

The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

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"The Tines" Rotorua Branch Newsletter December 2018

Rotorua N.Z.D.A Branch Calendar

Ring coordinators for more information.

Phone numbers listed on inner backpage.

Calendar of the Club's regular monthly events:

Committee Meeting
Working Bees
2nd Saturday of each month
Range Shoots*
3rd Sunday of each month
Socials
4th Wednesday of each month
Party Hunts**
4th Weekend of each month

Inductions will be completed only during range shoots

Cover Photo: The winner of the kids Swazi shoot- Matthew
If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the newsletter editor at amynattrass@gmail.com

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If anyone would prefer a newsletter as a hard copy their will be 15 hard copies at the outdoorsman- help yourself

Emails: If you are not receiving emails with club updates and would like to please notify us atnzdarotorua@gmail.com

^{*}Regular Club Hunting and Trophy Shoots. For extra range shoots and 300m shoots please refer to Yearly Range Calendar.

^{**}Some party Hunts may be on different dates, see programme.

President's report December 2018

Hi all

Firstly, I would like to thank the sponsors who donated money and prizes for out Junior Swazi Shoot.

They were

- Paul Ottoway from Directional Drilling Ltd Auckland
- Kilwell Sports Rotorua
- Hunting and Fishing Rotorua
- Dale Williams from BOPRC who once again helped with targets and some H&F vouchers.

Well she's been a big year, so I would like to wish all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

And to the committee and all the guys that rocked up to the range on working bees over the year thanks heaps and once again have a great Christmas and New Year.

Cheers Colin

Wanted

Stories for newsletters.
Any interesting articles.
Any photos of your hunting trips.
Anything to buy or sell?
Send to editor at amynattrass@gmail.com



Rotorua Branch Range Report December 2018

Rotorua Branch Swazi Sponsored Junior shoot held at Rotorua range 2/11/18.

Only five juniors turned up, which was not altogether surprising as the day before had been totally wet and unpleasant. But the day started a bit cloudy and soon totally cleared up. The program for the day was a .22 shoot at wallaby targets (paper of course) at 50M. Normally if there are more shooters I will divide the group according to capability. But this time that was not practical, so let everyone shoot first round prone off an informal rest then evaluated the scores and those that appeared to be more capable were asked to shoot off their elbows for second and third round, with five shots per round and scores recorded after each round. The system appeared to work ok as a young lad who had never shot much won, a rather young lady (girl) came second and her older sister who has won the event the last three years came third. Unfortunately the Swazi prizes had not arrived due I found out to the fact the courier company had lost track of the parcel, they did turn up the following week and the presentation for them was held the following Saturday. On the day however there were lots of prizes available and the juniors all went in to draw a prize. It was also pleasing that all five juniors were financial members by way of family subs.

The three place getters and scores are: Matthew Dent 90 points 1st; Jasmine Fawcett 82 points 2nd; Danielle Fawcett 79 points 3rd. 4th was Caleb Fawcett and 5th was Amber a young girl using open sights who I am sure we will see again. I have a few photos of the shooting and presentation shown below. Malcolm Perry, R/O.









Left to right- Mrs Fawcett, Danielle Fawcett (3rd), Matthew Dent (1st), Jasmine Fawcett (2nd), Mrs Dent

N.Z.D.A Rotorua is online

Check Out https://www.nzdarotorua.org.nz/

For Sale.

Cartridge brass:

.308 Federal 1xfired 150 available \$15 -00 per 100.

>222 P.M.C. 1xFired 400 available \$10-00 per 100.

Live ammo:

.308 military F.M.J. M.F. head stamp 90 rounds \$75-00 per 100 = \$67-50

Rifle scopes:

Tasco 4x40 wide field \$75-00.

Eagle 4x32 \$45-00

Loading Dies:

Lee .303 2 die set incl shell holder and instructions and storage drum, \$65-00

Malcolm Perry 027 625 9608.

Positions Available

We require a person to look after clubrooms and take bookings etc.

If you are interested contact Mark Slade on 07 349 5630 or 027 4988 911.

Someone in this position would be highly appreciated and a huge help for our club.

Range rules

Entering the Range: The gate on Mead Road should be kept closed; this is to keep out stray members of the public. The range gate should be kept locked unless there is a club shoot in progress in which case it will be secured open. When shooting is to take place, the red warning flag next to the gate must be raised. The flag next to the 200mtr mound should be raised if that range is to be used. Raise the flag by the 300mtr mound if that range is to be used. The lanyards are to be secured to prevent them becoming tangled by the wind. Enter your name(s) in one of the log books located in the 200mtr and 300mtr mounds.

Range Layout: There are four shooting distances available at the range, 50mtr, 100mtr, 200mtr and 300mtr. There is a backstop and target placement area for each distance. Target frames are provided but shooters may use their own. Targets must only be sited between the red marker posts and immediately in front of the backstops. Targets must not be placed mid range, if it is necessary to shoot at a non standard distance then the target must still be sited immediately in front of one of the backstops and the shooter must move closer to the target. The backstops are there to confine shots to the range area. All shooting must be directly downrange, shooting at an angle to the line of the range is strictly not permitted as it carries the risk of shots leaving the range area and entering the adjacent club's land. Some changes to these arrangements may be permitted for certain occasions and by prearrangement.

Range Operation: Generally there will not be a range officer present. Any rifle that is not in use must have a chamber flag fitted. Shooters must not handle any rifle when other shooters are out on the range. Shooters must work together to make sure that it is safe before anyone enters a range and make sure that everyone has a clear understanding when the range is closed and when it is open. The 200mtr and 300mtr ranges are provided with a hand held red flag. When shooters are using the range and people may be down range (setting targets or using one of the shorter distances), to make the status clear, the flag must be displayed by placing the handle in the socket in the ground located just in front of the firing line. Magazines must not be loaded until immediately before use. The 200mtr and 300mtr ranges can be operated independently. Shooters must not leave any rifle unattended. Unattended means not under the close supervision of a firearms licence holder.

Range Standing Orders: The range standing orders give an overview of the range operation and include the steps to be taken in the event of a serious accident. The standing orders are issued with each range key and are also displayed in the 200mtr covered mound. Supervision of Minors and Unlicensed Shooters: The law states that all unlicensed shooters must be under close supervision by the licence holder. This means that the license holder will not be shooting and the license holder will only be supervising one non licence holder at any time.

Toilets: There are two 'long drop' toilets; please keep the doors closed when not in use to avoid the weather getting at the toilet rolls.

Keep the Range Clean: There is no litter collection at the range; please take your rubbish away with you.

Mead Road: Members are reminded that Mead Road is maintained largely by the Rotorua NZDA. To keep wear and tear to a minimum the road has a speed limit of 25 KPH if you witness any driver speeding then speak to the offender or report the incident to a committee member.

Take Note: Members are privileged to have unrestricted use of a range such as ours, please make sure you respect this privilege, if you witness any behaviour that you think is unsafe or inappropriate then speak to the offender and if necessary report the incident to a committee member.

New Visitor procedure

The Rotorua Branch of the NZDA

Visitors to the Rifle Range

A reminder to members.

In order to shoot, visitors must either:

- 1. For casual visitors. Pay the \$10 range fee, and enter his or her name in the sign in book and fill in name, address and contact details on one of the 'Day Membership' slips, this gives the visitor day membership of the Rotorua Branch of the NZDA. The fee and completed slip should be put into the secure cash box on the door of the right hand container
- 2. For those participating in NZDA committee authorised events run by other groups at the Rotorua Branch range (for instance, CNIGC shoots), the individual(s) must be a member of the group running the shoot

Visitors (*ie.* Persons who are not members of the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association) are otherwise **not allowed to shoot** at the Rotorua Branch rifle range.

Colin Peterson, President:

Date: 28th May 2018

Donations

Any donations to the Rotorua Deerstalkers would be highly appreciated and can be paid into the bank account 01-0414-0016731-00



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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 Hunting and Fishing, Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters. You must have completed the range induction protocol. 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 = \$110 (full benefits at local and national branch level)

Associate = \$70 (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), \$10 partner or spouse.



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