



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **September 2022**

General Meeting Wednesday 21 September

6:30 pm King & Henry
35 Queen Street Masterton

General Meeting 21 September

Our friends at King & Henry are hosting us for an open night in their store. Starting at the earlier time of 6:30 pm. There will be pizza and soft drinks provided and plenty of bargains in store. Should be a great night so don't miss it!



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

11 SEPTEMBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT Sunday registration 9:30 am at Gladstone range. Shooting will start at 10 am and no late entries accepted as we only have the range until 1 pm. Barbecue lunch provided. Details and competition rules later in newsletter.

21 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING King & Henry open night starting at 6:30 pm.

5 OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

15 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER Starting 6 pm in Parkvale Hall. Fully catered (lamb, pork, ham, & venison) but BYO drinks No general meeting in October.

Dinner costs are the same as last year (and some extra cash for raffles!):

Adult \$15

Superannuant \$10

Couple \$25

Under 16 years \$5

29–30 OCTOBER SIKASHOW Mystery Creek Events Centre Hamilton. For more details see www.sikashow.co.nz

2 NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

12-13 NOVEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT The first of our spring hunts. Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363 to put your name down.

16 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. We are planning on arranging a buy/sell/swap evening.

3-4 DECEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT The second spring hunt. Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363 to put your name down.

& DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

10 DECEMBER 4x4 FUNDRAISER We have an opportunity to earn \$2,500 by providing 30 marshalls (aged 15+) at a local 4x4 event at Pirinoa. We need to be there by 7am, lunch is provided, concluding about 4pm. Our main role will be to stand by the flags (pegs) to ensure the trucks don't touch them. So nothing strenuous. If you want to see what marshalls do, check out www.nz4wd.co.nz and the TV3 show CRC Motorsport for the Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge here <https://www.threenow.co.nz/shows/crc---suzuki-extreme-4x4-challenge/S2813-888> or similar on Youtube. We still need a few more volunteers so if you haven't signed up already please contact Sean Roberts on 021 822 802.

1-2 APRIL WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT The rut hunt (but no bucks to be shot). Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363.

Recent Events

17 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

About 30 members attended and heard an entertaining talk from branch member about hunting in Africa. Maybe there will be a club trip in the offing!





News

This guy again

WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

2022 National Competitions Promotion

Peter O'Driscoll

Wairarapa Branch



MEMBERSHIPS

We continue to welcome new members, with another new member application this month. Please introduce yourself to the new faces welcome at meetings and club events.

PARKVALE HALL

We are hopeful the end of the land title transfer saga is in sight! Regular hall bookings continue to come through. **PHONE 022 323 6993 for hall bookings.**

SEARCH AND RESCUE

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

HUTS

The re-cladding on Sayers Hut is being done this week. Further renovations (tank stand and wood shed) are scheduled for the week around Labour weekend.

Mike Thrupp will represent the branch at Greater Wellington Backcountry Network Inc meetings (formerly Tararua Aorangi Remutaka Huts Committee, see <https://tarhc.org.nz/>).

Tarn Ridge Hut history: Can you help John?

I am writing about huts built in the Tararuas by deerstalking and tramping clubs, and am keen to learn more about Tarn Ridge Hut, built by your Branch in 1961. I have only the following bare facts:

- The hut was a memorial to Basil Blatchford, a Wairarapa NZDA Branch member who had died of exposure on Tarn Ridge in 1959 (I have the full story about this);
- The NZ Forest Service helicoptered materials to the site;
- The five-bunk hut was opened on Sunday 3 April 1961;
- It was demolished in 1993 after the new Tarn Ridge Hut was built further south.

Beyond this I have nothing. Please, do your records have more information?

Cheers & thanks

John Rhodes (06 304 9095 or rhodesja@xtra.co.nz)



DEER PARK

We have bought hay and baleage. We will schedule a working bee to tidy up in the Deer Park. Details to come.

FINANCIALS

Bank balance \$19,060+ \$20,869 in four term deposits. Balance includes \$5400 held as deposit for 2023 Stewart Island trip. Hall insurance is due and we increased cover to \$550K.

We recently received a donation of \$5,000 from Quality Builders. Thanks to Shane and the team!



The branch bank account number for payments (firewood, etc) is 03-0687-0022096-00 but please not this is not the account for payment of memberships – which go direct to National Office.

RANGE & SHOOTING

The branch rimfire and centrefire competitions will be held at Gladstone Range this Sunday 11 September.

**Wairarapa NZDA Annual Competition Shoot
Gladstone Range
Sunday 11 September 2022 registration at 9:30 am
Shooting to start 10 am sharp**

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.

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) Rimfire

50 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing.

Match 2. Senior Rimfire

50 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing.

Match 3 Open Centrefire (Up to 8 mm)

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 8 mm 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 i.e. 6.5 x 55, .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 4359216.

Gladstone range is available for the use of members on weekends when not in use. Branch members get 6 free visits a year.

DOC LIAISON

Andrew & Sean visited DOC and offered the services of the branch for dealing with problem deer and goats!

FIREWOOD/FUNDRAISING

We have a big pile of logs (gum) waiting in a paddock These will be transferred to a suitable location for ringing and splitting as soon as it dries out, then we will arrange some working bees ...

We will earn \$2,500 by providing 30 marshalls (aged 15+) at a local 4x4 event at Pirinoa on 10 December. See details earlier in newsletter.

WEBSITE

Nick Perkins, who administers the website on behalf of the branch, has made a number of updates including loading recent newsletters.



Consultation on Firearms Registry

Consultation has begun on proposed regulations to support the new legislation for the Firearms Registry. NZ Police are seeking feedback to shape the proposed regulations and register design.

What is NZDA doing?

Firstly, NZDA opposes the register as a policy. We submitted in opposition to that effect to Parliament at the Select Committee stage when the law was changed. We maintain that stance. We have been, and continue to sit in consultations, provide feedback to Police, and make submissions on behalf of NZDA members and the hunting and shooting community. We are working hard to influence regulations, and ensure that the outcome will be safe and secure.

NZDA is preparing a detailed submission and will continue to work directly with Police to ensure we actually continue to have safe processes for members and the firearms community.

What an you do?

Tell people. Make a submission. Please, we urge all members to have their say on this via the submission process. There will be no templates for this consultation, it is better to use your own words as it's more effective that way.

It is vital that licenced firearms owners are heard, seen and our combined voices respected by Police, especially in an era where we are forced to fight for our right to hunt, and especially now when even access to safe ranges and shooting clubs becomes a fight in itself.

The scope of the consultation includes:

- The specified arms items and the details on those items to be recorded in the Firearms Registry.
- The obligations of licence holders and those in possession of specified arms items to provide information to Police for inclusion in the Firearms Registry.
- Associated provisions that support these changes, including a final date by which licence holders must have registered all their specified arms items.

Consultation does not include the establishment of the Firearms Registry, access to the Registry by other Agencies, or offences related to the Registry, all of which are already set out in the Act. The consultation will run from the 31 August 2022 and closes on 12 October 2022. Visit the Police Site [Consultation on proposed regulations to support the new Firearms Registry | New Zealand Police](#)



Hunting Reports

The last entry for our 2021-22 newsletter story competition is from Lloyd Rayner. Remember there is a **prize of \$50 for the best newsletter story**. Open to all members, so please send stories and photos to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com.

Romantic week away **By Lloyd Rayner**

The wife's been at me for quite a while to take her away on holiday (the usual tropical island - white sands sitting around not doing very much), so I gave in and compromised and we had a holiday in Stewart Island; not quite the tropics but beautiful white sand beach and a bit of hunting and fishing chucked in. A group of nine of us in total family and friends 10 days in Port Adventure started off with the usual long drive down to Bluff. Across the straight on the Aurora within an hour or two of arriving we had our five-star accommodation sorted and sat down for a drink.

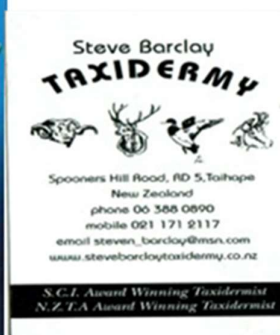


Plans for the next nine days were discussed, bit of hunting diving fishing and a lot of sitting around not doing much. Started off with a dive and a bit of fishing to gather some fresh food for tea, a couple of guys went for a quick walk. The next three or four days were spent repeating the exercise of hunting fishing diving and reducing the burden of alcohol for the trip home. Not a lot of luck on the hunting front, couple of deer spooked and a few Kiwis seen.



On day six we split up to go on different hunts, myself and the wife had been walking for about an hour when

we heard a shot come from the direction that Dion was hunting, about 20 minutes later we we're standing under a tree waiting for a shower to go through and heard a noise in the ground fern's and out popped two hinds. I manage to convince one of them to come home with us so after cutting it up we start the walk home. About half an hour from the boat I spotted movement at a little clearing about 100 m away and managed to get Kerri-ann onto her first whitetail, wasn't very big but whitetail is a whitetail. Upon returning to the hut discovered that Dion had shot a young yearling so a very successful afternoon hunting. The last few days were spent relaxing and a little bit of shark fishing off the beach and making plans for the next trip.



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.

NZDA MERCHANDISE

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

Over 2,200 books have now been added to the online shop. Books start from \$18 ranging up to \$45, enjoy our competitive pricing!

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Topics Include:

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WADERS

PVC Thigh Waders - Size 9/Eu43

Only been worn twice before admitting they were too small for me.

As new \$45

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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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The Branch now has a Closed Facebook Group (open only to members). You can apply to join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/798600664354866>

The website is at: <http://www.wairarapanzda.org.nz/>. Thanks to **Nick Perkins** our website administrator.

