



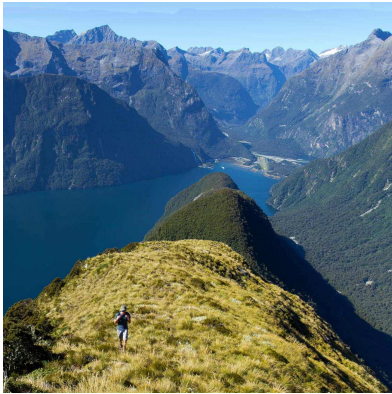
# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

## Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **February 2020**

**General Meeting Wednesday 19 February**  
**7:30 pm Parkvale Hall**  
**Speaker Dave Bashford**

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Our first meeting for 2020. Speaker is **Dave Bashford**, talking about **how to plan a Fiordland trip**. Fiordland is one of New Zealand's iconic hunting destinations. If you're thinking of going, or just dreaming, this is a must. Should be a wealth of information so bring along a pen & paper. Supper afterwards and a chance to catch up on who's been out hunting over the holidays!

We also have a special offer this month. The first 20 people through the door will get a **free dehydrated meal**. Meals have been provided by Radix Nutrition. They are a sports-nutrition company based in the Waikato who have created a range of meals formulated using the highest quality natural ingredients designed to enhance performance, and which they believe are superior to anything else available on the market. We get a chance to find out! As part of a promotion, Radix have provided us with 20 free samples for members to evaluate. They have asked for feedback. All meals are available to order through their website, [www.radixnutrition.com](http://www.radixnutrition.com). The meals we have been given are from their Performance Range: the breakfast meals retail at \$8.90 per meal while the savoury meals cost \$14.90 per meal. If we like what we get, Radix are also offering a short term discount code when you send in our feedback.

## Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**19 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING** Parkvale Hall from 7:30 pm. See details above.

**23 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE** Our second working bee of the year starting 8:30 am Sunday at Amos residence in Upper 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. Wood is available at \$50 per m3 for members (delivery extra). Contact Martin on 027 367 1635 to order.

**1 MARCH CLAY TARGET SHOOT** 1 pm start Sunday at Gladstone range. \$15 per person, ammo available for sale or bring your own. This is a bit earlier than usual, but a good chance to blow the cobwebs out of the shotgun before duckshooting season, or just come along and have some fun. It's a low-key event so suitable for novices as well as the old-hands. If you need to borrow a shotgun contact Alex on 027 435 9216.

**18 MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. This will include the annual President's Report, 2019/20 Financial Report, and election of committee and officers. Again this year we are accepting **nominations for any new committee members and office holders in advance**. Most of the existing executive and committee have agreed to stay on, so you won't be pressured into taking on a position on the night, but we do need new committee members. **Please send any nominations to [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com) by 8 pm on Wednesday 11 March.** The following nominations have been received.

President: Martin Amos

Vice-president: Andrew Dennes

Secretary: Aidan Bichan

Treasurer: Sean Roberts

Committee:

Tracy Amos

Phil Gray

Alex Beesley

Pete Cunningham

Brad Gardiner

Lloyd Rayner

Richard O'Driscoll

**20-22 MARCH ORGANISED TARARUA FLY-IN TRIP** Because nobody took up last year's offer, we have gone back to organising our subsidized fly-in trips on a designated 3-day weekend. Meeting 9 am Friday at Amalgamated Helicopters and flying in to Tararua huts to be picked up Sunday. Parties of three will be put together. Maximum weight restriction (people & gear) of 450 kg. Contact Martin on 027 367 1635 to sign up.

**15 APRIL GENERAL MEETING** Parkvale Hall from 7:30 pm. Speaker TBC

**10 MAY RESILIENT CARTERTON** The club will have a stand at the Carterton Event Centre. Assistance required to set-up and look after our stand on the day.

**20 MAY GENERAL MEETING** Parkvale Hall from 7:30 pm. Speaker TBC

**25-26 JULY NATIONAL CONFERENCE** Waikato.

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



## Recent Events

**15 DECEMBER END OF YEAR BBQ** A good turnout in the sunshine and a great way to end the Club year. See some pictures over the page

**12 JANUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE** A dozen members made a good start on the wood, ringing and splitting. Several loads have been sold and delivered already. Next working bee 23 February. Some photos next page.





## News

### ALFREDTON HUNTS

Several members have already taking advantage of the club's opportunity to hunt on a property at Alfredton. Two parties went out in January and all shot animals. See Steve Playle's story in the Hunting Reports section. More bookings are in place in February Contact Martin on 027 367 1635 to book.

### PARKVALE HALL

Maintenance work required over summer. We are investigating possibility of getting a grant to replace spouting. For hall bookings contact Martin on 027 3671635.

## SEARCH AND RESCUE

River safety training 9 February in the Otaki River. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

## HUTS

Martin met with Wendy Gray (Volunteer Relations DOC) end of last year. Club will soon sign new maintenance agreements for Sayers and Neill Forks Huts. A DOC budget and timetable for maintenance work is under discussion.

There is a motion to wind-up the Tararua Rimutaki Aorangi Huts Committee (after 35 years), with residual funds to be transferred to the Backcountry Trust. A meeting on 1 March at Porirua will vote on this motion and Club is planning to send a representative.

## DEER PARK

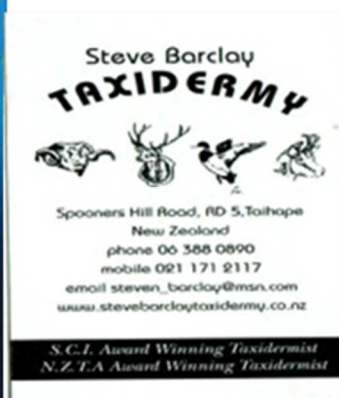
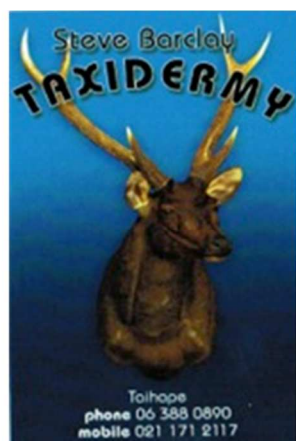
Another fallow fawn was born late 2019 (after the club BBQ). We have arranged for 40 bales of hay and 20 of baleage. Still trying to source some maize grain. Phil has replaced a couple of posts in the race.

## FINANCIALS

Account balance \$5950 with another \$15,000 in term deposits.

## 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!



## NATIONAL OFFICE

### Membership Renewal

National Office will aim to have invoices for the 20/21 year out by mid/late February.

- ☐ PLEASE REFERENCE YOUR PAYMENTS CORRECTLY!
- ☐ PLEASE DO NOT SET UP AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS OR PAY EARLY!

As branch subs usually increase annually, you will most likely be paying the incorrect amount! This will only lengthen the processing time.

The correct method for direct credit payments are:

BANK ACC - 03-0558-0139562-04

Particulars - Your name

Code - Your membership number

Reference - Your invoice number or "NEW MEMBER" (please do not use an old invoice number!)



## Membership Discounts

For those members who are unaware of the recently acquired business discounts, here is an outline of what is currently available:

- Ruahine Taxidermy (North Island, located near Palmerston North) - 10% discount on mounts
- Heli-Sika Helicopters (Kaimanawa range base, Taupo) – 10% on flights to hunting blocks
- Bullivant Taxidermy (North Island, near Auckland) - 10% discount on mounts
- Kilwell Sports, Fishing and Hunting Products - 15% discount on all products
- AJProductions, Game callers and trail cams - 15% discount on all products
- Napier of London, Shooting products - 15% discount on all products
- Real Journeys NZ (based in lower South Island) - 20% off all boat trips etc.
- Remember that NZDA members also get a discount on the Inter- Islander ferry, as well as 30% off DOC hut charges.

## Message from National President to Branches 21 January 2020

Within the past few weeks I have received letters from both Malvern and Nelson branches expressing concerns regarding association finances and expenditure and the Bitrix membership system. These concerns have mirrored similar branch queries so this letter is an update for all. I acknowledge member and branch concerns regarding these issues and the Christmas break and work done over the period can restate the issues and the actions planned or underway.

### 1. Progressing office improvements for the Bitrix system

I agree with the comment from Nelson branch that insufficient expertise was provided or sought in the early stages of Bitrix introduction. Our understanding was that it would meet all NZDA requirements (and current thinking is that it still will) but due to a number of reasons we have struggled to have it fully operational. The work of Sharon Salmons has enabled identification of key problem areas and these will be corrected. NATEX has agreed that resources needed to sort out and correct gaps in our financial procedures including the membership software will have priority over other expenditure. It is my intention and that of NATEX to have Bitrix and its related issues with Xero resolved and fully operational within the next two months.

### 2. Financial cash flow/invoicing non-centralised branches

The payments to National Office from non-centralised branches of capitation monies is urgently required so that branch clearings can be made. I apologise to those branches who may be struggling financially due to their branch clearings being delayed. It is our intent to do this as soon as possible and I thank you for your patience. As president, I am also frustrated by the National Office being unable to discharge its financial obligations to branches.

### 3. Managing the cash flow

NATEX has agreed that only committed expenditure will occur over the next two months, this includes office rent, salaries etc. Where we are not committed to expenditure such as website development (some work is committed) or PR work, this activity is postponed for at least two months. The recruitment and appointment of a CEO remains ongoing but the appointee will probably commence in April.

The National Executive thanks you all for continued patience and understanding.

Regards

Trevor Chappell

National President NZDA

### Vote of No Confidence in NATEX

The NZDA (South Waikato Branch) Incorporated are calling a Special General Meeting to have the current National Executive (National President, National Vice President and National Treasurer) removed from office and their positions within the NZDA National Executive. They are seeking support for this Special General Meeting from other branches and Hutt Valley Branch will also be meeting on 1 February to discuss this motion.

We will discuss these matters at our 19 February general meeting.

### COLFO FAIR AND REASONABLE CAMPAIGN - UPDATE ON COURT CHALLENGE

COLFO has now received the Governments statement of defence to our application for judicial review of Stuart Nash's regulations preventing fair compensation for now prohibited ammunition. We now await the High Court to allocate a hearing date. Meanwhile we continue to work at gathering evidence and assembling a number of expert witnesses. Our lawyers are working on a second claim which has wider implications than just ammo. You can follow the progress of the legal action on our website: [www.fairandreasonable.co.nz](http://www.fairandreasonable.co.nz)

### 9 out of 10 submissions oppose the Arms Legislation Bill

Please see the final update below on the analysis. Thanks to Grant Ockleston (SSANZ). If the Select Committee recommend that the Bill goes forward and MPs vote yes for it then it will clearly show that we have a government that puts Emotion and Dogma before Evidence and Logic. Go tell that to your MPs and demand they listen to the public and vote NO to the Bill. And let them know who you will be voting for in September.

### ARMS ACT AMENDMENT BILL SUBMISSION FINAL UPDATE

#### ALL SUBMISSIONS

Total submission items = 4,210

Total items analysed to date = 4,210

Total Actual Individual Submissions = 3,841

Sub Total Fully Reject Bill = 82.7%

Sub Total Partially Reject Bill = 7.3%

TOTAL Fully and Partially Reject Bill = 90.0%

Sub Total Fully Support Bill = 4.8%

Sub Total Partially Support Bill = 2.0%

TOTAL Fully and Partially Support Bill = 6.8%

TOTAL submission in Others category = 3.2%

(i.e. No specific statement made)

#### SOP408 SUBMISSIONS ONLY

Total submission items = 659

Total items analysed to date = 659

Sub Total Fully Reject Bill = 86.0%

Sub Total Partially Reject Bill = 7.1%

TOTAL Fully and Partially Reject Bill = 93.1%

Sub Total Fully Support Bill = 1.1%

Sub Total Partially Support Bill = 0.7%

TOTAL Fully and Partially Support Bill = 1.8%

TOTAL submission in Others category = 5.1%

(i.e. No specific statement made)

## BILL SUBMISSIONS ONLY

Total submission items = 3182

Total items analysed to date = 3182

Sub Total Fully Reject Bill = 82.0%

Sub Total Partially Reject Bill = 7.3%

TOTAL Fully and Partially Reject Bill = 89.3%

Sub Total Fully Support Bill = 5.6%

Sub Total Partially Support Bill = 2.3%

TOTAL Fully and Partially Support Bill = 7.9%

TOTAL submission in Others category = 2.8%

(i.e. No specific statement made)



## Hunting Reports

To try and attract more content, the **Club is giving \$50 prize for the best newsletter story in 2020.** Open to all members, so **please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com)**

This month we have a report on an Alfredton Hunt by Steve Playle.

### **Steve and Martin's morning hunt** **Steve Playle**

On Saturday 18th January Martin and I headed off to Alfredton for a hunt.

We went to the property that has been made available for club to go hunting. We arrived just before day break with a south easterly wind evident.

We went on the north side of the property and checked for deer on the crop paddocks, and saw about 13 deer grazing on the paddock after a night of feeding. The wind wasn't in our favour and alerted them to our presence. Martin managed to shoot 1 before they disappeared across the boundary into a scrubby gully on the neighbouring property.

After we cleaned it up and took it back to the truck we proceeded to the south side of the farm. We were on our way to check out a scrub filled gully which Martin had seen deer in before and I managed to shoot a spiker on the way out there. We left it to collect on our way back.

Once we got to the gully we spotted a couple of deer lying down on a scrub face. We managed to get in a good position to take a shot and got a hind. The place erupted with deer going in all directions after letting off the shot.

We came across a bambi hiding in the grass as we crossed the gully to locate the deer that had been shot. I got some close up pictures before leaving it be so the hind would come back to it. We saw in excess of 35 deer for the morning.



Contact Martin for more details if you are interested in one of these hunts. Available on weekends if not already booked by another club member.



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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](mailto: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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