



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **August 2019**

General Meeting
Wednesday 21 August
6:30 pm Wairarapa Hunting & Fishing,
Queen Street, Masterton

Hunting & Fishing special opening

General Meeting Wednesday 21 August 6:30 pm

Note the **EARLIER TIME** of 6:30 pm and the venue of Wairarapa Hunting & Fishing, Queen Street Masterton. The H&F team are opening their store especially for our branch. Should be some sharp deals on offer and a great opportunity to mix and mingle while looking at the latest toys! There will also be an update on the Alfredton hunting opportunity.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

7 AUGUST 2019 RETURN BRANCH TROPHIES Trophies are now **OVERDUE**. Trophy winners from 2018 please return trophies (cleaned) to 548 Belvedere Road. If nobody is home please leave in the office.

16-17 AUGUST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

21 AUGUST 2019 GENERAL MEETING Starting at the earlier time of 6:30 pm at Hunting & Fishing Queen Street Masterton. Shop will be open especially for us with some great deals.

11-15 SEPTEMBER NELSON LAKES HUNT Still one spot available. Leaving Wednesday afternoon returning Sunday. To Sabine and D'Urville huts, Lake Rotoroa, about 2.5-3 hours' drive from Picton Ferry. There will be a maximum of 4 people, 2 people per hut, nice flat ground or sidle around Mt Misery face. Names to Martin Amos 027 3671635. Approximate costs \$340.00. Deposits will be required upon verbal confirmation of your attendance. Ferry sailings will be booked after seats have been filled. See Sean's photos from a previous Nelson club trip in the Reports section.

15 SEPTEMBER BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITIONS Gladstone Range. Details later in newsletter.

18 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. Speaker TBC. A great opportunity to drop off those AHT and photo entries for the Branch competition.

28-29 SEPTEMBER SIKI SHOW Taupo

30 SEPTEMBER ENTRIES CLOSE BRANCH COMPETITIONS See details and entry form later in the newsletter.

19 OCTOBER ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Put it on your calendar now. Starting 6:30 pm at Parkvale Hall. Fully catered. This is the Branch social event of the year so hoping to get a great turn-out



Recent Events

18 JULY 2019 GENERAL MEETING SMALLBORE RIFLE SHOOTING

For our General meeting in July we visited the Masterton Small Bore Rifle Club. Smallbore is shot indoor on heavy .22 target rifles, beginners shoot off stands and later compete in slings and jackets. The shooter has three sighters then shoots 10 counting shots with a total possible score of 101. We had a really good turn-out of 26 people with 23 participating. After a quick update from Martin our members filled the first three squads, some shooting a second card with the usual socialising in between. Small Bore is an excellent sport for those winter evenings and for learning good shooting skills. If anyone would like to join or have a go, Masterton Small Bore operates on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm or contact 027 302 4936. Equipment is supplied and the club is keen to see new faces.



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1 Benno G	92.2		12 Mark W	77.1	
2 Brad G	89.2		13 Paul S	75.0	
3 Martin A	89.1		14 Peter D	72.0	
3 Lloyd R	89.1	82.0	15 John S	66.0	
4 Phillip F	89.0		JUNIORS		
5 Justin B	87.1	80.0	1 Peter O	82.0	
6 Neil J	87.0		2 Rhys A	81.0	
7 Aaron L	86.1		3 Julia O	78.0	
8 Kerry F	86.0		4 Jack F	56.0	
9 Andrew D	85.1		5 Liam D	55.0	54.0
10 Sean R	81.1		6 Liam G	35.0	
11 Richard O	78.1				

20 JULY 2019 FIREWOOD WORKING BEE Eight people turned up and got through some more of the wood. There is still one session needed to finish this off. And there is still wood available for \$50 per cubic metre for members.



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LOCAL HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

The Branch has arranged exclusive access to an 800 acre property near Alfredton. This will be used to provide hunting opportunities for our members under a permit system. Permits will cost \$50 for two people and allow you to take one animal (all reds). All permit holders will need to attend an orientation session at the property before hunting. To find out more and apply for a permit, you **need to attend and sign up at a General Meeting**. This is a deliberate attempt to encourage people to come along to meetings! If you want to take up the hunting opportunities, then you need to get involved with the Branch!

SUBSIDISED HELICOPTER TRIPS

The next window for subsidised helicopter trips will be September-October 2019. Branch members can arrange their own parties to fly into the Tararua with Amalgamated Helicopters and the Branch will contribute \$500 per trip. Offer is valid September-October 2019 with Amalgamated Helicopters only. All members of the party must belong to the Wairarapa branch, and there is a limit of one subsidised trip per member. Contact Marin on 027 3671635 to arrange your \$500 subsidy.

PARKVALE HALL

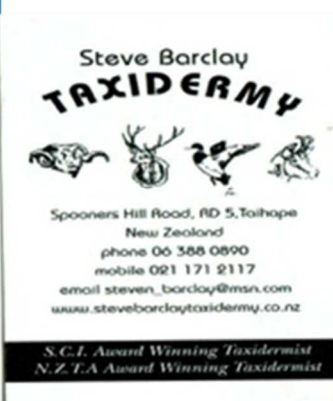
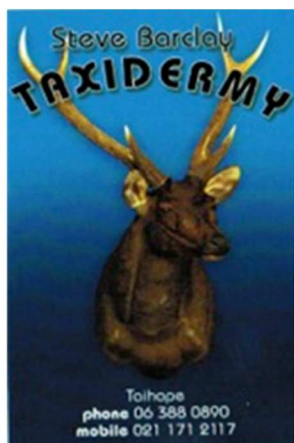
For hall bookings contact Martin on 027 3671635.

WEBSITE UPDATES – WE NEED YOU



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Since our previous website coordinator Chris Cherry stepped down we have struggled to find somebody to keep the Branch website up to date. Your committee are all IT dinosaurs, so one of you younger guys/gals who know your URL from your WWW, please put up your hand to help us out. It is not an onerous job. Just involves uploading the newsletter and calendar dates every month. Please contact Martin on 027 3671635 or wairarapanzda@gmail.com if you can do this.



Wairarapa NZDA Annual Competition Shoot, Gladstone Range 15 September 2019 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 x 55, .303 etc.

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.

If anybody has any questions regarding the competition or range please contact Alex on 027 4359216.

WAIRARAPA BRANCH Antler, Horn & Tusk competitions for year to 30 September 2019 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 **Monday 30 September 2019**.
- 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 Tuesday 1 October 2019**.

- Photographs to be with Tracy Amos (06 3795454) by **noon Tuesday 1 October 2019**.
- Entries can also be dropped off at the General Meeting 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall **18 September 2019**
- Branch Prize-Giving – presentation of Awards & Certificates – **Saturday 19 October 2019**.

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!

NATIONAL OFFICE MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

The new membership system (invoice generation, database of members and connection to our Xero accounting system) has had its ups and downs and like any new system it will take some time to fully settle down.

We recognise the concerns and annoyance this has caused for some Branches and members.

We have now completed full cross checking work between the financial system (XERO) and the new membership system (Bitrix) and we are now confident that the membership system is accurate.

Bear in mind that reconciliation is a manual process and therefore subject to human error. However any such errors are easily rectified once identified.

Some issues that we are still working on are:

- Emails to @xtra.co.nz are being identified by Spark as spam and thus often not received. We have modified our message template to comply with guidelines. We have also requested Spark to whitelist our account (no reply yet)
- Membership renewals are down on usual numbers. It appears that the move to online renewals has caused some members to struggle with the process.
- We are as of now sending a fortnightly reminder email to all unpaid members
- We will send a paper based invoice reminder to members that remain unpaid at the end of next week
- We will send branches a list of their paid and unpaid members so they can follow up and offer support to get people paid up

- Card printing and delivery has also been less than ideal We are continuing to work with both the printer and the application developer to improve the process

Branches should check in with their members to confirm they have renewed and if they have received their cards.

Help and support:

If individual members have any queries about their own invoice or need support to get the payment process finalised they should contact Niraj Patel membership@deerstalkers.org.nz or ph 04 499-6163.

Branches with any concerns should contact Rob Howey nat.treasurer@deerstalkers.org.nz ph 027 497-2672

We apologise for the inconvenience and concerns this may have caused members and Branches but are confident we will have these matters sorted soon and the system will deliver properly and promptly on its expected benefits next time around as we have learned its issues and resolved them.

Please also note that at Annual Conference we have 2 x 1 hour sessions dedicated on the Sunday workshops agenda to the membership system so Branches with feedback etc can use this time to discuss or ask further questions.

Regards,
National Treasurer,
Rob Howey

COLFO FAIR AND REASONABLE CAMPAIGN

On the 10 July COLFO launched its new website www.fairandreasonable.co.nz to promote and raise funds in support of its campaign to seek fair and reasonable treatment as a result of the governments rushed new arms legislation.

The current and proposed law changes are likely to be the most significant change to our rights and privileges in almost four decades. So we must hire experts and lawyers who are setting up systems to ensure that our efforts and communications are timely, effective and professional. We have built this website to ensure our information is not censored or misrepresented by individuals or organisations with their own agendas. We will need people full time to research and to respond to your questions, to record stories, suggestions and to ensure we capture email addresses.

We estimate we will need **hundreds of thousands** to take a court case seeking full compensation for the loss of your hobby, sport and lifestyle. We can start this by correcting the misinformation circulated about firearms and their owners. That's why we need you and others like you to [donate](#).

Guardians of the Campaign funds

To supervise the spending of donated funds COLFO has asked the following people to act as guardians to assure you that the funds will be used only for the Campaign until it is over.

- Rachael Dean MNZM – COLFO Council Member, Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Fraud Examiner;
- Bill O'Leary - Immediate Past President NZDA, Retired Board Member Game Animal Council;
- David Tipple – Firearms Dealer and Importer.

The campaign work plan includes:

- A public information campaign on what the new law and regulations mean and what firearms are affected;
- Assessing and circulating summaries and advice – plain English guidance on what to take into account, when and how to comply with the law;

- Helping allied organisations to inform each other and their respective members, of developments and implications as they emerge;
- Providing spokespersons to make fair comments on the issues, to help responsible journalists limit the influence of bigotry and false claims;
- Ensuring that Parliamentarians, Police and government learn of unintended effects of rushed law;
- Recommending constructive ways to improve the Arms Act, achieving the safety objectives with less tax payer cost, minimising the effect on compliant firearm owners;
- Preparing and pursuing court challenges;
- Defending the rights, privileges and processes that have underpinned New Zealand's traditional trust and co-operation between Police and Licensed Firearm Owners;

Early priorities

The end of the surrender period and amnesty (20 December) will come soon, the risk that people who want to comply will postpone it until too late is real. Owners are concerned they will not get fair compensation, our highest priority is to sort out with Police and government, exactly how firearm owners can receive fair compensation for what they lose.

We have established a communication tool that will enable us to speak directly to all members who have joined the campaign.

Compensation for Confiscation

Police have produced a Price List for all the now prohibited firearms which together with a programme of collection events around the country may be found on the police website:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms>

If your prohibited firearm is not on the list please phone 0800 311 311 and ask them to update the list.

The Amnesty for Prohibited Ammunition expires on 30 September 2019, see Regulation 28Z.

Second Amendment to Arms Act

In announcing the details of the next Arms Act amendment Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern put the government spin on the early stages of the government buyback scheme saying it had started well with 2,100 people handing in 3,200 firearms and 7,800 parts for a total compensation of \$6.1 Million. Then she quoted examples of three people who were happy to have handed in their guns to make NZ safer by ridding the country of these most dangerous weapons.

The new law changes include:

- **Tougher criteria for being deemed a "fit and proper" person for both licence holders and dealers.**
- **Requiring registration of all firearms.** The Police will manage a new online register requiring you to list all guns you own as you renew your licence, or buy/sell a firearm.
- Giving the Police **increased rights to enter property to inspect firearm security.**
- **Police will be able to access data on people they consider 'at risk' through medical professionals.** Visiting a doctor about mental illness (such as depression) is likely to trigger a 'flag' in the Police's system. Police will have increased powers to immediately revoke licences and confiscate firearms.
- **Require licences to purchase ammo, magazines, and parts.**
- **Require licences to be renewed every five years** (rather than the current ten), and increasing the licence fees.
- **Clubs and ranges will now need to be licensed.**

- A new 9 person group will be set up to advise police, with a plan to **completely overhaul the Arms Act again in five years' time**. The Prime Minister told the media that she wants the group to include people from outside the firearms community.
- There will be new firearms offences (yet to be published).
- New controls on advertising of firearms and ammo.
- No gun sales to tourists.

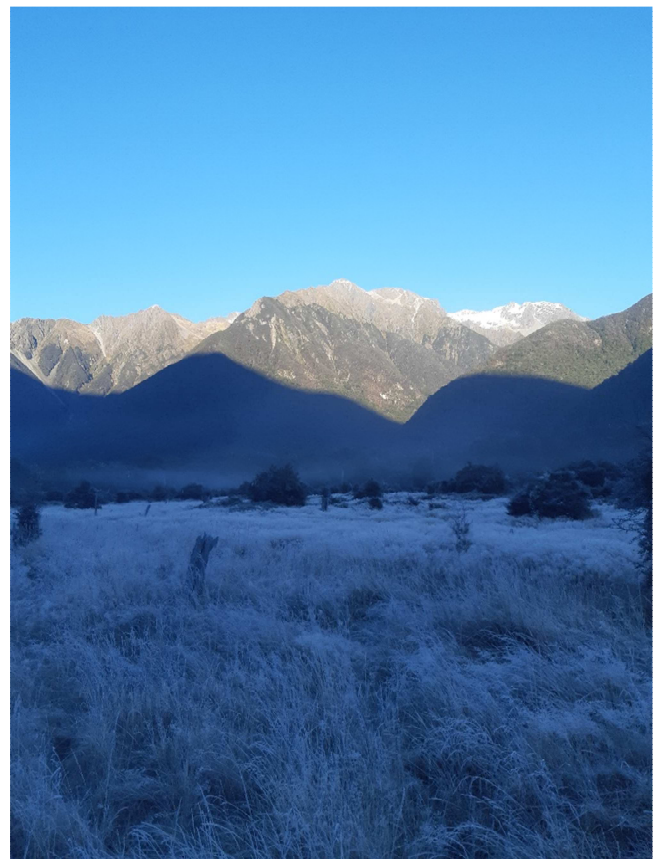
Remember that these are only the first set of proposals for the proposed law changes. **Even more onerous restrictions could be included as the Bill goes through the Parliamentary process.** The legislation is expected to be introduced into Parliament by late August. A three-month select committee process will then begin.

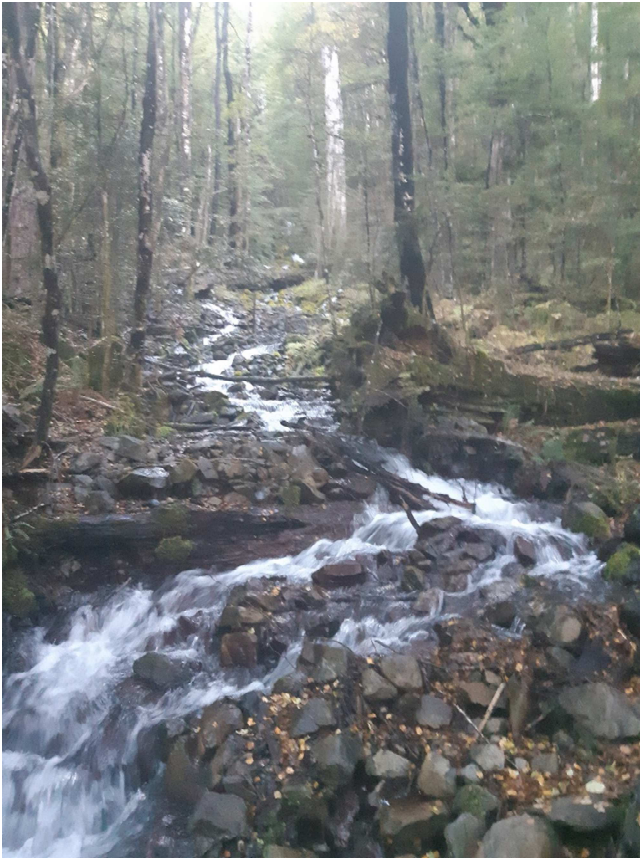
The Fair and Reasonable campaign has engaged lawyers to help make submissions and put together resources for you — to ensure your voice is heard during the Select Committee process.

Hunting Reports

A few photos this month from Sean Roberts. Stories and photos can be sent to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com

Nelson Lakes hunt **Photos by Sean Roberts**





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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.

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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.