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FIRST SOCIAL OF 2014: Fourth Wednesday of February (26th) – all welcome



"The Tines"
Rotorua Branch Newsletter Feb 2014



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
Range Shoots*

Socials

Last Monday of each month
3rd Sunday of each month
4th Wednesday of each month
4th Weekend of each month

Our programme for this month:

Party Hunts

Socials Every 4th Wednesday from February 2014 at the

Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.

Range Shoot Range itinerary for 2014 in this issue:

Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: Rotorua NZDA member working at the range to improve the 50 and 300 meter mounds. Photo taken during the latest range working bee in early February.

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

Presidents Report

Hi all.

So now we are all back into the swing, work and not much play, the festive season is over, almost a distant memory except for the bill and an extra few pounds added from over indulgence.

So it has been pretty quiet, we have had a few working bees out at the range, the latest on the 1st weekend of Feb. Thanks to those that were able to help out.

Now hopefully users will try and operate on the back stops as Malcolm has intended. So please have a thought for the guys that set this up as it is your range as well.

I am somewhat disappointed to be told about DOC's aerial controlled shooting of Samba Deer out at Rotomahana and also at Waimangu. We have built up a relationship with them on Hut refurbishment etc and it would have been good if they could have at least approached us to see if we could assist in a managed shoot to get the numbers down.

Once again the 1080 control has hit the news, with vast areas to be targeted to save the birds, I cannot see what we can do to get the public to realize the possible long term implications of using a banned toxin in the Modern world in such volume, yep it's a great tool as it kills all it comes in contact with, bit like the cane toad in Aussie. I suppose when it hits the Primary producers food chain i.e. milk, meat etc it will be finally banned, but so will our markets. Contaminated food isn't good publicity, Fonterra can tell us that!!

So don't forget to note down the AGM as its approaching and hope to see some new guys along. Maybe if you think I am slack - well this is your moment to seize control!!

The roar is approaching so get out and drop those pounds its cheaper than a new light weight rifle, Seems all I hear is its time for new lighter rifle, old one is too heavy -yea right! Tired bastards!

PS - You guys should get out and score a Rhino gps while they are cheap, I got a couple for me and Norm.

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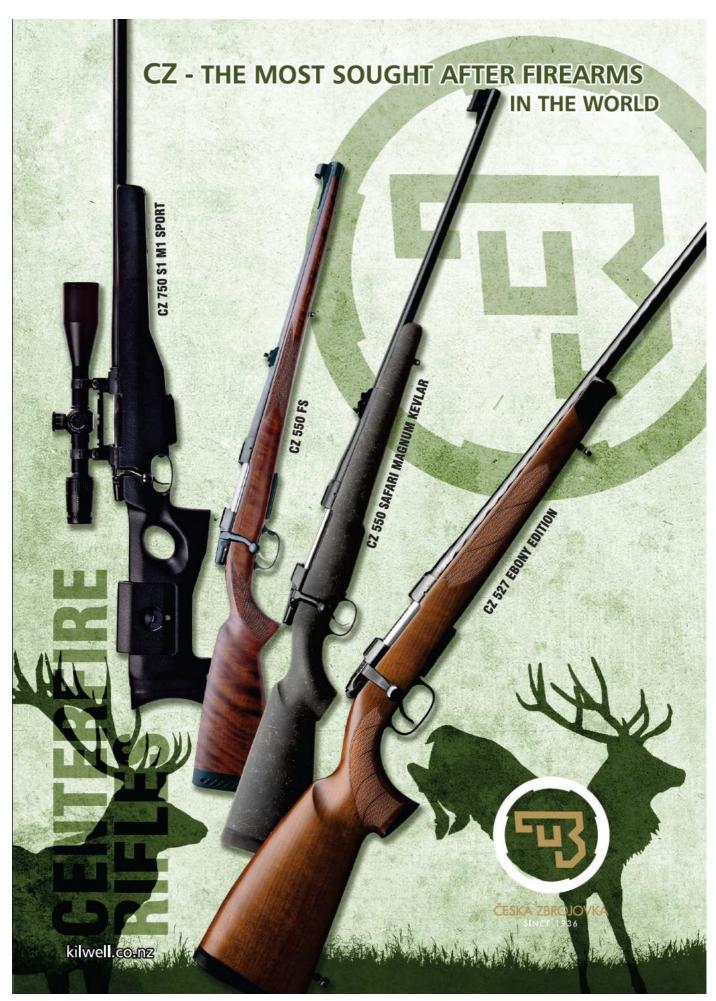
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Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates

Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

Okui hut has been completed.

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. Please talk to a committee member if you would like to volunteer.

Range report January 2014

Saturday 7th December, .22 plate shoot on Woodstock farm, this shoot was our Christmas shoot and for Juniors the Swazi shoot. The weather was fine, cool and blustery, making longer shots quite difficult. About 15 persons turned up including 3 Juniors. Not a great turnout but those attending had a great time and the rumour was when is the next one. Before I overlook the matter, a big thankyou to Simon and his father Malcolm Gillice for setting up the field of targets. The placings for the Swazi shoot are: 1st James Bennett; 2nd Cameron Russel, who was apparently scoring better than his dad at one stage; 3rd place was Sapphire Bristow. It has to be acknowledged that both Cameron and Sapphire only shot the first round, not sure why they did not shoot 2nd round. After the shooting finished we had a great B.B.Q. in the woolshed, which Dennis had kindly spruced up for the day, thanks Dennis for that and providing the venue for shoot.

Saturday 1st February, A working bee had been called and 6 others turned up to toil. It turned out to be a quite satisfactory number and most of the work we needed to do was finished by lunchtime, thanks guys.

Sunday 2nd February A 300M shoot had been proposed and an induction Course. One member other than Dennis and I turned up for the induction course, so I used the opportunity to fine tune the content of the induction course and there was no 300M shoot.

Coming events:

FEBRUARY;

Sunday 16th .22 Metalic Silhouette shoot and induction course if required.

Monday 17th Tauranga A.O.S. have booked the range.

MARCH:

Sunday 300M shoot.

Sunday 16th Deer silhouette shoot, 300, 200, 100, 50M, 2 shots at each distance each run through

APRIL:

Sunday 6th 300M shoot.

Sunday 20th .22 Metalic silhouette shoot.

Induction courses, these will be available on request at any club shoot and will only take 15/20 Mins to complete. It was decided at the committee meeting that keys would not be issued on the range, but everyone will get a certificate of attendance to be shown along with the 2014/15 membership card when purchasing a key as usual. The committee has also increased the cost of the keys if you do not have an old RANGE key to hand in, cost \$40-00; Hand in old key \$30-00.

Development work:

A considerable quantity of fill has been deposited on the range and although we can not use to advantage at this point it was too good an opportunity to turn down. The 50M backstop is completed and if we can get the digger on the range for one more day the 100 & 200M backstops can be completed.

I would ask that people do not fix targets to the red posts on the 50M range the purpose of those posts is to show where your own target frames may be placed, in between the 2 red posts.

The whole purpose of the certification work is to make sure all the bullets discharged on the range stay within the range confines, and the design of the backstops and target frames/placement is to achieve that.

I have said it before but will say again, the bottom line of people not using the range in accordance with the directions laid down will result in access to the range being restricted to when a range officer is present. We have a priviledge here that many Aucklanders would love to have access to so don't spoil it!

Time to reload, Malcolm.

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In the news

1080 Deployed to Deal with 30 Million More Rats by Patrice Dougan – www.nzherald.co.nz (29 January 2014)

The controversial pest poison 1080 will be used to deal with an expected explosion in rat and stoat numbers this year which threatens to "annihilate" the country's native endangered birds.

Hailed as the Department of Conservation's largest ever species protection programme, and dubbed the "Battle for our Birds", the \$21 million project aims to protect 25 million native birds a year over the next five years.

It was unveiled tonight by Conservation Minister Nick Smith at his annual speech to the Rotary Club of Nelson.

"Our native birds are in decline and the kiwi will not exist in the wild for our grandchildren unless we do more to protect them," he said.

He said the problem was "particularly urgent" this year, because the country was facing a one in 10-15 year large beech mast, which is expected to drop around a million tonnes of seed this autumn.

"This flood of food will trigger a plague of an additional 30 million rats and tens of thousands of stoats. When the seeds germinate in spring, these starved predators will annihilate populations of our endangered birds," he said.

The programme will increase pest control in 35 forests to protect 12 native species, and mainly involves using 1080.

Dr Smith said he was aware some people would object to the use of the controversial poison, but said it would not mean record use.

"Pre-feeding, improving bait quality to avoid crumbs attractive to birds, helicopter rather than fixed-wing aircraft distribution, GPS, and the development of repellents for non-target species have enabled major improvements in 1080 control methods," he said.

"Reason must trump prejudice about poisons when the very species that define our country, like kiwi, are at stake."

An additional 500,000 hectares will be treated this year, and will also see the expansion of DoC's pest control work by 50,000 hectares each year over the next five years.

The plan is aimed at helping to protect the great spotted, brown and tokoeka kiwi, kaka, kea, whio (blue duck), mohua (yellowhead), kakaraki (orange-fronted parakeet), rock wren, long and short tailed bats, and giant snails. But is expected to also help save other native birds, reptiles, insects and trees and plants.

The programme will cost about \$21 million over the next five years, coming from DoC's \$335 million annual budget, Dr Smith said.

The programme announcement was welcomed by Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Jan Wright, who described rats and stoats as "voracious predators" of native species.

"The potential toll on our native wildlife is enormous," she said.

"I am delighted with Dr Smith's considered response to this very major threat to New Zealand's native flora and fauna."

Dr Wright said the 1080 poison was "the only tool we have to control the plagues of rats and stoats that follow a mast".

She also said the logistical challenge of the programme should not be underestimated, and that the timing of drops was critical.

DoC director-general Lou Sanson said field staff would be closely watching the seed fall and rat-tracking results from key sites over the next few months.

"We need to be ready to act quickly to knock back rat or stoat numbers before they overwhelm birds which are particularly vulnerable during the spring nesting season."

It was concerned that its existing trap and ground-based networks would be overwhelmed if predator numbers rose rapidly.

"Our best, and fastest, option for protection over large tracts of rugged bush is using biodegradable 1080 baits by air."

Forest & Bird, New Zealand's largest conservation charity, backed an increase in the use of 1080 as a "fitting response" and the level of its use over the next five years should become the new baseline if the ongoing battle against introduced predators is to be won. "Without this increase in predator control, there will be a real possibility that we will lose a bird species this mast year. Ground control operations carried out by Forest & Bird branches around the country are already reporting increased numbers of rats. That means the stoats will follow," Forest & Bird advocacy manager Kevin Hackwell said.

- Rats, stoats and possums kill an estimated 25 million native birds a year, or 2000 birds every hour.
- The beech tree mast this year is expected to bring an additional 30 million rats and tens of thousands of stoats.
- Two significant mast seasons in the last decade saw some bird species, like Mohua, wiped out entirely from some areas.
- The Battle for our Birds programme will inject \$21 million into bird protection, targeting 35 forests to protect 12 native species.
- An additional 500,000 hectares will be treated with 1080 this year.
- APNZ

FARMER RESCUED AFTER ACTIVATING LOCATOR BEACON – THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD (15 JANUARY 2014)

A Palmerston North farmer was rescued from the bottom of a gorge yesterday after suffering a medical problem and activating his personal locator beacon.

The 75-year-old farmer had been rounding up stray sheep in steep terrain when he suffered a medical problem.

He activated his beacon and the Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter was dispatched to search for him.

A search and rescue volunteer found the farmer later, in a creek 100m down a gorge in the Pohangina Valley, police said.

- APNZ

RESCUED TRAMPER THANKS CLUB BY ADRIANA WEBER - ROTORUA DAILY POST (15 JANUARY 2014)

A Murupara man is thanking the people who rescued him after he broke his leg while tramping in Whirinaki Forest Park.

Bernard Conlon, his wife and two children aged 12 and 14 set out on their annual family tramping trip on Thursday last week when, about two hours into the trip, Mr Conlon slipped over in wet conditions and broke his leg.

"I heard this loud crack and knew I was in trouble."

Being a doctor by profession, Mr Conlon was able to create a splint with the bandages he packed, but he still needed help getting out of the park to hospital.

"The last time I went tramping in that forest, I didn't encounter anyone for days.

"So I was flabbergasted when we came across the Wanganui Tramping Club. They were so helpful and happened to be carrying an emergency locator beacon."

From there the situation changed completely, Mr Conlon said. Within about 90 minutes of raising the alarm with the beacon, the Taupo rescue helicopter arrived and Mr Conlon was assessed by a paramedic, winched to safety and taken to Rotorua Hospital.

There he was assessed, underwent surgery for the two fractured bones in his leg and was discharged two days later.

"I couldn't believe how smoothly the process went. All the people who helped were extremely professional and just fantastic.

"How lucky are we to live in New Zealand, to have help literally at the touch of a button. We're so lucky."

Mr Conlon said though he had more than 20 years of tramping experience, from now he would always carry an emergency beacon. "I think it's so important. No matter how experienced a tramper you are, having that help at hand is crucial."

He said he wanted to thank everyone involved in his rescue for all the time and effort they put into caring for him.

"I just want to convey my life-long gratitude, to everyone who helped me that day. The tramping club, the rescue workers, the nurses, paramedics, and hospital staff. What they did for me was tremendous."

- ROTORUA DAILY POST

COMMUNICATION THE KEY FOR TRAMPERS BY MATHEW GROCOTT - STUFF.CO.NZ (04 JANUARY 2014)

People venturing into the bush overnight are being urged to take multiple forms of communication with them after five trampers had to be airlifted out of the Tararua Ranges.

The trampers had been delayed when their chosen route was impassable. With no way to contact friends or family, the alarm was raised when they did not finish their trip on time and a search and rescue operation was launched.

Andy Brooke, the officer in charge of Palmerston North police search and rescue, said while this incident was resolved "fairly quickly" it was a timely reminder to be prepared when entering the bush.

"A personal locator beacon would have alerted authorities that there was a problem at a certain location which could have reduced the search time.

"A satellite communication device such as a SPOT or inReach would have enabled the group to advise their contacts that they were OK, but running late, and of their location."

The group were overdue in the Otaki Forks Area when the alarm was raised with Palmerston North police search and rescue on Thursday night.

The Palmerston North Rescue Helicopter, with a Levin search and rescue member and paramedic onboard, took to the air and eventually found the group at Penn Creek Hut.

They were unhurt but were airlifted out of the ranges because their gear had been soaked and it was getting late.

Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club president Anne Lawrence said people should take beacons or satellite devices if they felt the need to.

The club has personal locater beacons it can loan to both members and non-members, she said.

"If you have one you're likely to be safer than if you don't, but lots of people tramp perfectly safely without them."

Personal locator beacons send the user's GPS co-ordinates to the New Zealand Rescue Co-ordination Centre and are to be used in emergencies only, she said.

Products like SPOT and inReach have the same function but also allow users to send their GPS co-ordinates to friends and family to say they are safe but delayed.

Such a facility would have come in handy for the five trampers rescued this week.

Mr Brooke said the group had been following a river on Wednesday to get out of the bush but came to an area that was too difficult to traverse.

"They made the very wise decision to turn back. They spent the night on the track on the way back to Penn Creek Hut and continued on to the hut [on Thursday]."

They were drying out their gear at the hut, intending to go back to Otaki Forks via Judd Ridge yesterday, when they were found by the helicopter team.

Volunteers from Horowhenua LandSAR were on standby to walk into the area.

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KALASHNIKOV DESIGNER DIES IN HOSPITAL - STUFF.CO.NZ

Mikhail Kalashnikov started out wanting to make farm equipment, but the harvest he reaped was one of blood as the designer of the AK-47 assault rifle, the world's most popular firearm.

It was the carnage of World War II, when Nazi Germany overran much of the Soviet Union, which altered his course and made his name as well-known for bloodshed as Smith, Wesson and Colt. The distinctive shape of the gun, often called "a Kalashnikov", appeared on revolutionary flags and adorns memorabilia.

Kalashnikov died on Monday (local time) at age 94 in a hospital in Izhevsk, the capital of the Udmurtia republic where he lived, said Viktor Chulkov, a spokesman for the republic's president. He did not give a cause of death. Kalashnikov had been in hospital for the past month with unspecified health problems.

Kalashnikov often said he felt personally untroubled by his contribution to bloodshed.

"I sleep well. It's the politicians who are to blame for failing to come to an agreement and resorting to violence," he told The Associated Press in 2007.

The AK-47 - "Avtomat Kalashnikov" and the year it went into production - is the world's most popular firearm, favoured by guerrillas, terrorists and the soldiers of many armies. An estimated 100 million guns are spread worldwide.

Though it isn't especially accurate, its ruggedness and simplicity are exemplary: it performs in sandy or wet conditions which jam more sophisticated weapons such as the US M-16.

"During the Vietnam war, American soldiers would throw away their M-16s to grab AK-47s and bullets for it from dead Vietnamese soldiers," Kalashnikov said in July 2007 at a ceremony marking the rifle's 60th anniversary.

The weapon's suitability for jungle and desert fighting made it nearly ideal for the Third World insurgents backed by the Soviet Union, and Moscow not only distributed the AK-47 widely but also licensed its production in some 30 other countries.

The gun's status among revolutionaries and national-liberation struggles is enshrined on the flag of Mozambique.

Kalashnikov, born into a peasant family in Siberia, began his working life as a railroad clerk. After he joined the Red Army in 1938, he began to show mechanical flair by inventing several modifications for Soviet tanks.

The moment that firmly set his course was in the 1941 battle of Bryansk against Nazi forces, when a shell hit his tank. Recovering from wounds in the hospital, Kalashnikov brooded about the superior automatic rifles he'd seen the Nazis deploy; his rough ideas and revisions bore fruit five years later.

"Blame the Nazi Germans for making me become a gun designer," said Kalashnikov. "I always wanted to construct agricultural machinery."

In 2007, President Vladimir Putin praised him, saying "the Kalashnikov rifle is a symbol of the creative genius of our people".

Over his career, he was decorated with numerous honours, including the Hero of Socialist Labor and Order of Lenin and Stalin Prize. But because his invention was never patented, he didn't get rich off royalties.

"At that time in our country patenting inventions wasn't an issue. We worked for Socialist society, for the good of the people, which I never regret," he once said.

Kalashnikov continued working into his late 80s as chief designer of the Izmash company that first built the AK-47. He also travelled the world helping Russia negotiate new arms deals, and he wrote books on his life, about arms and about youth education.

"After the collapse of the great and mighty Soviet Union so much crap has been imposed on us, especially on the younger generation," he said. "I wrote six books to help them find their way in life."

He said he was proud of his bronze bust installed in his native village of Kurya in the Siberian region of Altai. He said newlyweds bring flowers to the bust. "They whisper 'Uncle Misha, wish us happiness and healthy kids'," he said. "What other gun designer can boast of that?"

- AP

Finally:

The Irish have the lowest stress rate because they do not understand the seriousness of most medical terminology....

Medical Term/ Irish Definition

Artery == The study of paintings Bacteria == Back door to cafeteria

Barium == What doctors do when patients die Benign == What you be, after you be eight Caesarean Section== A neighbourhood in Rome

Cat scan== Searching for Kitty

Cauterize == Made eye contact with her

Colic== A sheep dog

Coma == A punctuation mark

Dilate== To live long

Enema == Unfriendly female

Fester== Quicker than someone else

Fibula == A small lie

Impotent== Distinguished, well known Labor Pain== Getting hurt at work

Medical Staff== A Doctor's cane Morbid == A higher offer

Nitrates == Rates of Pay for Working at Night,

Node== I knew it

Outpatient== A person who has fainted

Pelvis== Second cousin to Elvis Post Operative== A letter carrier

Recovery Room == Place to do upholstery

Rectum== Nearly killed him Secretion== Hiding something Seizure== Roman Emperor

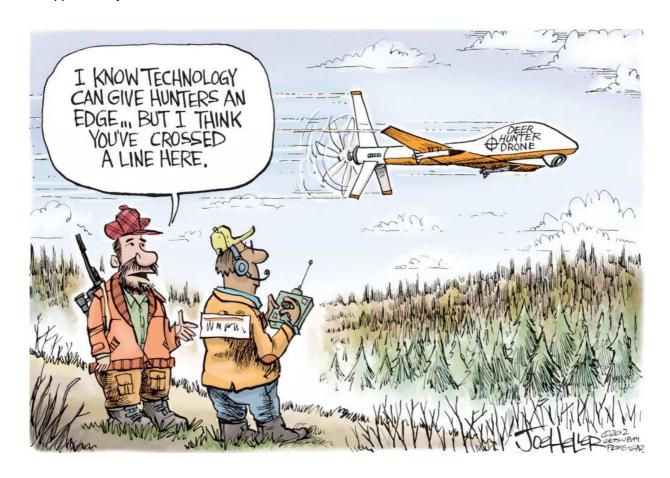
Tablet== A small table

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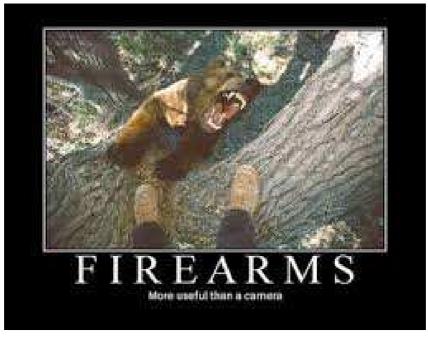
Tumor== One plus one more Urine== Opposite of you're out











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