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
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Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month.
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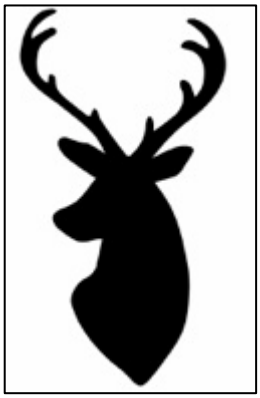

Presidents Report – November 2018

Welcome everyone to this month's newsletter.

Spring is well under way and for those less experienced hunters this is the easiest time of year for you to collect some venison. Take the opportunity of joining in with an organised club hunt as you will make new friends and learn where you can hunt. Some of the club hunts will be fly camping and so the Hunts committee will have a training session on fly camping at the December Club Night. This will be a good night to attend if you want to learn more about fly camping and what gear is best suited to having a good set up.

At the last Club night I talked about the Tahr cull which was being planned by DOC. Our club had pledged $3000.00 to the Tahr Foundation fighting fund to take DOC to court to stop the Cull until consultation had taken place. Most of you will now be aware that the Minister / DOC have consulted hunters and other interested parties and a smaller cull will take place similar to previous years cull numbers. The importance of reporting tahr numbers killed by private hunters and guided hunting has never been more important as these numbers will show we are contributing to the management of the herd. I realise there are some hunters who are against sharing info with DOC as they think DOC will go and target that area. DOC already do their own surveys by helicopter and have a pretty good idea where the high numbers are, and if we as hunters want to be taken seriously and be included in the management process then we have to communicate.

We held a fun shoot at the range in October organised by Dave Harris with 16 shooters participating. Thanks to Dave for organising and hopefully we will have another shoot prior to the roar.

Last month's club night was well attended and I think everyone enjoyed listening to Crimpy talking about hunting in South Africa. This month's club night will be an opportunity for those hunters taking part in the tahr hunt to give us a run down on their hunt and maybe show some photos.

That's it for this month, see you at club night.

Clyde

COVER PHOTO – From this year's competition photos.

If you have a photo you would like to see on the cover please send it through to claire71@gmail.com

This calendar sponsered by Tree Wise Men

NZDA Calendar 2018

November	
Tuesday, 6th November, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms – Tahr Story
Saturday, 10th November	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Tuesday, 13th November, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 24th November – Sunday, 25th November	November Club Hunt – Clements Mill Road, Sika
Sunday, 25th November	**NZDA Range Open Day** at TECT Park Range

December	
Tuesday, 4th December, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms – Fly Camping 101
Saturday, 8th December	BOP Service Rifle Club Day
Sunday, 9th December	BOP Deerstalkers Club Christmas Shoot at TECT Park Range Target Species: metal rabbits & ducks! (level 1) Details TBC
Tuesday, 11th December, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday, 30th December	**NZDA Range Open Day** at TECT Park Range

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NZDA Calendar 2019

January	
Tuesday, 8th January, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 15th January, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Friday 25th January 2019	**Family Weekend** – Tapu Riverside Retreat

February	
Tuesday, 5th February, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 12th January, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms

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Additional Calendar information

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!

Disclaimer: the dates, locations, and organisers of the 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

"I couldn't be bothered hunting, so I just grabbed some 'McDonalds'..."

Club hunts – getting you there and back safely

Just a quick note to inform you all about a new system that we're trialing for our 2018 hunting calendar. Many of you were attendance when our NZDA President, Bill O'Leary, spoke at a club night in 2017. He informed us all about our obligations under the new H&S laws, so in order to help meet them we're going to be trialing a 'signup' system for all club hunts. We've also recognized that many of our hunts require a lot of organization (e.g. the Thar hunt) so this system will help everyone involved. Details for signup…

- All participants wanting to participate in a planned club hunt need to signup at a club night.
- Signup forms for various hunts will be set out on a dedicated 'hunts' table and hopefully the organisers will be there to have a yarn with you.
- This will help insure the hunt organisers get a chance to meet you before the hunt and where necessary they can make allowances/provide recommendations for things like equipment or access.
- As part of this you will need to supply contact info for an emergency contact and info about any safety equipment you'll be carrying.
- As well as making us more organized, we hope this will grow participation at our club nights and allow new members to form new contacts with experienced hunters.

If anyone has any questions or suggestion to help improve this process please contact Tim, or feel free to have a yarn with any of our committee members.

Family Weekend

Friday January 25th to Mon 28th 2019

(Auckland / Tauranga Anniversary Weekend)
at

31 Tapu Coroglen Road

Thames Coast

(Stan & Arendina Lowe's Riverside Retreat)

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.

Facilities at Riverside include non flush toilets, 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 or even a deck chair and a good book.
Saturday & Sunday night we will have a group BBQ – Bring salads and potluck food to share.
COST - $15 per adult per night, students $5 per night, under 5 years 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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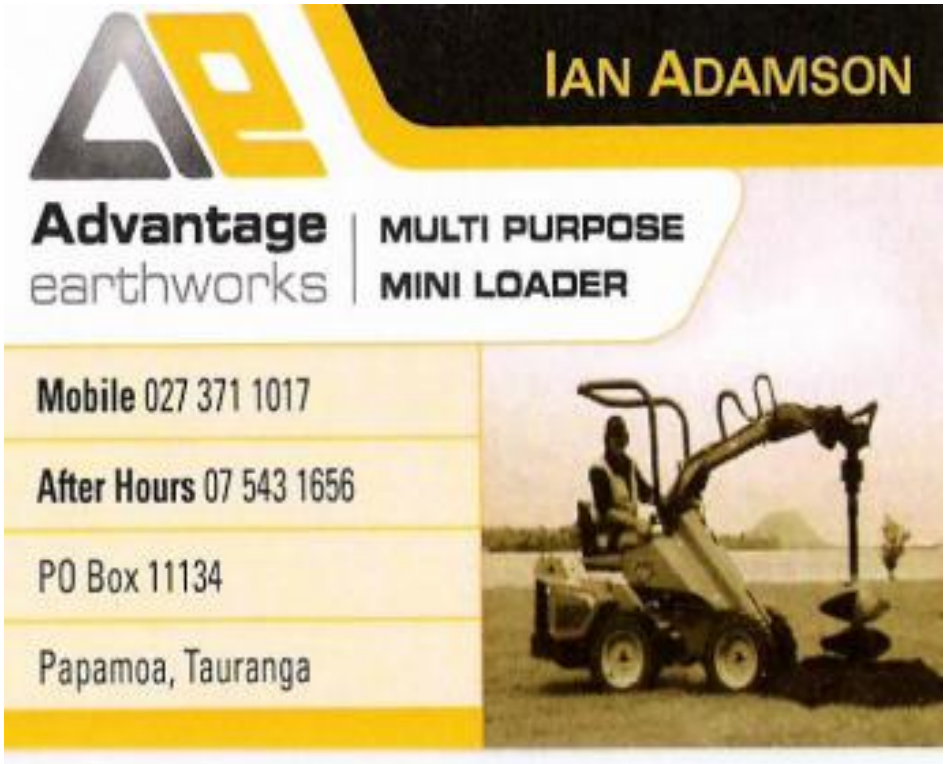


BOP Deerstalkers Family Hunting Comp – discussion document

Potential Date: possibly 2nd weekend in May after the roar and duck shooting opening weekend? Other?

Potential Species: deer, pig, goat, possum, wallaby, rabbit, hare, magpie, duck, pheasant, eel, trout?

Participants:

- Emphasis on family (min one adult and one <18)
- Club members only or open to the public?

Format: briefing on Friday evening, weigh in on Sat and Sun. Prize giving Sunday evening? Other?

Prize Categories:

- Average weight for each animal
- Combined weight of each species for overall family prize
- Combined weight of each species for top adult and top junior
- Special prizes for adult and junior best Douglas score game animal
- Hard luck/dick of the day prizes
- Photo comp

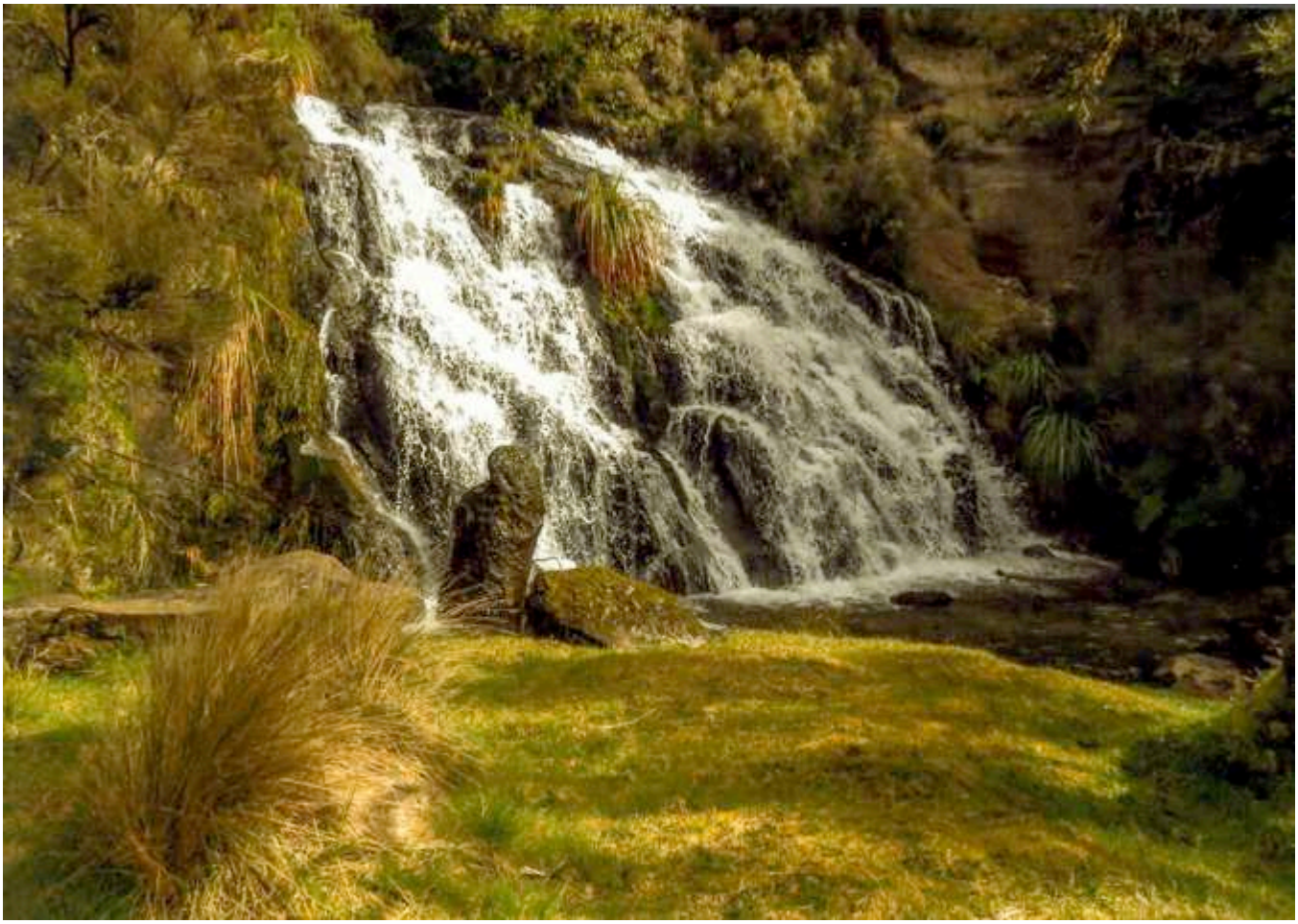
Sponsorship:

- Naming right sponsors
- Individual category sponsors
- Does any club member own/work for a company that might be keen to support?
- Does any club member have any contacts for suitable companies to approach?

Rules:

- Standard club rules
- Emphasis on presenting ethically killed animals e.g. animals that have obviously been chewed by dogs will not be accepted
- Emphasis on firearm safety, especially with unlicensed/junior hunters.
- All entrants turning up to the briefing?

Tim's note: all of the above are ideas. We need to get the discussion going as this comp will take a lot of work to organize and I'd like to see as many members entering as possible. Please get in touch if you'd like to be involved or have suggestions.



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Luke Stewart

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Notice Board

For Sale:

Two items from Mike as follows:

1. 2013 CanAm Outlander Quad Bike (twin seat) $6250.00 ONO – 400cc automatic with Hi/Low gearbox and 2 or 4 Wheel drive options
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   _regularly serviced at 100 engine hour intervals by Country Engineering and Off Road Motorcycles (Kerry Pask)

2. Genuine Victor #1 leg-hold possum traps (500 available). Top quality steel made in USA $12.50 each

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If anyone is interested they can contact Mike on the telephone numbers below to view or discuss prices.
Michael Thame H:07 576 5087 M:027 338 2582

For Sale; "Tree Stand suitable for white tail hunting etc. Bolt together aluminium angle frame with foam & plywood seat & foot rest complete with tie downs to connect to tree etc. Camo paint job. Manufactured by myself based on a tried & tested design. Un-used due to unforeseen circumstances. $300 ono. Phone Jon Short on 021 0274 7354, Tauranga."

For Sale:
Rifle, Marlin XL7, bolt action, 5 shot internal mag, hardly used, comes with scope & supressor $1200 o.n.o. Contact Anna on 021 225 5417. Buyer must have valid gun licence.

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…

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2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
4. Pay a $40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
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:**

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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7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.

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