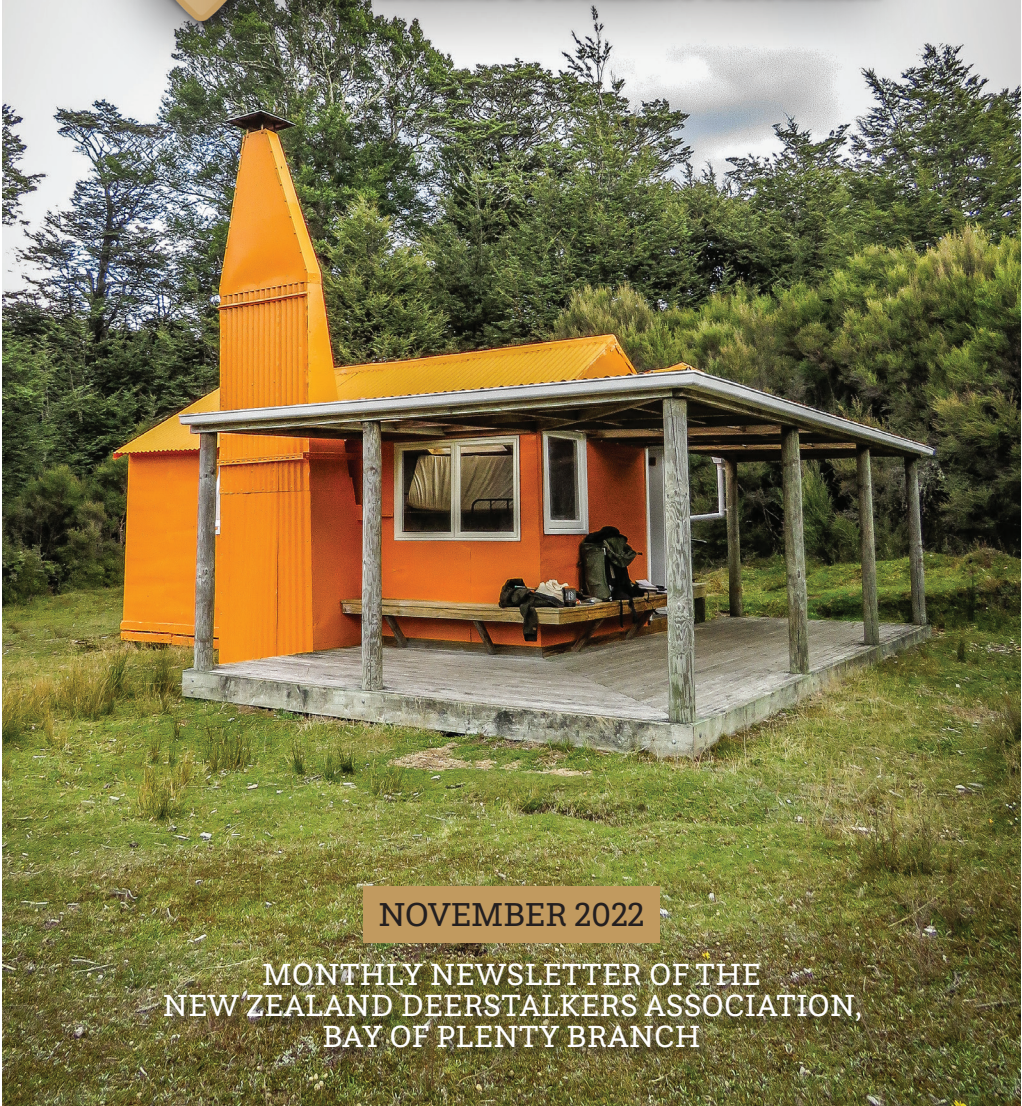




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NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



NOVEMBER 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.



COVER PHOTO: Middle Hill Hut, Kaweka Forest Park. 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: NOVEMBER 2022

ANOTHER MONTH HAS PAST, AND THE COLD HAS MOSTLY GONE. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE TAHR HUNTING FOR EIGHT DAYS IN THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER, WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT IS TO HAVE THESE AWESOME GAME ANIMALS IN OUR COUNTRY.

Many branch members have headed South now for our annual tahr hunt and I'm sure they'll be having a great time. If you get the opportunity in the future it is well worth the experience, the alps are beautiful and tahr are magnificent animals.

We are at record membership levels both nationally and for our branch. Hunting is becoming more popular, and with many challenges ahead for hunters and firearm users we need a strong organisation to represent the interests of hunters and shooters.

Our range facility has proven its value over the last decade with a majority of senior members having a range ticket for access seven days a week and continued attendance at the range open days by many members of the public. If you don't have a range ticket, look at getting one as it's a great place to practice your marksmanship.

Finally, after all the government-imposed restrictions and bureaucratic interference, the Sika Show is back and I'm sure its success will continue with strong support from the hunting community.

The NZDA is working hard to advocate publicly at events and around the regions to promote hunting as a way of life and shooting as a sport. We are all the face and voice of hunters and shooters, make sure to portray a positive image of hunters and represent the NZDA with pride.

The November and December club nights have some great gear on show for both hunters and shooters so don't miss the opportunity to come along for a catch up and check out some market leading equipment from NZ businesses. If you have any ideas or contacts for an interesting topic or presentation at a club night, let the committee know.

I'm looking forward to the Peeking Wallaby Match this month and the Christmas Shoot next month for some friendly competition and socialising. Sign up for the match and come along for a shoot and some fun.

See you at club night.

Reuben



**NZDA BOP
CHRISTMAS SHOOT**

SUNDAY 4TH

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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.



BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2022

NOVEMBER

CLUB NIGHT: UBCO BIKES

Date: 1st

Organiser: Baden Prentice

DECEMBER

CLUB NIGHT: ANNEALING
MADE PERFECT

Location: BOP Clubrooms

Date: 2nd

OAMARU HUT

Date: TBC

Organiser: TBC

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



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

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.



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.

Fallow spiker
Te Puke,
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

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DAVE'S TRAIL CAM PICS

AT LONG LAST I GOT BACK INTO MY CAMPSITE IN THE KAIMAIS FOR 3 DAYS. IT IS JUST ON 4 MONTHS SINCE I GOT CUT IN HALF AND RUN OVER BY A TRUCK, OR IT SEEMED LIKE IT AT THE TIME.

My surgeon, who is also a hunter, tells me it will take 1 to 2 years to come right, so I am working on it. The last time I was in camp was nearly 6 months ago and that is the longest time I have been out of the Kaimais for about 35 years.

The camp was in good order as there are not a lot of possums around as I have been trapping there for many years. I had 3 fine days and cleared all my cameras and replaced the batteries etc.

As it has been a very wet winter and spring I got lots of pictures of very wet cats, pigs, deer etc, and even 4 shots of 2 wet pig hunters and the dogs. I know these hunters as they are the only ones that hunt with dogs that far back. It was just so good to be back in the hills again, and although out of



air a lot of the time, it was a big boast to my recovery.

When I set the cams up in remote areas I sometimes

get a real surprise, and this time was no exception. The pigs that bedded down in front of the cam and the peacock for sure. 10 second



videos of 4 kittens playing with a dead rat, a possum playing rolypoly in the fern and a stoat strutting his stuff.

There are very few stoats up there but a lot of ferrets.



1. The young deer with the deformed ears is living in the same area as I have got several shots of it over the last year on the same camera.

2. Young stag and hind. This is our future if they can only get fully mature as they are in good condition for late winter.



3. The mature stag is as good as I have seen in that area over the last 25 years, so it is good to know that he is around. Note, that shot was taken in May. The batteries on that cam were going flat and the date data reverted back to the old setting.



4. The peacock in the shot must of walked a long way as this cam is set about 3 hours in from the road end, and there is only thick bush up there.

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5. The big boar is the same one that I had a dramatic encounter with last year. The boar was flipped onto his back, I ended up on the ground, a shot was fired in anger and we both lost a bit of dignity as we ran in separate directions. I think that we are both still sulking a bit about the whole affair. He just stays in this area and I have had him on camera for about 4/5 years and he is in very good condition.
6. The 2 pigs slept for 2 hours in front of my camera, just enjoying the winter sun. I have had a young deer, twice lie in front of a camera and go to sleep, but this is the first pigs and they are all grown up. Mind you that is the only clear area around there so that is why I put the camera there.



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

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 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.

RANGE WORKING BEE

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEW WORKING BEE DATES AND INFO - COMING SOON!

Royce Downes
300m Range Manager

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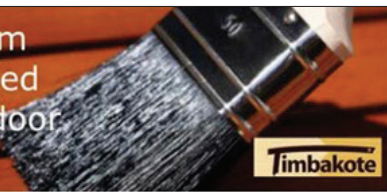
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We are encouraging anyone who wants to bring a head or jaw in for measuring on club night to do so. If you bring a head to measure you'll get a free beverage.

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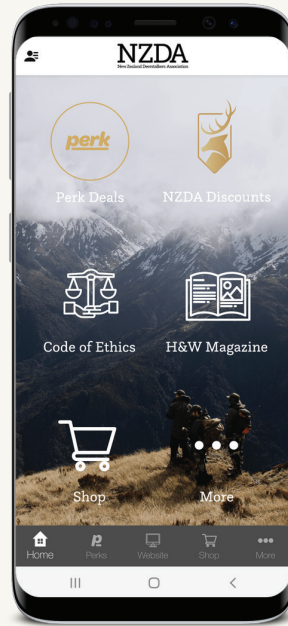
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If you are not a financial member you cannot enter the AHT and Photographic competitions, your range access and chiller access will be revoked, and you won't be covered by the NZDA's liability insurance.

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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