



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **March 2023**

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 29 March
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

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The AGM will also include the annual President's Report, 2022/23 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 yrapanzdasec@gmail.com by 7 pm on Tuesday 28 March 2023. You can nominate yourself, but nominations must be seconded by a current financial member. All existing committee members have agreed to stay on, so nobody will be press-ganged on the night!

Andrew Dennes (president)
Liz Nicholson (secretary)
Derrick Foley
Phil Gray
Alex Beesley
Pete Cunningham
Aidan Bichan

Gary Warren (vice-president)
Sean Roberts (treasurer)
Derek Williams
Lloyd Rayner
Richard O'Driscoll
Murray Clark
Luke Johnston

Shane Lehmstedt
Shane Dougan
Hamish Graham

There will be a door prize, so 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, turn up to the AGM and do something! Followed by a cup of tea and a great chance to discuss those roar plans.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

5 MARCH FIREWOOD WORKING BEE #2 This Sunday starting at 8 am at Dave McKay's place 1360 Te Whiti Road, Gladstone (just north of Gladstone school, just before the dip/windy section). We will be ringing and splitting. Please bring chainsaw, splitter, or just a pair of hands, and all personal protective gear including hearing protection. Please check your emails before coming as we will send an email out if the weather is too inclement. Forecast is looking good (but then again, so was last week's 😊). Gum is available for sale at \$100 per m³ for participants (\$130 per m³ for everybody else), so bring your ute/trailer.

26 MARCH FIREWOOD WORKING BEE #3 Sunday starting at 8 am at 1119 Lake Ferry Road, Dyerville (i.e., not Dave's!). There is pine, old man pine, & gum on the ground ready for ringing and splitting. Please bring chainsaw, splitter, or just a pair of hands, and all personal protective gear including hearing protection. Wood available for sale.

29 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.

1-2 APRIL WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT Full.

NO COMMITTEE OR GENERAL MEETINGS IN APRIL It's the roar!

3 MAY COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

6-7 MAY DUCKSHOOTING OPENING WEEKEND

17 MAY GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Speaker Hamish Graham on his rifle set-ups for a range of hunting conditions.

7 JUNE COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

21 JUNE GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Enrolment for upcoming club trips. Come along to sign up for 2024 Kaweka hunts.

APRIL 2024 KAWEKA SIKA FLY-IN HUNTS We have booked Tussock, Harkness, & Te Puke Huts. Come to the June general meeting to sign up and find out details.

Recent Events

12 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE #1

A really good turn-out with about 30 members making good progress. All pine now split and sold. The gum will be finished at the next working bee. Thanks to Callum Dennes for the photos.



15 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Twenty-nine people were entertained by Gary & Liz Warren on hunting in Africa.

26 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE #2 Postponed due to wet weather. Rescheduled for 5 March.

News

PARKVALE HALL

We are getting good numbers of inquiries about bookings. Phone 022 323 6993 for hall bookings.

We need to replace the two ovens in the kitchen. **We have sourced one but need one more.** If anybody knows of a **second-hand oven in good condition**, please call Gary Warren on 027 2821112.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

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

MEMBERSHIPS

We continue to attract new members.

Existing members should have received membership invoices from National Office for the year starting 1 March 2023. This year they are running another competition for all NZDA members who renew their memberships during March for the new 2023/2024 membership year. They are giving away 2x pairs of ZEISS binoculars to lucky renewing members. But that's not all because renewing members also go in the draw to win the last of our sold out custom limited edition NZDA x Svord knives, plus much more merch!

Simply renew your NZDA membership before 31 March and you'll automatically be in the draw to win.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our membership fees for 2023/24. This is because the 'capitation' (amount claimed by National Office) and COLFO and insurance levies have all increased. If we kept the fees the same for next year the Branch would lose about \$450 – we would have had to subsidise our members by paying National Office! The committee agreed on a new fee structure that allows us to break even and generate a small amount of income for the Branch. We did this reluctantly as we know everybody is feeling the pinch of the increased cost of living.

Fees for 2023/24 are as follows:

Seniors:	\$130	(up \$10)
Family members:	\$15	(up \$5)
Superannuants:	\$75	(up \$15)
Associates:	\$80	(up \$20)
Affiliates	\$20	(up \$10)

DEER PARK

The fallow buck has a broken pedicle after he got tangled in the fence but is otherwise fine. We still plan to schedule a working bee to tidy up the Deer Park - details to come.



WAIRARAPA BRANCH SHIRTS

We have arranged to get some fancy Stoney Creek Corporate shirts printed with our branch logo. See the below link for shirt details and sizing.

<https://www.stoneycreek.co.nz/index.php?route=product/search&search=HMM-8206-TSC%20>

These can only be ordered by attendance at a general meeting at a cost of \$70 per shirt (pay via electronic transfer or cash on the night). We will submit orders every couple of months.

A couple of committee members modelling the wares:



FINANCIALS

Bank balance is \$9,383 along with \$20,989 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.

RANGE & SHOOTING

The Branch clay target shoot will be held later this year (likely in June) to avoid clashing with the roar and all the sponsored duckshooters' events. Dates and details next month.

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

DOC LIAISON

Nothing this month

FIREWOOD/FUNDRAISING

See details and wood prices above.

WEBSITE

Nick Perkins administers the website on behalf of the branch.

HUTS

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



NZDA National Business Plan

A new Business Plan and Budget was approved at the board meeting held at Wellington on 18 February 2023. Click [here](#) to read/download the document.

Hunters helping hunters

We are deeply saddened to see the destruction caused by Cyclone Gabrielle. After the events of last week, New Zealand is still in shock. The NZDA has three branches in the worst affected areas – Napier, Hastings, and Wairoa.

NZDA recognises that many of our members in affected areas will have lost some, if not all, of their hunting equipment. With the roar nearly upon us, and freezers now empty, we believe that supporting hunters will be critical. So, here's how we can help: we are simply asking for donations of surplus hunting and outdoor equipment that we will distribute to these members once a practical method can be found.

Donations should be sent to North Island rep, Tim Taylor. He will sort and store these at the Bay of Plenty Branch until we can safely transport and distribute the items.

We are asking for donations of clean hunting clothing and outdoor gear.

Examples of desirable items:

- hunting clothing (clean)
- rain gear
- sleeping bags
- packs
- boots
- cooking equipment
- optics
- head lamps
- freeze dried meals

Strictly no firearms, ammunition or knives, please.

This is not an excuse to dump your rubbish. If you wouldn't use it, please don't send it.

Tim Taylor North Island Rep
Bay of Plenty Branch
E. tim.taylor@deerstalkers.org.nz

INTERISLANDER DISCOUNT: Booking Code & Instructions for 2023

Time to book your roar or rut ferry? Then don't forget to use the NZDA's group booking code!

Now that we're back at work it's time to plan our roar and rut trips and these usually involve travelling on the ferry. As a NZDA member, you can use a code to get better deals and T&Cs.

2023 Important Update On Interislander Discounts

With the new year upon us many of our members are asking queries regarding the Interislander discount. We have recently received the renewed discounted pricing for 2023, which can be downloaded below, along with a 'how to guide'.

For more details please click the links below:

[Interislander Pricing Information Sheet](#)

[How to Guide](#)

Please note:

- NZDA membership card is to be shown at check-in or full retail fare will be charged. Membership card to be in the name of the person travelling.
- Rates valid for travel 01 February through to 15 December 2023 and exclude certain peak times.



Got any Prohibited Ammo?

Many shooters over the years collect odd rounds or even large quantities of ammunition, not always realise that among it is tracer or armour piercing rounds that are now Prohibited.

At the time this new regulation came into effect people were warned that they should apply to police to be recognised as a bona fide ammunition collector, to avoid prosecution if found in possession of the now prohibited ammo. When your licence is up for renewal it is now necessary to reapply to possess prohibited ammunition as per the following:

Re: Certain persons may possess prohibited ammunition (Regulation 9J)

When a person who is the holder of a firearms licence applies for a new licence and is also the holder of a condition upon that firearms licence permitting possession of prohibited small arms ammunition, then, when applying for a new firearms licence (to replace their existing firearms licence before it expires) they must confirm that they still possess prohibited ammunition.

They must notify a member of Police that:

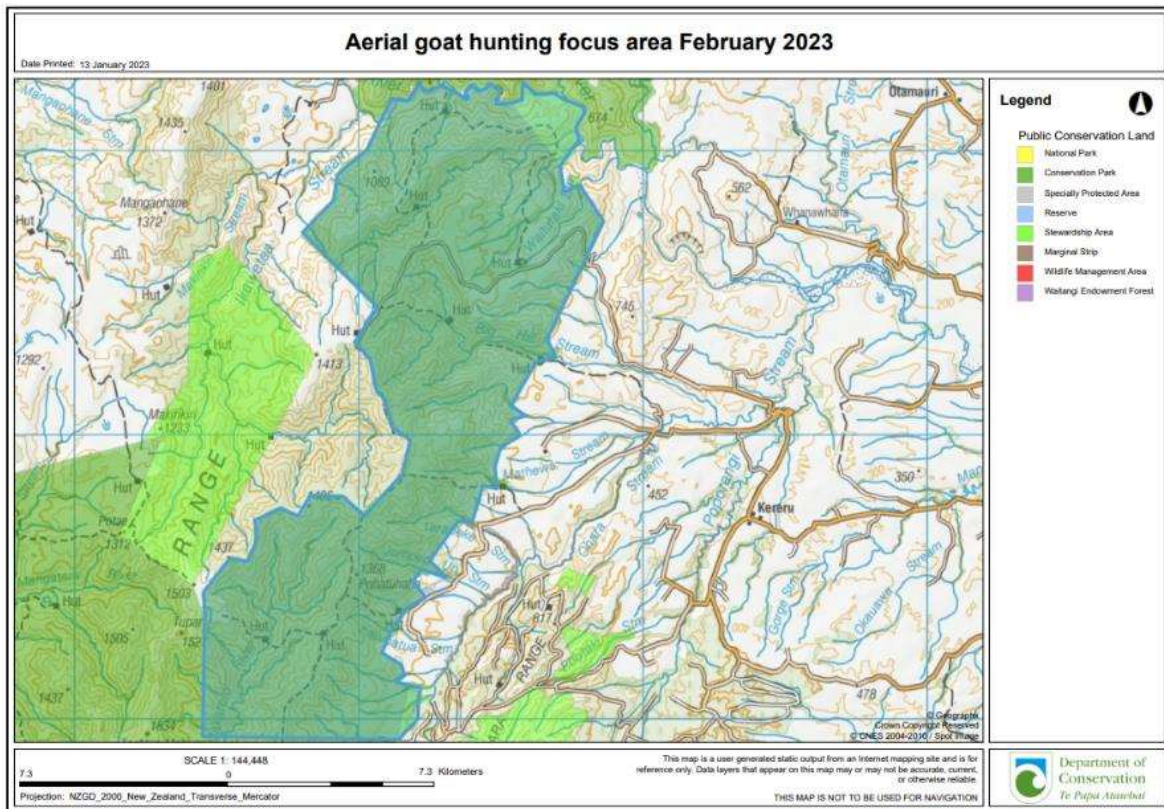
- they remain, pursuant to regulation 9J (1), a person who may possess prohibited ammunition that is manufactured for small arms, and
- the quantity of prohibited ammunition has not changed. Or, if the applicant no longer possesses prohibited ammunition, or no longer possess the last notified quantity of prohibited ammunition, they must notify the current quantity and the reason for the change in quantity, and

- the ammunition is securely stored.

There is no fee additional to the firearms licence application fee.

Aerial goat control – Ruahine Ranges

Department of Conservation is planning to undertake aerial control of feral goats in both the north-eastern Ruahine Forest Park (Ruahine Hut area) and the Kawhatau River area within the Ruahine Forest Park anytime from 17 February 2023. The aims of the operations are to compliment the long running, ongoing, ground-based goat control in the northern end of the park and prevent the spread of goats into the more ecologically significant areas within the park.



If you have any questions, or wish to report any goat sightings or kills in the Ruahine Forest Park, please contact:

Department of Conservation
Palmerston North Office
28 North Street
Palmerston North
(06) 350 9700
manawatu@doc.govt.nz



Hunting Reports

Our newsletter story competition is on again from October 2022 to September 2023 with 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. **No reports again this month.**

When the committee was asked how to attract more newsletter contributions one member suggested bigger font with pink highlight and a rainbow



Here you go Hamish is this the kind of rainbow you meant?

If you want this newsletter to be more interesting and widely read, **we need your stories and photos!**

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

DINGHY

Neil Johnstone has a tinny for sale if anyone's interested phone 021 073 6162



NIKKO STIRLING RANGE FINDER

Roughly 5 years old in good condition, no scratches on the lens etc. Price \$100. Ring Philip Fletcher on 022 3411470.



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>



Final Thoughts

Especially in the roar

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.

