

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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Presidents Report - November 2016

Hello to you all

The October club night was excellent with Gary Joll delivering a very informative presentation mainly on Tahr hunting with some great stories from his past life as a hunting guide. Many of our members took the

opportunity to purchase 1 or more of his books that were available on the night.

Don't forget that the next club night will be 1 week later due to a large number of members being away hunting.

Over the past few years the club has managed to maintain the yearly subscriptions at the same level which has meant absorbing increased capitation and levies from National. Some of the increases and levies from National that were agreed upon at conference have yet to be drawn down so we have not yet felt the full effect. Our Club can sustain some small increases as we are in a strong financial position but I think it would be prudent to look for opportunities to reduce any costs that are not delivering any value. One area that the individual members can help us reduce costs is the monthly newsletter. The cost per member for the year is \$34.98 which covers printing and postage and currently one third of our members receive their newsletter via mail. It is not our intention to stop printing the newsletter where it is required for those members who are unable to receive it via email but it's a great opportunity to save some money if some of those members who are currently on printed copy via mail could change to email. Anyone who is able to switch to email copy should contact Bob Tatton or myself.

Good luck to all those on the Tahr hunt and hopefully there will be some good stories and pics to share on the club night.

Regards

Clyde

COVER PHOTO - Keith Theobald measuring a head at the Sika show in Taupo (If you have a photo that would be suitable for the cover, please contact the newsletter editor.)

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER				
Tuesday 8 th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms	
Share your photos and stories from the Tahr Hunt				
Tuesday 15 th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms	

DECEMBER					
Tuesday	6 th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms	
Inf	Info to follow Watch this space.				
Sunday 11 th 9.00am		9.00am	CHRISTMAS SHOOT!!	NZDA Range	
Fun Shoot with 22's and a BBQ lunch.					
Tuesday	13 th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms	

JANUARY 2017						
Tuesday	3 rd	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms		
Info	Info to follow watch this space.					
Tuesday	10 th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms		
Friday	27 th to		Family Weekend at Stan & Arendina;s			
Monday	30 th		Riverside Retreat!			

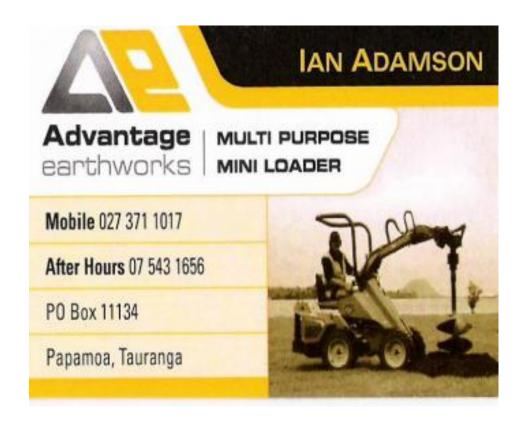
Please note: November Club Night will be on the 8th of November due to the Tahr Hunt and thus the committee night a week later.

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!





Range Calendar for 2016			
12 November 2016	BOP Service Rifle Club Day		
27 November 2016	NZDA Open Day		
10 December 2016	BOP Service Rifle Club Day		
11 December 2016	NZDA Club Christmas Shoot		



Family Weekend

Friday January 27th to Mon 30th 2017

(Auckland Anniversary Weekend)

at

31 Tapu Coroglen Road Thames Coast

(Stan & Arendina Lowe's Riverside Retreat)

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.

Bring your camping gear, caravan, camper van or stay in our accommodation across the road. Other holiday accommodation can be arranged if none of the other options is to your liking.

Facilities here include portaloo toilet, shower, large BBQ area with NZDA marquees, fridge and freezer space, local shop with takeaways, safe swimming whole in river, shellfish collecting, school playground plus the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

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, children free

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.



A bit of History from Rod Mills

Te Tuhui hut

A few weeks ago I was flagged down outside the DOC office while cruising on my scooter... No I wasn't speeding, but I was given an old Te Tuhui Hut book. You're in here more than the goat shooters I was told (NZFS days).

The book went from September 1979 - to October 1982. A few entries like;

4th April 1980 - Rod Mills in for a couple of weeks. Using as a base to Hunt block number 13 (SF14)

7th April - Rod out with spiker and to get Alec.

4th April - Tom Humphries passing through.

8th April - Alec Muir, in with Rod for Hunting

10th April - Rod and Alec to Mangamuku

11th April - Hunted Headwaters Ngamawahine Mangaputa

12th April - out with stag shot AM

14th April - Rod in again PM

15th April - Rod to Wairere, back very late

17th January 1981 - Rod Mills in for few days hut ok

19th January - going out, cats a bit rough, yet. Rod

20th February - Rod Mills, hut ok

8th March - John Baldock passing through

9th March - Yvonne Mills and family up for few days

6th April - Rod in for a few days. Make sure it's not me roaring.

11th April - Tom Humphries stags roaring over in Wairere

17th April - Rod passing through, very wet

14th September - Rod Mills in for a week doing possums

29th September - moving out after good week - only one wet day. There's a few donkeys

kicking around in the workings, Rod

3rd January 1982 - In for a look, Tom Humphries

3rd April 1982 - Sandra Mills, Helping dad with possums

15th April - Rod Mills and Leo Malyon, Hut tidy

17th April - Rod and Leo out with meat

22nd April - Dora and Leo Maylon passing through

10th July - Rod, Hut cupboard broken into, mess everywhere "rats"

17th August - In for a couple of weeks, Rod

18th August - in for two days with Rod. John and June Jefferson

Just a bit of history with other hut entries from NZFS goat shooting day the hut was air lifted out in November 1982 and is now north of Thompsons track up on top of the range.

(Footnote: While Claire was typing this out for the newsletter (and I was de-coding Rod's hand-writing) I found this to be quite an interesting read, and thought others might like it too. Just needed a bit more info so I called Rod one evening for a chat to clarify a few things and find out a bit more about it.

It turns out that this hut was located at the Tauranga end of Te Tuhi Rd (not far from Whakamarama School as the crow flies), and the hut was situated up a ridge line not far from a cleared area, locally known as "the Tuhi fern". The area was extensively logged early last century, and 'the workings' were from the logging activity. The hut was placed there specifically for the local NZ Forest Service cullers that were doing goat control work around that time, but despite it being relatively close to the public access not a lot of people knew it was there, apparently.

A bit of slang from the time – 'donkeys' = deer, and 'cats' was a term for possums. Also note that during this time any possuming was for 'skins' – not just plucking the fur a which is the common/easier practice nowadays. So there was a fair bit of extra work involved.

The hut, located just north of Thompsons Track, is now called Motutapere Hut.

Dean Maisey.)



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Waikato Branch Invites...

N.Z.D.A Waikato Branch Invites you to: An Open Plate Shoot Sunday 20th Nov 2016

NZDA Members Only All Branches WelcomeFor Centre Fire Sporting Rifles 50 to 300 mtrs range.

Range Brief 09:30.

Call Simon on 0211601049 to register and for full details (on or after 1st Nov 2016)

Barbecue on Completion Entry fee \$20

Contact Chris Mansell, Secretary Waikato Branch, 021 833 783 for more info.



Another photo of head measuring at the Taupo Sika Show. Baden Prentice, Kelvin West, Keith Theobald

Notice Board

Keith has organised for a Douglas Scoring Measuring Training Course to be had on Saturday 19th November.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Keith Theobald.

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USA from Dave Sorenson

HI GUY'S,

We just got back from our campervan trip to AMERICA. We drove 3200 miles and stayed in 7 national parks Got some good photo,s and lots of memories. On the road for just over 4 weeks and spent most of that time over 6000 ft .high, max height we got to was just over 12000 ft. Temperatures ranged from 2C up to 51C.that is about 125F, bloody hot for sure. We had 5 swims, and at one stage slept in our thermals with ice on the inside of the windows. We went over to get some photos of the fall , aspen trees etc which were absolutely marvellous and also for the wapiti bugle which was fantastic. We took lots of photos of animals etc and have attached a few.

Comments are welcome as some of the photos were hard to get.



Tauranga Social Climbers - THANK YOU

A big thank you from Tauranga Social Climbers (Sandra, Raewyn, Karen, Barbara & Jan) to the NZDA BOP committee for providing us the opportunity to hold our NZ Mental Health Foundation Fundraiser "ON TARGET" event at your range on Sunday 23rd October.

An even bigger thank you to the volunteers, your club range officers and club members, Lester Polglase & Richard McEwan, who had everyone hooked by their informative and engaging inductions, Grant Hammond, Bob Mack, Clyde Rogers, Spence Hayter, Barry Easton, Chris Fryer, John Russel, Keith Theobold, Bob Durham, Jon Fields, for their one-on-one supervision, use of their firearms, amazing guidance and encouragement; to Thomas Smyllie for his generous donation of 500 rounds of ammunition, and to Kaden (Jon's grandson) & Paige for resetting the targets.

The end result was more than 1000 rounds shot and lots of happy people who surprised themselves by giving something new a try and took away with them an increased respect and awareness of gun use and safety. So thanks again to all who helped make this day a really enjoyable day.











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Big Boy is Back in Town

By Dave Sorenson ...

I know this because of the latest photos from one of my trail camera points. This large boar has been around for a very long time. I fact, I have some photos of him taken with my very first trail camera about 8 years ago and he was a big pig back then. He seems to stay in the back country and is obviously very smart. Until now I have never seen him in the flesh, although I spend a lot of time in his area. His photo has graced our Deerstalkers Newsletter twice before, and he has been mentioned in dispatches a few times. There was a period of about 10 months that he completely disappeared from the area. I have it on good authority that he was up the Coromandel chasing a rather nice black and blonde sow. But as with most long distance relationships, it did not work out, so it was back home to the area and lifestyle that you know best. The only time that I know of that anyone has seen this pig was about 3 years ago when a young hunter from our branch came across the boar whilst out hunting from my camp. The pig was feeding on some possum frames under some thick cover. The hunter was some distance away and had a quick shot but missed. Maybe the bullet hit fern on the way, as he was a good shot, and still shoots in competitions. I guess some things are meant to be. Some time ago I mentioned this pig to an older, experienced hunter and writer, Dave Radcliffe. He wrote a couple of good hunting books, the last one being "Hunting On Sacred Ground". Both books are a good read.

"If you see this boar, just leave him be," was his comment, "As he is just part of what makes your camp area special," he added. This comment got me thinking, and as time went by I made no effort to hunt him. Besides, he does a good job in the area cleaning up after me and helping to keep the game trails open.

Fast forward to today, and I am in camp. It's 6am, very windy, but fine and cold. I have a line of possum traps to attend to a long way out from camp, in fact, in a different water catchment, so there is lots of travel today. With a feed of porridge, toast and a cup of tea, I'm ready to face the day. Now, last night I checked the trailcam down the gully from camp, a place that I sometimes dump a few possums. The chip showed me shots of Big Boy having a feed at midnight 2 nights previous. So before I do the traps I grab a rifle and head down to the gully for a quick look. As I eased through the keikei and fern a sudden movement to my left had me frozen still, with eyes sticking out like golf balls. There, about 20 yards away, head down having breakfast, was Big Boy; and my, what a sight. He was every bit as big, black and hairy as I had ever imagined. I was really close and could even hear him chewing. The windy conditions for once favoured the hunter as the wind was blowing up the gully and obviously masked any noise of pushing through the vegetation. Although the rifle was loaded, I did not raise it as I decided that no way would I shoot this pig. Besides, the meat would be chopper grade for sure, although the tusks were bigger than any I have got at home. So I just stood and watched until a sudden wind change caused Big Boy to freeze and then bolt down into the thick bush.

0-50 km in 5 paces, then gone. What a start to the day, a sight that will stay with me for a long time. Later that day, while on the trapline, the thought struck me that the boar, along with our old eel friend, (yes the one we have been feeding for about 12 years, and has been mentioned in our deerstalkers newsletter before) and myself, are all doing the same thing – getting older in an area of our choice. I believe that a forest is better for having a few animals living there. The same for a stream, all the better with a few fish to spy as you walk on by. Besides, in the bigger picture, that eel knows his part of the stream very well indeed. Big Boy and I know our area of country like no other and we both get around a lot. The only ones who are not happy with this state of affairs are the poor, and much maligned possums who are real survivors in their own right. You have to be in that wet climate as sometimes it rains for 5-6 nights in a row and in winter a lot die of pleurisy.

A short note on my last trip into this area. I had been out most of the day clearing a trapline, and got back to camp all hot and sweaty, so I stripped off, had a good wash and dried myself. Now a couple of years ago my grandson and two of his mates from Tauranga Boys College stayed in camp and left a can of Rexona for Men. Us old and real men hunters/trappers are not too proud to learn new tricks, so after a wash and dry I dive into the camp storage for the can of Rexona. I flip the lid off and quickly spray under each arm. The second squirt had just finished when the smell hit me. Sh...t. I had grabbed that wrong can, CRC Tackleguard, by mistake. Talk about dickhead of the month. So I washed again, but it took me two days to get rid of the smell completely. I tell you what though, I don't creak as much now. Maybe that's why I got so close to the boar. A good squirt of lubricant does the job, try it sometime.

Dave Sorenson October 2016



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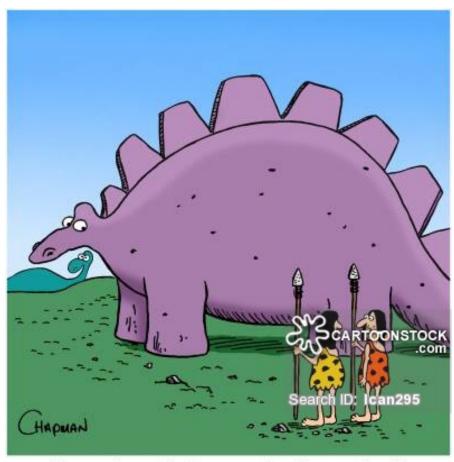
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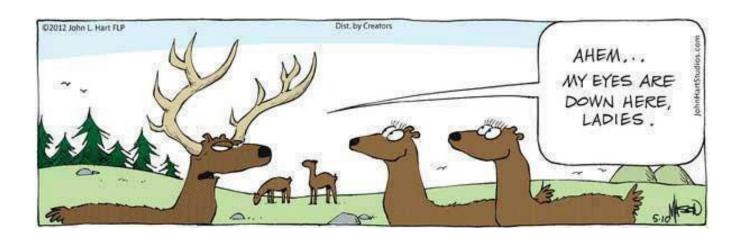
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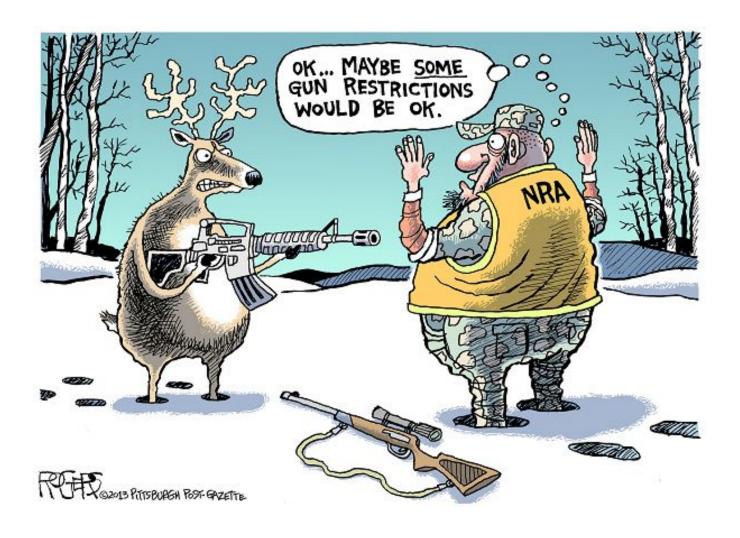


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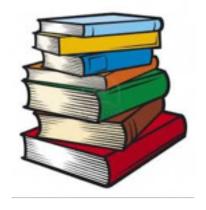
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- Keith Theobald, Greerton, Ph. 578 1195
- Baden Prentice, Bethlehem, Ph. 579 3107 (pick up can also be made from Newton St, Mt Maunganui by prior arrangement)



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).

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

Surname:	Given Name/s:			
Address:		Suburb:		
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Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	//	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2016. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2016.		

Membership benefits:

- 10. NZDA \$10 Million Liability Insurance Cover, including \$1 million rural fires extension.
- 11. NZDA working to protect your hunting interests.
- 12. NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine (except for affiliates or associates; 1 copy per family).
- 13. Club newsletter monthly.
- 14. Club nights with guest speakers, organized branch hunting trips.
- 15. 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 Membership Secretary, Bob Tatton 07 571 8442 or email membership@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.

February 28th 2017		*Joining Fee		Mar – Aug		Sep – Feb
SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	\$50.00		+	\$110.00		\$59.00
FAMILY MEMBER – partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1st 2016	\$0.00		+	\$2.00		\$1.00
JUNIOR – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March $1^{\rm st}$ 2016 (No voting rights).	\$0.00		+	\$37.50		\$22.75
ASSOCIATE – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag	\$50.00		+	\$67.00 \$37		\$37.50
AFFILIATE – Must be a full member of another branch.	\$5	\$50.00		\$50.	\$50.00 \$29.00	
SUPERANNUANT – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	\$5	\$50.00		\$85.	\$85.00 \$46.50	
STUDENT – Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	\$5	\$50.00		\$85.00		\$46.50
* Joining Fee only applies to NEW and members		Membe	rship	nip Fee \$		
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The membership type I am applying for is: **Period Joined**

FEES - Branch financial year runs from March 1st 2016 to

(Circle one)

Full Yr

*Joining

1/2 Yr

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
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