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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION,
BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH



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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.



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PRESIDENTS REPORT: DECEMBER 2023

It's been a while since we published a newsletter. There have been some people changes and we are looking to introduce a new format next year. A big thanks to the members who have put their hands up to help with managing all our communication channels. This newsletter is a great wrap for 2023, keep an eye on your emails for the next one around the end of January.

We have had an eventful year with the development of our Hunter Assist Program harvesting nearly 400 deer off one property near Whanganui, multiple club hunts to a variety of locations around the North Island and the annual Tahr Hunt down South. The hunting success of many of our members, old and new, has provided plenty of banter at club nights and it's been great hearing of multiple novice hunters getting out there and securing their first animal.

The National Goat Competition had its final day on Sunday, and while our club received few entries there was relative success around the country with thousands of goats being shot for conservation and the dinner table. If you didn't come to one of our Goat Comp Open Days, then you missed out on some delicious goat sausages on the BBQ and some great chat over a beer. Well done to everyone who got out there and had a go, only one tail is all that was needed to get your name in for a chance at the \$50k worth of prizes. Hopefully next year sees a bigger prize pool, more support from hunters, and more goats taken.

While we don't have a club night in January, we do have the Family Weekend at Tapu which is always a fantastic weekend of socialising and fishing. Don't miss the opportunity! Read this newsletter for more details.

For our last club night this year we have a long-time member and experienced Sika hunter, Jamie Fairbairn, sharing his knowledge and a few stories. Don't miss your chance to hear some pro tips on how to hunt the elusive Sika Stag! Next year we're planning two club hunts in Sika country, so you'll have the opportunity to stalk these awesome animals.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter this year, and thanks to Nik Maxwell for the years he has collated our club newsletter. The \$500 prize for the 2023 best newsletter article will be announced at the March Club Night.

Don't miss the Xmas shoot on Sunday, it's a great half day of socialising before the holiday season and kids love the reactive targets!

See you at the range or club night, if not, have a happy and safe holiday season and get shredding for the roar!

Reuben

DECEMBER CLUB NIGHT

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 7.00PM

GUEST SPEAKER

Jamie Fairbairn

Qualified builder and director of Fairbairn builders. 25+ years in the industry. Hunter, covering all of New Zealand and have hunted Sika for the last 27 years.

My Sika hunting heritage goes back on both sides of my family right back to the 1930's. My Grandad along with both my Uncles were Sika hunting guides.

I have 2 young boys (8 and 10) that hunt along side my wife Amie and I.

I've been a member of the Sika foundation from the start in 2015 and BOP deerstalkers member since 1996.

I will be covering all things Sika in New Zealand, how to hunt them and how to roar them, also my time hunting Sika in Japan and Scotland.

I will cover our Sika hunters New Zealand website and our direction with this.

I will be welcoming a good question session at the end with some giveaways.

Jamie



Please remember there is no club night in January.

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2023/24

DEC	CLUB CHRISTMAS SHOOT: Location: Tect Park Range Date: Sunday 3 rd Dec Time: 9am	CLUB NIGHT: Location: Branch Clubrooms Date: Tuesday 5 th Dec Time: 7pm	
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS BREAK			
JAN	FAMILY WEEKEND Date: 26 th - 29 th Jan Organiser: Stan Lowe Contact: lowe2147@gmail.com		
FEB	KORANGA FORKS/TAWA HUT Date: 15 th - 18 th Feb Organiser: Dan Gallagher		
MAR	MANGATAINOKA SPRINGS Date: TBC Organiser: Sascha Haag		
APR	KAIMAI ROAR HUNT Date: 11 th - 14 th April Organiser: Dan Gallagher	Location: Te Whare Okioki Contact: danielgallaghan@hotmail.com	
MAY	OPOTIKI Organiser: Adam Fairclough		
JUN	WANGANUI RIVER Date: TBC Organiser: Isabell Zitzelsberger		
JUL	BOYD HUT Date: TBC Organiser: Adam Rusk		
VISIT: www.deerstakersbop.org.nz/club-events for more NZDA BOP events and activities.			



RANGE NEWS:

CLUB CHRISTMAS SHOOT

The club christmas shoot will be held on Sunday 3rd Dec from 9.00am until lunch. BBQ lunch to follow. Rimfire only (fun targets). Bring family.

RANGE OPEN DAY FOR DECEMBER

There will not be a Range Open Day on the last Sunday in December (New Years Eve).

FIREARMS REGISTRY

Remember to stay up to date with the 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 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.

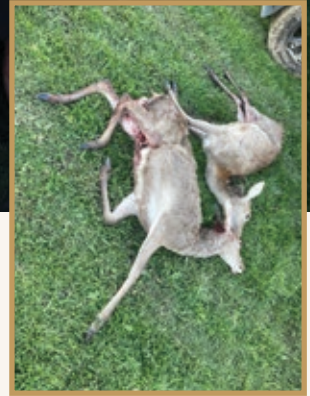
This will require an extension and rebuild to the target lines. Initial earth works have been completed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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



BUDDY HUNTER PROGRAM



Since 2022, the BOP branch has offered new hunters access to our buddy hunter program where we assist members to be matched up with an experienced hunter. Zac Cole was recently paired up with NZDA member Matt Batchelor and this is the story of their first hunt together in early November.

Reaching out to be part of the Hunter Buddy Program was a straightforward and simple process to complete. This was all done through Sarah Cotching who paired me up with Matt via a few back and forth emails which inevitably lead to an interesting and pretty cool first Hunt with Matt and his dad Peter.

After a phone call with Matt and introducing ourselves to one another we set up a date and time to go for a hunt on Papahiwi station. This hunt ended up with having an interesting start leaving Tauranga around 8:00pm and arriving at 10:00pm to an abandoned hut with no soul in sight. 30minutes went by, then an hour and here was me thinking to myself, do I have to call a search party, do I try get in contact with the owners, what next? After an hour and a half with plummeting temperatures and increasing winds I received a message from Matt saying "Got lost in the bush. Out now and on our way back". At that moment it was the realization of what have I got myself into.

Once back at the hut there with handshakes all round, introductions in front of the fire and a bit of banter all around. Rising at 5:15am before sun rise to get onto those early morning deer peeping their heads from the Pureora bush edge was a lot easier than I thought it would be after 4 hours of sleep. Matt and I set off to the east side of the block while Matts dad stayed at the hut recovering from the extravaganza the night before and would set off an hour after us on the Polaris. With Matt and I sidling along the patches of bush throughout the block stopping every 50m or so. After a short period of time, we spotted the first deer for the day, Approx 500m away on the bush edge. We both decided to give it a crack and stalk in on the animal to only spot deer number 2 standing right beside and 3 and 4 off to the far left. This property had some early promise which ended up being a gold mine throughout the weekend.

Walking in and out of gullies and sidling along faces, more and more deer were showing themselves but all slightly out of reach until we spotted a spiker 220m away and took the shot. The shot hit and the deer dropped but this was to no avail as he moved away into the bush leaving little evidence for us to follow. At this point in time, we stated heading back slowly to the hut with a few left and right turns along the way to see if there was anything out on any clearings that were tucked just inside the bush edge. A quick call was made to Peter for pickup and to great delight he had shot a deer basically from the side of the Polaris when driving down the track. Back at the hut we sat for a midday breakfast and waited until late afternoon came, with a bit of a tight squeeze we all decided to hop into the Polaris and follow a pretty rugged track to the back of the property through the 1000 acres of private bush that was accessible to us and where Matt happened to get lost the night before. Up and down along the track we happened to stumble across a spiker on the run, a shot but to no avail. It was then that we noticed a yearling hind to the left stuck in a



fence. A shot fired by Matt and myself had her down, Second one on the deck.

After a butchery session we continued along the track stopping here and there to see if there was anything else on the clearings that lay ahead. Reaching the end of the track a paddock of around 50 acres lay in front of us. A quick stop and we were off again with Matt and I heading in one direction and Peter in the other. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 More and more deer started appearing all running towards the bush edge, it was at this moment that both Matt and I dropped to the ground and let off a shot into the middle of the mob. The walk started up the hill to see if we had got another or if we would track down any kind of blood trail that lay at our feet. Once at the top it was a bit of back and forth scrambling as there was no evident blood trail but Matt with his eagle eyes stopped something off to the right and little and behold number 3 was on the deck and back to the hut we went.



After a quick pit stop back at the hut and we were off again for our last light hunt to a lookout point that we had identified earlier in the day. Sitting there for around 10 minutes we spotted the first deer 380m away. After a quick uhm and ah I decided to close the distance to another point 150m closer. Upon reaching this point the spiker had bedded down. With the wind behind me I quickly set up for the shot, with shot 1 and 2 both landing I was happy that he was well and truly dead, not wanting him to run like the deer earlier in the day. Now the hard work began with a carry in the dark as we could not get the Polaris down and up the gully to where the deer lay. 30 minutes later I had finished gutting and making him into a very heavy backpack, this was a lot harder than the deer I have carried in the past due to the sheer weight and pitch black darkness. Down and up the other side was a relief when I reached the top to see headlights of a vehicle coming towards me for a ride back to the hut.

With having 4 deer on the deck, we all decided the next morning would be a sleep in preparation to watch the Rugby World Cup final before we left. This was a great way to top cap off the trip besides the unfortunate loss that the All blacks faced. I would like to thank Matt, Peter and Sarah for their support and willingness to share their knowledge as I believe no matter how far you are along your hunting journey there is always something to be learnt and good company to be had along the way.

This was a great way to meet some new faces and hopefully some lasting friendships.

Zac Cole

BUDDY HUNTER PROGRAM

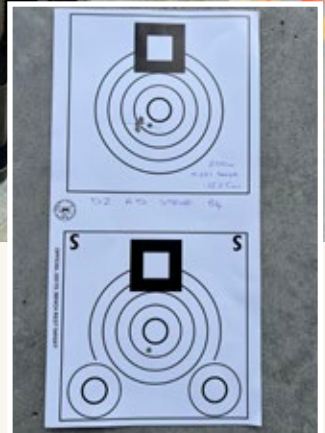
ARE YOU A NOVICE HUNTER LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN TAKE YOU UNDER THEIR WING AND SHOW YOU THE TRICKS OF HUNTING AND GET YOU ON YOUR FIRST DEER?

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



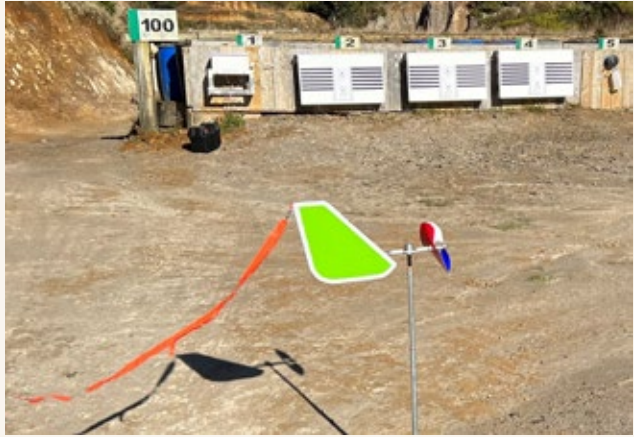
NZDA Benchrest Shooting Update

It's been just over a year now since benchrest competition shooting was introduced to the club. This is a national NZDA discipline which is shot for centrefire group and rimfire for score. We have also had a play with centrefire for score as well, however this is not a discipline NZDA pursues.

With some knowledge now under our belts I have simplified the annual program and it is up on the website for 2024. The first shoot will be on the 14th January with 50 metre 0.22LR rimfire for score. Then the next 3 shoots will be centrefire for group at 100m, the next 200m and then 300m.

At the 10th September shoot this year Steve Bell earned himself the first club '1 Shot a Screamer' sticker for his rifle. This was for a 5 shot, 12.25mm group at 200m (or 0.221 SMOA). Well done Steve.

The next NZDA national match is the North Island Championship which is held at Auckland Anniversary weekend at the Tokoroa Sport Shooting Complex. Our branch is hosting this for the first time as South Waikato branch has stepped down. Several of us are heading over to shoot, as well as several of our range officers to help with safety and target changes.



<https://deerstalkersbop.org.nz/range/benchrest-shooting/>

The Peeking Wallaby Match is based on benchrest centrefire for score shooting. Apart from not being an NZDA national discipline, this is another reason for not pursuing centrefire score shooting at our club benchrest shoots (the program gets too busy).



However, we are also working on an annual 300m Tack Driver Match. Perhaps to be run Nov 2024. So sharp shooters keep your eyes peeled for that.

Tokoroa Sports Shooting Complex.

Baden Prentice



PAKIHI CLUB HUNT

Another successful club hunt up to Pakihi hut. Four hunters made the trip, with the oldest being in their 60's and the youngest being just 12! Miss 12 - my Daughter leading the way 2 hours and 15 minutes to the hut!

A few goats were shot on the slips leading to the hut.. and a few missed. A bit more practice required shooting up a hill at distance for me going forward was noted! No deer this trip unfortunately, but a few spooked.

It was great experience for my daughter on how to cross rivers, clamber up steep ridges and glass Slips.

We had the hut to ourselves for the first 2 nights then a group of 8 Scouts from Gisborne joined us for the last night, that's why Pakihi hut is a great option, as there is a lot of extra space to accommodate everyone.

**THE JULY CLUB HUNT
WAS ANOTHER FULL
SUCCESS!**



TARAWERA CLUB HUNT

Nine eager and excited hunters, stunning location and two deer shot and processed! This all sounds almost perfect, but as everyone knows, hunting isn't that easy! Let me tell you the full story.

On Friday night we caught up at our house, hooked on the boat and four of us travelled down to Lake Tarawera, enjoying the last day of "low" fuel prices. The other 5 hunters already arrived at Hot Water Beach in the afternoon and even managed to go for a hunt. Nothing was shot though - just a couple of deer spooked and a wallaby seen. Well, this was just the warm up!

When we arrived everyone helped unpacking our boat, which was heavily loaded with the Club Tent, a little tender with engine, tents, chairs, you name it! The Club Tent was set up in no time and we grouped together around the table for a few beers and planning out the next day. It rained a bit, but luckily not too bad, so

the decision was made to get up early and head out into the bush.

We started the morning around 6:30am with a coffee to then split up and drive across the lake to all the different hunting areas we split up in the morning. Our group went on an extra mission. We travelled with our boat to a jetty further down the lake, where we tied it up, unpacked the tender and outboard and carried both across the hill for 1.2km. We arrived at Lake Rotomahana in drizzle and a submerged jetty, but managed to pump up the tender, attached the engine and as soon as we were ready to leave the rain stopped and a rainbow appeared across the lake - this must be a sign!

So 4 people, a dog, 4 rifles and 3 backpacks in the little tender, shot for approx. 45min across the lake to hunt over there for the day. We dropped Jeremy off, who went on a solo mission and the other 3 of us + dog went a bit further down the lake. With all the rain in the previous weeks, the area was

super swampy! Little trees stuck out of the ground everywhere, which we had to maneuver around and tried desperately to find a spot to park the tender. Not an easy task. We also had to unpack the ores to tactically make our way around all the obstacles. But then we finally found an area to exit the boat, make in on land and park up. Now the next part of the mission was about to start...

We made our way across the extremely boggy area - mud as deep as my thigh (I am speaking of experience) didn't make it easy to find our way around. Perfect area though! The best place for deer to hang out - surely we would get something here! After scrambling around for a couple of hours we found a perfect spot to sit and watch the clearing! Yeah boy! That'll be it, off we go, shoot a deer soon and get it back in no time - this place was just too perfect!

So we climbed up on the side of the valley, got ourselves comfortable and decided that it probably won't take longer than a couple of hours to shoot a deer here. So we sat there and watched...and sat and watched...what was the time? 11:30am. Ok, so we have time...

I forgot to charge my phone, so nothing there to entertain me...the sun was hiding way to much behind the clouds for my liking, so every little ray of sunshine was appreciated warming up those cold bones. What was the time now? 11:45am...oh really? Ok, well, good things take time.

Looking over to Scotty - he is focused. Sascha? Focused. Me...a bit bored, a bit hungry. Or just bored and this was the reason I was hungry? No harm in snacking on some almonds...it's lunchtime anyway. One hour down...shit time goes so slow if you are just staring onto a clearing. Waiting. Hoping. Picturing this deer coming out of the scrub onto the clearing - any minute! 12:10pm...

Wonder what Jeremy is up to? Worth flicking a message to see how he is going on. 'Good



clearings, nothing moving," he said. Oh well, at least he is moving, we are just sitting. Practicing patience. It will pay off - I am sure!

Then a shot! YAY! Something was happening!! A second shot. Scotty looks at us... "sorry guys!" What happened? "I am not sure if I got this guys - I can't see it anymore! I am so sorry! I should have said something!"

Sascha and I climb down into the valley to look for the potential deer. Skip (the dog) is way to excited to be a good help, so we climb around on the steep hills hugging the valley, guided by Scotty from the other side trying to find a dead or wounded deer...but nothing! So much sign though! But no blood or fur or anything indicating a partial success. At least we moved a bit - warmed up a bit. Back to our viewing point. This time all four of us cuddle up on the next to each other, reviewing what just happened.

Was there a communication issue? Should he have waited until the deer would possibly come further down and even onto the clearing? Well, the adrenaline and excitement kicked in though. Also you never know - it could have been the one and only chance so it was probably good that the shot was fired. At least a try. No one is mad, just got Scotty thinking about future behaviors and controlling the adrenaline levels. Well, we can wait, right? Surely there will be another deer coming soon - we might have spooked a few now with the shots, the yelling, the running around, the search. But hey, we have time right? It's just 1:40pm...

So we keep sitting...and waiting. And whispering a bit - sometimes. Not too often though. Focussing on the clearing, feeling the cold creeping up through the bones. Text message from Jeremy - he got one! Whooop! How awesome! He is boning it out, filling his backpack and will make it slowly to the agreed meeting point for pick up. Yay! At least there is meat now to be shared, but also our enthusiasm is sparked even more now. They are here! One is down, surely we can get one too. Patience!

Around 3pm Sascha shoots off to pick up a very happy Jeremy, Scotty and I sit, and wait...and stare and focus and check and do it all over again...

Sascha and Jeremy are back around 4pm so we keep sitting - the 4 of us. At 5:04pm is sunset (not that I was waiting for it...), it is getting colder, the dog is falling a sleep... but it's prime time! Surely now! Surely there will be a deer popping out of the scrub soon. The visibility is getting worse - nothing is moving. But then - there it is! A deer! In the middle of the clearing, probably no more than 30-50 meters away from us. Really?? How did it get there unseen? 8 eyes were staring! We can just sit there and watch it grassing, moving slowly - then it turns into the perfect shooting

position. One shot - missed! But it just walks off a few meters, looks into our direction, traumatized, wondering what just happened, before it starts grassing again. Second shot - perfect placement and the animal goes down. Whoohooo! Suddenly it is not cold anymore. Suddenly those 6 hours of sitting and waiting were worth it. So exciting!

We climb down into the valley and check out the deer. Too big to carry the whole thing, so in the light of the torches we break it apart. Everyone gets a piece to carry, back through the mud, the puddles, the bushes and back to the tender, which now is definitely overloaded! In the bright moonshine we motor with probably not more than 2 knots across the lake - 4 rifles, 3 backpacks, one dog, 2 deer and 4 very happy hunters!

Back at the jetty we realize that we have to do a few trips now and start packing up to do a trip twice over the hill each. Worth it!

We're back at camp around 9pm. Way too late for the promised BBQ, so we just have a feed, tell our stories and go to bed. Shattered! The next morning starts slow. A little sleep in, coffee and the BBQ for breakfast. Patties and sausages - yum! The deer is hanging in the tree and we start a butchering session. It's just perfect as the more experienced hunters explain to the more new hunters where to cut, how to skin, and what pieces to take. With 18 hands on deck it doesn't take us too long to have the meat split up amongst us.

After a good soak in the hot pools, we pack down and make our way home to sort out photos and add another successful hunting weekend to our memories.

Isabell Titzelsberger

TARH BRANCH HUNT



In early November the Branch held its 13 th Annual Tahr Hunt with 3 parties participating, one in the Mt Cook National Park and two in the surrounding areas of the Park.

This year the weather was perfect unlike last year when we endured heavy rain, strong winds and covid to boot. This makes camping out very pleasant and without the hunting pressures of areas close to the huts.

All parties had plenty of opportunity to shoot Tahr but to find the big boys as usual was a test of how far and how high you can walk. For us older members this is quite challenging but with good long-range shooting and a pair of willing young legs to help with retrievals it is still doable. We all brought out enough meat to satisfy the BBQ requirements for summer as well as a handful of heads of varying size. Thank goodness for modern technology, a Garmin inreach and a quality cell phone, as one party had to be evacuated a couple of days early due to ill health of one of their members.

Fortunately, after a couple of days in hospital the issue was resolved with no further action required. Just goes to show whether you are in a group or by yourself in these remote areas you never know when things will go wrong.

For those who have never hunted in alpine areas it is truly a worthwhile experience, you never know what to expect from weather. Its just a matter of teaming up with somebody who is familiar with this type of hunting, being as fit as is possible, being prepared for whatever the weather throws at you and practise your long range shooting. The numbers of animals have definitely been reduced but there is still plenty for the average recreational hunter to have some fun.

Stan Lowe (Organizer) swampy!



PHASED OPENING FOR KAIMAI TRACKS

DOC together with mana whenua have been assessing closed tracks in Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park with the aim to begin phased reopening throughout October and November.

AS AT THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER THE FOLLOWING TRACKS REMAIN CLOSED:

- Wharawhara Tramway Track (PA)
- Wharawhara Link Track (PA)
- Te Rereatakahia Hut Track (PA)
- Kauritatahi Track (Slip)

The Wharawhara Track and areas within immediate proximity of the site were temporarily closed and a rāhui was imposed in July when *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA), the pathogen that causes kauri disease, was detected during routine soil sampling.

In an October Press release, DOC Operations Manager Zane Jensen said restricting access protected kauri by limiting any possible spread of the pathogen while wider sampling across the site was complete.

“We all have a role to play in protecting these Rakau Rangatira,” says Zane.

“We’re pleased sampling did not re-detect the pathogen that causes kauri disease, so we can now look forward to re-opening areas within the site. DOC staff will assess track condition and make sure they are safe for visitors to use.

“We will update our website as tracks re-open. Until then they will stay closed.”

“If track conditions aren’t safe for visitors, or re-opening would pose further risk to kauri, they will stay closed for further maintenance to bring them up to standard.

“We’ll continue collaborating with mana whenua, Tiakina Kauri, and other agencies to monitor and protect kauri.”

Mana whenua liaison Carlton Bidois said further sampling work and new infrastructure was needed to lower the risk of visitors transferring the pathogen to kauri. “Mana whenua will continue to assess the merits of lifting rāhui against the backdrop of risk management options moving forward.”

DOC, in partnership with mana whenua, have made the call to have two tracks, (Wharawhara Tramway Track and Te Rereatakahia Hut Track), remain closed for approximately 6 months for additional sampling in suitable conditions.

Visitors to re-opened tracks are reminded to stay on tracks, arrive clean, and leave clean to avoid spreading the PA pathogen.



FAMILY WEEKEND

**FRIDAY JANUARY 26TH TO
MONDAY 29TH JAN 2024**
(Auckland Anniversary Weekend)

RIVERSIDE RETREAT
31 Tapu Coroglen Road,
Thames Coast
(Stan & Arendina Lowe's)

Enjoy a weekend of fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, walking, and biking on Hauraki Rail Trail or just relaxing with the family and other club members. Heaps of other activities and lots of space to do it in.

Bring your camping gear, caravan, camper van or stay in our cabins (several available) at Riverside Retreat or across the road in self contained flat. Other holiday accommodation can be arranged if none of the other options is to your liking.

Facilities at Riverside include non flush toilets, shower, large BBQ area, fridge and freezer space, local shop with takeaways, safe swimming hole in river, school playground plus the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.



WHAT TO BRING

Sun screen, insect repellent, food, drink, usual camp gear and the toys you enjoy (boats, kayaks, bikes), or even a deck chair and a good book.

Saturday and Sunday night we will have a group BBQ with heaps of snapper (hopefully) - Bring salads and potluck food to share.

COST

\$15 per adult per night,
\$5 per student per night
FREE for under 5 years

If you have any specific requirements give me a call, as I am sure we can make it happen.

PLEASE PHONE STAN 027 6671140
or email lowe2147@gmail.com
to book your space or discuss your requirements.



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.

BOP BRANCH PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS (PLB'S) FOR HIRE

AVAILABLE TO BRANCH MEMBERS FOR HIRE. THESE DEVICES CAN SAVE LIVES BY DRASTICALLY REDUCING SEARCH AND RESCUE TIMES.

Members will need to:

1. Book the units in advance.
2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
4. Pay a \$40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
5. Pay a \$10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 21 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640).

There is no cost for the renewal of the unit if it is used in an emergency but if possible we will need it returned. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.

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