



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

August/September Issue 2012:

Next social: PRIZEGIVING: Note social will be held on Saturday, 8th September.



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter September 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

Socials

**Prizegiving, Saturday 8th September
@ 7:30pm,
Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.**

Range Shoot

**Range itinerary for 2012 in this issue:
Contact Malcolm Perry.**

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Presidents Report

Hi All

It's been a busy month for myself and Dennis as we have been in discussion with the CNI spokesperson John Hura and Piripi Jennings, Roding Manager for TLL. We went through the access ideas and have got some resolution. We are endeavouring to come through from the Black Powder Club road and out behind the 300m mound.

We have had a meeting with members of the Black Powder club about this proposal and are currently working through their concerns. We are planning a further meeting with the mentioned parties to finalise the access and then get some costings etc. So look out for a working bee out at the range soon. I know we have a lot of people use it so I won't have any problems with helping out with fences etc.

We had MSC along for the social and went through the River crossing video. I would recommend it has some interesting points which could stop you getting a wet arse or downing, and I know heaps of you have arsed up at some time and got away with it. We are also planning a river crossing practical soon out at Minginui Doc Camp which should be interesting.

As it was time to stock up on trap ammo for the boy I went over to Katikati to Steve Boyd of Maimai Supplies. He is a great guy too yarn with and If you are in need of shotgun ammo he has the whole range covered from 12g down to 410, all sub gauges in between. We had a long chat about hunting etc as he is an avid bow hunter and has some great heads adorning his place. He showed me his range of centerfire ammo which is limited to 308, 270 and 7mm Rem mag of which he kindly gave to me a box to test out. Its euro ammo called Cheddite the 7mm Rem was 160 psp bt and was selling for \$59 a box, which is pretty good value. So I had better get out to the range to check it out.

Steve can be contacted on 0800 228 934, or 021635424. Web page www.themaimaisupplies.co.nz

Hope all that wanted a Heli Hunt managed to contact Alec and are all set.

Please note that the prizing giving dinner is moved to second weekend of Sept, Saturday the 8th.

This will be the main social as we have moved to bi monthly socials due to poor attendance plus will give us time to organise better events There will now ever be a get together in between on the 4th Wednesday of the in between months for those of you wanting a beer and yarn down the club.

Well that's all for now folks

Cheers all, Colin

Prizegiving Night/Dinner.

Note special time and date:

**Saturday night,
September 8th 2012.**

**Come along and support your club and
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Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

If you would like to be involved in the Whirinaki Hut restoration, please contact Colin or any other committee member. 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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Classifieds

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Wanted to buy

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Range report July 2012

Sunday 1st 300M club shoot; none of the locals were known to be attending, but we were expecting a shooter from Hastings who was also going to appraise our range in terms of certification. I was not able to attend so Dennis very kindly acted on my behalf.

Sunday 22nd (one week later than usual) Rimfire Metalic Silhouette, I arrived first then three others arrived and after I had set them up I left them to it, as I was travelling to Auckland that afternoon.

The scores for the day:

Name	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total
Paul Midgely	2	1	3	1	7
Malcolm Midgely	5	4	4	1	14
Dennis Price	5	5	3	3	16

Congratulations to Dennis who has shown a keen interest in the range lately, and thank you Dennis for holding the fort once again for me.

Development work: There has been a considerable quantity of fill landed on the right hand side of the range between the 100M mound and the 200M target line.

Some time in the near future I may be putting some stakes as markers for contractors in various places, I would very much appreciate these not being used as targets. I would also like to thank those of you who have had to interrupt your shooting to allow trucks in, I did not have an opportunity to warn of this exercise, and was not originally aware of the amount that was to be delivered. We do not have a limit on the amount as we can use all we can get and there may well be more to come.

COMING EVENTS:

August:

Sunday 19th, Deer Silhouette shoot, 300, 200, 100 & 50M, 8 rounds of ammo per run through.

September:

Sunday 2nd 300M shoot (I will not be available for this day)

Sunday 16th Rimfire silhouette shoot in morning and Junior Trophy/ Swazi shoot in afternoon. (I am not certain if Swazi prizes are available this year)

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 2nd to Saturday 6th. Our range will be closed due to the pistol club holding their Nationals. The closure is primarily for safety reasons.

Sunday 7th, 300M shoot.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st, our annual regional shoot,

DUE TO THE VERY LOW NUMBERS OF ENTRIES IN THE RECENT REGIONAL/ NORTH ISLAND SHOOT, AND AS THIS IS LABOUR WEEKEND, WE WILL REQUIRE CONFIRMED ENTRIES BY FRIDAY 12TH, IF LESS THAN 10 ENTRIES SHOOT WILL BE CANCELLED. Those that have shown interest will be notified personally.

This is a very sad state of affairs , but there is quite a bit of work goes into these shoots behind the scenes and to have just 3 shooters turn up as happened for Waikato regional, it is just not worth it, and very disappointing for a competitor who has travelled 5 or 6 hours to be there.

November:

Sunday 4th 300M shoot.

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th P.R.S.C. for service rifle

NOTE: There will not be a normal D.A. shoot this month.

December Date to be confirmed Christmas family .22 fun shoot.

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In the news

SPCA HORRIFIED 1080 STILL KILLING DEER – YAHOO NEW ZEALAND (1 AUGUST 2012)

Recent reports that 1080 drops have killed deer in the Taihape area have horrified the SPCA.

A family in Taihape reported to the SPCA that they had found four deer dead in bush adjoining their property after a notified Animal Health Board 1080 drop. The deer had died in distress, the son of the family saying that the deer he saw had "bashed themselves around and died twisted around, obviously in agony".

In the past the SPCA has stated that as there is no approval to use 1080 as a deer poison in New Zealand and due to its excruciating effects on deer, all measures should be taken to avoid deer eating the baits. This would involve adding deer repellent to the 1080, adding a further cost to possum control that the Department of Conservation (DOC) sees as unacceptable.

"It is totally deplorable that deer die in agony as a by-kill of possum control simply due to the cost of adding a humane repellent," says SPCA National CEO, Robyn Kippenberger. "Pest control agencies know they cannot legally use 1080 to control deer numbers but appear to be doing this by stealth."

DOC asserts that the deer repellent is ineffective but the SPCA is asking for this to be added immediately to future drops, as 1080 drops are scheduled for the West Coast and other areas where deer are prevalent.

"It seems disingenuous of any pest control agency, whether DOC or the Animal Health Board, to count their deer control where 1080 is dropped and then state that these animals are by-kill. 1080 is the 'driftnet' of the forest, killing deer, native birds and other animals indiscriminately. This should never be acceptable, particularly animals that die in agony," Ms Kippenberger added.

The Taihape family noted that although they found four deer dead, they only found one dead possum, the species ostensibly being targeted.

Warnings to dog owners have been posted near 1080 drop sites on the West Coast as the poison is irreversible for dogs that will die a prolonged and agonising death. Any dog affected should be taken to a veterinarian for immediate euthanasia as there is no antidote.

NEED FOR GOLDEN BAY 1080 DROP QUESTIONED BY HELEN MURDOCH – STUFF.CO.NZ (04 AUGUST 2012)

Opponents of the Animal Health Board's drop of 1080 in Golden Bay are asking why it is going ahead when bovine tuberculosis has not been recorded in the area since 2002.

An airdrop of pre-feed (non-toxic) baits was to start this week, and will be followed by a drop of toxic baits seven to 10 days later. It will cover 17,028 hectares of conservation, forestry and farm land between the Anatoki and Aorere valleys.

The AHB's regional operations plan for West-Coast Tasman said there had been no recorded or known TB infections from feral animals in Kahurangi National Park. A TB-infected feral pig was confirmed at Sams Creek near the Cobb Reservoir in 1991.

Golden Bay's Beyond 1080 spokeswoman Rebecca Reider said the drop covered the catchments of eight major rivers as well as waterways that fed farm and community water supplies.

Consent for the drops by AHB contractor Vector Free Marlborough has been signed off by the Department of Conservation, the Public Health Service and the Tasman District Council.

The public have been warned to strictly supervise children in the area and to keep dogs out of the drop zone for at least six months.

"Not only is the drop risky to the communities and the wildlife, but there doesn't seem to be any reason for it," Ms Reider said.

She said opponents had questioned the AHB about the area's possum population during an information day in April.

"We were told they don't test possum numbers."

The council's failure to open the drop's consent process to public submissions, on the basis that its effects would be no more than minor, flew in the face of the poison's impact on water supplies, livestock and communities, she said. "How can Tasman say that when people source their water from rivers that have had 1080 dropped in their catchments?"

At least 18 water intakes were in the drop zone, she said.

Ms Rieder said the Marlborough District Council generally notified its aerial 1080 consents.

Tukurua resident Peter Blasdale said the community's private water supply, which was fed by the Tukurua River catchment, would be turned off until the water was tested and given the all-clear.

He said he and his wife, Nicola, opposed the use of 1080 because animals that ate the poison or scavenged poisoned carcasses died slow and painful deaths.

"We saw three native falcons in the valley recently. I wonder if they will still be alive after this. There's lot of harriers around - they will probably die."

Takaka Valley resident and Beyond 1080 member David Benson asked why the consent was not notified when there was huge public interest in the aerial operation from residents.

DOC Golden Bay area manager John Mason said the AHB's application was granted by DOC after the impacts on wildlife were considered. DOC was reasonably confident that kea living in the drop zone were safe, but none of the kea population was tagged and no post-operation monitoring would be carried out.

The consent signed off by the council found that the effects of the drop would be no more than minor, given the public warnings, the benefit to native bird and animal populations, 1080's breakdown in water and soil, the exclusion of dogs and livestock from the drop zone, and the less-than-minor risk to public drinking water supplies.

Council spokesman Chris Choat said it only processed the consent as non-notified if all affected landowners provided written approval.

AHB spokesman Mike Hansen said there were currently no TB-infected herds in Golden Bay. However, the operation aimed to maintain a buffer zone around Kahurangi National Park and prevent TB-infected possums spreading the disease to surrounding cattle and deer farm herds.

Recent surveys had found that possum numbers in the area were more than three times the level for effective TB control, he said.

Reducing possum numbers to low levels and maintaining those levels protected international market access for meat products and reflected the national strategy to eradicate TB, Mr Hansen said. Numerous infected cattle and deer herds were present in Golden Bay before 2002.

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MAN'S MOOSE TALE TURNS OUT TO BE FALSE BY MARK PRICE OF THE OTAGO DAILY TIMES – NZ HERALD (8 AUGUST 2012)

Four photographs of three moose that a Northland man claimed last year were taken in Fiordland in 1953 were actually taken in Canada.

In June last year, the late Fred Stewardson, of Hikurangi, recounted to the Otago Daily Times and other media how he and a companion came across the animals on a hunting trip to Wet Jacket Arm.

However, Fiordland moose researcher Ken Tustin, of Bull Creek near Milton, said yesterday after two years of work he had established the photographs were taken near Banff in 1958.

Mr Tustin was uncertain of Mr Stewardson's motives but had found Mr Stewardson's life was "full of exaggerations".

"The old fellow was absolutely entranced by the moose story, knew or found out, through me, a bit about it, and then wrote himself into it."

Mr Tustin received final confirmation Mr Stewardson's story was false by speaking to his ex- wife in Australia, who clearly recalled where the moose photographs were taken.

Mr Tustin said he had spent hours speaking to Mr Stewardson by phone and had received letters from him supporting his story.

He now believes Mr Stewardson, who died nine months ago, never visited Wet Jacket Arm but was quite likely in Fiordland in 1952 when the head of a bull moose was brought out of the bush.

North American moose were released in Fiordland in 1910 and Mr Tustin has spent many years trying to establish that their descendants remain there.

Mr Stewardson claimed he kept the photographs a secret for 60 years to keep the Fiordland moose safe from other hunters.

"Fiordland will have loads of trigger-happy clowns there for slaughter.

Many won't give a damn if moose survive or not," he wrote to Mr Tustin last year.

Mr Tustin said he had early reservations about the photographs because of the shape of vegetation, but believed it did resemble vegetation he had seen in different parts of Fiordland.

After the photographs were published in the ODT he received an anonymous call warning him not to believe Mr Stewardson.

But despite offering Mr Stewardson the opportunity to retract his story, he never did.

"I'm disappointed he carried his story - knowing it was not true - to such great lengths ... knowing how important the accuracy of my [moose] history was to me."

- Otago Daily Times

DEERSTALKER GUILTY OF CAUSING DEATH BY TIM DONOGHUE – STUFF.CO.NZ (27 JULY 2012)

A former president of the Wellington Deerstalkers Association, Island Bay man Christopher Dummer, has pleaded guilty to causing the death of a young hunter.

Alexander Cameron McDonald, 29, was shot dead while hunting in the South Wairarapa on Easter Saturday.

Dummer pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm (a Remington model 740 rifle) causing the death of McDonald, who was known and Cameron.

McDonald, a self-employed Auckland builder, was killed by a single shot to the head on April 7, while hunting deer in an isolated area of Aorangi Forest Park.

At the time of the shooting McDonald was hunting with his friend, Doug Williams.

Dummer was president of the Wellington Deerstalkers Association for a two year term from 2009.

He was also a committee member at the time of the shooting.

Dummer had severed all links with the Deerstalkers Association since McDonald's death.

The charge of careless use of a firearm causing death carries a maximum penalty of three years' prison and a fine up to \$4000.

District Court Judge Oke Blaikie continued Dummer's bail arrangements. He was ordered to appear for sentence in the Wellington District Court on August 24, at 10am.

He told Dummer all options were open for sentencing, including a custodial sentence, probation, community or home detention.

The court earlier heard how McDonald had been shot in the head by Dummer from a distance of 16.3 metres.

Judge Blaikie said the case was yet another one where the need for utmost care and caution should have been exhibited at all times.

"I am granting you bail despite the fact there may be a term of imprisonment," Judge Blaikie said.

McDonald and Williams, of Greytown, went hunting in Aorangi Forest Park at 5.30am on April 7.

Williams shot a stag about 8.30am, with the men continuing to hunt until about 11.30am, when Williams called in a stag near a place known locally as Williamson's Creek. They separated so McDonald could get a shot at the stag.

They had been apart for about 10 minutes when the fatal shot rang out. Williams initially thought the shot was fired by his hunting partner firing at a stag.

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PARENTS OF SHOT TEEN WANT GUN LAW CHANGE BY BLAIR ENSOR – STUFF.CO.NZ (13 AUGUST 2012)

Aaron Grimwood should have turned 21 tomorrow.

But instead of celebrating his birthday his parents will be campaigning for tighter gun laws, after he was shot dead by a close friend.

"We definitely don't want any other families to go through hell," his mother Ann-Maree Grimwood said.

In September 2010, after an inquest into Mr Grimwood's death, Wellington coroner Ian Smith recommended Parliament consider a review of the law with a view to establishing a range of charges, including a higher charge of dangerous use as well as that of careless use of a firearm.

However, a spokeswoman for the Justice Ministry said there were no plans to change gun laws.

"Police advise us that there are sufficient laws in place to use in situations like this one."

Mr Grimwood, 17, died after his friend Raven Dallas Walters shot him in the chest with a rifle as they were preparing to go rabbit hunting in November 2008.

The slain teenager's parents initially did not want Walters punished because they believed it was an accident, but changed their minds after he showed a lack of remorse.

Walters pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm causing death and was sentenced to four months' community detention, 100 hours' community work and one year of intensive supervision and counselling.

Mrs Grimwood and husband Phil support the call for a new charge of dangerous use and believe the gap in law between charges of manslaughter and careless use is too great.

Other coroners have made requests for similar reviews in relation to hunting accidents.

In his report into Mr Grimwood's death, Mr Smith said higher penalties could help prevent similar deaths.

"If such higher or stricter outcomes were to be in place, then those handling firearms may act more cautiously as the chances of facing a higher prison sentence and/or fine may act in such a way to be a deterrent and therefore assist the prevention of circumstances of similar deaths occurring."

Mrs Grimwood said she was disappointed no changes had been made after Mr Smith's recommendation.

Walters' punishment did not fit the crime, she said. "He changed our lives forever. If you take someone's life you don't get much more than a smack on the hand for it. People's attitudes need to change and the Government needs to be more accountable."

Instead of celebrating her son's birthday tomorrow, she would visit his grave. She has taken the week off work while she deals with her grief.

"We are dealing with a life that's totally different. He was a happy young guy."

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STEWART ISLAND CATS MAY GET MARCHING ORDERS BY NEIL RATLEY – STUFF.CO.NZ (14 AUGUST 2012)

Stewart Island cats are in the firing line with a bold plan to make Stewart Island pest-free.

Environmental campaigner Gareth Morgan said he wanted to create history by making Stewart Island the world's first pest-free community.

And cats have to go. Yes, that's feral and furry pets he's referring to.

Cats were a serious threat to native species and the island's cat population would have to be sacrificed, he said.

"It may be possible to grandfather the cats out rather than execute them but it is not possible to get any gain without pain," he said. It was not fair for cats to hold New Zealand's wildlife and entire communities to ransom, Mr Morgan said.

The ambitious plan was a result of the work the Morgan Foundation had been doing with the Conservation Department on New Zealand's sub-antarctic islands and the Million Dollar Mouse project, he said.

"We have seen it is possible to return uninhabited islands to being pest-free so what is the next challenge?" he said. "I see it as making New Zealand the first place in the world to take an inhabited community and make it pest-free."

Research had shown no other place in the world had managed to revert to being pest-free once inhabited, Mr Morgan said.

The benefits for such a project in Southland would be huge, even bigger than the free-fees for students.

"Stewart Island would become world famous with untold ecological benefits and an increase in tourism would follow," he said.

The project could be tackled in two stages Mr Morgan said.

Stage one would fence off the inhabited area before clearing out the pests from the wilderness, he said. A second stage would then turn attention to the village.

Mr Morgan said he wanted to start a discussion about the possibility of ridding Stewart Island of its cats when he visited Invercargill on Thursday as part of the Our Far South Roadshow.

"I want to get the ball rolling as soon as possible before heading to Stewart Island in October and engaging with community," he said.

"If the people on Stewart Island tell me to bugger off, that's okay. There are other projects but I strongly believe there is a chance to do something special." It is not the first time cats have come under fire for threatening wildlife.

In 2007 the The Stewart Island-Rakiura Community and Environment Trust (Sircet) announced it had secured about \$50,000 from the Tindall Foundation to look into the feasibility of eradicating rats and feral cats from Stewart Island.

In 2006 a draft review of Environment Southland's regional pest management strategy proposed to microchip cats on the island to make pet cats easily identifiable from feral cats.

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Range Keys

Any person who wishes to have a range gate key for the private use of our range must be a CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER of the Branch and must obtain a key from Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters at a cost of \$20.00 per year. Your membership card must be produced at the time of key purchase. Keys may not be lent or passed on to other persons, whether they are members or not. Non-Members can only enter the Range if accompanied by a current Financial Member. Any use of the range by non-members requires prior approval of the committee.

Membership Costs (Rotorua Branch)

Senior = \$90 (full benefits at local and national branch level)
Associate = \$60 (Unable to vote or enter national competitions. Does not receive H&W)
Junior = \$25 (Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2011. Full benefits apart from voting rights.)
Student = \$40 (Must be attending a tertiary institute or undergoing an apprenticeship. Proof must be provided.)
Superannuant = \$50 (Over 65 as at March 1st 2011. Full benefits)
Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren)

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