



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **April 2021**

NO General Meeting for April
Next meeting Wednesday 19 May
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

No general meeting for April

With many people away – either out hunting or for school holidays - we will not be holding an April meeting. Hoping everybody enjoys some success this year. Stay safe out there and see you at the next meeting on May 19th.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

21 APRIL NO GENERAL MEETING School holidays and hunting!

1-2 MAY DUCK-SHOOTING OPENING WEEKEND

5 MAY COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm

15-16 MAY WANGANUI FALLOW HUNT Already full.

19 MAY GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. We have invited the police along to talk about new firearms licencing process.

Recent Events

17 MARCH AGM

An excellent turn-out with 35 members present. Raffle prizes were sponsored by Amos Construction (Zeiss scope), Wairarapa Hunting and Fishing (Leopold binoculars & wind meter), and King & Henry (vouchers). Kerry Fitzgerald was the first prize winner taking home the scope!



President's address

President Martin Amos stepped down after 7 years as Branch president. He touched on some of the highlights of the past, Covid-disrupted, year including:

- **Range & Shooting** - special thanks to Alex Beesley, for organising various shooting competitions throughout the year.
- **AHT** - thanks to Joe Hansen, Greg Hamilton, Steve Playle, and Brad Gardner for scoring.
- **Photographic** – special mention to junior Peter O'Driscoll for winning two first place awards in National competition.
- **Huts** – frustration of working with DOC. Still trying to arrange maintenance work at Sayers.
- **Hunting opportunities** - Wanganui trips continue to be popular and thanks to Andrew Wilkinson for coordinating. Fly-in trips disrupted due to Covid and weather. Disappointment that so few members took advantage of opportunity provided by Alfredton property lease. This will not be renewed.
- **Deer Park** – thanks to Phil Gray, Paul Sayer, Andrew Dennes and Ray Wallace for all their efforts. Also to Masterton District Council for providing feed. Possible extension of area for third pen.
- **Firewood Working Bees** –still the club's major fundraiser. Thanks to Lloyd Rayner for arranging trees.
- **Memberships** – steadily increasing.
- **Club nights** – continued to encourage variety with King & Henry open night, smallbore shooting and SAR visit.
- **Hall** – thanks to Sean Roberts and Gwyn Thurlow for their work with Parkvale Trust arranging transfer of land to Branch. Regular hires have paid for rates and insurance. Thanks to Gary & Liz Warren and the team at Valley Plumbing for new guttering.
- **Committee** – Thanks to committee. Brad Gardner stepping down.

Sharon Playle thanked Martin on behalf of Branch for his term as President.

Treasurer's report

Sean Roberts presented the club's accounts. The financial statement was prepared by Bill Duncan Financial Services. Total society funds were \$116,158 made up of \$91,252 of assets, term deposits of \$15,614, and a cheque account balance of \$8,656. Total income for 2020/21 was \$11,638 which was made up mainly from firewood sales (\$3,652), memberships (\$965), and the annual dinner and auction (\$3,071). Annual expenditure was \$10,415 which included hall costs (insurance, rates, power etc) of \$3,658 and costs associated with the dinner (\$2,046). The net profit from annual dinner was just over \$1000. Income from memberships has decreased because of an increase in capitation from National Office.

The full financial statement will soon be available at www.societies.govt.nz. Click on "search for a society" under online services and enter the organization number 216621.

Bill Duncan was re-appointed as auditor for 2021/22.

Subscription fees for 2022/23 were set. The AGM voted to keep the annual subscription all classes of membership at the same rates as 2021/22.

Election of officers for 2020/21

President: Andrew Dennes

Vice-president: Sean Roberts

Secretary: Aidan Bichan

Treasurer: Sean Roberts

Committee:

Martin Amos

Tracy Amos

Phil Gray

Alex Beesley

Pete Cunningham

Murray Clark

Gary Warren

Lloyd Rayner

Richard O'Driscoll

Derrick Foley

Hamish Graham

Derek Williams

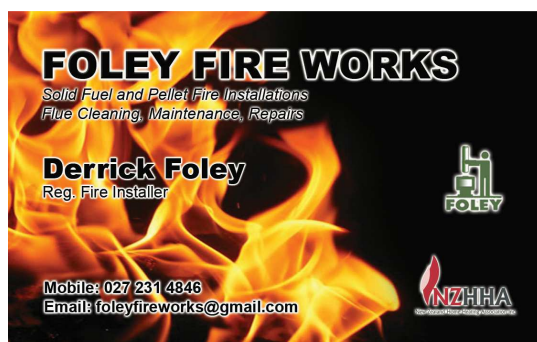
Shane Lehmstedt

Shane Dougan

Welcome to the new President and committee members!

General business

Speaker Gwyn Thurlow the CEO of the National Office gave a very interesting and impressive presentation on what National Office is doing and how our membership money is being spent. Great to see such an enthusiastic and motivated person (& keen hunter) in charge.



27 MARCH BRANCH CLAY TARGET SHOOT GLADSTONE RANGE Report from Alex Beesley

The clay scores are as follows;

- 1st Greg H with 24/35
- 2nd Phil G with 18/35
- 3rd Derrick F with 16/35
- 4th Regan K with 15/35
- 5th Francois with 13/35
- 6th Alex B with 12/35
- 7th Benno G with 11/35

We had a really great day. The weather was just perfect, not too hot and with the smaller numbers we got through the shoot fairly quickly which left a good amount of time for eating and socialising.

Huge thanks to Pete C for doing the BBQ, and to Phil G and Greg H for coming out early to help set up and helping to run the shoot.

I am aware that some people feel a bit daunted about coming to this event as it's now being held on an official range. I really enjoyed running this shoot mostly because it isn't highly competitive, have large audiences or attended only by seasoned clay shooters with all the right gear. I can't stress enough to people considering coming to these shoots that we do have this range to ourselves, the focus is on making the clays easier, to learn better techniques if needed and just to have fun doing it. This was Francois first shoot, Greg was a great coach for a few of us and some of us are still using the old side by side shotguns. So next year I really encourage people to at least come out and have a look.



21 MARCH FIREWOOD WORKING BEE Thanks to all-day team effort the wood is now split and ready for sale. Contact Andrew Dennes on 027 2749064 if you want to buy wood. Rates \$70 m³ for members who don't go to the working bee and \$100 per m³ for general public.



31 MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING Held a week early because of the roar. Sub-committee responsibilities were assigned as follows:

Membership: Tracy Amos

Property management: Hall - Gary Warren, Shane Lehmstedt

Hall bookings: Andrew Dennes

Huts and Tracks: Mike Thrupp -to be confirmed

DOC Liaison: Murray Clark

General meeting speakers: Shane Dougan, Hamish Graham

Sponsorship/funding: Sean Roberts plus Property committee

Hunting trip planning: Lloyd Rayner, Shane Dougan, Andrew Wilkinson, Hamish Graham

Website: Nick Perkins, Hamish Graham to discuss with Nick

Social Media: Hamish Graham

Newsletter: Richard O'Driscoll (Sean/Aidan etc as backup), Pete for hard copy distribution

Deer park: Phil Gray, Shane Lehmstedt, Derrick Foley, Derek Williams, Murray Clark

LandSAR: Phil Gray, Pete Cunningham

Range Officer and shooting: Alex Beesley, Derrick Foley

AH&T: Joe Hansen plus Douglas Scorers

Photography: Richard O'Driscoll

Trophies and engraving: Andrew Dennes

Firewood: Lloyd Rayner, Dave Bashford

Annual dinner/Prize giving: Subcommittee appointed nearer the time

News

PARKVALE HALL

We are in the process of re-establishing the Parkvale Hall Society to facilitate transfer of the land to the Branch. Andrew Dennes has arranged for a trophy cabinet which will be installed during a Working Bee (date still to be arranged).

Regular bookings are still coming through which help to pay for rates and insurance. For hall bookings contact Andrew on 027 2749064.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

RANGE & SHOOTING

See report from clay target shoot earlier in newsletter. Gladstone range is available for the use of members on weekends when not in use. Branch members get 6 free visits a year. If you want to sight a rifle the best opportunity is Wednesday afternoons between 3 pm and dark as there is nothing else on.

HUTS

No reports.

DEER PARK

We are discussing a proposal for a third pen.

FINANCIALS

See financial report under AGM

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs for 2021-22 are now overdue. You should have received an email from the National Office with a link where you can pay online by credit card or internet banking. Remember you need to be a current financial member at the time of taking the trophy or photo if you want to enter Branch competitions.

CLOSING DATE FOR BRANCH AHT & PHOTO COMPETITIONS NOW 31 AUGUST

We have moved this forward a month (it used to be 30 September) to allow more time for scoring and engraving of trophies before the Annual Dinner in October.

Photo entries can now be submitted digitally. More details and entry forms in next month's newsletter.



FIREARMS LICENCING

We have invited the Police to our May meeting to talk through the new licencing process.

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

Great to see a couple more contributions this month. 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.



Trip to the Glazebrook by Martin Amos

Tracy and I ventured down to this awesome hunting block guided by well-known guide Snow Hewtson. We spent 4 days on the hill hunting free range red stags looking for 2 x wall hangers. Tracy was lucky to shoot a very respectable 17 pointer and on the last day I secured a very nice even 12. This was a very steep and challenging terrain with most shots around 300 m.

The block holds: Red stags and Red hinds, Fallow bucks and does, Wild pigs, Goats by the millions. The accommodation is amazing with private chalets and cooked meals freshly cooked daily. Thoroughly recommend this journey as a one in a life time trip.





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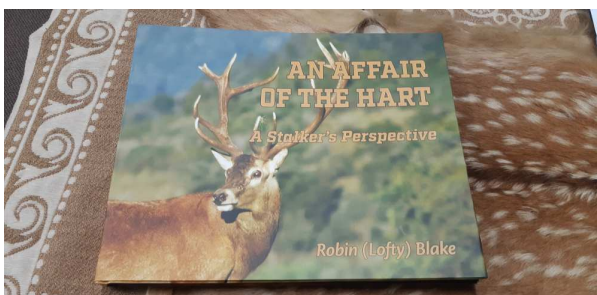
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Buy, Sell, and Swap

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

Book: An Affair of the Hart.

Fourteen copies available for \$60 each. That's a bargain for a hardback coffee table book. Pick up from the hall, or postage extra. Email wairarapanzda@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a copy.

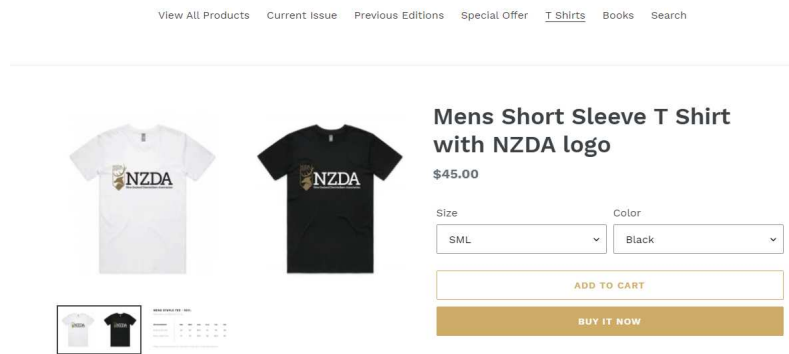


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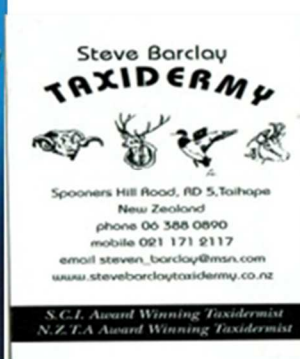
The four club PLBs purchased with a grant application from Trust House Wairarapa are available for hire for \$10 for a weekend or \$20 for 3-14 days. Contact Aidan on 027 432 3410.

NZDA 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

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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