



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **June 2023**

Next general Meeting Wednesday 21 June

7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Speaker: To be confirmed (plus sign-up for 2024 Kaweka trips)

General Meeting 21 June

Speaker was still to be confirmed at the time of writing the newsletter, but meeting will go ahead at 7:30 pm on 21 June. This will also be sign-up night for our April 2024 club hunts to Tussock, Harkness (pictured below), & Te Puke Huts. Come along to find out more. Followed by supper.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

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

5 JULY COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

7 JULY NATIONAL NZDA COMPETITION ENTRIES CLOSE All entries must be received by 5 pm. See details later in newsletter.

8-9 JULY WANGANUI MEAT HUNT Now full. Participants in May general meeting had first opportunity to sign up for this, with remaining spots filled in response to the email notice.

20 JULY SMALLBORE SHOOTING Masterton Miniature Rifle Club, Cole Street starting at 7 pm. This is a **Thursday night** and replaces our July general meeting. Branch will pay for the first card for all members. Subsequent cards (and non-members \$10 per card). This is always a fun night and there are senior and junior trophies up for grabs so bring the kids along.

21-23 JULY 2023 NATIONAL NZDA CONFERENCE To be held at Hotel Ashburton hosted by Ashburton, Rakaia & Malvern Branches. Andrew Dennes and Dave Mackay will attend.

2 AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm.

16 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING Parkvale Hall 7:30 pm. Speaker to be confirmed. Drop off heads for branch competitions.

31 AUGUST WAIRARAPA BRANCH COMPETITION ENTRIES CLOSE All entries for photo and AHT competitions must be received by 5 pm. See details and entry form later in newsletter.

14 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER Parkvale Hall 6:00 pm. Put it in your calendar now!

9 DECEMBER WAIRARAPA 4x4 FUNDRAISER. We have been asked to help out with volunteers again. See details later in newsletter.

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

17 MAY GENERAL MEETING

About 30 members attended and were treated to an entertaining presentation from committee member Hamish Graham on his rifle set-ups. Liz certainly thought he was #1!



3 JUNE BRANCH CLAY TARGET SHOOT

We had a fine, sunny day with 16 shooters at Gladstone range. A much-improved turn-out (& scoring) from last year. Thanks to Alex Beesley and Greg Hamilton for organising this.



SCORES

Justin B	28	Lloyd R	22	Gary W	11
Greg H	27	Paul H	20	Clare H	5
Richard O	25	Jacob W	20		
Tim H	24	Nick M	19		
John	24	Regan K	19		
Dave M	24	Derrick W	18		
Angus W	23	Alex B	12		



News

PARKVALE HALL

The two replacement stoves have been wired in and installed. We are getting good numbers of inquiries about bookings, but a couple of disappointing no-shows. Phone 022 323 6993 for hall bookings.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Pretty quiet recently. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Luke on 027 630 7640.

MEMBERSHIPS

Liz Warren and Liz Nicholson are now handling memberships (taking over from Sean). Members who didn't renew by 30 April 2023 have been removed from the email list and will not be eligible for branch competitions.

DEER PARK

No update this month.

FINANCIALS

Branch account has \$10,188 with an additional \$21,265 in term deposits. Flights and accommodation have been paid for Andrew and Dave to attend National conference.

RANGE & SHOOTING

See the report above on clay target shooting.

Smallbore indoor shoot is scheduled for Thursday 20 July starting at 7 pm at Masterton Miniature Rifle Club.

The Branch centrefire and rimfire shooting competitions will be held in September. Date to be confirmed 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

Club is renewing hut maintenance agreements for Sayers and Neill Forks Huts.

FUNDRAISING

We have been asked to provide marshalls again by the Wairarapa 4x4 club. This is a great day out as the 30+ members who participated last time can attest. And a great fundraiser for the branch. For those who did not do this last time we will have a training session at one of the upcoming general meetings.

The date is 9 December at the same venue as last time, south of Martinborough. It is an all-day event with an 8 am start and maybe 5p m finish. The 4x4 club provide lunch, and we are planning on having a BBQ afterwards for ourselves and the competitors.

Please respond if you can help. No children - 18+ members only. We need a minimum of 25. Call Sean at 021 822802 or email wairarapanzda@gmail.com.



WEBSITE

Sean Roberts has taken over website administration and has recently updated the website with new stories. Check it out on <http://www.wairarapanzda.org.nz/>.

HUTS

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



WAIRARAPA BRANCH AHT & PHOTO COMPETITIONS

Closing date for entries for annual Branch competitions is **5 pm on Thursday 31 August 2023**.

Categories are as follows:

- Red deer, public land (Avon Tatton Shield)
- Red deer, private land (Steve Ticehurst cup)
- Classic Red deer (J.M. Jury shield)
- Best goat head (Crawford Cameron shield)
- Best head where a trophy fee is paid (Playle trophy)
- Best pig jaw –undrawn tusks (Harvie Morrow shield)
- Best pig jaw – Drawn Tusks (N. Tilsey Shield)
- Aggregate, two or more species (V.V. Donald shield)
- Best head other species
- Best trophy head ‘under 20’
- Tahr / Chamois (Max Cole Barometer)

Photographic categories are:

- Game animals in their wild, outdoor state (W.F. McIntyre Cup)
- Other Wildlife in its wild, outdoor state and not in any form of captivity (V.V. Donald Shield)
- Scenic relative to the sport of hunting (B.W. Newport Cup)
- Other – not covered in other categories (K Gear Cup)
- Junior photograph (Amos Cup)

All competitions will be run closely to the Branch Competition rules which have been laminated and displayed in our Parkvale meeting room for the whole competition year. These notes are simply an abbreviation of them.

Key dates this year are:

- Heads, jaws and photos must be taken in the year from **1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**.
- Entry forms and AH&T Trophies (heads) to be dropped off at Parkvale Hall by **5 pm Thursday 31 August 2023**. Entries can also be dropped off at the General Meeting 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall **16 August 2023**.
- Photographs to be emailed to Richard O’Driscoll at wairarapanzda@gmail.com by **5 pm Thursday 31 August 2023**.
- Branch Prize-Giving – presentation of Awards & Certificates – **Saturday 14 October 2023**.

Extracts from the Rules.

1. Entrants must have been financial members of this branch at the time of shooting the trophy or taking the photograph. Junior members (18 years & under) to be noted on Entry forms please.
2. All entries in the Antler-horn-tusk competitions (including the Paid hunting section) must have been taken in unimpeded fair chase. No spotlighting. **Paid hunting entries are to be clearly designated on Entry forms.**
3. Antler-horn-tusk entries must be on a clean, full skull (or jaw). Foul entries will not be accepted. **No mounted heads accepted.**
4. A Disputes panel will be appointed by the Committee.
5. A competitor may enter more than one head in each competition.
6. Entry forms (both AH&T and photographs) should contain adequate information to illustrate the philosophies within these Competition rules are met.
7. Photos taken in N.Z. Not from a Conveyance. No dead animals or birds. **All entries will be submitted digitally rather than as prints.** Please email high resolution .jpg images to wairarapanzda@gmail.com. Make sure you put “Photo entry” in subject. Images can also be provided on USB to Richard O’Driscoll (021 1411472). You will still need to complete an entry form for each photo entered.

8. Judging will be of four categories. The categories must be designated by the entrant and clearly marked on the Entry form and the back of photo. One fully completed entry form (see note 6 above) for each photo. Members may enter up to three photos in each category.
9. The categories are:
 - a. Game animals in their wild, outdoor state. Not in any form of captivity.
 - b. Other Wildlife in its wild, outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. The subject matter is to be relevant to hunting, hunting country, and the associated activities of hunters.
 - c. Scenic relative to the sport of hunting. Human activity should be of minor importance.
 - d. Other – not covered in other categories. Subject matter is to be relevant to hunting or hunting country. Or the associated activity of hunters.

NOTE: The winning photo of each category will be printed and retained for the Parkvale Hall display board.

Entry form at the end of the newsletter. There must be a separate entry form for each trophy or photo submitted!



NATIONAL NZDA COMPETITIONS

You can enter the following categories:

- Antler, Horn and Tusk (AHT)
- Photographic
- Film
- Literary
- Shooting competitions

The closing date for all entries is 5pm on Friday, 7th July 2023

To enter, simply visit the website and follow the instructions provided.

You can access all entry forms <https://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/confere-nce-2023/competition-entry-forms/>



Valuing white-tailed deer on Stewart Island/Rakiura

The Game Animal Council with support from the Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust, is seeking to understand what white-tailed deer on Stewart Island/Rakiura mean to the New Zealand hunting community. This will not only help inform our knowledge of hunting on the island, but also help us raise awareness of the views of white-tailed deer hunters.

If you have hunted on Stewart Island/Rakiura we would love to hear about what the white-tailed deer hunting experience on the island means to you. The questions will take about two minutes to answer and all feedback will remain anonymous.

[Please provide your feedback here](#)



Game Animal Council
NEW ZEALAND

The NZDA Conference in Ashburton is just around the corner, and we're thrilled to announce that Missing in Aotearoa (@m.i.a_gear) is sponsoring an amazing raffle prize: a M.I.A Westlander III Tent with a whole lot more!

The M.I.A Westlander III canvas 3 person tent will come with:

- M.I.A Gear - Stainless Steel V2 400 Wood Stove
- M.I.A Gear Westlander III - Bathtub Floor
- Big Billy - Water Heater

A combo valued at over \$4000!

This high-quality tent combo is perfect for all your outdoor adventures, offering durability, spaciousness, and exceptional comfort. Anyone can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win this fantastic prize.

<https://nzda.shop/collections/raffle/products/m-i-a-tent-package-raffle-tickets>

Ticket sales close 5:00pm Saturday 22nd July and the raffle will be drawn on the evening of Saturday 22nd July at the 75th Annual NZDA Conference.



Firearms Pānui



On 11 May the [Arms Amendment Regulations](#) were released. These regulations enable the Firearms Registry. It provides specifics for all regulated parties on how the Registry will work, what needs to be registered and when registration needs to happen.

This is a significant milestone for Te Tari Pūreke and Police. The Registry was first signalled in 2019 and these regulations mark the last of the major changes being made to the [Arms Act 1983](#) following the 2019 terrorist attacks on Christchurch mosques.

Currently, there is no record of all firearms in New Zealand. The Registry will change this, with all lawfully held firearms being recorded in a central database. The new Registry will allow us to see how many and what type of firearms there are, and who has possession of them.

With responsible firearms licence holders doing the right thing and filling in the Registry, it will make it easier to identify the small group in the community who might be in possession of firearms for unlawful or criminal purposes.

So, the Registry will help us make New Zealand safer.

It will also give licence holders more confidence when buying or selling firearms. Over time, the Registry will let them know if they're dealing with a current licence holder and if the firearm has been reported stolen.

Mike McIlraith – Director Partnerships
Te Tari Pūreke | Firearms Safety Authority



The Firearms Registry

Our registry capability is being developed in stages and we'll be concentrating on firearms licence holders first.

Firearms licence holders will not be charged a fee to register arms items.

[Find out more →](#)

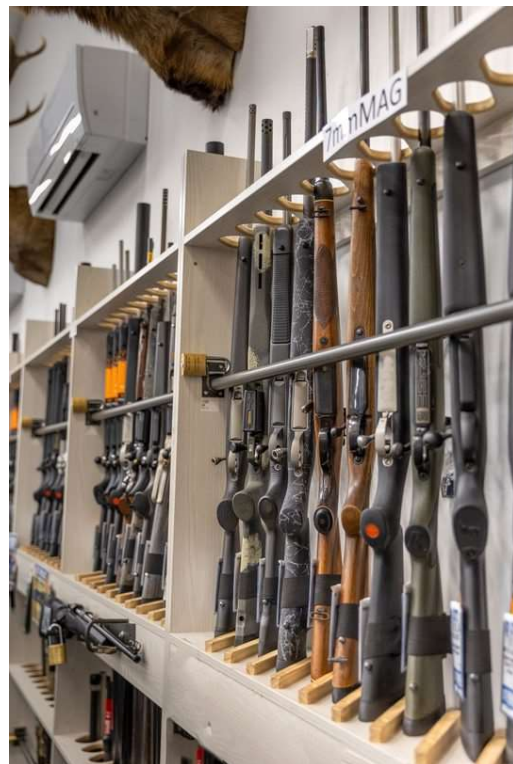
What arms items must be registered?

All firearms licence holders are required to register arms items in their possession. The arms items they must register are:

- non-prohibited firearms (including Specially Dangerous Airguns)
- prohibited firearms and magazines
- pistols
- restricted weapons
- major parts
- pistol carbine conversion kits
- firearms that do not work.

Antique firearms and airguns which are not specially dangerous are excluded.

[Find out more →](#)



What details are required to register firearms?

These are the details that are required to register firearms:

- type (rifle, shotgun, etc.)
- make
- model
- action
- calibre/gauge
- if it has a non-detachable magazine and, if so, its capacity
- identifying marking (for example, serial number).

More information is available on our website about major firearms parts, prohibited magazines and pistol carbine conversion kits. [Find out more →](#)



When must licence holders register their arms items?

Firearms licence holders can provide information for the Registry from 24 June 2023 to register arms items in their possession. They can register their arms items any time within these 5 years. In some circumstances, they must provide information for the Registry in a shorter time frame than 5 years. These are called [activating circumstances](#).

Activating circumstances

Licence holders must provide information for the Registry the first time any activating circumstance applies. If none apply to licence holders before 24 June 2028, they must provide the information by 31 August 2028.

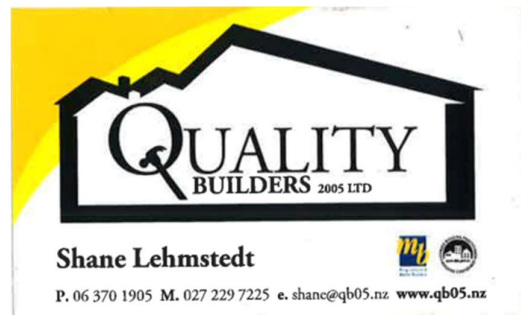
Example circumstances:

- Applying for a licence or endorsement
- Notifying us of a change of circumstance, such as a change of address
- Importing, exporting or manufacturing an arms item
- Selling, hiring, purchasing or receiving an arms item
- Theft, loss or destruction of an arms item
- A licence holder is subject to any compliance or enforcement action under the Arms Act.

Go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/firearms-registry/when-register-your-arms-items for more information on all activating circumstances.

How can licence holders register their arms items?

Licence holders can quickly and easily register their arms items on our website at any time from 24 June. Just go to www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz and click on MyFirearms. Otherwise, our Registry and Services team will be available by phone to help during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm).



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 stories again this month, but check out this nice 12-pointer shot by junior member Rhys Amos. Just over 140 kgs . Shot at 320 m with a 7mm-08. Thanks to Martin for 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

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.

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.

Final Thoughts

Be safe be sure.
Assume it is a person not a deer.
No meat is better than no mate.
Identify your target.

Disclaimer: The contents of this Newsletter come from various sources, and the opinions or ideas expressed are not necessarily endorsed by this committee or by National Executive, nor may they reflect Branch policy.

Check us out on Facebook:  <https://www.facebook.com/WairarapaNZDA>

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

Our updated website is at: <http://www.wairarapanzda.org.nz/>.





WAIRARAPA BRANCH NZDA
ALL ENTRIES FOR ANTLER HORN & TUSK
AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS
TO BE ON THIS FORM



COMPETITION ENTERED FOR

NAME OF ENTRANT

ADDRESS

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DATE SHOT/TAKEN **LOCALITY**

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF SECURING TROPHY (to be completed by entrant)

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION AND I UNDERSTAND THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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ANY PERSON FOUND DELIBERATELY CONTRAVENING RULES MAY HAVE ALL THEIR ENTRIES DISQUALIFIED AND MAY BE BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR AS DETERMINED BY THE BRANCH COMMITTEE.

WITNESS: I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRANT IS A FINANCIAL MEMBER AND WAS, AT THE TIME OF TROPHY TAKING.