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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: Winter hunting in the Kawekas. Photo: Nik Maxwell.  
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# PRESIDENTS REPORT: MAY 2023

THE HUNTING SEASON HAS PEAKED ALREADY FOR MANY OF US, FOR THOSE CHASING MORE EXOTIC SPECIES THERE'S STILL MORE AHEAD. NOW'S THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE COMING RUSA AND SAMBAR RUT OR MAKE LAST MINUTE TAHR RUT PLANS.

If you plan your hunting calendar well, there aren't many months in the year where it's not an opportune time for hunting one species or another. Do your research and ask a friend, there's always another great opportunity just waiting for you to book some hunting time in your calendar.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is fast approaching, if you don't know what that means then maybe you've been living under a rock. Firearms registration has nearly arrived, and you need to give some thought to your personal situation and what approach you will be taking.

Many firearm owners are aiming to delay the need to register their firearms in hope that the government and legislation will change before the deadline for registration arrives in 5 years. Do some research, talk to other firearm owners, and make sure you understand the implications of the legislation and regulations.

There are certain events, such as buying ammo, that will trigger a 14-day countdown for you to register all your firearms as well as provide further information to police. If

you are concerned about registering your firearms due to the security of data held by police, or any other reason, then it could be wise to prepare to stop purchasing firearms and ammunition from the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

There are some trigger events that you may get cornered by, such as moving house or your firearms licence expiring which limits your options. But if your firearms licence doesn't expire for 5 years or more and you don't move house in that time either, then you have the option to buy all your firearms and ammunition now and prolong registration in the hope you can avoid it altogether with a change in government either this year or in 2026.

At our May Club Night we have Gwyn Thurlow speaking. Gwyn is the NZDA CEO and General Council, based in the National Office in Wellington (just across from the new police firearms authority). This is a rare opportunity where our branch has secured Gwyn for one night only.

We've split the cost of travel with National to get Gwyn here because we believe he will be able to share a lot of the good things NZDA does for us as hunters and the benefits of being a member of the NZDA National organisation. Come and support your branch and bring your mates who

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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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need to join NZDA, there will be plenty to hear about and I'm sure you'll gain valuable insight into the bigger picture of hunting and shooting in New Zealand. See registration for this club night later in this newsletter.

Measuring Night is a big deal every year and this year it's on the fourth Tuesday in May, the 23rd. Bring all your heads and jaws from the last twelve months and some big yarns to go with them. It's always an excellent social occasion with stories about the big one that got away.

You can't know what your trophy will score and who else did or didn't shoot one bigger. Don't be embarrassed if it's not a monster, some years average or even small heads are the best for the year, and you might just win a trophy.

Club Hunts are now using the Eventbrite booking system and so far, it's been a roaring success with multiple hunts booked out within days of being advertised. Keep an eye on Facebook, the website and **READ THE NEWSLETTER** so you don't miss out.

These club events are an excellent way to get to know other members and perhaps make some lifelong hunting mates. They also provide opportunities to explore new hunting territory and venture where you might not have otherwise tried.

The committee has been working on building relationships with landowners

for hunting access. We hope to have big news to share with you all soon. To be fully prepared for what we hope will eventuate, there are two key things you can do.

Firstly, make sure you're a financial member who has insurance benefits (Associate members don't) and sit the Field Marksmanship Test at our 300m Range. See our website for further details.

There are opportunities on the horizon that will be limited to those who are verified as competent shooters and are covered by the NZDA's liability insurance. Be prepared so you can take advantage of opportunities when they come up. In the meantime, keep honing your hunting and shooting skills.

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held in June this year, a month earlier than normal. If you have any remits for the AGM, please submit them by the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

If you are interested in joining the committee, we would love to hear from you. Please contact a committee member or email [secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz) to find out more.

I hope you've all had a great roar and I'm looking forward to seeing your heads on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. See you at club night.

**Reuben**

# NZDA CEO - GWYN THURLOW

## 2<sup>ND</sup> OF MAY CLUB NIGHT

WE HAVE THE NZDA CEO GWYN THURLOW COMING TO SPEAK TO US ABOUT HIS ROLE AS THE CEO, HIS BACKGROUND AS A LAWYER, THE ROLE OF THE NZDA BOARD, AND MUCH MORE.

Don't miss this great opportunity to hear from the keen hunter who represents us in regular meetings with government ministers and Wellington bureaucrats.

There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and hear about all the work the National body of the NZDA does to protect our rights as hunters and shooters.



# PRIZE FOR BEST NEWSLETTER STORY IN 2023

**A \$500 HAMILLS VOUCHER DONATED BY THE HAYWARD FAMILY FOR THE BEST NEWSLETTER STORY WRITTEN BY A BRANCH MEMBER.**

Story must be about a hunting trip, must be a minimum of 300 words, must be published for the first time in a 2023 newsletter and must be accompanied by at least two photos that meet the quality standards for publishing.

All stories must be emailed to the editor as an attachment in .doc or .docx format.

To be eligible to enter the competition you must be a financial member at the time of submitting the story for publishing, and to be eligible to claim the prize you must be a current financial member on the March 2024 Club Night when the winner will be announced.

Best story will be picked by the editor.

Let your inner storyteller share your adventures with us!



# NZDA BOP HUNTER BUDDY PROGRAM

**IN 2022 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 Sarah Cotching at [sarah@nzdbop.org.nz](mailto:sarah@nzdbop.org.nz) or speak to a committee member at a Club Night.

 STONEY CREEK  
STALKING PULLOVER





# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2023

<b>MAY</b>	<b>PEEKING WALLABY MATCH</b> Date: 7 <sup>th</sup> Organiser: <i>Baden Prentice</i>	<b>CLUB NIGHT:</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: <i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<b>GALATEA HUNT</b> Date: <i>12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup></i> Organiser: <i>Sarah Cotching</i> Note: <i>Booked out</i>
<b>JUN</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT:</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: <i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>WANGANUI RIVER CANOE TRIP</b> Date: <i>2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup></i> Organiser: <i>Isabell Zitzelsberger / Tim Taylor</i> Click <a href="#">here</a> for more info.	
<b>JUL</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: <i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>LAKE TARAWERA HUNT</b> Date: <i>TBC</i> Organiser: <i>Sascha Haag</i>	
<b>AUG</b>	<b>PEEKING WALLABY MATCH</b> Date: 6 <sup>th</sup> Organiser: <i>Baden Prentice</i>	<b>CLUB NIGHT:</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: <i>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>RUAHINE RANGE HUNT</b> Date: <i>TBC</i> Organiser: <i>Reuben Hayward</i>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT:</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: <i>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></i>		
<b>OCT</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT:</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: <i>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<b>MOKAU RIVER TRIP</b> Date: <i>TBC</i> Organiser: <i>Catherine Russel</i>	<b>TAHR HUNT - SOUTHERN ALPS</b> Date: <i>Oct 28<sup>th</sup> - Nov 5<sup>th</sup></i> Organiser: <i>Stan Lowe</i>

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

## MEASURING NIGHT | TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY | DOORS OPEN FROM 7PM

BRING ALL YOUR HEADS AND JAWS YOU HAVE TAKEN SINCE LAST YEAR'S MEASURING NIGHT.

All Antler Horn and Tusk (AHT) and Photographic competition entries must be presented on measuring night. No entries for the Branch competition will be accepted after measuring night.

The 2023 National Competition entries can be taken up to the end of May, and entries submitted by during June. Be sure to familiarise yourself with the National Competition Rules [here](#).

If you are unable to attend measuring night due to exceptional circumstances but wish to submit entries, or have entries for the National Competition, please contact Keith Theobald, Tim Taylor or Reuben Hayward.



## 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.



## MEMBERSHIP FEES:

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE 2023/2024 MEMBERSHIP YEAR, PLEASE DO SO ASAP.

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 membership queries please contact National Office.

## TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED:

All Branch Competition Trophies MUST BE RETURNED not later than Measuring Night.

Trophies can be returned at the next Club Night on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May or on Measuring Night on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Trophies can also be returned to Keith Theobald or Reuben Hayward by arrangement.



# OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES

## MEDIA AND COMMS MANAGER URGENTLY REQUIRED

We need a tech savvy media manager to coordinate our communications across all our comms channels.

Our media extraordinaire will need to be familiar with website administration, social channels, HTML email, and the advertising market. To become our Media and Comms Manager, contact the committee by email at: [secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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: [secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

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# BOP NZDA CLUB RANGE EVENTS

## RANGE MAINTENANCE DAYS

(RANGE CLOSED 8AM TO 5PM)

9<sup>th</sup> July

## HUNTS COURSE

(RANGE CLOSED 8AM TO 5PM)

20<sup>th</sup> Aug

## PUBLIC RANGE DAY

(LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

28<sup>th</sup> May

25<sup>th</sup> June

30<sup>th</sup> July

27<sup>th</sup> August

24<sup>th</sup> September

29<sup>th</sup> October

26<sup>th</sup> November

21<sup>st</sup> December

## PEEKING WALLABY MATCH

(RANGE BOOKED FOR EVENT

8:30AM TO 1:00PM)

7<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> August

5<sup>th</sup> November

## BENCHREST SHOOTING

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 12:00PM)

11<sup>th</sup> June

10<sup>th</sup> September

## CLUB SHOOT (TPRA/NZDA)

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 1:00PM)

20<sup>th</sup> May

17<sup>th</sup> June

15<sup>th</sup> July

19<sup>th</sup> August

16<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> October

18<sup>th</sup> November

16<sup>th</sup> December

## BOPSRA CLUB DAY

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 3:00PM)

13<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> July

12<sup>th</sup> August

9<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR PAGE OF THE CLUB WEBSITE BEFORE SETTING OUT FOR THE RANGE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

# NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH

## H.U.N.T.S COURSE INFO PACK

### THINK SAFETY / PRACTICE SAFETY / HUNT SAFELY

#### BACKGROUND

The Bay of Plenty Branch (BoP) of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (NZDA) conduct a Hunter National Training Scheme (HUNTS) course each year that usually runs from July to September. Please click [here](#) to view the full course information. The NZDA HUNTS programme is administered by the NZDA through its National office in Wellington.

It is designed to ensure that students receive a good background to most facets of the recreational sport of hunting in New Zealand. This ensures the continued safe practices encouraged by the NZDA, with respect to safe firearms handling, conservation and bush craft.

#### CURRICULUM

The course is intense and concentrates on the main topics associated with the recreational hunter under field conditions within New Zealand. The curriculum includes:

##### ETHICS AND ECOLOGY:

Students will learn about NZDA hunting ethics to enable them to promote the sport within New Zealand as well as a presentation by qualified instructors on Ecology and the Flora and Fauna of New Zealand.

##### FIREARMS LAW AND SAFETY, MARKSMANSHIP:

A firearms licence is NOT required to attend this course. Students will learn firearm safety and be shown the types of firearm used for hunting New Zealand game species.

They will learn how to correctly apply the principles of marksmanship, the care and cleaning of the firearm as well as use of the firearm under range and field conditions

##### OUTDOOR FIRST AID:

Students will learn under qualified instructors, how to identify & treat the signs and symptoms of hypothermia as well as burns, fractures, cuts, building stretchers out of what's available in the bush and many other aspects of Outdoor First Aid.

##### THE DOUGLAS SCORING SYSTEM:

Students will be shown how to measure their trophies correctly under the Douglas Scoring System adopted by NZDA. All game species of New Zealand will be included.

##### BUSH CRAFT:

Students will learn under practical conditions the many aspects of bush craft taught by instructors with many years of practical experience.



### PLANNING:

Students will be taught how to plan a hunting trip and what equipment may be needed.

### NAVIGATION:

Students will be taught how to navigate using a map and compass.

### RIVER CROSSING:

Students will be taught safe and responsible river crossing procedures.

### HUNTING TECHNIQUES:

Students will be taught how to hunt safely and effectively and learn techniques from instructors who have made this their chosen sport for many years.

The course consists of several evening sessions at the branch clubrooms, a range day, practical weekend and culminates in a weekend hunt paired up one on one with an experienced hunter.

## ELIGIBILITY

The course is open to all over the age of 16 years old. Younger teenagers may be considered if their parents are also attending the course - please enquire via [email](#).

The course is restricted to 15 participants. The first 15 paid up will have priority.

### EQUIPMENT:

A training manual is supplied to each participant as part of the course. You will need to bring a pen and paper (and enthusiasm).

Basic equipment will be required for the practical and hunting weekend trips. A list of

essential equipment will be provided prior to these events to ensure students obtain the right type of equipment and come suitably prepared.

## FEES

The 2023 course fees have been set at: **\$450**

This covers the cost of materials, resources, accommodation and food during the course. NZDA Bay of Plenty Branch is a registered charity and does not aim to profit from the HUNTS course. The course is offered as a public service for the benefit of aspiring hunters.

For insurance purposes, course participants must be financial members of NZDA. (Associate membership is inadequate as it doesn't include insurance benefits.)

Information and pricing of memberships can be found at the link below:

[Membership - Bay of Plenty NZDA  
\(deerstalkersbop.org.nz\)](http://deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

**We ask that you are a paid member by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.**

We will waive the \$50 joining fee if you are attending the HUNTS course.

Please select "I want to enroll in a HUNTS course" as the reason for joining and the invoice will be amended accordingly.

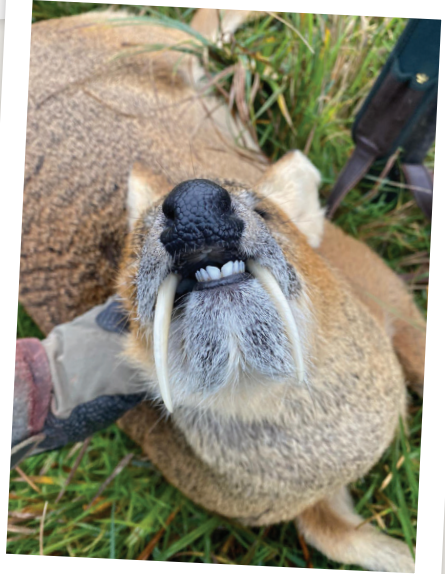
## QUALIFICATION

At the successful completion of the course, students will be presented with a certificate endorsing their achievement.

# OVERSEAS HUNTING

JAMES PETTLEY SENT IN THESE GREAT IMAGES FROM A RECENT OVERSEAS HUNT.

Chinese Water Deer were taken on November 1<sup>st</sup> opening day of the Season. A mixture of Chinese Water Deer and Muntjac were all shot from one high seat.



# FIRST DEER AWARD

THE BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH OF THE NZDA RECOGNISES THAT SHOOTING YOUR FIRST DEER IS A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY HUNTERS LIFE AND WE WISH TO RECOGNISE YOU FOR GETTING THIS FAR. COST OF ENTRY IS FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR BRANCH.

- To be presented at a club night to any member who shoots their first deer. Members will be encouraged to share the story with the club if they feel comfortable doing so.
- Game boards will be written up and displayed at the club entrance in recognition of their success.
- Required to submit a digital photo and short story for the club magazine and/ or social media.
- Not to be given out retrospectively



If you have recently shot your first deer, please notify Vice President, Tim Taylor, before the next club night so we can have your award ready to present to you.

## BUDDY HUNTER PROGRAM

**ARE YOU A NOVICE HUNTER LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN TAKE YOU UNDER THEIR WING AND SHOW YOU THE TRICKS OF HUNTING AND GET YOU ON YOUR FIRST DEER?**

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Just click the link to sing up for the program:

[www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/buddy-hunter-program](http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/buddy-hunter-program)



# PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

## COLOUR AND BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

### SECTION A:

Game Animals  
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### SECTION B1:

Other Wildlife - Birds  
.....

### SECTION B2:

Other Wildlife - Mammals  
.....

### SECTION B3:

Other Wildlife - Insects, Reptiles &  
Amphibians  
.....

### SECTION C:

Scenic  
.....

### SECTION D:

Flora  
.....

### SECTION E:

Human Interest  
.....

### SECTION F:

Best Colour or B&W Print of all sections  
.....

### SECTION G:

Best Junior Colour or B&W Print  
.....

### SECTION H:

Best Photographic Essay -  
Big Game Hunting  
.....

### SECTION I:

Supreme Branch Photographic Award  
.....

New Zealand Hunting & Wildlife Cover  
.....

## VIDEO FILMS

### SECTION A:

Training/Promotional  
.....

### SECTION B:

Hunting  
.....

## SECTION C:

New Zealand Wildlife

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NZDA Supreme Branch Photographic Award

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## SEQUENCE

Bay of Plenty has a Branch only competition for Sequence.

A sequence must be 3 to 10 photos or slides of any or all of the other sections. A sequence is to be numbered in order and should tell or indicate a story.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Subject matter to be relevant to hunting, hunting country and/or associated activities of NZDA members and have been taken from land within New Zealand and, in respect to SECTION A only, not taken from any form of conveyance.

1. In **SECTIONS A, B1, B2, B3**, subject matter to be in its wild outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. Photographs of wounded or dead animals, birds, insects, reptiles or amphibians will be disqualified.
2. In **SECTION C**, the subject matter is to be scenic and relative to hunting country, any human activity should be of minor importance.
3. In **SECTION D**, the subject matter is to be of any NZ floral (tree, plant, vegetation, bush etc) subject in its natural environment.
4. In **SECTION E**, the main component of the subject matter is to be human

activity, ie camp scenes, hunting or NZDA associated activities. Human interaction must be the main feature of the photograph and should tell or indicate a story.

5. **SECTION F**: Best print of all sections.
6. **SECTION G**: Thames Valley Deerstalkers' Association Junior Photography Trophy - All junior photographs entered into any existing NZDA photography category are eligible for inclusion in this section of the competition. The judges/organisers have the right to place any junior photographic entry into the competition even if they have not specifically requested to enter this competition so long as their validity as a junior is confirmed.
7. **SECTION H**: Wellington Branch Trophy for the Best Digital Colour or Black & White
8. **NZ HUNTING AND WILDLIFE**: Athol Hood Memorial Trophy
9. **SUPREME BRANCH PHOTOGRAPH AWARD**: Ian D Wright Trophy

All existing NZDA photographic section entry criteria must be applied.

Full competition rules can be found [here](#).



# RANGE NEWS:

## LAST CHANCES – RANGE TICKET HOLDERS REFRESHER COURSES:

Refresher courses for Range Ticket holders are reaching the end - this is the last month to attend a refresher course if you want to retain your range ticket. Remember that you MUST attend one of these sessions to retain your range ticket.

Lock in one of the following dates to attend a refresher course at our NZDA BOP Tauriko club rooms (on State Highway 29) and will start at 7.00pm:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## REMINDER – RANGE FEES HAVE INCREASED FROM 1 MARCH 2023:

As of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (the start of the NZDA membership year) our various range fees increased. The new firearms legislation has contributed to our operating costs, plus we have ongoing maintenance and fixed costs such as insurance, power and internet to recover and lease fees to the council.

We are also increasing the public day fees to give more incentive to join NZDA so we can represent more of these occasional shooters that make up the silent majority of licenced firearm owners.

## RANGE WORKING BEE

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

Royce Downes, 300m Range Manager

The facilities on offer at our 300m TECT Park Range are fantastic and are a great asset to our club and region but it does cost a lot to have these facilities available and range fees need to cover the costs or the range is not financially viable.

**NEW FEES:**

- Annual range ticket - \$100
  - Range access tag - \$30 (one-off cost on application)
  - Range Open Day non NZDA member fee - \$50
  - Range Open Day NZDA member (any branch) without range ticket - \$25
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## **RANGE MAINTENANCE**

Thanks to our members that attend our working bees at the range - as they say, few hands make light work so it would be good to see some new faces assisting at working bees.

We have a core group of members putting in most of the hours but we know there are many more active and regular range shooters out there that should be helping.

We are currently working on extending the 100m, 200m and 300m target lines so that each firing position (1 to 15) will shoot more directly straight down the range as opposed to the slight angle that is currently needed.

This will require an extension and rebuild to the target lines. Initial earth works have been completed and the final tidy up of dirt will be completed in February.

## **WE NEED YOU!**

We are now on the look out for someone to take on the project to build the backstop and target extension. We need someone who can lead this project, organise materials and equipment and make it happen.

We also need a small group of willing members, ideally those who can work at the range during the week, to join this "extension build" team. Ideally some DIY or building experience but that isn't essential. If you are keen please email [range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz).

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

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



# 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  
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# TAHR LODGE:

## SOUTH ISLAND HUNTING

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### FEES:

- Members \$15 per night.
- Members and immediate family \$25 per night.  
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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:**

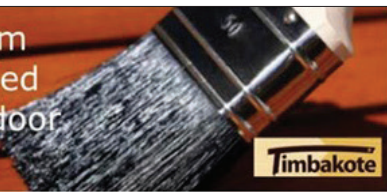
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# NOTICE BOARD

**NOTE:** If you have something to buy or sell please let the editor know. Similarly, if you advertise something for sale, and then sell it, please let the editor know so your advert can be removed.

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.

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# 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.

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# RANGE NEWS

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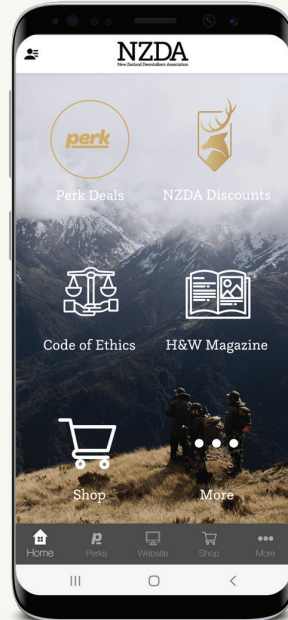


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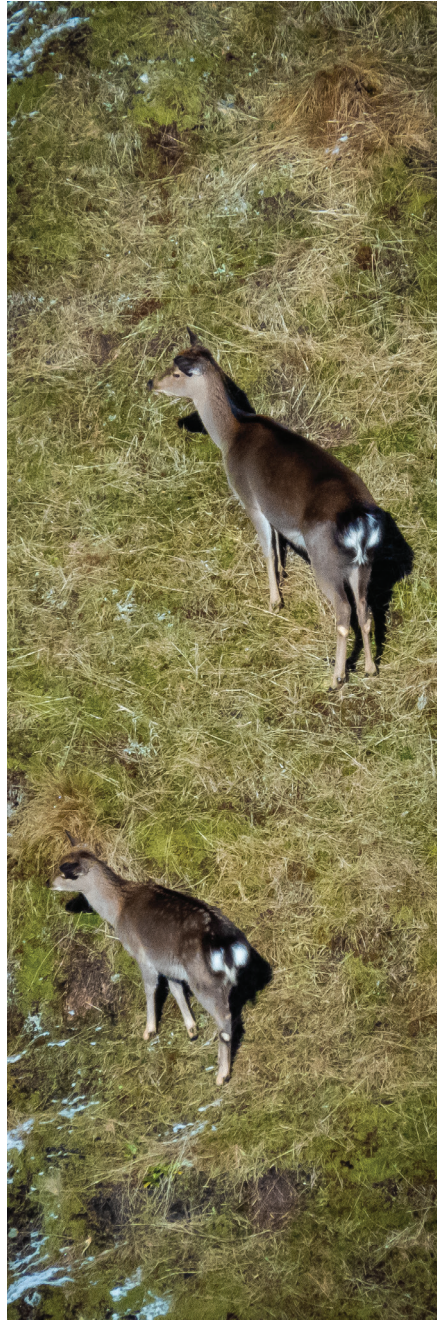
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