



# The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

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**September Issue 2011:**

*Next Social: PRIZE GIVING.*



**“The Tines”**

**Rotorua Branch Newsletter September 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	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	TBA.
Socials	Prizegiving. At the Neil Hunt Park Club-rooms from 7.30pm. <b>September <u>Saturday</u> 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm</b> Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms, Tarawera Road, Rotorua.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2011 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

**Cover Photo:** Editor cooling some meat waiting for a ride out of the bush – Mid 2011.

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](mailto:ebowring@gmail.com).

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## Presidents Report

Hi all

Well to all of you that couldn't make the pot luck night – good. More food for us that did. Lyle's rabbit and bacon pie was superb and first prize to Mark Paulger's daughter who made the mean choc pud. Man that was good. Will expect more!! Also we had a guest all the way from Melbourne, who came along to check us out well done mate!

Well as some of you may or may not be aware we have had some work done out at the range building up the berm between us and the pistol club. Hopefully we have lifted the height down range enough to stop .22 bullets ricocheting over to the pistol club area.

Unfortunately I had a visit from Grant Rowles, Vice President of the Pistol Club regarding some one doing burn outs on their newly laid concrete. This is the second time some one has done this. It seems a joke but a lot of their people put time and effort into their grounds, as they are trying to get their grounds up and ready for the nationals. They are then are planning to hold the Worlds in 2012. This will bring around 600 shooters to the area.

You guys know the rules. Don't lend the range key out to your mates. Should we find someone who is not a member and has a borrowed key the key owner will have to front up. Your range is important and we don't want idiots putting it in jeopardy.

Well that's me for know

Hope to see you at the next social with Stoney Creek

Cheers  
Colin

## **NZDA SOCIAL(s)**

*September social: PRIZE GIVING.*

***At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms  
Neil Hunt Park,  
SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm.***

***All welcome. Come and support the prize winners. Swazi Shoot winners will have their prizes presented on the night.***

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### **Classifieds**

<b>For sale</b>
<i>No items for sale.</i>

<b>Wanted to buy</b>
<i>No items wanted.</i>

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### ***Wanted***

***Good stories for newsletter.***

***Any interesting articles.***

***Any good photo's of your hunting trips.***

***Anything to buy or sell?***

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## **Range report July 2011**

Well nothing seemed to go to plan for July. The 300M shoot on the 3<sup>rd</sup> did not happen but I did get the new timberwork done on the target frames, and the Rimfire silhouette shoot that should of happened on the 17<sup>th</sup> was unable to take place as I was unavailable and could not find any of the usual suspects who normally attend who would be available to stand in for me. Strangely enough on the Saturday of the 23<sup>rd</sup> (the following weekend) I had attended a meeting at the range and intended to do some further setting out downrange after meeting finished, but was unable to do that as 5 or 6 cars turned up with about 8 or 10 juniors and some parents (school holidays I guess) who were having a great time. I did get the chance to bring a new father and son members up to date on the SWAZI shoot, which they were keen to attend. Well better luck for August.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

#### **AUGUST:**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 300M club shoot.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Deer silhouette shoot, 300, 200, 100 & 500M.

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 300M club shoot.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> a.m. Rimfire Silhouette shoot. Starting 1-30Pm SWAZI Junior shoot.

Three worthwhile SWAZI clothing prizes donated by Davey Hughes for financial junior members(family or full junior members). This match will be a 50M 3P 5shots at each position, prone kneel and stand. As the annual prize giving dinner will be the following Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, it was suggested the prizes could be formally awarded then. We may however take photo's on the day at the range for promotional purposes.

#### **OCTOBER:**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 300M club shoot.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Central regional Championships. See flyer for details.

#### **Development work:**

Members will notice some activity down range on the right hand side, some filling has been located there recently and this will in due course be used to increase the height of the berm between us and the pistol club. As I may find it necessary to put some stakes in certain places to mark where work is to take place I would appreciate if they were not used as targets, their location will likely be such that it would be inappropriate to shoot in that direction anyway.

On a previous visit to the range I discovered some arsehole has taken the two 6M lengths of 250x50mm timber that was stored behind the 200M mound, intended to complete the upgrade of the 200M mound roof. To replace these to a similar grade



as the originals could cost \$200 to \$300 each, which is perhaps why someone decided their need was greater than ours!!!!!!!!!!

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 activities. 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.

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## **15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

### ***Start Time***

**Range Opens:** 8.30am - Saturday & 8.00am Sunday

**Briefing:** 9.30am - Saturday & 9.00am - Sunday

**Programme:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 60 Shot Rimfire, 3P @ 50 & 100m  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 60 Shot Centrefire, 4P @ 100 & 200m  
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## **NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS - July 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**

### **CONFERENCE ROUNDUP**

One huge thanks must go to the Western Southland Branch and to the whole of Tuatapere and the community that got in behind conference 2011.

As I write this on Thursday afternoon I know that the last of you will still be returning to your homes after snow strandings...at Invercargill, Dunedin, Queenstown, Christchurch, Mosgiel, Kingston etc.

There are no changes to the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE for the 2011/12 year:

Alec McIver	National President
Tim McCarthy	National Vice President
John Crone	National Treasurer
Steve Corlett/Sandi Curreen	North Island National Executive
Chaz Forsyth/Snow Hewetson	South Island National Executive

The following are in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request from the national office

### **RESULTS OF THE NOTICES OF MOTION AND REMITS INCLUDING A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR**

The full dialogue will be included in the minutes – this summary only indicates alterations, and whether remits or notices of motion were carried/lost/withdrawn etc.

### **NATIONAL COMPETITION RESULTS**

Special Awards, including:

- Most Outstanding Young Deerstalker of the Year
- Branch Membership Increases
- Awards for research,
- Douglas Score promotion
- Monarch of the Glen Award
- Administrative excellence award

Literary Awards, including:

- A copy of South Waikato's newsletter – winner in the Rotorua award for the best branch newsletter (forwarded as per our competition rules).

Photographic Competitions:

Antler, Horn & Tusk Competitions:

Shooting Competitions, including:

- Champion of Champion
- Benchrest Shooter of the Year
- F Class Trophy Winner

- Postal Shoots
- National Shooting Week Results

**Please note** - due to the AHT competition manager ending up in hospital, the results available at this stage do not include how many entries were in each section and where some of the entries were taken. These details will be available in the near future.

### **SPEECHES TO CONFERENCE**

Speech from Michael Dowling, Chair COLFO.

Speech from the National President, NZDA.

Speech from the Minister of Conservation, Hon Kate Wilkinson.

Talking points from the speech made by Peter Dunne, Leader United Future.

### **DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS AND HANDOUTS AT CONFERENCE**

Heli-hunting subcommittee report to conference 2011.

1080 Power Point presentation prepared by the Hutt Valley branch.

### **STILL TO COME NEXT MAILING**

Big Game Trophy Book entries.

AHT medal list.

Amended competition rules to reflect the AHT notices of motion passed at conference.

**Please note** there are no changes to the National Association Rules and Policies as updated after conference 2010.

Regards

Dianne Brown  
CEO

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## General



Cold deer.



Hunting dog



## **In the news**

### DOC SHOCKED FIVE KEA SHOT DEAD BY PAUL HARPER – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (17 AUGUST 2011)

Five kea dumped near Arthur's Pass had been shot, the Department of Conservation says.

An initial pathology report from Massey University said evidence pointed to the use of an air-rifle and a shotgun to kill the five kea.

The birds were found piled up on a picnic table at Klondyke Corner in Arthur's Pass on Monday morning last week.

DOC field centre supervisor, Chris Stewart, was appalled by the incident and have referred the matter to the police.

"Kea are endangered and their wild population could be as low as 1000 birds," Mr Stewart said.

"The results also showed that all five animals were young and healthy and could have gone on to contribute to future generations of the species."

The full report will not be available until later this week but the initial results will assist the police and DOC with their ongoing investigation.

Under the Wildlife Act, it is a criminal offence to kill kea. Offenders could face a \$100,000 fine or six months in prison.

The incident occurred in the same week that a dead kea was dumped on the driveway of a DOC staff member on the West Coast. Early indications are that the bird was also shot and this case has been referred to the police.

Anyone who was in the area around Klondyke Corner over the weekend of August 6 and 7 are asked to ring the police, the 0800 DOCHOTline (0800 36 24 68) or the Arthur's Pass Field Centre.

### TOURISTS SAVED FROM ICY FATE BY MICHELLE COOKE – STUFF.CO.NZ (16 AUGUST 2011)

It was a lucky escape for two American tourists when a pair of off-duty police officers found them on a remote road in Murupara, near Rotorua, yesterday afternoon.

Police said if they hadn't been found they could have spent hours walking through the forest and more than likely would have ended up lost and forced to spend a night in the middle of the bush, possibly with serious consequences.

The tourists had been walking the Whirinaki Track and after spending a night in a hut they decided to walk back to their vehicle at Minginui via the forestry roads.

But they had no idea it was a 50km walk and it was just by chance they were spotted by the two off-duty officers who were on an overnight hunting trip.

Police said the area was very remote and at this time of year they could have walked all day without seeing another soul.

Without some local knowledge it would have been almost impossible to successfully negotiate the maze of roads, police said.

The roads were laden with several inches of snow and it would have been a treacherous walk.

The police officers had a satellite phone with them and called for assistance. The tourists were then picked up by Murupara police and driven back to their vehicle.

Police were urging people to take extra care in the coming days as the snowstorm that has battered the country continued.

"With conditions such as they are, and with cold weather being the reality for the next month or so, I would stress that those going out be well prepared," Detective Sergeant John Wilson said.

"At this time of year, it doesn't take much to turn what at any other time of year could be a benign incident into a life-threatening emergency."

- Stuff

#### NEW POSSUM POISON APPROVED – STUFF.CO.NZ (15 AUGUST 2011)

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has approved the import and manufacture of a new ground-based poison, zinc phosphide, to kill possums.

The EPA approved the application by Pest Tech Ltd, with support from Connovation Ltd, Lincoln University and the Animal Health Board (AHB), last week.

It cited a number of advantages, such as reduced secondary and tertiary poisoning of livestock and domestic animals associated with brodifacoum, 1080, diphacinone and pindone.

Zinc phosphide, which will target brush-tailed possums, also does not leave residues in venison for export or domestic consumption.

The EPA has imposed strict conditions on its use, including limiting it to trained and licensed operators.

The approval was supported by the Federated Farmers, the Department of Conservation (DOC) and some regional councils, while it was opposed by three individuals. No conservation or hunting and fishing groups submitted against it.

Around 80 percent of the AHB possum control - to stop the spread of bovine tuberculosis - was with ground traps and toxins, the rest with aerially applied 1080.

AHB manager of Tb research Paul Livingstone said zinc phosphide would not be applied aerially and would not be a replacement for the controversial 1080. It would sit alongside the likes of brodifacoum, Feratox and cholecalciferol.

Its advantages were that it was effective on possums and there was no secondary poisoning effects, so it would not kill dogs, he said.

However, because there was no secondary poisoning it would kill rats, but not the stoats that ate those rats.

Livingstone said how much of the new poison would be used would be determined by pest control operators, and if it suited their needs.

Connovation chief executive Duncan MacMorran said it was a slow process getting approval, with the AHB starting the process four or five years ago.

He believed there would be a lot of interest because it didn't have some of the issues of 1080 and did not have the biosecurity issues of brodifacoum's half life and secondary kills.

Zinc phosphide was "just another tool in the tool box".

MacMorran said the poison would be "moderately priced" although the final price had not yet been set.

The encapsulation and bait making would be done in Auckland, with the zinc phosphide chemical coming from either China or India.

It would hit the market in three or four months, he said.

DOC pest control advocate Harry Broad also described zinc phosphide as another tool in the tool-kit.

DOC would first look at its cost-effectiveness and whether it was a humane poison and would need to trial the poison.

"We still aren't clear what the cost per hectare will be, and will it give us a good a hit as other methods we are using."

- NZPA

#### HIDDEN CAMS CATCH ROTORUA POACHERS BY ANITA MORAN – THE DAILY POST (4 AUGUST 2011)

Hidden cameras at fishing spots around Rotorua are helping catch poachers.

Eastern Fish and Game officer Anthony van Dorp said "poacher cams" were placed at several fishing spots around the region, one of the department's weapons against poachers.

Mr van Dorp wouldn't reveal how many cameras were in operation or where they were placed but said there were some at important spawning streams.

The cameras provided information to catch poachers as well as vandals and thieves.

"Mainly they are a deterrent," he said. "Fish and Game in the Eastern region have been using surveillance cameras for the past 10 to 15 years, but we have recently started using them more."

Mr van Dorp said the poacher cameras were not much bigger than a Cuban cigar and each one was covered with a camouflage jacket.

"The slimline camera is powered by a battery box which is just as well camouflaged, sitting nearby," he said.

"Unless you were centimetres away you would never spot this compact, heavily-disguised unit."

Mr van Dorp said figures were not available on how many people were caught poaching thanks to the hidden cameras.

"It really is a case of poacher beware, we could be watching anyone."

Footage was often shared with police and if it didn't lead to identifying a poacher, it provided plenty of other information.

"The cameras tell us how much foot traffic the trout pools are getting, which could lead to site checks by an officer."

Mr van Dorp said the surveillance cameras had been a very effective enforcement and deterrent tool.

"You may think you are in a remote spot where you can poach a trout well away from observant eyes, but it's just not the case."

It was a sad reflection on modern society there were so many surveillance cameras.

"But if some well-hidden cameras are part of the price we have to pay to preserve breeding fish crucial to the health of the fishery, so be it."

#### LOST HUNTER RETURNS TO FAMILY – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (25 JULY 2011)

A long night of worry turned into joy for a Motu family and the community, 47km south east of Opotiki, today when a lost teenage hunter walked out of the bush.

Antonio Barbarich-Waikari, 17, did all the right things to survive after becoming separated, then disorientated, while pig hunting with his cousins and his dad, Joe Waikari, last night.

He spent the night curled up under a log with his dog Mindy, woke to the sound of his father and mother calling for him this morning and started to walk out.

"Dad was the first person I saw. He gave me a big hug," Antonio said.

"I was hunting and following my dog. She had a pig bailed up but then it started getting dark and I decided to head out."

Unsure of the way out, and knowing his family would be extremely worried, he decided to stay put.

"I knew the best thing to do was wait. I camped up for the night. I slept under a log with my dog. I crashed out. I didn't even know it had snowed until this morning."

Safe and well apart from his damp clothes, the relieved teenager was looking forward to a "good feed and a shower" this morning.

This morning it was 4degC in the area but with strong winds in exposed places it could feel like minus 4degC, the MetService said.

- NZPA



DOC 'NEEDS TO OPEN UP ON 1080 SUCCESS' BY KATE CHAPMAN – STUFF.CO.NZ (18 AUGUST 2011)

The Department of Conservation needs to better inform the public about the need for 1080 poison use and the success it has had, Environment Commissioner Jan Wright says.

Dr Wright last month released a report on the use of 1080 which suggested it should be used more widely.

Her report found that without it, many native species would be lost, and recommended aerial drops be increased in sensitive conservation areas.

Today she appeared before Parliament's environment select committee to discuss the report.

Dr Wright said it was her role to investigate and report back, but the public needed to be given more information to counter opposition to 1080 use.

"There are messages to get out about the effectiveness of it.

"I think at the moment there is perhaps, people just see the negative side of it and realise that there are areas of the bush that they can't go into and there's poison there so it's dangerous, but they don't see why and what it's achieving."

She said the DOC website was a centralised place for warnings about 1080 drops but did not contain information about why the drops were happening, the method, or the result.

The public only received messages of danger and nothing about the protection of native birds, Dr Wright.

New Zealand's native birds were particularly vulnerable, because there were few native pests and therefore their defence mechanisms were ineffective.

Dr Wright stood by her report.

She did not begin her research as an advocate but now believed the country was lucky it was 1080 that was chosen in the 1980s to kill pest rabbits.

New Zealand was able to use 1080, and for aerial drops, because there were no native mammals.

It is banned by the United States federal government because of concerns about the impact on native mammals, but is used in parts of Australia, particularly where the chemicals in 1080 are naturally found in plants and native mammals are immune to certain levels.

Trapping possums was not an alternative because there were also problems with stoats, mice and rats, she said.

Trapping and other methods could be effective in small conservation areas but New Zealand had "vast areas of forest" where the plants, and creatures that lived among them, were at risk.

Greater use of aerial 1080 was one of the only solutions to prevent further deterioration, Dr Wright said.

- Stuff

#### TRAPPING POSSUMS SAVES FORESTS AND KIWI – DOC.GOV.T.NZ (11 AUGUST 2011)

High possum fur prices have led to an increase in recreational trappers. This is great news for protection of our native forests. On the flip side, leg hold traps set on the ground in kiwi areas can catch kiwi.

'Leg hold traps are a great way to keep the fur warm for plucking, but in areas where kiwi are present the trap should be set at least 70cm above ground level,' says Bridget Baynes, Department of Conservation (DOC) Biodiversity Assets Programme Manager.

Kiwi are abundant in Coromandel forests with an estimated population of over 1000 individuals. By nature a curious bird, the kiwi will investigate any new things in their territory, including leg hold traps. Recently a fully grown male kiwi was caught in a leg hold trap north of Colville, suffering a broken leg.

Miss Baynes said, 'It is disappointing to see kiwi injured or killed unnecessarily in poorly set up possum traps. Leaning boards or logs can be used with bait to encourage possums into above-ground traps, saving kiwi from being caught.'

DOC has access to specialised veterinary care, focusing on injured native species. If you accidentally catch a kiwi in a trap, please contact your local DOC office so the kiwi can receive immediate attention.

For more information on the best practice for leg hold traps go to the National Possum Control Agencies website

(<http://www.npca.org.nz/index.php/publications/a-best-practice>).

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