



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **October 2022**
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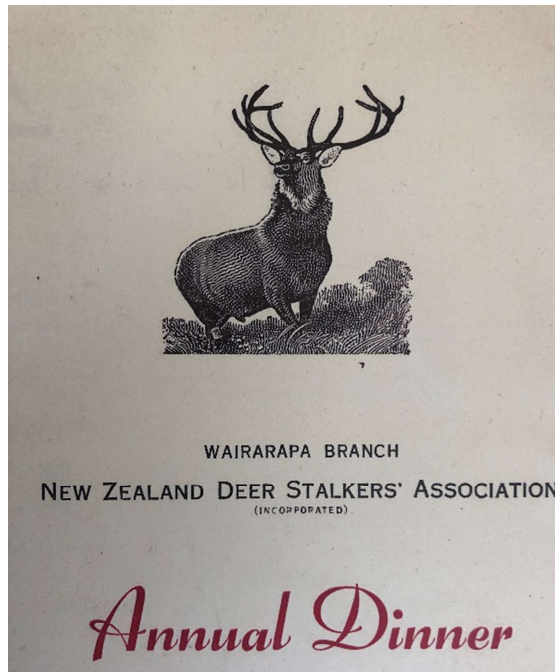
Dinner cost: 17 years & older \$15; A couple \$25; Superannuant members \$10; 16 years and under \$5

Raffles - we have a couple of really good raffles this year. \$2 a ticket, 3 for \$5.

Please try and bring the correct change. No Eftpos.

We have over 90 people confirmed so this promises to be a good night.

Here's a blast from the past and a reminder of the history of our branch. Below is the coversheet of the menu for the 1951 Annual Dinner. In the Hunting Report section you can read the humorous account of then President Harvey Morrow on how to secure pork for the dinner. This menu is courtesy of Branch Life Member Howard Egan who uncovered it recently in one of his drawers.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

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

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

NO NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

12-13 NOVEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT Full.

16 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Buy/sell/swap evening. Bring along hunting related items you no longer need - and cash for all those things you can't do without!

3-4 DECEMBER WANGANUI FALLOW MEAT HUNT Full.

& 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 Full.

Recent Events

18 SEPTEMBER BRANCH COMPETITION SHOOT

This was delayed a week due to flooding at the range on 11 September, but Sunday 18th was fine and calm which made for perfect conditions and no excuses. About 10 shooters across all categories. Scores will be in November newsletter after the winners are announced at the Dinner.



21 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

We had a really good turnout, with pizza and soft-drinks provided, and some \$\$\$ went over the till. Thanks to Willie and his team for hosting us.



News

MEMBERSHIPS

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

PARKVALE HALL

The committee will tidy the hall and do the set-up ahead of the Annual Dinner. Regular hall bookings continue to come through. **PHONE 022 323 6993 for hall bookings.**

SEARCH AND RESCUE

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

HUTS

The re-cladding on Sayers Hut was done in September by the Sayer crew. A really good effort and thanks to Paul, Barry, Kane, Rex, and Amalgamated Helicopters.



Further renovations (tank stand and woodshed) are scheduled for 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/>).



DEER PARK

Nothing to report. We will schedule a working bee to tidy up in the Deer Park. Details to come.

FINANCIALS

Bank balance (in September) was \$19,060+ \$20,869 in four term deposits. Balance includes \$5400 held as deposit for 2023 Stewart Island trip. Hall insurance has 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

Results from the shooting competition on 18 September will be in November newsletter. Thanks to Alex and Derrick who acted as range officers on the day.

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

DOC LIAISON

Nothing this month

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. 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](#)

Lower North Island Deerstalkers Regional Meeting 25 September 2022

Present

Gwyn Thurlow, NZDA CEO, Wellington Branch
Ian Owen, NZDA South Island Rep, South Canterbury Branch
Tim Taylor, NZDA North Island Rep, Bay of Plenty Branch
Trevor Gratton, Hutt Valley Branch
Wally Potts, Wellington Branch
Sam Sheaff, Wellington Branch
Gordon George, Lower North Island Deer Foundation (via Zoom)

Apologies

Hamish Orr, Kapiti Branch
Bryce Pratt, Manawatu Branch
Rob Howey, Porirua Branch

Items Discussed

Please note there was no set agenda so these are simply general notes of our discussion.

- June 24th 2023 – date for gun registrations
 - Ammo or firearm purchase from a dealer/individual will trigger you having to register your firearms
- Discussion around gun safe requirements for clubs if they store firearms or ammunition
 - To be at ‘dealer standard’
- Firearm Subcommittee
 - The Board has approved the creation of the Firearm subcommittee and so far Maurine Coleman (Thames Valley), Tony Todd (Rotorua), and Ian Brabbs (North Canterbury) have been appointed
 - Trevor Gratton asked to be nominated so this will be brought to the board.
 - There is still room for more representatives and we welcome people to put their name forward
- Hutt Valley is in the middle of their hunts course
 - 18 people with 2 people having dropped out.
 - They use a Google form to streamline the application process
 - The first evening is a ‘cocktail’ evening at a local sponsors venue
 - 4 warranted instructors with 6 more in the process
 - Run a club hunt shortly after to try and keep Hunts course participants engaged with the club.
 - Uses youtube for training videos
 - Has Facebook group for Hunts Course participants
- Wellington Branch is also running their Hunts Course
 - 12 people this year
 - Aiming to have a summer and winter course
 - Numbers slightly restricted due to the size of their range.
- Discussion about anecdotal evidence that the Hunts Course is considered favourably when applying for a firearms license.
- Discussion about anecdotal evidence that most people doing Hunts Course are wanting to get into hunting because they want to harvest their own meat.
- Idea that NZDA could approach one of the NZ hunting shows to see if they would be interested in featuring the Hunts Course on one of their episodes
- Discussion around using appropriate images on our media

- An example was brought up of a prohibited firearm being used in a recent link that was linked on our NZDA Hunts newsletter.
- Discussion around range refreshers
 - Used as a way to justify costs to members as we are giving value to them by providing extra training
 - A chance to provide updates on legal requirements
 - Extra info can be incorporated to give further value e.g. how to boresight, reloading.
- New rifle at club nights
 - A new, boxed rifle is brought into a club and set up from scratch - fit scope, bore sight, etc
 - Used to educate new members
 - Older/more experienced club members need to remember that many new hunters don't have experience doing this so it's a way to prevent problems at the range.
 - An example of a problem was a member turning up to a range with a scope on backwards
- Discussion on multi-use ranges
 - Many ranges will have different disciplines – rifle, shotgun, pistol, bow.
 - Hutt Valley is looking to rename their range to “Sport complex” more PC
 - Hutt Valley require all users to do the full induction even if they are only a bow hunter as the assumption is they may one day get a firearms license.
- There is a Firearms license checker tool on the Police website
 - <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/firearms-safety/firearms/firearms-licence-checker>
 - Useful for anyone if they wish to check if a license is valid
- Lower North Island Red Deer Foundation
 - There is currently a large number of deer in the Ruahines but it's often hard to gain access due to remote locations, lack of helicopter landing sites, lack of public access around land locked bush.
 - DOC is currently finalising their Ruahine Deer Management Plan
 - There is the need for 1-2 more people on the Lower North Island Red Deer Foundation. Suggestions for someone from central/lower North Island clubs
 - There hasn't been any 'crisis' in the area for a while so it has been hard to gain interest
 - There is the feeling that while DOC is currently being cooperative, we need to take advantage before the Government and/or policy changes
 - More helicopter landing sites are wanted for management hunts.
- Discussion around which email addresses are used
 - Large variety of email servers being used within clubs and this isn't a professional look.
 - When individuals change in a club the email addresses change, this can disrupt the flow of info due to emails changing so it would be ideal if clubs adopted a more generic format e.g., hutvalleyhunts@deerstalkers.org.nz, or hutvalleypresident@deerstalkers.org.nz
 - National has allocated a large number of @deerstalkers.org.nz email address but these are only being used sporadically by clubs so we need to change this
- Discussion around the amount of communication with members
 - There appears to be no perfect number as some people read emails, some don't
- Engagement with members
 - Recognising that we have members who have been with us for varying lengths of time
 - Some members need reminding what's on offer
 - New members need to be told e.g., at time of joining
 - Will help to give a perceived level of value
 - Club and National competitions
 - Example of having a Deerstalkers App club night to help members start using the app. The membership secretary will need to be there to help with membership numbers
- Having a pre-roar trade day at clubs/ranges
 - Invite local hunting related businesses and /or sponsors to show off/sell their wares
 - Example of a hunting shop bringing ammo to a range day

- Having a 'Technology' club night
 - To help educate older members who may not have the knowledge of how to use some forms of technology, e.g. how to load photos onto social media
 - How to send photos via email
 - How to use phone apps instead of hand held GPS.
- Use of a slideshow at club nights
 - Invite members to send in recent photos so they can show off their trips
 - Copy social media posts as many members won't be using it so may have missed interesting content.
- Clubs working together with Hunts Course to help people get through if they miss a day
 - An example was given of a person who was unable to attend a river crossing day on the Hutt Valley course attending the river crossing day with Wellington branch
- Encouraging branches to intermingle more often at shoots, social events, shared resources etc.

Goats in the Ruahines



WANTED

**Goat sightings
in the Ruahine
Forest Park**

The Department of Conservation currently has limited information on goat numbers and spread in the Ruahine Forest Park.

We need your help to prevent new populations establishing in the Park, especially in high value biodiversity areas

Each year, DOC contractors conduct goat control in the north eastern and southern Ruahine Forest Park to prevent goats from spreading into and establishing in the area known as Northern Ruahine. This area, which runs from Ikawetea Forks Hut in the north to Maropea Forks Hut in the south, is the most ecologically significant area in the park.

Please phone (06) 3509700 or email manawatu@doc.govt.nz to report locations of goat sightings or kills.

 Department of Conservation
Te Papa Kaitiaki

New Zealand Government



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.

This month's entry is not eligible, but is a great yarn from the back of the 1951 dinner menu from then President Harvey Morrow. See next page.



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

"Doon the Burrern Harvey Lad"

PRESIDENT MORROW'S TIPS FOR THOSE WHO GET THE PORK FOR NEXT YEAR'S DINNER.

It is a good plan, if a party is going out for the week-end, for the organiser to go early and cook tea for the main party. The main party can be expected around midnight and in good spirits. When planning the trip always pick a wet week-end. This gives the sport an extra attraction. On leaving the camp shoot at your earliest opportunity an old boar, cut off the hams and load your fittest members' packs with these. After walking for hours you will find you can outlast them. Towards dusk, and if possible at the furthest point from your camp, try to shoot several porkers. By the time you have cleaned these up it should be dark, and preferably raining. Have your mates throw the boar hams away, and load them well with porkers. Now, especially if the pork is heavy, the weather wet, the rivers in flood and you have forgotten the torch, start for home. This is particularly pleasant in thick manuka and strange country. You'll really appreciate the pork, especially if on handing some around to the girl friend or wife she says, "I gave it to the dog as I did not care for the look of it." The correct procedure then is to stand back and—Yes, as I was saying, it is a wonderful sport. In your wanderings around the country keep well clear of Southland Beeches, and if the game is not what it was always cheer your mates by saying, "You should have been here last time." This makes everybody happy. Generally it is a good plan to take no food for the day as "we are bound to be back by two." It will surprise you the way those sausages—burned for breakfast two days ago (and about which there were some pointed remarks)—quickly disappear on the party's return around ten that night. Try not to leave any wood cut around the camp when leaving in the morning. It's much more fun cutting it in the dark—and you'll cut it quicker if it's raining and you're cold. If the foregoing is followed hand in your resignation to me now, as I'm sure you'll cease to be an active member anyway.

H. MORROW,

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>

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As new \$45

Benno Gypser Email: benno.nicki@gmail.com

Mobile: 027 4949830



COMBINATION TRIGGER LOCKS

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

