

The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

August Issue 2011:

Next Social: The guys from Stoney Creek are popping in for a chat.



"The Tines"
Rotorua Branch Newsletter August 2011



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 TBA.

Socials Guys from Stoney Creek are popping in for a chat. At

the Neil Hunt Park Club-rooms from 7.30pm.

August 24th, 7:30pm

Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms, Tarawera Road, Rotorua.

Range Shoot Range itinerary for 2011 in this issue:

Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: Recent party hunt - Trap Shooting Event.

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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^{*} 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.

Presidents Report

Hi all

Well the economic down turn is really starting to bite in some areas. The state of a town I once lived in - Kawerau being exposed to the nation, this was once a strong town with strong employment. We once won NZ's Top Town twice, but with down sizing of the Mills and changes in forestry how things have changed. This could be your town or community next. Then we learn that ex PMs and Judges are being paid \$1000.00 dollars day to sit on panel deciding the fate of Christchurch, when all of us have donated money or time to support the people in need. This is unbelievable. Is this our country? Oh yes that's right we are the only country in the world to dump tonnes and tonnes of a banned poison on our land and native forests to control a pest whose fur is fetching around \$130 per kilo.

Well now that I have your attention, and I'll get off my soap box.

What has been happing with Club? Firstly it had been noticed that a few lengths of timber out at the range had walked. These are 6m lengths so not the easiest of lengths to move. Bit piss poor really that some decided that they needed it more, as it was intended for shelters etc on the range.

Next we had an inquiry about the berm between us and the pistol club the concern being the height or lack of it down range allowing .22 bullets to ricochet over into the pistol club. We had an informal meeting with members of Pistol Club and Black Powder Club, discussing issues pertaining to the lease, the berm and the possibility of moving our access road away from the Pistol Club end. It was a good meeting with some issues being aired and I hope a start to unity amongst the three clubs. Years ago the clubs held a round robin were we each shot on each others ranges which would be good to look at in the future maybe? So as an out come we are looking at building up the berm height.

On the issue of the disappearing timber, use it or loose it. So as everyone I have so far approved as new members have joined to use the range and most of all current members also join for the range use. I know I will have no worries when I and the committee set a weekend for a working bee that we will have no end of volunteers. So watch this space.

Up coming events

July

Social is pot luck dinner and movies, no chick flick's Cosgrave

August

Stoney Creek coming along to talk.

Finally

Have just finished reading "Untamed" By Davie Hughes. It's a damned good read and I strongly recommend it, if you guys truly support made in NZ buy a copy and you may thick twice about some of the imported gear!

Cheers Colin

NZDA SOCIAL(s)

September social: Boys from Stoney Creek are visiting. Come and tell them what gear you would like to see.

At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms Neil Hunt Park, 24th August, 7.30pm.

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Classifieds

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No items for sale.

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Range report June 2011

Saturday4th & Sunday 5th the 300M people held their North Island Championships. Although the weather was not very encouraging there were seven competitors, one from Palmerston North, one from King country area and five from Whakatane/ Opotiki. I also attended and marked targets for them on the Saturday. Scores for the two days are:

ISSF CLASS	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Lindsay Arthur	594.28	597.33	1,i91.61
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Alan Dickson	585.25	578.15	1,163.40
Bill Teddy	577.24	584.24	1,161.48

Open class	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Rick Ruiterman	565.11	582.23	1,147.34
John Scobie	563.08	565.10	1,128.19
John Ball	560.10	564.16	1,124.26
Larry Meredith	563.15	544.09	1,108.24

Lindsay won the B.O.P. Championship, the North Island Championship and set a personal best score.

Rick won the open class (allows use of optical aid in sights) Congratulations to them both.

Sunday 19th was the deer silhouette shoot which was attended by four shooters and one observer and me. One young chap had a disappointing day, as after firing his second shot his scope was lying on the mound beside him, so he finished the day using my rifle, which he had used last time. (I wonder if there was an ulteria motive?). Everyone had finished the day by midday, and one or two casual users started arriving.

Coming events:

JULY:

Sunday 3rd 300m Club shoot.

Sunday 17th Rimfire silhouette shoot and Junior practice

AUGUST:

Sunday 7th300M club shoot.

Sunday 21st Deer silhouette shoot, If any juniors want a practice in afternoon can do that, just let me know you want to.

SEPTEMBER:

Sunday 4th 300M club shoot (Father's day)

Sunday 18th Rimfire silhouette shoot. STARTING 1 30PM JUNIOR "SWAZI' SHOOT, ALL JUNIORS WELCOME, BUT ONLY FINANCIAL JUNIORS CAN ACCEPT "SWAZI" PRIZES.

OCTOBER:

Sunday 2nd 300M club shoot. Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Sat. rimfire 3P @ 50 & 100M, Sunday Centrefire 100 & 200M.

Time to reload, Malcolm.

Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates

All projects are on hold to spring.

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 Darryn or another committee member.

Whirinaki Hut restoration

If you would like to be involved in the Whirinaki Hut restoration, please contact Darryn 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.



Central Regional Championship



Rotorua Branch NZDA Range Mead Road (off Tarawera Road)

15th & 16th October 2011

Start Time

Range Opens: 8.30am - Saturday & 8.00am Sunday

Briefing: 9.30am - Saturday & 9.00am - Sunday

Programme: Saturday 15th 60 Shot Rimfire, 3P @ 50 & 100m

Sunday 16th 60 Shot Centrefire, 4P @ 100 & 200m

(Normal National Matches)

Entry Fee: Rimfire \$25

Centrefire \$30

Refreshments: Complimentary Tea and Coffee provided

Enquires: M Perry Ph/Fax: 07 348 4473



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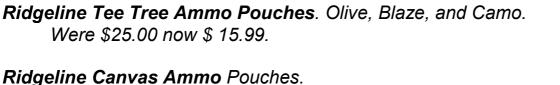


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NZDA's KAURI NATIONAL PARK PRO0POSAL SUBMISSION

NZDA'S PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FURTHER SUBMISSION

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, HON STEVEN JOYCE in response to NZDA's letter forwarded in relation to the Land Transport (Road Safety and other Matters) Amendment act 2011 and concerns on whether this act will have new powers to regulate unformed legal roads.

BIOSECURITY NZ GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR BRINGIN IN MOUNTED AND UNMOUNTED GAME TROPHIES TAKEN OVERSEAS

Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request:

This relates to whole animals, head of animals, trophy hides and skins, and/or skulls/antlers mounted onto shields or unmounted animal parts including tusks, bones, claws, teeth

THE ARMS (MILITARY STYLE SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS AND INMPORT CONTROLS - AMENDMENT BILL

Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request:

COLFO's VERBAL SUBMISSION

NZ MOUNTIAN SAFETY COUNCIL WRITTEN SUBMISSION

ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST

INFORMATION FOR FREEDOM CAMPERS check out www.rankers.co.nz

POISONING OPERATIONS

MANGAKAHU, brodifacoum and Feratox July 2011 until about December 2011. For further information contact KB Environmental Services, Kevin@kbes.co.nz or phone him on 0274 535 114

TE UREWEA NATIONAL PARK, traps cyanide paste, Feratox etc July 2011 to June 21012 approximately. For further information contact Andrew Glaser, phone 07 307 2781 or email him on aglaser@doc.govt.nz

CONFERENCE 2011

Next week the newsletter will be a special post conference version with all the latest from conference: results of Notices of Motion and Remits, results from the national competitions, speeches where available, etc.

Regards

Dianne Brown CEO

GEAR REVIEW – Stoney Creek – The Ranger 35 Litre by Elvis Bowring

I recently replaced my hunting bag of many years with the Stoney Creek Ranger 35+ litre pack. I have only taken it on two hunts so far, but so far I am impressed. I have been let down previously with so called hunting packs that either get caught on everything, or make a noise when you walk. This was not the case with the Ranger. I found this bag to be well made and very quiet for hunting. Bag shape is quite different from photo when it is not filled to the top, giving the bag a lower profile. Cover (pocket) on top of bag then ends up down the bags back, giving a easily accessed pocket. Profile is then lowered to shoulder height making it easier to get under branches etc.

The bag includes straps to ensure that it is compressed and things will not move around when it is only partially full. I will be using this as a day pack, but with the ability to hold lots of gear for overnighters or meat when an animal is secured. This bag has a semi open compartment with a drainage hold in the bottom that I expect will be perfect for holding meat. Hopefully I don't have to wait too long to find out.

Straps are comfortable and bag sits well on your back. Waist belt sits firmly on your hips. The bag contains a frame and is solid. I would recommend this bag to hunters who like having a bag that can hold their gear, be it a little or lots. This is the quietest bag I have owned so far.

This is a top loading bag so takes a bit of getting used to if you are used to zipped up bags like myself, but it has five different compartments allowing for many different packing options, and I quickly adjusted. In some ways, this system is a lot quieter than having to open zips depending on how you decide to pack it.

This bag can comfortably hold a little or a lot. If you are in the market for a new pack, check this one out before making your decision. If you have any questions, please drop me a line.







General

Muslim suicide bombers in Britain are set to begin a three-day strike on Monday in a dispute over the number of virgins they are entitled to in the afterlife. Emergency talks with Al Qaeda have so far failed to produce an agreement. The unrest began last Tuesday when Al Qaeda announced that the number of virgins a suicide bomber would receive after his death will be cut by 25% this June, from 72 to only 60. The rationale for the cut was the increase in recent years of the number of suicide bombings and a subsequent shortage of virgins in the afterlife.

The suicide bomber's union, the British Organization of Occupational Martyrs (BOOM) responded with a statement that this was unacceptable to its members and immediately balloted for strike action. General Secretary Abdullah Amir told the press, "Our members are literally working themselves to death in the cause of Jihad. We don't ask for much in return, and to be treated like this is like a kick in the teeth."

Speaking from his shed in Tipton in the West Midlands, in which he currently resides, Al Qaeda's new chief executive, Ayman al-Zawahiri, explained, "We sympathize with our workers concerns, but Al Qaeda is simply not in a position to meet their demands. They are simply not accepting the realities of modern-day Jihad in a competitive marketplace. Thanks to Western depravity there is now a chronic shortage of virgins in the afterlife. It's a straight choice between reducing expenditure and laying people off. I don't like cutting wages but I'd hate to have to tell 3,000 of my staff that they won't be able to blow themselves up."

Spokespersons for the Union in the northeast of England, Ireland, Wales, and the entire Australian and New Zealand continent stated that the strike would not affect their operations, as "there are no virgins in their areas anyway."

Apparently the drop in the number of suicide bombings has been put down to the emergence of Scottish singing star Susan Boyle - now that Muslims know what an actual virgin looks like they are not so keen on going to paradise.

In the news

SEARCH FOR POSSUM HUNTER SUSPENDED - NZHERALD.CO.NZ (13 JULY 2011)

Police have suspended a search for a missing elderly possum trapper after receiving advice he has died in bush near Christchurch.

Allan Hill, 83, has not been seen since he went trapping in the Ashley Gorge area, northwest of Christchurch, a week ago.

He was not equipped to spend the night in the open and conditions in the area have been poor, with strong winds, rain and snow at times.

Independent medical advice has now confirmed he could not have survived, police said.

Northern Canterbury area commander inspector Dave Lawry this afternoon confirmed he had suspended a search and rescue operation.

He thanked the 115 personnel for their efforts in difficult conditions. However, he said police had not yet given up on finding Mr Hill's body.

"Police will actively follow up any new information on Mr Hill's whereabouts. In the next few weeks police will look to deploy further dog search teams in the area as conditions allow."

Mr Lawry said police had given their condolences to Mr Hill's family and notified the coroner.

- HERALD ONLINE

17-YEAR-OLD HUNTER FOUND — STUFF.CO.NZ (25 JULY 2011)

A 17-year-old hunter who went missing in East Cape bush yesterday has been found safe and well this morning.

The teenager was reported missing at 9pm yesterday after he and his father, who was hunting with him, became separated in the Motu bush, between Gisborne and Opotiki, police said.

A search and rescue team found the teenager about 8am, after an earlier search overnight was unsuccessful.

The MetService said it was cold, wet and had been snowing overnight. It was currently 4 degrees in the area, but with strong winds in exposed places it could feel like -4 degrees.

- Stuff

MISSING HUNTERS BACK HOME - NZHERALD.CO.NZ (22 JULY 2011)

Three family members who went missing for at least four hours while hunting in Pureora Forest Park, about 15km west of Lake Taupo, are back in the comfort of their home.

A LandSAR team and the Youthtown Rescue Helicopter Taupo found a 42-year-old man from Tokoroa, his son, and his nephew next to the Mangakino Stream at midnight yesterday, about four hours after they were reported lost.

Taupo police Senior Constable Barry Shepherd said the hunters lost their way when the batteries on their GPS went flat. They were about 3.5km from where they had parked their car.

COST OF RIDDING ISLAND OF STOATS PUT AT \$200,000 - NZHERALD.CO.NZ (21 JULY 2011)

It will cost about \$200,000 over two years to make sure Kapiti Island is predator-free again after a stoat was caught on Sunday, the Department of Conservation says.

It was the second stoat caught this year and it is likely the pests are breeding on the island, DoC biodiversity threats programme manager Colin Giddy said.

The stoats would have swum 5km to get to the island, off the Kapiti coast north of Wellington, or possibly travelled on a bit of driftwood or timber, he said, though this was not likely.

"The chances of one animal getting over there are actually fairly unlikely, but it still arrived - so the chances of two getting over there without a breeding population are even rarer again," he said.

"So I am thinking that there is actually a breeding population on the island."

The first stoat was caught in February.

It would take two years of combing the island and finding no more signs or animals to again class it as predator-free.

The process would involve dog searches, a full-time trapper, and cutting and marking biosecurity walking tracks where stoat traps would be placed, as stoats liked to travel on areas that were clear.

Mr Giddy said that by the end of June, DoC had already spent about \$100,000 combing the island, after a staff member spotted the first stoat in November.

"It wouldn't surprise me if the end bill tops \$200,000."

The stoat caught on Sunday was sent yesterday to Auckland-based laboratory EcoGene to do a DNA profile, which would reveal its gender and age, Mr Giddy said.

"The animal we have got is actually in good condition so they should be able to get some reasonable data from it."

Stoats have high metabolic rates, are very quick, and are designed for hunting. They eat often and travel large distances.

In New Zealand, stoats eat birds such as kiwi, kaka, takahe, kokako, tui and bellbirds.

"We have got a formidable enemy on the island, that's for sure," Mr Giddy said.

EcoGene, launched by Landcare Research in 2008, provides DNA services.

- NZPA

OWNERSHIP OVER MAORI KNOWLEDGE TO BE DECIDED - BY SHABNAM DASTGHEIB - STUFF.CO.NZ (01 JULY 2011)

The Waitangi Tribunal is to release findings tomorrow on the legal place of Maori culture and identity and claims of ownership over native flora and fauna.

The Wai 262 inquiry will make non-binding recommendations to the Government about claims of ownership over Maori knowledge and native flora and fauna which claimants believe are guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi.

The first claim was brought against the Crown in 1991 by six iwi and hearings ran from 1997 to 2007.

The claimants say the Crown breached article two of the Treaty which granted Maori exclusive and undisturbed ownership of their lands and property, including all taonga.

Claims say the Crown failed to protect Maori rights of authority and guardianship over indigenous flora and fauna, Maori cultural heritage and traditional knowledge.

These contemporary issues have not been looked at before.

The findings will look at customary Maori and English common law as it applies to native flora and fauna and how flora and fauna was dealt with when the Crown purchased Maori land.

The report will also examine scenery preservation and protected areas, inland waterways and the role of Maori in habitat transformation.

The inquiry also covers areas of Maori knowledge and intellectual property as well as education systems and the Maori language.

The chapter on the health of te reo Maori was released in pre-publication last October and made numerous recommendations, including a massive bolstering of power for the Maori Language Commission, which the tribunal says should be able to censure and 'name and shame' government agencies, councils or schools that are not doing enough to revitalise te reo.

- The Dominion Post

Son Races to Raise Alarm After Fall - Stuff.co.nz (03 July 2011)

A man walked for 45 minutes through rugged terrain to raise the alarm after his father was badly injured during a hike near Porirua today.

Life Flight Trust crewman Colin Larsen said the hiker, who was in his 50s, suffered a suspected fracture to his left leg.

He was out with his son on a steep, very muddy and slippery track above the Porirua landfill.

It took the son about 40-45 minutes to get out and raise the alarm. The rescue helicopter was called at 11.30am. It picked up the son who was able to direct the pilot to where his dad was.

Larsen said it was so muddy the helicopter had to hover over the scene while a paramedic winched him up and into the helicopter door. It was able to set down on drier ground about 100m away to get him fully on aboard and give him pain relief before flying him to Wellington Hospital.

It was very cold but fortunately it was not raining and the man was well enough dressed to avoid suffering hypothermia, Larsen said.

The Dominion Post

PEST-PROOF FENCES 'OF LIMITED VALUE' BY ISAAC DAVISON — NZHERALD.CO.NZ (14 JULY 2011)

The benefits of New Zealand's \$24 million worth of predator-proof fences has been challenged by research which argues that they create "small, expensive zoos".

Two New Zealand studies question the conservation value of the country's 109km of protective fencing, and compare their success to island sanctuaries.

The New Zealand Journal of Ecology study of 18 predator-proof fences found that the fencing model was very expensive, required intensive and ongoing monitoring and might not be backed by strong evidence.

Author and Canterbury Museum vertebrate zoology curator Paul Scofield wrote: "The creation of these sanctuaries enclosed by predator-proof fences often creates small expensive zoos surrounded by degraded habitat that will never be able to sustain the animal and plant species contained within the fence."

The annual cost of maintaining fenced forest was calculated at \$3365 per hectare, compared to \$29 per hectare for maintenance of the Little Barrier island sanctuary.

Despite this cost, there was no local research which indicated that fenced mainland areas improved native bird numbers, increased their survival, or definitely excluded predators such as stoats and rats.

A study led by University of Auckland ecologist Bruce Burns was more positive.

It indicated that fencing played an important role in New Zealand's conservation strategy, in practice and as an advocacy tool.

But his article also said protective fences were only stop-gap measures: "The ultimate [and currently unrealistic] measure of conservation success will be when the threat is removed outside the fence, and the fence itself can be taken down."

Dr Burns also spelled out the problems faced by regular breaches and constant maintenance.

Once a fence had been breached, there was a 99 per cent likelihood it would be reinvaded within 24 hours - usually by mice or ship rats.

Both studies noted that island sanctuaries, on the other hand, were far cheaper to maintain, had less risk of reinvasion and a long-lasting conservation benefit. New Zealand species such as black robin and kakapo have been saved from extinction by their placement on isolated islands.

Predator-proof fences were most valuable in cases of intermediate intervention for at-risk species, such as conservation of endangered skinks in Central Otago.

Dr Scofield said the rapid growth of predator-proof fences could be because of their visible, tangible qualities which secured community grants.

"The rate of growth in predator-proof-fence building is out of proportion to its benefits ... time should be allowed for existing fences to show they can make contributions to species management, and have their worth evaluated scientifically."

He believed that recreating an exact copy of a prehuman ecosystem was impossible and an "illusory goal".

"We need more thinking 'outside the box' to ensure cost effective management occurs," Dr Scofield wrote.

HELPING HAND

Predator-proof fences in NZ:

- * 109km of fencing, protecting 7133ha of forest.
- * \$24 million construction cost, plus annual maintenance, plus \$800,000 annual depreciation cost.

Annual costs:

- * Predator-free islands \$29 a hectare
- * Pest-controlled areas of mainland \$11-\$96 a hectare
- * Predator-proof fences sites \$3365 a hectare

Source: New Zealand Journal of Ecology

RAGING BULL NOW A PACK OF PATTIES BY MARIKA HILL - STUFF.CO.NZ (24 JULY 2011)

A bull with a nasty streak who hurtled his owner 2m through the air, breaking the farmer's back, has become hamburger patties.

Chum Neal, 53, was working with a herd of bulls on his 20ha farm in Pomarangai, near Te Kuiti, when one of them attacked him.

As Neal clambered a fence to get away from the bull it rammed him in the backside, tossing him 2m into the air.

"It just flipped me over the rail and landed me on my shoulders."

He landed in a neighbouring paddock which held another two bulls. Farmworkers rushed to his aid, moved the bulls out, and called an ambulance.

Neal was flown by the Westpac Waikato Air Ambulance to Waikato Hospital, where X-rays revealed a fractured vertebra.

The three-year-old hereford bull has since been sent to the meatworks. "It's hamburger patties," said Neal, who was discharged after one day.

He down-played the incident as a typical day on the farm. "It's an everyday occurrence for me. I've been run around a bit."

The experience has certainly not put him off working on his sheep and cattle farm.

"Heck no – I hope to be back out there soon."

Glenys Neal rushed to Waikato Hospital to be with her husband when she heard the news.

"I just thought `here we go again'. He has been kicked in the eye by a calf and does get the odd [injury] around the house."

She said her husband was used to handling cattle and it was reasonably common for bulls to turn on their owners.

"For all the man-hours handling animals there's very few accidents. Fortunately we don't have animals with horns. If we did it could have been a lot worse."

Her home is now full of convalescents. The couple's 26-year-old daughter is nursing a sprained ankle and their 21-year-old son is recovering from knee surgery.

- Sunday Star Times

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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.)

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Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren)



