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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION,
BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH



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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.



COVER PHOTO: Hunting the Mighty Mokau.
See the full story by Tim Taylor on page 11

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PRESIDENTS REPORT: OCTOBER 2024

The Vice President's role is largely a backup position, so I don't often get to write a report for the newsletter, but with Reuben and Emily expecting a new addition to their family it's a privilege to step up and help fulfill some of the presidential duties. We're all looking forward to welcoming another member to our Branch!

I've been thinking about what to write in this report and it struck me that we really do punch above our weight. When you consider that everything's done on volunteer time and a limited budget, it's amazing that we have so many facilities and that so much happens. In my National Rep role, I get to see firsthand how other branches operate and it would surprise many of you to learn that a lot of Branches struggle to even hold a club hunt. You should be proud to be a BOP member and please remember to thank those volunteers who make it happen.

Club nights have been going from strength to strength with some great speakers and the engagement they create. Ben Carson in October was a big revelation for me. I didn't know what to expect but watching a room of 50 odd hunters talk about their feelings highlighted the fact that we all have a story and a large part of belonging to a club is about making new friends...remember to Ben's advice to check in on your buddies. November's speaker is Cam Stewart who is the GM for SPIKA. He will be presenting on their range of Nocpix thermals so I'm sure that many of you will find that an interesting topic. On the range a lot has been happening. By now you will have seen the earthworks and may have been involved with the working bee. This is critical work to maintain a facility that is of huge importance to our club so please lend a hand wherever possible.

There's another working bee coming up in November and Dean is always on the lookout for helpers so get in touch with him if you have a particular set of skills, perhaps some machinery, or even just spare time. There's also the shoots that continue to happen. Range shooting may not be your thing, or you might think it's too expensive to shoot a box of ammo, however I'd encourage you to get involved as time on the range really does help your shooting skills. A box of .223 ammo only costs \$30 so no excuses! Club hunts have been relatively quiet over the last few months and this is an area we do require a bit more support with. The

recent loss of Stan Lowe has also left a big hole and I'm sure many of you will be think of him while you're chasing Tahr this month. Reuben and I recently ran the Mokau River hunt on our own as no one else had registered any interest. It was a great trip with his family, see the article later in this newsletter.

Throughout the year Dan and Izzie have been pulling their weight organising various hunts so a big thanks to them, but we need a few more people to come forward and lead. Running a club hunt is 90% organisation so all we are asking is you pick a spot on a map and tell people how to get there. Please get in touch with me if you'd like more information or are willing to help out. Fallow hunts I'm separating from club hunts as they are a specialist trip. Now that winter and lambing is over, these are just starting to get underway, with the first trip running over the long weekend. The way we run these trips is always evolving and we are endeavouring to find equitable ways to give everyone a chance of hunting this property. It does require hunters having access to either a quad bike or side by side, and the landowner often has specific requirements (e.g. culling) so there are limitations. Please keep an eye out for emails as spots fill up fast!

Finally there are a number of things happening outside of our branch that you might like to be involved with:

The National Goat Comp wraps up in November so remember to bring your tails and heads into club night for counting and measuring.

Sika Show 2 nd & 3 rd November at Mystery Creek

Love our Huts Campaign by FMC. At the time of writing the Hurunui, Kaurititahi, and Motutapere (all Kaimai huts) still required someone.

Pheew, considering I didn't know where to start this report certainly became larger than I expected. Good luck with your spring hunting and shooting and I'll look forward to seeing you all at the November club night.

Tim Taylor
VICE PRESIDENT

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2024\2025

OCT	<p>FALLOW HUNT MT ZION Date: Labour Weekend Contact: Tim Taylor</p>	<p>FULLY BOOKED</p> <p>THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR A PRIVATE CORPORATE MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 8AM - 4PM.</p>
NOV	<p>Tahr HUNT Date: Saturday 2nd November Contact: Self managed</p>	<p>PEEKING WALLABY MATCH Date: 17th Nov Check the club website for more info</p>
	<p>CLUB NIGHT: Hunting with Thermals Date: Tues 5th Nov from 7pm Speaker: Cam Stewart</p>	<p>Range Working Bee Date: Saturday 9th November Contact: Dean Maisey</p>
DEC	<p>CLUB SHOOT AND BBQ Date: Sunday 1st Dec Contact: Richard McEwen / 021 138 2483</p>	<p>FINAL CLUB NIGHT FOR 2024 - African Safari Hunting Date: Tues 3rd Dec Speaker: Mike Papenhuijzen</p>
JAN	<p>Bench Rest Shooting at Range (22LR Rimfire 50m for Score) Date: 12th January</p>	<p>NZDA North Is Regional Benchrest Championship. Hosted by the BOP Branch. Tokoroa Sports Shooting Complex. Date: January 25th-27th 2025.</p>
	<p>NZDA North Is Regional Benchrest Championship (Hosted by the BOP Branch) Date: 25th-27th January Tokoroa Sports Shooting Complex. Contact Baden. 027 490 8613</p>	
FEB	<p>Peeking Wallaby Match at Range Date: 16th February Contact: TBC</p>	<p>Club Night - Basecamp Salamis and Meat Processing (TBC'd) Date: Tuesday 4th February Speaker: Nick Fox</p>
MAR	<p>Bench Rest Shooting at Range Date: 16th March Centrefire 100m for Group</p>	
APR	<p>Te Whare Okioki Club Hunt Date: 10-13th April Contact: danielgallaghan@hotmail.com 0221280828</p>	

VISIT: www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events for more NZDA BOP events and activities.

RANGE NEWS:

RANGE UPDATE: Dean Maisey 13/10/2024

Hello members.

October does not have many bookings on at the range, other than the TPRA shoot (19/10) and the 'Range Open Day' at the end of the month (27/10), but there are a lot of things happening up at the range in November. So, if you have a range ticket and are wanting to get up there on a weekend soon for a sight-in, etc., then this month would be a good time to do it.

That said, most of the events on at the range in November are only for half a day or a little over, so it's not like the range is being fully booked-out from dawn to dusk and you can't shoot up there at all. On the TPRA shoot booking (3rd Saturday of the month) there are still 3 benches available for NZDA member sighting-in use if required. And on the Range open day on the last Sunday, if you have a range ticket you can still register to use the range on these days to do a sight in or whatever, but you are just having to share with all the other people there and follow the instructions of the range officers. It just depends on how busy things are on the day. Or you could come in after the event has closed at 3pm. The reality though is that in a lot of situations you will be sharing the range with other users anyway - even mid-week - so it's something that you just have to accept and understand that the purchase of a range ticket (for personal/recreational use) does not imply any sort of exclusive or guaranteed level of use during the course of the year. From time to time some events will come up where the range use may be restricted, or in the case of works in site - temporarily closed.

If you want to apply for a booking for exclusive use for an event, or for any sort of commercial or 'special' use, then that is something that can be negotiated for a fee with the range management and committee.

Tauranga Precision Rifle Association shoot. Range booking SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER, 2024.

(This shoot is organised and run by TPRA, but is available for all NZDA BOP members to attend and participate. The TPRA lease arrangement for the day allows them to reserve shooting positions #1 to #12 for their shooting event, but positions #13 to #15 should be made available to NZDA BOP members for sighting-in use if required. The Range officers running this event are also NZDA BOP members.)

If you want to come along you need to RSVP by midday Friday 20th September to royced@xtra.co.nz . this helps us with planning and arranging the BBO for lunch.

Cost for range ticket holders (and members completing their range ticket inductions) is \$10 per shooter, cost for NZDA non-range-ticket holders is \$35 (this includes the \$25 range fee) to cover targets, patches, BBQ lunch - bring cash on the day. (Non-members of NZDA BOP - range day fee of \$50 applies, + \$10.00 for targets, etc.)

You need to be there by 9.00am to assist with set-up. Shooting commences with a safety brief and explanation about how the day will be running at 9.30am (this is compulsory for all shooters). Any members requiring an induction must be there by 9.00am. Anyone requiring an induction that arrives after the induction has taken place will not be able to shoot.

NEXT WORKING BEE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

from 9:00am through to approx. 1:00pm (maybe a bit later).

This working bee will essentially be - 'PART 2' - to follow on for the good work done by the 20 guys who turned up to held out at the last working bee. (See the separate update about the working bee in this newsletter.) Another email reminder will be sent out to members again closer to the time.

No dogs. Unless they are on a lead at all times and under control, or if you are prepared to leave them with your vehicle. Children must be under control and supervised at all times as well.

Please report to the office at the range-building as soon as you arrive, and before heading off to any other areas on site. Please try to be there between 8:30am - 9:00am as we will be conducting the safety briefing at 9:00am sharp. If you arrive later, that's ok but please still report to the office first. We will plan to have a BBQ around 1pm, or maybe sooner if everything gets done a bit quicker. But please bring along some lunch or snacks for yourself as well, just in case you get hungry, or if the BBQ is delayed for some reason.

WORK TO BE DONE:

Prep, work on 24 new plastic 200L drums - cut large hole in top, and drill 50mm holes through side/top for lifting bar. Then transport these down to the various target line areas where they are required.

Replace shot-out drums with new ones at 200m and 300m lines, and manually refill with re-claimed rubber chip material by hand.

Some significant areas of scrub needs to be cleared to help to make way for a future vehicle access track. Repairing some of the damaged target frames, backing boards, and replacing a few of the 4x4 posts with new ones. (This will be a good job for any of our builders or other suitably skilled members to deal with.)

General site clean-up, and repairing of range perimeter fence-line damage. Remove toitoi bushes, and any other stray foliage to get it well clear of the fenceline. Some blackberry removal.

Fence line and wire repairs - some areas have already been identified. If you have any spare fence-wire or gear to assist then please bring it along.

Rubbish removal - We may have a large skip-bin delivered on site to help with this.

WHAT TO BRING:

Your lunch and any food/drinks, SCRUB CLEARING EQUIPMENT, thick gloves, rubber gloves, a good-sized bucket, rubbish bags or canvas sacks, any gardening equipment, domestic cleaning gear, rakes, brooms, post rammer, generator, power drills, saber-saw (for dealing with the plastic drums), spade/shovel, etc., building gear, a towel and any other personal cleaning gear. Overalls, and possibly a change of clothes may be a good idea as well. Facemask (for dust mitigation) if you are sensitive to air-borne contaminates or pollen. A smile and a can-do attitude!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE RANGE:

**Training day – for National range officer qualifications –
Saturday November 2nd. (See Royce or Richard for more details.)**

WORKING BEE

SATURDAY November 9th – Range closed from 7am – no shooting. Working bee helpers required – your attendance is requested from 8:30am to 1pm.

TPRA Shoot day

**Saturday November 16th – 9:00am to 1:00pm approx.
(See similar details as above.)**

Peeking Wallaby Shoot

Sunday November 17th – 8:30am to 12:00pm (See Baden for more details, or the club's website or calendar for updates.)

Range Open Day

Sunday November 24th (Long weekend) – 9:00am to 3:00pm.

**The Range will be closed for a private
Corporate Monday 21st October 8am – 4pm.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**DO NOT LEAVE LIVE AMMO AT THE RANGE.
DO NOT PUT LIVE AMMO IN THE EMPTY CASE BINS.**

Regards, Dean Maisey. Email: range@deerstalkershop.org.nz

WORKING BEE



SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024 9:00AM THROUGH TO APPROX. 1:00PM
(THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED - NO SHOOTING - FROM 7AM, UNTIL WORKS CEASE.)

Many thanks to the 20 members who turned up to help at the last working bee on the 14th September. These members undertook the urgent and critical work required to allow the range to remain open. We managed to get over 50 plastic backstop-drums replaced and refilled with rubber chip on the day - which was only possible by us employing a contractor with a 4x4 mini hi-ab to help to lift and shift the drums. Unfortunately only 20 members was realistically a very low turnout from the clubs 256 range ticket holders (less than 8%), and of the clubs 590 total members (less than 3.5%).

As I mentioned in the September newsletter, the club requires a bit of volunteer input from ALL members from time to time, but there is an implied expectation from range ticket holders - especially those 20-30 higher level users of the range - to put in some extra effort in to help to deal with the maintenance and general wear & tear on the facility. It's not a case of just paying your \$100 range ticket fee and expecting that someone else will do all the maintenance on your behalf. I understand that not everyone may be able to attend on the day, but if we can't get enough volunteers for crucial working bees, then the management may have to look at other ways of getting the maintenance work done. And this could mean an increase in fees across the board for everyone, or increased fees for the higher-volume users of the range facility. If the range gets to a stage where it is potentially unsafe to continue to use, then we could end up in a situation where it has to be temporarily closed until all works can be completed. This would affect ALL users of the range.

Working bees are a great way to meet other members, and to contribute to the club while helping to keep the fees low for everyone. Even if you are not the most physically able, we can still find tasks for you to do.

SHOOTING POSITIONS #1 AND #2 ARE CLOSED OFF FOR ALL CASUAL RANGE USE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
(The range will be closed - no shooting - from 7am, until works cease.)

At the Sept 14th working bee we managed to get all of the shot-out drums replaced at the 25M, 50M and 100M lines. After a full days work though (and due to the low numbers attending) we couldn't start on the 200M line. As such there are some new drums that have been placed in front and blocking positions the #1 and #2 target backers at the 200M line.

Going by the excessive amount of concentrated damage of the target frames and the back-stop plastic drums at all target locations in the #1 and #2 positions, we have had to implement a policy to limit the use of these positions. (Just for organised shoots and public open-days only when the range is under control of the Range Officers.)

Please do not shoot from positions #1 and #2 outside of these times, for your private range use sessions.

There are plenty of other shooting positions to choose from - please 'share the love' to the rest of the range lineup, and to avoid giving positions #1 and #2 such a thrashing. Remember that with our current backstop system it does have a limited lifespan, and by concentrating the damage into one area too much, means that we have to do more regular maintenance, which in this case requires special heavy lifting equipment, to do the job. Getting this equipment on site involves some minimum set-up costs, plus volunteers, so we can only do it when we have enough drums to replace all at the same time.

Please note the above date for the working bee in your diary. I would like to see at least 40-50 people there next time. If we get a good turnout then we should be all done by lunchtime, and BBO, etc

Regards, Dean Maisey. Email: range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz



THE SHARP SHOOTERS REPORT

On the 8th September the branch 300m benchrest shoot for Group was shot. The conditions were switchy and quite windy. I would expect these records to all be broken again the next time we shoot this. Well done to all those that turned out. It was a trying day! It should be noted that we were shooting 200 yard group targets at 300m. So a few penalties were incurred on quite a windy day. The NZDA does not have 300 yard/300m benchrest group targets. So spare a thought for the brave!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

G. Hammond for setting the 300m Small Group and Aggregate record in NZDA Varmint Class.

D. Wilton for setting the 300m Small Group and Aggregate record in NZDA Factory Class.

M. Young for setting the 300m Small Group and Aggregate record in NZDA-BOP Club Class.

The next benchrest shoot will be Sunday 12th January 2025. Starting off with .22LR rimfire for score at 50m. Then after that 3 more centrefire shoots. 100m, 200m and 300m.

The BOP branch is also hosting the NZDA North Island Regional Benchrest Championships at the Tokoroa Sport Shooting Complex 25th-27th Jan 2025. If you are interested in competing in either varmint class or factory rifle class please contact me. If you are a NZDA nationally range officer and would like to learn more about running a competition shoot (either a national or branch shoot) then please also contact me.

The last Peeking Wallaby Match for 2024 will be held on Sunday 17th November.

Name	Metric										Year	Age	SAGIA	FAG	P/Shot
	MS	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10					
D. Northcote (20)	57.25	0.568	59.52	0.568	59.23	0.711	59.25	0.711	59.22	0.821	59.22	0.821	59.742	0.5288	1
D. Woodhouse (20)	58.53	0.582	60.34	0.582	58.72	0.681	58.13	0.793	58.72	0.782	59.725	0.782	59.724	0.7602	1
D. Wilton (20)	58.58	0.594	57.58	0.689	58.03	0.613	59.22	0.648	60.22	0.688	60.22	0.688	57.955	0.6318	1
D. Taylor (20)	58.94	0.577	58.95	0.582	58.23	0.682	58.24	0.851	57.23	0.621	59.225	0.621	58.853	0.6453	1
D. Dooling (20)	59.77	0.706	61.92	0.744	60.26	0.781	60.87	0.757	60.47	0.788	60.681	0.788	60.681	0.7801	1
D. Wilton (20)	60.49	0.681	60.49	0.671	60.09	0.729	60.87	0.688	60.49	0.688	60.606	0.688	60.606	0.6874	1
D. Midgley (20)	61.23	0.589	61.23	0.589	60.72	0.688	60.43	0.688	61.23	0.589	61.23	0.589	61.23	0.6002	1
D. Young (22)	61.68	0.563	60.53	0.724	60.53	0.721	60.48	0.678	59.22	0.678	57.422	0.5885	57.422	0.5885	1

Small Group Penalties:

Weather at beginning of event:
 Temperature: 27.0°C
 Humidity: 80%
 Wind Direction: SE @ 10-15 km/h
 Gusts: 20-25 km/h
 Precip: 0.0 mm
 Visual: Fine, overcast/variable

Equipment List: Date: 09/11/2024

Class	Penalty	Archie	Barrett	Black Mt	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett
1. D. Northcote (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2. D. Woodhouse (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
3. D. Wilton (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4. D. Taylor (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
5. D. Dooling (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
6. D. Wilton (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
7. D. Midgley (20)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
8. D. Young (22)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

**NZDA-BOP Benchrest Records
 CF Benchrest for Group - NZDA Factory Class**

5 Shot groups/5 Target aggregates (see notes 1 & 2 below).
 Verified with a Moving Target Backer system unless noted.
 To convert SMOA to MOA, divide by 1.047

100m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Wilton	12.41	0.447	11/06/2023	No MTB

100m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Wilton	13.474	0.4852	11/06/2023	No MTB

200m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Taylor	23.37	0.421	16/06/2024	No MTB

200m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
B. Cappely	23.736	0.8547	16/06/2024	No MTB

300m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Wilton	35.52	0.426	8/09/2024	No MTB

300m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Wilton	17.369	0.6254	8/09/2024	No MTB

- ¹ Aggregate group sizes in millimetres are expressed as their size at 100m i.e. 200m agg in mm is divided by 2 etc.
- ² Metric aggregates are converted to SMOA as per WBSF rules, for relative benchrest comparison in yards.
- ³ 300m records were shot on 200yd targets and 1 SMOA penalties added where required.

**NZDA-BOP Benchrest Records
 CF Benchrest for Group
 NZDA Light & Heavy Varmint Class Combined**

5 Shot groups/5 Target aggregates (see notes 1 & 2 below).
 Verified with a Moving Target Backer system unless noted.
 To convert SMOA to MOA, divide by 1.047

100m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
B. Prentice	5.11	0.184	10/03/2024	

100m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
G. Hammond	6.762	0.2435	11/06/2023	

200m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
B. Prentice	9.51	0.171	16/06/2024	

200m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
G. Hammond	8.549	0.3079	10/09/2023	

300m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
G. Hammond	29.30	0.352	8/09/2024	No MTB

300m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
G. Hammond	15.740	0.5668	8/09/2024	No MTB

- ¹ Aggregate group sizes in millimetres are expressed as their size at 100m i.e. 200m agg in mm is divided by 2 etc.
- ² Metric aggregates are converted to SMOA as per WBSF rules, for relative benchrest comparison in yards.
- ³ 300m records were shot on 200yd targets and 1 SMOA penalties added where required.

**NZDA-BOP Benchrest Records
 CF Benchrest for Group - NZDA-BOP Club Class**

5 Shot groups/5 Target aggregates (see notes 1 & 2 below).
 Verified with a Moving Target Backer system unless noted.
 To convert SMOA to MOA, divide by 1.047

100m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
I. Flude	14.34	0.516	11/06/2023	No MTB

100m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
I. Flude	22.606	0.8140	11/06/2023	No MTB

200m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Meyer	38.11	0.686	16/06/2024	No MTB

200m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
D. Meyer	37.408	1.3471	16/06/2024	No MTB

300m Small Group				
Handle	Group (mm)	Group (SMOA)	Date	Notes
M. Young	98.19	1.179	8/09/2024	No MTB

300m Aggregate (average group size over 5 targets)				
Handle	Agg (mm)	Agg (SMOA)	Date	Notes
M. Young	37.458	1.3489	8/09/2024	No MTB

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- ³ 300m records were shot on 200yd targets and 1 SMOA penalties added where required.

CLUB NIGHT - NOVEMBER 5TH FROM 7PM



THERMAL HUNTING WITH INFIRAY / NOCPIX

CAM STEWART

General Manager of Spika NZ.
An old raft guide and ski patroller who has worked in the Outdoor and Hunting wholesale industry for over 15 years. Previous to building Spika and Infiray/Nocpix in NZ was the Australasian Brand Manager for Lowa and built the brand across both sides of the ditch. Avid outdoorsman and keen, but part time hunter.

NICK HARRISON

Spika/Nocpix Account Manager and avid hunter. Spent his childhood growing up on the Rangitata and Rakaia chasing deer, chamois and Tahr.

Super knowledgeable on all things hunting and Thermals.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED ON THE NIGHT?

We will give the guys a chat about Infiray and its new brand name Nocpix, which we are launching at Sika Show.

Go through thermals and use on public land, plus how they work and chat around what the numbers/stats all mean and how to choose a unit that works for your style of hunting.

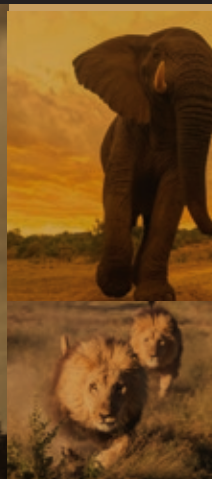
We'll have a range of products the guys can play with and an open room to talk to us around the units etc.

We will also offer up deals on the night.





AFRICAN SAFARI HUNTING



I have put together a slide show titled "An African Experience" to show case what it was like growing up and hunting in Southern Africa from the age of 5.

It is not aimed at bigger is better, but rather to share the firsthand experiences of walking in the boots of a professional hunting guide. The stories told are all particularly close to my heart as they are indeed all paths that I have personally walked and landscape I have hunted. We leave these as fond memories of an extremely unique hunting destination.

- South African born Professional Hunting Guide, Mike Papenhuijzen
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MOKAU RIVER TRIP



The Mokau River has its headwaters in the Pureora's and terminates on the west coast. Most people know it as a road trip stop when you're heading to New Plymouth where you can have your first experience of black sand. In our case, we're interested in it for the hunting opportunities, specifically goats.

It had been down as a club hunt for several months, but we'd received no interest. Relatively last minute, Reuben and I thought we'd just go anyway so the plan was to use the canoes and gain some tails for the National Goat Competition. I actually build these canoes so it was also an opportunity to test them out and get some cool photos. Feel free to hit me up if you're interested.

Now if you've ever been on a river trip, the first thing you'll know is that setting up a shuttle is the most important thing...there's no point getting to the end and wondering how you'll get back to your car. This trip required a decent shuttle (around 1 hour) and as we were using canoe, it required each vehicle to have a trailer. Unlike the Whanganui River trip, the nice thing about it is that you can leave home on a Saturday



morning and be home Sunday evening. The only real consideration is tides because the lower part of the river is tidal and it makes life a whole lot easier if you're not fighting it.

Step 1: drive from Tauranga to Mokau Valley Road (around 4 hours) and park a vehicle at the boat ramp.

Step 2: everyone piles in the second vehicle and drives to start of the river trip on Paraheka Road (1hour).

Step 3: paddle the river (2 half days)

Step 4: everyone piles into vehicle number 1 and retrieves vehicle number 2 before heading home.

We couldn't have asked for better conditions - it was warm and the river was running at a medium flow. Reuben, Ruby, and Jeremiah piled into their canoe looking very organized while I started figuring out how to run my first trip with a GSP...he was so excited he was a liability! It doesn't take long for the farmland to give way to regenerating manuka country and on cue we started seeing goats. A bit of mucking around getting into a shooting position and Reuben opened on them. I'd spied some more further up the hill so I beached and raced up, dropping my first two at 150m and watched the remaining 30 odd goats run into the bush. I was obvious we were in for a good trip.



The day settled into steady game of leapfrog. One of us would shoot a goat or two, and while we were retrieving tails, the others would continue downriver and find more. Around every bend a new mob was encountered so it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. A goal of the trip was to get Ruby and Jeramiah in amongst the action, and because they were unable to support the rifle in the canoe, it necessitated us stopping and allowing them to stalk from shore. Ruby even had her bow, and she was putting on some very professional looking stalks trying to secure her first goat with that. A couple were spoilt by geese, but she soon found her mark. Congratulations Ruby, no doubt you're on your way to becoming a very proficient hunter.



As the day drew to an end, we started searching for a camping spot. This surrounding country is extremely wet, almost rainforest like, and the geography appears to be mostly mudstone, so finding a dry spot to camp is actually quite difficult. There's also a lack of clean drinking water so make sure you bring your own as the main river is the colour of milo due to the silt in it! We found a nice bench in the riverbank and after dragging canoes up several meters, we pitched a fly in the bush. While Reuben and I enjoyed a well-earned beverage, Ruby and Jeremiah set to work building a cozy campfire, and with full bellies it wasn't long before the eyelids started drooping. A great day.

Overnight there had been some light rain and the morning dawned overcast. It was cooler and the odd spot of rain kept us paddling fast. We noted that there appeared to be less goats and those we did see were a bit more cagey. Interestingly, it was often the second canoe that got a shot because the first canoe had disturbed them, and as they moved off you were able to see where they were. We soon encountered a jetboat containing a few pig hunters and they confirmed this section of the river got hunted a lot more.



Getting lower into the river catchment, the valley started opening up and with it came the wind. It wasn't unusual for a gust to push you all the way across the river, which was rather frustrating when you are trying to line up a goat. We stopped for a brief stretch of the legs and walked up to a historic site where bricks were once manufactured. Apparently, this whole river was once a hive of industry, specifically timber and coal, but this site was the only reminder of that era we saw. Everything else had been swallowed up by the bush.



After few uneventful hours later, we relieved to see the road bridge come into view as the wind had been challenging so we were all pretty tired. The final challenge was getting the canoes up to the car. Earlier I mentioned that we'd parked at the boat ramp, well this is a bit of a misnomer as this ramp consists of a muddy incline with around 10m of vertical drop...apparently the locals use their truck winches to haul up their boats!



We drove to the top of the shuttle to retrieve Reubens truck and began the drive home. As mentioned at the start of this story, it's an easy weekend trip from Tauranga. We'd left home at 7am on Saturday and were back by 5pm on the Sunday. This made a refreshing change from the usual arriving home in the dark and heading off to work on Monday totally exhausted. We'd shot around 30 goats and seen 150 odd throughout the trip so it was a great weekend.

By Tim Taylor





Our next Management Hunts are coming up and you can book in your team now. Kiko Rd is open, and some of those blocks haven't been flown into since the cyclone so that's a great opportunity.

The dates are November 8-11 (Friday to Monday).

Prices shown are for a team of 4 hunters and include the flights with the Squirrel.

There are no extra costs. Sika Foundation members get the discounted rate.

A 4x4 will be needed for the Kiko Rd blocks because the road near the final climb to the car park is rough. The other flights still available are from Waipakahi Hanger on the Desert Road.

CONTACT US BY EMAIL FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE DETAILS:

info@sikafoundation.co.nz

November Management Hunts

Ex Kiko Rd	Members	Non-Members
Ruatahuna Tops	\$1,537	\$1,737
Waimarino	\$1,200	\$1,400
Waimarino 2	\$1,200	\$1,400
Upper Tiraki	\$1,363	\$1,563
Pukehuia	\$1,200	\$1,400
Te Tiringa	\$1,200	\$1,400

Ex Wapakahi Hanger	Members	Non-Members
Thunderbolt Tops	\$1,660	\$1,860
Parakakariki	\$1,430	\$1,630



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CLEANING YOUR TITANIUM CAMPING COOKWARE



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I. THE QUICK CLEAN

Don't be gross. Clean your gear after every use. Even when you're out in the backblocks with limited resources, a quick rinse is better than nothing, so do your best to keep it fresh.

Step 1: Let It Cool

Never wash hot titanium cookware directly after cooking. Sudden changes in temperature can warp or damage the material. Let it cool down to room temperature before cleaning.

Step 2: Wash with Warm Water and Mild Detergent

Use warm water and a mild dishwashing liquid. Scrub gently with a soft sponge or cloth to remove food residues. Avoid using abrasive sponges, as they could scratch.

Step 3: Rinse and Dry Thoroughly

After washing, rinse off all soap residues with clean water. Wipe the cookware dry with a soft cloth to prevent water spots from forming.

2. THE DEEP CLEAN

Removing stubborn stains or burnt food when you get home.

Step 1: Soak in Warm Soapy Water

If food is stuck to the cookware, fill it with warm water and a small amount of dish soap. Let it soak for 30 minutes to soften the residue.

Step 2: Use Baking Soda Paste for Tough Stains

For more persistent stains, create a paste by mixing water with baking soda. Apply the paste to the stained area and let it sit for 10-15 minutes. Gently scrub with a soft sponge in circular motions, then rinse thoroughly.

Step 3: Boil Water and Vinegar

If burnt food remains, fill the pot or pan with a mixture of equal parts water and white vinegar. Bring it to a boil, then turn off the heat and let the solution sit for 15 minutes. This helps to loosen the burnt particles. Afterwards, scrub and rinse as usual.



HOT TIPS:

↳ USE NON-METAL UTENSILS

Always use wooden, silicone, or plastic utensils to prevent scratching.

↳ AVOID HARSH CLEANERS

Never use bleach, oven cleaners, or harsh chemicals on your titanium cookware, as they may corrode or damage the surface.

↳ PREVENT OVERHEATING

Overheating titanium cookware may cause discolouration. Always monitor the temperature to prevent this from happening.

↳ STORE PROPERLY

Stack titanium cookware with protective layers between pieces to avoid scratches and damage during storage.

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Once you're entered, just email info@deerstalkers.org.nz your hoodie size and screenshot of your booking confirmation and we'll get those on the way to you.

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All parties must confirm any allocation by 5:00pm 29th November 2024
and within 7 days of any fill-in draw.

Dates for the 2025 Ballot blocks are:

1st period: 20th March - 29th March 2025.

2nd period: 30th March - 8th April.

3rd period: 9th April - 18th April.

4th period: 19th April - 28th April

Briefings will be held the night before each blocks start at 6:00pm: 19th March, 29th March,
8th April, 18th April. Usually held at the Te Anau Club, but look out for details closer to the time.

For more info on the application process head to: <https://fwf.net.nz/ballot/>



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Tuesday November 5th

Alternatively, you can enter at any Hunting and Fishing Store.

NB: These maybe frozen or fresh but must be in a clean, sealed plastic bag.

“Some competitors may want to enter a goat head. These can also be brought into a club night for scoring.”

Be sure to check out the website for entry information, rules, categories, and prizes

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/national-wild-goat-hunting-competition/>

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UPDATE

CLUB PRIZES.

These will be awarded at the December club night 3rd December. There are not too many local entries yet so get your tails and heads in so you are in the draw for a prize.

NATIONAL PRIZES

These will be announced on social media on 13th December.

REMINDER

Tails and heads can be entered on club nights.



GARLIC VENISON BACK STEAK BITES

RECIPE CREDIT: FACEBOOK @foodanddelishes

Prep Time: 10 mins | Cooking Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 25 mins | Kcal: 345

Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (450g) Venison steak, cut into bite-sized pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbsp (28g) butter
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (120ml) beef broth
- 1/2 cup (120ml) heavy cream
- 1/2 cup (50g) grated Parmesan cheese
- Fresh parsley for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Season steak bites with salt and pepper.
2. In a skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat.
3. Add steak bites and cook until browned, about 3-4 minutes.
4. Remove steak from the skillet and set aside.
5. In the same skillet, add minced garlic and sauté until fragrant.
6. Pour in beef broth, scraping the bottom of the skillet to release browned bits.
7. Stir in heavy cream and Parmesan cheese. Simmer until sauce thickens.
8. Return steak to the skillet, coating in the sauce.
9. Garnish with fresh parsley before serving.

NOTES:

You can use chicken broth for a lighter sauce. Serve over pasta or with crusty bread for a complete meal.



NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

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.

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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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All correspondence to be sent to secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

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