Bay of Plenty DEERSTALKERS

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

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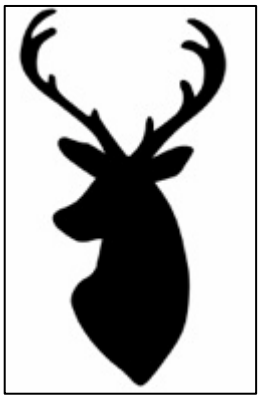
Club Night: First Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm if you want to come early for a chat!)
Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month
All correspondence to be addressed to PO Box 3111, Greerton

Deadlines for newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month.
Opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the branch, its executive committee or the national association.



Presidents Report – August 2019

Welcome everyone to this month's newsletter.

Last month's club night was our AGM and I would like to thank those that attended the meeting, and also thank the members who have volunteered to be on the committee to run our club. The notice of motion re the Auditor was voted on and passed, so that decision will save the club a considerable amount of money in the future. The yearly subscriptions were discussed with a recommendation that they be increased to keep in line with increases from National capitation. Our subs have not been increased since 2011 and it would only require a small increase to keep pace with current costs.

The Clyde River which is a tributary of the Rangitata has claimed yet another vehicle and unfortunately a young boy lost his life when the 4wd rolled over. The photo shown would suggest the river was in flood and running a lot faster than normal flow. Better to sit on the bank and wait it out for a safe crossing regardless of whether you are in a 4wd or walking.

During the month of July Trevor Chappell the National President, Dave Bragg, Reuben Hayward, Maureen Coleman (Thames Branch) and myself had a meeting with DOC in regard to access issues into the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park. Most of the concerns were from Maureen from Thames Valley Branch such as the poor condition of Thompsons Track. We will keep members informed of DOC's progress.

For those hunters that are getting out for a hunt it would be good to see some stories for the newsletter. They don't have to be a novel, just a few words and some photos. Just send to Claire's email address in this newsletter.

This month's club night we will have Stan and Arendina talking and showing photos of their trip to South Africa. This will be a great opportunity for the ladies to come along and enjoy the evening as well. We will also put on a supper so you won't go hungry.
That's it for this month, see you at club night.
Clyde

COVER PHOTO – by Tony Burt

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

ED's note – apologies for the typo – Michael Thame's possum traps are $4 each – not $40!

This calendar sponsered by Tree Wise Men

NZDA Calendar 2019

August

Aug / Sep HUNT	30th Aug – 1st Sep	HUNTS Course Guided Hunt Waikeremoana	Reds, Goats, Pigs	3	Bob Tatton
Tuesday, 6th August, 7.30 pm		**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Tuesday, 13th August, 7.30 pm		**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Thursday 15th August, 7.30 pm		**Tahr Hunters Meeting** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Tuesday 20th August, 6.30pm		**Hunting Calendar Meeting,** Judea Tavern			

September

Tuesday, 3rd September, 7.30 pm		**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Tuesday, 10th September, 7.30 pm		**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
September	13th - 15th	Hut Warming - Te Whare Okioki Hut, Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park	Reds, Pigs	3	Reuben Hayward

October

Tuesday, 1st October, 7.30 pm		**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
Tuesday, 8th October, 7.30 pm		**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms			
October	25th - 28th	(Labour Weekend) Canoe Hunt - Mokau River	Fallow, Pigs, Goats	**3**	Reuben Hayward

Tahr Hunters Meeting

For all those who have put their names forward plus anyone else who is interested in the November (Nov Sat 2nd to Nov Sun 9th) Tahr hunt there will a planning meeting.

Thursday 15th August
7.30pm
Tauriko Club Rooms

1. Discuss and finalize areas
2. Discuss itinerary and travel arrangements

If you are unable to attend please let know so that your participation and your intentions are made clear before this date by email (lowe2147@gmail.com) or by phone. No deposit is required as each group will make their own bookings.

Stan
PH 07 8684515 MOB 0276671140

Hunting Calendar Meeting

There will be a meeting on the 20th Aug at the Judea Tavern to plan out a Hunting Calendar for the following 12 months.
6:30pm at 35 Koromiko St, Judea.

Everyone is invited to attend. We need the collective knowledge and participation of the members to make the Hunting Calendar what the members want.

- Reuben Hayward, Branch Hunts Coordinator.

NZDA HUNTS Calendar 2019

August	30th – 1 SEP	HUNTS Course Guided Hunt Waikeremoana **Contact Bob Tatton if you are interested in guiding a student	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

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

Club Bulk Emails

Club bulk emails

It looks like quite a few of the emails we send out to members using our membership database by bulk email are getting rejected by members email providers.

If you not receiving emails from our branch, you mike need to your spam folder, and also make sure that club-249@club2ic.com is added to your safe list as this is the email address that send out our bulk emails.

Bumper Stickers
available from Club Night:
$10 each

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

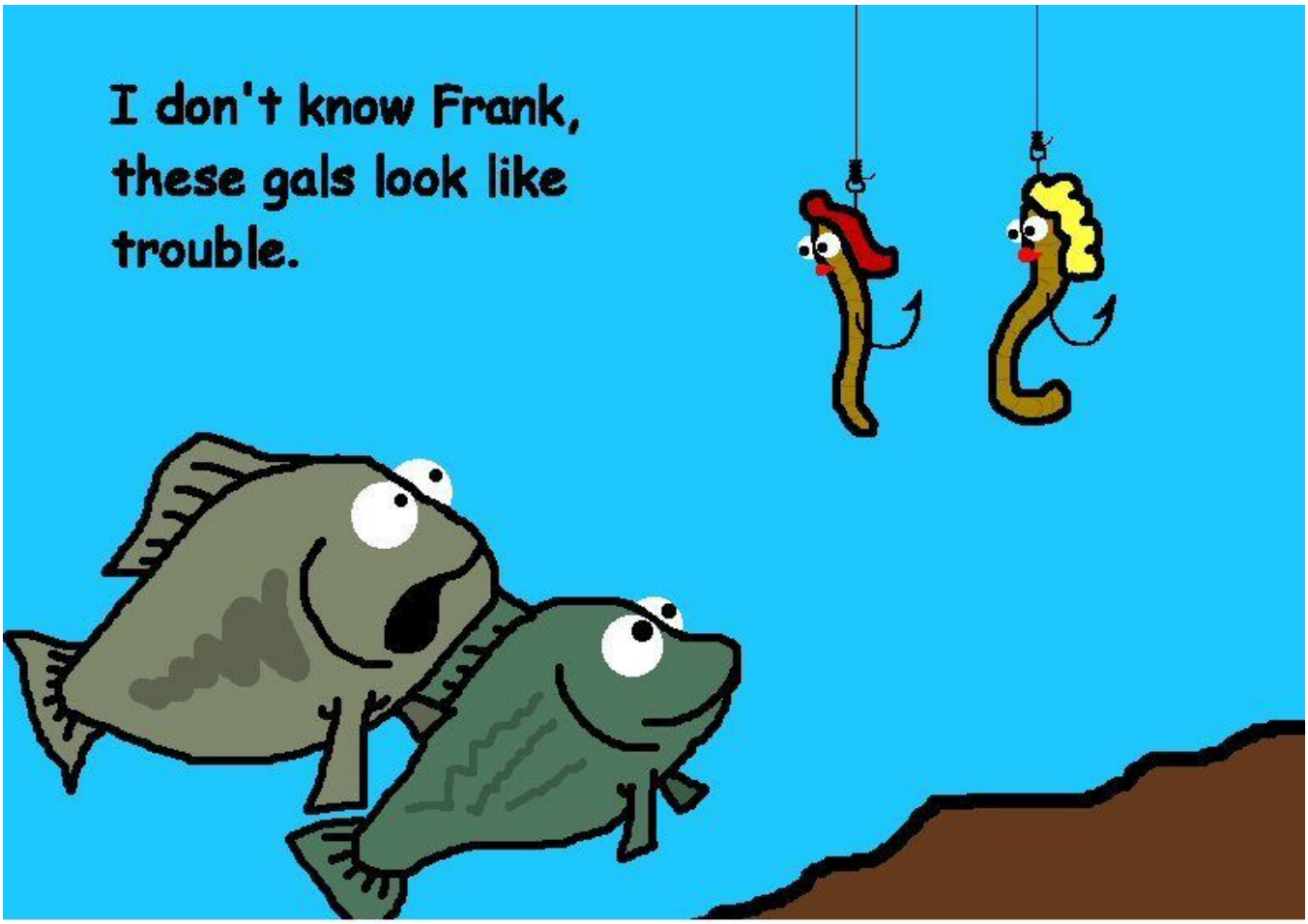
82 YEARS YOUNG

Milo aged 82 – very happy with his success.

We went down to the Whanganui area a month ago for a fallow hunt and did very well as can be seen by the attached photograph. Milo shot an animal and was absolutely delighted.

We may slow down in old age but we make up for it in keenness and it still can be done.

(Photo and words by Dave Bragg)



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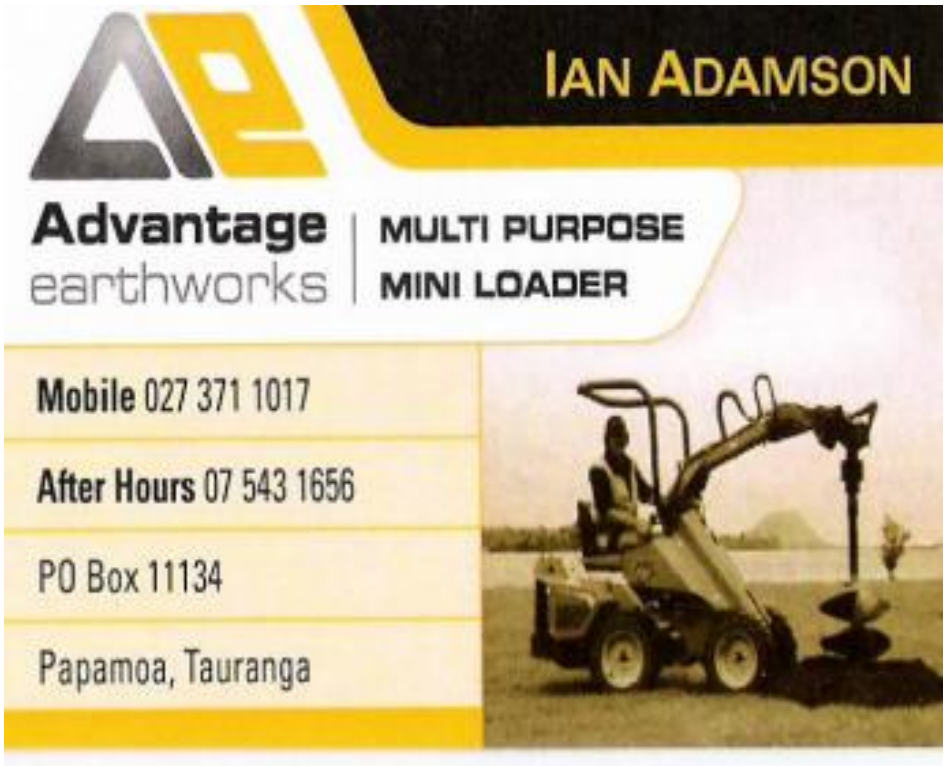

Notice Board

For Sale #2:
PCR Possum Leg Hold Traps – 40 available at $4 each

For Sale #3:
Motorola Windows Embedded Personal Digital Assistant.
Model: MC 9500k. Complete with charging cradle and USB cable and holster and belt clip – 5 available.

Contact **Michael Thame** for any of the above. H: 07 576 5087 M: 027 338 2582

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.

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
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1. Book the units in advance.
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'
6. Practice the Field Guidelines when out hunting
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Another stunning photo by Tony Burt

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