



Bay of Plenty

# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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: Contestants at the latest Peeking Wallaby Match. Story on page 8!  
Want to feature on the cover?! If you have a photo suitable for the cover, please send it through to [editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

# PRESIDENTS REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2023

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HUNT WAS HELD IN WHANGANUI, WITH MORE THAN A DOZEN MEMBERS COLLECTIVELY SHOOTING OVER FIFTY FALLOW DEER.

Well done to those who went down there and got the job done. We are hopeful to have another fallow hunt in October so keep an eye on Facebook and your emails.

The National Goat Hunting Competition is well under way, with the club holding it's first 'open' day last month. It was relatively quiet, not surprising though as we didn't really know what to expect.

Those who were there enjoyed some delicious goat sausages off the BBQ and had a good time socialising over a cold one while Tim butchered some deer. I hope to see more members bring tails and heads in at the October day.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming hunts where you might get onto some goats.

***“WELL DONE TO THOSE WHO WENT DOWN THERE AND GOT THE JOB DONE. WE ARE HOPEFUL TO HAVE ANOTHER FALLOW HUNT IN OCTOBER SO KEEP AN EYE ON FACEBOOK AND YOUR EMAILS.”***

Our 2023 HUNTS course is progressing well, and the one-on-one hunt is coming up this month.

If you're an experienced hunter and are available to assist with guiding a novice, contact Doug Williams to let him know your availability.

That's about it from me this month.

See you at a club night, on a club hunt or at the range.

Reuben

# NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION (BOP BRANCH) INC.

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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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Te Urewera  
North Island



# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2023/24

<b>SEP</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT:</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	<b>HUNTS COURSE GUIDED HUNT</b> Date: 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep Organiser: Doug Williams	<b>CLEMENTS MILL ROAD</b> Date: 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct Organiser: Isabell Zitzelsberger Click <a href="#">here</a> for more info.
<b>OCT</b>	<b>CLUB NIGHT: HUNTING WITH TUI</b> Location: BOP Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>GOAT COMPETITION OPEN DAY</b> Date: 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>MOKAU RIVER TRIP</b> Date: 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct Organiser: Catherine Russel
	<b>TAHR HUNT - SOUTHERN ALPS</b> Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov Organiser: Stan Lowe		
<b>NOV</b>	<b>PIROPIRO FLATS - GOATS</b> Date: 10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov Organiser: Dan Gallagher	<b>GOAT COMPETITION OPEN DAY</b> Date: 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10.30am-1.30pm	
<b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEARS BREAK</b>			
<b>FEB</b>	<b>SKIPS OR ROGERS HUT</b> Date: TBC Organiser: Dan Gallagher		
<b>MAR</b>	<b>MANGATAINOKA SPRINGS</b> Date: TBC Organiser: Sascha Haag		
<b>APR</b>	<b>KAIMAI ROAR HUNT</b> Date: TBC Organiser: Dan Gallagher		
<b>MAY</b>	<b>OPOTIKI</b> Date: TBC Organiser: Adam Fairclough		
<b>JUN</b>	<b>WANGANUI RIVER</b> Date: TBC Organiser: Isabell Zitzelsberger		
<b>JUL</b>	<b>BOYD HUT</b> Date: TBC Organiser: Adam Rusk		

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

## OBITUARY

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# DAVE SORENSON

## A LIFE FILLED WITH ADVENTURES

**D**AVE GREW UP IN THE HUTT VALLEY AND SOON GRADUATED TO TRAMPING IN THE TARARUA'S FOLLOWED BY HUNTING FOR MEAT PURPOSES. ONE ONE OCCASION WHEN HE WAS 20, HE DAMAGED HIS KNEE REALLY BADY AND BY SOME SUPERHUMAN FEAT MANAGED TO DRAG HIMSELF BACK TO THE CAR AND DRIVE TO HUTT HOSPITAL. UNFORTUNATELY BY THE TIME HE GOT THERE THE KNEE WAS SO SWOLLEN THAT HE HAD NO HOPE OF GETTING OUT OF THE CAR SO HAD TO ATTRACT ATTENTION SOMEHOW IN ORDER TO GET TO A & E.

From the interest in tramping and hunting he evolved into leading Venturer Scouts and the friendships he made during that time still endure to this day. He spent so much time in the bush that he even missed his own mothers funeral.

Once he moved to the Bay of Plenty, he discovered Hahei and had lots of camping trips there, swimming, fishing, kayaking etc. It was a matter of pride to always camp in a tent no matter what the conditions.

Nearly 20 years ago, Dave and I decided to build ourselves a new bivvy up in the bush, so we constructed the framework out of laminated rib ply with aluminium stakes driven into the ground to bolt it to so that no timber touches the ground. We did this at Daves home in Katikati. We then carried it two and a half hours up there, taking 16 separate trips. A huge effort but well worth it.

When Dave turned 65 he said that no way was he stopping working, but it wasn't too long before he realised that there was a lot



of playtime he was missing out on and work was put to one side. Then he embarked on a life of hunting, possum trapping, fishing and holidays. Before he killed a possum he always told it "This wont hurt".

He absolutely loved being up at the bivvy, trapping possums, trying to catch pigs, attending to his trail cameras. He had a tame long fin eel up there and he could pick it up and pat it. Unfortunately it disappeared in a huge rain event.

He had some absolutely wonderful trips, hunting Rusa in New Caledonia, hunting Chital deer in Townsville, hunting in South Africa with Crimpy.

We were with Sharon and Dave in Alaska and Canada, when at Lake Louise he decided to go out to look for animals and on a trail came across a sign saying do not pass this sign, dangerous animals. He did. Got chased by a bear.

Prior to this at Kelowna he went out, crawled under one of their legendary long trains to get past to look for animals and was gone for hours.

Another time, while in Canyon Land in Utah with Sharon, they were struck by lightening and his hearing aids were blown apart.

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Luckily neither of them was injured. Plus while in Scotland they reached Ben Nevis and Dave decided to climb it in spite of the inclement weather. He did take Sharon's jacket though. Came back frozen to the bone.

One solo trip he did into Fiordland he was helicoptered in, above the

treeline, just had time to set his tent up when a snowstorm came in. Luckily a stag turned up across the creek which he shot, but took his boots off to wade through the water.

Butchered the stag standing in the snow with bare feet and ended up with a touch of frostbite. Then he was snowed in for 6 days as the weather was too bad for the helicopter to return to get him. By that time all he had left to eat was the stag. He was very thin when I got to see him.

He and I had some great trips together, lifted into the Kaikouras by helicopter, massive stags up there but extremely difficult to get to.

Lake McKerrow, across the lake from the Hollyford track, where the sandflies are so thick that you have to spray in the tent then dive in fast only to find them about 50ml deep on the floor. As well, some magic time at the bivvy.

I will miss you Dave.

**Ken Voyce**



# PEEKING WALLABY MATCH UPDATE

WE HAVE RUN 6 MATCHES NOW OVER ALMOST A TWO YEAR PERIOD. NUMBERS ATTENDING THE SHOOT ARE SLOWLY GROWING AND IN AUGUST WE HAD 11 SHOOTERS WHICH WAS THE LARGEST GROUP SO FAR. WE HAVE CAPACITY FOR UP TO 27 WHICH WOULD BE 3 DETAILS OF 9 SHOOTERS.

There are 4 rifle classes which means pretty much any centrefire rifle has a place. The classes are Factory Rifle (FR), Factory Benchrest (FBR),

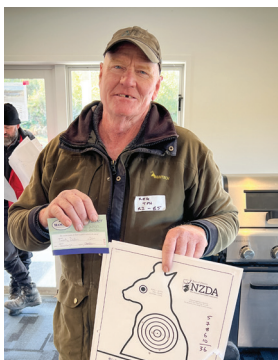
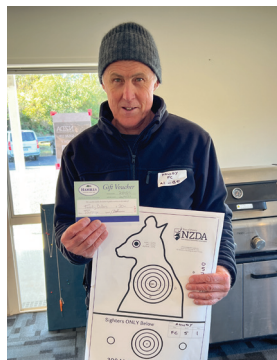


Custom (C) and Tactical Practical Hunter (TPH).

All rifles are shot from the bench. The first 3 classes must be shot off a rear sand bag and front sand bag (or

mechanical front rest with a sand bag fitted).

With the 4 class, TPH, the rifle must have a rear sand bag but the front rest can be a Bi-Pod (Harris style or



**“HAMILLS SPORTS HAS BEEN GENEROUS IN DONATING PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS. RECENTLY THE HOP HOUSE BAR AND RESTAURANT HAS SPONSORED A BEER COASTER SHOOT.**

similar). Muzzle brakes are allowed but for the comfort of others they will all be shot together.

We shoot one target at 3 different distances. 100m, 200m and then 300m. About 15-24 rounds of ammunition are required (5-8 per target). Each of the three targets is different and has a high scoring/high risk area on it.

This means you need to apply some strategy to

achieve the best score for your particular rifle class and ability.

Hamills Sports has been generous in donating prizes for the winners. Recently the Hop House bar and restaurant has sponsored a beer coaster shoot. For an extra \$5 you can buy a beer coaster and if you can shoot the green hop flower on it then you win a \$50 bar and restaurant voucher.

This is shot at the end of the match while the Peeking Wallaby targets are being scored, so bring an extra round or two if you want to try and win your dinner.

The last match for the year is Sunday 5th November at 8:30am. Any NZDA member is eligible to enter. Maybe we will see you there!

The rules and more information can be found on the club website:

[www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/peeking-wallaby-match](http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/peeking-wallaby-match)



# NATIONAL WILD GOAT HUNTING COMPETITION

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

**14<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - 1.30pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am - 1.30pm**

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

[goatcomp@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:goatcomp@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

Or visit:

[www.doc.govt.nz/wild-goat-hunting-competition](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> October and return on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

NOTE the fly in date is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and flyout date is Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Stan Lowe

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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.

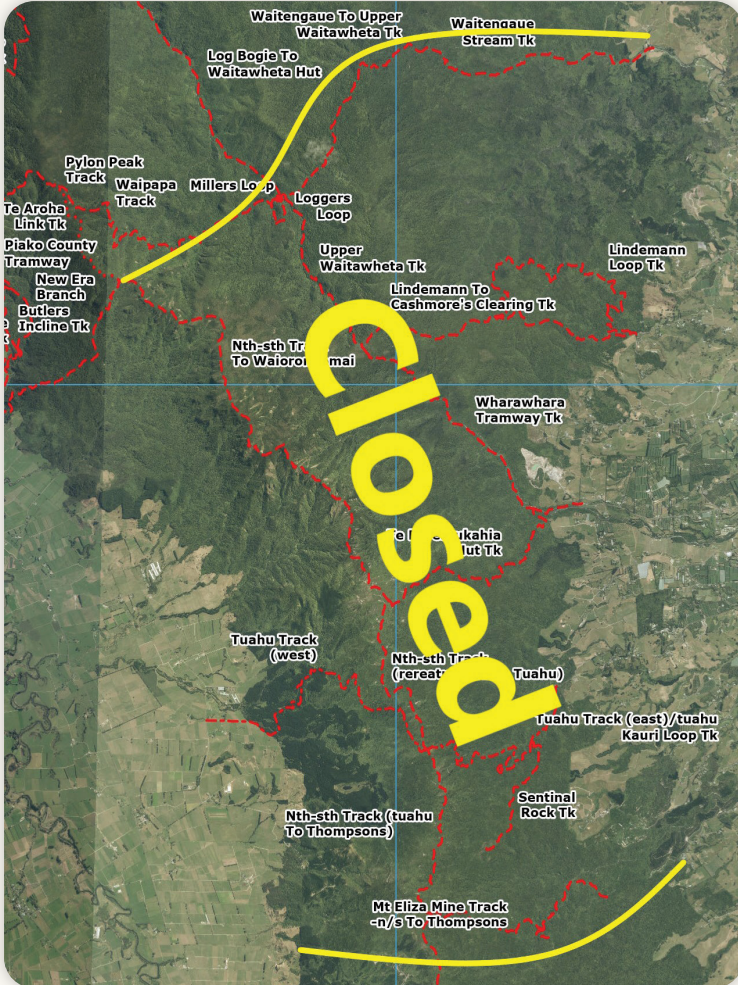
All stories must be emailed to the editor as an attachment in .doc or .docx format.

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](http://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](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)

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## PUBLIC RANGE DAY

(LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH)

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)

5<sup>th</sup> November

## BENCHREST SHOOTING

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 12:00PM)

10<sup>th</sup> September

## CLUB SHOOT (TPRA/NZDA)

(RANGE PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR EVENT

9:00AM TO 1:00PM)

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)

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.

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Te Urewera  
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](http://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz) for details and law changes

## 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](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  
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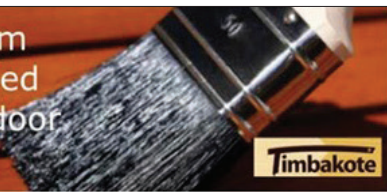
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**6PM TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**  
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Come along to discuss what club hunts you would like to see on the calendar and find out about how to organise a club hunting trip.

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.

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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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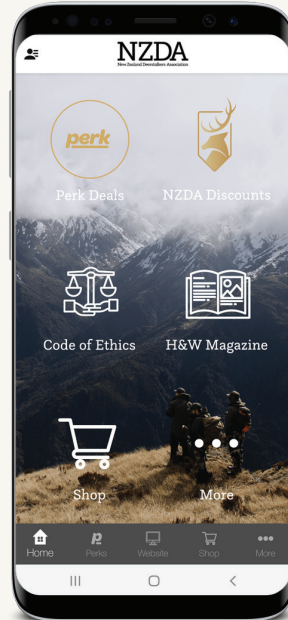


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