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.
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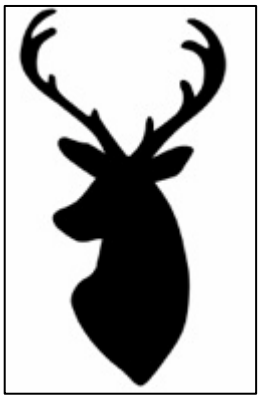

Presidents Report – November 2020

Hi everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

The party hunt to the Te Whare Okioki hut looks to have been a success judging by the facebook posts so I hope all our members had a good time and enjoyed the camaraderie that is part of party hunt culture. The tahr hunt this year has not drawn the large numbers of hunters that we have seen on previous years, probably due to the severe cull undertaken by DOC in the last few months. Those of us that are going will still have a good time I'm sure, as long as the weather plays it part.

We are currently waiting for a reply re funding for the sealing of the range carpark and driveway, so hopefully we will be successful and get that project finished. While we are talking about the range it is still evident that some range users think it's OK to dump rubbish such as targets etc in the lockers as there are no rubbish bins provided. If you transport your targets and coffee cups to the range surely you can take them home with you.

As you will have seen in last month's newsletter and again in this one, we have advertised the 70th Birthday BBQ. We require members to let us know if you will attend so we can make plans to cater for the event. Please RSVP as soon as possible to help us organise this milestone in the club's history.

At the November club night we are endeavouring to have a speaker talk on first aid in the bush so come along and enjoy the night and have a chat with other members. That's it for this month

Clyde

COVER PHOTO – Throwback to last years tahr hunt taxi ride with Mt Cook in the picture! Thanks for the cool photo Clyde!
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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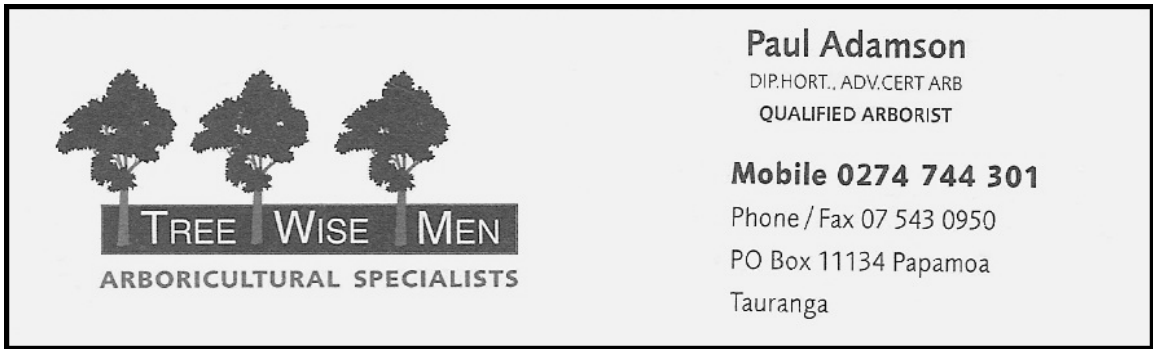
This calendar sponsered by Tree Wise Men

NZDA Calendar 2020

October	
Tuesday, 6th October, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 13th October, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
OCTOBER HUNT • 15th – 18th Te Whare Okioki hut (Kaimais) – hut has been fully booked out for us – contact Cory O'neil 021-329-149 or coryoneill2409@gmail.com	
OCTOBER HUNT • 31st – 8th November Thar hunt – South Island, organiser Stan Lowe 078684515027 and Tim Taylor 027 668 9904 or info@ruahinekayaks.co.nz	

November	
Tuesday, 3rd November, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms First Aid speaker tonight!
Tuesday, 10th November, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday, 21st November, 4pm	**NZDA 70th BIRTHDAY PARTY!** See flyer over page for details.

December	
Tuesday, 1st December, 7.30 pm	**Club Night** at NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday, 8th December, 7.30 pm	**Committee Night** at NZDA Clubrooms



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70th BIRTHDAY

BBQ

NZDA BAY OF PLENTY IS TURNING 70
LET'S CELEBRATE!
We will sort the meat. Bring a salad or a dessert.
All children and families welcome!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST	STARTS AT 4PM

Where: NZDA Tauranga Clubrooms
617 State highway 29A, Tauriko
RSVP BY THE 11th NOV:
secretary@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

Club hunts 2020

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November

- Pakihi Hut, Opotiki area, dates to be decided - spring family hunting weekend, contact Steven Borburgh 0211884025 or Stevenborburgh@gmail.com

- 27th – 29th - Oamaru hut – walk in fly out, contact Johno Flude 027 545 1515 or j_flude@windowslive.com

December

- No hunts as everyone is too busy

January

- 29th – 1st (Auckland Anniversary weekend) – Tapu family fishing weekend, contact Stan Lowe 078684515027

February

- No set plan yet but ideas discussed are Purity hut (Ruahines), Motu/Mokau/Whanganui river

Club hunts 2020

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

NZDA Social Media

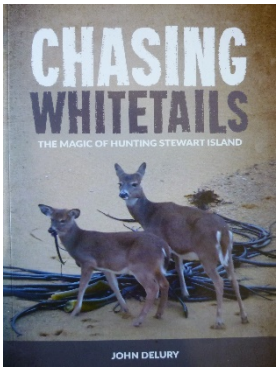
Please join us on Facebook and Instagram for ongoing information about party hunts and Information about our events.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/deerstalkersbop/?ref=share

Chasing Whitetails

NZDA book offer

CHASING WHITETAILS The magic of hunting Stewart Island. Author John DeLury



John is Chairman of Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust and a Life member of Southland Branch NZDA. This book is the result of forty years & well in excess of one hundred trips hunting Stewart Island. The book documents many of those hunts as well as the history of many of the hunting blocks. There are 41 chapters, 256 pages, full colour throughout and the spine is stitched. It also covers the history of whitetail on the Island and some of the research projects John has been involved in and includes habits of the animals and some hunting hints. A review of the book can be seen at:- https://thefishingpaper.pdftomobile.nz/the-fishing-paper/february-2020-issue-173/hunting-news/chasing-whitetails-the-magic-of-hunting-stewart-island

The book is $40 plus post. Up to three books can be sent on one pack. Autographed on request. To order contact John DeLury wtd243@gmail.com or 0276925338

Family Weekend – Tapu 2021

Friday January 29th to Mon 1st Feb 2021

(Auckland Anniversary Weekend)

Riverside Retreat

31 Tapu Coroglen Road

Thames Coast

(Stan & Arendina Lowe's)

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 cabins (several available) at Riverside Retreat or across the road in self contained flat**. 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 – Sun screen, insect repellent, 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 with heaps of snapper – 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 discuss your requirements.

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Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.)

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 year March 1st 2020 – February 28th 2021.

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 2020. Superanuitant over 65 as at 1 March 2020.

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, Tim Taylor 027 668 9904 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	+	$145.00	$75.00
FAMILY MEMBER – partner/spouse or children/ grandchildren of Senior Member under 18 as at March 1st 2016	$0.00	+	$5.00	$3.00
JUNIOR – Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2016 (No voting rights).	$0.00	+	$45.00	$25.00
ASSOCIATE – Can't vote or enter national competitions. Doesn't receive H&W mag	$50.00	+	$100.00	$55.00
AFFILIATE – Must be a full member of another branch.	$50.00	+	$63.50	$35.00
SUPERANNUANT – over 65 as at 1 March 2016	$50.00	+	$100.00	$55.00
STUDENT – Must produce valid Student ID card as proof.	$50.00	+	$95.00	$48.00

***** Joining Fee only applies to ***NEW*** and members

UNFINANCIAL for more than 90 days (i.e.: Existing membership must be renewed before 31 May 2020)

OPTIONAL PAYMENTS:

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

Donation towards ongoing development of the Shooting Range:

Membership Fee	$50.00
Joining Fee	$
Range ticket	$
Donation	$
Total Payment	$

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

☐ Cheque ☐ Cash ☐ Direct Credit 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:**

RANGE NEWS

Grant Hammond
NZDA BOP Branch Range Manager
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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

It is late May and I am on a hunting trip in the King Country, camping in an area that I have hunted a lot over the last 12 years. As usual at this time of the year, the nights are very cold and you need a really good sleeping bag etc. Last night the water in my camp water container was frozen by midnight, and the first hour of hunting that morning was like walking on concrete. I stayed in the bush a lot as wherever the ground was frozen, it was just so noisy to hunt. Five hours of hunting in an area that I knew and all I saw was one hind with a runner and not a lot of sign.

Back in camp I had a feed and a rest, then mid- afternoon I headed out to hunt a sharp spur and bushy saddle that I have not hunted before. The area was more open and easier to get into than I expected, just steep in places, so that was a pleasant surprise. I took my time and just enjoyed the hunting. Apart from seeing one black rabbit and a bit of recent deer sign, I saw nothing, so I set myself up on a small mound overlooking the bushy saddle. There was bush either side with an open grassy area in between, the kind of place all red-blooded hunters dream about.

There was not much activity, but after about an hour I detected some movement on the bush edge at the base of the saddle. Out stepped a spiker, along with a 3 year old small 6 point stag. The stags slowly fed out from the bush, so I set up my rifle and ranged the distance, 240 metres. I watched and waited for a while, hoping that a bigger stag would show up, when suddenly they ran back into the bush. They obviously got my wind, which surprised me as most of the time it was in my face.

I just stayed set up hoping the deer would return. With about 30 minutes of daylight left, I was just getting ready to pack it in. Suddenly, further up the ridge, out from the bush ran 7 hinds. They ran across a grassy area and disappeared into the bush on the other side. "*Heck, they must have got my wind as well, as they didn't muck around. I really must have a wash."*
I sat there totally bemused by this, when a large stag stepped out of the bush where the hinds had been. He hesitated before following the hinds' path. A quick look through the scope and I could see he was a long way off but had some good tops. With the light fading fast and no time to range him, I decide to take, for me a very long shot, so I held high, settled and squeezed the trigger. With the shot he dropped like a log, so I grabbed the range finder and sighted to where he fell - 368metres. Without a doubt one of the longest shots I have ever taken.
The day had started off really cold with no deer around, but it had just got a whole heap better. By the time I had packed my gear, crossed the saddle and climbed to where the stag was, it was getting dark, so I got out my torch and located the beast.

To say that I was gobsmacked would be an understatement! I have hunted in eight countries, seen some awesome sights, but there at my feet was a sight right up with the best, and so totally unexpected. The head had a very wide span, heavy timber, rich pearling and 27 points. They grow this gear every year; incredible really when you think about it. In 12 years of hunting in the area, I've never seen any stags like this one, although I know that in one of the local areas in the front country they used to keep some stags around for the Aussies to shoot. I spoke to one of the locals and he said that they had not seen any around for 3-4 years. The good news is this stag was with 7 hinds, so it would be fair to say that his genes are in the local herd, as we aged him at 7 years old. I gutted out the stag, returned back to camp for a mostly sleepless night. I spent most of the next day butchering and packing out the meat, the head and antlers were a big trip alone.

It took me a couple of weeks to come to terms with just what I had shot. As it was well after the roar and I had recently shot my lifetime 14 point trophy, I had gone on this hunt with low expectations really, to check out an area for a future hunting trip. I did not even have my camera with me. It just goes to prove that if you are hunting in good country, just expect the unexpected. These mature stags normally stay well- hidden so you just have to be in the right place at the right time. I was going to put this head into the Sika Show this year, but it has just been cancelled. *Bugger!*
I might bring it into the club sometime as it is well worth looking at.

Dave Sorenson.
September 2020

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Can come with scope, worth well over $550 will sell for $250

For more informtion on the above rifles – contact Gerry Carey

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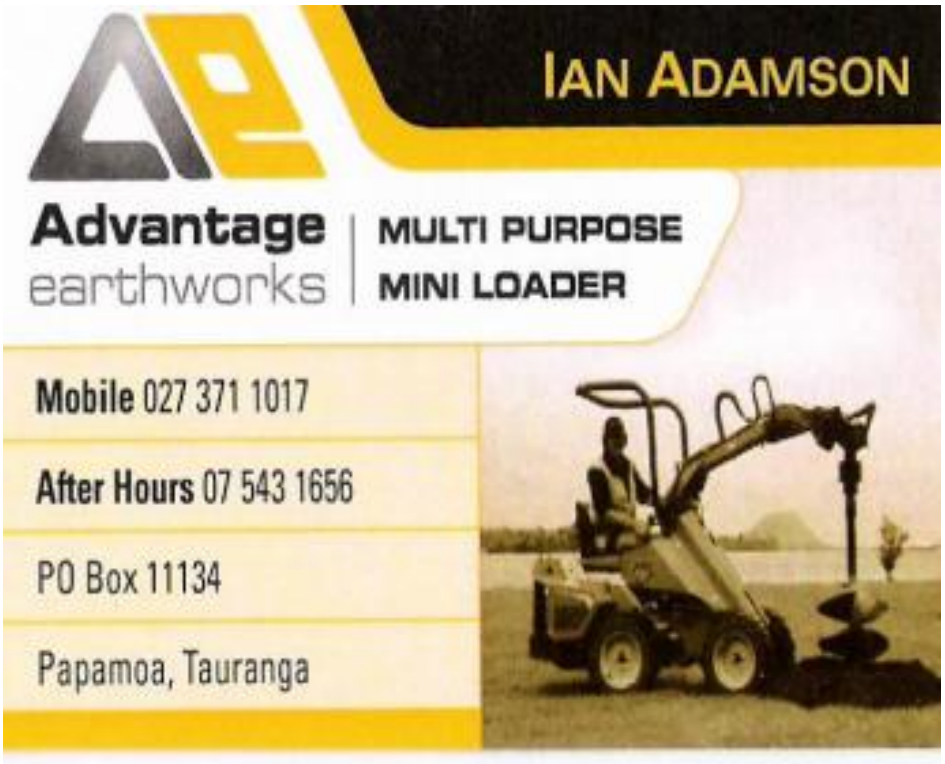

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1. Book the units in advance.
2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
3. Fill in an Outdoors Intention Form to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit.
4. Pay a $40 cash bond, refundable on return, in original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

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.

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