



Bay of Plenty

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New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

JUNE 2025



MICA MOUNTAIN FALLOW

(See David Glentons story on page 11)

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.

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Cover Story and Photo

Want to feature on the cover of our next newsletter?
If you have a suitable photo and can write a few words to support it, please send it through to: editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz and you could win a \$100 Bar Tab from the Flying Mullet Sports Bar in Papamoa.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

JUNE 2025

Another twelve months have raced by and the AGM is coming up again. This will be my last report as President as next month I will hand the baton on. I will still be around the club, making a nuisance of myself, and will hopefully have more time to be a participant instead of getting caught up in the organisation of club affairs.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve in this position, and I am grateful to the branch committee and the dozens of volunteers who keep the wheels turning and have contributed to the branch's success over the years. Organisations like ours require thousands of hours of volunteer time every year to provide the opportunities and facilities we are fortunate to have available. If you can commit even a small amount of time to make a contribution to our club it all makes a difference. Imagine if we had to pay staff to do all the work of our committee, range officers, hunt organisers, and working bee volunteers... our annual membership fees would need to be over a thousand dollars. Don't take the club for granted, the opportunities available come at great personal cost to the generous volunteers who often go overlooked and thankless.

Now that winter is here, there are fewer people in the hills, and the huts and tracks aren't as busy. If you head bush in the cold you might even get a hut to yourself for a few days and find some undisturbed animals close by. The cooler temperatures are great for meat hunting and make hill climbing a little less uncomfortable. I'm heading into a national park with my family in the mid-winter school holidays and I'm looking forward to another few days away from technology. Get out there and make the most of it, Christmas will be here before you realise, and each of us only get so many trips around the sun.

We have our annual prizegiving coming up in August and it would be great to see strong support from members for this event. It's all about celebrating the achievements of our club members in the antler, horn, and tusk (AHT), and photographic competitions. The annual competition is a key event for our organisation, and we have had some great entries this year. Make the effort to come along. It could be your turn to receive an award; if not, it's a chance to celebrate the success of friends and members. Next year might be your year and I'm sure you would appreciate having others present to celebrate with.

A reminder to those who haven't yet put it in your calendar, we have our NZDA BOP 75th Celebration late this year. Mark the date, tell your spouse, and arrange a babysitter. You don't want to miss this exciting event!

A final thank you to you all for being a part of NZDA and supporting the future of hunting in New Zealand.

See you at the AGM.

Reuben



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DOORS OPEN 7.00PM | AGM STARTS AT 7.30PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS

NZDA Bay of Plenty Annual General Meeting

Tuesday July 1st from 7pm

617 State Highway 29A, Tauriko, Tauranga

This is your opportunity to review the annual financial performance of the club, discusses key business matters and vote on important decisions.

Mark on your calendar now and have your say!

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2025

JULY	1 July Club Night - Annual AGM Starts: 7pm	5 July Douglas Score Training Thames Valley Branch Clubrooms Contact: keen.joshuaj@gmail.com Starts: 8.30am	11-13 July Club Hunt Mount Zion Contact: TBC
	3 August Peeking Wallaby Match	4 August New HUNTS Course starts Contact: Doug Williams	5 August Club Night - Annual Awards Night and Family BBQ Starts: 6pm
AUG	14-17 August HUNTS course at Ngamuwahine Lodge Contact: Doug Williams	14-17 August Paparangi Ventures - Motu River Contact: Reuben Hayward	
	22-24 August NZDA Tokoroa Classic Benchrest Tournament - Hosted by the NZDA-Bay Of Plenty Branch at Tokoroa	24 August The range will be closed for club member use from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday 24th August 2025 for the HUNTS course range day.	
SEPT	Date: TBC Club Hunt Mount Zion Mica Mountain Pines Contact: TBC	2 September Club Night - How to get the most out of the rifle range Speaker: Baden Prentice Starts: 7pm	
	12-13 September 300m Tack Driver Showdown Practice on Friday, Tournament on Saturday Contact: Baden Prentice	12-14 September Hunts Course Guided Hunt Contact: Doug 0274945966	
OCT	7 October Club Night - Whats in your pack Speaker: TBC Starts: 7pm	18-19 October Mokau River Club Hunt Contact: TBC	25-27 October Club Hunt Mount Zion Contact: TBC
	2 November Peeking Wallaby Match	4 November Club Night - Navigation Speaker: TBC Starts: 7pm	TBC Club Hunt - Mount Cook Contacts: Josh Keen and Jonathan Flude

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

RANGE NEWS

Update on work at range.

Hello members.

Once again the main theme of the past 4-6 weeks has been a lot of RAIN!!!! There have been some really massive downpours up at the range, and there has been some minor issues with the drainage and silting in some areas that has occurred as a result. But all things considered everything has mostly held up reasonably well. We will be doing some remedial works on site again soon though.



1. Steel bullet catcher (trial)

This has been installed at the range on 15/6, and is located on the far right-hand end of 100m target line, at a special target location that we will be calling '15a'. Shooting for this target-board and bullet catcher/trap will be from Bench #15 only. The Baden and Grant did fire some initial test-shots into it on the day on install, and the initial results are looking very positive. There are just some finishing touches that we need to add, but when we are all ready for the members to start using this (and providing us with feedback on the calibre/ ammo that you were using), then we will let the range ticket holders know via facebook and email. Included in this report are a few pics of the install process. We had to use Pete from 'Marshall Mini-Cranes' to come and help us install this into place, as the whole thing weighs over 300kg !! This is a unique trial of a fairly basic prototype steel bullet trap, and if it works successfully then this design could end up getting used at other rifle ranges around the country. The Firearms Safety Authority and range certifiers are very keen to learn of our results with this one, so it's a very positive thing for the NZDA-BOP club to be leading the way in terms of R&D, and being able to possibly assist other shooting clubs around NZ.

2. 600m Range development

The MOU has now been signed with Council which allows us to do some scrub clearing and investigative works on site. Obviously we need to wait until the ground conditions improve a bit more before we can make a start on this - bit it could possibly be later in JUNE?

3. GATE ACCESS ISSUES:

We are still having a few random problems with some gate access tags prematurely expiring on the system and not working, even if the member's subs are 'fully financial' and all paid up. Please DO NOT tamper with the access gate if you have any issues getting in or out of the facility. Or if you have to do it, then please let me know asap so we know what is going on, and just in case your actions screw things up for the next guy trying to get in. Please email me on: range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz if you find that your electronic access 'fob/tag' is not working, or if you notice any damage at the range, or if any of the range safety-tags are missing off the board. We don't have anyone living on site or doing inspections up there every day, so we rely on feedback from our members to let us know what is going on. We are all volunteers, and can't afford to be going up there several times a week to sort things out at short notice. The range is still open for members and non-members alike at the end of the month on the Range Open days, so if you need to check that your access tag is still working ok, then that is a good day to do it. Alternatively, you could go up to the range with another mate who also has their own range tag/fob as well, so that you can still access the site in the event that one of the tags may not be working. PLEASE NOTE: After the 16 th of April any memberships (+ range fees) that are still overdue will have their range access tag deactivated. If they run over 3 months overdue then there is a \$50 re-joining/admin fee payable if you re-join late. If your subs or membership expires for over 12 months, then you may have to also re-do your range inductions process if you want to get a range tag again. So please keep your

RANGE NEWS

Update on work at range in March.

membership current rather than letting it lapse, as this is beneficial for both yourself and the clubs volunteer administrators/officers.

Good luck on your hunting adventures if you are getting out there, please stay safe and well.

Regards, Dean Maisey.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Range Open Day:

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE, 2025

9:00am to 3:00pm

Registrations close at 2:15pm.

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

Email: range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

Thanks & regards, Dean Maisey.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

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

3. **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.

4. **DO NOT BRING CHAIRS OR BIKES, OR OTHER ITEMS TO THE RANGE WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH THE RANGE MANAGER. SOME ITEMS MAY BE OF USE, BUT WE DON'T WANT EVERYONE/ANYONE BRING UP THEIR OLD CHAIRS AND BIKES TO "DONATE" TO THE RANGE. THE CHAIRS AND BIKES SEEM TO BE BREEDING AS FAST AS WE THROW THEM OUT (AND IT COSTS US TO DUMP THEM).**

NOTICE: 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-imbusement 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.

Regards, Dean Maisey.

Email: range@deerstalkersbop.org.nz



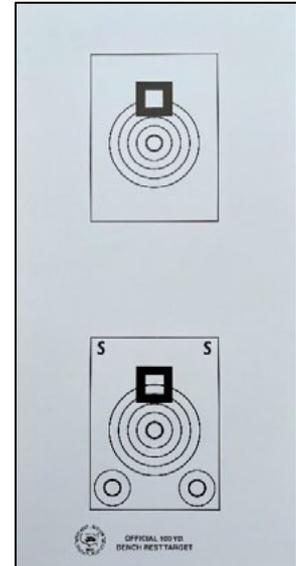
2025 NZDA Tokoroa Classic Benchrest Tournament

*Pre-registration interest



Hosted by NZDA - Bay of Plenty branch

Where:	Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex (TSSC) 205 Newall Rd Tokoroa	
When:	Friday 22 nd – Sunday 24 th August 2025	
Program:	Friday	9:30am Target frame setup 10:00am Practice day
	Saturday	8:00am Target frame setup 8:15am Sight in (only for late comers) 8:45am Safety & match briefing 9:00am LV-200 and FC-200 12:00pm Lunch break 12:30pm LV-100 and FC-100
	Sunday	8:30am Target frame setup 9:00am HV-200 12:00pm Lunch break 12:30pm HV-100 4:00pm Range closed & tidy up 5:00pm Prize giving



*As this is our first mid-winter tournament, yardage order may change from above due to light conditions.

Entry Fees (*estimated)		
Classes	Senior	Junior
FC	\$40	\$20
LV / HV	\$80	\$40

Class Descriptions
FC = Factory Class
LV = Light Varmint 10.5 lbs
HV = Heavy Varmint 13.5 lbs

*Pricing subject to confirmation, depending on numbers.

Camping is available at the range with kitchen, toilet and shower facilities on hand. Cost of \$5 pp/night to be paid in cash into the range honesty box.

Please register your interest by emailing the match director. Final registration forms will be sent out mid-July. Limited to 16 shooters (2 relays).

We look forward to seeing you.

Baden Prentice

Match Director, NZDA-BOP Branch
Email. Baden.Prentice@gmail.com
Phone. 027 490 8613

www.deerstalkers.org.nz





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AWARDS NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST
FROM 6PM**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5TH WILL BE A COMBINATION OF OUR
MONTHLY CLUB NIGHT AND ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER.**

The club will be putting on a potluck family BBQ with doors open from 6pm. It would be great if you can bring a plate to share.

We expect to eat around 6.30pm with the awards being presented from 7.30pm. We encourage everyone to come down to this club night to celebrate the success of our hunters throughout the year.



MICA MOUNTAIN FALLOW

Getting out in the bush by myself is always great, but having not yet managed to convert tramping with a rifle into a fruitful meat hunt it was time to see what I was doing wrong. Keen to get along on a club hunt, my name came up in the Whanganui ballot and I couldn't help but jump at the opportunity. With an understanding wife and some packing "help" from my daughter (still missing my blasted blaze hat), the car is loaded and I'm off. After the quiet drive down through the Paraparas it's a real change of pace to arrive at the busy Mt Zion accommodation, with people quickly divvying up sections of the farm for the morning hunt. Partnering up with Matt, we decide to avoid the farm rush altogether and leave early to try our luck in the new Mica Mountain forestry areas. As morning breaks, this is quickly vindicated with several deer spotted, until we come across a spiker at barely fifty metres which Matt drops to the ground before we continue down the road.



Soon up above us a hind is grazing fifty metres below the opposite treeline, quietly unaware that on the other side of the valley there are crosshairs trained on her. Beside me Matt is also watching through his monocular. "236 metres, take as much time as you need". That's still within my maximum point blank range, but not by much. I hold over four inches and gently squeeze the trigger. Over the last 130 years



this cartridge has put down millions of animals, and sure enough I watch her drop a metre from where she was hit. I finally take a breath - I've added one more hind to the millions for the swede, and the first deer to my own tally.

As it turns out, that was the easy bit. Getting her back down is going to be rather more difficult - but I get thrown a radio and next thing I'm being redirected each time I start drifting astray. Simple but smart, and as I have access to a couple of radios myself I make mental note for future expeditions. I slowly manage to not make too much of a hash of gutting her under Matt's watchful eye, then we're off again. By the time we reach the edge of the forest there's three deer down - the Mica Mountain pest control is underway.

The rest of the day is spent bush stalking, picking off another two each and my field dressing is becoming more natural with each one. Eventually we load up the quad and head back to add to what is already a pretty packed chiller! As we leave the accommodation to try our luck for the twilight I see a head looking at us from twenty metres away as we drive down the driveway. I'm straight off the quad but he's already scarpered down the hill into the bush. We've got ground to cover but I'll check for you on the way back, I think to

myself. We hit the road again, off to the far end of the forestry this time. Unfortunately, there's a severe lack of deer in the forestry, though the farm next door has a mob of nearly twenty who are too cagey to come over. Blast, they're being smart. As we head back up towards the accommodation I look back down to where the spiker was earlier and sure enough now he's standing in the centre of the paddock, bold as brass. One round later Matt had his fifth of the weekend and the day was truly done.

With enough venison to strain the limits of my unprepared freezers I take advantage of seeing how the experienced members gutted, skinned and broke down their deer. Special thanks to Matt, Colin and Jacques for showing me different techniques, each of which I'm looking forward to keep trying in future until I figure out my own preference. A week later and the smile is still on my face, as I keep looking at the calendar for my next chance to get out on the hunt!

By David Glenton



“EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED”

We are looking for experienced hunters to guide our 2025 HUNTS Course graduates on their first hunt on the weekend of September 12-14.

If you are interested and experienced at navigating in the bush, please contact HUNTS Instructor

Doug Williams
 07 544 3065
huntscourse@deerstalkershop.org.nz

CLUB REWARD SYSTEM

This year we are trialling a reward system for supporting our club’s activities.

Points will be allocated based on a points schedule. There will be draws throughout the year and the prize pool value is \$2000+.

Turning up to club nights and paying your fees on time will kick start your point accrual for the year. The major prize will be drawn at the March Club Night in 2026.

To accrue points, simply turn up to NZDA BOP club events, scan the QR code at the event and enter your name.

Participation	Points
Membership Fee Payment by Due Date	5
Attend a Club Night	1
Attend a Working Bee	5
Submit an Article for the Newsletter	3
Organise a Club Event	5
Committee Meeting Attendance	1
Participating in a Club Hunt	2
Participating in an NZDA BOP Shooting Event	2
Assisting with a Billboard Change	5
Range Officer / Public Day Duty	5
Guide a HUNTS Course Student for 1 on 1 hunt	3
Douglas Scoring for Measuring Night	3

IN CASE YOU MISSED OUR SAUSAGE WORKSHOP

Check out these photos from our Club Night earlier in June. By special invitation, butchery legend Bruce Richards (aka Mr Meat Man) from Farm Killing and Processing Services joined us and with the assistance of Junior NZDA member Sam Fowler, he shared his tips, tricks and recipes for making sausages. With nearly 50 years in the butchery game including his role as

head butcher for Pak n Save Tauranga and New World Brookfield, Richard has won multiple awards for his sausage making skills and he sure did impress a near record crowd with his prowess for making quality bangers.

Thanks Bruce!



**BE SURE TO SAMPLE BRUCE AND SAM'S DELICIOUS
SOSSIES AT OUR AWARDS NIGHT BBQ IN AUGUST.**

MR **MEAT** MAN

Your local homekill butcher

Ph: 022 077 4360



WINTER HUNTING COMPETITION

FIRST 50 ENTRIES GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A \$50 HUNTING & FISHING VOUCHER

HUNTING PERIOD: Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th July

WEIGH IN: 9am - 12pm Sunday 6th July

ADULT
(PIGS & DEER)
\$50

CHILD
UNDER 15
(POSSUM & RABBITS)
\$20

Already registered and paid? Sweet! you're in the draw!
Not yet? Don't muck around, get your entry in now

ENTER NOW BY SEARCHING
'KAIMAI SCHOOL' ON FACEBOOK



MY FIRST DEER

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO BRADLEY PAPHENHUIJZEN ON HIS FIRST DEER SHOT ON THE MAY CLUB HUNT TO WHANGANUI



The drive to Whanganui was SOOO long. We arrived at about 4:12 pm, unpacked our stuff and talked to everyone after unpacking. It all began when I was bursting with excitement and woke up at 3am on Saturday.

Dad told me to go back to sleep. And then I woke up at 4am. Dad told me to go back to sleep AGAIN. Then I woke up at 5am, had oats and grabbed my stuff and got in the buggy. We went to Camerons. I got to see and learn all about thermal imaging, recovering deer with ropes and the winch on the buggy. After a visit to Never-Never, Adrian, dad and I went back to Camerons. I had shot with dad's X-bolt 7mm08 and Adrian 6.5 Creedmore at the shooting range before going to Mount Zion. I shot better with the 6.5 Creedmore. Adrian and dad got out the binoculars and spotted some deer feeding in a paddock.



We went to the fence slowly to stalked them. Adrian helped me line up his 6.5 Creedmore. On the left of me was dad and Arthur. I shot the deer in the leg. Dad finished him off in the heart. Then we went to go and look at the deer and take photos.

By Bradley Papenhuijzen

MEASURING NIGHT 21ST MAY 2025



We held our Annual Measuring night on Tuesday the 20th of May. This year has seen the best turnout in many years, with nearly 40 heads presented for measuring. We had some outstanding trophies entered and will be taking a number of them to the National Conference in July.

There were a few observations that I made during the night so I just wish to mention them to create a bit of discussion; as a branch it's apparent that we will need to work on these over the coming years. The most obvious

was our severe lack of Douglas Scorers. This was my first year assisting as a measurer and I was blown away by the volume of work undertaken by just a few people – thank you to all those who helped scoring. Another was that we had zero entries from women and only one from a junior. We're looking at how we can promote these categories and improve our overall AHT offering so if you have any ideas please come and have a yarn.

By Tim Taylor





Anniversary

CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE

**Next Subcommittee meeting is next Tuesday,
the 24th of June at 7pm at the Club Rooms.
Anyone is welcome to join and help to
organise an epic event.**

**Date: 22nd November
Location: Cargo Shed in Tauranga Central
More details to come soon.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call Isabell Zitzelsberger on: 026 650 3488 or
Email secrartary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz**

SLEEP TIGHT IN *THE WILD*

You've been out all day, tracking that elusive stag through dense bush and over steep ridgelines. The wind has picked up, your legs are aching, and as the last light fades, you finally set up camp. This is the moment when you appreciate the difference between a rough night and a good night's sleep.

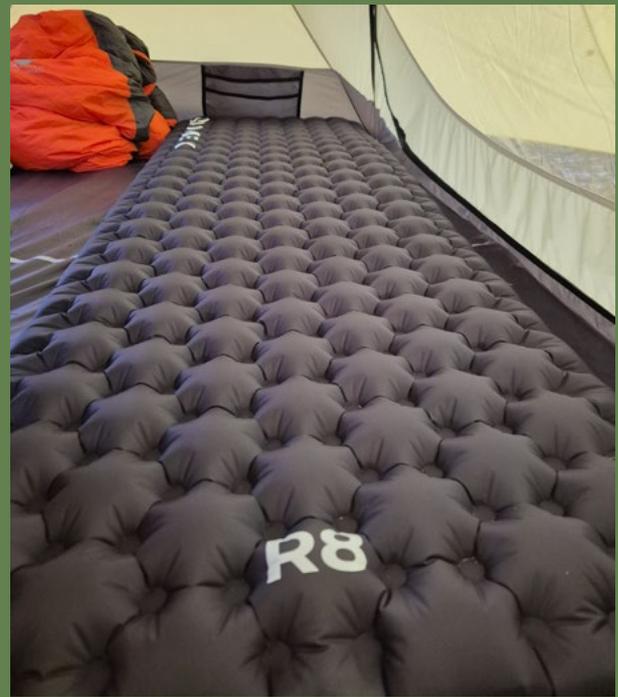
With the right gear, the cold, hard ground transforms into a warm and comfortable retreat. And that's exactly what the new Domex sleeping mats and bags are built for: keeping you rested and ready for another day in the wild.



THE MAT THAT HAS YOUR BACK

Imagine finally crawling into your tent, the stars blazing overhead. You lie down, expecting the usual battle with lumps and cold spots, but instead, you're met with the Ultra R8. This beast of a mat, with its 10 cm-thick hexagonal air beams, keeps you level and warm, even if frost starts forming on the ground outside. With an R-value of 8.0, it's designed to stop the cold from creeping up and stealing your body heat. Even better? It packs down small, so you're not sacrificing space in your pack for a good night's sleep.

Prefer to travel light? The Compact R4 is a minimalist's dream at just 540g, and slim enough to disappear into your kit. It's got enough insulation (R-value of 4.0) to keep you comfortable through spring, summer, and autumn, and the tapered mummy shape fits perfectly in a tight bivy setup. Whichever you choose, both mats inflate easily and come with a pump sack, so no huffing and puffing needed after a long day on the move.



THE SLEEPING BAG THAT WON'T LET YOU DOWN

You want to go further with less, but when the temperature dips overnight, you need more than just a warm jacket; you need a sleeping bag that traps the heat without crowding your pack. The Domex Versalite is built for exactly that. Cocoon yourself in 90/10 Hydrophobic Duck Down, with 650 Loft giving you serious warmth without unnecessary weight. Whether you're tucked up in a DOC hut or out in the open, this three-season bag packs down to a tiny 35 cm x 18.5 cm and only weighs 850 g, ideal for when every gram counts.

But what if you're heading into more unpredictable weather? That's where the new Domex Venture steps up. With more down, more warmth, and a little extra room to layer up, this bag is made for hunters who aren't put off by a frosty morning. With temperature ratings down to -9.8°C (comfort) and an extreme rating of -28.8°C, you can rest easy knowing you're covered, even when the weather throws a curveball.

HUNT HARD, SLEEP EASY

A solid day in the bush is all about pushing limits, testing your skills, and coming back with stories to tell. But if you don't sleep well, you won't hunt well. Whether you're after the warmth and comfort of the Ultra R8, the lightweight simplicity of the Compact R4, or a sleeping bag that stands up to New Zealand's wildest weather, this gear has your back. So pack smart, sleep warm, and get ready to make the next hunt one to remember.





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HUNTING
& WILDLIFE

National
LITERARY
Competition

WIN A H&W
SUBSCRIPTION

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FINAL CALL – ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM, 27TH JUNE

EVERY HUNTER HAS A TALE TO TELL. WHETHER IT'S THE STORY OF YOUR FIRST ROAR, A QUIET MOMENT IN THE BUSH, OR A POEM THAT CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF THE HILLS – WE WANT TO READ IT.

The NZDA Literary Competition is open to all members, and celebrates storytelling in all its forms.

With three categories to choose from, there's a place for your perspective:

APPROXIMATELY 1500 WORDS OR MORE
- A hunting story or article of interest to deerstalkers.
No restriction on year or locality of trip.

SECTION A : Philip Holden Trophy

The Philip Holden Trophy – for hunting stories or articles

CAMEOS OF UP TO 1500 WORDS
- Subject may be observation of wildlife behaviour, hunting experiences, etc.

SECTION B : Tony Orman Trophy

The Tony Orman Trophy – for cameos

BUSH POETRY
- No restriction on length of poem, content should be hunting related e.g., scenery, human interaction, the stalk/hunt

SECTION C : Halcyon Publishing Trophy

The Halcyon Publishing Trophy – for hunting-themed poetry

EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO HUNTING AND WILDLIFE MAGAZINE.



HUNTING GEAR FOR SALE

FOR SALE

ITEM	PRICE	DETAILS	CONTACT
Honda TRX350FM 4X4	\$3800.00	- Fully serviced - Near new tyres - Light bar	Kerry Pask 021 137 1671
TRX300 BigRed	\$3500.00	- Fully serviced - Bull bar, good tyres	Kerry Pask 021 137 1671
TRX500FM & TRX500 Auto Parts	POA	Phone/message and see if I have what you are looking for.	Kerry Pask 021 137 1671
Pard Night Vision Night Stalker 4k Scope	\$650.00	- Worth \$1599.00 NEW - Will allow a trial for an approved buyer.	Matt 021 222 5854
CZ 457 Long Range Precision, 22lr	\$2599.00	- Unfired	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Air Arms S510 Xtra, 22 cal	\$2300.00	- Unfired - Includes filling adapter	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Bergara B14 Crest 7mm	\$3499.00	- PRC Carbon Barrel - Carbon Stock New	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Tikka T1x ACE	\$2999.00	- 22lr New Special	Stacy Whiteman 07 578 0995
Browning X bolt Max Varmint Target 223	\$1,700 ono	26-inch heavy fluted Barrel. Re-bedded stock with stiffened fore-end. 5 shot mag plus muzzle break. Fired 300 rounds.	Chris Fryer 021 0817 2557

LOOKING TO BUY

ITEM	DETAILS	CONTACT
Quality used reloading equipment	- 6.5 Creedmoor - Needs all reloading equipment	Marty Finkel mf8176@gmail.com

GOT SOMETHING TO SELL OR ARE YOU WANTING TO BUY?

Simply email a photo, a few words, the price and your phone number to editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz and we will be sure to publish your listing.

NZDA TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TRADING POST LISTINGS

You may only list "A" category firearms, in sporting configuration, as defined by the Arms Act 1983. Large capacity magazines (i.e. more than 10 cartridges for .22 rimfire, or more than 5 cartridges for others) may not be sold.

Sellers must sight the firearms licence of the buyer, or for remote sales sellers must receive written confirmation signed by Police confirming the buyer holds a valid firearm's licence. Forms are available at any police station.

Firearms must already be in New Zealand. Overseas members may not buy or sell firearms on the site.



CREAMY VENISON & MUSHROOM RICE BAKE

Credit: <https://tinyurl.com/3we9ah8m>

Ingredients:

- 1 lb venison
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 1 can (10.5 oz) cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C) and grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

In a skillet, cook venison, mushrooms, and onion until venison is browned; drain excess fat.

In a bowl, combine venison mixture, uncooked rice, cream of mushroom soup, beef broth, sour cream, garlic powder, salt, and pepper.

Pour into baking dish, cover with foil, and bake for 50–60 minutes, until rice is tender.

Uncover, sprinkle with cheese (if using), and bake for 5 more minutes.

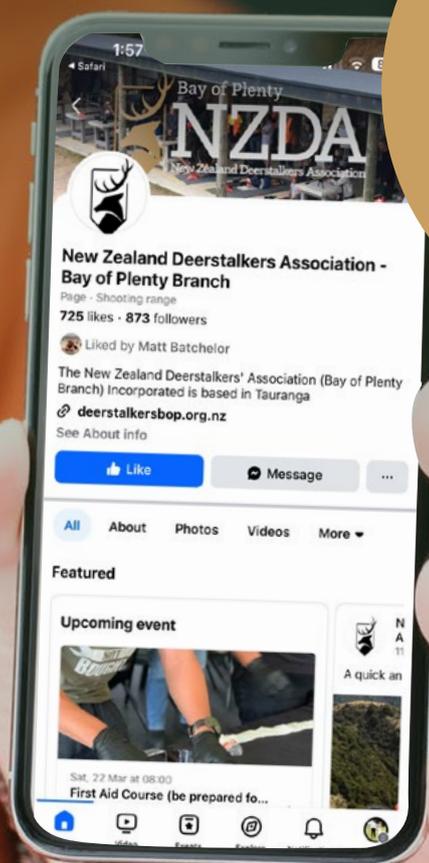
Let sit a few minutes before serving.

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NZDA BOP CLUB CHILLER

CHILLER USE RULES

- Chiller use is a privilege that may be removed if access is abused or rules not adhered to.
- Clean up after yourself, every time you access the chiller.
- Use a fish bin or other suitable container to catch dripping blood etc. and remove from site when you take your meat away.
- No skinning or butchering on the NZDA premises. The chiller is for hanging only, no processing of any sort is allowed.
- All waste must be removed from the premises when you take your meat away, including any part of an animal, blood, and all wastewater.
- All animals/meat must be tagged with a label denoting the date hung, name and contact number of the person who hung it in the chiller. Any meat without a label will be considered a donation to the club.
- The maximum time for hanging any meat or animal is 10 days.
- Do not hang any foul meat or contaminated carcasses.
- Take care not to contaminate anyone else's meat with hair, blood, dirt etc.

It is preferable to hang all carcasses with the skin on and to hang any partially processed meat in a breathable bag or muslin cloth. Hanging carcasses and meat should not touch the chiller walls or they may (partially) freeze.

Respect the facility and other members meat.

For more information or if you need to report any issue, misuse, or abuse of the facility you can contact Reuben on **027 482 8969** or at **reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz**.



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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.

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