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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.



COVER PHOTO: Nathan Fee with his first deer. Want to feature on the cover?! If you have a photo suitable for the cover, please send it through to editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

PRESIDENTS REPORT: OCTOBER 2022

SPRING HUNTING IS CALLING YOU. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OUT IN THE BUSH YET THIS SPRING, GET OUT THERE AND FILL YOUR FREEZER FOR THE COMING BBQ SEASON. SPIKERS AND YEARLINGS ARE EASY PREY AND THERE'S PLENTY OF FRESH GROWTH ABOUT ON SLIPS AND CLEARINGS. MAKE THE MOST OF IT BEFORE EVERYTHING STARTS BROWNING OFF AT CHRISTMAS.

September has been another busy month for submissions and meetings. Firearms regulations, land access and aerial 1080 operations have required the attention of us all. Aside from drafting submissions, I have been advocating for NZDA hunter involvement in pest control to support conservation outcomes.

I was invited to the Dama Wallaby Regional Coordination Group meeting hosted by BOP Regional Council in Rotorua where several government agencies and groups were represented.

Hopefully at the next quarterly meeting we will be able to engage with the group about the NZDA Hunter Assist program with a presentation on how NZDA can support the group's objective to control the wallaby population in our region. This is a work in progress that may produce some great opportunities, watch this space.

A big thanks to the few who turned out to the planting day at the clubrooms. A lot of

good work was done, but it's not over yet. We need a handful of volunteers to continue what's been started by tending to the plants, dealing to the pests that are eating them, and spraying and pulling weeds until the plants have taken and are mature enough to survive without intervention.

If you're willing and able to help, then contact myself or Chris Munro. Thanks must go to Russell Nelson for donating a few hundred native plants, to Bob Mankelow for his expertise in planning the planting and to Chris Munro for coordinating everything in preparation for the planting day.

Volunteers are what makes an organisation like ours. Just as with other community groups and all clubs and charities, we need continued support to survive. If you don't already volunteer in your community, or if you have capacity to commit more time, please consider how you can contribute to the NZDA and the future of hunting and sports shooting in NZ.

There's lots of ways members can contribute and some support roles are flexible or require relatively little time commitment. See further in this newsletter for some opportunities to help where we are specifically seeking support from the members.

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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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If you haven't been keeping informed over recent times about the changes to firearms legislation and regulations, then it would be a good time to get yourself up to speed.

The assault on our way of life as hunters and shooters has continued for more than three and a half years, and the future of firearms ownership is looking dimmer at every political and bureaucratic announcement.

The way we operate our club range: the way our firearms are stored and transported: the way your information is managed and shared: your loss of privacy: the confiscation of personal property: and your loss of access to certain firearms, shooting facilities and hunting lands are some of the ways the bureaucratic overreach is impacting our way of life. Be proactive, write submissions, meet with your local politicians,

and support peaceful protests. If we sit by thinking *"it'll be alright, it hasn't been a big deal for me"*, then one day you'll regret not having done your part to protect hunting and shooting for yourself and future generations. There's no time left for complacency.

We've been having lots of feedback on what members would like to happen on a club night, so we're taking it on board and will be having a *"what's in your pack"* night where a selection of experienced hunters will bring their pack and go through what they take with them and why.

If you have feedback on what you've enjoyed or what you would like for a future club night, please let the committee know. We're always looking for more ideas and plenty of variety.

See you at club night, if not, enjoy the spring hunting.

Reuben

OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT – WHAT'S IN YOUR PACK?

THIS CLUB NIGHT IS ABOUT WHAT GEAR TO TAKE WHEN YOU GO BUSH, VISIT THE HIGH COUNTRY, AND GET ABOVE THE BUSH LINE.

Several members will bring the gear they take for a particular type of hunt or environment. I.e. day trip, overnight, long-weekend, extended hunt or expedition.

This is a great opportunity to see what gadgets others have, how little and light you can go, and what can be utilised for multiple uses.

The evening will be very social and interactive, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions and provide input.



BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2022

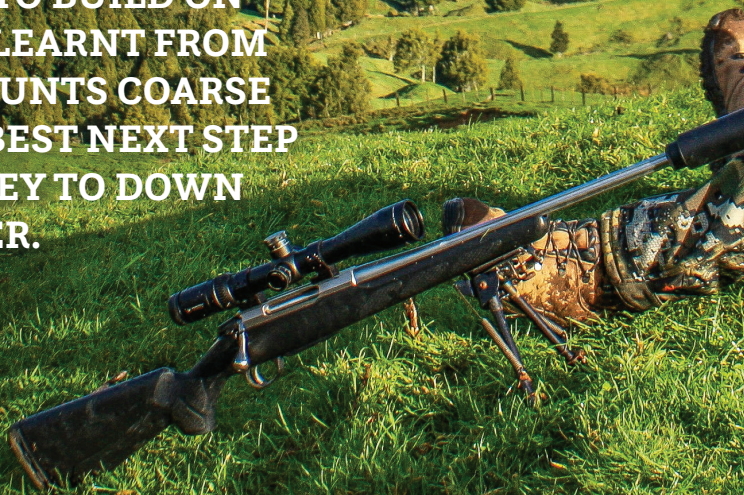
OCTOBER	<p>CLUB NIGHT: WHAT'S IN YOUR PACK Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: 4th</p>	<p>PAKIHI HUT Date: 21st - 24th Organiser: Tim Taylor, tim@nzdabop.org.nz, 027 668 9904</p>	<p>TAHR HUNT Date: 29th Oct - 5th Nov Organiser: Stan Lowe, lowe2147@gmail.com, 027 667 1140</p>
NOVEMBER	<p>CLUB NIGHT: UBCO BIKES 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.

MY FIRST DEER

WORDS | PICS: Nathan Fee & Tim Taylor

AFTER COMPLETING MY HUNTS COARSE LAST YEAR, I TOOK UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE CLUBS HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM. BEING EXTREMELY NEW TO HUNTING I FELT THIS WOULD BE MY BEST OPTION TO GET THAT ONE ON ONE HUNTING EXPERIENCE TO BUILD ON WHAT I HAD LEARNT FROM DOING THE HUNTS COARSE AND BE THE BEST NEXT STEP IN MY JOURNEY TO DOWN MY FIRST DEER.





AFTER A FEW UNSUCCESSFUL HUNTS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS I GOT AN OPPORTUNITY OFFERED TO ME BY TIM TO GO HUNT SOME PRIVATE LAND. THE PLAN WAS TO HEAD OUT FRIDAY AND HUNT ALL DAY SUNDAY. BUT AFTER WATCHING THE WEATHER ALL WEEK IT JUST WASN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. SO WE LOCKED IN SUNDAY AND HOPED FOR THE BEST.

We got up around 5am to head out to Tim's spot. I was buzzing! I don't think I've ever woken up before my alarm when its been set to that early in the morning.

On the drive out I was just trying to run through all the different scenarios that could happen, to try be as best prepared for any situation that could occur, hoping this would increase my success rate.

After a couple of hours in the car we arrived at the spot. We unpacked all the



gear from Tims ute and loaded up the Polaris. There wasn't rain! But it was cold! We drove up into the hills and I was really impressed with how the Polaris handled the muddy slopes.

We climbed up through a couple of paddocks and popped out on top of a hill. Even though it was very overcast you could see for miles! We stopped here briefly and Tim scanned the open fields where there was patches of bush scattered about.

We didn't see anything so carried on up the hills to a spot Tim had been to previously. This is where we

left the Polaris and went off on foot.

We followed a bit of pine out to the top of a ridge and set up to glass the surrounding hills. Tim gave me a brief run down of the area and what to look for. The terrain was very open with small patch's of bush scattered about. He took one patch of bush and I took the other.

We scanned the edges of the tree lines, when Tim said "I've got one!" My heart rate started picking up! This is it! We've found one! I hadn't actually even seen a deer out in the wild before! Tim handed me the bino's

and guided me in on where he had spotted them.

There was a hind lying down on the bottom edge of a small patch of bush getting the warmth from the brief spells of sun. Then another one made its way down out from under a tree, but this one had antlers! It was a spiker stag!

We sat there and just watched them for a bit. We took time practicing located the deer using the binos. The spiker kept popping in and out of the tree line to feed and the hind just lay there looking around.

We scanned the surrounding area and made our plan of attack. We would drop down into the valley below us and follow that around in the direction of where the deer where and just see how close we would get to where they were. The hunt was on!

We dropped down into the gully. Because we had lost sight of where we had seen the deer, I started to get a bit nervous. What if they aren't there and have moved on once we got closer! Tim re assured me that they were not spooked and

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looked very relaxed so they wouldn't be moving any time soon.

We started to make our way up out of the gully to our first vantage point. We could see where we had spotted them and to my relief, there she was still sitting in the same spot!

The excitement grew again! The stag was there too but he was starting to make his way across a small clearing to another patch of bush to the left. We had a look around us and there wasn't much cover at all. And down to our right was a heard of

cattle. One thing I hadn't thought of with private and hunting was the fact that the stock on the farm would be good indicators to deer of when people are around.

Up to our left, Tim went and scouted out the area but came back with bad news. It was too open up that way and we had high chances of getting spotted.

Our best option was to head towards where the cattle were and just take it slow, not too spook them. Again, the thoughts of *'what if they move on before we can*

get into a decent shooting position!' Or what if they spot us now we are closer!

We headed back the way we came and down to another gully where we could get cover and hopefully into shooting range. We made our way down the gully down in and popped up at the first ridge. We scoped out where the hind had been laying in the sun and she was gone and the stag was disappearing into the bush on the left! Tim reassured me that if we just sit and wait she will come back out.



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We sat and scanned the bush edge where the stag had gone, hoping he would come back out or the hind would re-appear. Tim spotted another hind above the bush patch on the left.

On closer inspection she looked different to the first one we had seen in the patch on the right. She was feeding and making her way back down into the bush, but slightly towards the small clearing. Tim asked me if I could take a shot if she appeared in the clearing. I asked how far he thought it would be. *“About 250m”*. I had only shot out to 200m at the club range a couple of times.

I felt most confident shooting at 150m, maybe 200m. I

had 2 options in my head. Say I could take the shot, try the shot, miss and potentially ruin the hunt or be honest with myself and Tim and try get closer for an easier shot. I said I couldn't take the shot and we made the plan to get to the next ridge about 100m further down the gully.

The gully was quite shallow at this point and we were close to the cattle. We waited for the hind to make her way down into the bush again and we set off down to our next shooting spot.

We kept low and slow to not spook the cows. I hadn't felt a burn like that in my thighs before ever! We popped up at the next vantage point and got set up. It was go time!

Tim was on bino duty and I got my rifle ready to take the shot if any of the 3 deer popped out. I got comfortable, making a rest out of my pack. The wait began.

This was probably the longest part of the hunt for me. Just laying, waiting and hoping we had made the correct decision. Then Tim says *“there it is!”*

The hind had done exactly as we had anticipated and fed her way down to the small clearing where we had first spotted the original hind. This was the moment I had been waiting for! My heart raced! I took a few deep breathes to try calm my nerves. I had her in my

sights. I got as comfortable as possible and took one last breathe.

I had the crosshairs aimed at her front shoulder and squeezed the trigger. I lost sight of her briefly as Tim said *"HIT!"*. She didn't drop, so I put another round up the rifle and re-located her.



She paused briefly then trotted out of sight into the trees. We tried to figure out if I had actually hit her, when the stag we had seen came running out from the left, straight into my line of sight. *"Tim! The stag is right there! Should I shoot him?!"*



He stood there in the open trying to figure out what was going on. I tried to calm myself again but he started to follow where the hind had gone up into the bush. He was just about to disappear behind a tree. I didn't have time to think and just took the shot.

Tim didn't have time to get a good view of him before I had taken the shot. *"I think you hit him too!"* In all the excitement, 2 hinds appeared out the top of the bush and were looking in our direction.

We tried to figure out if one of them was one I had potentially shot or not. We watched them as they ran off up the hill away from us. It took us a while to figure it out but we think the 2 hinds where one I had potentially shot and the other must have been the first one we saw right back at the start.

We watched for about 5-10 minutes and the stag hadn't followed them. This surely meant animal down! I got a flood of adrenaline and it

slowly started to sink in that I had potentially downed my first deer! And a red stag at that! High fives and hugs went all round as we both revelled in what had just unfolded. We got our packs and headed over to where he was last seen.

"Put another round in just incase he isn't dead. They can get adrenaline and can run for miles if they aren't vitally hit" How these words couldn't be more true! Best advice Tim gave me.



We got to the bit of clearing where they had been shot and started the search for potentially two deer down.

It didn't take long and there, under a tree, laid down was the stag! The excitement really kicked in now! But we got within about 15m of him and all of a sudden his head popped up and he looked straight at us!

My heart sank immediately! He turned his head back, got up and started running up the hill to where the hinds had escaped, with Tim in hot pursuit. *"Come on Nathan! Quick!"* I was in a bit of shock. What a rollercoaster of emotions!

I felt like I had gone to the highest high and straight to the lowest low within minutes! I had to know if I had hit him or not.

Surely he wouldn't just go and lay down under a tree if he wasn't hit? But if he was hit, how did he get up and run like that?

Because Tim was after him, I rushed over to the tree he was laying under. Surely if I hit him there would be blood somewhere here. I couldn't see any, but then, where his head had been there was blood! The adrenaline spiked again. He must be hit! I ran up the hill after Tim. *"He's jumped a fence!"*

Tim yelled down to me. He was aiming in the direction the stag was running but lowered his rifle and started running again. I eventually caught up and saw the stag standing in a paddock looking back at us. I raised my rifle and took another shot at him.

A few moments later, down he went! I had done it! Now the real celebrating could begin! After finding a way over the electric fence, I got to get up close with my first deer I had shot and what a feeling! I couldn't stop smiling. He was massive!

My first deer was a red spiker stag! We got a few photos

and then the real work began! I had heard many hunters say this to me over my time at the club and it couldn't be any more true!

Tim guided me through the gutting process and now was the time to plan how to get him out and back to the Polaris. He had jumped a fence before he gave in so we had to get him back over.

With no gate close in sight we both took an antler each and dragged him back up the hill to the corner of the paddock. The plan was both of us lift him and just chuck him over, easy! We tried to lift him and there was no way that was happening.

We got half of him over the fence, then zap! We started getting shocked by the fence through the deer! We flipped him over and dragged him back to where I had shot him.

We had another look around for the hind I had first shot at but there was no sign of a hit or another downed deer.

The conclusion we came up with was I must have pulled my shot and shot over the top of her and that she was



one of the two that had ran off. The reality of what had just happened really sank in as the adrenaline started to wear off.

I was nowhere near prepared for the process after shooting a deer. I had a rough idea, but over the last year I had been focused on honing my skills on finding and shooting a deer and less of what to do after you actually get one down.

Having Tim there to guide me and refresh my memory on what I had learnt from the hunts coarse was invaluable! It made the

experience of getting that first deer on the deck that bit more special having someone there to share the moment with!

I want to really thank Tim for his time, to take me along with him and pass on his experience and knowledge! And thank you to the club for making my first deer a special moment both by the hunter buddy programme and by the 'first deer' pin I received at the last club night!

These will be experiences I will never forget.

LABOUR WEEKEND HUNT

21ST - 24TH
OCTOBER 2022



OVERVIEW



LOCATION: PAKIHI HUT, OPOTIKI AREA

The Pakihi has been a firm favourite with our club for many years. It's an easy 2 hour walk on a flat track, with deer and goats often shot along the way. The hunting is a mix of riverbeds and steep bush but there are a lot of animals so if you're prepared to work for them, your effort is often rewarded. To register your interest please contact Tim.

Please note this is a slight change from the advertised Waioeka River trip

CONTACT: TIM TAYLOR

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES

BECOME OUR HUNTS COURSE ADMINISTRATOR

We are actively seeking a committed technology savvy member to support our HUNTS Instructors with the administration of the HUNTS Course for 2023.

Duties would initially be focused around supporting the HUNTS Course with the computer, email and admin work associated with running the course. Ideally someone taking this on would be looking to become a HUNTS Instructor in the future. To find out more about becoming our HUNTS Course Administrator, contact the committee by email at:

secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz
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BECOME A HUNTS COURSE ASSISTANT

Assisting with the HUNTS Course requires a willing attitude and a commitment to help with all sorts over the period of the course.

Duties may include preparing the clubrooms, doing the shopping, collecting sponsored goods, cooking, doing the dishes, cleaning up after a training session or anything else that may be required. To become a HUNTS Course Assistant, contact the committee by email at: secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz
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BECOME A HUNTS INSTRUCTOR

Our HUNTS Instructors train and guide new hunters as they start their journey of learning to hunt. This is an opportunity to support the future of hunting in NZ through sharing your knowledge, skills and experience with aspiring hunters.

To start the journey of becoming a HUNTS Instructor contact the committee to express your interest, they will need to support your application to the NZDA National Office to become a Provisional Instructor.

Once you've gained Provisional Instructor status, and have started assisting with instructing on the course, you will undergo several assessments by a Nationally Qualified HUNTS Assessor.

When the assessor is satisfied with your level of competency as a HUNTS Instructor you will receive certification from the National Office granting you status as a Warranted HUNTS Instructor. To find out more about becoming a HUNTS Instructor, contact the committee by email at:

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HUNTS COURSE GUIDES

Every year the HUNTS Course concludes with a guided one on one hunt, where each student is paired up with an experienced hunter for a guided hunt on publicly accessible land. The HUNTS Instructors rely on strong support from the members to have enough volunteer guides to pair with all the students.

If you enjoy sharing your knowledge, would like to help guide a novice hunter, and would like to be considered for the privilege of a catered weekend away hunting with the course students, then contact the HUNTS Instructors when the next course is advertised.

HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM

We need experienced hunters to help mentor novice hunters. For details, see the section of this newsletter on the Hunter Buddy Program.

BECOME A RANGE OFFICER

Our Range Officers (NROs) are NZDA Nationally Qualified Range Officers. We require Range Officers to support our club range shooting activities and Range Open Days (public days).

To become a NRO you must pass the required theory and practical assessments. You will also require the support of the Branch Committee, usually granted on endorsement by the Range Manager. To find out when the next Range Officers' course is, contact our Range Manager Royce Downes at: range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

BECOME A RANGE ASSISTANT

If being a Range Officer isn't your thing, but you would still like to help with range events and Range Open Days, we need members to assist with the administration side of running range activities.

Duties could include administering the registration process for open days and other events, assisting with the administration of match scoring for scored shooting events, helping with setup and pack up before and after a range event, and helping with the kitchen and BBQ if required.

ANTLER, HORN & TUSK COMPETITION HELPERS

We need to establish an AHT Sub-Committee to plan and prepare for our Annual Antler, Horn & Tusk and Photographic Competitions.

This sub-committee is ideally suited to those who are qualified Douglas Score Measurers, those aspiring to become qualified or those with a strong interest in wildlife photography.

The AHT Sub-Committee will be responsible for all aspects of the AHT and Photographic Competitions. To express your interest in being an AHT Sub-Committee Helper, contact the committee by email at: secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

BECOME A DOUGLAS SCORE MEASURER

The AHT Competition requires Qualified Douglas Score Measurers to measuring all the heads and jaws that are entered in our annual competition. Normally this is all done on Measuring Night which is usually the third or fourth Tuesday in May.

If you have an interest in learning to use the Douglas Score to measure and score Antlers, Horns & Tusks, then contact the committee to express your interest and find out when the next training day is by emailing: secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

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BILLBOARD HELPERS

The three billboards at the front of our clubrooms provide our club with a good source of income in addition to member subscriptions. This relatively passive income supports as much as one third of our operating expenses, helping to provide facilities for our members while keeping subscriptions low.

From time to time these Billboards require changing, often in a short time window, usually around the end/start of the month. It only takes two blokes 30 minutes to change a billboard skin over so it's not a big time commitment.

We need a handful of helpers that can be called upon at short notice when a skin requires changing. If you live local to our clubrooms, are handy on a ladder with a staple gun and have a flexible schedule then please contact Evan Dines at: skinchange@nzdbop.org.nz.

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WORKING BEES

It is commonly said amongst our members and volunteers in other clubs, *"it's always the same old people"* that put their hands up to help. Be one of those people, put your hand up to help.

When there's a working bee, turn up and give some of your precious time away. Remember, everyone has the same amount of time in a day (24 hours). Others regularly give a portion of their precious time to support the organisations that you benefit from, give some of your own time back and contribute to the collective good of your club and community.

Keep an eye on the newsletters and emails for the next opportunity to lend your assistance at a working bee.

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ASSIST WITH GROUNDS KEEPING

We require ongoing assistance with property maintenance at the clubrooms. Presently we have a Clubrooms Custodian, and with the support of some committee members the clubrooms maintenance and grounds keeping has been managed ad hoc to date.

Ideally, we would have a handful of volunteers who together proactively manage the property maintenance at the clubrooms. If you enjoy keeping a well-manicured lawn or garden, are handy with a few hand or power tools and would like to support our Clubrooms Custodian to keep our premises looking sharp then contact the committee by email at: secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

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Spion Kop Bush Gulley

Kaweka Ranges,
North Island





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



 STONEY CREEK
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 Sarah Cotching at sarah@nzdbop.org.nz or speak to a committee member at a Club Night.

Upper Harkness Valley

Kaweka Ranges,
North Island



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.

CONTACT: STAN LOWE

📞 07 868 4515 ✉️ lowe2147@gmail.com

RANGE NEWS:

RANGE TICKET HOLDERS REFRESHER COURSES

All Range Ticker holders should have received an email advising the dates for the upcoming Range Ticket Holders refresher courses (on the updated Range Standing Orders RSO's).

Remember that you MUST attend one of these sessions to retain your range ticket. If the dates for these courses do not work for you then you must email range@deerstalkers.org.nz and let us know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

All of these courses will be held at our NZDA BOP Tauriko club rooms (on State Highway 29) and will start at 7.00pm:

- Wednesday 21st September
- Wednesday 5th & 19th October
- Wednesday 2nd & 16th November
- Wednesday 7th December
- Wednesday 18th January
- Wednesday 1st & 15th February
- Wednesday 1st & 15th March
- Wednesday 5th & 19th April
- Wednesday 3rd & 17th May

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. You will find these under the Rifle Range information page.

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RANGE WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER - THIS IS THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT WORKING BEE AT OUR 300M RANGE. WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE DRUMS AT THE 100M TARGET LINE.

We will also replace shot out palings across all distances and collect pieces of rubber from around the range. We will start at 9.00am with a tool box meeting and be finishing by 1.00pm (hopefully earlier if we get enough members helping out).

Royce Downes
300m Range Manager

THANKS!

A big thanks to Bob Tatton and his team for delivering another successful HUNTS Course, and well done to all the students who have completed the course.

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A big thanks to Pub Charity and the support from H2O Sports Bar 1197 and Renners Bar for the \$7,297.70 grant we received to enable some tar-sealing work on our clubrooms' driveway.

CLUBROOMS DRIVEWAY WORKS

WEATHER PERMITTING, THE TAR-SEALING WORK ON THE CLUBROOMS' DRIVEWAY IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF THE 25TH - 28TH OF OCTOBER SO THE DRIVEWAY, CLUBROOMS AND CHILLER WILL BE INACCESSIBLE AT TIMES DURING THIS PERIOD.

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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

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FEES:

- Members \$15 per night.
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4. Pay a \$40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
5. Pay a \$10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 21 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640).

There is no cost for the renewal of the unit if it is used in an emergency but if possible we will need it returned. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.

BRANCH PLB CUSTODIANS:

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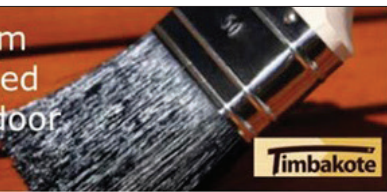
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We are encouraging anyone who wants to bring a head or jaw in for measuring on club night to do so. If you bring a head to measure you'll get a free beverage.

DEERSTALKERS LIBRARY

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

RANGE NEWS

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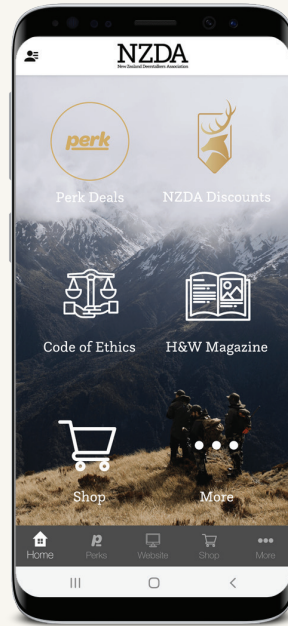
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If you are not a financial member you cannot enter the AHT and Photographic competitions, your range access and chiller access will be revoked, and you won't be covered by the NZDA's liability insurance.

If you have any queries, contact Chris at membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

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Aldo Leopold, *The Sand County Almanac*

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A MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

1. Approach recreational hunting from the highest possible level of ethics, having due regard to the welfare of the animals hunted, and prevention of cruelty to the same.
2. Not hunt or carry a firearm on property without the proper approval of the owner, occupier of controlling authority and shall strictly observe any conditions imposed upon him.
3. Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws.
4. Avoid unnecessary or deliberate damage to the environment, respect property, and other users of the outdoors.
5. Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'.
6. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting.
7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.



HUNTING SAFETY GUIDELINES

Some suggestions from committee discussions.

1. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
2. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed.
3. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
4. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
5. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
6. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
7. Never fire above the skyline.
8. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards.
9. Never skylark with weapons.

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