



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **November 2018**

General meeting
Wednesday 21st November 2018
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Topic: South African Safari

General Meeting 21 November 2018

Our last regular meeting for the year and we have a really interesting presentation lined up. Come along and hear **Sue & Laurie Goldfinch** talking about their recent hunting experiences in South Africa. Should be lots of pictures of exotic animals and places. Bring your mates, and stay for supper afterwards.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

21 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. See details above.

22-25 NOVEMBER NELSON LAKES TRIP Full.

24-25 NOVEMBER WANGANUI SPRING FALLOW HUNT Full.

12 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BARBECUE At Amalgamated Helicopters, Chester Road, starting about 6 pm. This is in place of our regular December general meeting (i.e., no meeting on 19 December).

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

20 FEBRUARY 2019 Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. First general meeting for 2019.

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Recent Events

13 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING A total of 72 members attended and were treated to an excellent meal with spit-roast wild pork, delicious venison curry, cold meats, vegies, and plenty of dessert for everybody. Thanks to the generosity of our many sponsors, there were over 30 items in the silent auction. The auction and ticket sales raised \$2,780 gross, and once costs were covered, the night generated \$930 for the branch.

There was a really good selection of trophy antlers, horns, and tusks this year and some nice photos. Congratulations to the winners of branch trophies listed in the next couple of pages. Special thanks to Swazi who sponsor the junior shooting competition and donated some nice garments to the winners.



Antler, Horn and Tusks 2018

Red deer, public land (Avon Tatton Shield): No entry

Red deer, private land (Steve Ticehurst cup): **Craig Hansen** DS301 3/8

Classic Red deer (J.M.Jury shield): **Paul Hodgins** DS257

Best goat head (Crawford Cameron shield): **Brad Gardiner** DS 99 6/8

Best head where a trophy fee is paid (Playle trophy): **Richard O'Driscoll** Fallow DS 171 3/8

Best pig jaw –undrawn tusks (Harvie Morrow shield): **Jacob Warren** DS18

Best pig jaw – Drawn Tusks (N. Tilsey Sheild): No entry

Aggregate, two or more species (V.V Donald shield): **Jacob Warren** red DS273, pig DS eq 420

Best head other species: **Jacob Warren** Fallow DS198 6/8

Best trophy head 'under 20': **Olivia Hansen** Fallow DS156

Tahr / Chamois (Max Cole Barometer): **Craig Hansen** Tahr DS 36

Judge's Commendation Certificate: **Jacob Warren**

Judge's Certificate (any reason): **Jack Fitzgerald** only 10 yrs old and shot goat with .270 at 150 metres



Jacob Warren



Jacob Warren



Jacob Warren



Richard O'Driscoll

Shooting 2018

Senior Class F Rifle Champion: **Jo Bengston** 2nd Jordan Hamilton, 3rd Avon Bengston

Open Battle Sights ex Military: **Alex Beesley** 2nd Jordan Hamilton 3rd Simon Young

Ladies Aggregate Rifle Shoot: **Alex Beesley** 2nd = Savannah Smith & Tracy Amos, 3rd Jo Bengston

Junior Rimfire: **Julia O'Driscoll** 2nd Peter O'Driscoll, 3rd Rhys Amos

Large Bore Rifle: **Jordan Hamilton** 2nd Richard O'Driscoll, 3rd Andrew Dennes

Small Bore Rifle: **Jordan Hamilton** 2nd Brent Hollow, 3rd Richard O'Driscoll

Junior F Class: **Harley Bengston** 2nd Peter O'Driscoll, 3rd William Horsbrugh

SWAZI SHOOT: **Julia O'Driscoll** 2nd Peter O'Driscoll 3rd Rhys Amos



Alex Beesley with Swazi shoot winners (L-R): Julia O'Driscoll, Peter O'Driscoll, Rhys Amos, and Jack Fitzgerald

Photos 2018 (Judged by: Sandy Hallett)

V.V Donald Shield – Other Wildlife Photo: **Richard O'Driscoll**

K Gear Cup - Most outstanding photograph not covered by another category: **Richard O'Driscoll**

W.F McIntyre Cup – Game Animal: **Harrie Materman**

B.W Newport Cup– Scenic: **Cheryl Materman**

Amos Cup best junior photograph: **Peter O'Driscoll**

Judges Certificate: **Morag O'Driscoll**



Richard O'Driscoll



Peter O'Driscoll



Richard O'Driscoll



Morag O'Driscoll

26-28 OCTOBER SUBSIDISED TARARUA FLY-IN TRIP Two parties flew in on Friday morning to Sayers and Tutuwai Huts. Unfortunately weather interfered with the planned pick-ups on Sunday, and the Tutuwai party ended up walking out while the Sayers part had an extra night and flew out Monday morning. No deer were shot, but the Tutuwai pair had a couple of close encounters and shared the hut with some other successful hunters. The Sayers trio saw 2 deer and a pig. Reports suggested a good weekend enjoyed by all.



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

South Wairarapa Vet Services will have their Christmas Function 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

SAREX in the Orongorongos 10-11 November with Andrew taking part. Brad was among a group of 4 SAR volunteers who walked (the long way) into Cow Creek responding to a PLB activation to find a tramping party where a 16-year old had a twisted knee. After sitting out most of the day expecting a helicopter, the injured girl and companions were walked the 700 metres back to Cow Creek Hut where she spent the night and were evacuated by helicopter next morning. Goes to show that even with a PLB you can't always just expect a taxi back to civilisation. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

HUTS

No reports from Neill Forks. Three branch members had 3 nights at Sayers on the fly-in.

DEER PARK

Masterton District Council have improved purchase and installation of a security camera to be installed before Christmas.

FIREWOOD

The branch is on the lookout for trees for our next firewood working bee. We are following up some leads, but if you know of any possibilities please contact Martin 027 3671635.



Hunting Reports

A lesson learnt by Richard O'Driscoll

It was February 2011 and I was halfway up a ridge in the Haurangis. It was a club hunt and, as a newbie, I'd been paired up with experienced hunter Mike Thrupp.

Joe Hansen had divided the area into blocks and four groups of hunters set off about 7:45 am to our assigned

areas. Mike and I had scrambled up a long ridge opposite camp, heading up towards the tops north of Mt Barton. The bush was very tight at the bottom, but sign increased and it became more open at about 300 m elevation.

Around 9:30 am Mike saw a spiker about 20 m away looking at us. By the time I rattled the bolt to chamber a round he took off and all I saw was a bum going away. Too slow!

“Sit down”, Mike said, “Wait - we don’t want to push him all the way up the ridge in front of us.” So we sat and we waited 10 minutes before carrying on up the ridge.

About 300 m from the spiker the bush opened out into a nice ferny clearing. I sat down for a look and after 10 seconds there was a rattle of rocks, shortly followed by a crash, crash, crash out-of-sight in the bush. The swirling wind must have given us away.....



Mike Thrupp in Haurangis 2011

Fast-forward 7 years. Haurangis again. My 12-year old son, Peter and I had headed out for a quick afternoon hunt. We are just reached my targeted 300 m elevation where the bush opened up a bit, and started to sidle. Not the direction I’d planned, as the forecast northerly was blowing from the south!

Only 200 metres into our hunt we got onto some very fresh poo, then another bit, then a pile. Then fresh prints. We slowed it right down, and glassed as far into the bush as we could see. Despite the caution, the deer still beat us. Two spooked from behind a tree down below. They ran across our sidle track 30 metres away and I was too slow to get a shot at the following hind.....

Remembering Mike’s advice we sat down where we were, me quietly cussing. The hind then started to bark. She wasn’t moving so we waited and waited – probably 5 minutes or longer. I was fiddling with GPS trying to put an event marker in, when we heard a stick break uphill. I put up the rifle to see a spiker ghosting through the trees above us, trying to get our wind.

He stopped where Peter could see him but I couldn’t. They had a staring contest. The deer then turned to head back the way he came and stopped. Closing the bolt on the old. 270, I thought I could see neck through scope, but wasn’t sure until he moved his head again. Neck, head, antlers, and a positive identification. A quick squeeze of the trigger and I got a glimpse of hooves through the scope as he up-ended. Peter said “you smoked

him!” Forty metres up the hill and I quickly found where he rolled and wedged in a tree.

Not the biggest or fattest red, but a nice animal. Took the hind-legs off then skinned out shoulders and back-steaks. Peter took the head, rifle, and day bag. Started down-hill at 5 pm and back home in Featherston by 9 pm. A very good outing where things came together perfectly. Thanks Mike – your lesson paid off!



2018 success

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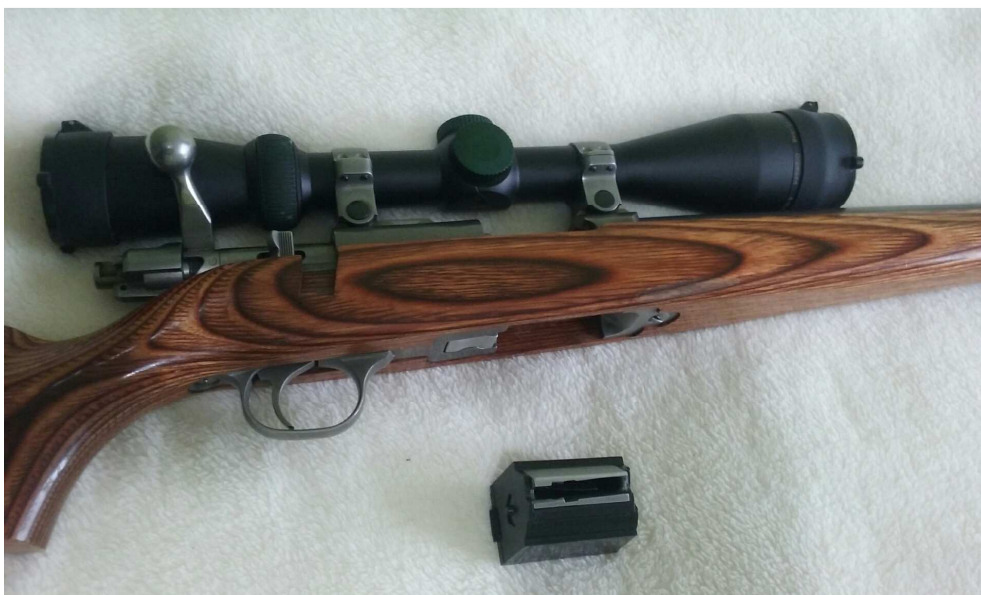
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PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

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.

22 MAGNUM RIFLE

I have my Ruger s/s M77 22 Magnum bolt action for sale, this thing is accurate, Colling's have done the trigger and floated the barrel as well as bedded action, Nikko scope is Gold crown 4-12 x 42. Selling due to the purchase of the Kimber, purchased the rifle for Jenny to use but now she has the .223 its not getting used, way more grunt than a .17 and can shoot 50 grain pills way cheaper than a centre fire. On sale for \$1000. If you need more details let me know, I have some ammo and a spare mag as well, for a rimfire – it's got a lot of knockdown. Contact Tony Bucknell 027 210 3232



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From the Joe Hansen collection home 06 370 8919, cell 027 692 6465

Final Thoughts

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

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