



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **September 2020**

**General Meeting Wednesday 16 September
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall, corner of Moreton & Para Roads
Speaker to be confirmed**

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The committee is still trying to line up a speaker for the evening, but rest assured the meeting will go ahead. A great opportunity to drop off your entries for the Antler, Horn & Tusk, and Photographic competitions. And a chance to catch up on everybody's winter hunting successes. Followed by supper.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

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 starting 10 am. Details later in this newsletter.

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

30 SEPTEMBER HEAD MEASURING NIGHT. Starting 7 pm in Parkvale Hall. Members of the scoring team only, unless arranged with Joe Hansen.

11 OCTOBER PARKVALE HALL WORKING BEE Starting at 10 am at the Hall. Inside and outside jobs to get the hall tidy ahead of the annual dinner.

17 OCTOBER BANCH ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Parkvale Hall. This is a Saturday night and the new date of the election. Doors will open 6 pm. You should be contacted soon by one of the committee to confirm numbers (which will be capped at 100 if we stay in Level 2). Fully catered. Tickets \$15 single, \$25 double, \$5 under 12 years, \$10 superannuitants. BYO drinks. Will run a big raffle with vouchers from Hunting stores as prizes plus any donated items. This is the Branch social event of the year so hoping to get a great turn-out. We have invited new NZDA CEO Gwyn Thurlow along to speak on the night.

18 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall starting 7:30 pm. Speaker to be confirmed.

Recent Events

19 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

There was a good turnout of about 30 members for the open night at King & Henry in Masterton. Thanks to the team there for opening up and putting on pizza and drinks. I hope a few good bargains were scored? Please continue to support our sponsors whose advertisements appear in this newsletter.



News

ALFREDTON HUNTS

Contact Martin on 027 367 1635 to book a hunt.

PARKVALE HALL

Members of the committee met with Allan Renall and Peter Burgess from the Parkvale Hall Society about future management of the Hall and lands. Options include the branch takes over the Hall Society or it "purchases" the land as a community organisation. Any arrangement will need to clearly keep the Hall in local community ownership as per the original intention. There is a working bee starting 10 am on Sunday 11 October to tidy up the hall and grounds before the annual dinner. Garry Warren has arranged discounted spouting and installation. Barge boards and door & window frames need painting – we may have sponsor for paint. For hall bookings contact Martin on 027 3671635.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Good social event recently, PLB callout to Reeves track recently - Westpac responded. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

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.

Wairarapa NZDA Annual Competition Shoot Gladstone Range 27th September 2020 at 10am

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.

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.

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 military calibre ie; 6.5x55, .303 etc.

Notes:

All shooters to bring their own ammunition. Shooting mats may be used. No muzzle breaks.

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 you require any more information please do not hesitate to call Alex on 027 4359 216

HUTS

No reports.

DEER PARK

Going well, need more nuts - Phil to arrange. Rabbits to be controlled shortly.

FINANCIALS

Closing balance \$6,794 plus \$15,191 in term deposits. Heli trip all paid. Two newsletter advertisers still to pay. Hall insurance of \$1,670 due.

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NATIONAL OFFICE

You should all be received the National newsletter by email recently.

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.

Tahr Control Plan

DOC has released its decision on the reconsidered 2020-21 Tahr Control Operational Plan. The reconsidered Plan is available at <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/parks-and-recreation/hunting/tahr/tahr-control-operational-plan-2020-21.pdf>

While the Game Animal Council welcomes greater involvement in further development of the Plan outside the national parks and will engage constructively to balance conservation values with sensible game animal management we remain concerned that the decision to proceed with the culling of bulls in the national parks is based on short-term population targets rather than longer-term management objectives.

DOC have also published maps on their website to show where tahr have been culled during the 2020-2021 control operations so far. The maps also show where mature bull tahr outside the National Parks were sighted and may prove useful to tahr hunters planning their next trip. The maps are available here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/things-to-do/hunting/what-to-hunt/tahr/tahr-control-operations/tahr-sightings-maps/>

New firearms laws

A number of changes to firearms rules made through the much-debated amendments to the Arms Act came into effect in June. You can find a summary of those at:

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

Further legislative changes are staggered over the next few years and will come into force in December 2020, June 2021, June 2022, and June 2023.



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 offered a \$50 prize for the best newsletter story in 2020.

No stories or photos again this month, so eligible entries for the prize are:

February 2020: Steve and Martin's morning hunt by Steve Playle

April 2020: Alfredton ABC by Richard O'Driscoll

April 2020: Solo trip by Lloyd Rayner

May 2020: 8 Pointer each by Mark Wellington

June 2020: A right royal adventure or two by Sean Roberts

The competition will run again from October 2020 to September 2021, Open to all members, so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com

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.

CAMPER TRAILER

Camper trailer for sale suitable for four-wheel-drive it will go most places easy to put up there is an awning that comes out from the door right out about 4 m as well there is a water tank underneath the trailer holds a fair amount of water with electric pump putting it out there if anyone is interested give Neil a call on 0210736162.



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.