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**June Issue 2009:**

*Next Social: Reloading with Cliff!!!*



**“The Tines”  
Rotorua Branch Newsletter June 2009**



## 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	Planning a walk of the Whirinaki Forest to see the huts NZDA Rotorua will be adopting. Phone Darryn on 348 4496 to register your interest.
Socials	Reloading special. June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2009 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

**Cover Photo:** NZDA Rotorua Head Measuring night. This is a small number of the heads that were entered on the night.

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

Hello

Presidents report, mid winter edition. The weather has truly been against us for getting out and securing some mid winter meat. However for those that venture out the rewards are there. Deer at this time of year are a little more difficult to locate but when you find their sign they will not be too far away. They tend to like north facing areas for the sun and food.

One the club front, we had the head measuring night on Wednesday May 27th. The amount of heads that were brought in was astounding. Plenty of members and non members bought their heads along to be measured, however we were not able to measure all of the heads on the night as there were so many. Murray Robson, Alec McIver and I measured the remaining heads a week later. Pig tusks drawn & un-drawn plus a tahr head & a Rusa head have been sent into the National competition representing the Rotorua Branch.

There was some excellent photo's bought along as well for the photographic competition. I'm looking forward to the annual prize giving in August and please come along as it is a great social evening. The next social for June 22nd will have Cliff Graham speaking about reloading. This is a subject that has always interested me but I have never got into and I look forward to learning about it.

For the next party hunt we will be doing a walk into some of the huts destined to be refurbished by the branch in the future. If you are interested in coming along please register your interest with me on 348 4496. We are aiming to do this in July but a date has not been settled on yet. We will discuss the detail and dates at the next committee meeting June 27th.

Also for those interested the branch will run another hunts programme around September/October this year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the great outdoors & big game hunting, this is the perfect opportunity. Contact myself or Murray Robson to register your interest.

Finally on the political front the 1080 debate continues. There is a meeting to be held soon hosted by the Taupo & Turangi Councils. From what I hear the Councils have taken a anti 1080 stance and have opened the debate to the public and gaining great traction. However the last meeting was moved forward because the AHB & DoC wanted more time to prepare. However all of the other presenters are non-profit and were prepared to present at short notice. It does give some indication that AHB & DoC are looking a bit shaky under pressure.

Anyway happy & safe winter hunting

Darryn





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## Rotorua Range Report for May 2009

Saturday & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Seven shooters 1<sup>st</sup> day and eight the 2<sup>nd</sup> day was a handy turnout making it possible to only need two details. The weather was fine with changeable winds. I was the eighth shooter on Sunday but was hurting a little and did not shoot well. However I was presented with a bottle of wine in appreciation of putting on the roof at 300m, thanks Pat. (Elvis will give you hard copy of results and photos at meeting)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> should have been 50m Smallbore shoot.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> was a R/F silhouette shoot which Ralph kindly ran for me as I was at Tokoroa, range officering a trial shoot. Eight people turned up including Ralph who did not shoot it seems. The shooters did not all conform to the regulation shooting rules but all had an enjoyable time I hear, Mitchell Petersen is to be commended for shooting his targets from the standing position as is regulation. As the styles used may vary scores are not necessarily comparable, but will print them for the record.

Name	Chickens	Pigs	Turkeys	Rams	Total	
Zane Spencer	2	3	1	1	7	
Conner Spencer	2	1	0	2	5	
Peter Spencer	0	0	2	0	2	score incomplete
Cassandra Clare	3	0	1	0	4	
Lyell Clare	2	3	1	0	6	
Mitchell Petersen	2	1	0	0	3	
Colin Petersen	2	4	1	1	8	

It should also be noted that some of these folk were using open sighted rifles, the total scores are out of 20, 5 for each animal.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 50m Smallbore shoot W/S.

### Item of interest:

Last November two of our members were part of a team that went to Brisbane to compete with the Australians. The Rimfire match that they shot is under N.R.A. of America rules, and the scores were sent on to the U.S.A. and recently all eight of the team were notified they had received classification from the N.R.A. Brenda is Master and Hilary is Expert, four of the team are master and four are expert, well done.

Coming events:

### JUNE;

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

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Smallbore 50m shoot.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> deer silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, & 50m 8 rounds ammo per run through.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Smallbore 50m shoot W/S

### JULY:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 300m club shoot.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 50m Smallbore club shoot

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> R/F metallic Silhouette A.M. Rimfire target practice for juniors in particular P.M. (SWAZZI Shoot will be afternoon of Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>) .

Police use of range: Three members of the committee recently had a meeting with police to try and get more notice when they wish to use range and a few other matters. At this stage the dialogue is ongoing but we do have the following dates, which may be added to as time goes by.

**Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We have been assured these sessions on the range are to be amicable affairs but as we only have one avenue of fire it is difficult for different groups to do different things, so we expect members to give way especially when we are able to give plenty of advance notice.

#### **Range attendance book:**

A range attendance book has been installed at the range. As per the instructions on the book, individuals attending the range are requested to fill in as required, groups attending need only have the leader fill in adding the number of people attending. We have not asked for names and addresses for security reasons and other groups such as Cadets, Police etc will fill in similarly, the reason being we are keen to know just how much use the range gets which will in turn be a bargaining point when our landlord changes or when we are looking at spending money on the range. **Since I started this report circumstances have caused the committee to advise members that signing the book is compulsory.**

Member's attention is drawn to clause 6 in the range code of conduct, a copy of which everybody gets with their key, **Too remove any target material etc brought to the range.** The eastern corner of the mound is not a rubbish tip, and local members should feel ashamed that an affiliate member from Hamilton recently cleaned up all the rubbish there (not that you would think so already) while he was waiting for a club shoot to start.

Many thanks Bruce.

#### **Portable target frames:**

These are getting a lot of use and are due to be upgraded but it was disappointing to see that some lame brain has shot both the legs off one frame. At 1200mm wide there is no way this was accidental and this one mindless person spoils it for everyone else.

A suggestion has been made to me that we have target frames on skids that can be moved around. I will endeavor to get some made soon, these would be left on the range at the various distances for people to attach their targets to.

I wish to advise that the .223 brass I had for sale went like hot cakes and is all gone , I do still have .308 brass.

Time to reload,  
Malcolm.

## North Island 300m Championships

### ***Competitors:***

*Bruce Millard, Ken Henderson, Gregg Dunn, Rick Ruiterman, Lindsay Arthur,  
Pat Law, Malcolm Perry, Allan Dickson and John Scobie.*

*Is that a land crab in the foreground?*



## **2nd Day of North Island 300m Championships**

Today started bright and clear Good for the ducks!

The wind was rather cold from the south with all of the tricks Tarawera can produce.

Again Ken Henderson produced a 600 for the day


Name	Rifle	Score - Day 2	Day 1	Grand
Lindsay Arthur	6BR	594.0029	594.0029	1188.0058
Rick Ruiterman	65x47	581.0021	585.0024	1166.0045
Alan Dickson	6BR	580.0017	580.0013	1160.0030
Bruce Millard	308	582.0016	567.0008	1149.0024
John Scobie	65x47	575.0016	567.0014	1142.0030
Free Rifle				
Ken Henderson	65x47	600.0038	600.0040	1200.0078
Gregg Dunn	.223REM	585.0029	593.0026	1178.0055
One Day				
Malcolm Perry	Free Rifle	535.0005		535.0005



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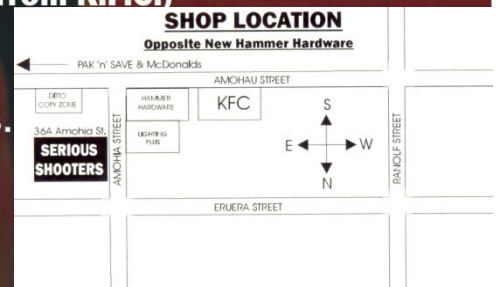
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Date		Day	Shoot
June	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	Deer Silhouette shoot.
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
July	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club Shoot.
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
August	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	NZDA club shoot
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	Range free.
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
September	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Range free.
December	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Christmas shoot- Novelty .22 shoot, Families welcome.

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Smallbore shoots, contact: Jon Abbott on 345 7112, 300m shoots, contact: Pat & Don 346 7725

## NZDA SOCIAL

### *Reloading evening*

**At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms  
Neil Hunt Park  
ROTORUA  
24<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm**

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## BOOK REVIEW – MY STALKING MEMORIES by Major R.A. Wilson (review by Peter Graham)

A recent addition to the Rotorua Branch Library, "My Stalking Memories" is regarded as one of the classic New Zealand hunting books. First published in 1961, it soon became out of print. NZDA with the kind permission of the authors family has been able to reprint this book. The authors stores are a valuable collection of how hunting in New Zealand was "in the good old days".

Any Branch member wanting to borrow a book from the library, please ensure your name and phone number is logged in the "red" book and signed off on its return. Many thanks.

Peter Graham  
(Branch Librarian)

## In the news

MOUNTAIN POISON DROP TARGETS PEST WALLABIES - NZ HERALD BY ALANAH MAY ERIKSEN

The Department of Conservation is making its first attempt to eradicate the Dama wallaby species, introduced almost 140 years ago, as the pest threatens native plant species.

About 370 plastic bait stations carrying 20,000 pellets of the cyanide-based pesticide Feratox have this week been laid over 800ha on Rotorua's Mt Ngongotaha. The mountain has the biggest known isolated population outside Kawau Island in the Hauraki Gulf. Other large isolated populations are in the Te Puke and Pyes Pa area.

The Dama wallaby, one of six known species in the country, was introduced on Kawau and around Lake Okareka in Rotorua by former Governor Sir George Grey in 1870. The wallabies soon spread around the Bay of Plenty and were first recorded in the Waikato region in the 1950s.

The furry marsupial, weighing up to 8kg and measuring about half a metre tall, feeds on grasses, manuka and kanuka, kamahi, mahoe, hangehange, pigeonwood, supplejack, rangiora and broadleaf.

DoC area manager Nicki Douglas said many people were unaware the pest lived in New Zealand.

"Most of the time they're nocturnal so when people see them when they're driving they ... just look like a big possum."

She said it was hard to tell how many Dama wallabies were in the region. Lake Tarawera residents often complained to the department about the pest in their backyards.

"I've had a few people from the Tarawera community say ... they've never seen so many wallabies as they have in the last two years. So they are definitely increasing in number. [And] they don't really have any predators ... There isn't really anything around that's big enough to kill them."

The DoC operation, conducted with the Bay of Plenty and Waikato regional councils, is part of a three-year project to control the pest and eradicate it from Mt Ngongotaha.

Ms Douglas said eradication of the entire species was a long way off but if it could be kept away from vegetation in forests such as Te Urewera National Park, the Whirinaki Forest Park and the Kaimai Ranges, it would be "good outcome".

DoC is also working to introduce permits for people wanting to take wallabies out of the area. It wants to be able to prosecute people if they do not have a permit.



DoC workers will next week return to the site to count how many wallabies the poison has killed and dispose of the carcasses.

Ms Douglas said they had wanted to keep the stations clear of dead wallabies but a trial of the bait in February and March at Waikite Valley showed the more human activity there was in the area, the less likely the animal was to take the bait. DoC would wait a week before going back to the site.

Feratox, used as an alternative to 1080 in Tasmania for the control of possums and wallabies, carries a risk to humans and animals such as dogs, so farmers in the area are being asked to keep their stock away from the stations.

#### DAMA WALLABIES

- Introduced from Australia on to Kawau Island and near Rotorua by former New Zealand Governor Sir George Grey in 1870.
- Weigh between 4kg and 8kg.
- Stand about half a metre tall.
- Threaten native plant species.

#### MOTHER AND SON ESCAPE AFTER 200M FALL - NZ HERALD

A three-day tramp in Arthurs Pass National Park ended painfully for a woman who fell 200m down a slope and her son, who jumped after her.

Both survived yesterday's incident and were picked up by rescue helicopter after setting off their locator beacon, One News reported.

Andrea Short suffered a dislocated thumb and bruises after falling down a slope covered with rocks and ice.

Her son, David Short, said he watched in horror as his mother disappeared. "She was gone in a matter of seconds and the first thing that went through my head was this might be it for mum."

But his mother was able to break her fall.

"I was stuck sort of upside down, pack in the ground holding me there and trying to wave to David to tell him I was all right."

Mr Short said he cannot explain why he jumped after her.

"I have no idea what possessed me to do that. She shot out of sight and I didn't think, I just jumped," he said.

Ms Short attributed her survival to their beacon. It took just an hour and a half for the helicopter to find them.

"Arthurs Pass turned horrible in the space of 10 minutes," she said.

## HUNTERS SUFFER GANG ORDEAL - BY HELEN MURDOCH – NZ HERALD

A Whakatane hunter has described how he was confronted by seven armed Mongrel Mob members as he emerged from the bush in Urewera National Park.

"They all had knives - if they'd pulled out the knives, I would have shot them," said the 23-year-old of the incident in the Waimana valley last month.

He has vowed never to hunt in the Ureweras again. The hunter, who does not want to be named, was at the end of a four-day trip from Whangarei when the incident occurred. Exiting the national park via a carpark at the Waimana access, the two hunters were approached by the seven men wearing leather vests with "Taneatua Mongrel Mob" patches and carrying knives at their waists.

"They asked what we had been doing, and if we had any meat for them," the hunter said. "They asked about our guns and our dogs in a threatening manner - they said they wanted a gun like that.

"They obviously wanted our guns and our dogs, and I was wondering whether I would have to shoot them to get home safely. They even said it was their land - although it belongs to the Department of Conservation."

After 10 minutes of intimidation, the seven got into a white Pajero and drove off, saying the hunters had better be gone when they came back or they would be doing some "taxing".

Still waiting for their ride home, the two hunters hid in bush and, five minutes later, the seven men returned.

They were yelling "Where's my f\*\*\*\*\* guns" and "We know where you are".

Fortunately, they left soon after, the hunter said.

"I could have shot one of these men to save myself but who would have ended up in prison? It's disgusting that we can't go into our national park and feel safe. This was my friend's first time in the Ureweras - he's an experienced hunter and he's never come across anything like it."

He reported the incident to Whakatane police, and said other hunters needed to be aware of the potential risks.

Senior Sergeant Bruce Jenkins said such incidents involving hunters were not common.

Andy Bassett, Conservation Department area manager for Gisborne and Opotiki, said it was the first time he had heard of such a confrontation. "I would urge people who come under any kind of intimidation to contact the police," he said.

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