



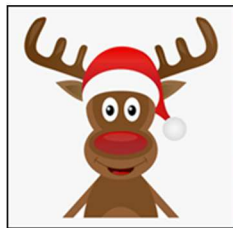
# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **December 2020**

**Christmas Barbecue Sunday 6 December  
11 am Deer Park, Masterton  
No general meetings in December or January**

## Christmas barbecue Sunday 6 December 11:00 am Deer Park Masterton

A family event to end the year with sausage sizzle and lolly scramble. BYO salads or sides and non-alcoholic drinks (it is a public venue), Sausages & bread supplied. Venue may change if it is wet – there will be an email sent out before 9 am Sunday. No e-mail means it's at the Deer Park!



## Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**6 DECEMBER END OF YEAR BBQ MASTERTON DEER PARK** See details above

**12-13 DECEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW HUNT** Leaving Friday night, back Sunday afternoon. \$30 per person for 2 nights' accommodation and \$100 per deer. Limited to yearlings (may be reduced to \$50) and spikers Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363.

**17 JANUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE** Lloyd Rayner has kindly donated some mature pine trees. We made good inroads into these at the December working bee, but there is still a heap of wood! Starting 9 am at Lloyd's place 73 Diversion Road (off SH53). Bring your chainsaw, splitter, or just a pair of hands. We will

ring then split the logs. Personal protective gear (including ear muffs) is absolutely essential! Wood on sale at the special price of \$50 per m<sup>3</sup> for those that participate in the Working Bee

**23-25 JANUARY TARARUA FLY-IN TRIP** Wellington Anniversary weekend. Parties of three to Tararua huts with Amalgamated Helicopters. Branch will subsidise 50% of costs for members. Make up your own party and choose your hut or contact Martin and he will assign you to a group/hut. Call (don't text!) Martin on 027 3671635 to get your name down.

**17 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING** Our first meeting for 2021. Starting at 7:30 pm in Parkvale Hall. National NZDA CEO Gwyn Thurlow has been invited to speak.

## Recent Events

### 14-15 NOVEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW HUNT

Ten members enjoyed some great weather and shot 14 deer. There was a discounted price of \$50 for yearlings which meant some tasty venison is on the Christmas menu. One junior member shot her first deer (well done Grace!) and Nick got his first (& second) fallow. Photos below by another junior, Peter O'Driscoll





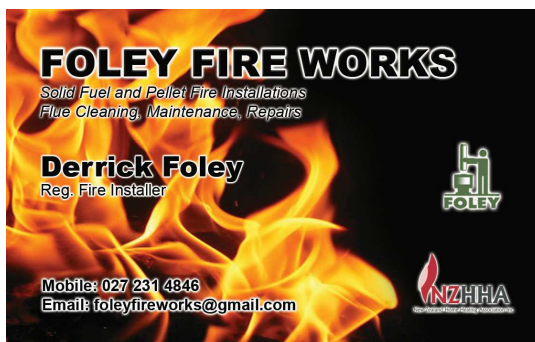


## 18 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Thirteen people enjoyed the chance to have a look around SAR base in Masterton and hear about the great work they do.

## 29 NOVEMBER FIREWOOD WORKING BEE

Eight members made good inroads into the pile of logs and a few others sneaked back during the week to ring and split more for their own trailers. There is still a heap of wood left. Next working bee is 17 January.



## News

### ALFREDTON HUNTS

Only one booking since lambing - Francois shot a goat. Another party is hunting 5-6 December. Call (don't text!) Martin on 027 3671635 to book a hunt.

### PARKVALE HALL

Regular bookings are still coming through which help to pay for rates and insurance. For hall bookings contact Martin on 027 3671635.

Once again thanks to Gary Warren and his team at **Valley Plumbing** for donating their time to replace hall spouting 😊

## SEARCH AND RESCUE

A couple of recent Tararua call-outs were handled by the rescue helicopter. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

## RANGE & SHOOTING

No reports. 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 8 pm as there is nothing else on.

## HUTS

No reports.

## DEER PARK

Come along and see for yourself at the club barbecue on 6 December. The red stag has damaged his antlers in velvet, but will be OK.

## FINANCIALS

Closing balance \$6,821 plus \$15,191 in term deposits.

## FUNDRAISING

Next firewood working bee 17 January. See details earlier in newsletter. Any surplus wood will be sold. Rates \$70 m<sup>3</sup> for members who don't go to the working bee and \$100 per m<sup>3</sup> for general public.

## NATIONAL OFFICE

You should all be receiving the National newsletter by email.

The National Office are developing a new website with links to Branches (going live soon)

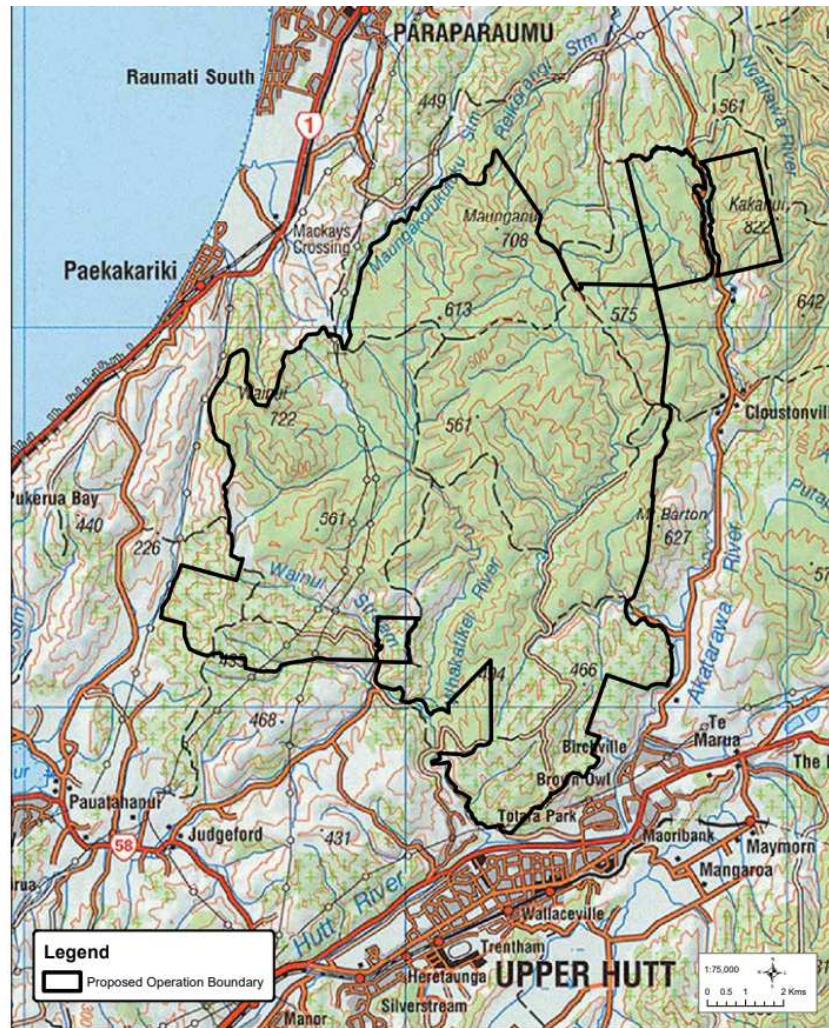
The screenshot shows the NZDA (New Zealand Deerstalkers Association) website. The header includes the NZDA logo and navigation links: Join, Branches, Press Releases, Venue Hire, Contact Us. A dark navigation bar contains links: WHAT WE DO, JOIN & SUPPORT US, TRAINING COURSES, ABOUT US, RESOURCES, and SHOP. The main banner features a scenic image of snow-capped mountains. Below the banner, the page is titled 'Home / WAIRARAPA'. Two buttons are visible: 'Hire our hall BOOK NOW' and 'find a branch and JOIN NOW'. The page content is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'NORTH ISLAND / WAIRARAPA BRANCH' and includes links for HUNTS, Range, Map, Website, Facebook, and an email address: wairarapanzda@gmail.com. It also lists the address: Deerstalkers Hall, Corner of Moreton and Para Roads, Carterton. The right column is titled 'IN THIS SECTION' and lists 'BRANCHES' with links for Northland, Whangarei, North Auckland, and Auckland.



## Rescheduled Akatarawa Forest Possum Control Project to February-March 2021

GWRC have previously notified the general public and neighbouring properties about an Akatarawa aerial possum control project and had advised that the project would be undertaken in November 2020. However they had not finished discussions with some adjacent occupiers for this project, so decided to reschedule the project until February-March 2021. More specifically, they are proposing to undertake the project in the following timeframe, although this will still be dependent on completing all the necessary preliminary work and suitable weather conditions:

- Pre-feed application between 16th February to 3rd March; and
- 1080 application, 9th March onwards (after the Karapoti Classic mountainbike event)



**Akatarawa Forest**

**HONDA**

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## FIREARMS LICENCING

Police have now moved from the paper based system to a digital one for Firearms Licence applications and renewals. The single page hand written application to renew a Firearms Licence is no more. It has been replaced by an online 35 page pdf which applicants download from the Police website.

Members need to be aware that applications to renew their licences are now to be done on this form. The first two pages explain some workarounds for people who may not have access to the internet or the skills to complete a pdf on a computer. There is an option to print out the 35 pages and fill it in by hand and deliver it to the local police station.

Many members may need assistance from others to complete these forms or access to a computer and likely a printer.

These forms will be processed by Police after submission and the Police will then send questionnaires to the nominated referees. I have not seen the questionnaires, but they will most likely be sent via email to the referee and be in a similar, hopefully shorter, pdf format. After the initial internal assessment, Police will then send the complete and reviewed application and referee questionnaires electronically to the local Police Firearms Licence Vetting Officer who will, with the aid of a laptop computer, conduct face to face interviews with the applicant (new or renewing) and their referees. The Vetting Officer may receive directives for further enquiry to be carried out in the face to face interviews. The Police approach is now officially a regulatory rather than an administrative one.

Members would be advised to check the expiry date of their Firearms Licences and familiarise themselves with the new system. Quite a few collectors who had lifetime licences pre 1991 will find the 10 year cycle for renewal will approach in the next 2 to 4 years.

Perhaps members who are confident in computer use could offer their assistance to local members who are more uncertain. Branches might consider a buddy system for members to help other members.

I think it is important that senior members (who predominate in our Association) are not put off by this new technology. It would be a pity for collectors to withdraw from their lifelong interest because continuing looks too hard. It is in our collective interest (pun not intended!) to mutually support all members and not lose the knowledge our community shares.

I am also concerned that others in the wider firearms community might find the challenge of the digital application too difficult and thus opt out. There is a higher risk of non-compliance when something appears more difficult than before. We must, as law abiding licence holders, encourage all in the firearms owning community to meet their legal obligations. We should be prepared to help people maintain compliance.

Kind regards,  
Dennis (SSANZ)

PS. This is the link to the Police web site page on the new application method:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/licences-permits-and-endorsements/apply-new-zealand-firearms>

## Hunting Reports

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](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com).



Holdsworth Trig (in November) by Richard O'Driscoll

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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.

### Hunters Element Casual pants.

Molesworth. Colour is light brown.

\$40 size 4xl. Brand new with tags. Never worn.

Online order error.



**Molesworth Trouser × 1**

Taupo / Sz4XL



## Wall mount gun racks

2 rifle \$35

3 rifle \$40

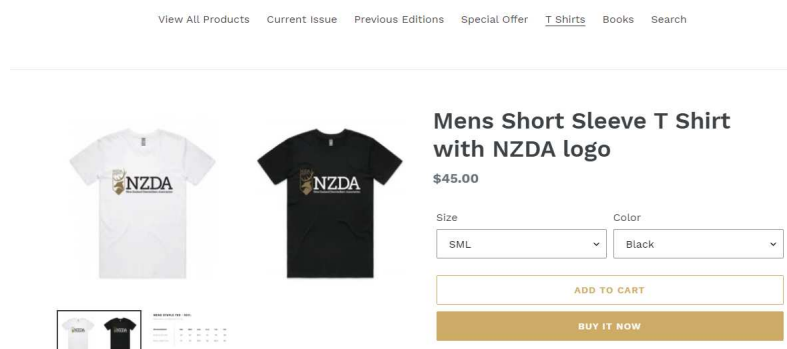
Rrp is \$50. Ideal for the bach, or welding into your hunting truck.



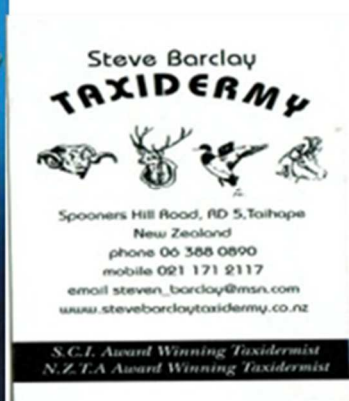
See Sean on club night or phone 021 822 802

## NZDA MERCHANDISE

NZDA T-Shirts and NZDA Bumper Stickers can now be purchased through their online shop! They have sourced high quality items that will last.



<https://nzda.shop/collections/all>





## 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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