



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

November Issue 2012:

Next social: Possible Guest Speaker – This will be advertised via email closer to the event.



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter November 2012



Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

Ring coordinators for more information.

Phone numbers listed on inner back page.

Calendar of the Club's regular monthly events:

Committee Meeting	Last Monday of each month
Range Shoots*	3rd Sunday of each month
Socials	4th Wednesday of each month
Party Hunts**	4th Weekend of each month

** Regular Club Hunting & Trophy Shoots. For extra range shoots and 300 metre shoots please refer to Yearly Range Calendar.*

***Some Party Hunts may be on different dates, see programme.*

Our programme for this month:

Party Hunts	Christmas shoot, 1 st December (weather permitting)
Socials	Guest speaker. Details to be confirmed, Wednesday 28 th November @ 7:30pm, Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2012 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: 2012 Hunts trainees at Minginui Recreation Centre receiving knowledge from Bob Mankelow who is explaining uses of common plants found in New Zealand's native environment.

If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the Newsletter editor, Elvis Bowring on 350 3230 or ebowring@gmail.com.

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Presidents Report

Hi All

Well it has been a busy month down the nationals. Boys shot okay with Mitch getting into Fish & Game Eastern Regional Team. They managed bronze. He also came third in the individual placing winning bronze.

Then we cracked into the Hunts course, with the River crossing and pack float experience. I have to admit I was a tad apprehensive with the idea of jumping out into cold river and floating on my pack but once in, it was great and did my confidence a lot of good should I have to experience it again. I strongly recommend you all come along on the next session and have a go. It may well save you from drowning one day! Great to see Scotty's young guy having a go as well. Murray ain't a bad cook either folks!! In all it was a well-run and organised weekend and credit to those who run it and also the attendees.

Somehow I was the one who had to show how to gut a deer at the last hunts meeting (and social night) using Murray's blunt knife. It was f####ing cold as deer had been hung in chiller for some time. Well done Cliffy!, Thanks to Dennis who followed up with the skinning session so hopefully all the knewbes will be on fire when they finally shoot their deer in few weeks. I can smell the steaks on the BBQ already.

You may have noticed some changes out at the range - mainly with the access. Please use some patience as this is only (hopefully) temporary as we have submitted a new proposal to the Black Powder club and as they meet on 13 Nov with luck we can start our new entrance after this fingers crossed.

While on the range with Dennis one night while checking up on the new access idea we had a yarn to one of the new guys sighting his Tika 223 fox gun!! He was interesting bloke. On leaving we noticed the range gate was open despite the fact we locked it on the way in. PLEASE LOCK THE GATE AFTER YOU ENTER. The pistol club have sent thousands on their range. If someone sneaks in behind you and vandalised the place it's me they beat up on and the clubs name becomes mud. This is not my normal lingo so don't push it.

If there is a range shoot on, okay but at night or weekends on your own - lock it. I don't want to have to take the privilege of the range use away from anyone.

Remember to get your .22's all sighted in juniors as the SWAZI shoot is in December and the same time the Xmas shoot so hope to see you all there.

Those of you whom maybe interested in a hut job read up on the Doc page as we have a new liaison person - Regan Barkla, and she is keen on us helping out soon.

Cheers
Colin Petersen

SPECIAL OFFER TO NZDA MEMBERS

SOG Specialty Knives and Tools is offering NZDA branches a special price on their SOG Hand Axes (SHAX). This special deal lets you purchase an axe for \$55 with \$5 from each axe donated to NZDA Hunts. These normally retail for \$99.00.

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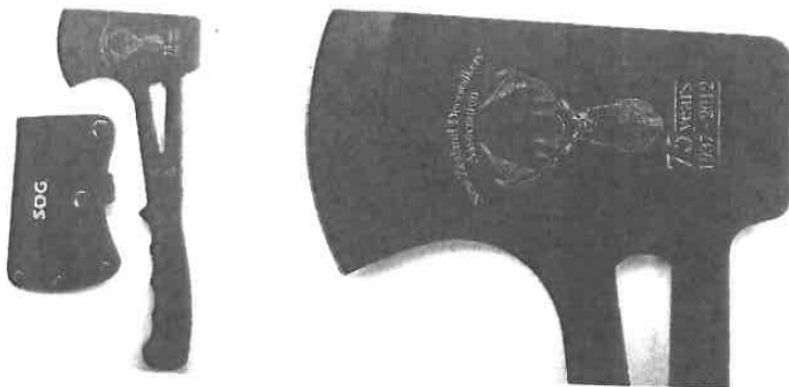
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NZDA SOCIALS AND PARTY HUNT

Social

There will either be a guest speaker or a club gathering. Notice will be given by email before the event.

At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms

Neil Hunt Park, 28th November, 7.30pm

All welcome. Cheap drinks available.

Party Hunt

Next party hunt is the Christmas Shoot. The Swazi shoot will occur at the same time.

This will be held on the 1st December. Members will be emailed the night before if there is going to be any postponement due to weather. The clubrooms are not available on this day so if the weather is bad, the event will be postponed.

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NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS, October 26 2012

NZDA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MINUTES for the September 2012 meeting

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

This includes: the various portfolios/committees for the 2012/13 year and the first point of contact from branches/members to the National Executive members. This is a good way to see what your National Office and National Association are up to on behalf of members, branches and the Association.

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HUNTING BALLOTS/APPLICATION INFORMATION

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office

1. TE MIRO AND TE TAPUI (A & B) DURING March and April 2013

Ballot papers must be received in the Waikato DOC Office no later than Friday 11 January 2013.

NZDA SHOOTING CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2012

1. TAUPO PRIZE SHOOT November 2 Jack Dillon Range, Mountain Road, Taupo. 20 shot 4P @ 100m, CF or RF, Grades A - D all equipment. Contact Bill Seal phone 07 378 9630 or whmmseal@xtra.co.nz.

2. BIG BALLS HUNTING CLASS SHOOT November 2 Jack Dillon Range, Mountain Road, Taupo. 5 shot 4P non graded. Contact Bill Seal phone 07 378 9630 whmmseal@xtra.co.nz

3. 4TH PACIFIC REGIONAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 12 – 18 November

Tokoroa Sports Shooting Complex and Rotorua NZDA ranges. For more information email the national office deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz or check out page 46 NZ Hunting & Wildlife Spring issue 178 October – December 2012.

COLFO - The New Zealand Council of Licensed Firearms Owners is seeking expressions of interest from members who would be willing to form a strategy committee to advise the Council on such issues as public relations, media, strategic plans, etc, which would provide more depth to the Council. If you feel as though this is you or you know someone who may fit the bill, CVs are invited to info@colfo.org.nz fax: (04) 801 7368 or to PO Box 24020, Wellington, New Zealand **no later than January 15 2012.**

NEW ZEALAND WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION'S 2011- 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

<http://www.walkingaccess.govt.nz/2011-2012-Annual-Report-Available>

The annual report highlights the commission's achievements in 2011-2012, which includes: the launch of the Walking Access Mapping System in July 2011, development of the educational resource 'Both Sides of the Fence', 343 access enquiries resolved, and 22 new projects for the 'Enhanced Access Fund' approved. This year's annual report also features brief case studies which provide a snapshot of the types of access cases the commission is involved in. Walking Access Mapping System and types of projects funded by the Enhanced Access Fund. **If you would like to receive a hard copy of the annual report please send your contact details to Kirsti.mouatt@walkingaccess.govt.nz**

ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD (AHB)

1. ANNUAL REPORT AND RESEARCH REPORT 2011/12

<http://www.ahb.org.nz/About-the-AHB/Annual-reports>. This annual report has a strong focus on the outcomes from the first year of the revised National Pest Management Strategy (current strategy) and the operations undertaken to meet its objectives. The strategy was reviewed and then implemented on 1 July 2011, and is now clearly directed at eradicating bovine TB from New Zealand.

2. SWEET-SMELLING POSSUMS MAY HELP TO ERADICATE TB - Using sex pheromones to capture possums is one example of the cutting-edge TB control initiatives featured in this year's Animal Health Board (AHB) annual report and research report. A two-year study into using sexually receptive female possums as a way to capture possums of both sexes in areas where numbers are low is among

the scientific work forming part of the \$2.5 million annually allocated by the AHB to research. AHB Chief Executive William McCook said the two reports show the continuing significant progress being made in controlling and eradicating bovine TB from New Zealand, with the support of a range of government and industry partners.

“In late 2011 we reached our infected herd target some 18 months ahead of schedule and this leaves us well-placed to begin a concerted effort to banish TB from wildlife – and ultimately from New Zealand,” he said. “Our 15-year strategy, which began in July 2011, aims to reduce the TB-risk area in New Zealand by some 2.5 million hectares – or one quarter of its current size. “Having succeeded in reducing infected herd numbers by 96 per cent since 1994, we are supremely well-placed to eradicate the disease from many areas known to contain TB-infected wildlife, particularly possums which are the main culprits in transmitting the disease to cattle and deer herds.

Mr McCook said increased use of portable electronic devices to capture data on the presence, or absence, of TB in wildlife, along with improved methods of targeting possum control in areas where it is most needed would continue to drive efficiencies in the national programme which also incorporates routine livestock testing and herd movement restrictions.

“We also announced exciting plans to eradicate TB from around 200,000 hectares of the West Coast, where the disease has plagued herdowners for several decades.”

West of Lake Taupo, AHB-commissioned researchers have also been exploring new control techniques in difficult terrain. “This work is covered in the research report, along with a similar study being undertaken in Southland. We are now in a strong position to prove we can rid New Zealand of TB in difficult forest terrain such as the Hauhungaroa Range and the Hokonui Hills,” said Mr McCook. “We continue to work alongside our strategy partners DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb New Zealand, the deer industry, Federated Farmers and both central and local government. “When you see what is happening elsewhere in the world, it is important to ensure we have a highly effective TB control programme which is delivering on its promises and protecting premium export market access for dairy, beef and deer products and the \$14 billion per year they contribute to the economy.” **For further information**, please contact: Alan Dicks Communications Advisor Animal Health Board DDI 04 474 7166 www.tbfree.org.nz

POISONING OPERATIONS

Check out: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/threats-and-impacts/animal-pests/pesticide-summaries/important-and-caution-notes/>

1. ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD POSSUM TB CONTROL PROGRAMME WAIKATO REGION 2012/2013

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request. The map mentioned in the letter is not enclosed in this NZDA mailing as it is A3 and coloured but can be obtained direct from TBfree New Zealand – contact Brent Webster 07 849 8913 or email him on enquiries@tbfree.org.nz.

RUAPEHU DISTRICT Raetihi areas, Pestoff and Feratox in bait stations, on or about November 2012 with the work to be concluded approximately March 2013. For further details contact KB Environmental Services: Kevin Battersby 0274 535 114 or Bryan Stent 0272 483 891

SOUTHLAND REGION – Fiordland, commercial possum fur and skin recovery using cyanide paste and leg-hold traps from July 2012 – June 30th 2013. This will cover the Bigbay, Pembroke, Hollyford, Milford, Darran, Poison Bay, Clinton, Eglington, Mavora, Snowdon, Glaisnock, Caswell, Mt Pisgah, Bradshaw, Secretary, Murchison, Dagg, Dingwall, Kepler, Hunter, Resolution, Monowai, Hauroko, Dark Cloud, Westcape, Te Kakatu, Preservation, Pyseger, Poteriteri management units. For more information contact Norm MacDonald, DOC Te Anau 03 249 0200

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UPDATES FROM THE GRAF BROTHERS

1. PLAN TO RID STEWART ISLAND OF MAMMAL PESTS - Gareth Morgan, a rich and powerful New Zealand businessman, has a dream. He has teamed up with Department of Conservation, and some locals, and is advocating ridding Stewart Island of mammal pests. Click here <http://youtu.be/zDxxaM2TkuM> to view this short video about what this dream will mean to the local wildlife, should the eradication programme go ahead. 400 local residents have one week remaining to vote YES or NO on the proposal.

2. NEW GRAF BOYS TV WiLD DVD - This new DVD includes 7 episodes of the Graf Boys TV WiLD programme - Prepurchase the new DVD and you'll not only save money, get free postage, and get it early, but you'll go into the draw to win this Stoney Creek 2in1 pack! (Must be sent to a New Zealand postal address to claim prize). Payment methods - Buy the DVD now by internet banking - Westpac - TV WiLD - 03 1555 0143413 00 using your name in the reference column - When you've made payment, email your details by return email - or - online via the TV WiLD shop www.tvwild.co.nz and then click on "Shop" Or (If in New Zealand) - you can send a cheque for \$24.95 - made to out TV WiLD - to - Box 19440, Hamilton. Don't forget to include your details and address! **(Must arrive by the 31st of October to qualify)**. The DVD includes over three hours of outdoors action, including Red deer roar hunting, Sika deer information, Fallow deer hunting in Woodhill, coarse fishing, the Hihitahi 1080 incident, and more. The DVD will be at

Hunting & Fishing stores across NZ in November. Cheers, and thanks for your support!

GAP YEAR PROGRAMME CALLED 'ULTIMATE OE

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the national office is a letter of introduction and promotion material. If you are interested in this programme which offers young New Zealanders an opportunity to work in Canada based in and around hunter outfitting, the outdoors and agriculture, or would like Kuran Ireland the owner/trainer to visit your branch meeting contact him on 022 697 6007 or email him on ultimateoe.co.nz

DOC UPDATES

1. PROGRESS REPORT ON STATUS OF CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (CMSs) AND MANAGEMENT PLANS

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office.

Check the progress of the one in your local area or in the area where you hunt and be prepared to submit.

2. DOC's ANNUAL DEER UPDATE

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically from the National Office.

This DOC report includes: Proposed Game Animal Council (GAC); Kaweka Forest Park Mountain Beech Project; North Island deer free areas and feral deer expansion into these areas; Murchison Mountains Takahe area; Wapiti area of Fiordland National Park; Fiordland deer eradications; Southland Regional Council report on the spread of wild deer and pigs; Commercial deer recovery; and the Deer farming notice.

3. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2012

The department's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2012 is now available on <http://www.doc.govt.nz/publications/about-doc/annual-report-for-year-ended-30-june-2012/>.

A limited number of printed copies are available. **To request a printed copy please contact:** Tom Lind-Jackson, Publishing Production Officer publishing@doc.govt.nz. You can also access these reports, <http://www.doc.govt.nz/publications/about-doc/annual-report-for-year-ended-30-june-2012/>

4. BE CAREFUL AS FIRE SEASON GETS UNDERWAY - For all fire emergencies dial 111. The Department of Conservation (DOC) is reminding the public to be careful when lighting fires, after a campfire started a scrub fire on a beach recently. The public should be aware there is a fire safety margin of 1 km from the boundary of public conservation land. A written fire permit from DOC is required for fires on or within 1 km of all public conservation land in the East Coast and Bay of Plenty regions says Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer, Malcolm Smith. Please be careful out there with any fires, even those lit outside public conservation land, camp or beach fires are the biggest threat because people walk away and leave them unattended, says Mr Smith. Most fires are due to carelessness; lighting a fire near

volatile fuels or in windy conditions, not fully extinguishing a fire before leaving a campsite. You can be held personally liable for the costs of fighting a rural fire, if you are proved responsible for causing it. The weather plays a major role in how many fires start, how intense they are, the damage done and how difficult they are to extinguish. If you require a fire permit contact the nearest DOC office.

5. SPOTLIGHT ON HUNTER SAFETY – A recent spotlighting incident while rabbit contractors were working on public conservation land in the Eastern Bay of Plenty has prompted the Department of Conservation (DOC) to again remind hunters that spotlighting on public conservation land is an offence. It is timely to remind hunters that hunting after dark or ‘spotlighting’ on public conservation land is prohibited because of the unacceptable risk it poses to the public says Programme Manager, Biodiversity Assets/Threats John Lucas. ‘The fact this incident occurred despite public notices in the newspaper and signage advising that a rabbit control contractor would be working in the area is a real concern. DOC takes these incidents very seriously and anyone caught will be prosecuted.’ ‘Fortunately most hunters act responsibly but hunters are reminded to follow the arms code guidelines at all times and, when hunting on public conservation land, the DOC permit conditions’ says Mr Lucas. Hunting permit conditions and information on safe hunting practices around walks, huts and campgrounds is readily available on the DOC website. Anyone who sees hunting activity at night on public conservation land should contact the NZ Police immediately or call the DOC hotline on 0800 362 468

6. MOLESWORTH DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN Submissions close Friday 14 December 2012 View the Molesworth Draft Management Plan <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/molesworth-draft-management-plan/> and make a submission. Molesworth is a unique part of the South Island high country and a national taonga/treasure. Public participation in the planning process is both important and welcomed. Molesworth Recreation Reserve (‘Molesworth’) is a unique part of the South Island high country. This remarkable landscape supports many values and represents an important part of New Zealand’s high country heritage. Molesworth is the nation’s largest farm, where natural, historical, cultural and recreational values are protected alongside a pastoral farming operation. Its remoteness and sheer size (180,787 hectares, about the size of Stewart Island/Rakiura) belie the public’s ability to reach Molesworth within three hours of leaving Christchurch, Blenheim or Nelson.

In 2005 the government added Molesworth to New Zealand’s network of high country parks and reserves. It is to remain a working high country station; however the wider public interests, particularly conservation and recreation, are to be enhanced. This change will occur gradually to ensure successful integration. This management plan expresses the vision of a high country reserve that supports a broad spectrum of values, including farming, and represents the continued progression towards achieving this vision. The management plan sits alongside a lease and grazing licence that set the parameters for the farming operation, with Landcorp Farming Limited as lessee. Managing this wide range of uses presents challenges, but also offers considerable benefits to the nation.

Public meetings will be held in November to enable people to ask questions about the draft plan and the process. They will be held in Hanmer Springs, Nelson, Christchurch and Blenheim. Contact the South Marlborough Area Office for venue locations and times.

If you require any further information please contact: molesworth@doc.govt.nz or phone 03 572 9100

Regards Dianne Brown
CEO

Rotorua NZDA Field Shoot

Details:

Date: Saturday the 10th of November 2012

Location: Woodstock Farm (Call for details)

Start Time: Registration opens at 8:30am with Safety Briefing at 9:00am.

Entry Fee: \$20 per competitor, spectators are free
Basic Shoot

Rules: Any caliber rifle up to 8mm. No full length magnum calibers will be allowed. No restriction on rifle, scope or rest as long as you carry it. You will need 20 rounds per competitor (you may wish to bring a few extra). Ear protection is mandatory (ear muffs or plugs). No range finders will be allowed. Maximum target range will be about 300m. Competitors will be required to move, get into position and shoot under a time limit.

All competitors must attend the safety briefing.

A late lunch BBQ will be provided for all attendees.

Please call Malcolm on (07) 345 6409 or Dennis on (07) 348 4343 to confirm venue details and confirm your intention to come along. This will help us sorting out the BBQ and running the shoot on the day. Bring along your hunting gear and give it a go! Junior and unlicensed competitors are more than welcome.





Rotorua Hunting and Fishing, Cnr Lake Road & Fairy Springs Road, ROTORUA,
Ph 07 349 6303.

Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates

Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

This is about to commence again. If you would like to be involved in the Whirinaki Hut restoration, please contact me or any other committee member. Next huts to do are Midway, Mangapouri and Okui Huts. We will be doing one or two huts every year. Although we are working, there is ample time to get in some hunting as well.

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Range report October 2012

Not a lot to report as the Central Regional Championships were cancelled due to lack of notified entries and regular shooters who had advised they were not available.

Saturday 27th The HUNTS course range program went ahead and was very successful. After a theory session and lunch at the clubrooms, we went out to the range for a practical session, where some members found out things they did not really want to know.

Coming event/ bookings:

November;

Sunday 4th Service rifle have booked the range for a practice shoot.

Saturday 10th on Woodstock Farm There will be a steel plate shoot 10 targets 300m max 20 rounds req. No range finders, there will be a B.B.Q. after the shoot.
Contact: Dennis Price 073484343 or 0272006489

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th, Service rifle will be holding their P.R.S.C. competition matches. The range will not be available for casual use.

December;

Saturday 1st Our annual Christmas Family fun shoot, which will start with the postponed Swazi shoot and junior trophy Competition starting at 10am, followed by fun shooting and a bbq.

Saturday 8th or Sunday 9th T.B.C.The Canteen organization have booked the range and some helpers to have a range day.

And that's it for 2012.

Time to reload, Malcolm.

In the news

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MISSING HUNTER CURLED UP IN 'PIG NEST' FOR WARMTH BY KATEE SHANKS – THE DAILY POST (26 OCTOBER 2012)

The hunter lost in Te Urewera forest for three days spent his last night in the bush curled up in a "pig nest" for warmth.

Siow Hong Kuik, known as Desmond, left his hunting companions on October 22 and was not seen again until searchers found him on Wednesday.

Speaking to The Daily Post yesterday, Mr Kuik said it had been freezing overnight on Tuesday.

"I found a pig hole [nest] and spent Tuesday night and Wednesday until I was found in it," Mr Kuik said.

He told rescuers and his two hunting companions he had urinated into a plastic bag and used it like a hot water bottle while in the nest. He told them he had also planned to keep the urine in case he needed it for hydration the next day.

"I think he was pretty happy he didn't have to," one of his companions told The Daily Post.

When Mr Kuik was found at 1.30pm on Wednesday, he told his rescuers he had kept walking because where he is from (Malaysia), there wouldn't have been anyone out looking for him.

He had with him a small block of blue vein cheese that he had been rationing and had decided to stay put in the pig nest after realising he was well and truly lost.

One of the volunteer searchers, who did not want to be named, said rescue teams believed Mr Kuik would have lived possibly another two days if he had not been found.

Described as a "really good guy" by search crews, Mr Kuik chose to walk out of the bush rather than be airlifted even though he was limping badly.

A helicopter was eventually brought in to bring Mr Kuik and a number of the volunteers out of the forest.

After an emotional welcome at Whakarae Marae, the search base, Mr Kuik was taken to Whakatane Hospital for a medical check before he, his cousin and one of his hunting companions spent the night in Whakatane.

Yesterday morning, before a meeting at the Whakatane Police Station, Mr Kuik was given a \$200 fine for not displaying his vehicle registration. A quick walk over to the Whakatane District Council with his registration tag, which had fallen out of the holder, had the problem rectified. Looking a lot less bleary-eyed and clean shaven, Mr Kuik said it had been an emotional time for him but he was fortunate the outcome had been positive.

A professional cake maker by trade, Mr Kuik said his store, the Sweet Secret Cake House in Manurewa, donated many cakes for different causes.

"I'm more than happy to do that for everyone who helped out in the search, they were all fantastic," he said.

Mr Kuik was looking forward to heading back home to his wife and three children in Auckland.

LOST HUNTER CUDDLED DOGS TO SURVIVE BY SHAWN MCAVINUE – THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD (24 OCTOBER 2012)

A hunter drank puddle water to slake his thirst and snuggled up to his pig dogs to stay warm after getting lost in the rugged Mt Allan area south of Dunedin for more than 24 hours.

When Douglas McGhie, 31, was found in the Mt Allan forestry block inland from Mosgiel at 9.45pm on Monday, he told the rescue team he wasn't going to leave without the 23kg wild pig he had carried on his back for about 24 hours before abandoning nearby.

He came out without the pig, was in hospital by 11pm and was discharged just after midnight, he said.

Yesterday afternoon, he was well enough to skin a 13kg pig from a hunt in Evansdale on Saturday.

Mr McGhie had been hunting on Sunday afternoon with his younger cousin, Quentin McGhie, and his two mates.

At the bottom of the Taieri Gorge trail, a pig dog was missing, so the others searched while Mr McGhie carried a 23kg pig towards their vehicle, followed by pig dogs Shadow and Bill, he said.

But a wrong turn had him walking uphill, away from the truck and deeper into the forest block, he said.

His cellphone was in the vehicle, the batteries in the dogs' GPS collars were flat and he was cold, wet and lost, he said.

So before nightfall, he burrowed into a hill, huddled with the dogs and covered himself with some "baby pines", he said.

Huddled in the darkness, he heard a 4WD on a nearby track but it was gone before he could react. Later that night, he heard the 4WD again but once again he couldn't get to it in time.

At dawn on Monday, he walked about 15km, carrying the pig and followed by the dogs, and found an old smoko van for loggers, slept for an hour and kept walking until the weather packed in, he said. He found some forestry machinery and sheltered in a roller machine for the afternoon with the heater on.

He left the pig behind and walked 10 minutes to a caravan with the dogs. Nearby he found fresh water in a large tank, which was better than the water he had been drinking from puddles, he said.

He huddled with the dogs in the caravan and slept a few hours before being woken by a rescue crew, he said.

"With their lights, and voices and trying to open the door, I was like 'what the hell is that' and a voice said 'Doug, you've been reported missing. Did ya know that?'"

He was overwhelmed 90 people had searched for him by foot, 4WD, river, rail and air, he said.

He was thankful his cousin called search and rescue but was surprised when police asked his cousin if he had accidentally shot Mr McGhie and buried him.

"How dare they ask him that! He's my closest cousin."

Mr McGhie said he would take a survival kit, food and water on pig hunts.

He had planned to meet his rescuers next week to thank them in person, he said.

- Otago Daily Times

'PIGSTY CARNAGE' HORRIFIES HUNTERS BY BELINDA FEED AND JONATHAN CARSON – STUFF.CO.NZ (12 OCTOBER 2012)

A farmer who filmed his dogs attacking a penned pig faces unprecedented charges, but the practice of using "training boars" is not unknown in the hunting community.

Logan Joel Dawson, 24, faces six charges laid by the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act: two charges of ill-treating an animal by allowing three dogs to attack it, two charges of encouraging the dogs to attack the boar and two charges of wilfully ill-treating a boar with the result of dying by stabbing it repeatedly on March 1, 2011.

The charges of encouraging the dogs to attack the boar are the first of its kind for the SPCA.

He entered no pleas to the charges during a brief appearance in Hamilton District Court yesterday. Community Magistrate Ngaire Mascelle granted bail.

Dawson is alleged to have filmed the attack and loaded the video entitled "Pigsty Carnage" on YouTube.

The wild boar had allegedly been caught by Dawson and held captive at his Horsham Downs property for several months until the alleged incident last year.

It is alleged that Dawson held the boar by its back legs as the dogs attacked it before he stabbed it - causing it to bleed. It is understood the dogs continued to attack before Dawson eventually stabbed the knife into the pig's throat.

Dawson - who was supported in court by a female friend - refused to comment on the charges when approached by the Waikato Times.

MASTERCHEF'S CAMERON PETLEY: 'I KNOW PEOPLE WITH TRAINING BOARS'

However, former Masterchef contestant and hunter Cameron Petley said, while training dogs with captive pigs was "a bit cruel" it was "not uncommon".

"I've never done it before but I know some people who have training boars."

The Putaruru-based chef and hunter said recognised pig dog trainers used similar techniques to get young dogs accustomed to wild pigs.

But, Mr Petley said training dogs to attack helpless animals was not condoned as it was "only teaching your dog one thing, and that's to kill".

HUNTING CLUB PRESIDENT: 'THAT'S CRAZY STUFF'

Tokoroa Pig Hunting Club president Euan McBeth said Dawson's alleged actions were "frowned upon in the pig hunting fraternity".

"We don't condone that sort of behaviour.

"We're not there to rip innocent animals apart or anything like that. That's crazy stuff."

While he had not seen the footage of the attack, he said it was not common practice to "terrorise young pigs".

The Te Awamutu-based dairy farmer said most pig hunters trained young dogs by taking them out in the bush with experienced dogs, not by setting them upon young boars in captivity.

"Hunting is natural for a dog. It doesn't take a lot of training for young dogs," he said.

"It's a natural instinct. They've been doing it from the beginning of time."

Dawson will reappear in court next month.

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BOY: HOW I SURVIVED NIGHT IN BUSH BY KURT BAYER – THE NEW ZEALAND HEARLD (3 OCTOBER 2012)

As he shivered in darkness beneath a bed of dried ferns, 11-year-old James Regnier waved helplessly at the passing rescue helicopter above the dense bush canopy.

But it wasn't his fear of dying alone from hypothermia or hunger, or succumbing to the "weird" forest sounds, but a more primal young boy's fear that spurred him on throughout his 12-hour ordeal.

"Mum's going to have a go at me," he said yesterday, recovering at his Christchurch home.

But mother Tracy Boyce softly shook her head.

Her "worst nightmare" started on Saturday, just hours after James had played a starring role in Christchurch Football Club under 12 yellow's win over their West Coast counterparts in a curtain-raiser to the Heartland Championship match at Rugby Park in Greymouth.

The visiting team had eaten hotdogs after the match, before heading back to Kokiri Lodge where coaches set about building a bonfire for the evening's entertainment.

While that was under way, James and three mates ventured down to the Arnold River.

On the way back, he missed the turn off to camp and was soon lost and disoriented.

"I kept walking, calling out friends' names, but I didn't know where I was. So I stayed by the river," he said yesterday.

It wasn't until tea-time, when team coach Phil Kennett realised a boy was missing, that a full scale search was launched.

Two search and rescue teams, two search dogs and a police dog hunted through the night.

The Solid Energy Rescue Helicopter and pilot with night vision gear were also called in to help.

Meanwhile, James - who was wearing only shorts and a singlet - moved into survival mode.

"When it started to get dark, I found a bunch of ferns and pulled them together to keep me warm," he said. "I was nervous and scared that no one would find me."

His spirits were raised when a helicopter flew overhead, but it was too dark to see him.

"I was scared I'd not make it. But when I saw the chopper a few times, it made me happy to know they were trying really hard to find me. I couldn't stop shaking, I was so cold.

"I was feeling really guilty and thinking 'mum's going to have a go at me'. I knew cops would wake her up."

Greymouth police had indeed phoned Ms Boyce at her Christchurch home at about 9pm on Saturday.

"They told me James was missing and I just burst into tears," the 37-year-old retail assistant said.

"I phoned my parents in absolute tears, saying 'we have to go'. It was a very quick trip to Greymouth."

When she arrived at around 1am, the search was ongoing.

There was still no sign of James, and coach Mr Kennett admitted: "We all feared the worst."

By now, James had decided to stay put, and try to keep warm in the undergrowth on the riverbank.

As dawn approached, he heard a dog barking and getting closer.

"It came right up to me and lay down right beside me," he said. "I saw a couple of torches and asked who they were.

"They said they were search and rescue and I was so relieved they found me. I tried to stand up but my legs were wobbly like jelly because I was so cold."

The rescuers warmed him up and they walked the 3km back to Kokiri Lodge at 5am.

He was greeted by an "overwhelmed" mother and surrounded by his waiting teammates.

"When I saw him I just wanted to hold him," Ms Boyce said. "It was the longest night of my life."

The youngster is planning a walkathon to raise money for search and rescue, because, as he puts it: "They saved my life."

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