



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **March 2022**

Annual General Meeting 23 March
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

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The AGM will also include the annual President's Report, 2021/22 Financial Report, and election of committee and officers. **Nominations for new committee members and office holders must be received in advance.** Please send any nominations to Aidan Bichan at yrapanzdasec@gmail.com or 027 432 3410 by **7 pm on Tuesday 22 March 2022**. You can nominate yourself, but nominations must be seconded by a current financial member. The following existing committee members have agreed to stay on.

Andrew Dennes (president)

Derrick Foley

Phil Gray

Alex Beesley

Pete Cunningham

Aidan Bichan (stepping down as secretary but will remain on committee)

Sean Roberts (vice-president & treasurer)

Gary Warren

Lloyd Rayner

Richard O'Driscoll

Murray Clark

Derek Williams

Shane Lehmstedt

Shane Dougan

Hamish Graham

Martin and Tracy Amos are stepping down from the committee and we thank them for their long service to the Branch. We will be looking for replacement as secretary. If there are multiple nominations for office holders there will be a vote. Come along to the AGM, find out how our club is doing, and have your say. A good club is one where the members get involved. If you don't like the way things are being run, or the decisions being made, don't sit back and complain, say and do something! Followed by a cup of tea and a great chance to discuss those roar plans.

Under "Red" restrictions for us to hold this meeting **all participants will need to scan or sign in at the door and show a vaccine pass**. There will be **door prizes** drawn from those in attendance.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

23 MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall, 7:30 pm. See details above. Note that this is the 4th Wednesday of the month rather than our usual 3rd Wednesday.

2 APRIL BRANCH CLAY-TARGET SHOOT Saturday starting at midday at Gladstone Pistol Club range. \$20 per person and bring your own ammo (this will not be available for sale at the range this year). There will be a BBQ lunch provided. For further information call Alex on 027 435 9216.



2-3 APRIL WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT Places available for a limited time only. Call Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363. See details under Hunting Trips.

6 APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

NO GENERAL MEETING in APRIL Gone hunting

4 MAY COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

7-8 MAY DUCKSHOOTING OPENING WEEKEND

18 MAY GENERAL MEETING Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

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Recent Events

16 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING The curse of Covid struck again with our speaker **Ollie from Free Range Hunting NZ** based at Te Awaiti having to cancel because he was isolating. **Richard O'Driscoll** stepped in at the last minute with a presentation on hunting wallabies and whitetail in the South Island.



23 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE A good team effort on a Wednesday evening got the remaining wood split. We are now waiting for more trees.

4-7 MARCH KAWEKA SIKA FLY-IN HUNT Five members are there now. Report in next month's newsletter.



Remember to show your membership card at H&F.

Not only will you get a discount, but the record of what we spend helps make a case for sponsorship.

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HUNTING TRIPS

Wanganui Fallow Hunts 2-3 April and 21-22 May. If you are interested in participating please call or text Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363 and let him know which of the weekends you are available. Accommodation in Shearers' Quarters is \$15 pp per night and fallow deer are \$100 each (no bucks to be shot). This is a (near) guaranteed way to get some tasty venison and it is always a great weekend away and a chance to learn from some experienced hunters.

Stewart Island March 2023. Plans for a club trip to our Southern Island are well underway. Watch this space!



PARKVALE HALL

As we said last week, the new heat pump has been installed. Special thanks to **Valley Plumbing** and **Quality Builders** for their contribution. The hall painting has now been completed so we can finalise insurance claim. Thanks to **Guthrie Bowron** who sponsored the paint. Regular hall bookings are coming through and we have decided to add a \$100 bond on all bookings to cover cost of cleaning if hall is not left tidy. **PHONE 022 323 6993 for hall bookings.**

SEARCH AND RESCUE

No report this month. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 4740717.

RANGE & SHOOTING

The Branch clay target shoot has been scheduled for Saturday 2 April starting at 12 pm at Gladstone Range. A chance to get your eye in ahead of the duck-shooting season and the branch trophy is up for grabs. Cost is \$20 per person and bring your own ammo (this will not be available for sale at the range this year). There will be a BBQ lunch provided.

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. Take advantage of daylight saving! **The branch needs more range officers.** If you are interested in doing range officer training please contact Alex on 027 4359216.

HUTS

We have been awarded a grant of \$18,500 from Backcountry trust for renovations and re-cladding on Sayers Hut. Updates on the Tararua Aorangi Remutaka Huts Committee are on the website <https://tarhc.org.nz/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TARHC-109758387387144>

DOC LIAISON

No update this month

DEER PARK

Trees have been pruned and grass cleared around the gates. We are in discussions with Masterton District Council about extending the deer pens.

FINANCIALS

Bank balance \$14,318.91 + \$15,926.57 in term deposits. The branch bank account number for payments (firewood, etc) is 03-0687-0022096-00 but please note this is not the account for payment of memberships – which go direct to National Office.

FIREWOOD/FUNDRAISING

Most of the wood split in January and February has already been sold. Andrew Dennes has sent out invoices to be paid to bank account above (no cash payments please). Next working bee 23 February. More trees have been sourced.

Wood prices for 2022:

- \$50 per m³ for members who participate in working bees
- \$75 per m³ for members not involved in working bees
- \$100 per m³ for non-members

MEMBERSHIPS

Centralised membership renewal invoices were emailed and posted out to all members on the 1st of March. It's important to remember to the following:

- Wait for your invoice before making payment,
- Disable automatic payments.
- Make payment to National branch account not Wairarapa Branch

Paying without an invoice number as reference will only delay getting a membership card out to you, this is because we have to manually locate your payment and load this to your account. Automatic payments will most likely be an incorrect amount, further delaying the membership cards.

This year they're running a competition for all NZDA members who renew their memberships during March for the 2022/2023 year. Simply renew your NZDA membership before March the 31st and you'll automatically go into the draw.

Prizes include a pair of ZEISS Terra ED Pocket Binoculars or 1 of 2 Ultimate Outdoor Survival Systems. For full terms and conditions, visit the NZDA website



Swazi Pro deals

NZDA members get access to Swazi Pro Deals Swazi TRADE PRICES are now available to all NZDA members purchasing Swazi products from their online store or retail shop in Levin. NZDA has been fortunate to have Swazi as a long time sponsor. They have provided prizes for all major kids events with a particular focus on shooting competitions.

How to get Pro Deal access:

1. Head to the Swazi website www.swazi.co.nz
2. Click the "Farm-Trade & Pro Deal Members" button on the top right of your screen.
3. Fill out the application form quoting your own NZDA membership number.



New Firearms Laws from 1 February

Don't get caught out by the law when you next travel to the range or your favourite hunting place.

New regulations have just been published that tighten up the rules around carrying firearms in your vehicle. Full details are here:

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2021/0434/latest/LMS618568.html?fbclid=IwAR35CA9Z3pb9SsDKKk5VPVfnIvxeFlowLTyGV22bUQ9yRZOWgrZTKpYnVng#LMS618566>.

Firearms licence renewals

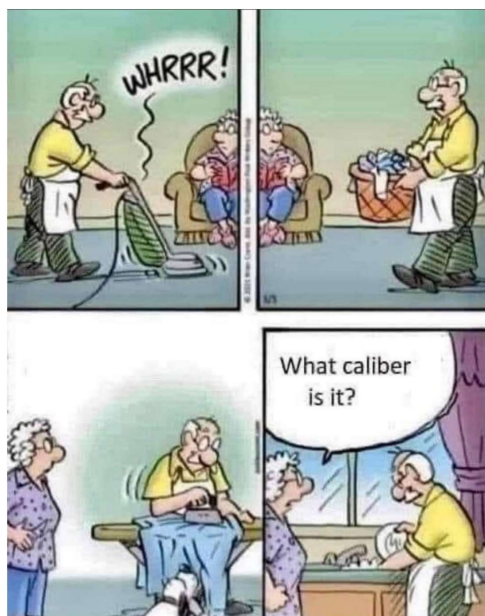
With more uncertainty and likely impacts due to COVID-19 Omicron in the community, all holders with

licences due to expire at any time in 2022 are advised to apply for a licence renewal now.

Applying for a new licence now will allow Police to plan ahead and effectively resource processing timeframes to help counter any Omicron impacts, including physical movement restrictions, sickness, or isolation requirements affecting both Police staff and licence holders. Police continues to have longer processing times for firearms licence applications. Renewal applications are currently being prioritised, then first time applications when the licence is for work purposes, followed by first time applications.

Licence holders are reminded if you intend on participating in your sport, hunting or food gathering activities that involve firearms you need to ensure your licence is current. If at any point during the application renewal process your existing licence expires before you have received your new licence, you will not be able to lawfully possess or use your firearms and ammunition (unless you are under the immediate supervision of a valid firearms licence holder). During this time, you should give your firearms and ammunition to a current firearms licence holder to store appropriately on your behalf, until your firearms licence renewal application is approved.

Applying for your renewal now will improve the likelihood that your licence will be processed on time. The link to Police's website is here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-and-safety/what-do-i-need-know/news-and-updates>



SHOOTERS WITH A DISABILITY

We have long held the view that shooting is a sport that can be enjoyed by people with many forms of disability. It seems that the Police have now started to take an interest in disabled shooters.

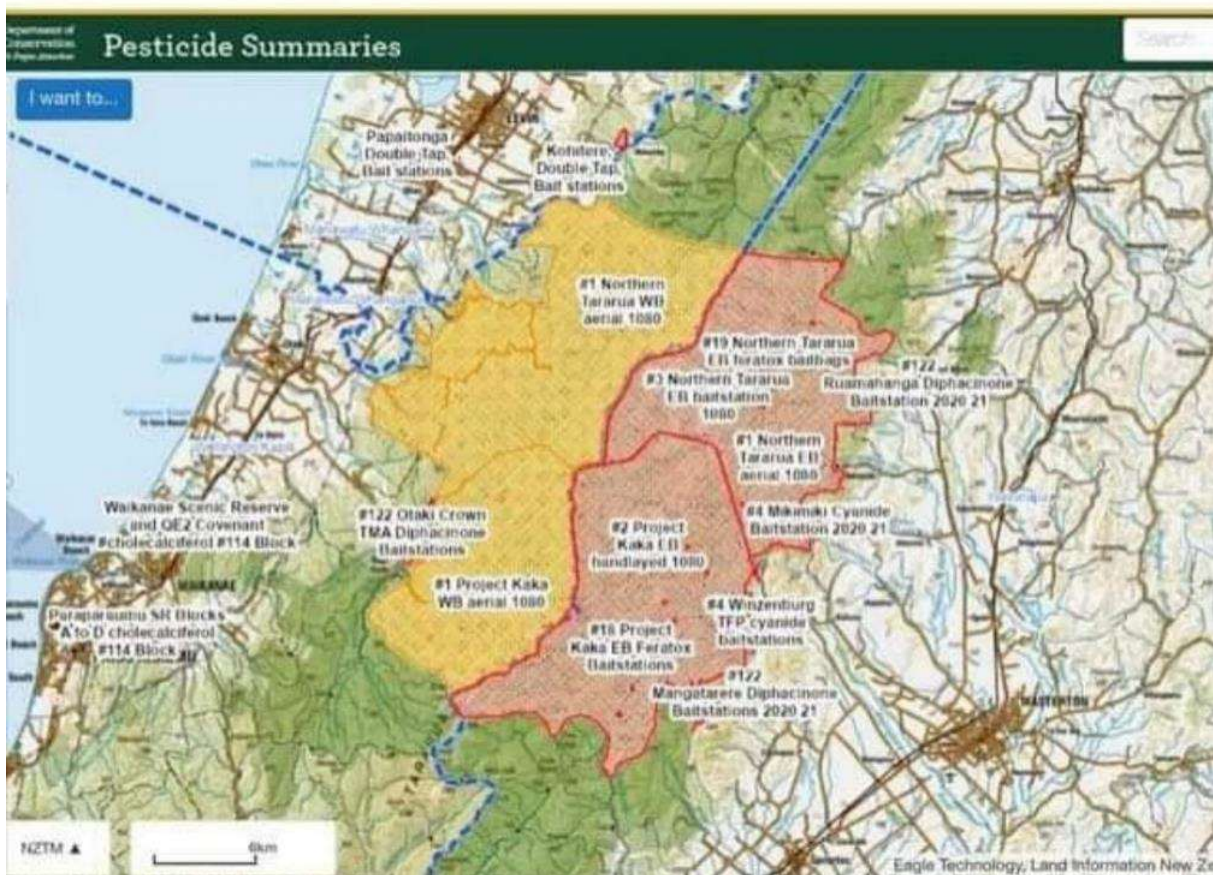
In an effort to educate the Police on the range of challenges that impaired shooters overcome COLFO is collating information from this group. Typically the information sought is:

- Disability and how you got it.
- Did you take up shooting before or after
- What impact did it have on your ability to enjoy your hobby
- What shooting discipline do you follow and to what level - club, national, international.

If you are a disabled shooter or know someone who is please ask them to get in touch with info@colfo.org.nz

Aerial possum Control Operations

Northern Taranaki Range - Pre-feed (non toxic pellets) to take place from Thursday 3rd March 2022. *** Aerial 1080 Poison will follow a few days later. ***





“Regional Council have been installing B&Bs for possums” Lloyd Rayner

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Hunting Reports

No contributions this month. There is a **prize of \$50 for the best newsletter story** from October 2021 to September 2022. 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.

SCOPES

These are for sale, all are in great condition....Happy to bring them to next meeting or for someone to call...they will be sold at a very fair price...Original owner is American, and relocating away from the Wairarapa.... Regards Vic Jacobson: Mobile 021 229 49 29; Office 06 379 8066.



Book: An Affair of the Hart.

Fourteen copies available for \$60 each. Pick up from the hall, or postage extra. Email wairarapanzda@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a copy.

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

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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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