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 – February 2020

Hi Everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.
At the time of writing this report the family weekend at Tapu is nearly upon us and the weather gods seem to have got it right once again so we are looking forward to a good weekend.

The December Christmas shoot and BBQ were well attended so thank you to those members that helped out on the day. The face painting and the craft activities were popular with both children and adults so we will probably continue that theme next year.

Over the Christmas holidays an enthusiastic bunch of members turned up to a working bee at the clubrooms and we replaced the cladding on the east side of the building. The old cladding was starting to warp and rot and so required replacement. Thank you to all those members who helped out with the work.

Membership renewals will be due at the end of this month (February) so please make sure you send in the paper work and make reference (name) on any direct bank payments so our membership secretary can reconcile transactions.

At this month's club night we will have David Seymour from the ACT party speaking so come along and support the guy as he was the only MP to oppose the Government's law changes on firearms.
Well that's it for this month so hope to see you at the club night.
Clyde

COVER PHOTO – by Ross Ritchie – Tahr by E-bike…read the full article further on!

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

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This calendar sponsered by Tree Wise Men

NZDA Calendar 2020

January	
No club night	
Tuesday, 14th January, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Friday, 24th January – Monday 27th January	**Family Weekend – TAPU, Coromandel**

February	
Tuesday, 4th February, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Thursday , 6th February – Sunday, 9th February	**Waitangi Hunt – Te Urewera** – location TBA
Tuesday, 11th february , 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms

March	
Tuesday, 3rd March, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 10th March, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Thursday, 19th March – 23rd March	**Raft/Canoe – Wakatane River**

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Dave's Trail Cam

" I have just serviced my trail cameras from the Kaimais and here are some shots of the following":

2 stags in early velvet Mum with her runner

First "days old" fawn of the summer

A boar that I have been photographing for 2 1/2 years called Whitefoot.

We are doing an East/West traverse in a couple of weeks, with very little of it on the public tracks, so I'm looking forward to that trip.

Dave Sorenson

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Fly in HUNTING & FISHING to the Kaweka Ranges May 7th – 10th

Parties are more than welcome to book their own huts with Chris Cross East Kaweka Heli. At this Stage Mason Hut, Manson Bivvy, Rocks Ahead Hut and Rock Ahead Bivvy are Booked for the Club Hunt.

Hut Bookings, Confirmed.

Back Ridge Hut, 4 spots available.

Mason Bivvy/Spion Corp Range, **Johnny, Matt, Neil.**

Rocks ahead Hut, 4 spots available.

Ballard Hut, 4 spots available

Heli Pricing at this stage is looking to be **$415** each includes return flight and Doc Landing fee. Might Be cheaper once Numbers are getting better.

Bookings for these spots are to come to Johnny – 0275451515

Fishing Available for Rocks ahead hut & Bivvy, Fish & Game rules Apply.

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
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Tahr Hunt by e-bike

By Ross Ritchie

As I peddled off up the Tasman river track I could hear my dear wifes warning,
"Don't you scratch my new E-bike"' so with caution I started off my journey.

Two days earlier I had hunted up the true right of the Tasman & had stayed at Ball hut, meeting allsorts, including extreme skiers , European track runners & hikers, most of which just go up to the hut, enjoy the view, tick it off & out again.

One reason I like going up there is the few animals you find are used to human activity so you can casually get a lot closer to take a few photos. The downside is that I tend to use up my camera batteries too quickly.

I only saw two bulls & four Chamois, one of the Chamois I decided to take but after getting into position above them two trampers came along & set up a tent, so I pulled the plug on that idea.
The next day I headed out for the other side, stopping to sign out at the very busy Doc office. I enjoyed a well deserved coffee with Sir Ed.

When I finally arrived at the end of the track feeling good that the bikes paint work was still intact , I pitched my tent amongst the scrub but not before glassing up the valley in hope of boosting my hopes of great hunting adventures in the final few days that were left of our branch club hunt.

The next morning it was raining so I gladly caught up on some much needed rest. By lunch time the weather was good so I headed off up the hill, planning to hunt down this rough looking gut. Half way down I concluded this was a nanny feeding area, all the green stuff was well groomed & I could see six nannies at work.
I shifted over abit to the side of the hill where it was covered in scrub, matagouri & lots of grass. I soon spotted a bull through the gaps in the scrub lying down in the grass but he spotted me & casually walked over the edge & was gone. He looked good so I decided to take him if I got another chance. I had a couple of glimpses of his pale hairy coat, he seemed to be feeding back towards the gut which had less cover, this might offer a shot at him., which it did.
Sadly I rushed the shot , it did not drop him on the spot, instead he leaped over the edge into the dirtiest, steepest terrain. It took me four hours the next morning to find him. I found I'd over estimated the size of his horns they were just 11inches.
On the upside I did get some good photos of our NZ falcon & came across a valley of stunted Kowhai trees in bloom, a nice surprise.

I had an early tea & went out for a short evening hunt, I got quite a surprise to see four bulls but they had spotted me. At one stage they walked single file straight up, which gave me a good look at their horns against their necks.
One seemed to have a good curve & stood out against the rest so I kept my eye on him. When he stopped, turned & looked back I squeezed a shot away, after the poor shot on the last bull tahr it was good to see this one just fall over. It took over an hour to get to him & by this time there was only an hour of daylight left.
He wasn't in a good spot for photo's, so after gutting him & using a lot of energy I managed to drag him up hill about 10 mtrs . I wanted his skin & all the meat.
I could see the bad weather forecasted had already hit the Mount Cook village across the valley. I broke off a lot of wilding pine branches to sit the meat on, put more on top then threw the skin over the lot planning to retrieve it all tomorrow.
It was now raining steadily, by the time I got back to camp it was 23.00hrs.

Not long after hitting the sack the most powerful display of thunder & lightning started. Claps of thunder that lasted from 20-35 secs rolled up the Tasman valley, sometimes the thunder seemed to be right above my tent, the noise was horrific.
It went on most of the night. Chop creek doen't have a big water catchment but about six times during the night I could hear a wave of water & rocks coming down the naarrow valley behind the camp which would only last for about 15mins then stop, so there must have been some big dumps of rain up the valley.
I don't think I got much sleep but I just loved the whole amazing experience.

Next morning I retrieved the meat & skin & in the afternoon I took a load out to the ute. This was made easier with the gale force winds behind me, only took 30minutes. Even the dirty fast flowing

stream crossings were fun as long as I remembered to crankup the battery assistance to the max before entering the water & giving it stick , hoping I didn't hit a big rock hiding in the water. It was the soft shingle banks on the other side that were the hardest but Yay for ebikes.
The return trip though took 1 1/2hrs,and at Black rock point the wind was so strong that even in granny gear & the highest battery assistance aiding me & giving it all I had I still came to a stop and before I could get my foot on the ground I was going backwards, once I had pushed it around the point we were away again.

That evening I saw the tail end of a big bodied bull but not his head. Maybe that's the "big one" I will just have to come back next year.
Next morning it was packup & gone by 8.30am, the wind wasn't so strong but still pushed me along the flats without having to peddle much. I stopped & watched the chopper up high cutting its way into the wind to retrieve the boys up in the valley. The pilot told them that they had a 100kph tailwind on the way out.
I was just about out when a beautiful rainbow appeared over the other side of the valley, a nice ending to a great trip. I couldn't wait to hear how the others got on.

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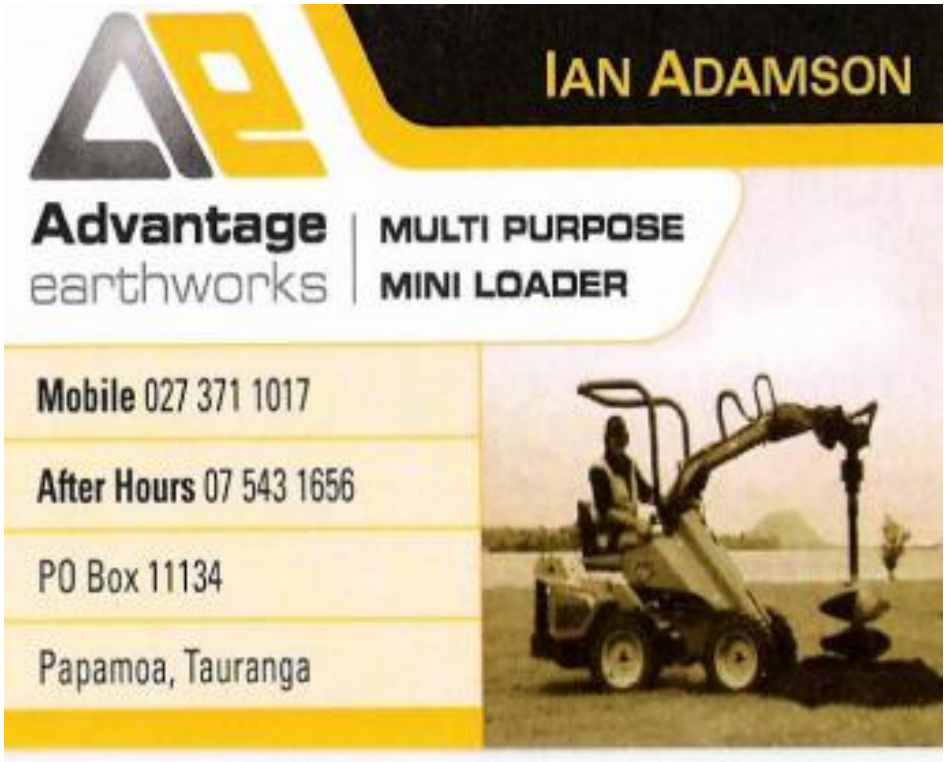

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4. Pay a $40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original condition and on time.
5. Pay a $10-20 donation per trip, on return, for hire of the unit.

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 2019/20 year (March 1st 2019– February 28th 2020).

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

Surname:	Given Name/s:	
Address:		Suburb:
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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 2019 to February 28th 2020	***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 2019	$0.00	+	$2.00	$1.00
JUNIOR – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2019 (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 2019	$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 2019)

OPTIONAL PAYMENTS:

Annual Range Ticket (Mar-Feb each yr – $50 see separate info pack)

Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range:

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Please find enclosed my payment for my application to Bay of Plenty Branch.

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

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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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