



# The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

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## February Issue 2013:

*Next social: The Boys from Stoney Creek are coming for a visit.*



**“The Tines”**  
**Rotorua Branch Newsletter February 2013**



## Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

Ring coordinators for more information.  
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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	Starts again in 2013.
Socials	Stoney Creek visit, Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 @ 7:30pm, Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2013 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

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## **Presidents Report**

Hi All

Well folks Christmas has come and gone, the weather is hot, hot - damn hot. God I need some rain like all the cockies must.

So what's up then? Well Malcolm and co ran the Canteen shoot again and from what has been reported it was another hit with the kids, so well done to all that managed to help out on the day.

On the road front it has been all go, as some of you who have been out to the range may well have seen. It was fortuitous that when we began, that Allan Moore's guys had heaps of fill to remove from various sites so we had free fill to burn so to speak. Cheers to Moore's Transport for that. By the time this gets out we will have had the working bee and the fences should all be in place and gates in in time for the Pistol Clubs big event. Please remember that the range will be closed throughout the duration of their World Event, so please don't be dumb and try to head off out to the range while this is on as you won't get there.

So we hope to hold a few good socials this year and some party hunts, we are thinking of Waikaremoana and Aniwhenua for both fishing and hunting so stay tuned.

I hope to get an update from Doc on the Hut work now that holidays are through.

Also coming up will be our AGM in March so if you want to get involved get your arse along and have your say. Well that really goes for any committee night, but I reckon we will see the same old faces.

Before you know it the roar will be here so expect some may be warming up for this. Did Santa drop you an Epirb? Then maybe the Easter Bunny could, just a thought as they are essential I reckon.

Well lets hope to see some new faces along to the club as we have enough members around now. Maybe you could start thinking of how we can improve the facilities at the range, as we hope soon to have a new lease that will secure this for the future. If you need inspiration just poke your head over to the Pistol Range and see what can be achieved.

Once again big cheers to Allan Moore for giving up his weekends to be dragged out to the range for an update and his advice.

Cheers  
Colin

## **Notice from NZDA Committee:**

It is very dry out there in the outdoors. Please be aware of the high fire risk and keep this in mind when hunting – especially you smokers out there!

If you have a portable fire extinguisher – it would be advisable to put one in your truck. If you already have one, check that it is working.

Take a bit of time to consider strategies for what you would do if you saw a fire start.



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# **NZDA SOCIALS AND PARTY HUNT**

## **Social**

### **STONEY CREEK VISIT**

**Come and talk to the people who make Stoney Creek about what you want to see in their products.**

*At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms*

**Neil Hunt Park, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 7.30pm**

All welcome. Cheap drinks available.

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## **Range report January 2013**

Not a lot to report as most of the last month has been holidays.

Last report I covered the Swazi shoot, but did not mention the social and B.B.Q. that followed and went very well. That is something I can't fathom, people are reluctant to turn up to the range for a shoot, or the clubrooms for a social, have the social at the range and a very good attendance is achieved??? Puzzling but very pleasing non the less.

We hosted shooters from Canteen who turned up for a fun shoot. It went well and everyone left happy. Thank you to all who helped out on the day.

There were no shoots in January

February;

Sun 3rd 300M shoot possibly I anticipate being there at this stage.

Sunday 17th Deer silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, & 50M

8 rounds of ammo per run through, usually do at least 2.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 22ND TILL SUNDAY 3RD MARCH.**

Which means there will not be a 300M shoot on 3rd.

March;

Sunday 17th Rimfire metallic silhouette shoot.

April;

Sunday 7th 300M shoot

Sunday 21st Deer silhouette shoot. Yeah I know you will all be out shooting real deer!

I have not yet been to the range this year, but after a special meeting mid Jan, expect the new entrance is under way. I have some mowing to complete and deer targets to rejuvenate so will be there this weekend.

**NEW KEYS FOR 2013.**

New keys should be available as from 28th February, the old ones will continue to work until the first week of April.

**YOU WILL NEED YOUR 2013/14 MEMBERSHIP CARD TO PURCHASE YOUR NEW KEY.**

Time to reload,

Mal.



Photos: Canteen Shoot December 2012

## In the news

### LOST HUNTER WINCHED TO SAFETY – STUFF.CO.NZ (22 JANUARY 2013)

A Hawke's Bay man was winched out of the Ruahine Ranges this morning after he became lost hunting in the bush.

The 28-year-old hunter set out on his quad bike from No Mans Hut, in the ranges, just before 5am. He parked his quad bike on the road and headed into the bush on foot. About five hours later the man realised he had lost the marked track and did not know where he was.

Wearing light clothing only and with just a muesli bar and half a bottle of water, the disoriented man called police about 9.45am.

Inspector Mike O'Leary of Hawke's Bay police said calls between the man and police were lost several times because of intermittent cellphone coverage. This delayed the man's rescue.

The Lowe Corporation helicopter spotted the hunter from the air and winched him out of the northern ranges. He was fit and well when rescued.

Mr O'Leary said the rescue would not have happened if the man had been better prepared.

The hunter left his GPS at the hut, thinking he was only going for a quick shoot, and he had no map of the area.

Mr O'Leary said the hunter should have taken warmer clothes, more food and water and a portable locator beacon with him. Cellphones should never be relied on solely as a means of communicating distress, Mr O'Leary said.

"Our advice is to equip yourself properly with all the necessary items which will hopefully prevent the need for a rescue in the first place."

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### SHOOTING RANGE SHUT OVER LEAD CONCERNS BY MICHAEL DICKISON AND VAIMOANA TAPALEAO – THE NZ HEARLD (15 JANUARY 2013)

Shooting range in youth centre basement shut after lead-poisoning scare.

An indoor shooting range under the Youths town youth centre in central Auckland has been shut after shooters were exposed to high levels of lead, a Herald investigation has found.

The problem was discovered when a member of the Central Shooters Inc (CSI) club in the basement had a blood test and his doctor complained to the health authorities.

Because of poor ventilation systems, some of the toxin spread to other areas - including, the Herald understands, a storage space for the Youths town swimming pool.

Lead poisoning is more harmful to children than adults, affecting developing nerves and brains, but in severe cases can still cause vomiting, staggering, muscle weakness, seizures and comas among adults.

But the gun club, Youthtown and a health expert say the discovery of lead - though it warranted investigation and improvements to practices - did not mean there was a risk to health. The youth centre said all activity areas had been tested and found to be safe to use.

At least 10 gun club members were found to have high levels of lead.

A member said he saw a doctor after coming down with a series of bad headaches and feeling drowsy.

"I just felt miserable and grotty and I went along to the doctors and got a blood test. The doctor told me the test came back with high lead levels - which is a notifiable disease."

The member said he could not understand how that could be the case until his doctor asked about his weekly schedule.

"I told him I went to the shooting range every Friday night. He straight away wanted to know where we did the shooting. Other people had also contacted their doctors and they were notified, and so it was becoming more general."

The member was told to stop going to the range immediately.

"Lead is accumulative. But it will eventually work its way out of your system if you get away from whatever's causing it. I'm fine now. I stopped going straight away. But it was quite bad for a time."

Youthtown asked the shooting club to fix the ventilation problem in order to continue renting the basement level. The parties could not reach an agreement, so the shooting range closed in September.

Youthtown chief executive Keith Thorpe said all areas had been tested, including the pool storage area.

"I can show you the results of the tests that show the areas that are used by staff and kids for activities are completely safe."

Two supervisors at Hilton Brown Swimming, which runs classes at the pool, said they had no idea there had been any concerns about lead.

CSI secretary Wayne, who asked for his surname not to be printed because of security concerns relating to his guns, said when volunteers were asked to test their blood two years ago, 10 or 11 were found with lead above the notifiable range.

This led to changes in practices, such as wearing masks while cleaning, he said. Lead levels among everyone who had been tested dropped significantly in three months.

Chief shooting range inspector Peter Miles said lead poisoning was common at indoor ranges.

Health expert Dr Virginia Hope, now with the Institute of Environmental Science and Research, said a notifiable level of lead was a trigger to test for the toxin's source. "That may not be a clinically important level. They're levels which require further investigation."

A spokesman for the state agency that oversees occupational safety said public health officials had been involved. Youthtown had taken care of the issue "in-house".

#### 'PLEASE BRO, DON'T DIE ON ME' BY ANDREW KOUBARIDIS (14 JANUARY 2013)

Shaun Townsley was lining up targets for his friends to shoot off a fence when one of them fired an airgun pellet into his body.

The 18-year-old and four friends had been drinking at Bettina Place, Manurewa, on Saturday when the fatal shot was fired about 8pm.

Police do not believe it was deliberate, but say it is too soon to know if charges will be laid.

A neighbour, Jahmana Marino, 27, told of the frantic attempts to keep Shaun alive.

The father of the host ran over asking who knew CPR. When she, her uncle and father followed him home they found Shaun lying on his back by the fence.

"He looked dead, his eyes were open but he looked dead," Ms Marino told the Herald.

They began CPR and "got him back" before the ambulance arrived. However, he appeared to be struggling to breathe.

His lips were blue and his eyes shocked the rescuers, who thought he was having a seizure.

Ms Marino asked what had happened and was told: "He got shot."

"They lifted his top up and saw the hole under by his rib. It was a little hole and when they were pumping him you could hear the air coming out of it. His mates were standing around pleading for him to be all right. They were saying, 'Please don't die, please my bro, don't die on me.'"

Ms Marino was told the group had been shooting cans and bottles off the fence.

"Apparently he was lining the bottles or something and they told him to move and when they went to shoot it, he moved the wrong way - and that's how he got shot."

Police were called by the ambulance service, which rushed Shaun to Middlemore Hospital, but he died soon after arrival.

"They wouldn't say what happened but [another person] told me. They would only say there was a bang and he dropped to the ground."

The father of the host yesterday said he had been told not to comment by his lawyer. However, he and his children were traumatised.

He said they did their best to save Shaun. "You have to do whatever you can." Asked about the group who were at his house, he said: "You can't choose your children's friends."

His focus was now on hearing back from the police and "trying to get the family through this".

Detective Inspector Dave Lynch said: "The investigation will determine whether anyone will face charges."

Mr Lynch said airguns were powerful weapons that could kill or seriously injure and needed to be handled carefully - and not by anyone under the influence of alcohol.

"This tragedy should serve as a painful reminder that these weapons are not toys and need to be used in a controlled environment by responsible people with appropriate target awareness and knowledge of their power."

#### JOKER GIVING DOC A HEADACHE BY STACEY KIRK – STUFF.CO.NZ (10 JANUARY 2013)



The sign in a Department of Conservation hut says: "Warning! Children conceived in this hut are the property of the Minister of Conservation."

But the department says it really doesn't want your babies and will not try to claim ownership of the child.

The assurance comes after a number of joke signs have appeared at department huts in national parks this summer.

Another, that could cause consternation to those taking more than a short walk in the bush says: "Please do not defecate in our National Parks".

Department spokesman Herb Christophers said the signs, which have been made to look like official notices, were obviously a "light-hearted joke" but were also "a slight annoyance".

"We obviously have a number of things we have to deal with, but really, they are silly and we do have to take the signs down because they aren't official," he said.

"We take them down as we come across them, but we do have more important things to be doing."

The conception sign was spotted by Dunedin lawyer Antony Hamel who was tramping near the Bullendale Hut in Mount Aurum Recreation Reserve in Queenstown.

"As a lawyer I'm really interested in the ownership of humans and of course the obvious use of the logo, but mostly the sign was pretty hilarious," Hamel said.

Other signs found at various huts include one that read: "Warning! We would have the money to restore this hut if you all stopped voting for that dork John Key".

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#### TRAMPER'S DEATH HIGHLIGHTS DANGERS OF RIVER CROSSING - CORONER (09 JANUARY 2013)

A 23-year-old Nelson man who was swept to his death on a solo tramping trip was wearing running shoes rather than boots and his pack seemed heavy, other trampers have said.

A coroner has found Sharny Aaron Abbott, of Richmond, drowned after he was swept off his feet while crossing the swollen Hacket Creek in the Richmond Forest Park in December 2011.

He suffered a dislocation fracture of his vertebra as he was swept along, likely causing paralysis which would have prevented him from reaching the surface.

Mr Abbott left a detailed travel plan when he embarked on the tramp with a 25-30kg pack on Friday, December 2, 2011.

He stayed the first night at Starveall Hut where he got in touch with his mother and girlfriend, telling them he had suffered cramps in his thighs, rubbing on his heels from his running shoes, and rubbing on his lower back from the pack.

The next day he set off for Slaty Hut but turned back because of cloud, telling his mother he would be back on Sunday.

He returned to Starveall Hut, where he spent the night talking with a group of other young trampers.

The trampers said Mr Abbott did not strike them as being very experienced, noting the weight of his pack and the fact he was wearing running shoes rather than tramping boots.

He gave the group the impression he was determined to get out of the park and would not hesitate to cross rivers.

They said Mr Abbott had plenty of food with him but his cell phone battery had run flat.

He left on Sunday, the day after heavy rain in the area.

A search was launched after his mother contacted police the following day.

His body was found that afternoon, caught in a willow tree near the edge of the Roding River. Belongings including a tent fly, a running shoe and a bed roll were found elsewhere in the riverbed.

Mr Abbott's body was naked apart from a heavy-duty canvas belt, his clothes having been carried off in the current.

Coroner Carla na Nagara found Mr Abbott had been swept away as he tried to cross Hacket Creek upstream. The creek had been more than half a metre higher than usual after heavy rain in the area.

Ms na Nagara said his death highlighted the dangers of river crossings, particularly when a person was alone. She said it was "a sad reminder" of the need to be cautious and alert when confronted with the challenges of nature.

- APNZ

## **Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates**

### **Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration**

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



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- ✓ Affiliation with COLFO, Coalition of Licensed Firearm Owners – the firearm fund for firearm rights.
- ✓ Access to monthly socials or meetings; the clubrooms; range competitions or individual shooting; competitions and trophies; organized hunts
- ✓ Involvement in conservation and animal management ownership, shooting sport, hunting and habitats.
- ✓ Support for the branch as well as the national NZDA association to represent hunters' interests regarding firearms

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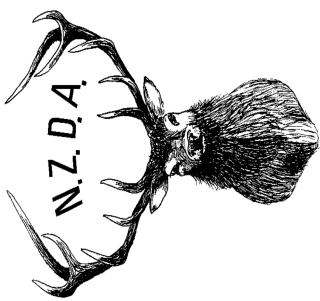
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