Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS

February 2017

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 – February 2017

Hello and Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all have had a good Christmas and relaxing holiday break with your families. It's only 11 months until Christmas …. Those that didn't get what they wanted from Santa "will be counting".

Our first club night for the year should be a good evening with guest speaker Mark Law from Frontier Helicopters. Please come along and show your support by filling the Hall (with people).

The membership has increased to the highest it has ever been at 438 which includes all categories of membership. It's great to see the club in a strong position both financially and with high membership numbers.

The Range Administration building is progressing with the site preparation completed and the plans submitted to council to commence the consent process. Hopefully this won't take too long and the real work can commence.

We have had new signage printed for the club board at the front of the property as the original sign is looking a bit tired and needs replacing. We will get this finished over the next few weeks.

The committee has agreed to improve the look of our Club property by improving the landscaping. Doug Williams has offered to draw up a plan so if anyone has any bright ideas get in touch with Doug or the committee.

The next club hunt is the Kaweka fly in 17th to 20th Feb. Contact Chris Munro
That's about all for now and by the time you read this the Tapu family weekend should be in full swing.

Clyde

COVER PHOTO – by Bryan Sanson, taken from his recent spring hunt for Sika in the Kaweka Ranges.
(If you have a photo that would be suitable for the cover, please contact the newsletter editor.)

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2017			
Friday Monday	27th to 30th	Family Weekend at Stan & Arendina;s Riverside Retreat!	

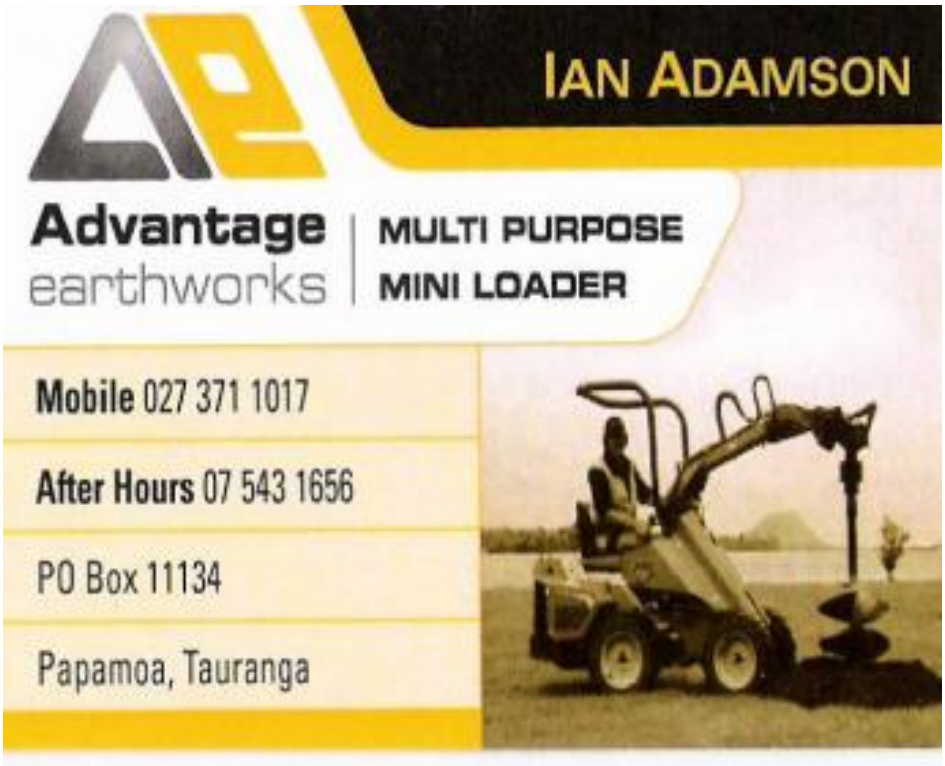
FEBRUARY 2017				
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
	Guest speaker: **Mark Law from Frontier Helicopters.**			
Tuesday	14th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

MARCH 2017				
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
	Hamils Shopping Night - details to follow in next newsletter			
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

Range Calendar for 2017	
	Info to follow in the next newsletter …



Christmas Shoot

HUNTS Course 2016

It was quite a surprise to find myself sitting in a room full of hunters at the Deerstalkers Association headquarters!! Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would ever be a hunter, armed and dangerous (to deer), planning to stalk around in the bush like a commando…. But that's what being a father brings, a life full of surprises!!

How did I come to be sitting in that room? Well, that started when we moved into a lifestyle block and the kids took to making their own bows and arrows. Despite a great deal of effort and enthusiasm, no living thing was ever in danger. This soon progressed to purchased bows and arrows, and membership at the O'Hara archery Centre outside Paengaroa. Again excitement and great endeavor didn't put anything on the table so we busted out my 30-year-old slug gun and tried really hard to put a dent in the local rabbit population. This soon progressed to a modern .22 slug gun and then a .22 rim fire rifle. By this time, I had my gun license and deer hunting was on the agenda. My son and I did a "test run" with a guide down in Whanganui and came home with a (small) freezer full of fallow meat. At this point there was no turning back and I figured it I'm jumping into this hunting thing, then I might as well be "all-in" so I registered for the HUNTS course.

Firstly, a word about the people who ran the course, Keith, Bob, Anja, Doug, Jamie, Les, Graham, Lester, Brent, John and others. This bunch of "good blokes" have many lifetimes of experience and stories between them. I doubt there is much they have not seen over the years and we're lucky that they are so willing to give up their time to share everything they know.

The course content was as varied as it was interesting. From river crossing to first aid, and photography to marksmanship the course was well thought out and contained everything a would-be hunter needs to know to get started. There was big focus on safety and after completing the course I felt confident enough to head into the bush knowing I had the right gear, and even better, I now know how to use my map and compass!

Now for some anecdotes:

I learnt that there actually is no right way to hunt….. When it came to stalking deer in the bush we were told that you had to be deadly quiet and at all costs be aware of the wind. I imagined commando crawling through the bush covered in face paint not breaking a single twig. We were also told that you might as well just walk normally and if there was one deer it would run away before you got anywhere near it, but if there were three or more they'd think you were one of them and be sitting ducks! Conflicting…. Confusing!

I learnt that Swandri's are a non-negotiable part of a hunter's wardrobe. The gear list for the weekend at Ngamuwahine was well thought out and contained everything you'd expect to see. Thermals, jersey, jacket, raincoat, hat sleeping bag and the like. It also, very specifically included a "Swandri". I couldn't figure out why you needed a Swandri when I already had a raincoat and a fleece? It's because real hunters have Swandri's of course!!

I learnt, finally, why hunters wear all that cammo gear. I asked this question multiple ways on the course. Why bother with all that camouflage gear when you're going to stick a whole bunch of blaze on top of it? I was worried that I needed to spend a ton of money on new cammo gear and wanted to make sure I really needed it. Finally, I just asked straight out, "would you come hunting with me it I wore this bright blue rain coat?" The crew looked a bit perplexed, but after some thought said "yes of course, although it might make a bit of noise". So why wear cammo gear then? Because that's what hunters do!

And finally, I learnt that if you see a deer, then shoot it. On the Waikarimoana hunt, one of the would-be hunters spotted a deer and as he frantically tried to get the attention of the instructor it ran away. When asked what he should do next time, the instructor said "shoot the bloody thing"!!

Seriously though, if you are a newbie, or experienced hunter then attending the HUNTS course is absolutely a worthwhile investment in both time and money. There isn't any other way to learn such a huge amount of valuable information in such a short time. The instructors are highly experienced and more than happy to share whatever information they have. It's also a great way to meet other like-minded people. Thanks for making this such a fantastic course.

Paul and Oliver Bassett

Christmas Shopping

A couple were in a busy shopping centre just before christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, she called him on the mobile.

The wife said "where are you, you know we have lots to do"

He said "you remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I couldn't afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheeks and she got all chocked up.

"Yes I do remember that shop" she replied

"Well, I am in the gun shop next door to that." !!!

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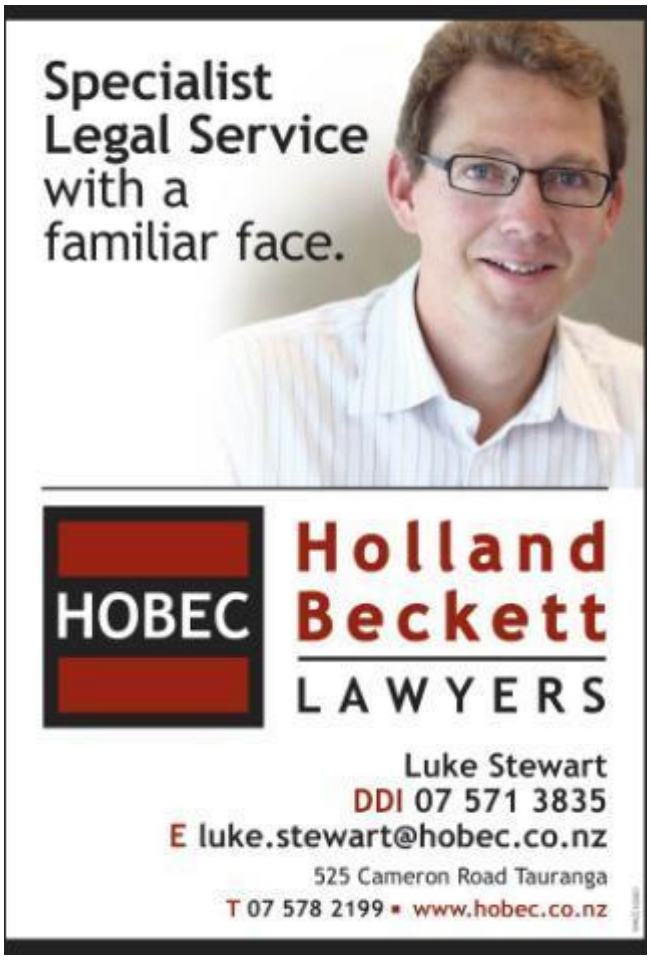
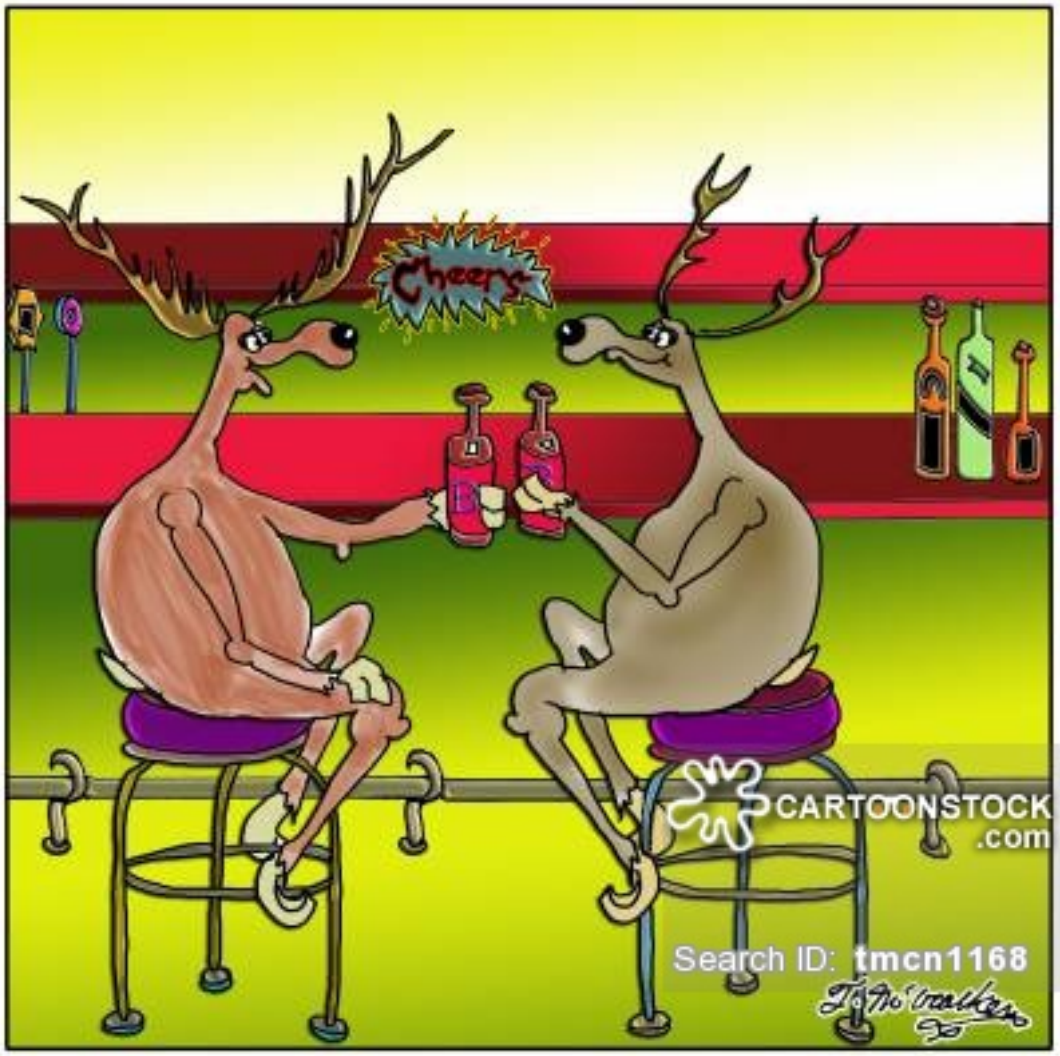


Bricks

In the 1950's a friend of Catherines moved with her young family into a house next door to a vacant lot. One day some builders arrived to put up a house on the lot. Catherines's friend had a three-year old daughter who naturally took an interest in all the activity going on next door. She hung around on the margins and eventually the builders adopted her as a kind of mascot. They chatted to her and gave her little jobs to do and at the end of the week presented her with a little pay packet containing a shiny new half crown.

She took this home to her mother who made all the appropriate cooings of admiration and suggested that they take it to the bank the next morning to deposit it in her account. When they went to the bank, the cashier was equally impressed and asked the little girl how she had come by her own pay packet.

I've been building a house this week she replied proudly.
Goodness said the cahsier and will you be builidng a house next week too?
I will if we ever get the f***ing bricks answered the little girl!



"Congratulations on surviving another hunting season."

Notice Board

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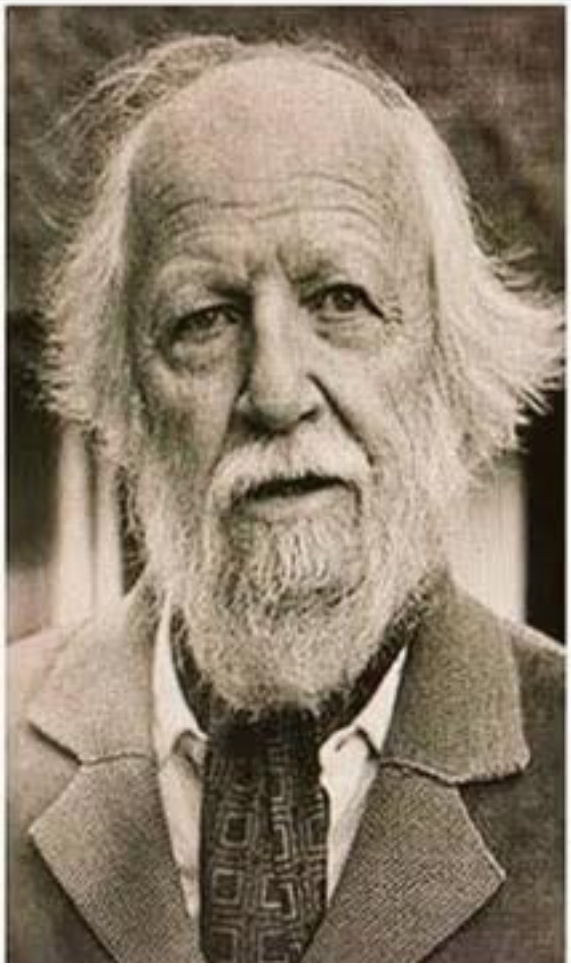

William Golding
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet
1911 --1993

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

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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.

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.) 2017/2018

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 2017/18 year (March 1st 2017– February 28th 2018).

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

Surname:	Given Name/s:	
Address:		Suburb:
City/Town:		Post Code:
Telephone:		Cell phone:
Email:		Newsletter By: Post ☐ Email ☐
Occupation:		
Family Members: (please see over page for more information)	Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____	DOB: _____ DOB: _____ DOB: _____ DOB: _____
Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	____ /____ /_____	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2017. Superannuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2017.

Membership benefits:

- NZDA $10 Million Liability Insurance Cover, including $1 million rural fires extension.
- NZDA working to protect your hunting interests.
- NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine (except for affiliates or associates; 1 copy per family).
- Club newsletter – monthly.
- Club nights with guest speakers, organized branch hunting trips.
- *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 2017)

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
Bank Account No: 030445-0184375-00
Reference: Enter your surname

*** In all instances this application form must be filled out in full and posted to:**

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association B.O.P Branch,
P O Box 3111, Greerton, Tauranga, 3142

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:**

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc.

2017 National Shooting

3-4 & 9-12 March 2017

Held at

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex

Newell Road, Tokoroa

March	**Sat 3rd**	50m NRA 3P Rimfire (PRSC format)	$35.00
	Sat 4th	100m 3P Centrefire (PRSC format)	$35.00
	Thu 9th	80 Shot Rimfire Silhouette	$30.00
	Fri 10th	60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m	$35.00
	Fri 10th	60 shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m	$35.00
	Sat 11th	Rimfire 60 Shot 3P @ 50 & 100m	$35.00
	Sun 12th	Centrefire 60 Shot 4P @ 100 & 200m	$35.00

Entry forms in by: 26 February 2017

Please Note: All Welcome, Trophies and Medals only awarded to financial NZDA members

Refreshments: Coffee, Tea & Biscuits supplied

Camping on Site: $5 per person per night

Start Planning Your Week Now!

We look forward to seeing you

Contact:

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Entry Form

Name: …….. Branch: …… Mem No.: …..……

Address: …….. Ph: (0) ……

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email: …… Please indicate: Right / Left hand Shooter

NZDA National Shooting 3-4 & 9-12 March 2011

held at Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Tokoroa

March 3rd (Sat)	1	National 120 Shot Rmifre 3P @ 50m (PRSC format)	$35.00	$
March 4th (Sun)	2	National 60 Shot Centrefire 3p @ 100m (PRSC format)	$35.00	$

March 9th (Thu)	3	National 80 Shot Rimfire Metallic Silhouette	$30.00	$
March 10th (Fri)	4	National 60 Shots Prone Centrefire @ 200m (AM)	$35.00	$
March 10th (Fri)	5	National 60 Shots Prone Rimfire @ 100m (PM)	$35.00	$
March 11th (Sat)	6	National 60 Shot Rimfire Match 3P @ 50 and 100m	$35.00	$
March 12th (Sun)	7	National 60 Shot Centrefire Match 4P @ 100 and 200m	$35.00	$
Camping on Site		($5 per person per night)		$
		Total Amount Enclosed		**$**

Grade:	A	B	C	D	**Sharing Equipment:**	Yes	No	**With:**

Class:	Open	Ladies	Veteran	Junior	**Date of Birth (Junior):**	

Do you hold a current Firearms Licence?	**Yes**	**No**	**F/Lic No:**	

Entry forms in by: *Monday 26 February 2017*

Please make cheques payable to: Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex Inc.

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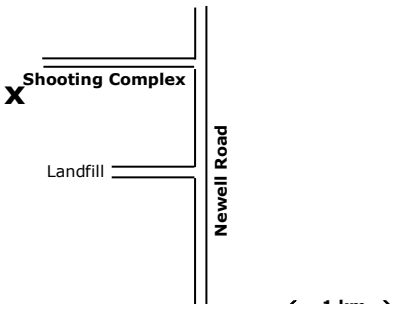
Post Entries for the above to: **Sandi Curreen, PO Box 605, TOKOROA 3444**
Phone: 07 886 4090 *evenings*
email: sandijo@clear.net.nz

NZDA National Shooting Week

(Information Sheet)

Date:	3-4 & 9-12 March 2017
Venue:	Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Newell Road, Tokoroa
Briefing:	9.30 am for matches held on 3-4 March and 10-12 March 12.30pm for match held on 9 March
Start:	10.00 am for matches held on 3-4 March and 10-12 March 1.00pm for match held on 9 March
Juniors:	A Junior is defined as a competitor under the age of twenty-one (21) years on the 31st of December in the year of the Championship.
Veterans:	A Veteran is defined as a Competitor who is aged fifty-five (55) years or more on the day of commencement of Competition.
Note:	A Competitor, who is eligible to enter any of the above Classes, may elect not to do so.
Security:	Firearm owners are reminded that they are responsible for the security of their firearms at all times as laid down in the Firearms Regulations 1992, in particular Section 19 Clauses (1), (a), (b), (i), (ii), (c) and (2), (c). With the present atmosphere in regard to firearms, it is in your interest to ensure that security is paramount.
Entries:	Please ensure entries are in by the closing date as some events may be cancelled if not sufficient entries.
Medals:	Additional to the usual Medals there will be Gold Medals for the winners of B, C, D, Grade. (Medals only awarded if 10 or more entries in each match.) Certificates will be issued and sent out to all competitors.
Champion of Champions:	Shooters are reminded that to qualify for this award you must enter a minimum of 5 events of the 11 including Bench Rest.
Meeting:	A Shooters Meeting will be held on Saturday (5th) following the Rimfire event.
Camping:	Complex facilities are available $5 per person per night per day.
Refreshments:	Coffee, Tea & Biscuits supplied



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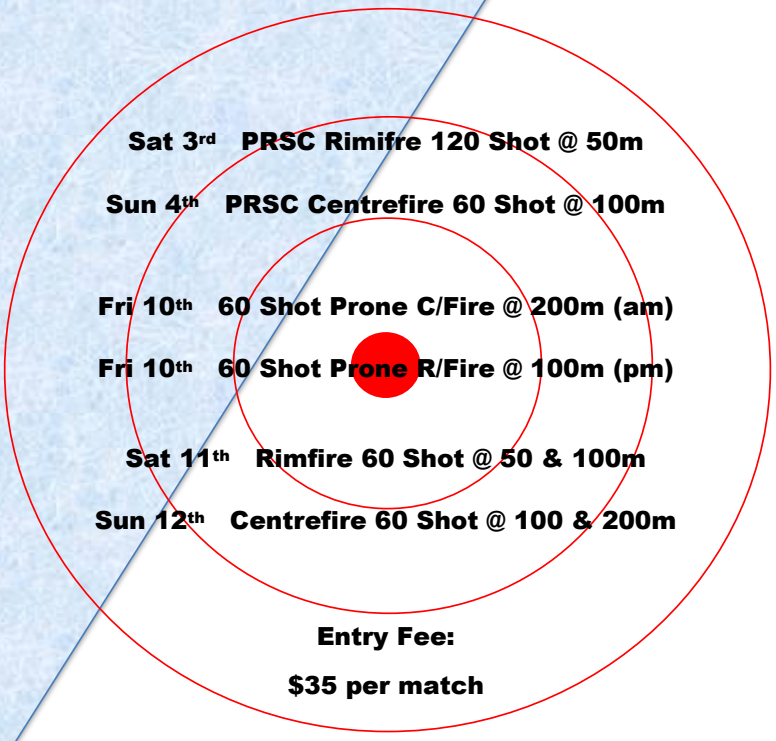
National Championships

3-4 and 9-12 March 2017

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex
Newell Road, Tokoroa



Sat 3rd PRSC Rimifre 120 Shot @ 50m

Sun 4th PRSC Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100m

Fri 10th 60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m (am)

Fri 10th 60 Shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m (pm)

Sat 11th Rimfire 60 Shot @ 50 & 100m

Sun 12th Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100 & 200m

Entry Fee:

$35 per match

Closing date:

Sunday 26th February 2017

Refreshments:

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Camping on Site:

$5 per person per night

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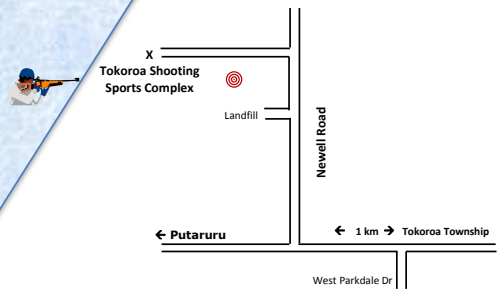
Thu 9th

80 Shot Metallic Silhouette (Rimfire)

Entry Fee: $30.00



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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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