

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for September 2018

General meeting Wednesday 19th September 2018 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

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A video evening at the Hall. A great chance to bring along those entries for our annual AHT and photo competitions or compare performances from the Sunday shoot. Videos, supper, and chat.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

16 SEPTEMBER BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION Gladstone Range starting at 10 am. Details later in newsletter. The event will proceed regardless of the weather. The branch will supply a BBQ lunch but bring along \$2 if you'd like a can of drink.

19 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. Video evening.

22 SEPTEMBER NZDA REGIONAL MEETING 10:30 am, Deerstalkers' Hall, 251 College Street, Palmerston North, See details in this newsletter.

29-30 SEPTEMBER SIKA SHOW Taupo.

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 AHT SCORING SESSION in conjunction with October committee meeting. Not open to members.

13 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Parkvale Hall, 6 pm. A highlight of the club calendar. Tickets will be the same price as last year: \$25 per couple; \$15 single; \$5 for ages 10-14; under-10 free. Pay at the door, but committee members will be ringing round beforehand to confirm numbers for catering. If you have contacts that may be willing to sponsor items for auction/raffle please let a committee member know.





26-28 OCTOBER SUBSIDISED TARARUA FLY-IN TRIP Leaving Friday morning 10 am and returning Sunday lunchtime. Rather than allocating people to pre-determined huts, make up your own party of 3 with other branch members and go to a Tararua hut of your choice. Obviously prices will vary depending on how far you go, but the branch will subsidise \$500 off the cost of your return trip. Contact Martin Amos at or before dinner on 13 October to sign up 06 379 5454 or 027 3671635.

27-28 OCTOBER WANGANUI SPRING FALLOW HUNT **Dates still to be confirmed.** Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363 to get your name down.

21 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. Shane Dougan is arranging a guest speaker on overseas hunting.

22-25 NOVEMBER NELSON LAKES TRIP Thursday through Sunday. Access to lake edge huts via water taxi. Contact Martin if interested on 027 3671635. Will need a minimum of four people to make this worthwhile. Cost approximately \$250.

12 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BARBECUE Details to be confirmed, but put it on your calendar now before it gets filled up by all those other pre-Xmas activities!

Recent Events

17 AUGUST OPEN NIGHT A total of 82 people turned up and enjoyed the butchery demonstration and trade displays. Special thanks to Sam Hunter, the butcher who was a late call-up, and to all those sponsors that put on trade displays. The schnitzel sold out but there were lots of sausages left over that we will enjoy at the competition shoot and end of year barbecue.







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.

PARKVALE HALL

The Mountain Safety representative who is conducting firearms licence training now holds a key and will host training sessions in the hall. Other bookings keep coming in. For more information or to make a booking contact Martin 379 5454 or 027 3671635.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Next SAR training on Thursday 13 September focusing on incident management. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

HUTS

DOC has indicated that our annual hut agreement will no longer cover Cow Creek hut as they have discovered an existing (prior) relationship with the Bush Branch. We will continue to be responsible for upkeep and maintenance of Sayers and Neill Forks huts.

DEER PARK

Again special thanks to **Masterton Vegetable Seeds** for another donation of maize. Unfortunately this business will be closing down at Xmas – a victim of the pea weevil crisis. "Fred the red" - an antlerless red stag donated to us - has been relocated after being beaten up by the fallow buck!

Negotiations are continuing with Masterton District Council about installation of security cameras with a meeting scheduled for 6 September. Hopefully we'll be able to report more progress next month

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.



NATIONAL OFFICE

Lower North Island NZDA Regional meeting 22 September 10:30 am Palmerston North

As discussed at the NZDA Conference, the National executive are keen to hold regional meetings around the country to enable branches and members to have their say on what they would like to see from the Association, their representative and to discuss local hunting issues. It is also a great opportunity to foster a regional bond between the branches.

The Manawatu Branch has generously offered the use of their clubrooms for the first meeting, to be held: 22 September, 10:30 am, Deerstalkers' Hall, 251 College Street, Palmerston North.

The meeting will start promptly at 10:30am, so don't be late!

This invitation is to the following NZDA branches:

- · Bush (Pahiatua),
- · Hutt Valley,
- · Kapiti,
- · Porirua,
- · Manawatu (hosts),
- · Ruahine (Dannevirke)
- · Taihape,
- · Wairarapa,
- · Wellington.

NZDA members are encouraged to attend as well as committees from all the branches.

Draft Agenda

- 1. Matters/Discussion arising from conference,
- 2. Discussion on the following,
- 3. What do branches see as the role of the National Executive,
- 4. What do branches want from the National Executive,
- 5. What do branches want from their regional representative,
- 6. Local branch issues (Please add here),
- 7. Any other agenda items from branches (Please add here),
- 8. Next Regional Meeting when/where,

If you have any queries regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

TIM WATSON Lower North Island Rep NZDA National Executive Ph: 0274 063 122

Insurance

It is the time of year where the insurance policies we have available are undergoing renewal.

With *Mycoplasma bovis* being in the news for the past few months, it has been brought to our attention that the spread of the infection could affect accessibility rights for hunters. To date they have received no communications regarding *Mycoplasma bovis* but have included the following in their reply:

"There isn't any exclusion within the policy that would remove cover for the *Mycoplasma bovis* infection/spread to third party property however, as per all circumstances your members do have the obligation of 'reasonable care."

7.20 Reasonable Care

The Insured shall take all reasonable care to prevent injury or loss or damage and to maintain the premises, plant and all other business assets in good repair, and to comply with all statutory obligations and regulations. The Insured shall make good or remedy and defect or danger and take such additional precautions as required as soon as possible after discovery, but such expenses shall not be recoverable under this policy.

We have also had a query about the Forest & Rural Fires Act being repealed and how this could affect the Liability insurance for members of NZDA. Their response is as follows:

"Whilst the act has been repealed, claims from similar circumstances can still fall under policy general section, therefore risk is not diminished and we are unfortunately unable to provide a discount."

If you have any further queries about insurance cover please get in touch with National Office.

OSPRI Annual Plan for 2019 Poison operations

Branches are advised that the Annual Plan for OSPRI (formerly TBFree NZ) is open for submission and they are urged to look at it (https://www.ospri.co.nz/have-your-say) and to make submissions on any planned operations in your area. There is a proposed ground-based operation in eastern Wairarapa.

HUNTER SURVEY BY VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

My name is Sean Rudman and I am a postgraduate Masters student at Victoria University of Wellington, under the supervision of Dr. Wayne Linklater.

We invite you to complete an anonymous online survey about hunting and hunter behaviour. Our research is looking into how people hunting for a reward change their behaviour depending on changes in the risk of failure and the value of the reward. We hope to apply what we learn from these games to better understand the harvesting of wildlife both here in New Zealand and overseas.

The survey will take **10-12 minutes** to complete. After completing the survey you will be given the option to enter a **draw for a \$250 Prezzy Card** and/or receive a copy of the final project report once the research is complete. You will also be given the chance to read more about the context of the research and the reasons behind it.

If you are interested, please follow the link below to begin the survey: http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 5Bd0c8JU0JLYRTv

Thank you very much for considering this offer. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards, Sean Rudman

Postgraduate Masters Student School of Biological Sciences Victoria University of Wellington



LOWER NORTH ISLAND RED DEER FOUNDATION

National Review WARO

Last year we won our judicial review against the 2015 WARO review openings and the judge put DoC on notice to do things differently and to consult properly with recreational hunters. In speeches before the case, in their evidence submitted and during our day in the High Court (2nd May 2017) DoC repeatedly acknowledged that before the next WARO concession review occurred there would be a comprehensive review of the whole system.

Stakeholder meetings were arranged for late last year. We thought they were the start of the comprehensive review. They were not. DoC decided that review was not needed and tried to use feedback from those meetings to justify cancelling that promised review. However the review was actually cancelled in secret by DoC 2 months before the meetings.

The department reneged on a major commitment which was pivotal in the relief we sought from the High Court. We wanted a way out of the current no win for anyone system and from their statements we thought DoC did too.

2018 WARO permit review

Instead we were given a completely unsatisfactory "consultation" process as part of a standard concession renewal. To be given just 2 weeks from provision of the information is far from acceptable and did not meet DoC's own consultation guidelines. Then to extend the deadline only after the close off added to the farce. The majority of hunters (who do not belong to clubs) were left in the dark despite DoC having the means to inform them at its fingertips via its hunting permit system and the 30,000 plus emails of hunters they have.

However the response of hunters and clubs despite the appalling consultation exercise has been great. Thanks in part to a misdirection in some facebook posts poor Nicole in DoC's Palmerston office received over 400 email submissions from hunters, a great effort under the circumstances. Well done to all those who made the time to put one in, it all helps. We now await the draft WARO concessions.

Our aims include management on an evidence of need basis, only one operator per area, quotas and a hind dominated harvest not the current open slather slaughter of stags.

Meeting with Minister

Gary Harwood, Greg Duley and I took our concerns and proposals to minister Eugenie Sage on the 26th of July. Her inflammatory speech to the NZDA conference a few weeks prior did not fill us with hope however the minister was less belligerent than we expected. A follow-up letter has gone to her. It is very clear the GAC have their work cut out for them as do hunters. We can expect more battles in the future.

Ruahine Deer Plan

The Ruahine Deer plan is progressing and now at the meaty issue of deer control. It seems the WARO guys also don't like the open slather system we currently have so maybe there is hope in the North Island.

CMS

The proposed Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) has not come out of the Conservation Authority approval process yet so we still don't know for certain that the plan has survived in a form that enables the deer plan and that recognises the significant hunter feedback - around half of the 240 submissions were from hunters or hunting clubs and of the submissions which mentioned deer 95% were pro an increased bias to recreational hunting.

Where to from here?

We await the WARO review outcome, DoC have received a lot more hunter feedback than they probably wanted and thanks to the efforts of some of the guys they have also received hunter friendly feedback from landowners and Iwi. The CMS also received a lot of hunter feedback. This feedback will make it difficult for extremist anti deer views to be put into policies without them being highly contestable.

However storm clouds are gathering given the minister's confrontational speech to the NZDA conference, the vehemence of her hatred for the GAC, the mass of 1080 soon to rain from the skies and the underway aerial culling of tahr (5000 plus shot as of mid-July) along with the un-consulted relegation of hunters from being the priority control tool for tahr to last place after DoC and Heli-hunting.

The writing is on the wall and big battles are coming. All hunters need to unite and create a truly effective large well-resourced lobby group. The greatest ally the extremists have is the "I'm alright jack" apathetic attitude of the average hunter. That needs to change if our children are to have the opportunities we have had.

Thanks GG President, LNIRDF

SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

Arms (Prohibition on Shortened Firearms) Amendment Bill

When National MP Alastair Scott put forward this draft private members bill, supposedly aimed at discouraging criminals from owning sawn off shotguns and rifles and impose harsher sentences for such offences, at the end of July, firearm owners were horrified. The reason for this horror was that the Bill as worded would make thousands of lawful firearm owner's criminals overnight and force them to give up their much loved rifles and shotguns or face prosecution. Why, because the Bill made no mention of a minimum length by which a long gun could be shortened so even a few mm off the length became a crime.

Once alerted an e-mail campaign by SSANZ members, together with other groups and organizations, over the space of a weekend had the desired effect and resulted in the National Party agreeing to withdraw the Bill and reconsider its wording. The party further said they would work with the firearm community in developing any future firearms legislation. A good example of what can be achieved when we all play our part.

A Problem with ARs

Rifles based on the AR 15 platform have become very popular in recent years, they can come in various forms of semi automatic, both A and E Cat, as well as bolt action. Many owners now use these rifles for hunting and target shooting; they are light, compact and accurate. With their modular construction they have become ideal for custom builds and local assembly.

Since Police centralised the processing of import applications at Police National Headquarters in recent months, a number of dealers have had permits to import parts for AR 15s declined where previously there had been no problem. Police put this down to consistency of decision making, claiming that since parts for an A Cat. AR 15 can be used in an MSSA they require a special reason to be imported and that importing for resale or stock is not a special reason.

There should be no doubt those dealers who sell AR15s need to carry stocks of parts to service them, as do those who assemble custom rifles, yet to satisfy the intention of the Arms Act and Police concern their needs to be some safeguard to prevent parts imported as A cat being used to create under the radar MSSAs.

Some dealers are currently contemplating litigation against police to resolve this issue but that could go either way and could result in a precedent that would make the future importation of AR 15 parts impossible?

Wairarapa NZDA Annual Competition Shoot Gladstone Range 16th September 2018 at 10 am

This event will be conducted at the Gladstone Range-(we thank our WPSSC friends for allowing us the use of Range 6 for the event). The event will proceed regardless of the weather. The branch will supply a BBQ lunch but bring along \$2 if you'd like a can of drink.

This is our main range shoot for the year and includes the sponsored SWAZI shoot for juniors (under 18), so please make the effort to bring the young ones along.

We have a lot of events to shoot and only a short time in which to complete them all, so please listen carefully to the range staff and help out with any setting up, packing up etc.

Match 1. Junior (under 18 years of age)

50 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing. Your scores will count for both the branch score and the SWAZI shoot (sitting and prone positions).

Match 2. Senior .22

50 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing.

Match 3 Centrefire (Up to 8mm)

100 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing.

PLEASE NOTE FOR MATCHES 1, 2 AND 3

- Are to be shot unsupported- no slings, bipods, rests etc.
- Scopes are to be set not exceeding 6x power.
- Sporting stock configuration only- no thumb hole stocks.
- No special target shooting clothing, gloves, jackets etc.
- No heavy or target barrels to be used.

Match 4. F Class

100 yards, 10 rounds. F Class up to 8mm calibre, max score 110, any aids-bipods, slings, rests, barrel-stock configurations are allowed.

Match 5. Military

100 yards, 10 rounds. Military rifles to be bolt action, iron sighted (open sighted-no scopes, Parker Hale target sights), be of actual military origin (may be sporterised but not restocked with a sporting stock) and must be a standard military calibre ie; 6.5×55 , .303 etc.

It would be really nice to see more of these rifles out as they're a big part of our history. If you are unsure of Grandad's old dust collecting .303 please contact me, I have a lot of nterest in military rifles so it's no hassle to have a chat to you about it.

Notes:

All shooters to bring their own ammunition. Shooting mats may be used. No muzzle brakes.

Branch trophies will be competed for in the following categories:

- Centrefire
- Rimfire
- Open Aggregate
- Women's aggregate
- F Class Senior
- F Class Junior
- Military

Range rules will be read out to you on the day but I would like to remind all:

- All shooters/spectators must abide by the WPSSC range rules.
- All children are to have a parent/guardian supervise them at all times.
- All visitors must sign the range book on arrival.
- Hearing protection must be worn.
- Chamber flags must be used as are now mandatory (I have some to loan but otherwise can be obtained from the range for \$2.50 each).
- Firearms must be in good mechanical order.

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!





Hunting Reports

My first deer by Jack Fitzgerald (age 10)

One Saturday winter's morning me and my dad decided to go out to Alfredton. When we got there my dad had some jobs to do and about 2.30pm me and my dad went hunting. We climbed right up the top of our farm and then dad said 'shit Jack there's a deer on the clearing' so we strolled all the way through the pine trees until the gate. Then we crouched and walked at the same time. Dad said 'there are hinds because I couldn't see and then we went up to a bank but we couldn't see them, so we went to another bank I saw them both there was one with its head to me and one with its body to me. I shot at the one with its body to me and it hit the top of its shoulder and then it dropped to the ground. Dad carried the deer and I carried the gun. I had lots of fun





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

HUNTING BOOKS

- The Royal Stags of Windsor D.Bruce Banwell (signed) Ist edition 1994 DJ offers over \$130.00
- Wapiti in NZ D.Bruce Banwell 1st edition 1966 DJ- \$130.00
- Wild Horizons Greig Caigou 1st edition 2011- \$30.00
- Pig Hunting in NZ Ken Cuthbertson 1st edition 1974 DJ \$40.00
- The Douglas Score Norman Douglas 1st edition 1959 \$30.00
- The Helicopter Hunters Rex Forrester 1st edition 1987 \$40.00
- The Deerstalkers Philip Holden 1st edition 1987 DJ \$40.00
- A Hunting Guide Lynn Harris 1st edition 1973 \$20.00
- Stag Party Ron Helmer 1st edition 1964 DJ (2 copies) \$25.00
- Big Game Hunting in NZ Gary Joll reprint 1968 DJ \$30.00
- Alpine Hunting Roger Lentle and Frank Saxton 1st edition 1994 DJ \$35.00
- It's Not About the Pigs Andy Lyver 1st edition 2013 \$30.00
- The Sika Deer in NZ Don Kiddie 1st edition 1962 \$35.00
- Hunting in Wellington Conservancy N.Z.Forest Service 1st edition 1984 (2 copies)- \$10.00
- A Sock In My Stew Robin Paterson 1st edition 1991 \$40.00
- NZ and American Fiordland Expedition A.L.Poole 1st edition 1951 \$35.00
- Game Animals in NZ Gordon Roberts 1st edition 1968 DJ \$30.00
- Identification of Big Game Animals in NZ Thane Riney 1st edition 1955 \$20.00
- Amuri Hunter Graeme Robson 1st edition 1998 \$40.00
- Hunter Climb High Keith Severinsen 1st edition 1962 no DJ \$35.00
- Deer Shooting Days Joff Thomson 1st edition 1964 DJ \$40.00
- Deer Hunter Joff Thomson 2nd edition 1954 no DJ \$30.00
- A Wild Moose Chase Ken Tustin 1st edition 1998 \$25.00
- North Island Back Country Dunnies Hans Willems 1st edition 1999 \$25.00
- North Island Back Country Huts Hans Willems 2nd edition 2004 \$40.00

From the Joe Hansen collection – Masterton, August 2018

Phone; home 06 370 8919, cell 027 692 6465

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 <u>big</u> 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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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		
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