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NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES

31st August 2017



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Winter is almost over, We might start to finally see some blue skies and sunny weather!



Membership renewal is also creeping up - get your branches centralised renewal form in if you haven't already, you'll find it attached to this newsletter to make things easy.

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- THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICE FROM THE HERITAGE TRUST -

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED

- Taupo Branch Prize Shoot Letter for Branches + Flyer
- Centralised Membership Request 2018-19
- National Party Policy on Firearms in New Zealand

> PHOTO BY **BILL WALLACE** FROM BUSH BRANCH <
> 2ND PLACE SECTION A - ENTRY FROM THE 2017 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION<

NOTICES

- Neville Carter from Manawatu branch is interested in holding a Douglas Score Course on the 4th or 5th of November 2017 at the branch clubrooms. If you are interested, please contact Neville on **06 356 8747** by the end of August. This is an exciting opportunity to learn to measure heads and perhaps become a judge at national conference.
- Waikato are holding a Douglas Score workshop starting 10am on the 4th of November. Registration can be done through the National Office.

FIREARMS CODES

Some branches may not be aware that the 2017 copies of the Firearms Codes have been recalled. We have limited copies of the previous arms codes. This has a serious impact on us as we send the firearms codes with HUNTS packs and membership packs. Until further notice we will download and print copies from the NZ police website.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/92923126/lawabiding-shooters-up-in-arms-over-police-arms-code-bungle>



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A HISTORY OF HUNTING

THE DEERSTALKERS PART 2 1987-2012

We have copies available of 'A History of Hunting' to purchase. This book was compiled to show a snapshot of the Association and how it has progressed in the past 25 years.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY TO ENSURE CORRECT DELIVERY)

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NOTICES

NEW PO BOX

We have a new PO Box number! We have switched as the new PO Box is located just across the street from our office in Collina Terrace. We understand that this is a change people will need to get used to, which is why we are telling you now! A re-direct has been set up and will run until May of 2018 so no mail will go missing and people can have a chance to update their details for us.

Our old PO Box was 6514 Marion Square, Wellington, 6141 and has changed to



PO Box 12015
Thorndon
Wellington, 6144

Please update our postal address details in your system!

Brian Witton's photograph was incorrectly placed in the previous newsletter in the National Photographic results. See below correction.



2nd—Brian Witton, Auckland Branch, 'Moving On'



3rd—Robert Ramsay, Taupo Branch, 'Hedge Sparrow'

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE GOINGS ON

It's now almost 2 months since conference. Below is some of the things your Executive has been involved with since then.

- Preparing the minutes from conference. (National Secretary)
- Working through the accounts from last financial year. (National Treasurer and accountant)
- Summarising and working through the reports from the conference breakout sessions.
- Looking into a new email structure.
- Working on creating a more personal communication line between branches and an executive member.
- Regular "Battle for our Birds" phone conferences.
- Meetings with and phone calls to branches, formally & informally.
- Working on correspondence and requests from Branches & individual members.
- Firearms and firearms licensing meetings. Ministry of Education consultation –Firearms in schools, Police Community Firearms Advisory Forum.
- Handover from Outdoor Recreation Consortium to the Back Country Trust.
Reviewing and keeping up with various submissions – access, firearms, OSPRI operations.
- Various meetings with interest groups -Tahr Foundation, Tahr Interest Group (TIG), and others
- Creating & delivering presentations to branches.
- Enquiries regarding GAC.
- Coordinating meetings with various groups, e.g. Tahr Foundation, TIG.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2017 CONFERENCE

It is my pleasure to present my report to this annual conference.

Last year's conference was a positive and forward focussed event.

The engagement of delegates in the workshops led by Hutt Valley and the subsequent report that the Chasing Great group presented to Natex in October 2016 gave a strong steer to where improvements could be made within the Association.

No one anticipated the earthquake in November which closed access to the National Office until mid-February 2017.

Our office staff were given access for 10 minutes to grab essential files and then relocated to Sue's kitchen table. (I acknowledge the alternate accommodation kindly offered by Gordon George).

A frustrating problem was that we had no clear indication as to when access would be permitted so we could not consider committing to more suitable accommodation.

About the time we gained access to the building Sue took a tumble and broke both arms so continued working from home while Kirstie staffed the office.

The earthquake disrupted scheduled work.

Rewarranting of HUNTS instructors and range officers was delayed. Invoicing for renewals scheduled for February/March was briefly delayed.

Liaison with the new accountant and auditor and the implementation of a new accounting package continued with two sets of annual accounts sent to the auditor.

COMMENDATION

I need to acknowledge the dedication and resilience shown by SUE and KIRSTIE. Without their efforts we would have been in a very different situation today.

I need to thank the branches which almost without exception showed understanding of the situation the National Office was in.

Advocacy

Principal areas of advocacy have been in firearm related issues, access, 1080 operations and animal welfare.

In all these areas NZDA has worked directly with organisations such as

COLFO, Firearm Safety Council Aotearoa NZ, Game Animal Council and Federated Mountain Clubs.

NZDA has had direct and personal contact with Minister Donne and the Director General and Deputy Director (DOC).

NZDA has submitted on CMS's, unlawful hunting, Codes of Conduct, animal welfare, Levy on exported trophies.

NZDA has ensured consultation on 1080 operations is genuine consultation.

NZDA at a national level has engaged with FMC to pursue mandatory involvement of recreational groups in the consultative phase when tenure review or land sales impact on access. We have reason to believe this will be supported within DOC.

NZDA publishes bi monthly in a national hunting magazine.

Chasing Great Report

The report provided in October firmed up a number of the recommendations that came through at the July conference workshops.

- The National Office data base is under review. Dan Friedman and Gordon George have visited the office, Craig Benbow has contributed ideas and an outside specialist is assisting.
- Hunting and Wildlife in a digital form has been progressed. The recommendation from conference reinforced by the Chasing Great report has been taken on board and options for production and delivery have been explored. We think we have all the technical problems solved.
- Communication via Facebook and Website- The Facebook was relaunched at the beginning of June but uptake is slow. The website is a work in progress and while improvements and updating have occurred we need to bring the administration of the website closer to home preferably inside National Office.

Financial issues

Two issues hopefully have been put to bed

The Shooting account issues have been resolved through the good work of Sandi Curreen and Graeme Steans.

The Endowment Member Scheme is unsustainable in an era of low interest returns and the scheme is closed.

Existing memberships will be honoured and all host branches have been paid up to date. Funding provision has been made to ensure this will continue so long as endowment members remain alive.

Challenges

- I see that Communication with branches and members is generally ineffective. Branches are focussed on their individual problems and some might have little connection to the national body. We need to get them on board.
- Currently we communicate through electronic or print material from National Office (H&W editorials, Monthly NO newsletters, special notices). Are these distributed/discussed within branches?
- Conferences in my personal opinion are not effective – Numbers attending are falling, I question whether reports are getting back from delegates.
- Nominations for Natex (and for branch exec positions) are in short supply.

Meeting the challenge

On Sunday we will discuss some of these issues. And I want you thinking about these proposals and the changes that might result

- We move to a one day AGM in a central venue
We run regional one day meetings for local committee members with National President and regional Natex member present. AHT measuring and training is conducted at the same venue
- National conferences are held every five years.
- We employ an Executive Officer to manage operations
- We change the role of Natex to that of a board with responsibility for governance.

What is the theme for this conference? To grow the business we must be prepared to make changes. Getting Better Bigger and Stronger does not happen by standing still.

I move that this report be accepted



Bill O'Leary

July 2017

The next edition of Hunting and Wildlife will contain more conference content.



NZDA Branch Admin Contact Update Form

If your branch committee has changed, please notify National Office using this form

Branch: _____

Details as at: _____/_____/_____

Patron: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

President: _____

Receives - Misc. Queries/Poison Notifications/
Newsletter/Important Messages

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secretary: _____

Receives - Misc. Queries/Poison Notifications/
Newsletter/Important Messages/Clearings

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Treasurer: _____

Receives - Clearings

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership: _____

This is where all applications will be sent for approval. It is important as this is kept up to date as possible with an email address that is regularly checked so applications aren't ignored.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Branch Postal Address

Branch Life Member Invoices/Conference info/
Important Notifications will be posted to this address.

Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____

City/Town: _____

Post Code: _____

Branch Contact for National Website:

This is what will appear on the National Website. New members or current members with queries will contact your branch using these details so make sure they're up to date!

Name: _____ Contact Number/s: _____

Position in Branch: _____ Any Other Info

Meetings/Important Dates/Clubroom Location/Range Hours etc.

Address: _____

CAPITATION, WHAT IS IT?

(James Steans)

There seem to be some confusion about the exact amount of capitation that is payable. Often this is due to the way in which it is paid or deducted from subs. The easiest way to explain it is with an example.

Branch A has set the following subs for the year

Senior	\$100
Superannuant	\$60
Associate	\$40
Student	\$60
Junior	\$30
Family	\$5

In this example we will assume the branch is on centralised membership, so we need to work what portion of the subscription payment relates to capitation and levies, and what amount will be forwarded to the Branch. I'll start with the easiest first (using capitation rates set at the 2016 conference, for the 2017/18 year).

CAPITATION RATES

Senior	\$60
Superannuant	\$35.50
Associate	\$25
Student	\$35.50
Junior	\$22

Levies

NZDA Heritage Trust	\$3
COLFO	\$3
Research Fund	\$3

The formula is $SUB - (CAPITATION + LEVIES) = BRANCH PORTION$

Family	$\$5 - \$0 = \$5$
Junior	$\$30 - \$22 = \$8$
Student	$\$60 - \$35.50 = \$24.50$
Associate	$\$40 - \$25 = \$15$
Superannuant	$\$60 - \$35.50 = \$24.50$
Senior	$\$100 - (\$60 + \$3 + \$3 + \$3) = \31

The deductions from the Senior sub are made up of Capitation, Heritage Trust Levy, COLFO Levy, and Research Fund Levy. Sometimes this total is referred to as capitation, when in actual fact \$9 of it is distributed to other accounts/organisations. Often this is where the confusion occurs. Hopefully this description from a person with no financial background has helped to clarify, and not confuse, the situation even more.

	Senior	Super	Student	Junior	Family	Affiliate	Associate	
Capitation	\$60.00	\$35.50	\$35.50	\$22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
COLFO	\$3.00							
Heritage	\$3.00							
GAC	\$3.00							
Branch Sub	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$5.00		\$40.00	
Total	\$31.00	\$24.50	\$24.50	\$8.00	\$5.00		\$15.00	

NOTICES

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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BASIC EQUIPMENT INSURANCE POLICY

This policy has been withdrawn effective 1 September 2017

Our experience over the past year has been that claims involving equipment were settled through the member's household contents or similar policy.

It became apparent that the basic equipment policy was expensive and a charge on all members when only a very small number would be eligible to make a claim under the terms of the policy.

NOTICES

WONDERFUL HUNTING PUPPIES FOR SALE

After 2 years of research and a trip to Hungary, I imported a pregnant wire haired Hungarian vizsla bitch of top hunting lines. She is a Hungarian champion. The sire is a dog of French hunting lines also world class. I have pups on the ground now and they will be weaned on the 17/10/17. These pups are easy to sell but I want them to go to keen hunters that get out regularly, not as show dogs. The pups aren't cheap as this exercise cost \$30,000. Pups are \$3000 each. I'm breeding a smaller dog for NZ hunting conditions. Located in Twizel (Mt Cook area).

Any inquires please contact Andy McAslan on 0275742144 or email andy.mcaslan@xtra.co.nz.
Thank you

Regards Andy



- Sue & Kirstie -