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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: Hunters on the hill. Whanganui Fallow Club Hunt.
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: JULY 2023

I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO TURNED OUT FOR OUR 2023 AGM, THE BIGGEST TURNOUT FOR AN AGM THAT I HAVE SEEN IN MY TIME AS A CLUB MEMBER. TO HAVE SUCH A STRONG SHOW OF SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP WAS REALLY ENCOURAGING FOR THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE A LOT TO THE CLUB.

Almost 12 months has past since our 2022 AGM and a lot has happened since then. I want to give my personal thanks to those who have served on the previous committee and those who volunteered for this year's committee.

We all owe our volunteers our gratitude for the work they put into our organisation, some have contributed endlessly over many years and even decades, without them the club wouldn't be what it is today. Be sure to show your appreciation to the many volunteers who give up many hours of their time for us all.

Club hunts are a big part of being a member, the opportunities provided to members to participate in branch organised hunting trips shouldn't be taken for granted.

The organisation of club events is time consuming for the organisers and the effort is often unseen. Show your appreciation for the efforts of hunt organisers by signing up for a club hunt. These organised trips are a

great opportunity to meet other members and make some hunting mates for the future. Just ask the members who attended recent club hunts to find out how fun and rewarding a branch hunt can be.

The Firearm Registry is now live, and if you don't know what that means for you then you need to find out. Fortunately for many of us, changes to the proposed regulations have meant the purchase of ammunition doesn't become an activating circumstance until 24th of June 2025.

However, there's a list of other activating circumstances you should make yourself aware of. Read the emails from national office and online updates from COLFO along with police communications to understand how you are affected and when you could be required to register your firearms.

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CLUB NIGHT:

First Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.
Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!

COMMITTEE MEETING:

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

NEWSLETTER:

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month. Opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the branch, its executive committee or the national association. All newsletter content to be sent to editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz.

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The Whanganui property mentioned in last months newsletter is a fantastic opportunity for our club, for branch hunts and the HUNTS Course program. A group of members undertook a second management hunt with good numbers harvested again.

We have shown what the branch is capable of, and the landowner is pleased with the results. There is a third management hunt planned for July before lambing starts in August.

After the July hunt we will be discussing with the landowner the number of deer remaining on the property and the approach to future hunts to maintain deer numbers at an acceptable density that doesn't unduly impact on farming productivity.

We are hoping to organise a branch hunt for October, after lambing and before fawning, with more hunts planned for next year. Read the newsletter each month, read the club emails and keep an eye on Facebook to stay informed of opportunities as they come available.

If you're hoping to secure a spot on a future hunt to a property under our Hunter Assist program, be sure to maintain a full benefits membership (you need the insurance), take the opportunity to gauge your shooting skills by completing our Field Marksmanship Test at our 300m Rifle Range at TECT Park on a Range Open Day or Club Shoot, and get along to some club events to get to know other members.

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Meat from the May management hunt in Whanganui was processed by Mr Meat Man in June and there's now 150kg of venison sausages and patties in the club freezers for club events and BBQs.

Thanks to those members who donated some of their harvest to club, and thanks to Bruce and Tracey for the excellent butchery service.

Winter is a great time for hunting, meat keeps well hanging in a tree in the cold air so hunting trips focused on harvesting can extend for more than a couple of days without the meat spoiling.

There are branch hunts coming up so get registered and enjoy some exercise and hunting without the heat ruining your meat.

See you at prizegiving!

Reuben



BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2023

JUL	CLUB NIGHT: ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 4 th	LAKE TARAWERA HUNT Date: 30 th Jun - 2 nd Jul Organiser: Sascha Haag	
AUG	PEEKING WALLABY MATCH Date: 6 th Organiser: Baden Prentice	CLUB NIGHT: Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 1 st	RUAHINE RANGE HUNT Date: 11 th to 16 th Organiser: Reuben Hayward
SEP	CLUB NIGHT: Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 5 th	HUNTS COURSE GUIDED HUNT Date: 15 th Sep - 1 st Sep Organiser: Doug Williams	CLEMENTS MILL ROAD Date: 29 th Sep - 1 st Oct Organiser: Isabell Zitzelsberger
OCT	CLUB NIGHT: HUNTING WITH TUI Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 3 rd	MOKAU RIVER TRIP Date: TBC Organiser: Catherine Russel	TAHR HUNT - SOUTHERN ALPS Date: Oct 28 th - Nov 5 th Organiser: Stan Lowe

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



NZDA BOP BRANCH TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE

FINLAND HUNTING TRIP

WORDS/PICS: *Dave Sorenson*

I WAS CLEANING OUT MY HUNTING FILE THE OTHER DAY AND CAME ACROSS THESE TWO ITEMS FROM THE BRANCH. THE FIRST WAS A BRANCH HUNT WE WERE GOING TO RUN INTO FINLAND AND UP TO THE RUSSIAN BORDER IN 2008.

There was a lot of interest from the club members, so we had to limit the number of hunters to 10, and I was one of the lucky ones who signed up and paid the deposit for the airfares etc. *"Wow, what a trip, and right outside of my comfort zone, that's for sure."*

Although I was fit, we still had to train as there would be a lot of sled - pulling and snow - plodding to do. The big test for me



FINLAND TRIP.

Time: 4th November, 2008. (Auckland-Sydney-Singapore-Frankfurt-Helsinki. 35hours approx.)

Duration: 2 ½ to 3 weeks approx.

Costs: Airline – approx \$2000-000 (includes internal flight in Finland – EURO €300 00)
+ extras \$2000-€3000 (for hotels, food, incidentals and gifts for our hosts).

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@\$5000.00 (note this is NZ dollars).

Extras: Taxidermy, expediting of heads/skins, any other trips, shopping, ice hotel and ice sauna, etc.

Hunting license – € 24.00 per person, test is €25.00 per time. (This cost is repeated if you have to take the test again.)

Shooting Test.

Part 1 – (for big game – Moose, bear, etc) Consists of 3 shots – standing freehand – at a stationary moose target at 75 meters. The target is 15cm diameter, you must fire 3 shots into the target in 10 seconds, starting with the gun down (i.e. not already mounted to the shoulder.). If you miss any of the shots on the target you fail the test.

Part 2 – Gun handling procedure and correct protocol are discussed and you are viewed but Police and other officials present at the test area. Antti has arranged an exception for us to not have to complete the written exam.

Part 3 – Running target. Full size moose target at 75 meters – the target passes three times. 1 pass for each shot. Once again if you miss any of the shots you must take the whole test again (from 1) and pay the new fee of €25.00. If you fail the whole test on the third attempt you cannot re-apply to take the test again until the same time next year. With practice everyone in the group should pass easily.

Itinerary.

Day 1.

Arrive at Helsinki. Tatu will pick us up in a minibus (10 seater VW) @ 6:45pm. Travel to Kotka (2 hrs), to hotel for sauna and drinks, prep for following day.

Test to be completed following day after arrival. Coming back to hotel again and relax, sight seeing, etc. Hopefully celebrating everyone passing shooting test with flying colours!

Day 2.

Wake 4:45am, drive 2 ½ hrs to hunting area near Russian border, drop off one or two guys at 'driven moose stand'. We continue 20 min further on with moose dogs. Shooting numbers are drawn from a hat. Permit for 4 moose. Stop hunting when we run out of light @ 2pm approx. (very short daylight hours)

Day 3-5.

was the free-standing shooting test with a big bore, heavy gun. That wasn't easy to do. So, on Dean Maisey's advice, I practiced with a .22 rifle and got a lot better at the standing shots. But when I tried with the big guns, there were still a lot of Hail Mary shots, so I just did more practice.

The trip was into the final planning stages, when the club decided to pull the plug. A pity really, as I would have liked to find out just how we would have performed in those extreme arctic conditions. The photos are of two large bull moose that we had a close encounter with in USA, and yes, they are big.

I'm now not sure if I would actually shoot one, what would I do with all that meat?



GALATEA HUNT

WORDS/PICS: Sarah Cotching

TUCKED SECURELY BENEATH THE UREWERA FOOTHILLS SITS THE GALATEA HUT. THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF A LOCAL FARMER CALLED CHARLES, WE WERE ABLE TO HUNKER DOWN IN HIS COMPACT 6 MAN HUT COMPLETE WITH FIREPLACE AND HOT WATER OVER THE WEEKEND OF THE 12 – 14TH MAY. THE WEATHER WAS THANKFULLY SETTLED AFTER A WEEK OF YET ANOTHER HOWLING GALE AND DAILY CONSULTATION WITH METVU, WONDERING IF WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Thankfully, Friday dawned clear, fine and crisp as we made the easy 2 hour drive to the hut and settled in for the evening. A few of the early arrivals went off for an

evening recce to suss out the surrounding lay of the land (very steep) then we cranked up the bbq for a bit of fresh venison and washed it down with a few beers. We

scanned our printed maps, chose our areas, and had a few yarns before turning in for the night.

The new day was again clear skies and cool temperatures as the crew sculled back their first mug of coffee and set about gearing themselves up for a full day in the bush. It always takes longer than you think it will to get all your bits and pieces sorted and get going.

Finally, when daylight was already half an hour ahead of me, I briskly walked across the paddocks crackling with frost, away from the hut, towards my hunting block. My mission

was to get into the foothills up to 400m as that was where the most sign had been spotted the evening before. Elsie, my wannabe hunting dog has developed a knack for showing me the easiest way up a mountain recently and I was grateful for this as she picked her way through the blackberry in the low-lying grassy area before the bush took over.

We slowly made our way up the hillside. Slipping in the wet mud and hauling myself up metre by metre, Elsie would stop and look back at me like I was some ginormous clumsy oaf as she skipped along all 5 kilos in bodyweight, ahead of me. We climbed up to a clearing I'd seen on topo maps previously as the ground began to level out and open up into an area surrounded by huge old manuka and podocarps.

A few healthy looking ponga trees were dotted about but mostly clear up to 20 metres ahead. I paused here and took a look around. Plenty of sign and as predicted at about the 400m mark. A hind that was out of sight must have been hoping I'd



move on through as within a few seconds of stopping she took off through the undergrowth crashing her way to freedom and leaving me sitting there cursing that I'd not spotted her beforehand.

I carried on again through the steep terrain. Making my way across the face of the mountain, following the path of least resistance on game trails and trying to stay as quiet as possible. After 1km of picking our way along the hillside we came up to a natural rocky outcrop. It rose up in sharp contrast to the rest of the mountain and was impossible to climb.

Carefully we edged ourselves underneath it and stepped along the sheerness of the slope till we got to a ridge line where it started to level out. Just then, another hind took off

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away from us. There was no visible sign before spooking her, so it took both myself and Elsie by surprise. The deer were definitely there. We just weren't getting the drop on them in time.



The day rolled on. Cool gullies became warm and buzzing with insects as everything made the most of the fine weather. We stopped for lunch at a spot where some significant tree rubbing showed the extent of the damage roaring stags can have on the bark of trees. I filmed it as Elsie sniffed the scents around it and decided to make a snack out of some fresh sign.

We stayed here for over half an hour. I drifted off into a short bush nap which after the snoring the night before in the hut made up for some of the lost zzz's. It gets dark in the bush very quickly and the area I'd hoped to cover wasn't going to be possible before dark.

So, I turned my pooch down the hill and headed back

towards home. After 4pm it was almost pitch black as we broke out onto of the lowland area and sat for a while on the boundary fence waiting for the deer to pop out of the bush for an evening feed.

Sitting there in total silence watching the orange-tinged horizon drift into indigo I felt again super grateful for the physical fitness to cover the ground I'd covered that day and the generosity of others to be able to sit there soaking up the view.

A dark shape hovering along the edge of the bush line in the darkness caught my attention. Unfortunately, a rabbit caught my dog's attention at the same time as she burst up onto her back legs like a kangaroo wanting to chase after it.

This caused the hind in the distance to bark her alarm at being disturbed and I grudgingly called it a night. We made our way along the 2km's of paddock under a clear sky punctuated by stars towards the hut and a hot meal. Again, we gathered around the macrocarpa table and shared our stories about the terrain we'd encountered that day and any animals we'd spotted. It was funny seeing one guy's photo of his very hairy legs completely covered in grass seed from a plant that has little seeds that stick to everything.

His story about finding the trail camera and giving it a friendly greeting were also good banter. It was really good to hear one of our young buddy hunters share his day with us. That new hunter vibe never gets old for me. It's so awesome seeing someone else get completely hooked into the hunting addiction and I'm stoked that Iain graciously took him out to get some experience.

While we slept that night the weather changed, and we awoke to a humid, cloudy

day with the possibility of more rain. This time I managed to get away just on daylight and found a mint pathway up into the hills that cost me a fraction of the mahi I'd spent the previous day.

Someone had marked the trees as an easier way of getting up into the clearing. I was pushed for time and couldn't carry on as we were due to meet back at the hut by midday and pack up our belongings. Wishing that time wasn't an issue, I promised myself I'd get

back to that easy track the next time we stayed there as Elsie and I once again trekked back down towards the reality of routines and the real world.

I'm super pleased about our ability to hunt there as a club and look forward to going back again next year. Thanks go out to the whole crew who made it a great weekend and a great time away. Since Covid, nothing about my hunting experience is ever taken for granted. Even if it's just hiking with a rifle. Our recent



extreme weather events or a decision made in an office miles away from here makes me appreciate every minute I get to spend in the bush with my dog and a rifle.

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!



PRIZEGIVING CLUB NIGHT

THIS YEAR OUR ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING FOR THE ANTLER, HORN & TUSK, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND LITERARY COMPETITIONS IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT TO PAST YEARS.

We are holding the prizegiving on a regular club night, but are incorporating a BBQ dinner from 6pm for some socializing prior to the awarding of trophies.

While all members are encouraged to attend, in an effort to increase prior registration for catering purposes, we are raffling off a mincer on the night with



registration doubling as an entry to the mincer raffle.

So don't miss out, get your raffle ticket and come along for a great evening to celebrate the success of our members over the past year.

Raffle entry is by prior registration only, raffle will be drawn after prizes have been awarded, winner must be present to collect the mincer prize.

www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/annual-prizegiving-antler-horn-tusk-photographic-and-literary-comps-tickets

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

WHANGANUI FALLOW BOP BRANCH CLUB HUNT







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)

9th July

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)

15th July

19th August

16th September

21st October

18th November

16th December

BOPSRA CLUB DAY

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 3:00PM)

8th July

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.



RANGE NEWS:

RANGE WORKING BEE

We are having a working bee at our 300m range on Sunday 9th July - we will commence with a tool box meeting just before 9am, the range will be closed until 1pm.

If you enjoy using our range then please come along and lend a hand to complete some routine maintenance to ensure everything remains in good order.

Bring a scrub cutter, a shovel, a rake & a bucket, a drill, a reciprocating saw for cutting drums - if you don't have any other these items just bring yourself and get stuck in with others on tasks.

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 WORKING BEE

9AM, JULY 9TH - Royce Downes, 300m Range Manager



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.

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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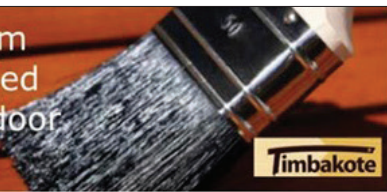
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See Richard McEwen on club nights between 7.15pm - 7.30pm.

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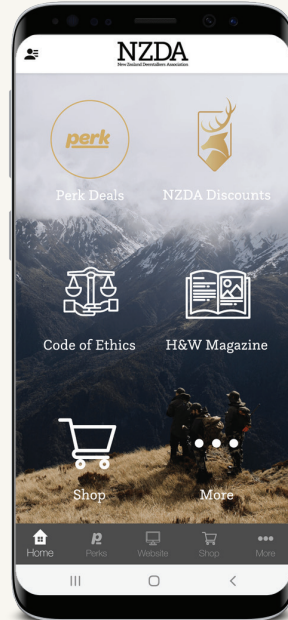


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