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MOTU HARE HUNT

(See Jesse Ryan's story on page 8)

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Our mission statement is to retain, enhance and create opportunities for the enjoyment of legitimate recreational hunting and the sport of shooting, for the members of the Association. Founded in 1950, the Bay of Plenty NZDA is a branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association.

Cover Story and Photo

Want to feature on the cover of our next newsletter?
If you have a suitable photo and can write a few words to support it, please send it through to: editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz and you could win a $100 Bar Tab at The Raft Café & Sports Bar - 65 Chapel Street Tauranga.

PRESIDENTS REPORT
APRIL 2026

Hi All,

By the time you read this, the roar will be in the memory bank for another year, and I hope you are in the process of cleaning up your heads for measuring.

For our annual AHT competition, this year we are taking a different approach and running measuring day on May the 16th, not a measuring night like previous years. With only a handful of Douglas scorers in our club, we noticed that the measuring night placed an unnecessary burden on the scorers, so we thought we'd give it a crack during the daytime to see how that's received. If you've never entered a trophy into the AHT comp, you should consider entering everything you've shot throughout the year, even if you think they might not win anything. For example, we had no goats entered last year so anything would have won! We have trophies for every species, and there are several special categories that might surprise you. For example, we have a category specifically for Kaimai heads, and given the general size of the antlers that come out of this area, almost anything may win. As part of this competition, we also have the photographic comp, so now's the time to dive into your photo library and head to Warehouse stationary to get some printed off.

As well as the measuring day, we also have a club room working bee on the calendar for the 9 th of May. Some of you may have noticed that the club is looking a bit tired and in need of some love, so we'd appreciate all the help we can get.

There's plenty of plants that need pruning, weeds that need spraying, a garden around the patio to create, and a retaining wall for the chiller to be built. It doesn't matter if you can lend a hand for an hour or the whole day, everything helps to please packs some tools and head on down.

I recently had the opportunity to take my girlfriend out for our first hunt together. She's a animal research scientist, and has no problem with killing things, however she has no interest in hunting. I sold it to her as a way to spend some quality time together. We spent the day exploring a new station, and I made sure to take plenty of snacks as well as a hot thermos of coffee. Despite some atrocious weather, the day was a success, and think we both enjoyed the time together with our dogs. The icing on the cake was that we were fortunate to share the experience of securing a deer at close range, so now she even believes some of my stories! The day really highlighted to me why I hunt… it's not about killing things, it's about the experience, and the older I get, the more I'm finding that's more enjoyable when it can be shared.

Finally, you may well be oiling up the shotgun for the next big event on the hunting calendar, opening weekend! For those of you who are heading out, now's the time to brush up on the arms regulations, as newer regulations may affect you e.g. remembering to use a trigger lock when transporting your shotgun. It's also timely to remind everyone to lay off the silly juice when firearms are involved….yes, yes, I know how you will inwardly groan at me having to say this, but there's plenty of time for beers aft you've packed up for the day.

Straight shooting everyone.

Tim Taylor
BOP PRESIDENT

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEEDED

Have you thought about standing for the NZDA BOP Committee?

We are seeking motivated members to join our Club Committee and help shape the future direction of the club.

Committee members play a key role in guiding strategy, supporting operations, and ensuring the club continues to meet the needs of its members. We are particularly keen to hear from people who bring fresh thinking, practical skills, and a constructive approach to problem-solving.

Whilst we have 3 key roles open from July 2026, if these don't sound like you but you are still keen to be involved, please reach out as we have other positions available: tim@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

CURRENT VACANCIES AVAILABLE FROM JULY 2026

Membership Secretary:

We are lucky enough to have membership support from the NZDA National office, so the local Membership Secretary role is all about coordinating with the NZDA wellington team, new members and the wider committee. Do you enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to all things great about NZDA BOP? This role could be for you.

Vice President:

The VP role has no regular accountabilities but is expected to support the branch President as required and keep close to club operations so they can step into the President role if for any reason the President isn't able to fulfil their duties. Are you a good communicator who is passionate about the NZDA BOP and our chosen sport? Consider putting your name forward for Vice President

Club Secretary:

The Bay of Plenty NZDA is seeking an organised, reliable and community-minded Secretary to support the smooth running and continued growth of our club.

This role is responsible for attending committee meetings, preparing and distributing agendas and reports in conjunction with the President, recording accurate meeting minutes, managing apologies and guests, and supporting the organisation of committee meetings. The Secretary plays an active and engaged role within the committee, contributing to discussions and supporting the overall operation and development of the club. This is a hands-on role, ideal for someone who enjoys being involved, working as part of a team, and helping strengthen and grow a passionate hunting and outdoor community in the Bay of Plenty.

BOP NZDA CLUB EVENTS & HUNTS CALENDAR 2026

APRIL

26 April
Range Open Day

MAY

3 May
Peeking Wallaby Match - Rimfire Only
This is a rimfire trial match at 25m, 50m, 100m.
Bring what you've got. A front rest of some type is mandatory.
Contact: Baden.Prentice@gmail.com

5 May
Club Night
An introduction to the Douglas Score System
Starts: 7pm

9 May
Clubroom Working Bee
Starts: 9am Finishes: 2pm

16 May
Annual AHT Measuring Day
NZDA Club Rooms
Starts: 11am Finishes: 4pm
More details can be found on this page of our website

22 - 24 May
Mount Zion Fallow Club Hunt
Contact: matt@rutherfordsigns.co.nz

29 May - 1 June
Whanganui River Hunt
Contact: kwasher19@gmail.com

JUNE

2 June
Club Night - Nightforce Optics
Speaker: Andy Fluery
Starts: 7pm

14 June
NRA Style .22LR Rimfire Silhouette Shoot

This is a 40 round trial match at 25m, 50m, 100m.
Chickens, Turkeys, Pigs & Rams shot from the standing position. FAL holders only for this shoot.

Contact: Baden.Prentice@gmail.com

19 - 21 June
Contact: reuben@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

JULY

7 July
NZDA BOP Annual General Meeting / All Welcome
Starts: 7pm

16-19 July
Club Hunt - Paparangi – Motu River
Contact: Reuben Hayward

25 July
NRA Style .22LR Rimfire Silhouette Shoot

Benchrest Match Centrefire 100m/200m for Group Positions 1-8 booked, 9-15 free for ticket holders.

Contact: Grant: nzvarminter@gmail.com

AUGUST

3 August
NZDA BOP Hunts Course Commences

9 August
NRA Style .22LR Rimfire Silhouette Shoot

Peeking Wallaby Match - Rimfire Only. This is a rimfire trial match at 25m, 50m, 100m.
Bring what you've got. A front rest of some type is mandatory.

Contact: Baden.Prentice@gmail.com

OCTOBER

23 - 26 October
Labour Weekend Hunt
Contact: TBA

Visit: **www.deerstalkersbop.org.nz/club-events** for more NZDA BOP events and activities.

RANGE REPORT - APRIL

Hello members.

A COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

TARGET PLACEMENT
Place your targets in the centre of the ply (to avoid shooting out the 4x2 backing frames.

REGISTER
It's compulsory to fill in the Register at the firing line (except for Public open days or organised club shoots where you register at the Admin building).

.22 BRASS
22 shooters – pick up your empty cases & put them in the empty case bin.

NEXT RANGE SHOOT - 3RD MAY PEEKING WALLABY

- Rimfire only
- 25m,50m,100m
- Any style rifle

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- front sand bag, front mechanical rest with sandbag fitted or a bipod
- Rear sandbag res
- Scoped rifle
- More details on our website:

https://deerstalkersbop.org.nz/events/peeking-wallaby-match-17/

RANGE CLOSURE
Note the range will be closed on 23 rd May from mid-day until 4pm while new Range Officer training is being conducted.

A big thank you
to Lester &Anne Polglase for the $3,000 of timber (4x2 & 8x2) they have donated.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 3rd May - Peeking Wallaby Match
- 14th June - NRA Style Shoot
- 25th July - Benchrest Match
- 9th August - Peeking Wallaby Match

PLEASE NOTE:

No deliberate shooting at the target board numbers. This is a real ricochet risk plus it stuffs the number signs.

Cameras will be set up on the firing line to monitor this. Anyone caught deliberately shooting the numbers will lose their access to the range.

Regards, Chris Fryer
Interim Range Manager

New NRO (National Range Officer) Training course

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME AN NRO? Contact rangeroster@deerstalkersbop.org.nz

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ANNUAL AHT MEASURING DAY

SATURDAY 16TH MAY - 11AM TIL 4PM

It's that time of year so start cleaning up those heads and get your photos printed off!

Note: this year the format is slightly different – we are running it on a Saturday to give us more time and to make it easier to drop heads off.

Every year in May the Branch runs its annual AHT (antler, horn and tusk) competition. This is your chance to have all your heads scored using the Douglas Scoring system.

There are trophies for all species, and a range of extra ones for women, children, and different age brackets.

There is also a photographic competition with a range of categories, so check your photo library from the last year and get some printed off.

Remember you must be a financial member at the time of shooting the trophy and entering it for scoring so make sure you've paid your fees!

MOTU HARE HUNT

Me and my dad were invited to hunt Hare's down in the Motu area a few months ago. We had been practising our target shooting at the BoP firing range every month so I was so excited to go!

We set out from home in Papamoa and picked up some groceries on the way to make burgers with the meat that Bruce had ready at the Motu hut.

The drive seemed long - I thought that we would never get there, especially when someone's truck crashed and was lying upside down on the road and we were stopped for ages near Ohope.

On the road before arriving at Motu village, our headlights spotted a massive Hare standing up on the road. A good sign of things to come?

After lots of stories by the older guys and a really yum feed we had a great sleep. The next day we took a .17 HMR and my .177 air rifle up to a local farm for some target shooting. Me, Milo, Andrew and Bruce and my dad - Chris had the ATV and it was a good way to prepare for the night's hunting. Once it got dark, we loaded up the .17HMR with all the ammo and the equipment. Benny was spotting the hares on the ATV for me with dad beside me too. Bruce was an amazing driver, he and Andrew knew just where to go and how to spotlight lots of Hares and possums. My first time out was so exciting!

We made up a call-sign of two taps on the ATV roof to stop if we spotted a hare, and one tap on the roof to continue on.

I shot my first hare from 60m early into the hunt. The Hare didn't die straight away so I had to find a stick and whack him in the head to make sure he was dead.

Bruce then showed me how to skin it and how to gut it because it was my first time. The furthest kill I got was about 100 meters away.

I also shot a possum in a tall tree from about 80m. I was standing and had no support. A great shot - and…I got him!

When we went up to a new paddock, a sudden surprise. Standing about 20 meters away is a bull and about 100 cows so we had to back up out of the paddock to a different one.

We then pulled into this other paddock that had tons of trees at the back. As soon as we drove in Andrew saw a couple of hares, Dad took a couple of shots at them but he missed and they retreated into the trees. We then drove into the trees looking for those same hares from before when one came out from its hiding place when Dad saw the opportunity and took a shot and dropped him.

Me and dad shot about a dozen Hares and a few possums. We put the biggest hares into a bucket.

Back at the hut afterwards, my Dad and Bruce hooked the hares to the roof next to the chiller. We left the carcasses there overnight . The next day we butchered the hares.

I really enjoyed learning this process from Bruce. We bagged up about 8 kilos of beautiful hare meat and took it home to freeze.

The story does not end there…

Bruce called dad some weeks later to come and make sausages with the hare meat that we froze. Dad bought some pork-bellies and I helped Bruce to mince up the mix, and created sausages.

I had so much fun and learnt many new skills. Thanks to those who made it happen.

By Jesse Ryan

12 years old, Papamoa.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE: CHRIS FRYER

EACH MONTH WE ARE PROFILING ONE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES.

Name: Chris Fryer

Position: Interim Range Manager

Age: 72

Day Job: Small business help – Accountant/Business Advisor, Upshot NZ Ltd

NZDA Background:

Membership since 1970's, originally North Canterbury, then 1987 onward BOP

Passion within NZDA:

My father was a member & I followed suite. I'm a hunter/shooter who is passionate about helping others.

Favourite Caliber and why:

My Sako 6.5x55 = 26 years, 108 deer & 8 pigs, plus ¼ " groups at 100m range.

What you want to contribute to NZDA:

To see membership grow (covering hunters who aren't members), to help people hunt & shoot better

CLUBROOMS WORKING BEE

9TH MAY, 9AM – 2PM

Massive internal cleanup

Weedwhack, trim hedges, spray weeds

Develop gardens and build retaining wall for chiller

BYO hand and power tools, gloves, ppe

BBQ lunch will be provided.

NZDA BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH HUNTING TRIP:
PAKIHI HUT (URUTAWA)
13–15 MARCH | 3-DAY TRIP

A three-day hunt organised by Tim, this trip was aimed at getting club members ready for the roar with a solid shake-down in the hills. The hunt combined a social outing with the chance for some members to explore new country and potential for meat for the freezer or trophy for the wall. Based out of Pakihi Hut, the trip ran from Friday 13th through to Sunday 15th March, with generally good conditions setting the tone for a fun weekend away.

THE TEAM
The group consisted of Tim, Ryan, Lloyd, Keith, Adrian, Nathan, and Jono. It was a well-balanced mix of experience, with seasoned hunters familiar with the area alongside newer members, including graduates from the club's HUNTS course. The trip also provided a great opportunity to meet new people within the club and share knowledge in a practical setting.

GETTING IN
The trip began with a 2 hour 15 minute drive from Tauranga to Pakihi Road, where a safe parking area made for an easy start. The group arrived at different times over the Friday with the plan we would all be at the hut for dinner. From the carpark you follow a relatively straightforward 10km track along the Pakihi River, gaining only around 150m in elevation. While mostly flat, the track featured a number of slips and obstacles, though it is well maintained by the Motu Trust. It is primarily a one-way mountain bike track, but also serves as a two-way walking and hunting access route.

Weather on arrival was favourable, humid, with fine spells and only a few light showers. The walk into the hut took around three hours, including time spent hunting along the way. The surrounding country quickly revealed itself as steep and demanding, with rugged terrain rising sharply from the valley floor.

THE HUNTING
The Pakihi River valley proved to be classic steep country, with a mix of shingle slips, tight bush, and challenging access to the tops where animals are likely holding.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING
After arriving, Jono and Adrian pushed further up the track and dropped into a creek bed system.
There was plenty of old sign, droppings and prints, but no fresh activity or deer sightings. The terrain became increasingly steep, eventually bluffing them out and forcing a tough climb up and out of a deep gorge.

At the same time, Keith headed out for an evening walk along the river flats but had no luck spotting animals.

SATURDAY – MAIN HUNTING DAY
Saturday saw a change in numbers, with three members heading home for various reasons. The remaining group made the most of the day.

Adrian and Jono headed out early, working their way up the riverbed for a couple of hours. Fresh sign was found, but no animals were seen, and they returned to the hut for a late breakfast.

Keith committed to a full-day solo mission, pushing up a ridge and onto the tops. He covered a significant amount of ground and found old stag sign but no animals, returning to the hut around nightfall.

Nathan attempted to access the tops directly behind the hut but found the terrain extremely steep and close to impassable in places. This reinforced a key challenge of the area, while animals are likely holding on the flatter ridges above, gaining safe and practical access to these areas in the Pakihi River valley is difficult.

In the afternoon, Jono positioned himself opposite a large slip face and spent a couple of hours glassing. This paid off with sightings of three red deer—two hinds and a spiker—feeding along the edge of the slip. Estimated shooting distances were 450–500 metres with over 200 metres of elevation difference. Combined with extremely limited recovery options, the decision was made to leave the animals undisturbed.

Notably, no roars were heard across the entire weekend, with the group concluding it was likely too warm and still a little early in the season.

SUNDAY MORNING

On Sunday morning, the remaining group packed up early and hunted their way back towards the car park. Despite covering ground and observing every clearing, no further animals were sighted, other than a few wild trout in the river.

CAMP LIFE

Evenings at the hut were a highlight, with a relaxed and social atmosphere, plenty of good stories, and no shortage of banter. Everyone catered for themselves, though special mention goes to Adrian—whose wife had packed enough food for a week-long expedition, including an impressive cheese board that was well appreciated by the group.

Pakihi Hut itself had recently undergone renovations, making it a comfortable and wellequipped base. Improvements included fresh paint, a new roof, enclosed veranda walls, a new wood burner, and a new firewood shed. The hut features three bunk beds, with additional mattresses available in the enclosed veranda area, a stainless bench kitchen, ample space for hanging and drying gear, a water tank, easy river access, and a long drop toilet.

Saturday night brought a solid thunderstorm, adding a bit of atmosphere to an otherwise settled trip.

HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

The trip offered fantastic scenery and a real sense of adventure, but also highlighted the challenges of hunting in this type of terrain. Access to productive areas proved difficult, with steep faces and thick bush requiring careful navigation and effort. Highlights included meeting new people, sharing knowledge, and gaining experience in a new area. It was also a valuable opportunity to test gear ahead of the hunting season—figuring out what works, what doesn't, and learning from what others carry and use.

Despite no deer being taken, multiple sightings and consistent sign confirmed the area holds good numbers of animals.

REFLECTIONS

The Urutawa area shows strong potential, with good numbers of deer and relatively low pressure. With more time spent learning access routes and movement patterns, it could be a very productive hunting location. It's an area worth returning to—close enough for a weekend trip, with a family-friendly track and a comfortable hut setup. As a group, the mix of experience worked well, allowing knowledge to be shared and newer hunters to build confidence in real backcountry conditions.

Trips like this play an important role within the NZDA Bay of Plenty Branch, helping bring members together and strengthen the club.

CONCLUSION

Overall, the trip was a successful and worthwhile outing for everyone involved. A big thanks to Tim for organising and to all those who took part. While no deer were taken, the experience gained, lessons learned, and connections built made it a valuable trip—and one that sets the tone well for the season ahead.

I'm certainly looking forward to more club expeditions in the future.

By Jono Francis

CLUB HUNT WHANGANUI JOURNEY

29th May - 1st June 2026

Whanganui River Hunt

Owhango Adventures, State Highway 4, Ōwhango 3990, New Zealand

Fri, 29 May, 5pm - 1 Jun, 5pm NZST

Club Hunt on King's Birthday weekend, canoeing down the Wanganui River with plenty of opportunity to shoot deer and goats

Kyal Washer is organising this club hunt. Once you reserve your spot you will be given Isabell's contact details to receive further details, car pooling options etc.

This is a long weekend adventure where we will be heading to the center of the North Island to explore the Wanganui River by canoe and shoot some deer and goats on the way.

We will be staying in huts along the way, please bring warm clothes.

The cost of $190 per person for accommodation on Friday night, transport to and from the river, canoe rental and gear. If you want to bring your own canoe the cost is $120 which includes the transport and the accommodation on Friday night.

Dogs are allowed providing they're kiwi trained and have a permit. Hunting permits and hut tickets are the responsibility of the individual.

Safety is very important to us so please stick with the rules to make this a memorable experience for everyone.

Buy Tickets

https://events.humanitix.com/whanganui-river-hunt-654zd87l

IFAK AROUND AND FIND OUT

Why Every Hunter Should Carry an Individual First Aid Kit

When you're deep in the bush or high in the hills, a proper IFAK (Individual First Aid Kit) can be the difference between life and death. Too many hunters rely on small "plaster and bandage" kits, or assume they'll just make a tourniquet from a strap or belt if things get rough, but serious injuries happen, and when they do, they require trauma-ready tools.

Why a Basic Kit Isn't Enough

Hunting carries real risks: knife cuts while field-dressing, falls on steep terrain, or the worst-case scenario, a gunshot wound. In remote backcountry, help can be hours away.

A true IFAK lets you manage:

- Severe bleeding with tourniquets, pressure dressings and hemostatic gauze
- Deep cuts and punctures with sterile dressings
- Shock and hypothermia using thermal blankets and protective wraps

Without these, even a small mistake can become a fatal emergency.

What Makes a Good Hunting IFAK

A solid IFAK should be compact, rugged and fast to deploy. Look for:

- Proven bleeding control tools
- Clear layout for one-handed access
- Quality medical components
- Weather-resistant casing
- Restockable, modular design

Training matters too. "All gear, no care" applies to safety as well, so it is important to know how to use everything before you head out, and you can access guidance if you start to panic and forget your own name.

Why Survival First Aid Kits Stand Out

The Survival First Aid range from Australia has earned its reputation by focusing on real-world trauma care, not just minor scrapes. Their comprehensive kits deliver:

1. Serious bleed control gear - not just basic plasters.
2. Compact, durable packaging - with MOLLE to fit your pack or belt.
3. Professional-grade - medical components that perform under pressure.
4. Colour coded - for faster response time and ease of use
5. Simple restockable design - so you'll never run out

They're exactly what hunters need, because they're tough, well organised, and ready for real emergencies.

CHECK OUT THESE OPTIONS

SURVIVAL Trauma First Aid KIT is the ultimate lifesaver designed to put the brakes on major bleeds faster than you can say "ouch." Packed with just the essentials for a catastrophic injury, it is the KIT that could mean the difference between life and, well, you know, the unthinkable.

SURVIVAL Hike First Aid KIT is a compact, ultra-lightweight first aid kit, perfect for hunters and hikers. Designed by paramedics for convenience, it easily attaches to your belt or carabiner while offering full emergency response capability.

SURVIVAL Vehicle First Aid KIT is ideal for stashing in your ute or boat, because let's face it, you never know when adventure (or a little mishap) might strike. Punching above its weight with the best of 'em, it is perfect for those with limited cargo space.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Injuries in remote areas don't wait for rescue. With a comprehensive and reliable IFAK, you can stop bleeding, treat shock, and keep a mate alive until help arrives.

For Kiwi hunters, a SURVIVAL First Aid KIT is more than gear; it's insurance for the hunt. Pack one today and carry it every time you head into the bush.

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Garmin eTrex touch 25	$200.00	• Has all maps for NZ installed via sim • Has been used once but never used in the bush so effectively brand new • RRP $430.00 • Still in the box with everything it came with	Karl Jager 027 714 1778
Ruger Mk1 M77 .243	$700.00	• Good condition with Leupold Vari-X 11 2-7 scope and Ruger rings • Includes 3 boxes of .243 ammunition	Barnaby 02108375490
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GOT SOMETHING TO SELL OR ARE YOU WANTING TO BUY?

Simply email a photo, a few words, the price and your phone number to editor@deerstalkersbop.org.nz and we will be sure to publish your listing.

NZDA TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TRADING POST LISTINGS

You may only list "A" category firearms, in sporting configuration, as defined by the Arms Act 1983. Large capacity magazines (i.e. more than 10 cartridges for .22 rimfire, or more than 5 cartridges for others) may not be sold.

Sellers must sight the firearms licence of the buyer, or for remote sales sellers must receive written confirmation signed by Police confirming the buyer holds a valid firearm's licence. Forms are available at any police station.

Firearms must already be in New Zealand. Overseas members may not buy or sell firearms on the site.

Jugged Hare Recipe

Ingredients:

1 hare, skinned and gutted
750ml of red wine
350ml of beef stock
2 bay leaves
50g of butter
1 onion, diced
2 celery sticks, sliced
1 carrot, roughly diced
4 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tsp salt
6 black peppercorns
6 juniper berries, dried
1 sprig of thyme, large
2 tsp cornflour

Directions:

1) First, joint the hare. I did this in a way that both diners would have one generous-sized thigh portion and a smaller leg bone each. I then cut each side of the saddle into three large chunks, so they wouldn't shrink too small during cooking and get lost in the gravy

2) Marinade the hare in the red wine, beef stock and bay leaves for anywhere between 5 and 36 hours. If the hare isn't fully submerged, remember to turn it from time to time so that it colours evenly

3) Heat the butter in a thick-based casserole dish (choose one which has a tightly fitting lid). Remove the hare from the marinade (reserving the marinade) and brown it in the butter, long enough to colour the outside of the hare but not so long that the meat starts to cook through. Remove the hare from the pan and set to one side

4) If needed, add a little more butter to the casserole dish. Soften the onions, celery and carrots for 10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for a couple more minutes

5) Add most of the reserved marinade to the pan, keeping back 5 tablespoons for later. Bring it to a quick boil for 2 minutes

6) Turn down the temperature and return the hare to the pan. While the hare is on a slow simmer on the hob, grind the black pepper and juniper berries in a pestle and mortar or a dry spice grinder. Add to the pan along with a teaspoon of salt, the thyme, and bay leaves from the marinade

7) Preheat the oven to 140°C/gas mark 1

8) Place the lid tightly on the casserole dish and cook in the oven for 3 1/2 hours

9) Add the cornflour to the 5 tablespoons of reserved marinade and stir. Remove the hare from the oven and stir in the cornflour mixture to thicken the sauce a little and introduce a nice sheen

Recipe credit: https://www.greatbritishchefs.com/recipes/jugged-hare-recipe

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