pack. We then headed back to Dave's ute and let her hang while we had lunch and let her hang for a while. After half an hour Keith radioed in telling us he was on the way back and wasn't far from the ute. When Keith and Logan came back they had lunch and we loaded the ute and headed back to Tauranga.





Woodhill, by Logan Gillard

After the last thrilling close encounter with a deer at Waikarimoana, I was very excited to learn I would be taking part in a Fallow hunt in woodhill.

It was about 9am in the morning and we had seen deer tracks everywhere but hadn't seen any deer. I had thought that we weren't going to be in luck for that morning. Just after a break, me and Keith went to walk over to the next hill. Keith said that when you walk to a hill to walk straight to the nearest tree and peer out from either side to break up your outline. I did this and thought I saw something waving in the wind. I looked further around and saw that it was actually a deers head and ears,

I then knelt down and leaned my rifle on the tree. I tried to calm down. Then I closed the bolt and took the shot. It looked like it stayed in the exact same place. I reloaded and took another shot. After the second shot I could no longer see the deer. Unsure if I had even hit the deer I went to see where the deer was and saw that I had got it. I then saw the first shot was a gut shot. I was stoked to get my first deer.

Huge thanks to Keith for helping me and Jon to cut up the deer.

Thanks to the sponsor that paid for us going on this hunt.



February Fly-In

NZDA BOP BRANCH February Fly-in

Date; 19th -22nd February 2016

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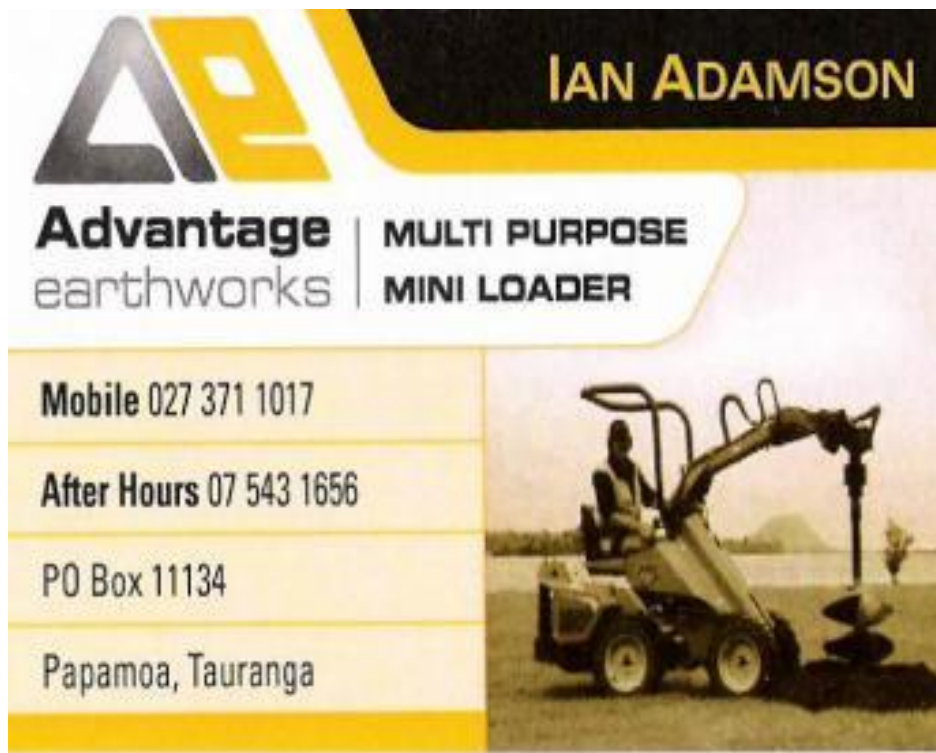
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THE VERY NEAR MISS(RS)

By Dave Sorenson

I am sitting down in the easy chair enjoying retirement, when the phone rings. It turns out that my mate Ken, a fellow branch member, wants a hand to dispatch and butcher two sheep from a local resident that he shears for sometimes. "OK. When?" "Tomorrow at 2pm, Oh and you had better bring Sharon.." Another branch member, a real good sort and also my wife. At 2pm we meet at the lifestyle block behind Katikati and proceed to formulate our cunning plan. Now these sheep are no ordinary sheep. It turns out they are 3 year old wethers and have been living off avocados and ionised water, are semi wild, stand about 11 hands high and weigh in at 165kg. Now the plan was to chase the sheep to the only flat area at the top of the block, run them between the fence and the only shed. Sharon was to stand at the far end to stop them running past. Ken and I would catch and dispatch them. The plan was really working well until Sharon looked up and saw Shrek and his mate racing towards her at a great rate of knots; at which stage she abandoned the plan, her love for me, club loyalty and ran for the nearest fence. I still managed to catch one, although it dragged me about 40 metres until Ken caught up with us and the extra weight did the trick. One down, one to go. Shrek No 2 headed down to the bottom of the block and despite all of our efforts, would not run back up the slope. Plan B It was far too steep and rough to get a vehicle down to the base of the slope, so we would shoot Shrek No 2, tie a rope around the neck and back up to the flat area at the top, and tie the other end of the rope to Ken's 4WD. Sharon would stand at the top of the slope to give Ken the instructions by hand signals. Meanwhile I would be down at the bottom of the slope and holding the back end of the beast, would guide it over the steep, rough and stumpy terrain. At this stage I feel that I should mention that our Ken has only two speeds wired into his system: Stop and Go (fast). All was set and I saw Sharon at the top wave for Ken to go; the rope started to move very slowly and with a jolt we were off. The plan started to come unstuck when I had trouble keeping up with the sheep. I am pretty fit, but things happened too fast for me. Half way up the sheep got stuck around an old tree stump and held fast. Several things happened at once. The rope started to tighten. The lifestyle owner appeared at the top of the slope in his suit and looked over to see what all the fuss was about. Sharon, bless her, was yelling and waving to Ken to stop. Ken was racing home for a beer, I think, because he certainly was not not on the same page as the rest of us. Now a long nylon rope has a ton of stretch and when it reaches breaking point things are never very pretty, and that proved to be right in this case. With a loud tear and snap the head came off the sheep and catapulted at the speed of light up the slope missing, by bugger all, my wife and the block owner. It then continued on to overtake our Ken, at which stage, on seeing a sheep's head overtake him, he figured that the beer would have to wait, as something was wrong with the plan, so he stopped.

THE VERY NEAR MISS(RS)

Sharon and the owner were left covered in blood and in a state of shock. I'm half way down the bank struggling mightily to stop this beast sliding back down the bank, and in a state of real shock, as that was a very close thing indeed. Ken is in a state of shock also, as he has just been overtaken by a sheep's head. It took a while to get things sorted after that, but we finally got the sheep into the trailer. It took three of us and a lot of effort though. When we butchered the sheep, we got 1 1/2 contractors wheelbarrows of fat off them, they were huge. After things settled down, the owner invited us up to the house for a drink of wine.

Sharon politely declined as she just wanted to get home for a shower and some clean clothes. Well, this little episode cost me plenty, for sure. One I love you card, perfume and 2 nights of that dine and wine thing for starters, and don't forget all of those blood stained clothes. Like all close calls, there is always something to learn from the event. So I offer the following advice:

1. Buy your meat at the local butcher, as it works out cheaper.
2. Do not get Kenboy to do the driving, unless it is to a bank robbery.
3. Only have people in old clothes on at the top of the bank.
4. Only try this recovery system with strong-necked beasts.

Dave Sorenson January 2016

Deerstalkers Library

Don't forget the library is open for Club members to borrow books and DVDs.

See Richard McEwen on club nights
between
7.15 – 7.30pm





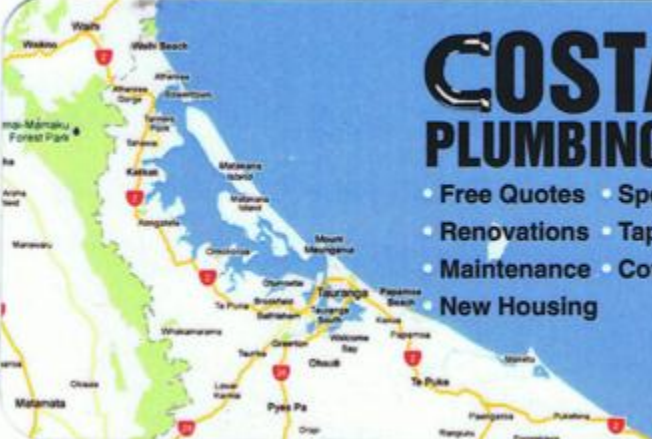
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While the outcome of the 2015 HUNTS Course was much the same as in the past the input has changed quite dramatically.

Most of the applications came by way of the National Office after inquiring through their website. These were then passed on to me to make contact. Enquiries came from as far afield as Waikato, Rotorua and Whakatane.

Management of the course is now in the hands of a group of six – myself, Lester Polglase, Bob Tatton, Richard McEwen, Arthur Hudson and Doug Williams. Grant Hammond set up the computer pages. All communications are done by email. Works well so far.

Very few changes have been made to in the course itself with the past program proving very successful.

Theory sessions were all at the Tauriko clubrooms while the practical side of the course was conducted at Ngamuwahine Lodge in the Kaimais, the TECT Park Rifle Range and the final one-on-one hunt was again held at Waikaremoana.

With the reduced number of participants this year we decided not to take a boat but were able to negotiate the use of a farm for 2 trainees and are working at getting others for the future.

Although several deer were seen, none were shot.

The Mountain Safety Council as we knew it has now disbanded. Local members have now reformed under another name and have indicated they will continue to take part in our HUNTS program. Of the 10 who did start this course ages ranged from two at 15 years, one at 17 years and the rest up to middle age.

The Paul Hooker Memorial shield for the best student went to Zak Jacobs. Well done Zak.

In addition to this year's course was an offer from the Woodhill Fallow Management Committee for 2 trainees and their guides to have a hunt in their forest Northwest of Auckland. This was in September and a part of their "Take-A-Kid-Hunting" month. Dave Bragg and myself took the two 15 year old boys, Logan Gillard and Jon Howard, both obtaining their first deer before lunch on the Saturday.

We made it back to Tauranga that evening. Well done to both of you. Their stories and photos elsewhere.

This trip was funded by the Milli Lovell Trust left with this branch for this very purpose. Thank you so much Milli.

The thank you list for all the assistance given is huge. Without it courses like this would not happen. The Mountain Safety guys, the Army firearms crew, bow hunting and especially our club members who have given both time and product. No names, but you know who you are. Thank you all.

Keith T
HUNTS Coordinator.

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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.

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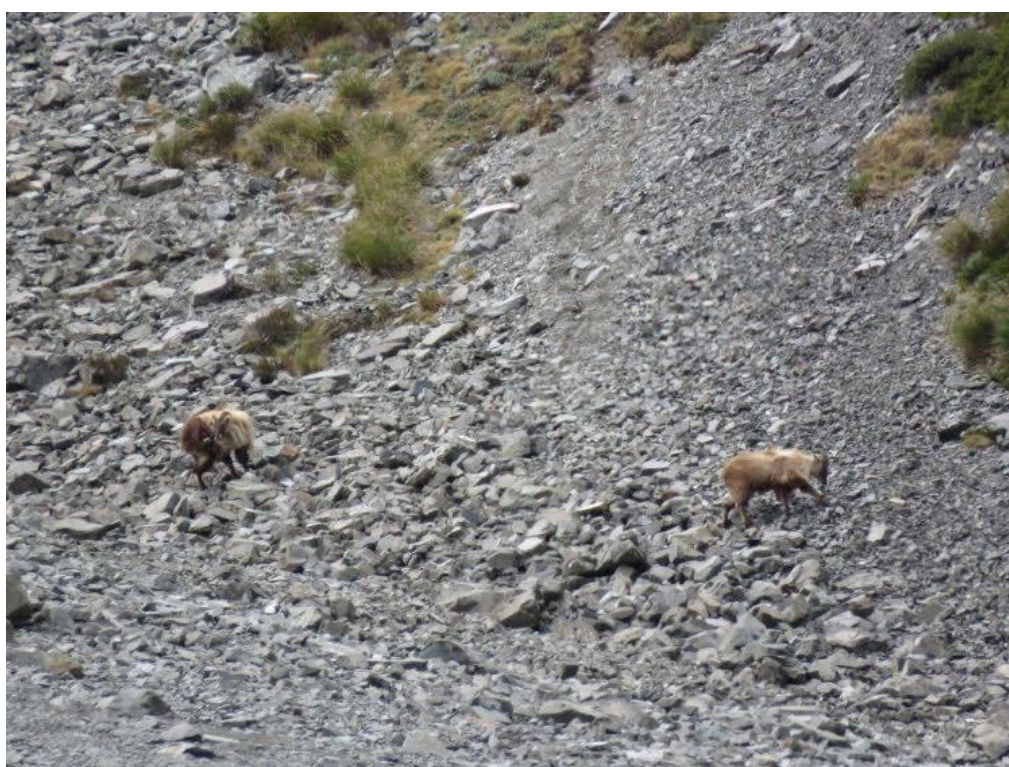
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Tahr Trip Photos

A few photos from last years tahr trip – Thanks Matt Simpson





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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- Keith Theobald, Greerton, Ph. 578 1195
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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
 P O Box 3111
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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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- 🔑 HUNTS courses.

Information for Applicants:

Club Meetings are 7:30 PM first Tuesday of every month at the Tauriko Clubrooms, R617 SH 29.

Contact the Treasurer, Bob Tatton 07 571 8442 or email treasurer@deerstalkersbop.org.nz for further information

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:

Period Joined (Circle one)

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SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$50.00	+	\$110.00	\$59.00
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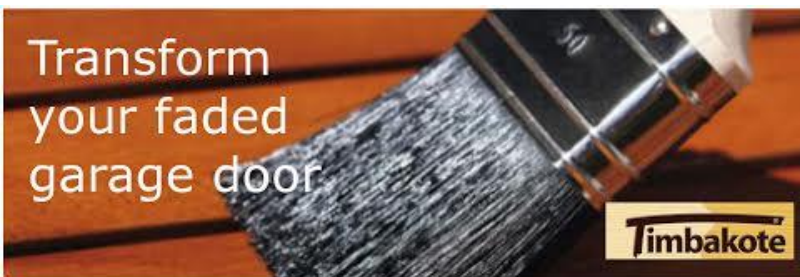
CODE OF ETHICS

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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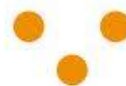
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