



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **October 2020**

**Annual Dinner & Prize-giving Saturday 17 October
6:00 pm Parkvale Hall, corner of Moreton & Para Roads
No general meeting on Wednesday 21 October**

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Tickets \$15 single, \$25 double, \$5 under 12 years, \$10 superannuitants. BYO drinks. Fully catered.

Dave McKay is kindly supplying lamb for a spit roast, and committee members have procured venison and pork. We will run a big raffle with major prize vouchers from Hunting & Fishing and King & Henry stores, as well as spot prizes. Bring lots of cash for raffle tickets! This is the Branch social event of the year so hoping to get a great turn-out. Speaker is **Scott Trail** with some of his 'toys'.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

16 OCTOBER DINNER SET-UP Parkvale Hall from 6 pm - fish and chips supplied.

17 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Parkvale Hall. Details above. Don't forget to vote first!

14-15 NOVEMBER WANGANUI SPRING FALLOW HUNT Leaving Friday night, back Sunday afternoon. \$30 per person for 2 nights' accommodation and \$100 per deer. Likely to be limited to yearlings and spikers. Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363 to get your name down.

18 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall starting 7:30 pm. We hope to have Gwyn Thurlow NZDA CEO speaking.

5 DECEMBER END OF YEAR BBQ Venue and timing to be confirmed, Various options being explored including the deer park. Our final get together of 2020

12-13 DECEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW HUNT Same details as for November trip. A perfect chance to get some great eating venison for Xmas. Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363.



Recent Events

16 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

No speaker, but a good turn-out of over 20 with some new members and old friends.

30 SEPTEMBER HEAD MEASURING NIGHT.

A great section of heads were entered for the 2020 club competition. Thanks to Joe Hansen and his team of scorers who had a solid 4-hour session of measuring. Find out the winners at the Annual Dinner!



10 OCTOBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT Postponed from 27 September due to bad weather. Full results will be in November newsletter, but some good competition reported across all categories.

11 OCTOBER PARKVALE HALL WORKING BEE

Inside and outside jobs to get the hall tidy ahead of the annual dinner. A couple of committee members started early at 9 am, and by 10 am there were 8 members mucking in.



News

ALFREDTON HUNTS

No reports. Contact Martin on 027 3671635 to book a hunt.

PARKVALE HALL

Good working bee on Sunday. Aidan had weed-sprayed and mowed the lawns prior. Spouting replacement started thanks to Garry Warren and his team.

Members of the committee met with Allan Renall and Peter Burgess from the Parkvale Hall Society about future management of the Hall and lands. A draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Hall Society has been drafted and sent to Allan and Peter for discussion/approval. Sean and Phil to discuss conveyancing, once the signed MOU is received.

For hall bookings contact Martin on 027 3671635.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Snow training 6-8 Nov, SarEx 13-16 Nov with Wellington. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

RANGE & SHOOTING

Successful shooting competition and barbeque on 10 October. Competition results in November newsletter with winners announced at Annual Dinner. 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 7 pm as there is nothing else on.

HUTS

No reports.

DEER PARK

19 rabbits shot by Murray Clark. We don't need to TB test in future but will need to put the EID tags in as soon as the fallow buck has dropped his antlers. We recovered the red stag's cast antlers - 18 points as a 2 year old!

FINANCIALS

Closing balance \$6,163 plus \$15,191 in term deposits.

FUNDRAISING

We are looking for trees for our next firewood working bee. Please contact Martin on 027 3671635 if you have any leads.

NATIONAL OFFICE

You should all be receiving the National newsletter by email.

The latest issue of Hunting & Wildlife magazine includes National Competition winners including photographs by Wairarapa Branch members Morag and Peter O'Driscoll

KING AND HENRY

Tony Roseingrave has sold his remaining share to son Willie. Tony has been a long-time supporter of the Branch (30 years?) putting in time, donating goods, subsidising product and generally being a good bugger.



NEW OLD TROPHY ON DISPLAY

Jack Lutrell's Wairongamai head is being lent to the branch for display.

POLICE VETTING

COLFO have been made aware that some Police and/or vetting officers have been asking to record the details of standard (A Cat) firearms when carrying out routine security inspections.

While Police may inspect the security you provide to store your firearms there is at this time nothing in the Arms Act that requires them to record details of A cat firearms such as serial numbers.

Under Section 55 they may demand to inspect a specific firearm, by make model and serial number, to ensure it complies with information you have provided in respect of a permit for example, but may not inspect and record ALL your firearms, unless you consent.

Positive Changes to Tahr Control Plan

Discussions between the Game Animal Council (GAC) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) have resulted in some positive changes to where the Department will focus tahr control outside Aoraki/Mt Cook and Westland Tai Poutini National Parks.

Reallocation of hours between and within management units will see a number of more accessible tahr hunting areas left for hunters while there will be an emphasis on control work in more inaccessible and remote locations.

“It makes much more sense for control operations to concentrate on places that are either seldom visited by hunters or very difficult to access,” says Game Animal Council General Manager Tim Gale. “We are pleased

that DOC has agreed not to cull some of the more popular hunting spots and has reduced the hours it will spend in areas with low tahr densities.”

Operations have been reduced within the South Rakaia and Upper Rangitata management unit that is heavily used by hunters, while the Two Thumbs/Sinclair (Mesopotamia) area, Naumann Range, Ben Ohau Range south of Fred’s Stream, and the Wills/Makarora/Hunter management unit will not see any further control work. Control will be increased in some of the more remote areas west of the main divide where tahr densities are high and hunters struggle to access.

“There is also a commitment that control work will not take place close to or around road ends, huts and helicopter landing sites frequently used by hunters and other backcountry users.”

“We hope this change of emphasis outside the national parks will provide hunters with some decent hunting opportunities in accessible locations.”

“The GAC looks forward to further collaboration with DOC to build the scientific basis for future tahr management, including improved understanding of populations and herd demographics, as well as the impact of tahr on native vegetation in different locations,” says Gale.

“We firmly believe a collaborative approach that complements existing hunting activity is the way forward when it comes to the management of New Zealand’s highly-valued game animal species.”

Information on the changes to the 2020-21 Tahr Control Operational Plan are available at <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/things-to-do/hunting/what-to-hunt/tahr/tahr-control-operations/>

Future 1080 operations

OSPRI is inviting feedback on proposed 2021 TBfree disease control operations from 14 August 2020. Proposed aerial possum control operations are in support of the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Plan for 2021. The proposed areas of operation includes the Aorangis and southern Remutakas

The consultation was only open until 30 September 2020, but if you want to have a say then there are several channels:

By email to consultation@ospri.co.nz

By post to National TBfree Operations Consultation, PO Box 3412, Wellington 6140

By phone on 0800 482 463

By completing the form on the www.ospri.co.nz/have-your-say website.



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Hunting Reports

All those trophies entered in the AHT competitions and no stories again this month! Come on guys and gals there must be some interesting tales to tell? To encourage contributions we are offering a **prize of \$50 for the best newsletter story** from October 2020 to September 2021, Open to all members, so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com. The 2019-20 story competition winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner.

Thanks to Gary Warren for the photo below of Derek Williams with a nice South Wairarapa red.



Buy, Sell, and Swap

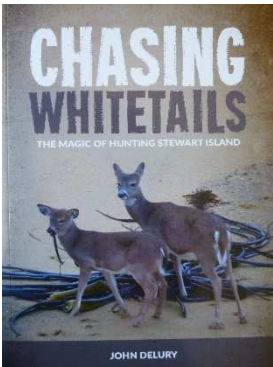
If you have hunting or outdoor related items that you want to buy, sell, or swap, then we'll include these in the Newsletter free of charge (better than TradeMe). Send items (with picture if you wish) to wairarapanzda@gmail.com

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.

NZDA BOOK OFFER

CHASING WHITETAILS The magic of hunting Stewart Island. Author John DeLury



John is Chairman of Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust and a Life member of Southland Branch NZDA. This book is the result of forty years & well in excess of one hundred trips hunting Stewart Island. The book documents many of those hunts as well as the history of many of the hunting blocks. There are 41 chapters, 256 pages, full colour throughout and the spine is stitched. It also covers the history of whitetail on the Island and some of the research projects John has been involved in and includes habits of the animals and some hunting hints. A review of the book can be seen at:-

<https://thefishingpaper.pdfmobile.nz/the-fishing-paper/february-2020-issue-173/hunting-news/chasing-whitetails-the-magic-of-hunting-stewart-island>

The book is \$40 plus post. Up to three books can be sent on one pack. Autographed on request. To order contact John DeLury wtd243@gmail.com or 0276925338

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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