

# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

### Newsletter for October 2021

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Starting 6 pm in Parkvale Hall. You should have been contacted by a member of the committee looking to confirm numbers for the caterers. To those we have contacted, thank you for letting us know if you are/are not attending. If we have not yet spoken to you, can you please email <u>wairarapanzda@gmail.com</u> to advise if you are coming (and how many), and also provide your best contact phone number. Fully catered but BYO drinks

On the night, it would be appreciated if you could bring the correct money (and some extra cash for raffles!): Adult \$15 Couple \$25 Superannuant \$10 Under 16 years \$5





### Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

15 OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING Dinner set-up and fish and chips. Starting 6 pm Parkvale Hall.

16 OCTOBER ANNUAL DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING Starting 6 pm Saturday night in Parkvale Hall.

3 NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

6 NOVEMBER TAUPO BRANCH SHOOT Details at the end of newsletter.

17 NOVEMBER SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. To discuss and approve the new Branch constitution. This will be distributed by email ahead of the meeting. This should only take 15 minutes and will be followed by our usual meeting. Speaker to be confirmed.

20-21 NOVEMBER WANGANUI SPRING FALLOW HUNT #1 Full.

4-5 DECEMBER WANGANUI SPRING FALLOW HUNT #2 Full.

26-27 FEBRUARY SIKA SHOW Postponed from 20-21 November due to Covid restrictions

4-7 MARCH KAWEKA FLY-IN TRIP Still places available.





### Recent Events

### 10-12 SEPTEMBER SIKA HUNT CLMENTS MILL ROAD

Cancelled due to uncertainty around Covid restrictions and weather.

### **15 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

25 members took the opportunity to get out of their bubbles and have a post-lockdown catch-up. For a while there it looked like we might hit 50 and have to turn people away! A video was shown and stories shared over supper.

### **19 SEPTEMBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT**

The weather was great, but turnout was limited. Perhaps others were hunting .... or nervous about showing off their shooting skills? Competitions were followed by a barbecue lunch (thanks to Francie Hamilton and Sharon Playle). Winners will be announced at the Dinner & Prize-giving and full results will be included in November newsletter.



### News

#### **HUNTING TRIPS**

**Wanganui fallow spring hunts** 20-21 November and 4-5 December. Due to demand two of these popular weekends have been scheduled and both filled up quickly. Over 20 members will get a chance to get some nice fallow venison.

Kaweka fly-in sika hunt 4-7 March 2022: Tira Lodge (Venison Tops), Studholme Saddle Hut, and Back Ridge Biv booked, about \$475 pp for 10-12 members. Contact Lloyd Rayner on 027 6080325.

### PARKVALE HALL

Regular hall bookings are coming through. We are still waiting to hear back from PVHS lawyer. Heat pump installation due on 20 October. Committee is getting quotes for painting hall. **PHONE 022 323 6993 for hall bookings**.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

A couple of recent rescues, but none of our members were on the ground. 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. Branch members get 6 free visits a year. If you want to sight a rife the best opportunity is Wednesday afternoons between 3 pm and dark as there is nothing else on.

### HUTS

We have reviewed our annual hut maintenance agreement from DOC for Neill Forks and Sayers Huts (current until 2023). We are still planning renovations on Sayers Hut.

### **DOC LIAISON**

The meeting between our Branch, DOC and the Heritage Trust about the work planned on Sayers Hut was delayed due to Covid

#### **DEER PARK**

Rabbit control to occur after the school holidays,

#### FINANCIALS

Bank balance \$11,965.28 + \$15,738.44 in term deposits. Major outgoing was hall insurance which has been rolled over with higher cover. Sean has negotiated 25% discount with Genesis for power.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Branch has 135 members (71 senior members, 33 family members, 23 superannuates, 5 associates, & 3 affiliates). One new member was approved at October committee (welcome Luke) and two applications in progress.

#### FIREWOOD/FUNDRAISING

All firewood has been sold. Dave Bashford has log ends available and these will be dropped off at David MacKay's for future working bees. Dates to be advised.



### NZDA Membership App

### How to download the app

1) Go to Google play or the Apple store and search for NZ Deerstalkers. Select Install or GET.

2) Once installed either open via the app or click open. Once in the app, you will need to register - Click Register Here.

3) Enter your membership details into the fields and click Create. You will then be able to access the App and the Member discounts. Enjoy!

Key Information

- The app will only permit access to financial members.
- Please contact membership@deerstalkers.org.nz if you have any invoice or payment queries.
- Your membership number is required when registering.
- The easiest way to locate this is by checking your NZDA issued membership card.

#### How to claim Discounts

1) click on the Perk Deals icon at the top left of the home screen.

2) select the desired retailer.

3) Follow the retailers instructions to redeem your discount.

Important - No two discounts are the same and retailers will also have their own unique set of instructions.

### Where to download the app

The app is live now on both the Apple Store and the Android Google Play Store.

To download from the Apple Store, click the link below. https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/nz-deerstalkers/id1581522081

To download from the Google Play Store, click the link below. https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=co.ezystream.nzdeersalkers



### **Firearms Licensing**

### NZ police appoint Executive Director: Firearms.

Angela Brazier is the new Executive Director: Firearms. Angela has held a number of leadership roles across the organisation that have included roles in Finance, Strategy and Planning, and most recently held the position of Executive Director: Strategy and Transformation. Angela has significant expertise in leading corporate strategy and investment planning, delivering large transformational change programs, and developing excellent

working partnerships across agencies, The Treasury and Government. Angela will play a crucial role in setting the future direction and leading the change to establish a new Regulatory Firearms Entity.

Angela's first priority is to establish her senior leadership team and engage with internal and external stakeholders. The Arms Safety and Control team continues to focus on firearms regulatory service delivery and implementation of Arms Legislation Act changes including the Arms Registry.

Jevon McSkimming Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Service Police National Headquarters

### **Revocation and Suspension of Licenses**

COLFO is supporting a number of members who's licence has been suspended or revoked. It seems that police are now using medical and other events to determine that a licence holder is no longer "fit and proper" to hold a firearm licence.

COLFO is very concerned about the validity of many of these suspensions, however we need evidence to challenge what to many seems like unfair treatment of LFOs. If you have been subject to a suspension or revocation please advise COLFO so that we can build a picture of the size of the problem to assist others and lawyers. Send details to <u>secretary@colfo.org.nz</u>

### **Hunting Reports**

No stories this month. The **prize of \$50 for the best newsletter story** from October 2020 to September 2021 will be announced at the prize-giving. We will run the competition again from October 2021 to September 2022. Open to all members, so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com.





## **TAUPO BRANCH 2021 PRIZE SHOOT**

### Major Spot Prize Sponsored by GPO

## Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Shooting commences at 9.30am All experience levels welcome. Bring the family!

At Jack Dillon Memorial Range, 62 Mountain Road, Taupo. Off the Napier/Taupo Highway (SH5) at the foot of Mt Tauhara.

ENTRY FEES:

<u>MEMBERS</u> SENIOR \$35.00 JUNIOR (Under 18) Free

Per Event

<u>NON MEMBERS</u> \$45.00 SENIOR JUNIOR (Under 18) Free

#### **REGISTRATIONS:**

<u>Registrations from 8.30am</u> until the last detail is on the mound. <u>Shooting begins at 9.30am</u> You can register on the day of the event from 8.30am or pre-register now to secure your spot. Do it online on <u>www.nzdataupo.org.nz</u> Events tab, or email <u>secretary@nzdataupo.co.nz</u> with your details to let us know which category you would like to enter. You can enter one category or both.

Make your payment online, account number: 03 04300 249818 00. Please use your surname as a reference and include Prize Shoot as the code. Pre-registration closes on 1st November 2021.

FORMAT:Prize Shoot: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes per grade100metre Centrefire or Rimfire Graded A to D.Four positions, 5 Shots in each, 20 shots total,<br/>Three minutes Unlimited sighters.Hunter Class:Both shoots run consecutively.

<u>RULES:</u> Graded Shoot and Hunter Class. Taupo rules apply. (National rules, but the Taupo branch reserves the right to make a final decision).

## **MAJOR SPOT PRIZE**



### GPO 4-16 x 50 Riflescope – RRP \$1200

GPO Scope will be won by one lucky competitor on the day!\*

\*Winner needs to be at prize giving to qualify for the draw, if not present a re-draw will take place until a winner is found)

## **HUNTER CLASS RULES**

### Non Graded

Top three scores - Cash Prize!! Plus prize table for other entries.

1<sup>st</sup> \$75 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> \$35.

<u>5 Shots in each of the 4 positions:</u> Prone, Sitting, Kneeling & Stand. Shooter can elect to shoot a less stable position if desired.

No sighters

<u>Calibre</u> Centre fire Calibre .222 up to 8mm maximum.

Scope set to a maximum power of 9X.

<u>No Target equipment:</u> No jackets, elbow pads, shooting gloves or shooting hats etc.

#### No Rests or Bi-pods.

Slings:

2 Point slings are allowed but if used, must be attached in positions.

NO Single point slings allowed.

REFRESHMENTS:	Free morning and afternoon tea. Plus, free BBQ Sausages, hot pork or venison sandwiches after the shoot, and tea or coffee.
<u>CAMPING:</u>	Camping is available on the Range. \$10 service fee only. No camp site power points available. There is plenty of room, with kitchen and toilet facilities in the clubroom.
ENQURIES:	All enquiries to Kath Keeley, phone 021 035 4455 secretary@nzdataupo.org.nz.

#### Please note:

By signing up for the Taupo Branch Prize Shoot you consent for your email address to be shared with our main sponsors who may contact you for marketing purposes. As your privacy is important to us, we will not share your personal information anywhere else.



### 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.

### Book: An Affair of the Hart.

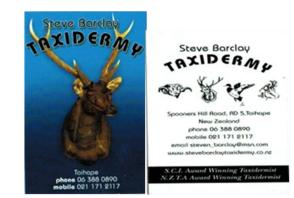
Fourteen copies available for \$60 each. That's a bargain for a hardback coffee table book. Pick up from the hall, or postage extra. Would make a great Christmas present. Email <u>wairarapanzda@gmail.com</u> if you would like to purchase a copy.





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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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