



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association  
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **December 2019**

**Christmas Barbecue Sunday 15 December**

**11:30 am Masterton Deer Park**

This replaces our December General Meeting

No General Meeting in January

**Christmas Barbecue Sunday 15 December 11:30 am**



This Sunday from 11:30 am at Masterton Deer Park. A family event to end the year with sausage sizzle and lolly scramble.

BYO salads and non-alcoholic drinks (it is a public venue), Sausages & bread supplied. This will go ahead rain or shine. If it is wet we will put up tarpaulins between the shed and fence

## Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**9 DECEMBER DEER PARK WORKING BEE** Masterton Deer Park **tonight from 5:30 pm**. Picking up sticks and tidying the place up for the Sunday function.

**15 DECEMBER END OF YEAR BBQ** See details above.

### NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY

**12 JANUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE** Working bee starting 8:30 am Sunday at Amos residence in Belvedere Road. Bring your chainsaw, splitter, trailer, or just a pair of hands. We will ring, split, and deliver. Personal protective gear (including ear muffs) is absolutely essential! Firewood is our major fund-raiser so please help the club earn money for subsidised trips.

**19 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING** The first meeting of 2020! Parkvale Hall from 7:30 pm. We are trying to arrange a presentation about the Fordland Wapiti Foundation.

**1 MARCH CLAY TARGET SHOOT** At Gladstone range in the afternoon. More details in February newsletter.

**20 SEPTEMBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT** Gladstone range. Put it in your calendar now!



## Recent Events

**20 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING** 24 members attended to hear Brett Hudson (National List MP and National Party Police Spokesperson) and Alistair Scott on the Firearm Law Reforms. Followed by an excellent discussion. Sean presented a thank you gift to speakers.



## News

### PARKVALE HALL

Maintenance work required over summer. We are investigating possibility of getting a grant to replace spouting.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

Helicopter training is being undertaken for new members. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

### HUTS

A DOC budget and timetable for maintenance work is under discussion. Suggested we install plaques in the huts we co-manage (similar to NZDA Wellington at Cattle Ridge).

### DEER PARK

Come and see for yourself at the Christmas function. There is a stick pick-up working bee on tonight (9 December) starting 5:30 pm. Irrigation needs starting

### RANGE & SHOOTING

Clay shoot will be on the afternoon of 1 March 2020. Competition shoot 20 September 2020. Put these dates in your calendar now!



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01-28 February 19	
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Campervan/Motorhome up to 5.5mt	\$145.00
Additional half metre	\$37.00
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Additional half Metre	\$20.00
Plus Lounge	\$55.00 18yrs plus
Off Peak Dates:	
01 March – 17 April 19	
24 April – 15 December 19	

Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

- Reservations can be made direct with Interislander online at <https://www.greatjourneysofnz.co.nz/members-fares> by entering FA5474 into the group discount code box.
- Space is subject to availability at the time of the booking request.
- Bookings are 90% refundable if cancelled up to 1 hour before departure.
- Date and time changes allowed up to 1 hour before departure without penalty, subject to availability.
- NZDA membership card to be shown at check-in or full retail fare will be charged. Membership card to be in the name of the person travelling.
- Fares subject to change with notification.
- If booking from outside NZ you will need to request your booking be made via email.
- Rates valid for travel 01 February through to 15 December 19
- Please note that no discount applies 19 December 2019 through to and including 31 January 20



## Hunting Reports

It is an abbreviated newsletter this month as your Editor was away in the Southern Ocean for 4 weeks. **The newsletter is way more interesting with your content so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto: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 [wairapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairapanzda@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.

## MAGAZINES WANTED

John Kennedy is looking for two magazines: Stirling 22 model 20 and a LE 303 (any mags. 10 or under). Contact [jk@buckhorn.co.nz](mailto:jk@buckhorn.co.nz)

## 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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