



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **December 2018**

End of year barbeque Wednesday 12 December
6:30 pm Amalgamated Helicopters
Chester Road

No general meeting in January

End of year Barbeque 12 December 2018

Come along, relax, and celebrate the end of another busy year with JD and the crew at Amalgamated Helicopters. Meat, salad, bread, and sauce will be provided by the club along with some non-alcoholic drinks. BYO drinks and anything 'fancy' that you want to throw on the barbeque.

There will be no committee or general meetings in January. Next general meeting is Wednesday 20 February 2019.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

12 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BARBECUE See details above

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

20 FEBRUARY 2019 Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. First general meeting for 2019. Details in February newsletter.

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Recent Events

21 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Over 20 members turned up for our last regular meeting for the year and heard Sue & Laurie (Goldy) Goldfinch talking about their recent hunting experiences in South Africa. They went on an organised trip with "Crimpy" in June and shot a wide range of animals including a nice kudu and a massive warthog. A really interesting

presentation with some great photos taken by Sue, and an insight into a very different country and style of hunting. Had a few people keen to go over and try it for themselves!

22-25 NOVEMBER NELSON LAKES TRIP

Brief report from Martin that all four members had an awesome trip. Deer seen on all hunts but only got one opportunity to get a shot away. Deer seen on flats at dusk, and in the bush a few hundred metres up the mountains faces. Kerry spooked a deer about 100 m from the hut out on the flats but too dark for safe shooting, it will be there for next time!!!! Two trout hooked off jetty but none landed. We saw a number of eels, some over 1 m long, these are some of the oldest eels in NZ and are protected hence their size! Very friendly resident duck, eats from the hand and enjoyed a pat on the head. Met a lot of interesting trampers, teachers, overseas groups and 1 river fisherman - he had caught 7 fish over 3 days (catch and release). Weather was perfect.



24-25 NOVEMBER WANGANUI SPRING FALLOW HUNT

Ten members including three juniors enjoyed another great weekend at Aranui Station. Deer were sighted from the Shearers' Quarters the first morning and Davor put in a successful stalk and shot 3 deer without even bothering to put on his shoes! Everybody shot deer and there were a few goats about as well, so freezers are nicely stocked pre-Christmas. Good numbers of animals but the mature bucks were in hiding protecting their velvet. Other highlights included Steve pulling giving a young buck a 'flip-top head' with his new .375 at 150 metres, Andrew and Angus getting all 4 spikers from one mob, and young Peter getting 4 one-shot kills on deer and goats with his single-shot .243.

Thanks to Andrew for organising the trip, and working through a couple of postponements. Look out for the March and April Wanganui hunts in 2019.



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LOCAL HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

Not sure if these hunts will continue through the holiday season, but please text Martin on 027 3671635 if you are interested in getting your name on the list for one of these hunts. Cost of \$100 per animal (all reds). 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

No report this month. 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 during October.

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 in the New Year. We are following up some leads, but if you know of any possibilities please contact Martin 027 3671635.

WARO - REVISED LAND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER COMMENT

Following the June/July 2018 WARO land access consultation, the Department of Conservation has reviewed its land access recommendations for the new national wild animal recovery operations (WARO) concession. As a result, some location specific WARO land recommendations have changed.

People or groups who provided comment during the June/July 2018 consultation round now have the opportunity to comment on the revised land recommendations where these have changed from the initial draft recommendation, before they to the decision-maker.

All land access recommendations have been mapped and are available on the DOC website at www.doc.govt.nz/waro-land-access under the section 'November 2018 further consultation'. Scroll in on the maps to see better detail.

DOC are also contemplating moving South Island WARO Roar closure dates for 'Permitted' (green) areas from 23 March – 9 April (plus Easter when it falls outside these dates) to 29 March – 15 April (plus Easter when it falls outside these dates) to better align with the actual Roar. Your feedback is invited on this proposal. The Roar dates for 'Permitted' locations within Kahurangi National Park would remain unchanged as these are set by bylaws.

Please send feedback to waro@doc.govt.nz. This must be received by 5.00 pm, 31 January 2019 in order to be considered.

COLFO NEWS

Arms Act Administration

Acting Superintendent Mike McIlraith attended the November COLFO Executive meeting and provided an update on progress achieved by the Arms Act Service Delivery Group.

In June Police attended at 18 locations speaking to both staff and separately the public. Main themes that came from this consultation for Police to look at included: consistency, timeliness, legislative compliance, trust and confidence and communication. Taking these key themes Police then ran a series of internal workshops to understand what an improved service and service delivery model would look like. In October the second set of community engagement meetings were run in 6 locations. There were less locations due to prudence with funds. These meetings were with dealers and the public and provided updates as to where the Arms Act Service Delivery Group (AASDG) are after the June community engagement meetings, explaining Police ideas and progress. Most people agreed with the ideas presented by Police.

Police have decided to phase in the new system which will eventually provide a good number of online services, noting that paper services will be maintained for those that elect to use paper. Online services will require “RealMe” verified accounts as the identification process for users of the system. The online services will also include the ability for applicants to pay for services online using their credit card or a bank transfer. Future paper application forms will be updated to reflect the format of the online forms to allow for efficient data retrieval.

Police are hoping that most services will be ready by late 2019, however the point was made that if a choice evolved between getting the release right and sticking to the timeline, dates would move in favour of getting it right. Overseas visitor permits will be rolled out first in about March 2019, from which time these will need to be applied for before arriving in New Zealand and will no longer be available at our airports. This will be followed by Dealers Licences and then permits to procure and import.

In regard to imports Police and Customs are working together to ensure both agencies are joined-up and the future system will be better than currently experienced. This will mean that only items that have not been issued a permit will be detained at the border and incomplete shipments should generally not be delayed.

A/S Mc Ilraith advised that a technology based option for automatically updating the firearms owners database would be ideal. Applying for permits to procure online and not having to physically take your firearm into the local Police station is also a process he would like to see. There are possibilities that licensed holders could have “skype” views with Police staff or could photograph and email the firearms serial numbers when they are in possession of them. More work is required in this area before finalising what the future looks like. New processes can be a way of treating the licensed owners as “fit and proper” and trusting them as we have been continuously asking for. He stated that licensed holders should be acknowledged as they are a community of fit and proper users and have been deemed to be by NZ Police. With this comes a responsibility to maintain that fit and proper status. For those that err, Police will follow up on their suitability to retain their licence, as is currently the case.

New Firearms Legislation expected soon

We are continually hearing rumours that the police and government are preparing for a review of the Arms Act, although when they are asked direct questions about this the answers are evasive. COLFO is of the view that any new legislation must address real issues based on hard evidence and be able to produce measurable outcomes. When new legislation eventually comes forward it is vital that firearm owners are united in their approach. Sadly when legislation was announced in the UK to ban semi auto rifles, and later handguns, some interest groups took the attitude of “this doesn’t affect us so we don’t need to get involved” which allowed these firearm bans and other draconian measures to succeed. We don’t want that to happen in New Zealand, all for one and one for all needs to be our motto.

COLFOs mandate is to represent the interests of all firearm users, whatever their interests, whether it be hunting, target shooting or collecting, with rifle, pistol or shotgun, as well as those who make a living servicing the needs of the firearm community. In order to be effective in looking after your interests we need the backing of all firearm owners, and those who make a living from firearms, not just those who are affiliated through national associations and clubs.

Court Ruling on MSSA Length Leads to Unresolved Issues

In a case brought by NZ Hunter Group v police an Auckland District Court judge has ruled that an MSSA with a retractable or telescopic butt-stock is to be measured with the butt closed or folded to determine its legal length. COLFO is a financial contributor to the New Zealand Licensed Firearms Dealers Trust Fund which supported this action.

However in another case Police v Dodd heard at the Whakatane District Court the judge indicated that the length was to be measured from the end of the stock and should not include any barrel attachments unless they were permanently fixed. Any firearm with an overall length of less than 762 mm is classed as a pistol. This ruling also applies to any other rifle or shotgun with a retractable or folding butt-stock.

Transporting Ammunition by Courier

Despite the Minister advising that safety ammunition, propellants and primers are exempt from limits on transit times at courier depots; it seems problems are still being experienced by wholesalers and retailers when shipping ammunition. Following a meeting with Worksafe officials in late November, COLFO is able to advise that Worksafe have undertaken to consult with transport companies to resolve confusion over the interpretation of the regulations. Another example of COLFO working hard for New Zealand firearm owners, including retailers and distributors, please join us.



JOE HANSEN RETIRES

After 50 years of working for DOC Joe Hansen retired at the end of October. Joe was one of the Department's longest serving rangers and spent a large chunk of his life presiding over Aorangi Forest Park in South Wairarapa, including being stationed for many years at Te Kopi. Your editor remembers tagging along on a pig hunt with Joe at Te Kopi when he was 10 years old – 35 years ago!!

Joe is also a long-standing member of our branch, has organised club hunts, and is one of our current AHT scorers. We wish Joe all the best for his retirement.

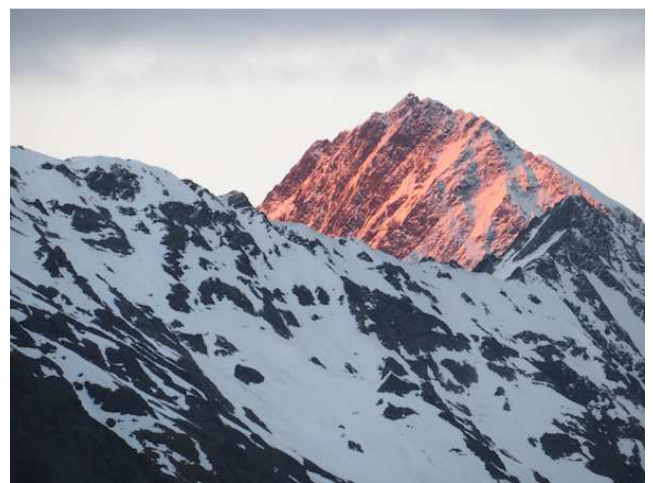
If you missed the articles in the media, check out <https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/108299826/rangers-seen-it-all-looking-after-his-own-corner-of-the-country>



Club hunt Haurangis 2010 (Joe on right)

Hunting Reports

No reports this month, but some of our members headed down south chasing tahr last week in the Havelock and Dobson catchments. The weather didn't match the amazing conditions we had for the club hunt last year, but there were some successes.



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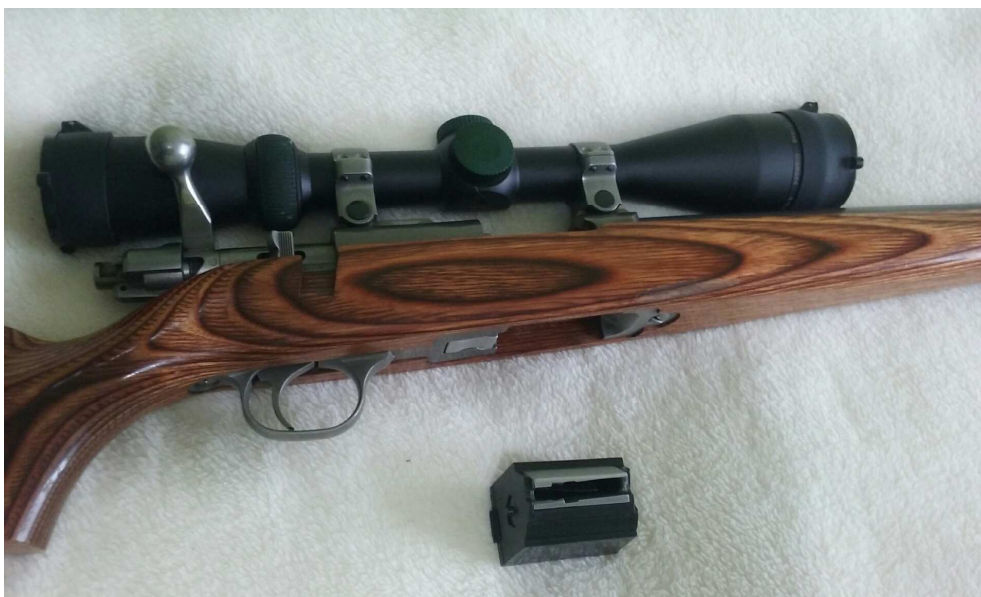
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PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

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



HUNTING BOOKS

- The Royal Stags of Windsor – D.Bruce Banwell (signed) 1st edition 1994 DJ - offers over \$130.00
- Wapiti in NZ – D.Bruce Banwell - 1st edition 1966 DJ- \$130.00
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- 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 Dummies – Hans Willems - 1st edition 1999 - \$25.00
- North Island Back Country Huts – Hans Willems - 2nd edition 2004 - \$40.00

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

Final Thoughts



Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. Be safe and identify your target.

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