



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **August 2020**

**General Meeting Wednesday 19 August
6:30 pm King & Henry, 35-37 Queen Street Masterton
Open night**

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Bargains, spot prizes, and food. Note the earlier start time. Grab a mate or two and come along. New members welcome!



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

19 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING Open night at **King & Henry in Masterton starting 6:30 pm.**

16 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall starting 7:30 pm. Speaker to be confirmed. Drop off heads and photos for Branch competitions.

27 SEPTEMBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT Gladstone range. Note that this is a week later than advertised in some earlier newsletters

27 SEPTEMBER Final date for entries in Branch AHT and Photographic competitions. Entry forms and details in this newsletter.

17 OCTOBER BANCH ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Parkvale Hall. This is a Saturday night. Put it on your calendar now. Fully catered. This is the Branch social event of the year so hoping to get a great turnout. We are hoping to invite new NZDA CEO Gwyn Thurlow along to speak. More details to follow.

Recent Events

16 JULY GENERAL MEETING

A really great turnout of more than 20 members at the Masterton Miniature Rifle Club on a chilly Thursday night. Some good (and not so good) scoring with many lining up for a second card Often for worse results! Tanks to Alex for organising this.



Adults			
Justin Datt	96.4	91.2	90.2
Ralph Jorgensen	92.4		
Sean Roberts	92.3		
Harnish Graham	91.1	90.2	
Francois Lategan	90.3	80.1	
Paul Hodgins	88.2	81	
Kemaron Raynor	86.1	74	
Paul Sayer	85.1		
Gary Warren	85	67	
Lloyd Raynor	83	63	
Liz Warren	81.1	66	
Richard O'Briscoll	80.1		
Uair Hodgins	79.1	78.1	
Morag O'Briscoll	72		
Juniors.			
Peter O'Briscoll	80.1		
Angus Wilkinson	80	68.1	
Steph Graham	78.1	50	
Wayson Trotman	69	56	

25-26 JULY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NZDA's first 'virtual' Conference and AGM was held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of July in Wellington at the Deerstalkers House. Due to the impact of Covid-19, it was decided under Level 2 lockdown that the National Executive must deliver an AGM for our members despite the uncertainty in March and April. The business at Conference took place via Zoom, with notices of motion, remits, elections and voting all occurring without a hitch.

The branch was represented by Aidan Bichan. Aidan noted that with a new National Executive (see below) and direction we should see the organisation move ahead. Some challenges to our branch to attract (and retain) new members - better public engagement, events etc. There was an excellent open forum while votes were being counted - mainly chat around the country - this hopefully will become a quarterly event to foster better communication in the organisation.

2020/2021 National Executive board

Craig Benbow, National President

Alec McIver, National Vice President

Trevor Chappell, Immediate Past National President

Carolyn Heffernan, National Treasurer

Callum Sheridan, North Island Rep

Morgan Rogers, North Island Rep

Ian Owen, South Island Rep

Wayne Smith, South Island Rep

The role of National Secretary is yet to be affirmed by the National Executive.

We look forward to seeing the progress made by the new Executive and CEO.

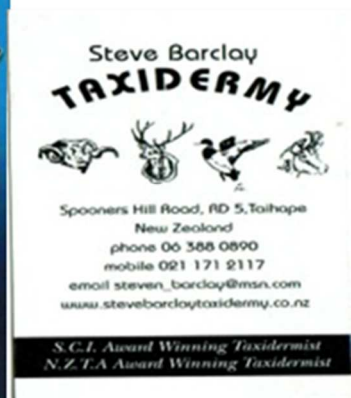
National competition results

Congratulations to branch members Morag and Peter O'Driscoll, who won trophies in the National photography competition.

Morag won the Jock McQuilkan Cup for Other Wildlife: Mammals' for 'Lockdown hedgehog'. Morag was also highly commended in two other categories.



Peter won the Thames Valley Branch trophy for Best Junior Photo for 'Incoming sika'. He also got 2nd and 3rd in the junior section as well as winning the Gore & District Branch trophy: Human Interest for "Trophy down" and 2nd in the same category for "Into the web". Peter had six other photos highly commended.



News

ALFREDTON HUNTS

Lots of deer out there, Aidan to write article for local paper about Branch being available to help farmers control deer. Contact Martin on 027 367 1635 to book a hunt.

PARKVALE HALL

Rentals coming in with Line dancing, DairyNZ. Sean to meet Peter Burgess (Past chair hall committee) to discuss options as the Hall Society has been struck off the Societies register. For hall bookings contact Martin on 027 3671635.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Several PLB call outs recently. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

The Holdsworth Restoration Trust is hosting the Wairarapa showing of films from the Wanaka International Film Festival. To raise funds for the trapping project around Donnelly Flat. These will be shown on **Saturday 22 August** at Regent 3 in Masterton. Here is a link to some shorts:

<https://www.facebook.com/NewZealandMountainFilmFestival/videos/281097466403203/>

Contact John Rhodes on 06 304 9095 for tickets (\$25),

HUTS

Martin talking to Kane Sayer DOC about Sayers, looking for funding from Huts and Tracks, we will wait for results of grant application. TAR Huts Committee meeting 31 August.

DEER PARK

Going well, more feed nuts needed, fallow buck had twine in antlers (removed by Pete and Phil). Grounds need a tidy up (fences, sticks etc). A working bee will occur in September.

FINANCIALS

Closing balance \$6,734 plus \$15,191 in term deposits. Funds in: Line dancing hall hire, Helicopter trip (1 left to pay), DairyNZ, PLB hire, newsletter advertising. Funds out: Life memberships x3, power

RANGE & SHOOTING

Gladstone range is available for the use of members on weekends when not in use. If you want to sight a rifle the best opportunity is Wednesday afternoons between 3 pm and 5 pm as there is nothing else on. Competition shoot **27 September 2020**.

NATIONAL OFFICE

It has been in the past, the norm to provide much background into what is happening nationally of interest to members in our newsletter, however, NZDA National Office has really stepped up its information flow both with media releases and providing more detail and links in monthly newsletters.

These are now popping up in emails on a more frequent basis – we encourage you to open and read these, and for three very important reasons:

- 1) for years we have sought stronger advocacy from NATEX on matters we deem important especially access, animal control and pesticide use, and firearms law and safety
- 2) we now have action as well as an executive officer who is also taking this advocacy to heart and his messages to us and to the rest of NZ are on point and needed as of right now
- 3) it is what we pay for as members, the “goods and services” from National Office are not free and we should appreciate and provide feedback when need be.

So please don't leave these communications unread in your inbox, keep up with what's happening and send feedback to us or NATEX as need be. Of course, for those of you tuned in to Facebook, you can follow NZDA on there as well.

Some highlights below

Branding refresh

Did you notice the new logo on the front page of the newsletter?

As part of our push to modernise our Association, over the past year the National Executive engaged a media consultant and branding expert, Leverage. The result is a suite of new logos, fonts and styles fit for our times. Our new Chief Executive Officer, Gwyn Thurlow, will oversee the delivery of our refreshed branding as well as the full replacement of our website. The official branding launch will occur soon, with the national website to be developed in 2020 over the coming months.

The Wairarapa Branch committee discussed the new branding. We agreed that it should be used on all

correspondence and clothing going forward. This will help promote the branch and national organisation in the eyes of the public.

Q: Why are we doing a brand refresh?

We want our brand to reflect the culture of our Association and to ultimately stand out. Our current brand identity has not kept pace with technology, and the brand refresh will mean it is fit for purpose across digital platforms and give us an opportunity to bring more consistency across the our branches and social media accounts. Our updated look is modern and fresh but is not a wholesale change to our existing identity. We are seeking to enhance what we already have.

Q: What will happen to the old branding?

We will launch the new branding in a sustainable way, which will mean that we will continue to use our existing stationary. Over time however, this will eventually be replaced. All digital formats will use the branding from August. The existing website will remain up until replaced with the new website (this will happen in 2020).

Q: What are the next steps?

NZDA National office will update its stationary, merchandise, IT templates and documents using the new branding. Branches can adopt it as soon as they are able. Branches will be given access to all the files, fonts and style guides.

Q: Can we order swag and merch?

Yes, NZDA will be reaching out to our existing Sponsors – Swazi and Stoney Creek – and get NZDA branded clothing. We are also considering taking orders for hats and t-shirts, subject to demand. Watch this space!

Tahr Control Plan

NZDA made a written submission to DOC which was given in the context of High Court ordered consultation regarding DOC's 2020/21 Tahr Control Implementation Plan.

Here are links to:

- [NZDA written submission](#)
- [NZDA Tahr Hunter Engagement Survey results and analysis](#)

Changes to the Arms Act which may affect you

The following information has been provided by NZ Police and gives more detail on the implementation of the recent law changes and how they may affect you. Please take the time to study these and take note of what applies to you.

A summary of the immediate changes can be found on the New Zealand Police website at:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/new-firearms-laws-and-what-they-mean>
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates>

Information on newly prohibited firearms can be found on the New Zealand Police website at:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/2019-firearm-law-changes-arms-amendment-bill-2>

New changes to the Arms Act have started to come into effect. Police is reaching out to you to share information on the changes and how they may impact you.

The changes will impact on firearms licence holders to a lesser or greater extent depending on your individual activities. The changes give greater transparency to what will be considered when a person applies for a licence. The changes are coming into effect in stages, with the immediate changes summarised below. More information on these and later changes can be found on the Police website. The website is the main source of information for people. It also holds frequently asked questions and will be regularly updated. We encourage you to visit the website to look at the changes in more detail.\

Summary of the immediate changes

- People seeking a firearms licence for the first time will be eligible for a five year licence only. Others who may have let their licence expire or surrendered their licence or had it revoked are also eligible for a five year licence. At the end of the five year licence and if they have retained their fit and proper status they then will be eligible to apply for a ten year licence.
- A small group of additional firearms are now prohibited, including those short (pistol-length) semi-automatic rifles that had been defined as pistols because of their shorter lengths, and centrefire pump-action rifles with a detachable magazine or a non-detachable magazine capable of holding more than 10 cartridges. There are also new requirements for lawful possession of a pistol carbine conversion kit (which converts a pistol into a shoulder-fired firearm). An amnesty is in place against criminal prosecution for possession of the above noted items. Regulations will be developed to enable a new buy-back and this will be well publicised when dates are confirmed. We ask that if you have one of the prohibited items or a pistol carbine conversion kit, that you please safely and securely store these items. You can visit the website to find out if you are eligible to apply for an endorsement and permit to possess to retain and use these items.
- Endorsements for wild animal and animal pest controllers will have a maximum duration of 2 years and 6 months.
- Additional exemptions have been created for those who own or manage an agricultural business and there is a real possibility the commercial viability of the business would be detrimentally affected by wild animals or animal pests and they can only be controlled through the use of prohibited firearms.
- Visitors to New Zealand will no longer be able to buy and take ownership of a firearm for use during their visit (they can buy and export only). However, visitors can import their own firearm, and lease, hire or borrow another firearm.
- New and updated offences and penalties.
- A Minister of Police's advisory group comprised of both firearm-owning and non-firearm-owning people must now be established to provide ongoing advice to the Minister.
- The Arms Act is set to be reviewed again in 2025.

Note on future changes

More changes will be coming into force from December 2020, from June 2021, from June 2022, and from June 2023. More detailed information on those changes will be put on the Police website in due course.

We encourage you to please visit the website for more information, including questions and answers. If you can't find the information you are looking for on our website, you can call 0800 311 311.

Kind regards

A/Supt Mike McIlraith

Business Lead: Firearms Transformation Programme

Officer in Charge: Arms Act Service Delivery Group

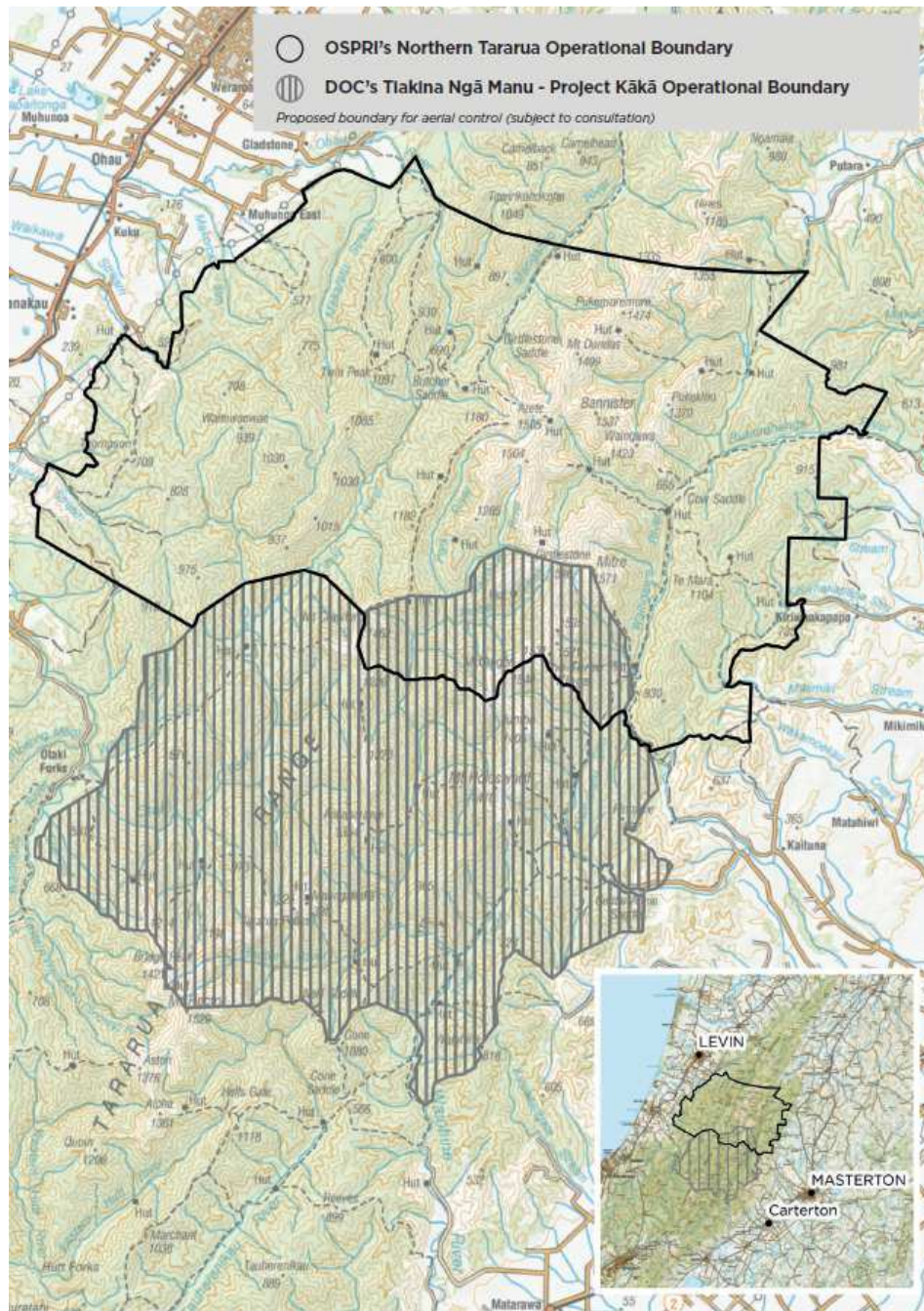
The firearms community has requested the opportunity to meet local political candidates. Parkvale Hall may be the venue, possibly Monday 17th August for National and Sunday 6th September. The dates will be sent by email once confirmed.



TARARUA 1080

OSPRI New Zealand and the Department of Conservation are planning a combined aerial operation to target predators in the Northern Tararua Range during Winter/Spring 2020. This operation will help reduce the possum and rodent populations to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis (TB) and help protect taonga species populations.

The operation was scheduled to begin in June/July 2020, however due to delays caused by Covid-19, the operation is now scheduled to begin in August/September 2020. Timing of this operation will be weather-dependent. Please see the map of the proposed operational area below; alternatively, please refer to the factsheet online: www.ospri.co.nz/operational-status. Please read this carefully, as it contains vital information about the operation. The operation will be using sodium fluoroacetate, also known as 1080.





WAIRARAPA BRANCH Antler, Horn & Tusk competitions for year to 30 September 2020 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 **Saturday 26 September 2020.**
- Entry forms and AH&T Trophies (heads) in the hands of Greg Hamilton (King and Henry), or Joe Hansen (phone 027 692 6465), by **5 pm Sunday 27 September.**
- Photographs to be with Tracy Amos (06 3795454) by **5 pm Sunday 27 September.**
- Entries can also be dropped off at the General Meeting 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall **16 September 2020**
- Branch Prize-Giving – presentation of Awards & Certificates – **Saturday 17 October 2020.**

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. **Because of the Covid disruptions in 2020, the committee have agreed that entries will be accepted as long as members have paid their 2020-21 subscription before 31 July 2020.**
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!

A reminder about the categories:

- Red deer, public land (Avon Tatton Shield)
- Red deer, private land (Steve Ticehurst cup)
- Classic Red deer (J.M. Jury shield)
- Best goat head (Crawford Cameron shield)
- Best head where a trophy fee is paid (Playle trophy)
- Best pig jaw –undrawn tusks (Harvie Morrow shield)
- Best pig jaw – Drawn Tusks (N. Tilsey Sheild)
- Aggregate, two or more species (V.V. Donald shield)
- Best head other species
- Best trophy head ‘under 20’
- Tahr / Chamois (Max Cole Barometer)

Photographic categories are:

- Game animals in their wild, outdoor state (W.F. McIntyre Cup)
- Other Wildlife in its wild, outdoor state and not in any form of captivity (V.V. Donald Shield)
- Scenic relative to the sport of hunting (B.W. Newport Cup)
- Other – not covered in other categories (K Gear Cup)
- Junior photograph (Amos Cup)

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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

No stories or photos this month. Only one month left to get stories in eligible for the prize!

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.

FIORDLAND ACCOMMODATION

We would like to introduce our Accommodation Property to you and your Club Members, as a place to stay overnight or for multiple nights when on Hunting Trips in Fiordland. Our location has perfect access to Southlands popular Hunting areas.

We welcome all enquiry and are happy to discuss individual and group requirements with you and your members.

- A Group discount applies when 10 or more people book to stay on the same dates.
- Group catering in our Restaurant 'Pioneer' is available. A minimum number of 10 people applies.
- Self-catering is available in our Private Suites.
- Lone Moose Backpackers kitchen is available for people who book to stay in backpacker rooms.
- Ample boat parking at the Lodge.
- Recommendations & bookings can be made on your behalf for fishing guides & boat charters.
- Due to our Property being in Fiordland National Park Lodge, dogs are not permitted on the property.
- Helicopter pad available for FIFO.
- Boat Ramp 600 metres from the Lodge.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries you may have.

Kind regards

Trish | Lodge Manager

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HUNTING BOOKS

Hi my name is Colin Geertson and I am 82 years old. Over the next two or three years my wife and I need to downsize our home, so I have decided to start de-cluttering. Hence this email. I would appreciate if you would pass this email plus attachment on to your members. All prices were taken from online 2nd-hand books.

My email address is – colingert@xtra.co.nz. My mobile phone is 027-6579512 but it is a waste of time phoning as I never hear it in time to answer. Texts are okay. My landline is 03-5793101

AUTHOR	TITLE	PRICE
Kelly, Greg	Guns in the Hills	\$35
Kelly, Greg	The Gun in the Case	\$138
Helmer, Ron	Stag Party	\$25
Holden, Philip	Seasons of a Hunter	\$73
Holden, Philip	Backblocks	\$75
Holden, Philip	Hunter by Profession	\$45
Holden, Philip	On Target	\$30
Holden, Philip	Pack and Rifle	\$60
Holden, Philip	Holden on Hunting	\$??
Holden, Philip	Hunt South	\$38
Lyver, Andy	Fair Chase	\$19
Scott, Peter	Weekend Hunter	\$30
Rutherford, Ben	A View from the Brothers	\$37
Tinsley, Ray	Call of the Moose	\$36
Severinsen, Keith	Hunter Climb High	\$55
Forrester, Rex	Hunting in New Zealand	\$??
Forrester, Rex	Hunter for Hire	\$37
Severinsen, Keith	Hunt the Far Mountain	\$50
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Curtis, Max	Beyond the Rivers Bend	\$30
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McConochie, Newto	You'll Learn no Harm in the Hill	\$50
Davey, Colin	Deer on my Doorstep	\$40
Banwell, D Bruce	Wapiti in New Zealand	\$213
Banwell, D Bruce	The Red Stags of the Rakia	\$278
Ruark, Robert	Use Enough Gun	\$134
McCristal, Vic	Top End Safari	\$71
Holden, Philip	Along the Dingo Fence	\$88
Holden, Philip	The Hunting Experience	\$80
Holden, Philip	Always Another Hill	\$???
Cameron, Murray	Trophy Hunter	\$50
Forrester, Rex	True Hunting Adventures	\$60
Holden, Philip	The Deer Hunters	\$47
Holden, Philip	The Golden Years of Hunting	\$56
Pittaway, Bob	The Lure of the Hills	\$33
Axbey, Bill	Along the Track	\$122

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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<https://www.facebook.com/WairarapaNZDA>

The website is at: <http://www.wairarapanzda.org.nz/>. Thanks to **Nick Perkins** who has taken over as website administrator!

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.