



Bay of Plenty

# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



JUNE 2022

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 PHOTO: NZDA BOP Measuring Night. Want to feature on the cover?! If you have a photo suitable for the cover, please send it through to [editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

# PRESIDENTS REPORT: JUNE 2022

WINTER IS HERE, MEASURING NIGHT IS DONE FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND THE AGM IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY. A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT HEADS, SKINS AND PHOTOS IN FOR THE ANNUAL COMPETITION.

Well done for getting out there and securing a trophy. Whether it's a first, a personal best or just another for the collection, it's a part of hunting, and bringing them to measuring night is a big part of what NZDA is all about.

It's really good to see the variety and hear the stories from members. If you haven't yet, start thinking about what you might want to target for next year's competition. The branch is back to regular activities and there's been plenty on. The club hunts this year have been pretty successful, and while I haven't been doing all the shooting,

I've been on a club hunt every month since February and I assure you that if you haven't been on one then you really are missing out. There has been at least five members secure their first animal on club hunts over the last few months which has been a really exciting experience for those who were there.

May has been busy with the submission on the proposed firearms regulations, meetings with MPs, and plenty of club activities. I hope many of you made the effort to submit on the police proposals. At a branch level we have been really putting the pressure on and politicians have been generally receptive and sympathetic to our situation. Only time will tell.

The committee has been working on a number of fronts to improve the way the branch operates and the opportunities available to members. You will hear more at the AGM in July so don't miss it.

This year we are looking to increase the committee's skill set by finding a suitable media manager to join the committee. If you have experience in website development and/or media management then we want to hear from you. Get in touch with myself or another committee member.

I hope to see many of you at the working bee on the 11th June for a planting session and some general clubrooms maintenance. Details in this newsletter. Club night will be really interesting with LandSAR sharing about what they do and what we can do to make the best of a bad situation if we find ourselves needing assistance.

This club night was organised by a member who's partner sustained an injury in the Kaimais earlier this year and needed assistance from emergency services. See you all there.

I'm about to head into the Kaimais with the family to support the Kiwi survey and I'm looking forward to the Whanganui River Hunt. If you aren't participating then you really are missing all the fun.

Reuben

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## CLUB NIGHT:

First Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!

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## COMMITTEE MEETING:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

All correspondence to be sent to [secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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## NEWSLETTER:

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the branch, its executive committee or the national association. All newsletter content to be sent to [editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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*Makino River*  
Kaweka Ranges  
North Island





# **BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2022**

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## **JUNE**

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### **WHANGANUI RIVER HUNT**

Location: Whanganui River

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June

Organiser: Reuben, [reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

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## **JUNE**

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### **CLUB NIGHT**

Location: 7pm at the clubrooms

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June

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### **WORKING BEE**

Location: 8.30am at the clubrooms

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June

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### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Location: 7.30pm at the clubrooms

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June

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### **RANGE OPEN DAY**

Location: NZDA BOP Range

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Location: 7.30pm at the clubrooms

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July

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## **JULY**

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### **HOT WATER BEACH**

Location: Hot Water Beach, Lake Tarawera

Date: TBC

Organiser: TBC

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# NZDA BOP HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM

LAST MONTH WE LAUNCHED  
THE NZDA BOP HUNTER  
BUDDY PROGRAM.

The purpose of the Hunter Buddy Program is "To provide an opportunity for new members and post-

HUNTS course graduate hunters to gain valuable experience with more seasoned hunters, in order

to develop and consolidate skills and knowledge".

In addition to this, the program aims "to establish friendships and support networks for new hunters within the club to enable them to feel a sense of



belonging to a hunting community of outdoor enthusiasts”.

If you're an experienced hunter, think about how your knowledge and skills could benefit those new to the adventure of hunting. If you're a novice hunter think about what you can do to prepare yourself for your next hunting adventure and grow your capabilities.

The HUNTS course is still the best way for those new to hunting to immerse themselves in the basics of hunting and establish a solid foundation of knowledge to build on in the future.

The Hunter Buddy Program provides the opportunity for those who have completed a HUNTS course to continue being mentored by more seasoned hunters as well as the opportunity for those less experienced and new to the Branch to build on their existing knowledge, while establishing relationships with other members.


Experienced hunters volunteering to be 'buddied up' with an inexperienced hunter will be vetted by those coordinating

the program to ensure inexperienced hunters are paired up with a suitably capable hunter who has the necessary experience.

Experienced hunters who participate in the program and who meet the criteria will be entered into a prize draw, with the lucky winner

taking away a **Stoney Creek Stalking Pullover** (courtesy of Stoney Creek) and a **\$200 Hamills voucher**.

To participate in the program contact Lewis Hayward at [lewis@nzdabop.org.nz](mailto:lewis@nzdabop.org.nz) or speak to a committee member at a Club Night.

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STALKING PULLOVER





# PEEKING WALLABY MATCH MAY 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE GUN, NZ VARMINTER AND WOOLY FOR WINNING THEIR RIFLE CLASS IN THE INAUGURAL PEEKING WALLABY MATCH ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY AT OUR AWESOME 300M RIFLE RANGE. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AND SHOOTING CONDITIONS WERE VERY GOOD.

The sky was overcast, with cool air and almost no wind. A wide range of cartridges were shot and there were some technical reloading challenges faced by some. This is a great event if you want to start a new hobby. There is lots to learn and some great mentors in the club! Thank you to Hamills Tauranga for their sponsorship support.

Also a big thanks to the Range Officers that volunteered their time to help run the match. You know who you are!

## THE NEXT MATCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 8:30AM.

The Peeking Wallaby Match is a fun, precision shooting benchrest competition. It is a comfortable shooting style and suitable for a wide range of shooters. The match allows for a wide variety of rifles including both factory and custom rifles, which are shot off rests or a bipod.

Please check the club [website](#) for more details or keep an eye out on the club [Facebook](#) page.

Peeking Wallaby Match, 1st May 2022

Handle	Class	Cartridge	100m	200m	300m	Total	Place
One Gun	C	6BR	47	43	43	133	1
NZ Varminter	C	6BRX	34	46	40	120	
Johnny	C	6GT	34	35	36	105	
NZ Varminter	F	223	34	29	39	102	1
Rosco	F	22-250	42	30	26	98	
Si	F	243	22	10	0	32	
Wooly	TPH	7-08	35	29	26	90	1



FROM THE TOP: One Gun, NZ Varminter and Wooly. Winners of their classes in the Peeking Wallaby Match.

# PEEKING WALLABY MATCH DATES

## 2022

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

## 2023

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Registration between 8:30am - 9:15am on the day.

Match rules can be found on the Range page of the club [website](#).

Phone Baden on 027 490 8613 for more information or match sponsorship opportunities.



# WORKING BEE

11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 8.30AM UNTIL AFTER LUNCH

WE ARE INTENDING TO DO A WORKING BEE, WEATHER PERMITTING, ON THE 11TH TO PLANT NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS AS WELL AS DO SOME GENERAL CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE, PRUNING AND LANDSCAPING.

We need lots of hands and willing helpers. If you have a post hole borer with a large auger, a wheel barrow,

spades, shovels, rakes, a hedge cutter, weed eater, trailer or big guns then please get along to help out. Many hands make light work. We will be having a BBQ and a cold one after the work is done.

The local ACT candidate for Tauranga has volunteered to come along and help us out so there will be the opportunity to dig some

holes alongside Cameron Luxton and chew the fat if that's something you're interested in.

Please let us know if you are intending to come so we make sure to prep plenty of meat for the BBQ and anticipate how much work we'll get through.

Contact Chris Munro, Keith or Reuben.



# WHANGANUI RIVER CANOE HUNT

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

4<sup>TH</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

THIS HUNT IS A THREE DAY CANOE TRIP DOWN THE WHANGANUI RIVER FROM WHAKAHORO TO PIPIRIKI. THERE'S DOC HUTS AND CAMPSITES TO STAY IN ALONG THE RIVER.

This river is suited to canoes or kayaks, inflatable vessels aren't suitable due to the slow moving water and potential for head winds.

There are plenty of goats to be shot, the chance of a pig or two, and opportunities to go for a quick bush hunt along the way. For those with a game bird licence, shotguns are an option, with plenty of ducks and geese about.

Contact Reuben at [reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz) for further information or to register your interest.





## NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

Don't forget to pay your chiller fee when paying your membership fees. The chiller access code will change on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March so if you haven't paid your fees on time, you may find you can't access the chiller until your fees are processed.

Hopefully there are plenty of stags moving through the chiller this roar. A reminder of the rules below.

### CHILLER USE RULES

- Chiller use is a privilege that may be removed if access is abused or rules not adhered to.
- Clean up after yourself, every time you access the chiller.
- Use a fish bin or other suitable container to catch dripping blood etc. and remove from site when you take your meat away.
- No skinning or butchering on the NZDA premises. The chiller is for hanging only, no processing of any sort is allowed.
- All waste must be removed from the premises when you take your meat away, including any part of an animal, blood, and all wastewater.
- All animals/meat must be tagged with a label denoting the date hung, name and contact number of the person who hung it in the chiller. Any meat without a label will be considered a donation to the club.
- The maximum time for hanging any meat or animal is 10 days.
- Do not hang any foul meat or contaminated carcasses.
- Take care not to contaminate anyone else's meat with hair, blood, dirt etc.

It is preferable to hang all carcasses with the skin on and to hang any partially processed meat in a breathable bag or muslin cloth. Hanging carcasses and meat should not touch the chiller walls or they may (partially) freeze.

Respect the facility and other members meat.

For more information or if you need to report any issue, misuse, or abuse of the facility you can contact Reuben on 027 482 8969 or at [reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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# RANGE STANDING ORDERS

## REMINDER: “THE RANGE RULES”

Range ticket holders CANNOT allow other non-range ticket holders or non-members to shoot at our range. The name, date and time start time of shooters shall be recorded each time they use the range. Range flags and warning signs are to be enabled at the following locations prior to firing:

- The Range status sign's "Caution Range in Use" warning shall be displayed when the range is open for use.
- The red firing line flag shall be hoisted when the range is open for use.
- The firing line flag must be lowered, and the range status sign closed when the range is closed.
- Muzzle brake
- Ammunition
- Empty chamber indicator (ECI)/ empty chamber flag (Have 1x ECI for each rifle and insert them before leaving home)
- Ear muffs/Ear plugs
- Safety glasses and/or whatever prescription glasses you may require

An empty chamber indicator (ECI) MUST be inserted in the chamber at all times except when the Range Officer allows the shooter onto the firing point and gives permission to remove the ECI.

To review the full Range Standing Orders please go to: [www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/](http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/) and click the link for App 6.1.3 Range Standing Orders

### RANGE GEAR CHECK LIST:

Print this out and put it in your gun safe or shooting box!

- Range key
- Range membership card
- Firearms license
- Paper targets
- Stapler & spare staples
- Rifle
- Bolt
- Magazine (empty)
- Suppressor
- Personal first aid kit
- Gun cases/bags/storage bins/trolley
- Bipod
- Front rest
- Rear rest/sand bags
- Slings
- Shooting mat
- Chronograph (charge any batteries)
- Phone/ballistic calculator
- Spotting scope
- Timer
- Cleaning rod
- Patches
- Bore solvent
- Tools
- Shooting diary & pen
- Ruler/tape measure
- Water & snacks
- Warm clothing

Royce Downes  
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager  
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# TAHR LODGE:

## SOUTH ISLAND HUNTING

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### FEES:

- Members \$15 per night.
- Members and immediate family \$25 per night.  
Max of \$150 per night (capped).
- Non Member \$35 per night.
- Non Member and immediate family \$50 per night.  
Max of \$250 per night (capped).

# PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

## NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

### COLOUR AND BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

#### SECTION A:

Game Animals

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#### SECTION B1:

Other Wildlife - Birds

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#### SECTION B2:

Other Wildlife - Mammals

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#### SECTION B3:

Other Wildlife - Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians

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#### SECTION C:

Scenic

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#### SECTION D:

Flora

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#### SECTION E:

Human Interest

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#### SECTION F:

Best Colour or B&W Print of all sections

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#### SECTION G:

Best Junior Colour or B&W Print

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#### SECTION H:

Best Photographic Essay - Big Game Hunting

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#### SECTION I:

Supreme Branch Photographic Award

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New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife Cover

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### VIDEO FILMS

#### SECTION A:

Training/Promotional

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#### SECTION B:

Hunting

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#### SECTION C:

New Zealand Wildlife

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NZDA Supreme Branch Photographic Award

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### SEQUENCE

Bay of Plenty has a Branch only competition for Sequence.

A sequence must be 3 to 10 photos or slides of any or all of the other sections. A sequence is to be numbered in order and should tell or indicate a story.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Subject matter to be relevant to hunting, hunting country and/or associated activities of NZDA members and have been taken from land within New Zealand and, in respect to SECTION A only, not taken from any form of conveyance.

1. In **SECTIONS A, B1, B2, B3**, subject matter to be in its wild outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. Photographs of wounded or dead animals, birds, insects, reptiles or amphibians will be disqualified.
2. In **SECTION C**, the subject matter is to be scenic and relative to hunting country, any human activity should be of minor importance.
3. In **SECTION D**, the subject matter is to be of any NZ floral (tree, plant, vegetation, bush etc) subject in its natural environment.
4. In **SECTION E**, the main component of the subject matter is to be human activity, ie camp scenes, hunting or NZDA associated activities. Human



↑ Jamie Fairbairn with his trophies from the 2021 National Photo Competition.

interaction must be the main feature of the photograph and should tell or indicate a story.

5. **SECTION F:** Best print of all Sections
6. **SECTION G:** Thames Valley Deerstalkers' Association Junior Photography Trophy - All junior photographs entered into any existing NZDA photography category are eligible for inclusion in this section of the competition. The judges/organisers have the right to place any junior photographic entry into the competition even if they have not specifically requested to enter this competition so long as their validity as a junior is confirmed.
7. **SECTION H:** Wellington Branch Trophy for the Best Digital Colour or Black & White
8. **NZ HUNTING AND WILDLIFE:** Athol Hood Memorial Trophy
9. **SUPREME BRANCH PHOTOGRAPH AWARD:** Ian D Wright Trophy

All existing NZDA photographic section entry criteria must be applied.

Full competition rules can be found [here](#).



## OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH AROUND HUNTING IN THE KAIMAI AND KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE

Kia ora,

We want to connect with people who hunt in kauri areas of the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park, including people in local private groups/networks.

This is part of a National Science Challenge project aiming to support people to protect kauri from dieback disease.

If you would be willing to walk with us in the bush while talking through some questions (this would be recorded and your identity kept private), or if you would like to know more, please email me:

[vicki.macknight@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vicki.macknight@otago.ac.nz)

Nga mihi nui,

Dr Vicki Macknight  
University of Otago

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4. Pay a \$40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
5. Pay a \$10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

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:

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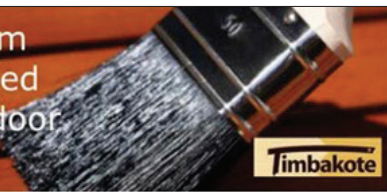
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# NOTICE BOARD

**NOTE:** If you have something to buy or sell please let the editor know. Similarly, if you advertise something for sale, and then sell it, please let the editor know so your advert can be removed.

We are encouraging anyone who wants to bring a head or jaw in for measuring on club night to do so. If you bring a head to measure you'll get a free beverage.

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# DEERSTALKERS LIBRARY

Don't forget the library is open for club members to borrow books and DVDs.  
See Richard McEwen on club nights between 7.15pm - 7.30pm.

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# RANGE NEWS

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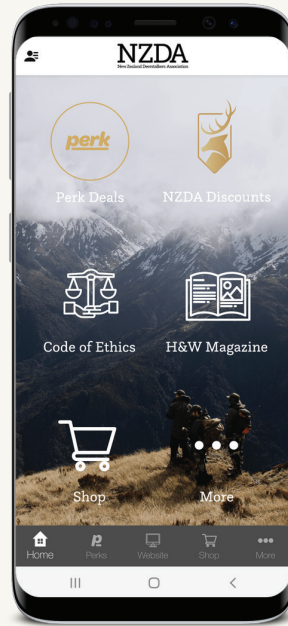
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# CODE OF ETHICS

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Aldo Leopold, *The Sand County Almanac*

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## **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'.
6. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting.
7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.



# 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.

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