Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS

December 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.
Opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the branch, its executive committee or the national association.

Presidents Report – December 2017

Welcome to this month's newsletter.

The Tahr hunt is over for another year and it will probably be best remembered for the detour we had to make via Murchison. It was great to see some different country for a change as we made our way south to our destination. It was a great trip as usual and thanks must go to Stan and Arandina for the organisation required behind the scenes to make it all happen.

The Aongatete fencing project has progressed further with eight volunteers turning up for work on the Saturday 11th Nov. Good progress has been made and there is probably 1 or 2 days work remaining to complete the fence and clean up the site. Thankyou to all those volunteers that have helped so far.

Up at the range the floor coverings have been layed in the Admin building and we are near the completion of this project. If you haven't been up to the range lately the Christmas BBQ and fun shoot will be a good opportunity to come and have a look.

The Hunts committee are planning the 2018 calendar for party hunts so please support them by going on a party hunt when you can as it is a good way to meet other members of the club.
Don't forget to contact Stan if you are going on Tapu Family weekend to book a space at his camp.
We have an interesting speaker for the December club night so please make the effort and come along. This is the last meeting for the year and we will put on supper after the speaker.
If we don't see you at the meeting have a good Christmas and New Year.

Clyde

COVER PHOTO – !
(If you have a photo that would be suitable for the cover, please contact the newsletter editor.)

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2017			
Tuesday 5th December	7.30pm	**Club Night**	NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday 10th Dec	**10:00 am**	**Christmas Shoot at The Range Rimfire silhouette shoot**	**TECT Park Range**
Tuesday 12th December	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday 31st December	From 9am	Range Public Open Day	TECT Park Range

JANUARY 2018			
NO Club Night in January – go hunting!			
Tuesday 9th January	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms
26th - 29th January		Tapu Family Camping Weekend	Stan & Arendina's Tapu

FEBRUARY 2018			
Tuesday 6th February	7.30pm	**Club Night**	NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday 13th February	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!

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Join us for the end of year shindig at
THE RANGE, TECT PARK

Sunday 10th December

.22 Rimfire Silhouette Shoot

Followed by a BBQ
MEAT PROVIDED
Please bring a salad or dessert!!

Range opens at: 10am
BBQ will commence at: Noon

Range News

Range Calendar for 2017	
July	Sun 30 Jul - Public Open Day
August	Sun 13 Aug - HUNTS Sun 27 Aug - Public Open Day
September	Sun 24 Sep - Public Open Day
October	Sun 29 Oct - Public Open Day
November	Sun 26 Nov - Public Open Day
December	Sun 10 Dec – Xmas Shoot Sun 31 Dec - Public Open Day

Grant Hammond
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
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BOP Deerstalkers Hunting Calendar 2017/2018

Month	Date	Location	Target Species	Level	Trip Organiser
JUL					
AUG	19th - 20th	Waikaremoana - hunts course	Red	3	Keith Theobald
SEP	16th - 17th	Te Tuhi track (Kaimais)	Red	3	Tim Taylor
OCT	20th - 23rd (Labour Weekend)	Kaimanawa Road (Waipakahi)	Sika	3	Chris Munro
	28th - 5th Nov	Mount Cook	Thar	5	Stan Lowe
NOV	18th - 19th	Littles Clearing - Kaweka	sika	3	Chris Munro
DEC		BOP Deerstalkers Range @ Tect Park	club christmas shoot	1	committee
JAN	26th - 29th (Auckland Aniversary)	Family weekend - Tapu, Coromandel	snapper	1	Stan Lowe
FEB	23 - 25th	Fly in Kawekas	Sika	4	Chris Munro
MAR	11th	Club day hunt only - to be confirmed	TBC		to be decided
APR	13th - 15th	Club roar hunt - to be confirmed	Stags		to be decided
MAY	19th - 20th	Lake Tarawera	Reds, sambar and trout	3	Tim Taylor
JUN	1st - 4th	Maungapohatu	Rusa & Reds	3	Stan Lowe

Disclaimer: the dates, locations, and organisers of these hunts are subject to change. Where possible we will arange suitable alternatives but we are humans and we hunt in places that are affected by weather. We welcome you to become involved as a trip leader or to suggest other locations.

BOP Deerstalkers Trip Grading System

Grade	Description	Specific skills	Specific Equipment
1	Flat country, suitable for any ability	none	none
2	Rolling country, suitable for most people	basic fitness	boots and a compass
3	Local bush hunting, may involve overnight	navigation, fitness, basic bushcraft	boots, pack, tent or fly
4	Extended hunting, may involve helicopters.	fitness, basic alpine skills, navigation	boots, pack, binoculars, rangefinder, spotting scope
5	Extreme Hunting, alpine or dense bush	extreme fitness, alpine skills, navigation	boots, pack, binoculars, rangefinder, spotting scope, crampons, ice axe

BRANCH HUNT REPORT

Tahr Hunt Report

Early in November the Branch completed yet another very successful Tahr hunt with 34 members flying, driving and for the first time one even walked in, into 9 different areas. The weather for the trip down and they fly in was great even though we had to travel down via Murchison which added a couple of hours onto to driving time. With a bit of luck by the time of our next years Tahr hunt the main highway should be well and truly open.

With favourable conditions for hunting through to about Thursday most groups shot reasonable numbers of animals with many more being sighted. There were some trophies shot but I am hoping that all trophies no matter what size will be presented at our measuring night in May next year. It appeared the season might have been early this year with less Tahr coming down to the riverbeds as food was becoming available higher up the mountains. It is the first time we have seen the Mt Cook lilies out in flower so that is an indication that spring was early. Even though it was still a bit chilly at night the daytime temperatures were high and sunscreen was a real necessity.

With weather predictions for late Friday and Saturday bring snow and rain which could have lasted several days parties made arrangements to be lifted out early. One party came out late Thursday because of they had to come over top of the range with most of the others coming out sometime Friday.

This did cause a quick reshuffle by individual parties of accommodation and ferry crossings but everyone made it home safely. Note for the 13 of you that didn't stay at Riverside Park in Murchison on they way home there will be a $30 refund from your deposits.

To date I have not caught up with all the parties, due to the staggered finish to the trip but will shortly need to send DOC a report on sightings etc as part our ongoing relationship to ensure their commitment to support large groups like ours participating in animal management.

Stan Lowe
Branch Hunt Coordinator

BRANCH HUNT REPORT

KING FERN PROJECT

UPDATE

We had a good turn out of members on Sat 11th Nov to continue with the King Fern Fencing project at Agongatete. With many of the posts already in place we were able to concentrate a running wires out and completing the entry gate and railings.
A big thank you to those guys for your time and effort.

On Saturday 2nd December there will be another major effort to get the project completed. We would like as many members as possible to make themselves available as it is a very worthy project and many hands make light work. If we can get enough hands this should bring the project to an end.

Russell and Les Nelson, our fencing experts, will be there to allocate jobs. No special skills required just bring your lunch and a drink, a hammer and High Vis jacket if you have.

As this is just before the next club night email me or even just turn up. Hoping the weather is good but if in doubt to might best to phone either myself, Les or Russell. Let me know if you need any other info. Look forward to seeing as many as possible at the

Agongatete lodge
End of Wrights Road
9am on Saturday 2nd December

Stan Lowe
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FAMILY WEEKEND
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Friday January 26th to Mon 29th 2018

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

Bring your **camping gear, caravan, camper van or stay in our accommodation across the road**. Other holiday accommodation can be arranged if none of the other options is to your liking.

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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.

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Summer hunt, Sika stags should be feeding hard and just stripping velvet. This is pretty much the last chance before the roar rush.

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Additional half Metre	$22.00
Premium Lounge (Kaitaki & Aratere)	$45.00 18yrs plus

Peak Dates:
01-28 February 17
13-18 April 17

Fares:	**Off Peak Each Way**
Adult	$45.00
Child	$25.00
Motorcycle	$39.00
Campervan/Motorhome up to 5.5mt	$142.00
Additional half metre	$37.00
Car/Ute/Van/4WD/trailer up to 5.5mt	$124.00 each
Additional half Metre	$19.00
Premium Lounge (Kaitaki & Aratere)	$45.00 18yrs plus

Off Peak Dates:
01 March – 12 April 17
19 April – 18 December 17

Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

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- Space is subject to availability at the time of the booking request.
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- **NZDA membership card to be shown at check-in or full retail fare will be charged.**
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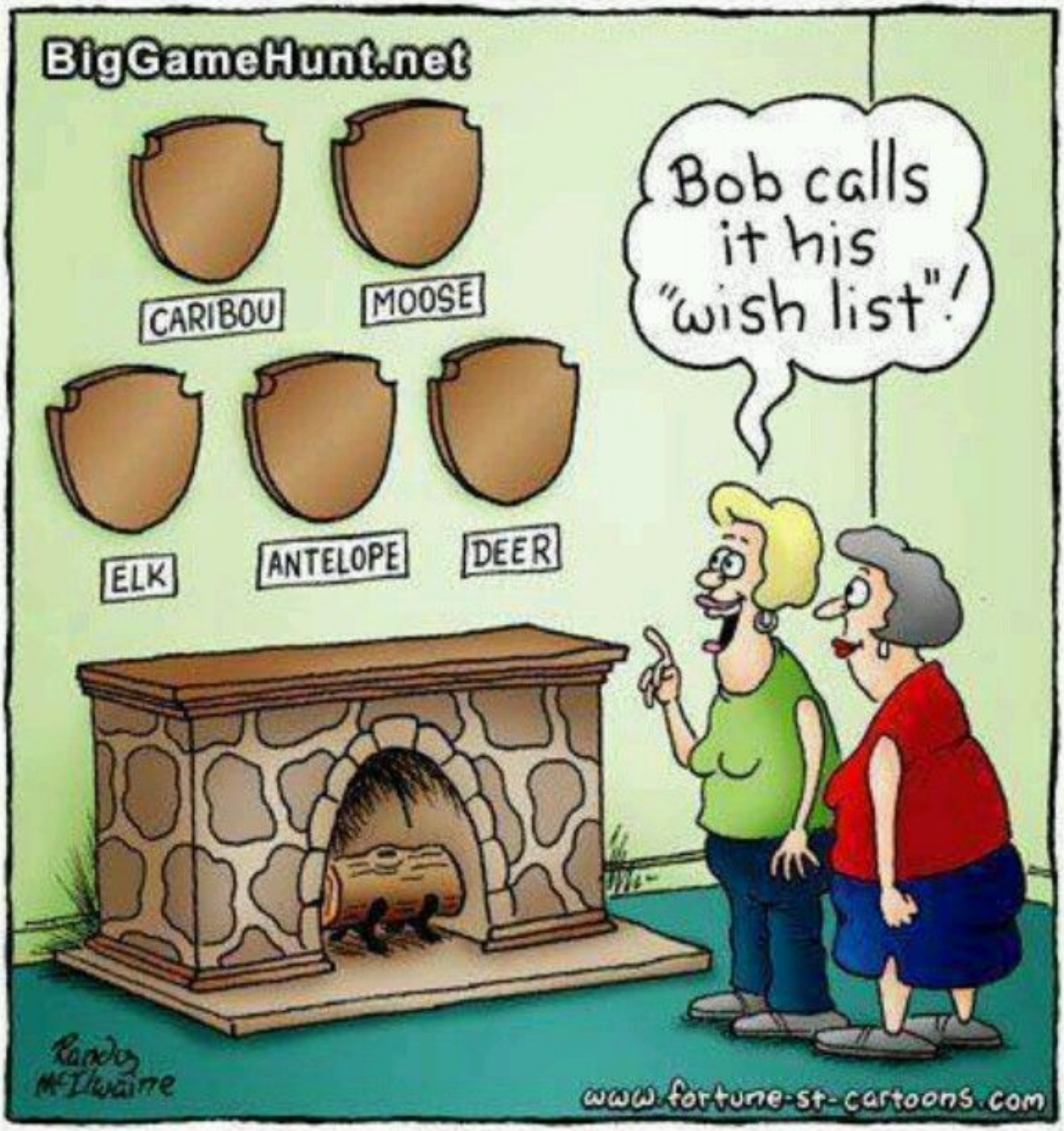
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Branch PLB Custodians:

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- 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
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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:**

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
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