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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



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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: SEPTEMBER 2022

HI EVERYONE, IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE'RE ALL DEEP IN THE GRIND AND REUBEN HAS ASKED ME TO TAKE SOME WEIGHT OFF HIS SHOULDERS AND WRITE UP A VP REPORT IN HIS PLACE.

It may not look like it, but the last couple of months have been an extremely busy period behind the scenes. It was dominated by the Annual Conference held over the weekend of 29th - 30th July. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the way the NZDA works, there are 49 branches like ours, and every year they gather for a Conference.

The Conference is hosted by a different branch each year, and the proceedings are run by the National Board. A huge range of topics are covered, and some highlights from this year included address from the Conservation Minister Poto William, Nicole McKee from the Act Party, and Ben Reddiex from DOC.

Throughout Conference I was blown away by the general positivity and strength that we have as an organization. No longer are we a bunch of angry old men squabbling over 1080, rather, we are a united group that's actively engaging with the right people and government departments to get meaningful results.

An example of this is that we recently received a grant of \$700,000 from the Jobs

for Nature grant which goes towards our Hunts Course... how amazing is that!

Many of you may not know that the NZDA employs a CEO, Gwyn Thurlow, to manage the day-to-day and provide a professional front. I understand his appointment was contentious at the time, however the results speak for themselves, with membership increasing by over 4000 people since his appointment.

I was blown away to learn that he's now invited to DOC meetings and enjoys a direct line to the Conservation Minister as well as many other politicians. As Gwyn explained, it's better to have a seat at the table than to be feeding off the scraps.

On the celebration side of things, congratulations to our newsletter editor, Nik Maxwell, who helped our club win the Rotorua Branch Trophy for best Newsletter. Also to Sarah Cotching who won the Philip Holden Trophy for best hunting story, as well as taking out 3rd place open section Tahr. Finally to local legend, Keith Theobald who was awarded for Long Service.

On the business side of things, the National AGM is also conducted as part of the Conference. I was lucky to be elected as one of two North Island Representatives to the

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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!

COMMITTEE MEETING:

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.
All correspondence to be sent to secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

NEWSLETTER:

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th 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.

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National Board. Our branch also put in a joint application with the Rotorua branch to run Conference 2024 so there's a lot to crack on with. Post Conference and back at the club, we've had lots going on in between the weather.

At the time of writing, the Hunts Course is in full swing with 9 participants, and I'm wishing all you all the best in your future hunting. We've also had two different shoots on up at the range - the popular Service Rifle shoot and the new Peeking Wallaby shoot. FYI, if you're interested in attending these and are looking for the details, everything can be

found on the calendar on the club website. There are also details for our club hunts, which we've been getting a lot of comments on from other branches... they're all jealous that we do so much.

Finally, just a quick note to say that everything our club does wouldn't be possible without all the volunteers. None of us are paid, we all do it because we love hunting and shooting, so if you have time to spare or a set of specialist skills please get in touch.

Happy hunting.

Tim
NZDA BOP Branch Vice President

SEPTEMBER CLUB HUNT PUREORA FORREST PARK



Saturday 10TH - Sunday 11TH

To register your interest contact Stacy Whiteman
tauranga@hamillsnz.co.nz or 021 567 117





BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2022

SEPTEMBER	<p>CLUB NIGHT: WHIO RECOVERY PROGRAMME Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: 6th</p>	<p>HUNTS COURSE: WAIKAREMOANA HUNT Date: 10th - 11th Organiser: Bob Tatton, huntscourse@deerstalkersbop.org.nz</p>	<p>PUREORA Date: 10th - 11th Organiser: Stacy Whiteman, tauranga@hamillsnz.co.nz, 021 567 117</p>
OCTOBER	<p>CLUB NIGHT: SIKA HUNTING Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: 4th</p>	<p>WAIOEKA RIVER RAFTING Date: TBC but possibly Labour Weekend Organiser: Reuben or Tim</p>	<p>TAHR HUNT Date: 29th Oct - 5th Nov Organiser: Stan Lowe, lowe2147@gmail.com, 027 667 1140</p>
NOVEMBER	<p>CLUB NIGHT: UBCO BIKES Date: 1st Organiser: Baden Prentice</p>	<p>LAKE OKATAINA WALLABY HUNT Date: TBC but around the end of November Organiser: TBC</p>	
DECEMBER	<p>CLUB NIGHT: ANNEALING MADE PERFECT Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: 2nd</p>	<p>OAMARU HUT Date: TBC Organiser: TBC</p>	

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

WINTER IN THE KAIMANAWAS

WORDS / PICS: Reuben Hayward



WE WERE ALL VERY EXCITED AND RUBY WAS HIGH ON ANTICIPATION AS WE SET OFF FOR CHARLES' PLACE EARLY ON THURSDAY MORNING. THIS TRIP WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GONE AHEAD 12 MONTHS EARLIER BUT, NO THANKS TO OUR GLORIOUS LEADER, NZ HAD GONE INTO LOCK DOWN THE DAY BEFORE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO FLY IN 2021. RUBY HAD BEEN PROMISED THE OPPORTUNITY IN 2020 SO THE 2-YEAR WAIT HAD BEEN GRUELING. FINALLY, WE WERE GOING.

The lads had been doing this trip annually since Lewis' 30th birthday trip in 2018 and this would be our fourth one in five years. The plan was always to get somewhere remote with a warm hut in the middle of winter and try to bag as many animals as possible



while having a good time with the lads. Previous trips had resulted in about twenty deer all up, so we had big expectations for big hills, big carries, big yarns and a big haul.

Unfortunately, there was a last-minute cancellation



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by a longtime friend from my Air Force days who had just become a victim of the sniffly nose house arrest. He was gutted, having also missed the trip in 2020 due to being locked in Auckland, again no thanks to our glorious leader.

Three years in a row ruined by tyrants. There

was certainly plenty of resentment festering among the lads. All loaded up and off to Taupo to meet the others for a quick coffee before arriving at the hangar.

For six of the group, it would be their first helicopter flight, the two men, two kids and two dogs were buzzing as we weighed our gear and got sorted into three loads. 10 blokes, 3 kids and 3 dogs was quite the hunting party and between us we had all the gear you could hope for.

By 11 am we were lacing our boots at the hut and grabbing our rifles to head out for an afternoon hunt. The ice on everything and the snow falling on our arrival had us thinking about firewood for the



evening as there was none at the hut, not an ideal start but not much could dampen our spirits.

Off we set to have our first look around and try to bag some camp meat. Heading up high and getting in position on a slip for a good glass we managed to spot a few animals about 700 metres up a valley.

We worked our way down using scrub for cover and headed across the valley floor until we were under 300 metres from our quarry.

A shot was fired on change of light and we set off for a search amongst the long grass and shrubs in the dark. It didn't take too long for Bess to find the young stag. We were all pleased,

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including the dogs, but the kids were really stoked with such a good start to the trip. Everyone got involved in the field dressing before we set off for a 3km hike back to the hut.

As the days went by it was apparent that the deer weren't out and about in the numbers seen during



“THERE WAS PLENTY OF MILES WALKED AND CLIMBED, ENOUGH MEAT TO FILL A FREEZER AND TIRED BUT HAPPY HUNTERS SNORING EVERY NIGHT.”

previous trips, but this didn't stop some from eating lead for breakfast and dinner. There was plenty of miles walked and climbed, enough meat to fill a freezer and tired but happy hunters snoring every night.

Ruby and I spent the late afternoons sitting in the scrub with Bess snuggled up at our feet while we glassed the hills looking for white bums amongst the bushes.

Unfortunately, we weren't finding any animals and on the second to last morning Ruby was itching to get a shot away after glassing on sunrise for a couple of hours. The only

thing moving about other than her, Bess and I was a gaggle of geese by the river. She drilled one and I got my boots wet retrieving it. We breasted the goose and headed back to the hut for warmth by the fire, some lunch, and dry boots.

That afternoon there was plenty of boning out being done to the frosty deer hanging on the porch and we enjoyed finishing off the treats that we'd brought in.

The plan was for a last-ditch effort at the end of the day before sinking a few tins and having a sleep in.

The next morning was a bustle of butchering, packing

and cleaning before our lift arrived dead on time. Back at the hanger we were relieved to be heading home after a tough but rewarding few days.

The pilot told us the temperature had been down below -11 degrees Celsius which made us smile, we had been very cold but didn't realise the temperature had been quite that low.

All in all, another great trip with the lads and great to share the experience with Ruby. Plenty of hard yards, sharing laughs, and good food are what it's all about.

We're all looking forward to next year and crossing our fingers there won't be any tyrannical interference to our plans.

CLUB NIGHT: WHIO RECOVERY PROGRAMME

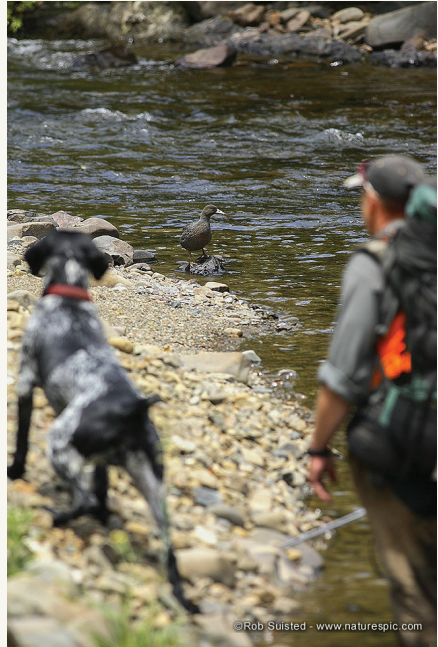
6TH SEP ~ NZDA BAY OF PLENTY

DUCKS, DEER AND DOGS HAVE BEEN ANDREW GLASER A LIFELONG CAREER IN HIS ROLE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION OVER THE PAST 36 YEARS. HUNTING FROM AGE 9 AND RAISED IN THE WILDS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN MONTANA AND THEN MOVING TO NEW ZEALAND COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A BETTER MOVE HIM.

Taken under the wing of his step father who was a commercial skin trapper had given him a real love of the bush and desire to work in this environment.

So when he aligned hunting, trapping, counting ducks, working a Conservation Dog while sitting on a horse he had really found his dream job. Through these years of animal behaviour observations, deer management, whio studies, trapping, dog training and bush work, this has all created an awareness of the natural environment we all enjoy.

Come along to the advertised event to hear Andrew share his knowledge and insight to how this can give you the edge and greater advantage to your hunting success.



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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 or on 07 868 4515.

PEEKING WALLABY MATCH DATES

2022

Sunday 6th November

2023

Sunday 12th February

Sunday 7th May

Sunday 6th August

Sunday 5th 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.



BENCHREST SHOOT 100M/200M

Sunday 11th September

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

This will be a group shooting match. Two targets at 100m and two targets at 200m. Aggregate group size will win the day. You will need a minimum of 20 rounds, 35 recommended.



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



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STALKING PULLOVER

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 or speak to a committee member at a Club Night.

TAPU FAMILY WEEKEND

28TH-30TH
JANUARY 2023



OVERVIEW



ABOUT

The Tapu Family weekend is an annual club event held over Auckland Anniversary Weekend on the Lowe Family riverside retreat in Tapu. It's a chance for families to come together and enjoy a classic Kiwi holiday - camping, motor homes and even some cabins are available. Be prepared to eat, drink, laugh, hike, bike, swim and fish.

We welcome all club members, partners, and children. and are looking forward to seeing you there.

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KAIMAI MAMAKU KÖRERO

KAIMAI - MAMAKU KÖRERO

**AN ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM FOR
'ALL THINGS KAIMAI MAMAKU'**

**GOING LIVE SEPTEMBER 2ND
JOIN THE KÖRERO!**

NOW THAT RESTORATION PROJECTS ARE WELL UNDER WAY, MKMT'S NEXT PHASE IS FOCUSED ON PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON ALL THE CONSERVATION ACTIVITY IN THE KAIMAI MAMAKU!

'Kaimai Mamaku Korero' is MKMT's new engagement platform which is going live on Friday, September 2nd.

We know a lot of conservation action is happening on our ranges but are we all aware of each other? Our goal is to start identifying each piece of the puzzle and connect us all to create a full picture

of restoration action across the Kaimai Mamaku. And we need your help! Do you have a conservation project in or near the Kaimai Mamaku? Do you have artwork, family stories, or photos that tell the story of the forests and waterways? Do you have data or records of species? Reach out to us and together we can paint the full picture!

RANGE NEWS:

UPDATED RANGE STANDING ORDERS (RSO'S)

The Range Committee has recently finished revising and updating the Range Standing Orders for our TECT Park 300m Range to align with the new Firearms Legislation.

Initially we are bringing all National Range Officers (NRO's) up to speed on the updated RSO's then ALL range ticket holders will need to attend a refresher course.

If you are an NRO and have not yet attended an NRO Refresher Course the last scheduled course is Wednesday 14 September, 7.00pm at the club rooms. If you can not make this MUST email range@deerstalkers.bop.org.nz and let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made for you.

If you are a Range Ticket holder you will shortly receive an email outlining various Range Ticket Holder Refresher Courses that will be offered. Attendance at 1 of these courses is compulsory and your range tag will be deactivated if you do not attend. Initially the courses will be held on a week night at our Tauriko club rooms however other dates and venues (most likely the range amenity building) will be offered.

The revised Range Standing Orders are on our website, please review them now so you are familiar with them for your next visit to the range and in advance of attending your Range Ticket refresher course - under the Rifle Range Information page.

www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/rifle-range-information

RANGE WORKING BEES

Thank you to all members that helped out at the working bee in August. We were able to completely rebuild the 50m target line and put palings up at all distances.

We will be keeping a stock of replacement palings at the range, if you have access to the container it would be great if you can replace the odd shot-out paling from time to time (you will need to bring a drill but everything else is up there ready - paling, drill bit, screws).

We will be holding more working bees later this year and we will look at re-instating the "after work" working bee mid-week when the days get longer, we know that some members can't make it to weekend working bees but want to pitch in and assist.

Royce Downes
300m Range Manager

WORKING BEE AT CLUBROOMS

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER WE ARE HAVING A WORKING BEE TO ATTEND TO SOME MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING.

We will be planting trees, spreading mulch, pruning existing foliage and giving the premises a general birthday. Many hands make light work so please make the effort to attend. We will have a BBQ and a cold beverage when the work is complete.

If you have any of the following equipment it would be useful: spade, shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, trailer, post hole borer, hedge trimmer, weed eater, spray pack, water blaster, window brush, interior cleaning cloths, old newspaper.

830am Sunday 18th at the clubrooms, 617 State Highway 29A, Tauriko.

Please let us know if you intend to assist so we can make sure there's plenty of meat for the BBQ.

Email reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz for more details or to confirm your attendance.

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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.

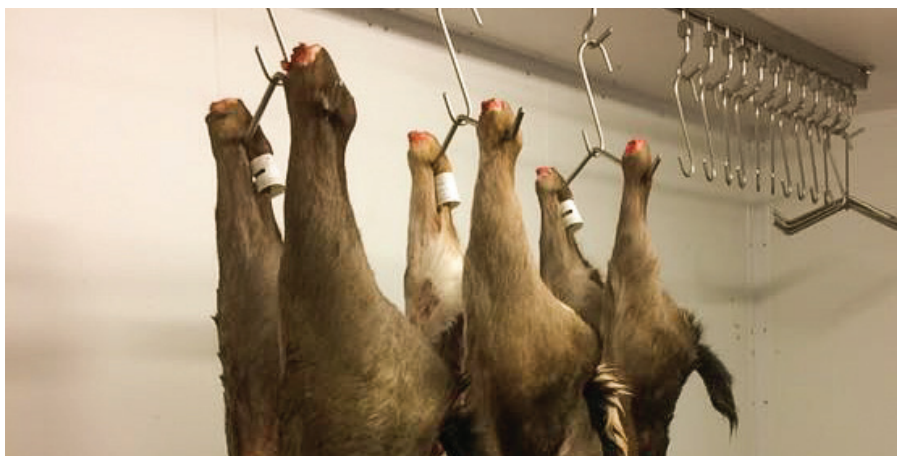
This is part of a National Science Challenge project aiming to support people to protect kauri from dieback disease.

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

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.

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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/ 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



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.
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:

Dean Maisey, Welcome Bay
07 544 2207

Keith Theobald, Greerton
07 578 1195

Baden Prentice, Bethlehem
07 579 3107 (pick up can also be made from Newton St, Mt Maunganui by prior arrangement)



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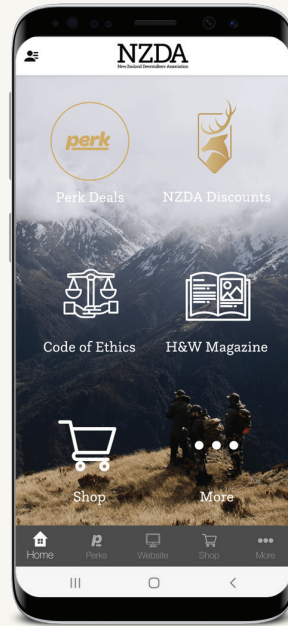
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Aldo Leopold, *The Sand County Almanac*

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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.
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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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