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February Issue 2012:

Next social: Video evening and new year get together.

"The Tines"
Rotorua Branch Newsletter February 2012

Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

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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	**End of February – Okahu Road Hunt – get in before the 1080 drop!!!!**
Socials	**New year get together and video evening.** **Wed, 22nd February @ 7:30pm** **Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.**
Range Shoot	**Range itinerary for 2012 in this issue:** **Contact Malcolm Perry.**

Cover Photo: This is the next hut we are upgrading. It is the Central Waiau Hut in Te Urewera's. If you would like to assist, more info is on page 4.

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 Xmas and New Year are gone but it soon be back, mean while we have the roar and duck shooting to get set for.

Well New Year saw Mitch and I up in Kiataia we were attending the Kaitaia Gun Club Xmas shoot. It was their Andy Yerkovich Memorial Shoot. Mitch shot way better than myself, nothing unusual there and won the C Grade trophy and a knife set so all was not lost.

While up there staying with a mate we used one of those long line torpedoes and while fishing off east beach caught ten good sized snapper! That was a first for me as only ever managed a couple of kahawai. These are not a bad idea. Set' em out and sit back with a coldy or two and wait, no washing boats etc when you get back either.

Well back to news around the club. We hope to hold another video night, watching some good hunting videos so watch this space.

As for a party hunt we are looking to head up the Okahu Road end last week of February so we will be looking for numbers to go. You can get a hold of myself or one of the committee should you be keen.

Well that's all from me at the moment, have heard around the traps the deer are everywhere so hope some of you managed to get out and bagged few.
Cheers

Colin

NZDA SOCIAL(s) and PARTY HUNTS

No social until February next year.

The committee is considering having a late January party hunt. If you wish to be involved, please email Elvis at the club address to register your interest and for more information.

Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates

Urewera Hut restoration - Central Waiau Hut
We are going to be assisting DOC with the refurbishment of this hut in March/April this year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Colin, myself or any other committee member. This will be a four day stay. We are looking at going in with eight members. Just remember that there will be time for hunting, but you will also need to work during the day to complete the hut refurbishment.

Whirinaki Deer pen removal
Waiting for word on the next lot of activites. If you want any further information, or are able to help, please contact Colin or another committee member.

Whirinaki 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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Range report January 2011

There has not been any planned range shoots since last report but plenty of casual activity it would seem. I have been out to the range several times over the holidays, have not fired a single shot but been busy sorting out for some work to be done on the berm and mowing etc .

If this gets out in time, there will be some interruption to the availability of the range due to a digger working on our side of the berm, I am unsure when this will happen at this point, due to the machine being involved in work at pistol club first, and as I write this have myself been away for three days. Obviously if he is working you cannot use the range, I would anticipate the work will only take about two days.

Another issue for members to be aware of, if when you arrive at the locked gate it is locked, please lock it behind you while you are on the range, there are at least two reasons for this. It stops unauthorized persons entering the range area, particularly the pistol club area while nobody is there, or creating a problem to yourselves. If the gate is already open it should be because pistol club members are present and they do observe traffic to and from our range, or it is for our club shoots as not all members who wish to attend may have a key.

Members are reminded that their behavior on the range will impact on the issue of keys next financial year. It has been suggested by one member we should do as Doc have done at their sites and remove all the rubbish bins then people will take their rubbish home themselves, sounds like a good scheme to me.

February:
Sunday 5th 300m shoot, I will be available.
Sunday 19th Deer Silhouette shoot, 30,200,100 and 50M eight rounds required for each run through.
March:
Sunday 4th 300M club shoot I will not be available.
Sunday 18th Rimfire Metalic Silhouette, 40,60,77 and 100M.
April:
Sunday 1st 300M shoot.I should be available.
Sunday 15th Deer Silhouette shoot, 300, 200, 100 and 50M.

One thing I overlooked re coming events, the cadets have

booked the range for Saturday 25th Feb.

Time to reload,
Malcolm.

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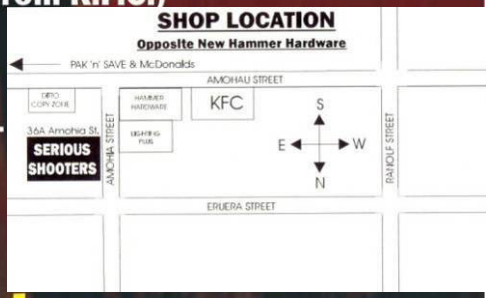

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NEW ZEALAND'S GREATEST OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS

In the news

EMERGENCY BEACON COULD HAVE SAVED SEVEN-HOUR TREK – THE DAILY POST (10 JANUARY 2012)

A seven-hour trek to get medical help could have been avoided if two men had taken an emergency beacon with them on a hunting trip in the remote Ureweras, police say.

A 19-year-old Opotiki plumber made the long walk after his 50-year-old father started to suffer chest pains at the isolated Makakoere Hut, about 70km inland from Matawai, on Saturday morning.

The area has no cell phone coverage and the pair, understood to be involved with search and rescue, were not carrying an emergency beacon.

Senior Sergeant Maui Aben of Gisborne police said the father was unable to walk back from the hut, so his son had to make the seven-hour trek to the road.

"The son drove out from the car park, out to Opotiki, when he raised the alarm to emergency services," he said.

A ground team started out towards the hut, while the Eastland Community Trust rescue helicopter was called in to help evacuate the man.

"Because of the deteriorating weather that we had on the weekend, it was touch and go whether or not we would be able to get a helicopter in," Mr Aben said.

"With the help of the locals just telling us what the weather conditions were like, the pilots decided to give it a go.

"At the same time we put in a ground team, just in case the pilot of the chopper wasn't able to get in. Thankfully ... the chopper was able to get in and get him out."

The father was picked up from the hut about 6.30pm on Saturday and taken to Gisborne Hospital for treatment.

The rescue would have come sooner if his son had called as soon as he got to the road, possibly from a farm house, Mr Aben said.

"We may have been able to get in earlier if we had've been contacted a bit earlier."

Rescuers also would have been able to reach the hut sooner if the otherwise well-equipped pair had taken an emergency locator beacon with them.

"Personal locator beacons are really, really popular and it would have saved a lot of hassle and delay if they had've had one. They could have set it off, and they would have been there (hospital) that morning rather than that night."

The family did not wish to comment.

-APNZ

FEARS TB WILL RISE IF FUNDING STOPS BY NIKKI PRESTON – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (27 JANUARY 2012)

The Animal Health Board is opposing a move by the Waikato Regional Council to scrap funding a long-running TB control programme, saying it could jeopardise the region's cattle.

The council has controversially proposed removing $825,000 funding for bovine tuberculosis control in possums and ferrets from its 10-year long-term plan from July because it is not core council business.

Council biosecurity and natural heritage group manager John Simmons said it fell low on the priority list and he felt it was time after more than 20 years of assistance that the Animal Health Board took responsibility for the national programme. Its funding contributions have ranged between $500,000 and $1.2 million.

The council's contributes about 12 per cent of the funding for the region with the Government and farmers also providing funds to monitor and a mix of controls including 1080, trapping and bait stations.

"If it's $700,000 or $800,000 that the regional council doesn't have to collect and pass over to the Animal Health Board that's a money-saving exercise. Whether the council decides to spend that money on something else, well that could be entirely appropriate. It could be a core business activity, it could be something higher up the priority list."

The council used a targeted differential rate for rural properties and lifestyle blocks to collect the funds but wanted the board to take it over.

But Animal Health Board chief executive William McCook said the board relied on the funds to carry out its work in the area.

"Any cut to the regional council's contribution would have an impact on these other funding sources and seriously compromise efforts to eradicate TB from the region."

Mr McCook said there had previously been a lot of public support for the funding to be included.

The number of infected cows with TB has dropped significantly in the Waikato. There were 17 cases of infections in 2008 and two in 2011.

Waikato Federated Farmers president James Houghton said he would be opposing the proposed cuts and had concerns about an increase of TB in livestock and access to international markets.

"The regional money helps get the national money so without their money we have the potential to lose a lot of services required in that area."

Mr Houghton said it was disappointing Waikato was the only regional council to back away from the deal. "I can't understand where they are coming from, AHB pays them to collect the money so what is the issue."

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association spokeswoman Riehana Robinson said the move was hypocritical.

"Claiming that AHB pest control suddenly is not core business while handing out $6 million of cold ratepayer cash for an elite cycle track is outrageous. Ratepayers should be funding neither."

The relationship between the council and the AHB appears to have been strained since the board took back management of the programme three years ago. The council withdrew funding in 2008 only to reinstate it the following year.

The council will consider the cuts next week.

TRAMPER MISSING IN TARARUA RANGES FOUND SAFE AND WELL – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (30 JANUARY 2012)

A tramper who spent the night missing in the Tararua Ranges has been found safe and well.

Officer in charge of today's search, Sergeant Jo Holden said Ryan Dax Menton, 37, was found by a search team around 10.40am, after becoming lost in an area off the Kapakapanui Track.

"Mr Menton was located safe and well after spending the night out in the open. He had set off on the Kapakapanui Track yesterday morning, but contacted police yesterday afternoon after becoming lost and suffering from leg cramps."

Sergeant Holden said Mr Merton also called his mother on cell phone and was able to text some images to her of the location he was in, which helped searches find him.

Police staff, as well as a police dog, were joined by Westpac Rescue helicopter to scour the Kapakapanui Track area last night, but were unable to find Mr Merton.

"It's so important that people their trip carefully, making sure someone knows what your intentions are. It's essential you take sufficient supplies of food and clothing and have a suitable means of communication.

Cell phones also need to be fully charged before setting off."

She encouraged trampers check out the Adventure Smart website for helpful tips.

- NZ Herald Online staff

SECOND DOG DIES AS TEST SHOWS NO 1080 POISONING BY KEIRA STEPHENSON – NEW ZEALAND HERALD (23 JANUARY 2012)

Buller hunter John Weir has lost a second dog to what he believes is 1080 poisoning, just as the Animal Health Board (AHB) says its tests found no traces of the poison in the first dog.

Mr Weir said he declined to have his second dog, Storm, tested after she was euthanised by a vet on Saturday because he was sure secondary 1080 poisoning had killed both dogs.

Mr Weir's younger dog, Mist, was put down at the beginning of the month. She had been ill for about a week after she ate possum bones on property bordering an area where an AHB 1080 drop took place last August.

Today Mr Weir said Storm had been with Mist at the property.

Storm had been "off-colour" ever since Christmas and stopped eating for four days before she died, he said.

A mouth swab from Mist had tested positive for 1080 when he sent it to the Cawthron Institute, which he believed contracted the testing out to a second party.

He didn't believe the AHB test results were accurate and had posted his own results to them.

"I know it's 1080. I first used it in the forestry service in 1963... It's horrible stuff...

"I don't want compensation. I want an apology," said Mr Weir.

However, the AHB TB eradication and research manager, veterinarian Paul Livingstone, said independent laboratory tests of samples from Mist's body had found no traces of 1080.

AHB had followed the standard testing guidelines of using stomach and muscle samples. They were then sent to an independent Landcare laboratory to get the most accurate test results, he said.

He said that in his 40 years' experience, he had never come across the use of mouth swabs as a test for 1080 poisoning.

The helicopter flight path map for the August aerial operation clearly showed AHB contractors adhered to a 200m buffer zone around the property, he said.

"There is a strong lesson to be learnt here - if your dog is unwell and you suspect it has ingested a toxin, please take it to your local veterinarian immediately."

There was no point in assuming the animal was suffering from 1080 poisoning unless it had been diagnosed by a vet, which Mist hadn't been.

Before any aerial operation, the AHB advised local residents and provided advice about responsible dog safety.

It also offered dog owners on properties inside or bordering the operational area free muzzles and emetics to prevent incidents of dog poisoning.

As a matter of course, all local vets were also advised of aerial control operations.

AHB spokesman John Deal said it was worth noting that Mr Weir continued to allege that one of his dogs died of 1080 poisoning, even though subsequent independent laboratory testing categorically proved that not to be the case.

"Mr Weir should report and provide full details of any such incidents to the relevant authority, so that they can be properly investigated.

"This means either the AHB, the local Medical Officer of Health, the West Coast Regional Council or the Environmental Protection Authority," said Mr Deal.

- WESTPORT NEWS

RUDE AWAKENING FOR CAMPERS AFTER EMERGENCY BEACON SET OFF – NZHEARLD.CO.NZ (17 JANUARY 2012)

Two weary campers had a rude awakening on Saturday morning with the sound of the Solid Energy Rescue Helicopter coming to their aid.

Pilot Martin Shaw responded from Greymouth after the emergency beacon was set off.

"We tracked it to a tent at Fox River (near Punakaiki)."

He landed beside the tent - only to wake up the sleeping campers, who were neither lost nor in distress.

"The beacon was at the bottom of a pack and had malfunctioned and been inadvertently activated," Mr Shaw said.

The bleary-eyed campers turned off the beacon and the helicopter turned back for Greymouth, empty.

- APNZ

WEATHER FACTOR IN WILDERNESS DEATH TOLL – STUFF.CO.NZ (16 JANUARY 2012)

This is the summer of death, injury and inclement weather, the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council says.

The wilderness has taken a grim toll this season with an unusually high number of deaths, council chief executive Darryl Carpenter said.

Mr Carpenter's comments come after a Hamilton woman suffered serious injuries while abseiling in the Coromandel Range last week.

After unhooking from her rope at Castle Rock on Wednesday night, the woman lost her footing negotiating a steep section, fell three metres and then rolled up to 30 metres, breaking her leg and pelvis.

Mr Carpenter said there had been an unusual spate of incidents in the wilderness since December. On New Year's Day, 15-year-old Dion Latta got his foot caught in a narrow chasm near Wanaka. He hung upside down in a waterfall for more than three hours before he was freed but he later died in Dunedin Hospital.

On the same day, Wellington man Michael Gillard Taylor, 60, described as the "prince" of his tramping club, fell to his death on a rocky mountain during the group's annual summer outing.

His body was found in a rugged area in Mt Aspiring National Park.

In December, 63-year-old John Leo Hannah died in a fall while tramping in Kahurangi National Park. He was negotiating difficult terrain with friends when he fell 20 metres to his death.

On December 4, experienced tramper Sharny Abbott drowned in the Mt Richmond Forest Park. It is believed the 23-year-old lost his footing in the first of several river crossings in the Hackett Stream.

Mr Carpenter said the toll may be a reflection of bizarre weather.

"It's meant to be summer for God's sake. It could also be a bit of stir-crazy, [with people] saying `we're going out anyway'."

Mr Carpenter has some advice for anyone heading into the wild.

First plan your trip well and tell someone where you are going; be aware of the weather and know your limits; and take sufficient supplies.

"In other words, take what you need, like, with ropes, make sure there's enough at both ends. As silly as that sounds some people have sailed over a 45 metre drop and the rope's only 40 metres long."

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MISSING HUNTER FOUND DEAD BY PAUL HARPER – NZHEARLD.CO.NZ (10 JANUARY 2012)

The body of a 23-year-old hunter missing in "difficult and mountainous terrain" near Wanaka has been found.

Police said Mathew John Laing, from Alexandra, was found dead about 6.45pm yesterday, in an area above the West Matukituki Valley in the Mt Aspiring National Park.

It is believed Mr Laing fell while hunting chamois on precipitous mountain faces above the Rob Roy Valley.

Wanaka Police SAR coordinator Sergeant Aaron Nicholson said Mr Laing, an experienced hunter, had gone into the area above the popular Rob Roy Glacier track on Friday.

The search for Mr Laing began on Sunday night after he was reported overdue back from his trip.

Wanaka Police and 15 volunteers from LandSAR Wanaka spent three hours during the night searching from a helicopter, using night vision equipment which can pick up even faint light sources from more than a kilometre away.

Fresh teams were called in at dawn yesterday.

Mr Nicholson said the search for Mr Laing was helped by perfect conditions in the area, but unfortunately the 23-year-old was found dead.

"We are very fortunate to have a team as expert and dedicated as LandSAR Wanaka," he said.

"On behalf of everyone involved in the search, our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr Laing's family," Nicholson said.

The death has now been referred to the Coroner.

Mr Laing is the second person to die after falling in the Mt Aspiring National Park. Wellington man Michael Gillard Taylor, 60, died while climbing Mt Twilight on New Year's Eve.

The accident also followed the tragic death of Palmerston 15-year-old Dion Latta, who died after getting trapped upside-down in a waterfall in the Motatapu Gorge near Wanaka.

MAN CLEANING GUN KILLS GIRL 2.4KM AWAY – STUFF.CO.NZ (21 DECEMBER 2011)

A man cleaning his muzzle-loading rifle shot the gun into the air, accidentally killing a 15-year-old Amish girl driving a horse-drawn buggy 2.4 kilometres away, a sheriff said today (NZ time).

Rachel Yoder was shot in the head Thursday night (Friday, NZ time) while travelling to her home in Wayne County, between Columbus and Akron. She had attended a Christmas party for employees, most of them under 18 years old, at an Amish produce farm and was riding home alone when she was shot, Wayne County sheriff's Captain Douglas Hunter said.

The horse continued to cart the girl after she was shot, and she fell out of the buggy near her home, Holmes County Sheriff Timothy Zimmerly said. Her brother found her after he saw the horse walking in circles and went to check it. Authorities initially believed she had fallen out of the buggy and hit her head until a hospital test revealed the gunshot wound.

Hunter said his department traced a trail of blood along the road for about 600 metres into Holmes County in an area of farms and rolling hills.

Zimmerly said the gun-cleaner's family came forward and his neighbours reported hearing a shot at about the time the girl was wounded.

The man had fired the gun in the air about 2.4km from where Yoder was shot, Zimmerly said. State investigators were checking the rifle for a ballistics match, he said.

"In all probability, it looks like an accidental shooting," Zimmerly said.

No charges have been filed.

Yoder was born in nearby Mount Eaton and attended the Old Order Amish Church, The (Wooster) Daily Record reported. She is survived by her father, 10 brothers and sisters, 26 nieces and nephews and two grandparents.

Hunter said earlier there was no indication the shooting was related to a rash of beard-cutting attacks against Amish men in a feud over church discipline.

Still, the mystery of the shooting in the wake of the beard-cutting attacks had left the Amish shaken and "on pins and needles," Zimmerly said.

Zimmerly said he informed the Yoder family that the shooting appeared to be accidental.

"Obviously, that makes them feel a lot better than if someone might have been targeting the Amish or (if it was) a random shooting murder," he said.

Gun violence in Amish communities is rare but not unheard of. A man shot 10 schoolgirls, killing five, inside a one-room schoolhouse five years ago in Nickel Mines, Pennsylviana. The Amish were praised for their forgiveness after the shooting and reaching out to comfort the gunman's widow.

- AP

PLANNED 1080 DROP SPARKS CONCERNS BY PATRICK ROSE – STUFF.CO.NZ (06 FEBRUARY 2011)

The Animal Health Board is planning to drop 36,000 kilograms of 1080-laced pellets over Golden Bay later this year.

The campaign to kill possums is part of a nationwide effort to combat bovine tuberculosis and protect the region's dairy and beef herds.

Vector Free Marlborough is the company contracted to do the airdrop over an 18,000-hectare area in the mountains above central Golden Bay.

The affected areas range from Kotinga on the Anatoki River up to Rockville on the Aorere River.

In preparation for the operation in July, representatives from Vector Free Marlborough have been holding private consultations with landowners and residents who border the drop zone.

These are intended to inform residents about the risks and pinpoint water intakes to avoid direct contamination with 1080.

Concerned resident and activist Grant Knowles said he felt the process was being kept quiet.

"It's a total isolation process. They won't hold a public meeting until after they get the resource consent. So they're just sneaking around, trying to get people on their side."

Animal Health Board regional co-ordinator Danny Templeton said it was the first stage of the consultation process.

"The AHB intends to hold public information days for all members of the public to discuss aspects of the TBfree New Zealand programme. Affected parties and others will have further opportunities for consultation and discussion."

Despite the promises of transparency, Tasman District Council communications manager Chris Choat said the resource consent for the operation would be a non-notified consent.

"Predominantly, the 1080 drops over here are within the DOC estate and they're miles away from anybody."

While most of the 1080 would be applied to conservation land, many residents' water intakes would be affected, and for that reason "[the AHB] still have to get permission from the properties around", said Mr Choat.

While the TDC allows 1080 to be dropped with non-notified consents, the Marlborough District Council has a different approach.

"We feel it should be publicly notified," MDC resource consents manager Anna Eatherley said. "There is a potential for discharge into the waterways and possibility for impact on the public."

Ms Eatherley said the MDC required resource consent applications that involved 1080 to be publicly notified.

"At the end of the day, water is a public resource, and people have a right to know."

Mr Choat said the wetter climate in Golden Bay was part of the basis for the TDC's non-notification policy.

"Marlborough is a lot drier. Once 1080 gets hit with water, it breaks down remarkably quickly. They believe that with the amount of rain in the areas we're dropping in, the dispersion rate is extremely quick."

Residents in affected areas are being advised not to drink their water for 48 hours after the drop. Drinking water will be supplied by Vector Free Marlborough. Residents are also advised to not to allow their dogs into the bush for more than six months after the drop.

Mr Knowles said he was angry about the way the process was being handled.

"I think they're just whitewashing us. I think we're being treated very disrespectfully.

"By saying keep dogs from the bush for six months but only giving us drinking water for two days, they are contradicting themselves."

Mr Templeton did not see the divergent safety recommendations as a contradiction.

"The main risk to dogs is scavenging dead possum carcasses. Six months is a precautionary period which will be monitored by bait and carcass breakdown, and weather conditions will dictate how long owners should keep dogs out of the operational area."

Mr Choat noted that no application had yet been made for a resource consent to drop 1080. He said each case was unique.

"I would imagine that if there is a substantial amount of written disapproval from adjoining landowners, there might be some questions asked, but we have yet to see that," he said.

The AHB insists that TB must be brought under control "because of the negative consumer perceptions and adverse market reactions it could generate. High levels of bovine TB would also cause significant production losses for New Zealand farmers".

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CAMPFIRE BLAMED FOR FIORDLAND BUSHFIRE – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (10 JANUARY 2011)

The Department of Conservation believes a campfire may have caused a bushfire in Fiordland.

The fire last night burnt through about a hectare of bush at Doubtful Island in Lake Te Anau.

It was safely extinguished by five DOC staff after about four hours.

Another ground crew then worked to dampen it down.

DOC said there are strong indications the fire was caused by a campfire that wasn't properly extinguished.

Incident controller Ross Kerr said people think the forest is wet, but it's not.

He said a total fire ban is in place and a fire ban means no fires at all.

Meanwhile, spontaneous combustion is the likely cause of a hay stack fire in Canterbury.

Rural fire-fighters were called to a Swannanoa property north of Christchurch at about six last night.

Senior station officer Tristan Roberts said engines from Kaiapoi, Pines beach and Brooklands took more than an hour to bring it under control.

He said the fire is not suspicious.

"The probably cause is spontaneous combustion which is where high-moisture hay stacks can have a chemical reaction that builds heat," he said.

"Hay basically insulates so the larger the hay stack, the less cooling effect there is to offset the heat."

Mr Roberts said farmers are giving into the temptation to bail hay when it is a bit too damp and this is one of the risks.

He urged farmers to check the temperature of their stacks.

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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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