



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **August 2018**

**NOTE!! General meeting
OPEN night**

Friday 17 August 2018
6PM Deerstalkers Hall
Parkvale, Carterton

General Meeting FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 2018

Something different this month. Come along to **Parkvale Hall CNR Moreton RD Carterton at the earlier time of 6 pm.** This will be an open night with a lot to offer! Trade Stores; Hunting and Fishing, Collins and Bradey, King and Henry, Sargents Motorcycles, SAR's, watch how to cut down the various parts of a Fallow Deer ready for the freezer by Jordan Hamilton (Butcher), Old hunting books for sale, Branch branded clothing, Arty stuff from Hannah and much more! Sammies on the BBQ, and raffles!!!

GOLD COIN ENTRY!!

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

1 AUGUST DEADLINE FOR RETURNING BRANCH TROPHIES PRESENTED IN 2017

Please return cleaned to Tracy Amos. **Please return! A few are missing!**

17 AUGUST OPEN NIGHT Friday night at Parkvale Hall starting 6 pm. Trade displays and venison sandwiches! This will be held in lieu of our August general meeting so NO meeting on 15 August details **You can also drop off early entries to AH&T and photo competitions.**

16 SEPTEMBER BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION Gladstone Range.

19 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. Speaker to be confirmed

1 OCTOBER DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IN BRANCH AHT & PHOTO COMPETITIONS Entry forms and AH&T Trophies (heads) to be in the hands of Greg Hamilton (King and Henry), or Joe Hansen (phone 027 6926465), by noon. Photographs to be with Tracy Amos (06 3795454). More details, rules, and entry form later in newsletter.

3 OCTOBER AH&T SCORING SESSION in conjunction with October committee meeting. Not open to members.

13 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Put the date in your calendar now. If you have contacts that may be willing to sponsor items for auction/raffle please let a committee member know.



Recent Events

18 JULY GENERAL MEETING great turn out at Hunting and Fishing. Members enjoyed Pizza and a drink supplied by Hunting and Fishing and some great deals and bargains were purchased on the night!! A very BIG thank you to Hunting and Fishing for hosting this evening.... THANKS!!!

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW – WELLINGTON 2018

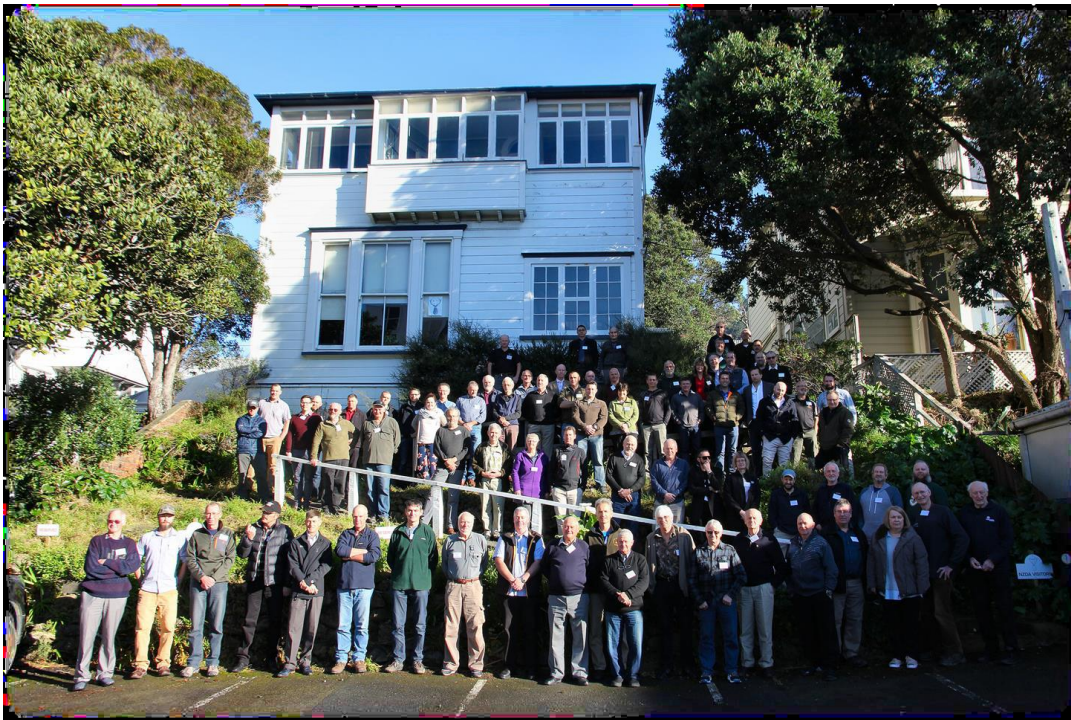


Photo taken outside Wellington NZDA National Office.

The conference opened on Friday the 13th of July with guest speakers, Greg O'Conner, Don Hammond from GAC, Bill O'Leary's Opening Address and Eugenie Sage.

Eugenie used some uncorroborated evidence to highlight the reason to cull Tahr and also mentioned that deer numbers were also excessive in some areas. Eugenie also highlighted how generous she has been with funding for GAC and stated this may not be forthcoming in the future. (The minister has not responded to my request for a copy of her speech)

Bill O'Leary started the conference on Saturday with his Annual Report. This was followed by other reports before the Notice of Motions and Remits were discussed.

There was some robust discussion on some of these before the individual votes were taken, some were passed others failed and some were withdrawn.

While this was taking place the AHT judges were scoring all the heads submitted by members. The trophies were presented to the winners during the evening, between the guest speakers Davey Hughes (from Swazi), Steve from Steve's Wholesale, David Eaton and also the dinner. Judging from the roars of laughter the speakers were well received and entertaining.

Steve's Wholesale also had a product display with current items stocked including Hornady reloading equipment, reloading components, ammunition, ADI powders along with some other items like Skull Hookers for displaying trophies.

Sunday brought the last of the remits to discuss and the election of the National Patron and National Executive Officers.

The new National Patron, following Ian Wright standing down, is Mark Dunajtschik.

Due to the voting decision made by branch delegates at conference James Steans withdrew his nomination for President. There was silence following this, and eventually Trevor Chappell from Taupo branch was nominated from the floor, and elected to the position, James remains as the Vice President, Rob Howey as Treasurer and Chaz as Secretary. The North Island representatives are David Hudson & Tim Watson, following a vote the two South Island representatives are Snow Hewetson and Ian Owen.

This year's conference, hosted by Wellington branch, was very well attended with approx 30 branches represented and was very well run. There was a Heritage Trust display with some duplicate books for sale, a spouses outing, and some fantastic entertainment.

2018 NATEX

National President Trevor Chappell

National Vice President James Steans

National Treasurer Rob Howey

National Secretary National Life Member Chaz Forsyth

Patron Mark Dunajtschik

North Island Representative Tim Watson

North Island Representative David Hudson

South Island Representative Ian Owen

South Island Representative Snow Hewetson

Editor of Hunting & Wildlife Mike Bradstock

National HUNTS Co-ordinator Jim Peffers

2018 AHT Report

This year's NZDA National Antler, Horn and Tusk Competition drew 50 entries and all species were accounted for, except for Sambar. The number of junior entries was down, with only 4 entered. There were also 4 Lady entries, but the biggest surprise was a record 8 entries in the over 65 category.

You know there are some good hunters within the association when you see Chamois that go 28 DS, Tahr at 47 DS, Fallow at just over 252 DS, and a Fiordland deer come in at 363 ¼ DS. The Fiordland deer went on to win Shane Lawson from Gore & Districts branch the coveted Orbell Trophy for best head of all species.

The Waikato Branch trophy for best DS entry by a member 65 or older was a close race with Chamois, Fallow, Tahr, Sika and Whitetail all entered. In the end Jen Mitchell from Upper Clutha branch stole the victory with her Fallow scoring an impressive 348.27 DS Red deer equivalent. Jen also became the very first Lady member to ever win the Waikato branch Trophy.

The Judging Panel this year consisted of, John Wills (Chief Judge), Andy Lang (Deputy Chief Judge South Island) Mark Nobilo (Deputy Chief Judge North Island), Brian Witton, Vern Pearson, Rodney Smith, Craig Shaw and Len Cubitt. They were assisted by Trainee Judges David Keen, Richard Berger, Brent Neville and David Eaton. My thanks to these guys who did an awesome job.

From the 50 entries in the competition, 29 were NZ Record book. There was also a total of 12 medals awarded as well, with 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze medals.

Looking forward to 2019, we would like to see more Juniors, more Ladies and some Bow Hunters please. For the guys that hunt the Manawatu, it would be nice to see a Sambar next year. So hot barrels, you have 10 months before we do it all again.

Mark Sarjeant

AHT Competition Manager

Part of the NZDA National Heritage Trust display



CONFERENCE DEERSTALKERS' DINNER - Held at the Rydges
Guest Speakers; Davey Hughes – SWAZI, Steve's Wholesale, David Eaton (NZDA member), Alpine Hunting



NZDA 70TH CONFERENCE DINNER

Hosted by the Wellington Branch - Guest Speaker Davey Hughes of Swazi
Level 2, Rydges Wellington, 75 Featherston Street, Wellington - Doors open at 6pm

DINNER MENU

The Beginner
Selection of breads, served with pesto, hummus, oil & vinegar (V)
Farmhouse pulled lamb and barley

The Leaves
Garden Salad with a balsamic dressing (GF, D, V)
Baby spinach salad with beetroot, orange, feta and caramelised walnuts (V, GF)

The Greens
A mixture of steamed veg (GF, D, V)

The Carbs
Steamed rice (GF, D, V)

The Carvery
Carvery of Grilled beef sirloin served with vegies from the ground and a port wine sauce (GF,DF)

The Protein
Free range chicken cooked in red wine with bacon and mushroom (GF,DF)

The Side
Roasted potatoes (GF, D, V)

The Sweet Stuff
Chocolate Mousse
Pavlova with whipped cream and fresh fruit (V, GF)
Sliced fresh fruit (V, GF, D)
Freshly brewed coffee and a selection of teas

V - vegetarian DF - dairy free GF -gluten free

Wine & beer on arrival. Cash bar for the evening.



News

LOCAL HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

A local landowner has contacted the branch about reducing deer numbers on his property. This will be done by branch members on supervised (guided by Martin or Pete C) hunts with a cost of \$100 per animal (all reds). Please text Martin on 027 3671635 if you are interested in getting your name on the list for one of these hunts. Dates will be arranged following request from the landowner. These could be weekdays, but we'll aim for weekends. Preference given to those who are new to hunting and involved in branch activities.

UPDATE: Martin and Ian Kebell took up this opportunity and it was 3 for IAN. On this occasion Ian was lucky enough to stalk and shoot his first deer in the bush. Thanks to the Percy Family, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



PARKVALE HALL

Bookings keep coming in. For more information or to make a booking contact Martin 379 5454 or 027 3671635.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

No call-outs this month. A gear refresher focusing on first aid kits and PLBs will be held on 12 July starting 7 pm at SAR base. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

HUTS

Martin met with Joe Hansen from DOC on 4 July and signed our annual hut agreement, which covers upkeep and maintenance of Sayers, Neill Forks, and Cow Creek huts.

DEER PARK

Paul & Phil have found some hay at a good price. Special thanks to **Masterton Vegetable Seeds** for a donation of maize. We have enough feed for now including maize, balage, red clover and Lucerne hay.

Negotiations are continuing with Masterton District Council about installation of security cameras. We are told these have been “escalated to senior management and financial services”.

FIREWOOD

The branch is on the lookout for trees for our next firewood working bee. If you know of any possibilities please contact Martin 027 3671635.

FIREARMS LICENCING

The branch has accepted the police the use of Parkvale Hall for the practical component of the course, instead of the original proposal of the Carterton Fire Station. This will take place one a month on a Saturday morning. Martin is waiting on Confirmation regarding times on a Saturday.

NATIONAL OFFICE

National conference

The conference was held in Wellington, 13th to 15th July 2018 with the theme “Growing the Business; the next generation”. At this stage over 30 branches are attending with over 100 persons at the Conference Dinner. The conference will be important to NZDA and it will be very interesting to hear what the Minister has to say and to get a handle on what relations will be like over the term of this government.

Update; a lot of the NZDA members weren't too impressed what the DoC Minister Eugenie Sage had to say her main focus seemed to be that of Flora and Fauna and believed that Deer were a ‘pest’??. We will have to watch this space!!

Tahr, kea and buckshot

In meetings with NZDA DOC has acknowledged that kea are affected by the lead buckshot used on tahr search and destroy operations. There has been a decision to move away from shotguns to rifle and this has been implemented in recent operations.

Tahr and the Minister

Minister Sage has repeatedly spoken about the estimated 35,000 tahr which if accurate would obviously exceed the 10,000 ceiling specified in the Himalayan Tahr Control Plan. If the population is around the 35,000 then to keep that number without increasing the annual harvest would need to be in excess of 7,000. Natex's discussions with GAC, DOC and representatives from Tahr Interest Group have not seriously disputed these figures and the revitalisation of the Control Plan is essential. The Minister is emphatic that there will be more control this year and hunter groups are indicating an awareness that the problem is one to be shared and hunters must get involved. WARO could be the critical tool in increasing the harvest and the obvious benefit of WARO over DOC operations is that animals are not left on the hill to rot.

SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

New Firearm Licence Testing Process

When the media announced the new process for firearm licence applicants, which comes into effect on 1 July, they seemed to be under the impression that it would make it harder for criminals to get guns. But that is not what it is about, the whole purpose of the licence testing programme is to make all shooters safety conscious and thereby prevent unintentional shooting incidents.

Under the old system new licence applicants studied the arms code and then attended a two hour lecture and test where volunteer instructors went the extra mile to ensure that everyone understood the basic safety rules, no matter whether they had reading or learning difficulties, which resulted in a high pass rate. Under the new

system, applicants will learn the Arms Code at their computer and then sit a pass or fail test at an AA or VTNZ test centre. If they pass they can then go on to attend a practical safe handling assessment run by Mountain Safety Council contractors at just 48 main centres. If they fail the theory test then they will have to re-apply and sit the test again. Whether this form of online learning and testing will suit all applicants and result in more failures, or people giving up because it is all too much hassle only time will tell. As for the practical assessment, with planned classes of 20 the instructor will have just 6 minutes to assess the competence of each candidate.

SSANZ is concerned that the significantly reduced number of locations where training is provided will make it more difficult for people living in remote locations to gain a licence and online learning will also be harder for people with learning difficulties or lacking computer skill.

More information is now available on the Police Website: <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates>

POACHING IN THE WAIRARAPA

A vigilant member of the public has been praised for their assistance in the arrest of a man following complaints of poaching in South Wairarapa.

This was around White Rock Road where shots being fired from a moving vehicle.

The vehicle was seen to be driving up and down the road in an area that had previously been targeted by poachers.

Shortly after the call a 45-year old Masterton man was arrested and a firearm was located.

A subsequent search warrant carried out at his Masterton address recovered further hunting equipment, including ammunition.

The man has been bailed to appear in the Masterton District Court on Monday August 6 and faces charges of possession of a firearm without a licence, poaching and possession of cannabis.

The NZDA has NO tolerance for POACHING!!!

WAIRARAPA BRANCH Antler, Horn & Tusk competitions for year to 30 September 2018 and including Photographic competitions for the same period.

All competitions will be run closely to the Branch Competition rules which have been laminated and displayed in our Parkvale meeting room for the whole competition year. These notes are simply an abbreviation of them.

Key dates this year are:

- Closing date for the taking of heads, jaws and photos is **Sunday 30 September 2018**.
- Entry forms and AH&T Trophies (heads) to be in the hands of Greg Hamilton (King and Henry), or Joe Hansen (phone 027 692 6465), by **noon Monday 1 October 2018**.
- Photographs to be with Tracy Amos (06 3795454) by **noon Monday 1 October 2018**.
- Branch Prize-Giving – presentation of Awards & Certificates – **Saturday 13 October 2018**.

Extracts from the Rules.

1. Entrants must have been financial members of this branch at the time of shooting the trophy or taking the photograph. Junior members (18 yrs & under) to be noted on Entry forms please.
2. All entries in the Antler-horn-tusk competitions (including the Paid hunting section) must have been taken in unimpeded fair chase. No spotlighting. Paid hunting entries are to be clearly designated on Entry forms.
3. Antler-horn-tusk entries must be on a clean, full skull (or jaw). Foul entries will not be accepted.
4. A Disputes panel will be appointed by the Committee.
5. A competitor may enter more than one head in each competition.
6. Entry forms (both AH&T and photographs) should contain adequate information to illustrate the philosophies within these Competition rules are met.

7. Photos taken in N.Z. Not from a Conveyance. No dead animals or birds. Maximum size for prints is 7" x 5" (175mm x 125mm).
8. Judging will be of four categories. The categories must be designated by the entrant and clearly marked on the Entry form and the back of photo. One fully completed entry form (see note 6 above) for each photo. Members may enter up to three photos in each category.
9. The categories are:
 - a. Game animals in their wild, outdoor state. Not in any form of captivity.
 - b. Other Wildlife in its wild, outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. The subject matter is to be relevant to hunting, hunting country, and the associated activities of hunters.
 - c. Scenic relative to the sport of hunting. Human activity should be of minor importance.
 - d. Other – not covered in other categories. Subject matter is to be relevant to hunting or hunting country. Or the associated activity of hunters.

NOTE: The winning photo of each category will be retained for the Parkvale Hall display board.

Entry form at the end of the newsletter. There must be a separate entry form for each trophy or photo submitted!

NEW SEASONS TAHR AND ROAR BALLOT DATES

All ballots are now applied for online at www.doc.govt.nz. New seasons ballot info will be online from 1st August.

Haast Roar Ballot

Hooker/Landsborough & Adams Wilderness Area Tahr

Information on the DOC website www.doc.govt.nz	1 st August 2018	Information on the DOC website www.doc.govt.nz	1 st August 2018
Online Applications open	3 rd September 2018	Online Applications open	1 st October 2018
Applications close 4pm	28 th September 2018	Applications close 4pm	29 th October 2018
Notified by email no later than	10 th October 2018	Notified by email no later than	2 nd November 2018
Confirmations close 4pm	29 th October 2018	Confirmations close 4pm	21 st November 2018
Roar Stage 2 Opens 9am Wed- Closes 9am Friday <i>Unsuccessful applicants online only</i>	9am 7 th Nov - 9am 9 th Nov 2018	Tahr Stage 2 Opens 9am Mon - Closes 9am Wed <i>Unsuccessful applicants online only</i>	9am 26 th Nov- 9am 28 th Nov 2018
Open to all Open to all online 9am	19 th Nov 2018	Open to All Open to all online 9am	30 th Nov 2018

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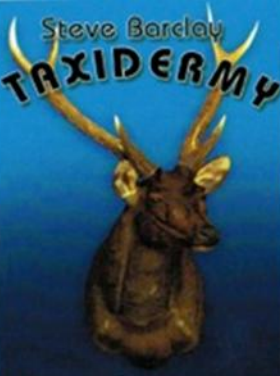


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Hunting Reports

Nothing at all this month! We want to include your hunting stories and photos in the newsletter too. Stories can be sent to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com

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Buy, Sell, and Swap

If you have hunting or outdoor related items that you want to buy, sell, or swap, then we'll include these in the Newsletter free of charge (better than TradeMe). Send items (with picture if you wish) to wairarapanzda@gmail.com

PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

The four club PLBs purchased with a grant application from Trust House Wairarapa are available for hire for \$10 for a weekend or \$20 for 3-14 days. Contact Aidan on 027 432 3410.

Final Thoughts

Be safe be sure.
Assume it is a person not a deer.
No meat is better than no mate.
Identify your target.

A **big** thank you to the team at **Wairarapa Funeral Services** for your printing of our monthly newsletter this year – we really have appreciated your assistance.



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<https://www.facebook.com/WairarapaNZDA>

Thanks to Chris Cherry who keeps the branch website up-to-date. You can even look through previous newsletters! Check it out on: <http://www.wairarapanzda.org.nz/>

WAIRARAPA BRANCH NZDA



**ALL ENTRIES FOR ANTLER HORN & TUSK
AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS**

TO BE ON THIS FORM



COMPETITION ENTERED FOR

NAME OF ENTRANT

ADDRESS

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DATE SHOT/TAKEN **LOCALITY**

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF SECURING TROPHY (to be completed by entrant)

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**THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION AND
I UNDERSTAND THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**

SIGNATURE

DATE

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ANY PERSON FOUND DELIBERATELY CONTRAVENING RULES MAY HAVE ALL THEIR ENTRIES DISQUALIFIED
AND MAY BE BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR AS DETERMINED BY THE BRANCH
COMMITTEE.

WITNESS: I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRANT IS A FINANCIAL MEMBER
AND WAS, AT THE TIME OF TROPHY TAKING.