Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS

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Monthly Newsletter of the
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association, Bay of Plenty Branch

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Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)
Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month
All correspondence to be addressed to PO Box 3111, Greerton

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month.
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Presidents Report – December 2016

Hello everyone
Welcome to the new members that have recently joined us, we hope you enjoy the club and participate in club activities. Our membership has grown to an all time high so that's a positive sign for the future of the club.
The recent Tahr trip to the South Island was a great success with many animals seen and a few good trophies for the wall shot. The weather was great and the trip was well organised as usual. Thank's must go to Stan and Arandina for the huge amount of organisation this trip requires to make it run smoothly.
A Douglas Measuring course took place at our club rooms last Saturday organised by Keith Theobald. We had 10 participants attend with 2 National Tutors from NZDA Hamilton Branch passing on their vast knowledge of the Douglas Scoring System.
What's on for December……. Club Night speaker will be Glen Tuck from Broncos showing a range of optics.

Christmas shoot and BBQ …… details in this newsletter.
No Club night in January so the first meeting will be February and our guest speaker will be Mark Law from Frontier Helicopters. This guy has had a very interesting life so far which has included venison recovery, ex SAS and several other escapades. Mark recently spoke at the Whakatane Coast Guard evening to a mixed audience and was well received so it would be a good evening to bring the Missus.
Organising guest speakers is not an easy task and it would be fantastic to have a good turn out of members to support the speakers that give their time to come to our club.
Just a quick update on the range. Excavation for the building site will take place in the near future which may restrict access for a short time. Grant will advise you if there is any restrictions required.
That's all for this month. See you at the club night.
Clyde

COVER PHOTO - Makahu saddle club hunt. Courtesy of Chris Munro
(If you have a photo that would be suitable for the cover, please contact the newsletter editor.)

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER				
Tuesday	6th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
	Guest Speaker: Glen Tuck from Broncos			
Sunday	**11th**	**9.00am**	**CHRISTMAS SHOOT!!**	**NZDA Range**
	Fun Shoot with 22's and a BBQ lunch.			
Tuesday	13th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

JANUARY 2017				
			No Club Night – go fishing!	
Tuesday	10th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Friday Monday	27th to 30th		Family Weekend at Stan & Arendina;s Riverside Retreat!	

FEBRUARY 2017				
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
	Guest speaker: Mark Law from Frontier Helicopters.			
Tuesday	14th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

Club Night starts at 7.30pm
but doors open at 7.00pm so feel free to come along earlier
for a catch up with your fellow hunters before the night officially starts!

Range News

Christmas BBQ at the Range

This years Christmas BBQ will be up at the range:

Date: 11th Dec
Time: Gates open at 9am, start shooting around 9.30
Event: Fun shoot with 22 rimfire at 25, 50 and 100m
(Sorry no 22 mag or 17hmr on the silhouettes. Maybe these can shoot 200m against 22LR at 100m?)
BBQ: at lunchtime. Club will supply meat, bread, sauce, tea/coffee, so bring your own salad

NB there is no function at the Tauriko clubrooms after

Range Calendar for 2016	
27 November 2016	NZDA Open Day
10 December 2016	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
11 December 2016	**NZDA Club Christmas Shoot**

Family Weekend

Friday January 27th to Mon 30th 2017

(Auckland Anniversary Weekend)
at
31 Tapu Coroglen Road
Thames Coast
(Stan & Arendina Lowe's Riverside Retreat)

Enjoy a weekend of **fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, walking, biking** 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 accommodation across the road**. Other holiday accommodation can be arranged if none of the other options is to your liking.

Facilities here include portaloo toilet, shower, large BBQ area with NZDA marquees, fridge and freezer space, local shop with takeaways, safe swimming whole in river, shellfish collecting, school playground plus the whole of the Coromandel Peninsula.

So gather up the kids and the rest of the family and come and enjoy a weekend away before school goes back as well as meeting other club members.

WHAT TO BRING – food & drink and usual camp gear and the toys you enjoy.
Saturday night we will have a group BBQ – Bring salads and potluck food to share.

COST - $10 per adult per night, children free

If you have any specific requirements give me a call, as I am sure we can make it happen. **Please phone Stan** on 07 8684515 or email lowe2147@gmail.com to advise your intentions.

Douglas Scoring Seminar

The branch now has 7 new measurers for the Douglas Scoring of game heads. The 6 hour course which covered most deer species, chamois, tahr, goat, wild sheep and pig tusks was run by Mark Sargant and Rodney Smith both from the Waikato branch. Mark is the Competitions Manager for the NZDA and Rodney is stepping up to Judge tutor, both very competent teachers.

A total of 10 completed the course, three of them doing level 2.
Level 2 scorers; Dave Harris, Les Nelson and James Barradell.
Level 1 scorers: Shane Englebretsen, Clyde Rogers, Karen Roe, Jared Laban, Reuben Haywood, Gary Sobye and Clive McKenny.

We welcome them to an already strong team which now totals 17.

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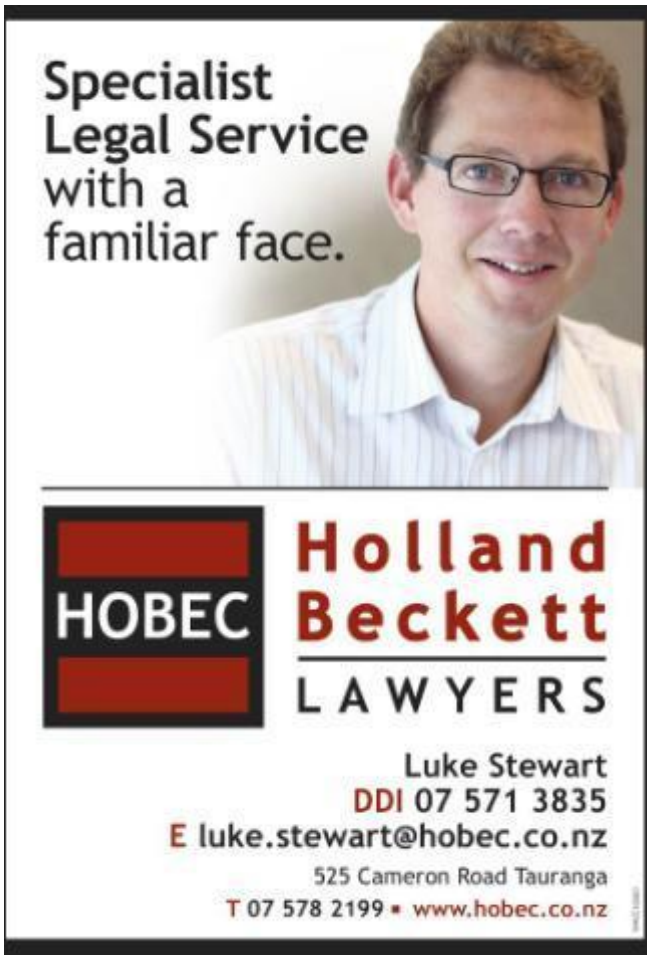

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For Sale:

Shotgun – 12ga side x side, J.P Sauer & Sohn (Germany). 28 ¼" barrels, choked ¾ and Full. 15 3/16" Length of pull and German style cheek piece on stock. Double triggers, non-ejector. Approx. 30-40 years old, fairly tidy order.

Nice gun, traditional european style hunting shotgun from a high-quality maker. Ideal for rabbits. Stock would suit a taller person.

Being sold on behalf. $1000.00 ONO. Phone Dean on (07)544-2207 during daytime for more info or to view.

NOTE: if you have something to buy or sell please let the editor know. Similarly, if you advertise something for sale, and then sell it, please let your editor know so your advert can be removed…

Tahr Hunt 2016

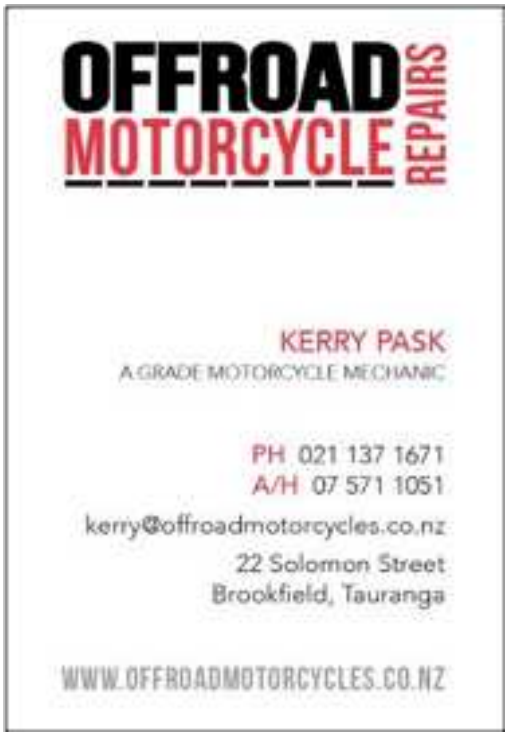
32 hunters have enjoyed another great branch Tahr Hunt, with 7 groups flying in and 2 driving in. The weather was great yet again with a bit of snow in the high country areas but otherwise no weather issues. Very fortunate not to have been a week later as we would have been in Kaikoura the night of the earthquake, however Stu Baker who travelled back a week after the main group was in Blenihem on that night but after a few delays and uncertainty he did get back safely as well.

All groups had plenty of animals to choose from with approx the same number shot as last year. Several tahr over 12" were shot and one 14" was shot in a more remote location. It was very evident that the numbers of nannies was down especially in the Murchison Valley but plenty of young bulls with the bigger ones being more elusive or helihunter. There was also a number of chamois sighted and shot and an odd red deer was also encounted.

Everyone home safe and sound with some parties already pencilling in for next year. The proposed date for this is Sat 28th Oct to Sun 5th Nov 2017.

Stan Lowe
Branch Hunt Committee

PS. Guys I expect to see plenty of photos and movies at club nights and also some stories for the newsletter. Also if you have any really great photos Tekapo Helicopters would love you to share them via their website or facebook page.



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So I got my concealed gun permit yesterday…

… and went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a small 9mm pistol for home protection.

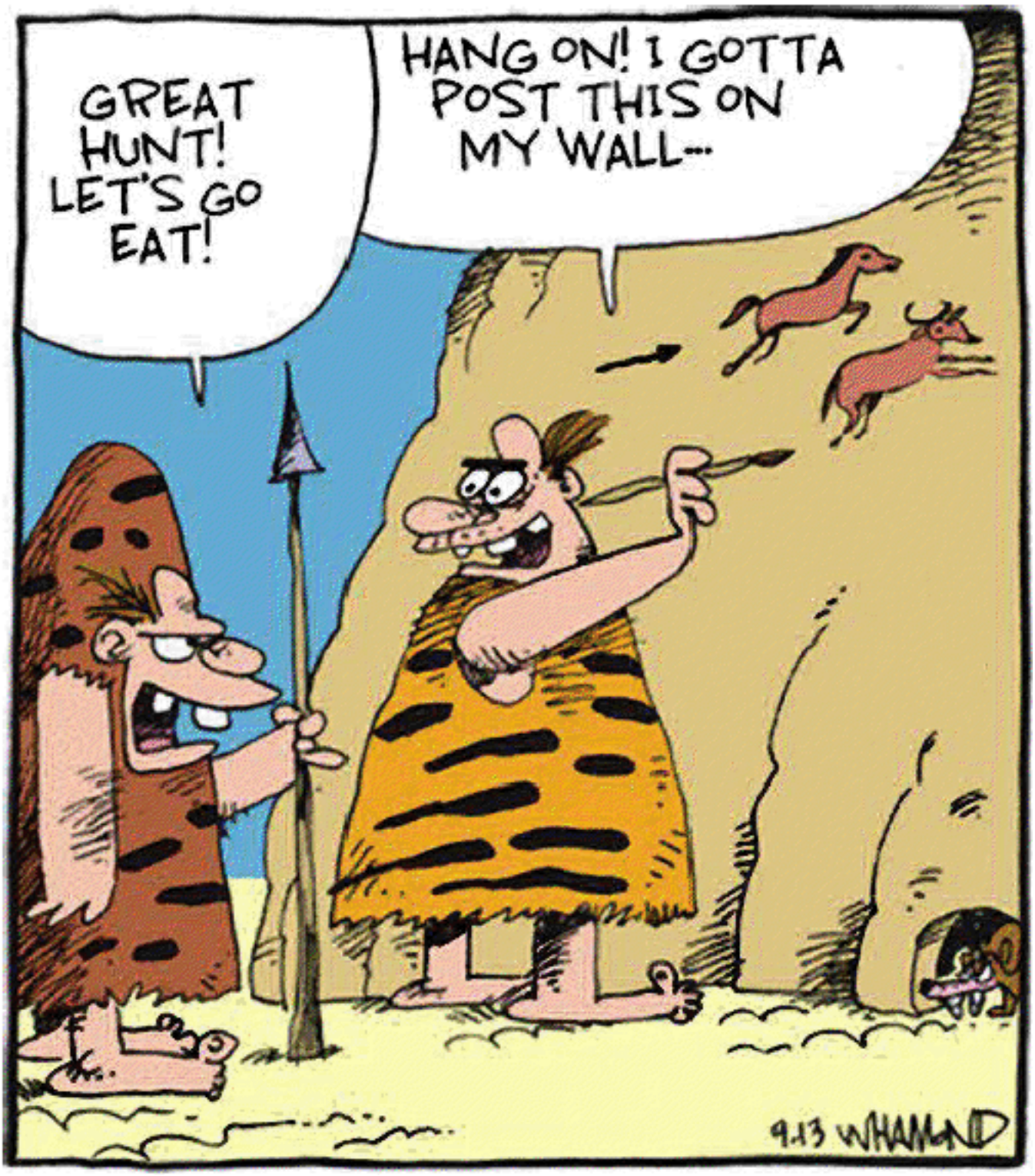
When I was ready to pay for the gun and bullets, the cashier said "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader.

Ive been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little clearer.

I still don't think I looked that bad.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5. Pay a $10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

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Branch PLB Custodians:

- Dean Maisey, Welcome Bay, Ph. 544 2207
- Keith Theobald, Greerton, Ph. 578 1195
- Baden Prentice, Bethlehem, Ph. 579 3107 (pick up can also be made from Newton St, Mt Maunganui by prior arrangement)

Hunting Safety Guidelines

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

1. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
2. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed.
3. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
4. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
5. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
6. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
7. Never fire above the skyline.
8. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards.
9. Never skylark with weapons.

Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.) 2016/2017

To:
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc) Bay of Plenty Branch
P O Box 3111
Greerton
Tauranga 3142

Dear Treasurer,

I am applying for membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2016/17 year (March 1st 2016– February 28th 2017).

My details are as follows: (Please print in capitals)

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Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	____/____/_____	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2016. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2016.

Membership benefits:

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12. NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine (except for affiliates or associates; 1 copy per family).
13. Club newsletter – monthly.
14. Club nights with guest speakers, organized branch hunting trips.
15. HUNTS courses.

Information for Applicants:

Club Meetings are 7:30 PM first Tuesday of every month at the Tauriko Clubrooms, R617 SH 29.
Contact the Membership Secretary, Bob Tatton 07 571 8442 or email membership@deerstalkersbop.org.nz for further information

All new Applications are put before the Committee, at their next available meeting, for acceptance – please allow up to 6 weeks for receipt of your membership card.

The membership type I am applying for is: **Period Joined** (Circle one)

FEES – Branch financial year runs from March 1st 2016 to February 28th 2017	***Joining Fee**		**Full Yr** Mar – Aug	**½ Yr** Sep – Feb
SENIOR – Full benefits at National and Branch level.	$50.00	+	$110.00	$59.00
FAMILY MEMBER – partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1st 2016	$0.00	+	$2.00	$1.00
JUNIOR – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2016 (No voting rights).	$0.00	+	$37.50	$22.75
ASSOCIATE – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag	$50.00	+	$67.00	$37.50
AFFILIATE – Must be a full member of another branch.	$50.00	+	$50.00	$29.00
SUPERANNUANT – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	$50.00	+	$85.00	$46.50
STUDENT – Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	$50.00	+	$85.00	$46.50

* Joining Fee only applies to **NEW** and members

UNFINANCIAL for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31 May 2016)

OPTIONAL PAYMENTS:

Annual Range Ticket (Mar-Feb each yr – $50 see separate info pack)

Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range:

Membership Fee	$
Joining Fee	$
Range ticket	$
Donation	$
Total Payment	$

Please find enclosed my payment for my application to Bay of Plenty Branch.

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Account Name: NZDA- BOP Branch
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*** In all instances this application form must be filled out in full and posted to:**
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Under the terms of the Privacy Act 1993, I acknowledge that you are retaining my name and club details for the purpose of mailing further information on NZDA and related matters.

Signature:	**Date:**

CODE OF ETHICS

A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his act they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact.
Aldo Leopold, The Sand County Almanac.

A member of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated will be expected to;

1. Approach recreational hunting from the highest possible level of ethics, having due regard to the welfare of the animals hunted, and prevention of cruelty to the same
2. Not hunt or carry a firearm on property without the proper approval of the owner, occupier of controlling authority and shall strictly observe any conditions imposed upon him
3. Be a responsible firearms owner and abide by current Firearms Laws
4. Avoid unnecessary or deliberate damage to the environment, respect property, and other users of the outdoors
5. Advocate sensible conservation practices at all times and promote New Zealand's biodiversity 'in situ'
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