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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association



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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: The Whanganui River Hunting Journey. Story on page 6!
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PRESIDENTS REPORT: AUGUST 2023

KEITH THEOBALD (BRANCH PATRON), RICHARD MCEWEN (COMMITTEE MEMBER) AND I ATTENDED THE NZDA'S 75TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN ASHBURTON OVER THE WEEKEND OF THE 21ST TO 23RD OF JULY ON BEHALF OF THE BRANCH.

Keith was the Delegate and Richard and I were Observers. Tim Taylor (Branch Vice President) also attended in his capacity as an NZDA Board Member. The conference was a great success with key speakers from multiple government bodies and two political parties. There was the usual AGM business as well as plenty of opportunity for broader discussions and networking with other branches.

It was a privilege to be present at the conference to congratulate Keith Theobald when he was bestowed the honour of National Life Member. Keith is very deserving of the honour, and it was pleasing to see his lifetime of commitment to NZDA recognised in this way. Keith has been an NZDA stalwart through many decades of support at a branch level, serving on the Bay of Plenty committee since last century, training novice hunters for more than three decades, and attending national conferences on more than two dozen occasions.

Keith has been the clubrooms custodian for as long as I can remember, has been a Branch Life Member for many years and is our Branch Patron. Thankyou Keith for your

enduring dedication (more than my lifetime). On behalf of the branch, we congratulate you and thank you. We are honoured to have you as one of our members.

The only change to the NZDA Board was Paul Carmine who has stepped down due to recent ill health and was replaced by Trevor Gratton from Hut Valley Branch. Congratulations to Tim Taylor on his second year as a North Island Representative on the Board. Well done Tim on the last year and thank you for your efforts. We look forward to the coming year with you representing our region on the Board.

One of the big announcements at conference was the launch of the National Goat Hunting Competition. This competition has been a work in progress since early last year when the NZDA's Game Animal Management Sub-Committee first discussed the idea with the Department of Conservation. Read the details in this newsletter, follow the competition online and get out there and bag some stinkers.

A lot of effort has gone into this competition and it's great to see the collaboration between NZDA, DOC and others in the hunting sector. There is over \$50k in prizes and the opportunity for everyone to participate. I personally shoot a lot of goats

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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.

and while some might be flabbergasted at the thought of eating stinkers, they are great to eat and the 100s of kilos of goat meat that has gone across my table has been thoroughly enjoyed by my family and friends. Bag some and get cooking.

A tip for those who are unsure - they make excellent sausages, and 'kid-in-a-pot' slow cooked is delicious. I'm looking forward to hearing about the meals everyone prepares. If you haven't paid for a chiller ticket this year, maybe this is the excuse you need. Get out there and put meat on the table while doing your part for conservation.

A big thanks to those who helped at the range working bee. Well done team. For all those who didn't, please consider helping in the future. Maintaining our assets requires a lot of effort and it often falls to a few dedicated volunteers.

We all benefit from being part of our organisation and having the club's facilities available to us. We all need to play our part in keeping our range and clubrooms in tip top shape, for our use and the use of future members. Get amongst it, lend a hand, and take responsibility for your club. Don't leave it up to someone else. If you can't help in one area of the club, then find another area where you can. There's a list in the newsletter of areas the club needs volunteers.

The July Club Night and Annual Prizegiving was a great social occasion, and despite the weather causing a power outage we shared

a meal and got through the awards by torch light. We had the largest turnout for a prizegiving in many years and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Thankyou to everyone who turned out and congratulations to Chris Butcher on winning the mincer raffle.

Over recent days we have been made aware of the unfortunate situation in our local hunting area. For those who haven't yet heard, provisional positive test results have detected *phytophthora agathidicida* (PA) - the pathogen responsible for kauri disease - on a track near the Wharawhara entrance to the Kaimai range. Obviously, this is very disappointing for many of us who access the Kaimai range for hunting.

I was advised of the closure a few hours beforehand by senior DOC staff as a courtesy and have since discussed the matter with the local DOC manager. While the soil samples that returned positive test results are from an isolated area, DOC have taken a precautionary approach until further testing is complete. More samples have already been taken but the lab results take five weeks to process and return a result. I have clarified with DOC the legal status of the closure and asked for more comms to be shared with the hunting community.

The areas listed on the DOC website as being closed, are closed through a legal instrument, and should be respected. To be clear, the closure has legal status and is not a just a rahui. I confirmed with DOC that the closure is not just to recreational users and the areas are closed to everyone including pest control operators. The only persons permitted to access the closed areas are ➔

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2023

AUG	CLUB NIGHT: Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 1st Aug	PEEKING WALLABY MATCH Date: 6th Aug Organiser: Baden Prentice	RUAHINE RANGE HUNT Date: 11th to 16th Aug Organiser: Reuben Hayward
	GOAT COMPETITION OPEN DAY Date: 26th Aug		
SEP	CLUB NIGHT: Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 5th Sep	HUNTS COURSE GUIDED HUNT Date: 15th Sep - 17th Sep Organiser: Doug Williams	CLEMENTS MILL ROAD Date: 29th Sep - 1st Oct Organiser: Isabell Zitzelsberger
OCT	CLUB NIGHT: HUNTING WITH TUI Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 3rd Oct	MOKAU RIVER TRIP Date: TBC Organiser: Catherine Russel	GOAT COMPETITION OPEN DAY Date: 14th Oct
	TAHR HUNT - SOUTHERN ALPS Date: 28th Oct - 5th Nov Organiser: Stan Lowe		
NOV	GOAT COMPETITION OPEN DAY Date: 26th Nov 10.30am-1.30pm		

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

➔ the scientists taking samples and the DOC staff implementing the closure. On a positive note, the better hunting areas are South of the closure, so we still have plenty of animals available to harvest.

DOC recognise the value hunters play in controlling four legged vectors that can spread the disease and this is a consideration in their decision making. Hopefully when the review is done at the end of September, we will receive good

news of an isolated area containing the pathogen and a greatly reduced closure area. Until then we should respect the closure and patiently await the review.

This club night we have a few awards to give out and we'll also talk about the goat comp. Club nights are a great chance to socialise, discuss hunting areas and find someone to plan your next hunting adventure with. See you there!

Reuben



THE WHANGANUI RIVER HUNTING JOURNEY

WORDS/PICS: *Isabell Zitzelsberger*

THE WHANGANUI RIVER IS ONE OF THE GREAT WALKS IN NEW ZEALAND AND THE SECTION FROM WHAKAHO TO PIPIRIKI A POPULAR TOURIST TRAIL DURING THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS.

An 88km paddle with breath-taking scenery and showing New Zealand from its most beautiful side, also turned into an amazing trip for a bunch of





keen deerstalkers, who are eager to cull some goats, potentially shoot a deer but mainly want to go on an adventure of their lifetime with a good bunch of likeminded people.

Friday after work, just before the long Kings Birthday weekend, a bunch of thirteen passionate and excited hunters is heading towards the Owhango Hotel, where we will be staying the first night as part of the package. There is a pub attached, so we can catch up over a few beers and burgers, plan the trip for the morning and get to know each other a little bit better.

The river levels are high due to the last months of



rain and the decision if we can go will have to be made in the morning. The water is fast flowing and safety is paramount! But secretly we all know that we are strong, experienced paddlers and happy to take on a fast-flowing river to shoot some animals.

For safety reasons we have to pair up - 1 canoe, two people and three barrels to keep our stuff dry. So, for the rest of the night there is a lot of packing going on, shifting stuff from barrel to barrel, and trying to make sense of the order of things. Food, Snacks, dry clothes, gun cleaning gear, socks, beers... more socks and more snacks... that'll do!

After a good night we are meeting at 7am for coffees to get our safety briefing and

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then it is time to load the barrels onto the trailer with the canoes, pack the rifles and off we go onto an hour journey through windy roads to Whakahoro where we will enter the river! Exciting! The river level has just dropped to the acceptable mark, so we are good to go!



A few more safety words to be said *"Don't shoot over anyone's head! And basically - just don't be a dick!"* That's the number one rule! Stick to it and we will have the best time.

After we are all set up with our canoes, life jackets, barrels, paddles, and guns - 6 canoes and one kayak are heading down the river! Leeeeetz goo...

The first few minutes we all have to get used to our set ups and start the journey slowly. The river flows super-fast and there is not too much hard paddling required. First shot fired after a few minutes - a goat! Missed the target... oh well, it is not easy - a moving canoe, the moving river, the moving goat - definitely something we will be able to practise over the next few days!

Luckily, we were allowed to enter a piece of land (thanks again to a friend of a friend) to have a look around for deer. Unfortunately, we can't spot any, but the team is able to shoot three goats. Good start to the trip!

"THE WEATHER PLAYS BALL, BLUE SKY, SUNSHINE, AND A BIT OF A CHILLY BREEZE COMING THROUGH THE GORGE. THE LANDSCAPE IS JUST STUNNING, AND MANY PHOTOS ARE TAKEN."

And the journey continues! The weather plays ball, blue sky, sunshine, and a bit of a chilly breeze coming through the gorge. The

landscape is just stunning, and many photos are taken. We stop for lunch and a cup of coffee before we are heading further. The team is definitely building, and we realise that we are super lucky that we already have gelled, and everyone is sticking to the number 1 rule.

We continue our journey down the river, enjoy even a bit of sunshine which warmth is nice and pleasant. A few more goats were shot (and a Panga - it's incredible how much your eyesight can trick you when you really would like to see a goat - identify your target is obviously key).

Around 4pm most of us arrive at John Coull Hut, a



beautiful hut in the bush with a quiet, luxurious set up - 20 beds, a fireplace, even gas and electric lights! We are all very impressed, choose our beds and light the fire to dry our wet socks and pants.

A beautiful night with a full moon, good dinner, and lots of laughter - just a group of new friends in the middle of nowhere having the best time. No phones, no stress, no appointments - just being in the moment - how good is that?!

We leave early on the next morning - deer are out and about early, so we want to be there to make sure we can shoot them. By 7:30am (sunrise) everyone is launching the canoes and is back in the water. The mist is hanging in the trees over the gorge and look just amazing! We keep our eyes peeled for deer, but unfortunately, they must be still asleep or found other water sources to not come down to the river. We raft up, drift the river down together for more yarns and laughter

before we stop for lunch at Mangapura Landing from where we explore the area and the Bridge of Nowhere. A 40-minute walk is just the right thing to warm up those toes and see if our legs are still working properly. The biggest success is for Chris, one of our team members, who was able to shoot his first animal - and even three goats straight away! Congratulations Chris, well done!

Another group also stops on the side of the river to explore a bit by foot (which is not easy with all the steep terrain) and manage to also shoot three deer. We cut them up on the side of the river and Tim decides to cut off the balls and throw them



at the next canoe drifting past. It didn't take long until Krik and Will come close to find out what we are up to - and here it is - the "flying ball sack" landing straight on their bag, bouncing off to land in Will's lap! What a laugh! And the perfect photo gets taken. The flying ball sack will be a memory for a long time!

In the evening we stop at the Tieke Kainga, the Marea, for our next stay. A few

goats got shot today and heads and balls are floating around everywhere. We light the fire, dry our stuff, start skinning and cutting up our goats and a group disappears at sunset for a quick evening mission. Unfortunately, all what was shot was a Pukeko, and that not even intentional. Haha. After a good feed we are all sitting around the fire, clean the guns, laugh and chat - our last evening is coming to an end...

It was raining quite a bit over night - but luckily the next morning it's all gone, still muddy everywhere, but we can spot some blue sky and are more than happy about that.

We put the barrels back in the canoes and off we go. Who's got the ball sack in their gun bag today? The flying ball sack became a wandering ball sack and appeared regularly in different locations. Hilarious!!

Highlight straight after leaving was a deer! Yes, I am serious - a deer got shot! Whooop! So exciting! Well done Kirk - from the canoe - a nice little Spiker! What an achievement and even on the last day. Soooo good!



“HIGHLIGHT STRAIGHT AFTER LEAVING WAS A DEER! YES, I AM SERIOUS – A DEER GOT SHOT! WHOOP! SO EXCITING! WELL DONE KIRK – FROM THE CANOE – A NICE LITTLE SPIKER!”

Today there are a few more rapids to overcome, but we are definitely pro's by now and master most of them without getting too wet! Apart from Henry on the Kayak... coming down one of the rapids he hits a rock and cracks the Kayak, so we can retrieve him onto the rocks at Camp Ngaporo.

He can change his wet clothes to then realise that there is no way of using this Kayak anymore! Luckily, Tim is such an experienced canoeer, that it is no problem for him to give Henry a ride and make room for one more person in their well-built Ruahine Waka. How lucky! We have a little lunch stop in the sun at Camp Ngaporo, warm up with coffee before we head onto the last leg of the journey...

Strong headwinds were developing... they're cold and nasty. Even if the river is flowing fast, there is a lot of strength required to push against that wind! A lot of yelling going on. Left - right - not left - better straight!! WTF??? (We got told straight at the beginning that that journey often causes divorces, and every single party could see WHY this is definitely the truth! Haha).

Every single animal could just stand on the side of the river laughing, as there wouldn't be a chance in the world to shoot any of them! After a few more rapids, more wind, more yelling and sore arms, we make it around the corner where we can already spot the bus to pick us up. 1pm on Monday

afternoon the journey is over - how sad! We could have stayed longer - at least another few days! Maybe next time?

Everyone is exhausted and it is pretty quiet on the drive back to Owhango. What a journey, what a crew, I miss it already and can't wait for more adventures with the Deerstalkers, for more laughter, more fun and more ball sacks!



NATIONAL WILD GOAT HUNTING COMPETITION

NZDA BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH WILL
BE HOLDING OPEN DAYS ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES TO RECEIVE ENTRIES:

26th August 10.30am - 1.30pm

14th October 10.30am - 1.30pm

26th November 10.30am - 1.30pm

For more information or to arrange an alternative
time for head measuring please email:

goatcomp@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

Or visit:

www.doc.govt.nz/wild-goat-hunting-competition



TAHR BRANCH HUNT 2023

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THIS YEARS TAHR HUNT

Leave Tauranga Saturday 28th October and return on Sunday 5th November.

NOTE the fly in date is Sunday 29th October and flyout date is Sat 4th Nov

It is preferable that you organise your own hunting groups but if that's not possible let me know and I will endeavour to team you up with others. This is an alpine hunting trip so is quite a unique experience requiring a whole different set of skills and gear.

YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE FLY IN POINT
WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTENTION TO GO ASAP SO I CAN WORK ON
ADDITIONAL AREAS IF NECESSARY.

It is best to advise by email or give me a call to discuss.

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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.

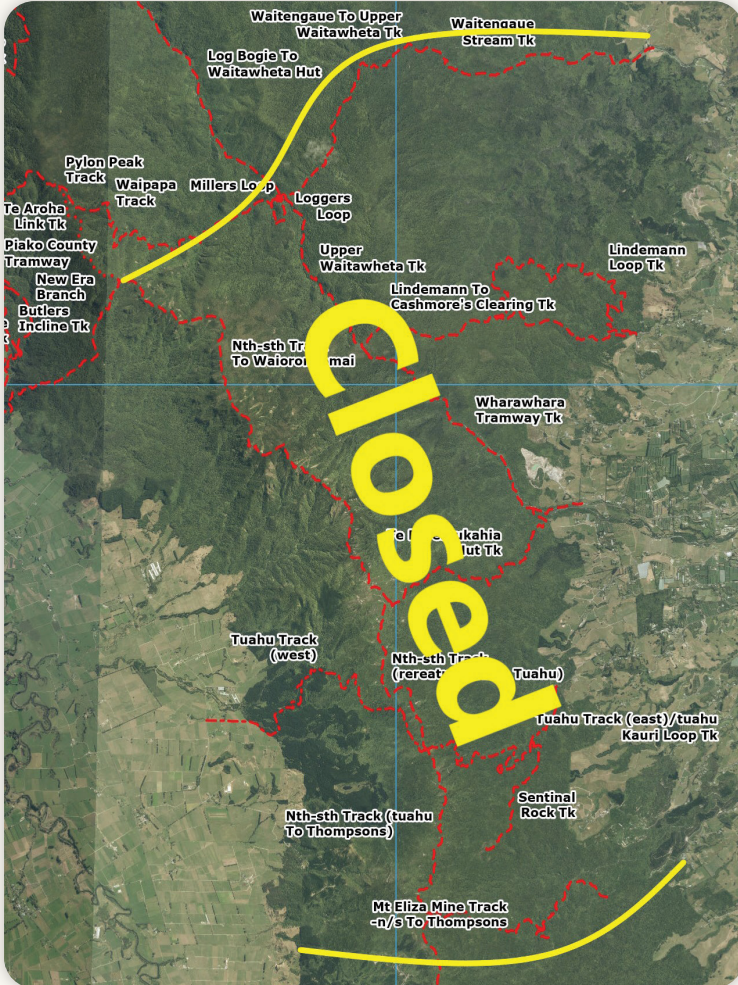
All stories must be emailed to the editor as an attachment in .doc or .docx format.

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!

NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF PART OF THE KAIMAI RANGE



DOC HAVE CLOSED PART OF THE KAIMAI RANGE DUE TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE PATHOGEN THAT CAUSES KAURI DISEASE.

For more information see the DOC media release [here](#).

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?

Or are you a more experienced hunter and are happy to share your knowledge and passion with someone who is hungry for more?

Our Hunter Buddy Program is designed to pair up Novis and Expert for the ultimate hunting experience and freshen up your old habits and create some new ones.

Just click the link to sign up for the program:

www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/buddy-hunter-program



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.

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.

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.

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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BOP NZDA CLUB RANGE EVENTS

RANGE MAINTENANCE DAYS

(RANGE CLOSED 8AM TO 5PM)

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HUNTS COURSE

(RANGE CLOSED 8AM TO 5PM)

20th Aug

PUBLIC RANGE DAY

(LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

30th July

27th August

24th September

29th October

26th November

21st December

PEEKING WALLABY MATCH

(RANGE BOOKED FOR EVENT

8:30AM TO 1:00PM)

6th August

5th November

BENCHREST SHOOTING

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 12:00PM)

10th September

CLUB SHOOT (TPRA/NZDA)

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 1:00PM)

19th August

16th September

21st October

18th November

16th December

BOPSRA CLUB DAY

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 3:00PM)

12th August

9th September

14th October

11th November

9th December

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

Winter Hunting
Kaweka ranges,
North Island





RANGE NEWS:

FIREARMS REGISTRY

Remember to stay up to date with how the firearms registry will affect you now that it is in place. Review www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz for details and law changes

RANGE MAINTENANCE

Thanks to our members that attend our working bee on Saturday 22nd July - we were able to rebuild the 100m target line, replace all shot-out palings at all distances and complete boundary clearing and weed clearing.

We are trialing a new backing board at the 100m using product that has been donated to the club, it won't hold up to the weather over a long period of time but will be easy to replace when needed.

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.

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.

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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

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CLUB HUNTS MEETING

6PM TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST
BEFORE THE CLUB NIGHT.

Come along to discuss what club hunts you would like to see on the calendar and find out about how to organise a club hunting trip.

This casual meeting is open to all members, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

If you want to go on a club hunt, come along and let's talk about when and where.

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.

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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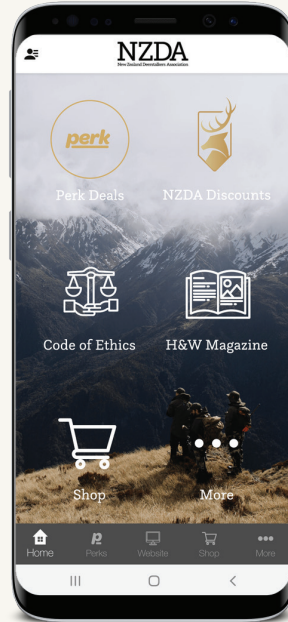


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