



Bay of Plenty

# NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

**DECEMBER 2024**



**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: Iain MacAulay and his Trophy South Island Tahr  
- see his story on page 11

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT: DECEMBER 2024

**2024 is coming to an end and what a year it has been. The club has had many successful hunts and range events, and member participation has grown. Highlights for me have been the increased number of family members getting involved with club activities and seeing new members and HUNTS course graduates getting their first deer.**

Hopefully Santa is generous to you all with some new hunting and shooting gear for the coming roar season (only 3 months away). If you haven't made plans yet, now is a good time to start thinking about where your next trophy stag might be rutting this season. My kids are already asking where we are going, and I've planned ahead for the April school holidays that coincide with Easter and ANZAC Day. A hint for all those out there that struggle with time off work... You only need to take 3 days of annual leave, and you can get 10 days off work during the roar. Plan now and book leave before your work colleagues beat you to it!

There's the 'shredding for summer' crowd, and there's the 'training for the roar' crowd. Then there's some who just hustle all year. If you're into making New Year's resolutions, why not get yourself in peak physical shape for a big roar trip. You'll need all the strength and stamina you can muster to haul out that 12-point monster in April. Being ready for the roar will get you over just one more hill and one step closer to the trophy of a lifetime. It will also help reduce the chance of injury when you're pushing your limits pursuing the owner of that roar up the valley.

The fallow hunts will be back next year after the fawns are old enough that they aren't entirely dependent on their mothers and the weather starts to cool off. Keep an eye on emails, social media and the newsletters for details early next year. To date we have shot more than 850 deer at Mt Zion and there's still a need to control the population. These hunts are a great way to fill the freezer while getting to know other club members.

Our 2025 calendar starts with a .22LR Benchrest Shoot in January. This low-cost shoot is a great way to enter the sport of benchrest shooting and whether you're a competitive shooter or a social one, it's a lot of fun for those who give it a go. The Peeking Wallaby Match in February is also a great low-cost opportunity for some friendly competition. Target shooting over the summer is a good way to keep up your trigger time while the fawns are at foot and it's too hot for hunting.

Have a safe holiday season, a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

*Reuben*

# BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2024\2025

<b>JAN</b>	Bench Rest Shooting at Range (22LR Rimfire 50m for Score) Date: 12th January	NZDA North Is Regional Benchrest Championship. Hosted by the BOP Branch, Tokoroa Sports Shooting Complex. Date: January 25th-27th 2025.	
	NZDA North Is Regional Benchrest Championship (Hosted by the BOP Branch) Date: 25th-27th January Tokoroa Sports Shooting Complex. Contact Baden. 027 490 8613		
<b>FEB</b>	Peeking Wallaby Match at Range Date: 16th February Contact: Baden Prentice	Club Night Date: Tuesday 4th February Speaker: Simon Carkeek from PracMed	Club Hunt Tawa Hut Date: TBC Contact: Dan Gallagher
	Bench Rest Shooting at Range Date: 16th March Centrefire 100m for Group	Club Hunt - Te Waiti Hut Date: TBC Contact: Scott Lagas	Club Night - Hamills Hosted Date: TBC Speaker: TBC
<b>APR</b>	Te Whare Okioki Club Hunt Date: 10-13th April Contact: danielgallaghan@hotmail.com 0221280828	Club Hunt Mount Zion Date: TBC Contact: TBC	
	Peeking Wallaby Match at Range Date: 4th May Centrefire 100m for Group	Club Hunt Mount Zion Date: TBC Contact: TBC	
<b>JUN</b>	Bench Rest Shooting at Range Date: 15th June Centrefire 200m for Group	Wanganui River Hunt Date: TBC Contact: Isabell Zitzelberger	Club Hunt Mount Zion Date: TBC Contact: TBC
	VISIT: <a href="http://www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events">www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events</a> for more NZDA BOP events and activities.		

# RANGE NEWS:

## Hello members.

Once again, a lot has been going on at the range this past month. On Dec 1st we had our Christmas/Family shoot, and coming up soon the TPRA 'Christmas shoot' will be on Saturday (21st Dec), please note that there is no 'Range Open Day' on the last Sunday of this month. The next range 'Open Day' will be on the last Sunday in January - the 26th, which is also on Auckland anniversary weekend.

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### Christmas Shoot:

Despite the weather being a bit iffy on the day, we still had about 25 people attending. The rain was only a bit drizzly and sporadic, so it really didn't affect the mornings events too much. The kids that turned up had a great time shooting the silhouettes and paper targets with the .22's, and a good meal was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Chris and Karen Maisey for organising the catering and hospitality side of things, and to Richard and the Range Officers present for setting up and running the range shoot for the juniors and new shooters.

### International shooting comps:

3 of our members recently went to the USA to compete in a major Benchrest shooting competition in Phoenix, Arizona. One of them even came back with a prize!! And from the results it seems like they didn't embarrass themselves either! Good to see that even though BR is a very niche part of the rifle shooting sports, Kiwi's are just as able as anyone to compete with the best in the world. Hopefully Baden will provide a story for the newsletter in the near future.

### Small working bees at the range:

Now that we have got the major (urgent) maintenance completed on the range, there are still some jobs (mainly scrub clearing, spraying, mowing, etc.) that smaller crews of guys can possibly do over the coming months of summer. So if you have some time during the week, or on a weekend, and are able to work in with a few other guys to get a some tasks completed at the range site, then let me know so I can get a list of names of possible volunteers together. Also, if anyone has some heavy machinery that they might be able to loan to the club or allow us to store up at the range for awhile, that would be great to have the use of. Small diggers or bulldozers, maybe an old tractor, or other earthmoving or contouring equipment that may come in handy for prospective works on site would be handy to have up there.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Over the summer months please be aware that the rifle range use and access may be closed at any time by the park staff for emergencies, or by any of the volunteer range officers if we have to do work down range of the firing line, or anywhere in the 'Range Danger Area'. Wherever possible we will try to give the range- ticket members at least a day or more of prior notice via the club calendar on our website. If it is a significant working bee or shutdown of more than half a day, we will also try to email out a notification to members as well. But to avoid disappointment please be sure to check the club's calendar every time before you head up to the range.

Please note: The club will not be liable for re-imburement of your fuel or time costs (or anything else) if you turn up to find out that you can't actually use the range due to some organised event – or any other reason. Please remember that the direct personal costs to us volunteers to run the range facility is far more than the cost of your range ticket, and that having a range ticket does not express or imply any guaranteed level of usage of the range facility. Your \$100 range ticket fee is in reality a very modest contribution for a recreational (non-commercial) level of access to a volunteer-run club facility over the course of a year. For a commercially-run range operation you would most likely be looking at minimum annual fees in the \$600-\$1000 range, or more.

## Range has just been re-certified:

We now have a new 'SHOOTING RANGE CERTIFICATE' issued by the inspection staff at Te Tari Pureke (Firearms Safety Authority), and this is now valid until 22/11/2029. This has involved a lot of paperwork and communications back and forth to finally get this all sorted. Many thanks to Grant Hammond for sorting this out, so that our range facility remains legally compliant and open for you to use. Please take some time to read the updated '300m Range Manual' on the club's website.

## Fundraising and donations:

We are always looking for additional sources of funding to help with range maintenance costs, and for development work to create new facilities on site. We have recently had a member donate several boxes of some 1-tonne/3M lifting strops, which we will be offering for sale to the members at a good price, and these funds will be going towards the range maintenance bills. (see the advert elsewhere in this issue). Evan will have these for sale behind the counter at club-nights, so please ask. Also we have just received a large quantity of

the yellow plastic empty chamber safety indicator tags (ECI tags) for rifles, so if you are wanting to purchase a few of these for your own use they will be for sale up at the range on the open days, or Evan may have some available on club nights as well. All of the proceeds of these sales go directly to the club and help to subsidise the range budget. However, as a registered charity we do accept donations, and if you feel that you would like to make a financial contribution to the clubs account - especially if you are a keen range user who for some reason can't make it along to the working bees - then that would be appreciated. Please use the following account for our BOP branch (don't send the money to Wellington office by mistake!! ) NZDA-BOP branch: 03-0445-0184375-00

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas holidays, and a special thank-you to all of our branch committee and other volunteer helpers, and also everyone who has attended and helped out at our working bees at the range and clubrooms. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE RANGE

## 1. Tauranga Precision Rifle Association shoot. Range booking - SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER, 2024.

(This shoot is organised and run by TPRA, but is available for all NZDA BOP members to attend and participate. The TPRA lease arrangement for the day allows them to reserve shooting positions #1 to #12 for their shooting event, but positions #13 to #15 should be made available to NZDA BOP members for sighting-in use if required. The Range officers running this event are also NZDA BOP members.) If you want to come along you need to RSVP by midday Friday 20 th September to royced@xtra.co.nz , this helps us with planning and arranging the BBQ for lunch. Cost for range ticket holders (and members completing their range ticket inductions) is \$10 per shooter, cost for NZDA non-range-ticket holders is \$35 (this includes the \$25 range fee) to cover targets, patches, BBQ lunch - bring cash on the day. (Non-members of NZDA BOP - range day fee of \$50 applies, + \$10.00 for targets, etc.) You need to be there by 9.00am to assist with set-up. Shooting commences with a safety brief and explanation about how the day will be running at 9.30am (this is compulsory for all shooters). Any members requiring an induction must be there by 9.00am. Anyone requiring an induction that arrives after the induction has taken place will not be able to shoot.

## 2. Benchrest Match – 50m .22LR Shoot – Sunday January 12 th – 8:00am to 12:00pm (See Baden for more details, or the club’s website or calendar for updates.)

## 3. Range Open Day – Sunday JANUARY 26 th – 9:00am to 3:00pm.

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**Regards, Dean Maisey**

**Email: [range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

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

REMEMBER TO BRING ALL YOUR OWN PAPER TARGETS WITH YOU, AND TAKE ALL RUBBISH HOME WITH YOU.

DO NOT SHOOT THE NEW TARGET NUMBER SIGNS ON THE BACKING BOARDS - THESE ARE NOT NOVELTY TARGETS. THEY ARE PART OF THE RANGE INFRASTRUCTURE. Anyone caught deliberately shooting (vandalising) these new signs, or abusing any other assets of the range facility may face immediate suspension of their range access privileges, or a complete ban. Please report any signs of damage or other issues to the range manager, or one of the Range Officers. Please keep the range firing line area tidy, and sweep it out before you leave.



# 50M RIMFIRE SHOOT

This is a 50m .22LR rimfire score match as per NZDA competition rules. Three 25 bull targets at 50 metres.

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There are 2 rifle classes. Factory rifle and custom rifle. We shot this match 12 months ago and had 16 shooters, 8 in each rifle class.

The range records to beat are:

Factory Class, Greg D. 696.15, 14/1/2024

Custom Class, Daniel O. 689.13, 14/1/2024

Could you break them this time around!  
Maximum score is 750.75

Aggregate score will win the day. To win the 3 target aggregate you will need to shoot all 3. You will need a minimum of 25 rounds per target, 40 recommended (75-120 in total).





## Mandatory Equipment:

- Front sand bag or a front mechanical rest with sandbag fitted.
- Rear sandbag rest.
- .22 LR rimfire, scoped rifle.
- Entry & Match Fees

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Gates open at 8:00am for wind flag setup.

Registration opens at 9:00am.

Safety & match briefing starts at 9:15am.

Target fee is \$10 minimum (3 targets).

For NZDA-BOP members with no range ticket or other branch NZDA members, a \$25 day fee will also apply.

For non NZDA members the day fee is \$50.

We will be operating the range under a Restricted Operating Procedure as shooting will be over wind flags. All shooters will need to prove their zero by first firing several shots at a test target at 50m (100mm circle).

Please sight your rifles in before arriving at the competition otherwise this will cause delays to the start time.

*Match Director - Baden*

Mb. 027 490 8613

Unless the range is fogged in, we do not cancel because of the weather.

# FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITES FOR MEMBERS

## NOVEMBER 2024

We have a couple of items for purchase now: of which the funds will go towards the rifle range maintenance and development fund. These will be available for purchase on club nights, at the range itself, or can be made available for pickup at another location/time by prior arrangement with Dean Maisey, Evan Dines, or Chris Fryer. For payments we can take cash, or eftpos (if a terminal is available - i.e. at 'range open days' or club nights), or direct payment into our club's bank account (preferred). The NZDA-BOP branch bank account is: 03-0445-0184375-00

### LIFTING STROPS

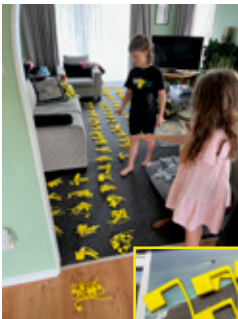
#### 3 METRES LONG, 1-TONNE RATED (ONCE USED)

One of our members has generously donated a couple of boxes of these 'as-new' lifting slings/strops to the club, as a fundraiser. We have used some of these slings at our recent working bee for lifting out the rubber backstop drums, and they are awesome. However they could be used for towing, or a multitude of other uses around the home, farm, or when out hunting.

*'Disclaimer is that these are being sold 'as-is' for personal use only. If you are wanting to use them for a commercial application, then you would need to pay for them to be re-certified, and the club accepts no liability for any way you may choose to use (or misuse) these items.*

Normal retail price on similar 3M/1-Tonne strops is in the \$25-\$30 range.

**WE ARE ASKING \$10.00 EACH FOR THESE, OR YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO ROUND IT UP A BIT AS AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO THE CLUB IF YOU LIKE.**



### YELLOW PLASTIC EMPTY CHAMBER INDICATOR (ECI) DEVICES

These are a recommended item for when transporting firearms, and are mandatory for use at the range, including on our Range Open Days. This simple device gives a quick and clear visual reference that any firearm is 'safe' and unloaded when one of these bright yellow tags is inserted into the chamber of the rifle, shotgun, or pistol. The long stem on these universal indicators is small enough to fit into the bores of .17cal rifles, so (unlike some of the other ECI devices that we have had in the past) these ones will fit the popular .17HMR rifles, as well as .17cal air-rifles, .22cal, and anything bigger up to about .44cal.

We have now received a large number of these (so many that I had to get my kids to count them for me!) which will be available for purchase at the rifle range, or we can make some available for purchase at club nights. (See Evan at the bar.)

**PRICE ON THESE ONES IS \$4.00 EACH. OR IF YOU NEED 10 OR MORE OF THEM, THEN LET ME KNOW DIRECTLY PLEASE SO WE CAN ARRANGE THAT FOR YOU.**

Or, if you would just like to make a [general donation](#) to the range maintenance or development fund at any time, that would be greatly appreciated. The NZDA-BOP branch bank account is: 03-0445-0184375-00

Please put something on the payment reference for our statement, like 'RANGE DON'. If you could also please email our treasurer Jill to let her know what your donation is for: [treasurer@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT EVERYONE**

Dean Maisey, Range manager. Email: [range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz](mailto:range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz)

# 27 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2025



## CLUB HUNT Waioeka – Tawa Hut

27<sup>th</sup> Feb –  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

## OUR FIRST CLUB HUNT OF THE YEAR!

We will be heading back to Tawa Hut in the epic Waioeka from the 27<sup>th</sup> of February until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

It is well worth the 4-5 hour walk as there are plenty of deer and pigs along the river flats.

So make sure you get in shape and don't eat too many Xmas Pies :-)

We will organise car pooling closer to the time and also will have a What's App Group to organize car pooling and meeting points. The \$40 will go towards fuel to the drivers.

Club Hunt organizer is Dan Gallagher: 022 1280 828  
or [danielgallaghan@hotmail.com](mailto:danielgallaghan@hotmail.com) for any questions.

# CLUB NIGHT - FEBRUARY 4TH FROM 7PM

SIMON CARKEEK FROM PRACMED TO GIVE US SOME INSIGHTS FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER FIRST AID AND BLEED CONTROL IN THE BUSH.

Have a look here - it's pretty epic what they do:  
<https://pracmednz.com/about-us/>

We are hoping to offer First Aid Training with him after the course, details to be confirmed.



## Our Values

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# TAHR 2024



**With the second shot the Tahr dropped like it was a sack of spuds dropped from approximately Tahr height.**

I hope I haven't shot one in the head again I thought as the animal rolled down the hill... more on that later.

Five days earlier Cath, Bob and I had flown into Top Hutt on the South Branch Ashburton river with Malcolm Prouting from Station Air. The rain Cath and I went though on the drive down from Picton the day before had fallen as snow in the high country and upon our arrival at the 10 bunk Top Hut we were greeted by 13 trampers/climbers who had been

stuck in the hut and snow for a couple of days. A quick conference in the helicopter saw us fly downstream to Boundary Creek hut. It wasn't ideal Tahr country but short of flying all over the Hakatere conservation area, it was our best option as Malcolm had noticed boot prints around Potts as we flew over.

First job was to dig the snow away from the hut door and tramp a path to the stream and the 'wee tree'.

The knee deep snow was going to make hunting interesting. And it did. The next day there were hoof prints in the snow all over the place from a variety of animals and a long study of the water



running in Boundary Creek made it clear that a crossing was not possible for the time being. Off out the back and up the hill we went, yeah that snow was a bit of an arse but we soldiered on glassing as we went but nothing was seen.



The next couple of days saw us floundering around in the ever melting snow seeing only Hares, 4 woolly sheep and watching the creek rise with the snow melt and peak on Wednesday evening after the day's sunshine. To me it looked pretty fearsome and I wasn't having a bar of it, but I was getting frustrated by the lack of shootable animals.



Then on Wednesday evening, finally a deer was seen, it had seen us too but the wind was in our favour and it seem unperturbed as we executed a sneaky climb and sidle and managed to spot it feeding in a gut full of Matogauri however due to the lack of cover we could not get in range so we filed it away for the future. Not a Tahr but something interesting never the less.



Thursday was a bit of a nothing day with a walk south towards the Te Ararua just for a look but after dinner Cath and I headed out to where we saw the deer the previous afternoon and put on a bit of a sneaky stalk to a rocky outcrop that looked out to the Matogauri gully. It was here we made a significant tactical mistake. In order to climb up to the outcrop, we left our packs and rifles at the base to give ourselves some manoeuvrability. Can you see where this is going...?



We must have been glassing for about an hour or so when a deer appeared right in the middle of the Matogauri about 100m away, shootable but not recoverable at that point. Cath told me she could see two of them so the second one must have been just out of my sight. It was only after I crawled down the bank to get our rifles that we realised that we were looking a 3 deer and not 1. Cath's 2 were very close, possibly 20 m away but they evaporated into the Matogauri, my deer too had disappeared and it looked like we had stuffed it up. If we had had our rifles all along, Cath would have shot her first deer! Given that she has shot 3 Tahr on previous trips, not having a deer under her belt was a bit odd. We broke cover and had a good look around for the 2 close deer but no sign was seen and my far away deer had disappeared from sight too. We were somewhat disappointed in ourselves.

Suddenly my deer appeared in the middle of the opposite face, maybe 180m away, how the hell it got there without being seen I don't know but it had. It seemed to be slowly but purposely walking away so I shot it before it disappeared. Finally an animal down. It was dark by the time we found him, a young stag that had recently cast his antlers so we quickly took it apart, loaded up our packs and walked the hour or so back to the hut under torchlight. Man that Red was a lot bigger than the little Fellow I had last shot.

Friday morning was interrupted by the sound of an engine and a SxS arrived with a contract shooter and dog looking for wallabies. There had been reports of sighting in the main river valley, we and he were sceptical but it needed to be checked out. Luke the contractor, after some consideration crossed the stream that had hamstrung us for 4 days. I thought, f\*\*\* it if he can do it, so can I, so I donned gear and across I went although was glad of my Manuka pole for support. Cath and Bob had decided to head back up Boundary Creek to see if they get onto the deer Cath saw last night while I made my way up the main river valley.

I got up river about two kilometers and was seeing heaps of sign on the flats and then made out a lone bull high in the bluffs and then a nanny group of 5 lower down so I hunkered down into cover to await the afternoon downhill migration. Sure to form, around 3pm Tahr started appearing out of nowhere, the lone bull had fed down and away so I started manoeuvring into a position where I could get a shot at another three that had browsed into view when the (or another) bull appeared about 100m away, saw me and started to move off spooking the three that were part of my backup plan. Arse.

I hung around looking for the 5 Tahr nanny group but they had buggered off to who knows where so I decided to angle up the face as I headed downstream and back to the hut on the off chance that the nanny group was in one of the folds of gulleys and creeks. Pretty quickly I spotted 2 Tahr way the hell downstream and up high. I could see a huge boulder that would block my approach from them, and I had a good glass around to check that there was nothing that was going to alert them, and then started my stalk. Long story short I managed to get within about 30m of the Tahr, put a shot into one who took off up the hill, heading for the ridge so I quickly reloaded and fired again. With the second shot the Tahr dropped like it was a sack of spuds dropped from approximately Tahr height.

I hope I haven't shot one in the head again I thought as the animal rolled down the hill. My first Tahr 2 years ago was a similar story, the second shot hit the Tahr in the back of the head as it ran off and blew out the skull, the (very small) horns were all loose and floppy and the skull was in fragments.

As I approached the Tar I realised this was a pretty decent animal and with some trepidation I pulled on the horns and found them to be solidly attached to the skull. Phew! It was getting late by then and I didn't stop to take photos as I wanted to get down past the bluffs and on to the river valley before needing my head torch. TBH, I sort of regret the no photos decision now as the 90 seconds or so to take photos would have made no difference in the end.

I found a scree slope to run down in the failing light and it was an easy bumble along the river flat, meeting another hunter, Juan from Argentina who had dropped a nanny on the river flat, his first Tahr. I gave him a hand to butcher the animal and we walked back to the hut together. On a side note, Juan had gotten up at 4:30am that morning, gone to the gym.

done a days work, driven from Christchurch to the road end, mountain biked to the hut, walked up the river and shot his first Tahr all in one day! Holy shit! Bob and Cath had been unsuccessful chasing deer up Boundary Creek so I bored them with my day's adventure as we finished the last of the whiskey and packed up for the trip out in the morning. In the end I saw reasonable Tahr numbers and one deer up the river valley plus the three deer Cath and I saw on Thursday so the hut was a better location than I initially thought. So, Top Hut next year perhaps!!!

*By Iain MacAulay*

Foot note, the Tahr measured 11 1/2 inches on the shortest horn, and 11 3/4 on the longest one, maybe I should have left him to turn into a big boy but he is my second bull. It sets the bar for the next one I guess.

THE FULL RANGE IS AVAILABLE AT HAMILLS TAURANGA  
437 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA



# SOLARPROOF® FOR SUMMER

Taking off for a weekend in the bush or a couple of days at the beach is a way of life during the summer months in New Zealand, but crikey that sunlight is **STRONG!**

Just as you'd wear sunscreen to protect yourself from harmful rays, a little protection for your tent is also essential if you want it to stay strong, waterproof and extend its lifespan.







### 1. Protection Against UV Damage

Prolonged exposure to sunlight can degrade your tent's fabric over time, causing it to fade, weaken, and become prone to tears. Refreshing the UV-resistant coating on your tent will help preserve the material.

### 2. Improved Waterproofing

Nikwax SolarWash® and SolarProof® will also enhance your tent's water resistance. This dual protection ensures your tent remains effective against both sun and rain because the Kiwi summer is notorious for throwing in a good storm every so often.

### 3. Temperature Control

SolarProofing can reflect UV rays and reduce heat absorption, keeping the interior of your tent cooler during hot days.

### 4. Extended Lifespan

Regular maintenance with SolarProof® adds an extra layer of defence to your tent, helping it last longer and perform better over multiple camping trips.

### 5. Enhanced Comfort

A well-protected tent not only stays cooler but also prevents UV rays from penetrating, making it safer when you seek shade inside during peak sunlight hours.

## HOW TO SOLAR-PROOF YOUR TENT

Before you head away it is always a great idea to pop the tent up at home to check for any damage, replace any missing parts, and provide repairs if necessary. This is also the perfect time to clean and proof your tent if you forgot at the end of last summer.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- 1x Nikwax Tent & Gear SolarWash®
- 1x Nikwax Tent & Gear SolarProof®
- 1x cloth or sponge
- 1x hose or bucket to rinse

### STAGE ONE: GREEN FOR CLEAN WITH SOLARWASH®

Pitch your tent, or protect your working surface and lay the tent flat if you're working within a small space. Spray the green-topped SolarWash® evenly on the outside of the fabric. For large items apply in sections. Rub in well with a damp cloth or sponge, paying attention to particularly dirty areas. If necessary use a soft nylon brush to remove stubborn stains. Rinse with clean water. You can move to stage two when the tent is still wet.

### STAGE TWO: PURPLE TO PROOF WITH SOLARPROOF®

With your tent still wet from Stage One spray the purple-topped SolarProof® to the tent evenly to the outside of the fabric. Wait for 2 minutes. Remove any surplus product with a damp cloth. Check carefully to ensure no areas have been missed. After several minutes check for and remove any surplus product with a damp cloth as marks may appear on the fabric if excess product is not wiped away. Test on a hidden area first.

Please note If your tent is old-school canvas, polycotton or cotton you'll need to use Nikwax Cotton Proof.



# HUNTING GEAR FOR SALE

## BROWNING X BOLT MAX VARMINT TARGET 223

26-inch heavy fluted Barrel.  
Re-bedded stock with stiffened fore-end.  
5 shot mag plus muzzle break.  
Fired 300 rounds.

**\$1700**

## YILDIZ SILAH SANAYII BURDER NBD TS 870

20 gauge under & over shotgun.  
76mm chamber, 5 multi chokes plus spanner.  
Hardly used, low recoil, a great gun for young shooters.  
Complete with 260 rounds 76mm steel #3 shot,  
160 rounds lead #6 shot, plus ammo belt.

**\$1200**

**CONTACT CHRIS FRYER 021 081 72557**

Email: [chris@upshotnz.co.nz](mailto:chris@upshotnz.co.nz)

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# SWEET AND SPICY BACON-WRAPPED VENISON TENDERLOIN



Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cooking Time: 10-12 minutes  
Total Time: 25-27 minutes

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## INGREDIENTS:

### FOR THE VENISON:

- 1 lb venison tenderloin, cut into 2-inch pieces: The venison tenderloin is a lean cut that remains tender and flavorful when cooked properly.
- 8-10 slices bacon: Choose quality, thick-cut bacon for the best results. The bacon will provide the perfect crispy texture and smoky flavor that pairs well with venison.

### FOR THE SWEET AND SPICY GLAZE:

- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup: Maple syrup adds a rich sweetness to balance the spicy kick from the hot sauce.
- 2 tbsp hot sauce: Hot sauce gives the dish the right amount of heat. Adjust the quantity depending on your spice preference.
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard: This adds a tangy depth of flavor to the glaze, balancing the sweetness and spice.
- 1 tbsp soy sauce: Soy sauce brings a savory umami flavor that enhances the overall taste of the dish.
- 1/2 tsp smoked paprika: Smoked paprika gives the venison a subtle smoky flavor that complements the bacon and the other ingredients.
- Salt and pepper: Season to taste, enhancing the flavor of the venison and the bacon.

## METHOD:

- 1) **Prep the Venison:** Season the venison pieces with salt, pepper, and smoked paprika. Start by cutting your venison tenderloin into 2-inch pieces. Season each piece generously with salt, pepper, and smoked paprika. Smoked paprika adds an earthy and smoky flavor that complements both the venison and bacon. Set the seasoned venison aside for a few minutes while you prepare the glaze and wrap the meat in bacon.
- 2) **Wrap with Bacon:** Wrap each piece of venison with a slice of bacon. Take your bacon slices and carefully wrap each venison piece with one slice of bacon. Make sure the bacon covers the entire piece of venison. If necessary, use toothpicks to secure the bacon in place. The bacon will crisp up as it cooks, giving the venison an amazing texture and flavor.
- 3) **Prepare the Glaze:** In a bowl, whisk together maple syrup, hot sauce, Dijon mustard, and soy sauce. In a small bowl, combine the maple syrup, hot sauce, Dijon mustard, and soy sauce. Whisk the ingredients together until they form a smooth, well-blended glaze. You can adjust the heat by adding more or less hot sauce, depending on your spice tolerance. The maple syrup adds sweetness, while the hot sauce provides a spicy kick, and the mustard and soy sauce add tang and depth.
- 4) **Cook the Bacon-Wrapped Venison:** Heat a skillet over medium-high heat and sear the bacon-wrapped venison pieces for 2-3 minutes on each side until the bacon is crispy. Place a large skillet or frying pan over medium-high heat. Once the pan is hot, add the bacon-wrapped venison pieces. Cook them for about 2-3 minutes on each side until the bacon becomes crispy and browned. As the bacon cooks, brush the venison with the sweet and spicy glaze to enhance the flavor. Be sure to coat the venison evenly with the glaze as it cooks.
- 5) **Finish and Serve:** Once cooked to your desired doneness, remove from the heat and drizzle with any remaining glaze. Once the bacon is crispy and the venison is cooked to your preferred level of doneness, remove the bacon-wrapped venison from the skillet. Drizzle any remaining glaze over the venison for an extra burst of flavor. Serve the dish with a side of roasted vegetables or a fresh salad to balance the richness of the bacon and venison.



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- 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.
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