



Bay of Plenty

# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



AUGUST 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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# PRESIDENTS REPORT: AUGUST 2022

JULY STARTED WITH THE AGM FOLLOWED BY A CLUB HUNT AT LAKE TARAWERA. THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE AGM. WE HAD A TURN OUT TYPICAL OF A CLUB NIGHT AND MANAGED TO GET THROUGH THE BUSINESS IN UNDER AN HOUR, LEAVING PLENTY OF TIME FOR SOCIALISING AFTERWARDS.

There were some changes to the committee with a couple of members retiring and new ones joining. Tim and I continue in our roles and following our first committee meeting, Isabell Zitzelsberger has been appointed to the Secretary position and David continues in the Treasurer position. Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered themselves for the committee.

The Tarawera hunt was a bit wet but thoroughly enjoyable and I was lucky to get my pup in training onto some deer. It was an eventful hunt for some and there's a good yarn to be had if you corner some that were there.

Club hunts are a big part of what our club does and I encourage you all to participate in as many as you can. They're an opportunity to build friendships with others and learn from one another.

There are plenty on the calendar so get in contact with an organiser and get your name down for a good time. Disappointingly we had a very poor turnout for the prize-giving

BBQ, while not especially surprising it was still unexpected after a very strong turnout last year.

Thanks to those who made the effort to come. The AHT and photo competitions are a key part of our branch and the NZDA and deserve support from all members. As a hunting club, we should be supportive of the efforts and achievements made by members to secure a trophy and celebrate with them in their success.

Well done to all those who entered the competition and especially to those who received recognition of their efforts with an award. At the time of writing this, some of us are preparing for the National Conference and AGM on the last weekend of July. A couple of hundred pages to read is a daunting task but must be done in the interests of our branch and the national organisation.

This year we have a strong delegation of six committee members attending the weekend in Hamilton where we will be your voice in representing our branch interests. Over the next few months we have some excellent club nights lined up and I strongly urge you to attend. These nights are the centre of club life and you really are missing out if you stay home to watch a dramatized cooking

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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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or home improvement TV show. Keep an eye on the website calendar and read the newsletter religiously to make sure you don't miss out on what club events are happening.

The August hunt to Waihothonu is an excellent opportunity to bring the whole family and enjoy some quality socialising, family time and of course some excellent central North island hunting. For those who use the range, please consider contributing to the ongoing operation of our great facility by volunteering at the upcoming working bee. See details later in this newsletter.

The branch operates entirely on volunteers who collectively contribute thousands of hours a year to benefit you. With hundreds of members, if everyone lends a hand it will really make a big difference and help lighten the work load of our diligent and committed regular volunteers. Remember that being a member is not just about what you can get out of the organisation, it is also about what you can contribute.

**“KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE CALENDAR AND READ THE NEWSLETTER RELIGIOUSLY TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT CLUB EVENTS ARE HAPPENING. THE AUGUST HUNT TO WAIHOHONU IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ENJOY SOME QUALITY SOCIALISING, FAMILY TIME AND OF COURSE SOME EXCELLENT CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND HUNTING.”**

The August club night was supposed to have Annealing Made Perfect but unfortunately they've had to postpone due to illness. Instead we will be having a general catch and perhaps something to surprise those who attend. See you there!

Reuben

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

A MASSIVE THANKS TO NIK MAXWELL FOR ALL HIS WORK AS EDITOR OF OUR NEWSLETTER OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO A GREAT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND THE PROFESSIONAL LOOK IS DUE SOLELY TO NIK'S EXPERIENCE AND EFFORTS.

We are now looking for a new volunteer to take on the editor's role and continue the great work that has been done. If you have experience in graphic design, web design, magazine editing, journalism or another relevant field please contact

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



# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2022

<b>AUGUST</b>	<p><b>RANGE WORKING BEE</b> Location: NZDA BOP Range Date: 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>PEEKING WALLABY MATCH</b> Location: NZDA BOP Range Date: 7<sup>th</sup> Organiser: Baden Prentice 027 490 8613</p>	<p><b>WAIHOHONU HUT, DESERT ROAD</b> Date: 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Organiser: Iain Macaulay, iainmaca@gmail.com, 021 263 9845</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<p><b>CLUB NIGHT: WHIO RECOVERY PROGRAMME</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>HUNTS COURSE: WAIKAREMOANA HUNT</b> Date: 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Organiser: Bob Tatton, huntscourse@deerstalkersbop.org.nz</p>	<p><b>PUREORA</b> Date: 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Organiser: Stacy Whiteman, tauranga@hamillsnz.co.nz, 021 567 117</p>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<p><b>CLUB NIGHT: SIKA HUNTING</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>WAIOEKA RIVER RAFTING</b> Date: TBC but possibly Labour Weekend Organiser: Reuben or Tim</p>	<p><b>TAHR HUNT</b> Date: 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Organiser: Stan Lowe, lowe2147@gmail.com, 027 667 1140</p>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<p><b>LAKE OKATAINA WALLABY HUNT</b> Date: TBC but around the end of November Organiser: TBC</p>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<p><b>OAMARU HUT</b> Date: TBC Organiser: TBC</p>		

VISIT: [www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events](http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events) for more NZDA BOP events and activities.



# NZDA BOP HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM

**THIS YEAR 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.

 STONEY CREEK  
STALKING PULLOVER





Sika Hind  
Kaweka Ranges,  
North Island







## KAIMAI RIDGEWAY TRUST BRANCH CONTACT PERSON REQUIRED

IF YOU LIVE LOCAL TO THE KAIMAI RANGE AND ENJOY GETTING UP THE TOP REGULARLY THEN WE COULD DO WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE.

Stan Lowe is our NZDA representative on the Kaimai Ridgeway Trust. It would be great if we had another person in the branch to be a contact person for when Stan is away and to assist with liaising between KRT and our branch for routine hut checks and minor maintenance requirements.

If you frequent the Kaimai Range regularly and are keen to assist Stan in liaising between KRT and our branch then get in touch with Stan at [lowe2147@gmail.com](mailto:lowe2147@gmail.com) or on 07 868 4515.

## 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.



## DOGS FOR SALE

2x Black/White male and 2x Tan male Labany puppies. Mother is a Black Laborador. Father is a Brittany Spaniel. Both dogs excellent with deer and duck hunting. We are very keen to see them go to hunting families. Ready to go from 2/7/22 with 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination done. \$800 each

Contact: Sarah Davis 027 462 1570

# MY FIRST STAG

## TARARUA FOREST PARK FEBRUARY 1960

WORDS: *Dave Sorenson*

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**B**ACK IN THE 1960'S, THE TRAMPING CLUBS IN THE WELLINGTON REGION WERE VERY STRONG AND ACTIVE, SO I JOINED THE WELLINGTON TRAMPING CLUB (WITH 412 MEMBERS AND ONLY THE 3RD LARGEST CLUB IN THE AREA). THE IDEA BEING THAT I COULD LEARN THE ROAD ENDS AND TRACKS SO IT WOULD SAVE ME A LOT OF TIME IN MY HUNTING, WHICH WAS MY NO. 1 CHOICE. STILL, MOST OF THE TRIPS I DID WITH THE CLUB, I CARRIED A 303 RIFLE AND GOT THE ODD DEER, AND MOST PARTY MEMBERS WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO GET A BIT OF FRESH VENISON TO TAKE HOME.

All of the main huts, and some of the tracks were maintained by tramping clubs or NZDA, a bit like our branch looking after 3 huts in the Kaimais. Sometimes they had a combined working party and one such event took place about 3 weeks before this hunting trip.

The combined working party was to cut and mark a new track to bypass the old part of the track that went up the Upper Otaki River to the Waitewaewae hut, as the river was often

in flood and therefore very dangerous. Over 60 volunteers spent the weekend working on the new track and completed the job to the hut on the sunny Sunday afternoon. A very good effort, as in those days it was a 4-5 hour trip into the Waitewaewae hut from the road end.

As I had work commitments, I was not on that working party, but I was still very keen to get in, have a look around and check the new track out. As I had been

working for 2 weekends, I took some time out a couple of weeks later, and on the Tuesday left for my first 3 day solo trip.

The drive from the Hutt in my old Austin 8 was always a mission, and the old gravel road into the Forks meant that I had to pay attention. I got to the Roaring Meg stream and that was where the road stopped back then, so it was sort the gear out and get into it.

After a 20 minute walk you drop down into the main Otaki River below the Forks. If the river is down, that's where we used to cross. It didn't hold good memories for me, as this was the spot where the previous year 5 of us tried to cross when the river was in full flood.

We were washed off our feet and down the river into a nightmare of muddy water, logs and moving



boulders. We lost a lot of gear and a bit of skin, but got out of it with our lives, so that was the important part, for sure. We had been swept down the river a fair way, and it was only the fact that we had managed to stay linked together that saved us.

I remember that we got washed into a big eddy on one of the bends and that is how we got out of the torrent. We had all swallowed a lot of water, so we just lay on the bank and spewed out the excess.

Since that day I have hunted and tramped in remote country for just over 60 years, so it was a good lesson for me. *"If in doubt, wait it out,"* as it is often surprising just how quickly some rivers can go down.

Well, back to my hunting trip. After crossing the main Otaki River, the track sidles up the Waitatapia stream, over the headwaters, then follows a few ridges before dropping down into the Waitewaewae hut, situated on the Upper Otaki River.

Back then the trip would take about 4-5 hours, so my

plan was to hunt my way in, getting to the hut just before dark. The day was fine, so I stopped a few times for a look around and about 3pm I reached the new sidle track.

What a good job they had made of it, very well marked (painted tin lids) and going through some very nice country; so I slowed down into hunting mode. The new track followed a leading ridge, then dropped into a nice bush saddle, to then sidle down towards the main river. I had just started hunting on the sidle when some movement caught my eye. I froze, stayed very still and slowly the best stag that I had ever seen worked his way towards me.

What to do, as you can't take the pack off. So I waited for him to start nibbling away at some vegetation. I loaded the rifle (.303 with open sights) and took a shot from about 50 metres.

The stag leaped forward, took about 5 paces, then dropped to the ground. I was not taking any chances, so I reloaded and made my way over to the beast, a heavy 9 pointer.

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What a sight, what a feeling and such a rush of emotions. As I stood there and soaked it all up, I knew that I was totally hooked on hunting.

With only about 2 hours of daylight left, I was not sure how long it would take to get to the hut, so I decided to hang the meat and head and to pick them up on the way out. I only took the

back steaks with me. I got to the hut just on dark, still very high on adrenaline, so I set about cooking some of the venison for tea.

It was tough as can be, but still the best meat that I had ever tasted. In those days, most of the main huts had 2 large platforms for sleeping on. They were cold and hard, but dry.

Rats were always a problem, so the trick was to leave some meat and bread out on the lower platform and you slept on the top platform, with a bit of peace.

The next day dawned fine, but if I had known what the day would bring, I would have stayed in bed. I decided to collect the meat and antlers and head back out to the road-end.

I got away early, found the meat and head, stowed it all into my pack and started the long trip out with what was a big load. I took my time and had lots of rests.

After 3 hours I was about 2/3 of the way out when disaster struck. Just as I dropped into the head of the Waitatapia stream I

slipped on a steep bit of track, with my knee hitting a rock on the way down. With that load on, it was some impact.

Within minutes the knee and upper leg started to swell out to a huge size, and the leg just locked up completely. I still remember there was a lot of pain.

**WHAT TO DO:** the chances of meeting anyone mid-week in there were close to zero, so it was up to me to get out. I dumped all the meat, just keeping the rest of the back-steaks.

I hid the head up a tree and dumped some gear, just keeping my sleeping bag and basics in case I did not get out. The trip to the car took me 5-1/2 hours, as the leg was locked up tight as a drum, so I basically dragged it along, using the rifle as a crutch.

I didn't stop at all, as I knew that if I stopped and cooled down, that would be it. I arrived at the car, wet - through after crossing the river. In too much pain to try and change, I drove straight to the Hutt hospital, and what a mission that was

with one leg that wouldn't bend, a dodgy clutch and not very good brakes.

That road trip took me 1-1/2 hours and I was totally spent when I turned the key off, so I sat and waited in the carpark until someone came past.

I yelled out for help and they got a wheelchair, got me inside, washed and changed into a dry gown, and into bed where I was to stay for 4 days as the leg had been bleeding internally. I watched them suck 2 large syringes of blood and muck out of my leg, and when the pressure went down, what a relief.

Once the leg mended, I was right into hunting and tramping again. I figured that if I set my mind to it, I could do most things, as it often comes down to the mental side of it.

Since this solo trip I have been on a lot more over the years, the longest being into the Upper Pike River in South Westland.

That trip was for 26 days, and I may write about it sometime.



## NEW HOME FOR DOG

APPROX. 18 MONTH OLD  
VIZSLA HEADING DOG CROSS.

Dog's name is Jesse. Good with kids and used to being kennelled and tied up for periods.

Owner is leaving the country after her husband passed away. She wants him to go to a hunting family as he's from hunting lines and that's what her husband had him for.

Owner lives near Te Puna.

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## 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



# 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.

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  
021 286 1109  
[range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)



# TAHR LODGE:

## SOUTH ISLAND HUNTING

Check out this great Tahr, Chamois and Red Deer hunting destination to kick back and relax and shed some of that North Island stress (the South Island is stress free!).

Built in the stunning Mount Cook National Park, near the Mount Cook Village, this is the jewel of our 'huts'.

A fabulous place to relax. Book it to have the lodge to yourself. Hot and cold running water, shower, 14 beds in 3 bunk rooms and a double in a separate room. New log fire, solar lighting, fridge freezer and all cutlery, cooking etc provided. Just linen and food required.

### INFORMATION:

Sleeping up to 16, this hut has gas cooking and hot water. Very comfortable and recently updated with a new kitchen, it's a great place to stay.

To book this excellent club facility please phone Jim Kroening, 03 688 7641 evenings, or 027 276 0905 anytime.

### 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).

# BOP BRANCH PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS (PLB'S) FOR HIRE

AVAILABLE TO BRANCH MEMBERS FOR HIRE. THESE DEVICES CAN SAVE LIVES BY DRASTICALLY REDUCING SEARCH AND RESCUE TIMES.

Members will need to:

1. Book the units in advance.
2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
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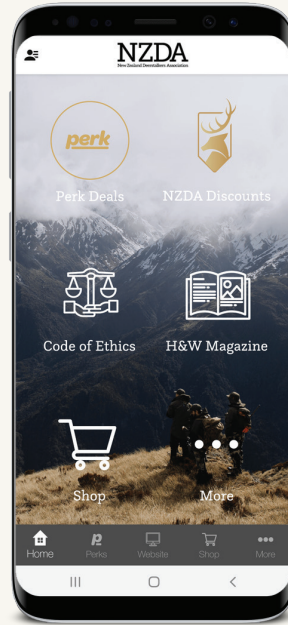
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Aldo Leopold, *The Sand County Almanac*

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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.
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