

Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS



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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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Welcome to you all.

By the time this newsletter is circulated we will be past the shortest day and I always look forward to the days starting to stretch out again.

Our annual Dinner and Prize giving is over for another year and everyone who attended appeared to enjoy the evening. The highlight of the evening was the presentation from Ross Ritchie to Keith Theobold of an interesting piece of equipment which I would loosely describe as a "Willie Walking Stick". The only time Keith's boots should be wet from now on will be from crossing a stream. Just remember Keith, it's winter time so keep that "Willie Walker" warm.

The Dinner and Prize giving evening would not happen without club members giving their time to make it happen. Thank you to those members who contributed in some way including the working bee, the setting up of the dinner venue and helping to clean up on the night. The contribution of game meats from Reuben and Dave and the cooking of the meat dishes by Paul, Dave and Tracy, Ron and Wyn. To have game meat on the table for everyone to share makes the night special. Keith as usual put in a huge amount of time and effort to make the prize giving a success and we thank him for his commitment. Well done again Keith.

July Club Night will be our Annual General Meeting and the committee would certainly appreciate your attendance. This is your opportunity have a say on how you see the Club progressing and contribute your ideas.

See you at the AGM

Clyde



Cover Photo: A photo from the amazing competition entries

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

COMING EVENTS

JULY					
Tues	sday	5 th	7.30 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
AGM - see you all there!					
Tue	sday	12 th	7.30 pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

AUGUST				
Tuesday	2 nd	7.30 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Watch this space – info to follow				
Tuesday	9 th	7.30 pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

SEPTEME	BER				
Tues	day	6 th	7.30 pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Watch this space – info to follow					
Tues	sday	13 th	7.30 pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

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!



Paul Adamson

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AGM REMINDER

Don't forget to come to the **AGM July 5**th **at the Clubrooms**! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!!

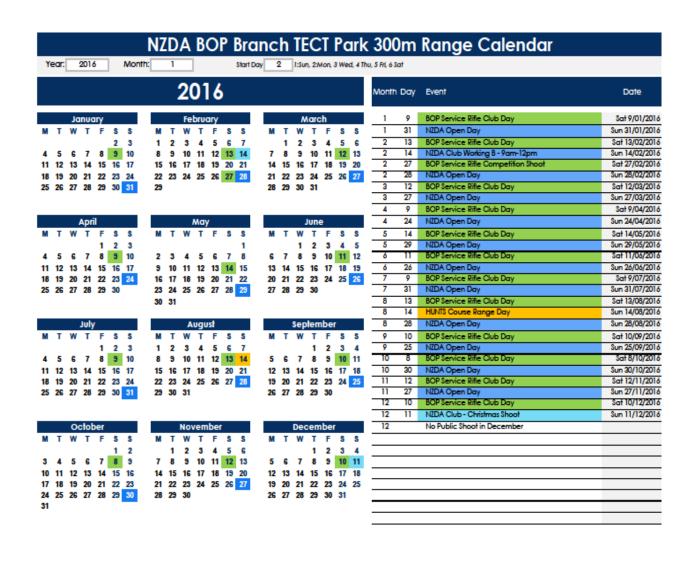


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Range Calendar for 2016

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



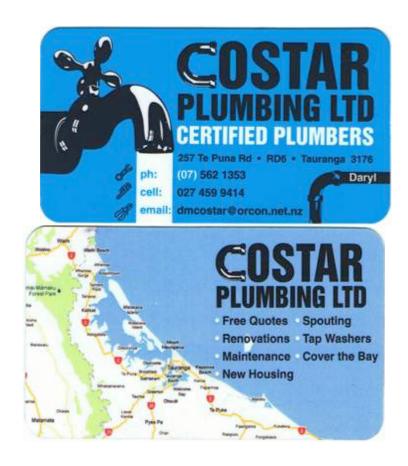
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!!!! Douglas Score Measuring !!!!

If there is sufficient interest the Branch will look at running a training seminar later this year. This is usually a one day course. Cost is unknown at the moment.

This may be run here or combined with other branches. Contact me if you are interested.

Keith Theobald Phone 0276 935 445



Pig Whistler

By Dave Harris

Well another roar well and truly behind us, takes all year to come around and then all over far to quick. All those theories as to whether they will roar late or early part of history for another year. This year I had the pleasure of taking my daughter Megan in with me, just the 2 of us. Megan has been on a few hunts over the years, but this her first roar. After a great flight into the Ureweras with Heli Hunt and Fishes Phil Jenssen(whom I found to be a good bastard) we had a good camp set up by a small clearing with a handy creek near by. We only had time for a quick hunt that evening to check out the lay of the land and look for any sign. A distant roar and enough sign to get us a bit excited had us back at camp on dark. After tea we took in the night sky which Megan said was the clearest she had ever seen the stars, it was very clear and calm. The call of a kiwi added to the ambiance. Enough excitement for one day, so off to bed for a good sleep and big plans for the next day. About 10 oclock that night "Did you hear that Megan?" "Yea, sounds cool eh". A stag had started up, and over the next hour got closer and closer, louder and louder to finally end up less than 100 meters from our camp, walking backwards and forwards roaring his head off, so much for the good sleep. What an introduction to her first roar.

With little sleep we were up and ready to deal to this guy half an hour before daylight, which was when he shut up and buggered off. We had no trouble seeing and smelling were he had been but no luck finding him. He was to repeat this on our second to last night, gone before we could see enough in the bush to have a go at him. Still great to hear him that close, even if it meant a loss of sleep. One afternoon we headed off in a new direction to try our luck, been going for about half an hour when I tell Megan I want to take a leak, good idea she says and heads off just out of sight to take care of business as well. While Im standing there a bush robin lands in the tree beside me, so I strike up a conversation and start whistling to it to try and get a reaction. Out of the corner of my eye, I see Megan stand bolt upright and come striding towards me and pulling up her pants at the same time, as she passes me she said in a loud whisper "There's something down there." Sure enough, I hear something moving in the bush below us, thinking its probably a deer, I let out a low moan, step forward and crouch down. More rustling and crunching, then from behind another loud whisper, 'Its a pig." Sure enough scoffus scoffus sticks his face out just in front of us. BOOMPHA, and he disappears, not the result I was expecting, because I use a real gun (.270) I expected him to just drop. He hadn't gone far thou, and when I saw his body the first thing I thought of was, I hope he has some tusks for Badens antler horn and tusk competition, but sorry Baden, a nice eating pig but no ivory to speak of. After boning him out the best I could I gave Megan the legs to carry with the skin on because thats were the lice would be and no point us both getting itchy and scratchy. Back at camp before dark gave us time to heat up some water and clean our selves up before it got late. Great feeling, meat in camp, clean bodies and cloths on, another clear night and stag roaring in the distance. Bring on tomorrow, but thats another story.

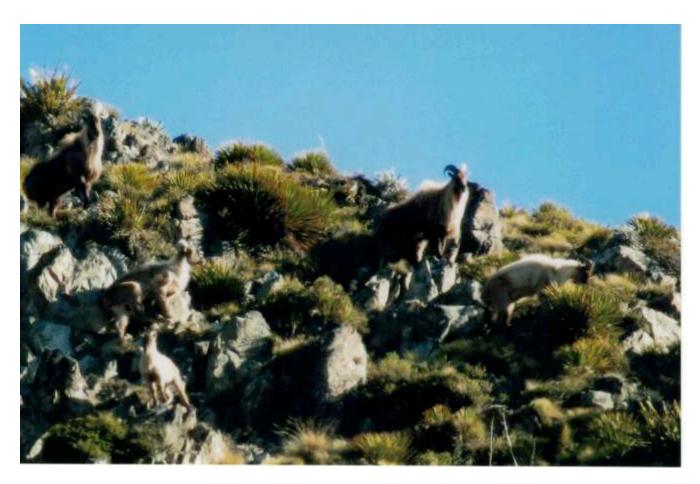
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Prize Giving Results

Prize giving results will be published in the next newsletter... in the meantime – here are some of the brilliant photos entered into the competitions.













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Hunts Course Reminder

Just a reminder that the Hunts Course is coming up and running through August with 6 nightly sessions and 3 weekends. Ideal for beginners or anybody wishing to brush up on their skills. Dates and cost yet to be finalised.

For further information please contact:

Keith Theobald – Ph 0276 935 445 keiththeobald@xtra.co.nz

Information Needed

Does anybody have any contacts or knowledge for trusts that we could apply to that are not gaming trusts to help fund of our administration building at the range. If so please contact Peter Setz on 027 5240013.

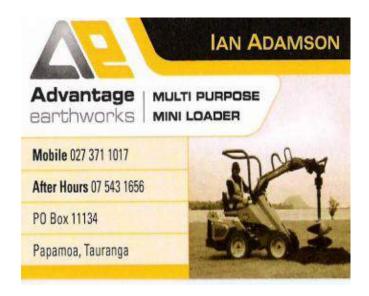
Tahr Hunt 2016

The date has been set for this years Tahr Hunt – leave Tauranga Sat 29th October and return on Sunday 6th November. At this stage I would think the costs would be similar to last year. (Approx total cost \$650 to \$750 per person). I will be calling a meeting sometime in August to finalise areas and numbers but will advise dates in July newsletter.

Be in early to advise your preference of blocks/area and who is part of your team. Alternatively I can arrange areas and parties if you prefer. It is best to advise by email if possible or give me call.

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Volunteer Led Re-Development of the Kaimai Forest Park

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The Kaimai Forest Park could become one of New Zealand's most accessible and popular outdoor destinations now that a volunteer based community group has been formed to help ensure the newly named Kaimai Ridgeway reaches its potential as an iconic national walking trail

Chairman of the Kaimai Ridgeway Trust, Roger Montgomerie, says the formation of the trust is an exciting step towards enabling greater use and enjoyment of the Kaimai Forest Park.

There are about 350 km of backcountry tracks within the park, accessible from around 26 entry and exit points, which link in with what has formerly been known as the Kaimai North South Track. These have been utilised and enjoyed for decades by a diverse range of groups and individuals, many of whom are now part of the Kaimai Ridgeway Trust.

Volunteer groups have put in thousands of hours opening up and improving facilities and tracks throughout the park. Roger says that the aim is to build several modern, 12 bed huts around six or seven hours apart along the Kaimai Ridgeway enabling people to make a five to seven-day tramp through the ranges. However, because of its accessibility from road ends on both the Waikato and Bay of Plenty sides of the range, it will be possible for people to enjoy shorter day tramps or one or two night adventures from the numerous points along the way."

Tony Walton, President of the Auckland Tramping Club and a member of the Trust agrees it is time to upgrade and promote the route.

"The Kaimai Ranges is a wonderful area of rugged bush but on the other hand it is very accessible and offers a range of options including short walks or five to seven day experiences," he says.

"There is increasing demand for multi-day trips but trampers, hunters and other park users want more comfortable accommodation from which to better enjoy the Kaimai Range over a period of a few days."

Tony is confident that with upgraded huts and tracks and increased publicity, the area will grow in popularity. "There are some superb open ridge tracks which offer spectacular views.. Some tracks are unstable and exposed so we are working to ensure they will be able to sustain increased visitor numbers for the longer term."

The Trust structure is based on two representatives from deerstalkers, two representatives from tramping groups and one independent trustee. The trustees are Tony Walton (Auckland Tramping Club); Stan Lowe (Bay of Plenty Deerstalkers); Maureen Coleman (Thames Valley Deerstalkers); John Harris (independent trustee) and Roger Montgomerie (Kaimai Ramblers Tramping Group). The key roles of the Trust are Chairman, Roger and Secretary / Treasurer, Tony.

Volunteer Led Re-Development of the Kaimai Forest Park (cont...)

The groups involved in the trust have many years of connection with the park and have routinely been involved in track clearing and maintenance. These roles are more formalised under the trust's management agreement with the Department of Conservation, as is the upgrade and maintenance of huts.

Already Te Rereatukahia Hut, which sleeps 12, has undergone a significant make-over. "Many hut users will remember enduring a stay in the cold and damp hut, but not anymore," says Roger.

Thanks to the work of volunteers and the support of sponsors, the deck and roof at the front of the hut has been extended to accommodate and cover a stainless steel bench with a sink and running water. Both ends of the deck have been filled in to provide more shelter and inside now features a Sparky wood burner, which Roger says is a real winner with all hut users. The fire was installed free of charge by the team from the Tauranga Fireman Co.

The hut's exterior has been brightened as well as the interior thanks to Tauranga Master Painters volunteers who helped apply the paint supplied by Dulux NZ through a special promotional scheme with Department of Conservation. Upgrading the hut fits with the Trust's aims, which include assisting in the establishment and maintenance of outdoor recreational facilities, including huts, campsites and tracks.

The Trust also plans to support conservation, pest control and environmental research in the Kaimai Ranges and to work with other organisations and people engaged in outdoor education and recreational activity, including school group, youth groups and anyone keen to enjoy the great outdoors.

"Few great backcountry areas are as accessible as the Kaimai Ridgeway in this part of the country," says Roger. It's right on the doorstep of Tauranga and Hamilton cities and less than two hours' drive from Auckland too. In fact, it is within easy reach of half of New Zealand's population.

"While some of the tracks require a good level of fitness and knowledge, others are relatively easy so are ideal for young families and a great way to introduce children to the outdoors."

For teenagers especially, the Kaimai Range has much to offer, says Roger who has seen the positive impact of reconnecting young people with nature.

"Away from mobile phones and computers, young people can experience what it's like to challenge themselves physically and enjoy the peace and the beauty of the bush."

While the Trust has already made important steps towards meeting its goals, Roger says there is a long way to go and it needs the help and support of more volunteers.

"We are looking for more passionate outdoor people to join us in our ongoing efforts and want to connect positively with as many outdoor enthusiasts as possible."

For more information about the Kaimai Ridgeway Trust developments and how you can help, please go to www.kaimairidgeway.nz

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The Homeless Man

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some booze with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on hunting and fishing gear instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't been fishing or hunting in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and hunting and fishing."

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Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 21 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640). There is no cost for the renewal of the unit if it is used in an emergency but if possible we will need it returned. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.

Branch PLB Custodians:

- Dean Maisey, Welcome Bay, Ph. 544 2207
- Keith Theobald, Greerton, Ph. 578 1195
- Baden Prentice, Bethlehem, Ph. 579 3107 (pick up can also be made from Newton St, Mt Maunganui by prior arrangement)



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.
- 6. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
- 7. Never fire above the skyline.
- 8. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards.
- 9. Never skylark with weapons.

Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.) 2016/2017

To:

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc) Bay of Plenty Branch P O Box 3111 Greerton Tauranga 3142

Dear Treasurer,

I am applying for membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2016/17 year (March 1^{st} 2016– February 28th 2017).

Association for the 2010	6/17 year (March 1 st 2016– February 28 th 20	017).
My details are as fo	ollows: (Please print in capitals)	
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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.



Superannuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2016.

The membership type I am applying for is: Perio	od Joined	(Circle one)				
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Under the terms of the Privacy Act 1993, I acknowledge that you are details for the purpose of mailing further information on NZDA and			e and club			
Signature:	Date:					

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
- 2. Not hunt or carry a firearm on property without the proper approval of the owner, occupier of controlling authority and shall strictly observe any conditions imposed upon him
- 3. Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws
- 4. Avoid unnecessary or deliberate damage to the environment, respect property, and other users of the outdoors
- 5. Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'
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