



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association  
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **August 2024**



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Newsletter Story Competition	October 2023 to September 2024 – prize of \$50 Stories and photos to the newsletter editor at <a href="mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com">wairarapanzda@gmail.com</a>
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# Calendar

Wed 21 August	2024	Open night at Wairarapa Hunting & Fishing – 5.30pm
Wed 4 September	2024	AHT & Photo entries closing date – 7.30pm
Wed 4 September	2024	Committee Meeting – Parkvale Hall - 7.30pm
Wed 18 September	2024	General Meeting – Parkvale Hall – 7.30pm
Sun 22 September	2024	Annual Club Shoot Competition – Gladstone range – 9am
Wed 2 October	2024	Committee Meeting – Parkvale Hall – 7.30pm
Sat 19 October	2024	Branch Annual Dinner – Parkvale Hall – 6pm
11-19 March	2025	Branch Trip to Stewart Island



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# WAIRARAPA DEERSTALKERS GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 21ST**

**@ MASTERTON  
HUNTING AND  
FISHING**

**5.30PM ONWARDS**

**NIBBLES +  
REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED**

**ON THE NIGHT, THERE WILL BE EXPERTS  
TALKING TO US FROM...**

**Tightlines**  
*Sleeping bags  
Nikwax*

**Hikmicro**  
*Thermals*

**Traeger**

Spend \$50 on  
the night and go  
in the draw to  
win a Hikmicro  
handheld  
thermal



## Committee News and Updates

### FINANCIALS

Current account balance \$18,052.42 with \$22,300.39 in term deposits.  
The branch bank account number for payments (firewood, etc) is 03-0687-0022096-00  
(This is not the account for payment of memberships – which go direct to National Office.)

### DEER PARK

The memorandum of understanding with Masterton District Council for expansion of the Deer Park is now signed. An irrigation control unit has been donated by Hydroflow.

### DOC LIAISON

Hut maintenance agreements for Sayers and Neill Forks Huts for next three years have now been signed.

### FUNDRAISING

We have some **split dry pine firewood for sale**. This has been under cover since it was split.  
Cost \$70 per m3. Contact Andrew on 027 295 5300 to arrange pick-up.

### HUTS

Mike Thrupp represents the branch at Greater Wellington Backcountry Network Inc meetings. Hamish Graham has been nominated by the branch to represent us with the Aorangi Restoration Trust.

### MEMBERSHIPS

New members still coming through.

### RANGE & SHOOTING

Gladstone range is available for the use of members. Branch members get six free visits a year.  
**Hours for using the Gladstone range for visitors including Deerstalkers 9:30 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday** unless you're accompanied by a Gladstone WPSSC member.

Please keep to these times to avoid disappoint as with new police regulations, Range Officers are required on active ranges even for casual shooting.

There is a Precision Rifle match booked on range 6 on the first Sunday of the month so late morning is recommended for that day unless you would like to join in with them which you are more than welcome to do.

Sunday 22 September 2024  
**Annual Club Shoot Competition**  
Gladstone range - 9am sharp

New class: Varmint .17 HMR, .22 magnum through to .221 Remington

Junior prizes – come along and have a go

Fully details will be in the September newsletter

## Wairarapa Branch AHT & Photo Competitions

Closing date for entries for annual Branch competitions:  
**7:30 pm on Wednesday 4 September 2024.**

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

Entry forms and AH&T Trophies (heads) to be dropped off at:

- the Open Night at Hunting & Fishing on **21 August 2024**
- or before the committee meeting at **Parkvale Hall from 7 pm – 7.30pm on 4 September 2024.**
- Heads, jaws and photos must be taken in the year from **1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.**

### Photographs

- to be emailed to Richard O'Driscoll at [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com) by **7:30 pm Wednesday 4 September 2024.**
- Branch Prize-Giving – presentation of Awards & Certificates – **Saturday 19 October 2024.**

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](mailto: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!

*A teacher gave her class an assignment: Ask their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day the kids came back and began to tell their stories. Sophie said, "My father's a farmer and we have a lot of egg-laying hens. One time we're taking our eggs to market in a basket on the front seat when we hit a bump in the road and all the eggs went flying and broke." "And what's the moral of the story?" asked the teacher. "Don't put all your eggs in one basket!" "Very good," said the teacher.*

*Next little Kristina raised a hand and said, "Our family are famers too, and we raise chickens for the meat market. We had a dozen eggs, but when hatched we only got 10 live chicks, the moral to this story is, don't count your chickens until they're hatched." "Excellent story, now Stevie, do you have a story to share?"*

*"Yes, Ma'am! My daddy told me this story about my Aunty Donna. She was a flight engineer during Desert Storm and her plane got hit. She bailed out over enemy territory. All she had was a bottle of whiskey, a machine gun and a machete. She drank the whiskey on the way down so it wouldn't break. Then she landed in the middle of 100 enemy troops, killed 70 with the machine gun until it ran out of bullets! Then killed 20 more with the machete till the blade broke, she killed the last 10 with her bare hands." "Good heavens," said the horrified teacher, "what kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that horrible story?" "Stay away from Aunty Donna when she's been drinking."*

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## Competition Information

It's wild goat hunting season!

**Date:** 1 August – 26 November. Entries close at midnight on 26 November 2024.

**Location:** Nationwide – on both public and private land.

All goat tails and goat heads entered must be wild and taken legally, recreationally, and humanely during the competition period. Wild goat heads can only be taken to an approved New Zealand Deerstalker Association (NZDA) entry point.

**Entry locations:** [Find an entry location near you.](#)

**Competition rules:** [Read the competition rules.](#)

Competition categories and prizes

We have over \$70,000 worth of prizes donated by the hunting and outdoor sector.



## Advocacy Alert: National Aerial Operations Plan 2025 taking feedback now

OSPRI is inviting feedback on the 2025 National Aerial Operations Plan for TBfree pest control operations.

### Feedback responses are due by 30 September 2024

OSPRI, which manages the TBfree programme, is seeking specific feedback from people and organisations who may be affected by the proposed aerial disease control operations, including landowners and land users, farmers, hunters, and people involved in outdoor recreation.

Full details online can be found [here](#), you'll also find the [National Aerial Operations Plan 2025](#) and the online [feedback form link](#).

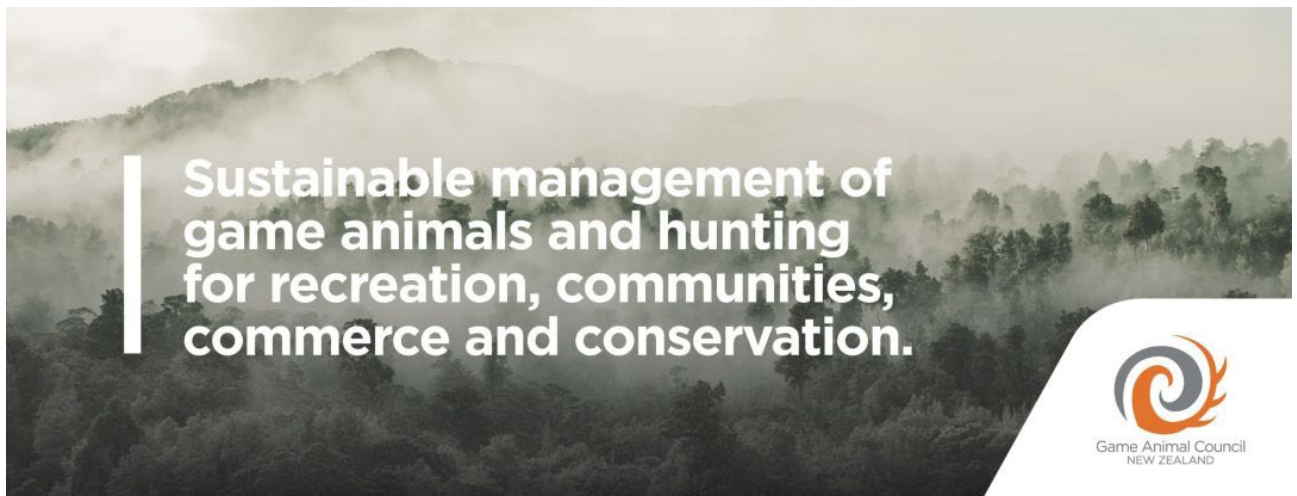


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# Services to the NZ Game Animal Council and hunting sector celebrated

*By Grant Dodson, Chair of the NZ Game Animal Council*



Around one hundred people gathered in Parliament's Grand Hall on Thursday 1 August, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NZ Game Animal Council (GAC).

Many thanks to our event host, Minister for Hunting and Fishing Hon Todd McClay. It was in the house of Parliament where 10 years ago, the Game Animal Council Act and the GAC was established so it seemed a very fitting location to host our birthday.

We welcomed attendees to celebrate not only the achievements of the GAC over the last 10 years, but most importantly the people who have contributed to these achievements and the strides that the hunting sector has taken during this time.

It was the Hon Peter Dunne as Leader of United Future and Associate Minister of Conservation who, along with support from other Members of Parliament such as the Hon Todd McClay, made the passage of the Game Animal Council Act possible.

In the early days, Don Hammond and the wider inaugural Council often undertook work on a voluntary basis. Despite the uncertainty and lack of funding, it was their judicious management during that period that set the GAC up for the future.

While the success of the GAC is the sum of many people's hard work, passion, dedication and commitment, there's one person who we believe requires significant recognition for their services to the Game Animal Council and the New Zealand hunting sector.

Garry Ottmann has spent decades working in largely voluntary roles on behalf of hunters, across many hunting sector organisations and as the Chair of the GAC Establishment Committee.

He was a tireless advocate for the establishment of the GAC, and it is the view of many people around at that time, that without him this organisation would probably never have been established. He was also a member of the GAC's Inaugural Council and acted as a part-time general manager.

Garry's passion for hunting and conservation in New Zealand requires acknowledgement which is why he was the recipient of the GAC's inaugural award for services to the Game Animal Council and New Zealand hunting sector. We thank Garry for his commitment to the GAC and the hunting sector in New Zealand. We wouldn't be where we are today without his efforts.

The GAC has an ambitious vision – the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, communities, commerce and conservation. While there remains a long and difficult journey ahead to achieve this vision, I believe we can be proud of the contribution of the GAC so far. This includes:

- Providing support to hunting sector organisations
- Developing a more progressive game animal management system in New Zealand
- Providing research, information and coordination for the hunting sector

[www.nzgac.org.nz](http://www.nzgac.org.nz)

- Developing the Herds of Special Interest concept which will see game animals managed for both hunting and conservation
- Facilitating hunter education and safety awareness through Better Hunting – our online learning programme for hunters.

These achievements reflect not only the GAC but a range of stakeholders pushing for more, for better, to achieve good results when it comes to game animal management, conservation and hunting in New Zealand.

Collaboration is critical for a small organisation like the GAC, and we highly value the relationships and contributions that those across the sector make to their communities, and what they achieve for conservation and hunting in New Zealand.

I trust over the last 10 years our small but effective organisation has fulfilled the expectations that Parliament placed on us back in 2013 and will continue to make strides in supporting quality game animal management, hunting and conservation in New Zealand.

*The NZ Game Animal Council is a statutory organisation working towards the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, communities, commerce and conservation.*

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### **Images and captions:**



**Celebrating 10 years of the NZ Game Animal Council**

**There are four standard rifle-firing positions: prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling.**

**Prone**

The prone position is the steadiest of the four positions. Because it's the easiest to hold, it's the best position for mastering the fundamentals of firing—aiming, breath control, trigger squeeze, and follow through.



**Standing**

With neither arm supported, this is the most difficult position for firing an accurate shot. Rather than trying to hold the barrel steady, which is impossible, try to keep movement of the barrel to as small an area as possible. Smooth, natural motion will produce the best shot.



### **Sitting**

Both arms are supported by your legs. Next to the prone position, this is the steadiest position.



### **Kneeling**

With only one arm braced, the kneeling position is less steady than the prone and sitting positions.





Gary teaching a young 17 year old how to shoot.

Sometimes you have to leave the rifle at home and take a fishing rod.







# New Zealand Food Safety

Haumaru Kai Aotearoa

## Donating meat guidelines

As New Zealanders, we are fortunate to have a variety of wild kai at our doorstep. This provides many of us with the opportunity to supplement our tables with meat resource that is a good source of protein, low in fat and high in nutrients. Home kill and recreational catch are unregulated meat sources, not subject to the same rigorous regulatory controls that apply to meat purchased from a supermarket or butcher.

New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) food safety guidance for hunting, fishing and home kill can be found [here](#). The basic legislation for homekill and recreational catch activity is set out in sections 67 and 68 of the **Animal Products Act 1999**.

MPI has systems to monitor commercial food operations, but no assurances can be given about whether meat from wild animals is safe to eat. MPI does not intend to regulate the harvest and preparation of non-commercial wild foods. If you eat recreationally caught meat, you do so at your own risk.

### Recreational catch and homekill meat

Recreational catch means wild animals that are killed, captured, taken or harvested by a recreational hunter or fisher.

Homekill means the slaughtering and butchering of your animals for your own use.

Slaughter must meet the requirements of the **Animal Welfare Act 1999**, you must ensure the animal does not suffer unreasonable or unnecessary pain or distress.

### The two main food safety risks faced from homekill and recreational catch are:

- **Bacterial contamination** caused by the animal being exposed to pathogens such as Salmonella and E. coli which have contaminated the meat.
- **Chemical contamination** e.g. caused by the animal eating poison baits, lead from bullet fragments or chemicals through transport exposing meat to harmful chemicals.

Homekill and recreational catch must not be exchanged for money, goods or services, or trade in any way. Trading homekill or recreational catch is an offence. This includes barter, serving to paying customers (e.g. at a bed and breakfast), offering as a prize or giving away for the purpose of advertisement.



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New Zealand Government

### Donating recreational catch and homekill

Under some circumstances, giving away or donating homekill or recreational catch meat products is acceptable, such as donating through an agreed and well managed system with a recognised foodbank or charity organisation.

#### Key considerations for donating include:

- There will be no element of trade throughout the whole supply chain.
- Only donate meat you would put on your own family's dinner table.
- Meat needs to be cooled or chilled as quickly as possible after harvest and should be delivered chilled or frozen.
- Do not provide damaged or contaminated meat.
- Carefully consider any food safety risks and how they can be managed to protect the public, e.g. clear labelling.

#### Key considerations for receiving include:

- MPI foremost recommends consumption of regulated meat when possible.
- Check product well and cook thoroughly before consuming
- Store in fridge and consume within 24 hours of receiving or defrosting if frozen.

Each individual, charity or foodbank involved in the delivery of donated unregulated meat need to have systems and complete due diligence to minimise risk and protect all consumers, especially the vulnerable, including elderly or people with weakened immune systems.

Homekill and recreational meat is considered unregulated, and therefore must not be sold or traded. People who consume or donate it do so at their own risk. Specific questions can be sent to [animal.products@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:animal.products@mpi.govt.nz).

**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



December 2023

John Bissell – out and about in July

Brew time after a winter hunt in the Aorangis



Sami being allowed to sneak in some plucking on this hind after a nice track and find



Sami always gets her shank after a successful hunt



Nice fat forestry fallow doe. Sami is less impressed. This was deer number four for the morning, so it was getting a bit 'old' 🙄



Big winter hind. Mud fat



Sami locked up on some mob pigs



Glassing big South Westland country on a cracker day



Arawhata River



Sami indicating on a red stag in mature pines



Canterbury July 12



## 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](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com)

- Aimpoint micro H2 red dot sight. Great condition \$600  
Call John on 027 841 3167
- Leupold VX2 1.5-5x20 scope. German #4 reticle. Great condition. \$400  
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<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.
- NZDA MERCHANDISE <https://nzda.shop/collections/all>

### Lloyd's Paua Fritter Recipe:

"It's not very flash:

Five paua

Two eggs

Some flour

And some onion

Mince the paua and onion together

Add the other stuff"

### 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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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 .....

ANY PERSON FOUND DELIBERATELY CONTRAVENING RULES MAY HAVE ALL THEIR ENTRIES  
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BY THE BRANCH COMMITTEE.

WITNESS: I .....

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