Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS

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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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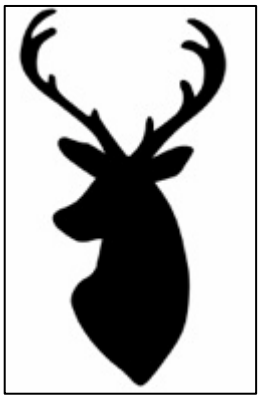

Presidents Report – May 2019

Vice Presidents Report – May 2019

Hey team,

By the time you read this the roar will be over and many of us will be enjoying the use of a shotgun instead of a rifle. Our club president, Clyde, has been away on holiday so he's asked me to write up a quick report to keep you all up to date.

The 2019 roar has been markedly different for many of us as the weather has been extremely settled in the North Island. We'd normally associate a good frost with the start of 'festivities' but in many places it was well into the 20's and we were hunting in our summer gear. The South Island looked like it copped a fair amount of rain and even a bit of snow so I'll look forward to hearing a few of those stories. For our club hunt we went to the Pakihi hut for a second year in a row and once again it provided the goods. The stags were definitely smarter than in previous years, but they were there if you worked for them – see my report further down.

One disappointing note about this month's club hunt was the number of people participating. We had a total of 5 of us attend this hunt, and only 2 of us were experienced enough to hunt solo. As a club we've made a concerted effort to organize a wide variety of hunts over the last 2 years, but I'd question if this will continue if we don't see the support of members….5 people from a membership of nearly 500, are we really deerstalkers?

Over the next few months we have a number of things going on at the club so here's a few reminders…

- Club night 7th May – butchery night by Les Neilson
- Measuring night 21st May– please return any club trophy from last year and get this year's hunting trophies ready. Heads should be 'stank free'
- Club dinner 22nd June – free to attend this year, please RSVP to Clyde.

Tim Taylor

COVER PHOTO – From The photo comps! By Craig Winters

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

***** WE ARE RUNNNG LOW ON PHOTOS – PLEASE SEND YOURS NOW!! *****

This calendar sponsered by Tree Wise Men

NZDA Calendar 2019

May

Tuesday, 7th May, 7.30 pm		**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms - **Butchering a deer by Les Nelson**		
Tuesday, 14th May, 7.30 pm		**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms		
May HUNT	May 17th – 19th	Boat-in Hunt Hot Water Beach Campsite Lake Tarawera	Target Species: Reds, Sambar, Pigs **Level 3**	Organiser: Bob Tatton
Tuesday, 21st May, 7.30 pm		**Measuring Night** at NZDA Clubrooms		

June

June HUNT	31st - 3rd	(Queen's Birthday) Maungapohatu Station / Makomako Hut, Te Urewera	Reds, Rusa	**3**	Stan Lowe
Tuesday, 4th June, 7.30 pm		**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Tuesday, 11th June, 7.30 pm		**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Saturday, 22nd June		**Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner**			

July

Tuesday, 2nd July, 7.30 pm		**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Tuesday, 9th July, 7.30 pm		**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
July HUNT	12th-15th	Fly-in Hunt - Boyd Hut, Kaimanawa Forest Park	Sika	4	Reuben Hayward

Save The Date

Saturday 22nd June 2019

Mid Winter Christmas themed
Dinner and Prizegiving
At Tauriko Clubrooms

There will be no charge for this dinner
Meat provided by Club
BYO Drinks
Attendees will be asked to please bring a salad or dessert to share
More Info to follow

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NZDA HUNTS Calendar 2019

Month	Date	Detail . Location	Target Species	Level	Trip Organiser
February	8th - 10th	Local Hunt - Te Tuhi Track, Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park	Reds, Pigs	**3**	Jonathan Flude
March	15th - 17th	Mangamate Hut, Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park	Reds	**4**	Baden Prentice
April	5th - 8th	Roar Hunt - Pakihi Hut / Te Waiti Hut, Urutawa Conservation Area	Red Stags	**3**	Tim Taylor
May	17th - 19th	Boat-in Hunt - Hot Water Beach Campsite, Lake Tarawera	Reds, Sambar, and Trout	**3**	Bob Tatton
June	31st - 3rd	(Queen's Birthday) Maungapohatu Station / Makomako Hut, Te Urewera	Reds, Rusa	**3**	Stan Lowe
July	12th-15th	Fly-in Hunt - Boyd Hut, Kaimanawa Forest Park	Sika	4	Reuben Hayward
July / August	30th – 1 AUG	HUNTS Course Guided Hunt Waikeremoana	Reds, Goats, Pigs	3	Bob Tatton
September	13th - 15th	Hut Warming - Te Whare Okioki Hut, Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park	Reds, Pigs	3	Reuben Hayward
October	25th - 28th	(Labour Weekend) Canoe Hunt - Mokau River	Fallow, Pigs, Goats	**3**	Reuben Hayward
November	2nd - 10th	Club Tahr Hunt - Mount Cook National Park	Tahr	**5**	Stan Lowe
	22nd - 24th	Spring Meat Hunt Clements Mill Rd	Sika	**3**	Mark Hargrave

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.

For up to date specifics refer to the Facebook events page.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/deerstalkersbop/events/?source=4&action_history=null&filter=calendar

Club hunts

April Club Hunt: 5th-7th April at the Pakihi Hut (Opotiki area). This area has become a regular producer for our club and every trip has secured at least one deer. Hunting is a mix of bush and river flats so you can go as hard or as easy as you like. Numbers are limited to 6 but any extras will be encouraged to use the Te Waiti Hut which is approximately 1 watershed over (opportunity for some friendly rivalry). Tim will be driving down on the Thursday night and walking in under headlamp but you're welcome to come whenever it suits. To register for this hunt please call Tim on 027 668 9904

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

Kaimai Shenanigans

Some photos from Dave's trail cameras in the Kaimais.

“Does anyone know the dodgy- looking hunter caught on the trail cam as he is poaching on my area!

Reward offered. Ring Dave at home.”

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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.

Membership card update: due to some difficulties with printing we're experiencing delays in getting the cards out. Please bear with us as our club now has close to 500 members and it's a significant job which is done solely by volunteers.

Range Keys: as previously communicated, we're not doing a key swap this year as we has a new system that we hope to implement soon. Please keep your current key and await further instructions.

Club hunt Report

Club Hunt Report – April 2019

I'd been stalking in on this deer for over two hours. I was now only a few metres below him. Obscured by ferns and the shape of the ridge, I didn't know exactly where he was, but one thing I did know was when he roared you damn well checked that the safety was off. With little options presented, I debatable what to do. With nothing to lose I let rip on the vacuum hose and hoped.

The April club hunt was at the Pakihi Hut for a 2nd year in a row. This hut has become a bit of a good luck charm for our club as we've never had a club hunt that didn't see at least one deer being shot. Having a flat, 2 hour walk in, it doesn't require a huge effort and with numerous creeks and valleys leading off the main river, there's more than enough country for everyone to safely hunt. It also holds a lot of deer as well as numerous goats and pigs…flat track and lots of animals, what more could a hunter want.

I arrived at the hut around 10pm after a walk in by headlamp. Already in residence were a couple of club members, Nick and Paul. Paul had walked in earlier in the day and had spooked a pig on the track, while Nick had ridden his E-bike in and had spooked a hind. I was quietly proud of these two as neither had much experience in the bush but were willing to give it a go. It was also an interesting twist to have the electric bike – I wondered what Les would make of such technology!

After a hot night I was champing at the bit to get out after the stags. I'd been in the weekend before and had pinpointed a steep area that a number of the noisy buggers were holding up in. The only problem was stalking in on them – the country was hard going, dry, and crumbly. Last weekend the creeping up from underneath approach hadn't worked so this weekend the plan was the drop down from the ridge above. It meant a hard slog uphill to start the day, then an even harder sidle down to them but being reasonably fit from competing in the Coast to Coast a month prior, I was up for the challenge.

I won't go on about the details of the stalk, suffice to say it was bloody hard. There turned out to be 3 stags roaring but they were in an area of steep ravines that made it very difficult to pinpoint their exact location. I locked my boy down to a small plateau on a ridge, and after some painstaking work I got in right below him. My vacuum cleaner hose worked a treat and a flash of antler passed through the trees followed by a brown shoulder. I sent a .25 caliber projectile on its way…and then the hard work really began.

If you've never stalked in on a roaring stag it's hard to understand what your body goes through. Not only are you physically working hard, but every sense your body possess is working on overdrive. Sight, smell, hearing, touch; they're all amplified by a huge amount of adrenalin that seems to ramp up another notch every time you hear that deer roar. It's heady stuff and the comedown can be crippling. In my case, the comedown occurred at the bottom of the ravine. After I'd taken the shot, the deer crashed off as they normally do. I felt sure he would have headed downhill, so I'd zigzagged my way all the way down to the creak. No blood, no sign, no deer. I'd potentially missed him so I was mentally kicking myself, and combined with the physical exertion the wall hit real hard.

Take a spell next to the creek, it was tempting to think I missed the shot and was time to cut my losses. Thankfully the experienced side of my brain was still functioning, and after a feed it told me to get back out there and find him. It's amazing how your outlook changes after a feed, I still felt gutted but I had renewed energy so I charged back up that bastard hill and give it another look over. His smell was what lead me to him, and I found him no more than 10m from where I'd shot him (I must have run right past where he lay). Now the real hard work began – it was so steep that I had to tie his back legs to a tree just so I could gut him. Then I had to get everything down to the main creek before starting the slog out to the hut. I ended up backpacking the hind legs (easily weighed 25kgs) and shuttling them down the ridge before running back up for the head, my day bag and the rifle. In this manor it took 1.5 hours to get down. I was totally spent at this point so left the meat hanging in a tree before starting the 2 hour walk out.

The rest of the weekend was a bit of a non-event. Nick and Paul headed out early while Clayton and his son Dylan came in and joined me. They had shot a spiker on the way in but despite a hard search, they were unable to locate it. They hunted hard for the rest of the weekend but couldn't pinpoint any stags. They had some fun, bowling some goats on a big slip upstream from the hut.

Final thoughts…
Hunting in the roar is an amazing experience. I've talked to a number of new hunters who wont go near the bush at this time because they're afraid of being shot. While this is always a consideration, if you make the effort to get away from the road you're unlikely to have any issues. At no other time are stags so easy to find, so start planning for next year and challenge yourself to get off the beaten track.

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Hunting Permit - Have you got one.

Just a reminder to all hunters no matter which area of DOC land you are hunting - BE SURE TO HAVE A CURRENT PERMIT. Of recent times while in the presents of DOC staff who have confronted 3 separate hunters and requested to see their permit in our local area none of them have been able to produce a permit. It costs nothing and takes only 2 minutes on your phone or computer.
By not having a permit you are in breach of fire arms code and with everything that has gone down over mass shootings and new fire arms laws the enforcement is only going to get more rigid.
In my experience there is also too many guns being taken into huts or near huts with closed bolts. Even if you have checked and are positive that your gun is safe anybody else seeing your gun has any idea that you have done the right thing or not. It is not hard to just remove the bolt in most guns before putting the gun in the least conspicuous place you can find. You might stay to hell with others but as the public are getting more and more paranoid about firearms I think it is up to us as responsible firearms licence holders to display as much empathy as is practical for the privilege of holding such licences. Once it was our right but it is fast becoming a privilege to hold a firearms licence.

Stan Lowe

Branch Hunts

Maungapahutu Branch Hunt

Fri May 31st to Mon 3rd June

Te Urewera's, Mako Mako Hut plus Ruas Track and tent base camps

Leaving at 8.00am Friday

Branch Hunt Conditions

- Small access fee
- Shared travel costs
- All meat shared
- Hunters will be allocated areas that must be strictly adhered to for safety reasons.

Please register with Tim Taylor at the next club night or give Stan a call on

Phone Stan 07 8684515 or
Or email lowe2147@gmail.com

Tahr Hunt 2019

The date has been set for this years Tahr Hunt –

Leave Tauranga Sat 2nd November and return on Sunday 10th November.

A meeting sometime in August to finalise areas and numbers but will advise dates in July newsletter.

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTENTION TO GO ASAP SO I CAN WORK ON ADDITIONAL AREAS IF NECESSARY. It is best to advise by email if possible or give me call.

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Te Whare Okioki Hut Progress

Earlier in April the roof was put on the hut and the plastering both in side out was started. Unfortunately the weather broke before it was finished which increased the drying time and therefore was unable to be completed during that same weekend. If the weather is kind the plaster will be back on the job the weekend of the 26th April to complete the job and with luck the painting will be well underway also. The water storeage system will also be on the plan at the same time so will need a good number of people. Some club members have been very generous with their time for that I am truly grateful but could always do with more hands that could spend a weekend of even a day which you incorporate with a hunt.
With continued effort from all and the weather playing its part it is hoped that this project will be completed sometime in June.
Stan Lowe
Hut Co Ordinator
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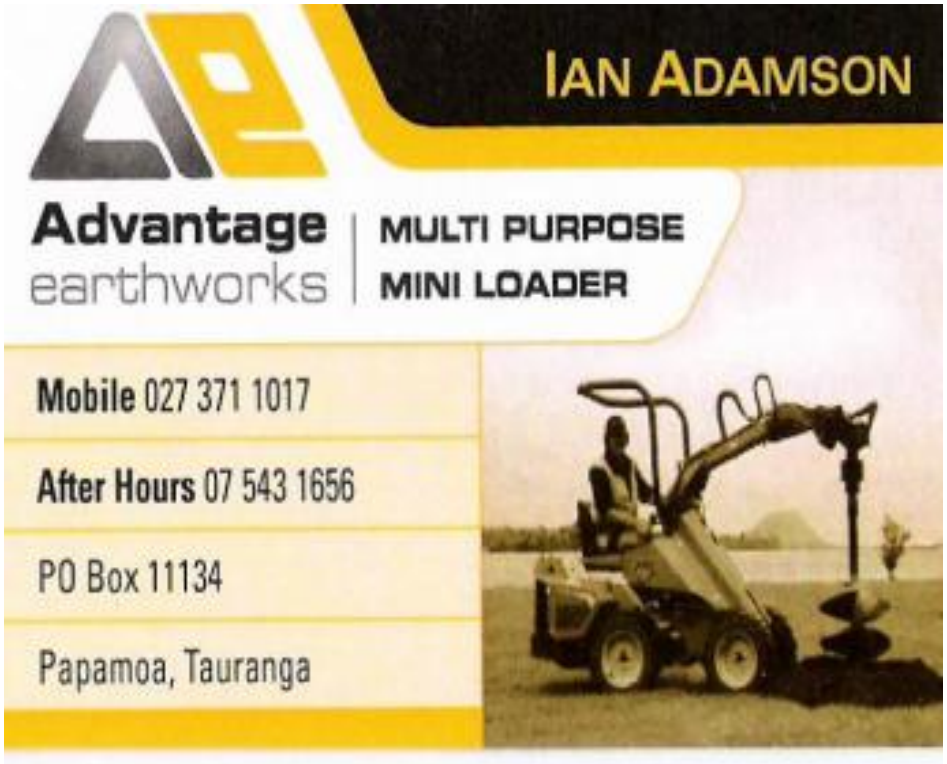

Measuring Night 2019

Tuesday 21st May – 7.00pm

A reminder of the conditions of entry

All members must be financial both at the time of taking the trophy or photo and at the time of entry to the competition. Financial means that subscription monies are in the hands of the Treasurer and have been receipted.

All A.H.T. trophies must have been taken under fair chase rules and not have been paid for. They need to be presented in a clean and non-smelly condition. Skulls must be whole and can only have the brain cavity opened below the atlanto-occipital joint where the skull joins the spine. The lamdoidal ridge at the back of the skull must be intact. On Sika, Red and Wapiti heads the nasal bone must be complete and intact for measuring skull.

Entries in both the A.H.T. and Photographic competitions are limited to 3 per category excepting the sequence section which is from 3 to 10 photos to tell a story.

Photo Categories: -

A GAME ANIMALS	(Live and not in captivity)
B1 BIRDS	(Live and not in captivity)
B2 MAMALS	(Live and not in captivity)
B3 INSECTS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS	(Live and not in captivity)
C SCENIC	(Can have minor human activity)
D FLORA	(In natural setting)
E HUMAN INTERESTS	(Must show evidence of human activity) (Can be fireplaces, trophies etc)
F SEQUENCE	(3 to 10 photos telling a story)
G TRAIL CAMERAS	(Photos from set cameras)
VIDEOS – DVDS	A HUNTING B WILDLIFE C TRAINING Should be no longer than 20 minutes
PHOTO SIZES:-	These can be either 6 x 4 or 7 x 5. ***A tip – 7 x 5 present better particularly in the National Competitions***

All trophies in both A.H.T. and photographic are to be taken in New Zealand only and not from any
moving conveyance *i.e. car, boat, aeroplane or helicopter.*

The BOP NZDA competitions run from measuring night to measuring night, usually the third Tuesday in May. The National competition goes from 1st June to 31st May leaving a couple of weeks gap. If you shoot a worthy trophy in this period it can only qualify for this years competition. Get in touch with us quickly.

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For Sale:
303 SMLE, matching bolt and rifle, reasonable condition for age, $250ono all proceeds go to the club, contact Tim Taylor on 027 668 9904

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…

Deerstalkers Library

Don't forget the library is open for
Club members to borrow books and DVDs.
See Richard McEwen on club nights between
7.15 – 7.30pm

BIG 4 COMP

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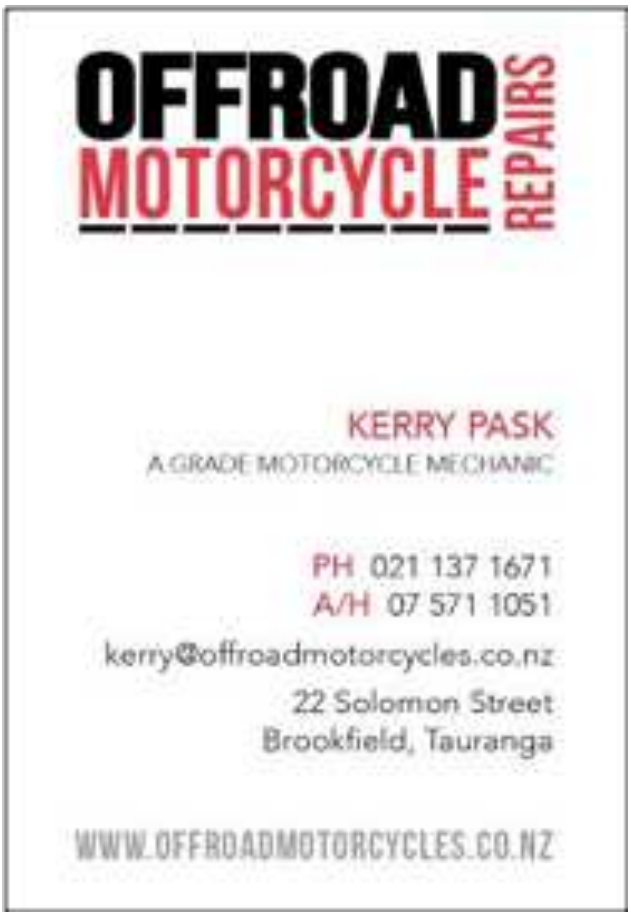

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4. Pay a $40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
5. Pay a $10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

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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.) 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:	
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Occupation:		
Family Members: (please see over page for more information)	Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____	DOB: _____ DOB: _____ DOB: _____ DOB: _____
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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'
6. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting
7. Be exemplary members of NZDA by promoting and abiding by its Rules, Field Guidelines and this Code of Ethics.

Robert, wake up! You're sleep-hunting again!
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Randy McIlwaine

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