



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

August Issue 2009:

Next Social: Prizegiving and pot luck dinner



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter August 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	If you have any ideas, please let me know.
Socials	Prizegiving evening. Bring a plate. August 31 st , 7.30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2009 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: Mitchell receiving a trophy for being top scorer at the 2008 SWAZZI shoot from Ralph.

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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Presidents Report

Hello,

Hopefully winter is coming to an end. I've had enough of the cold weather and rain. Roll on spring with its good hunting. I did take a few days off last week to go hunting with my brother and his friend. I saw three very quick deer and got woefully wet and cold in the process however it was great to get out and about. My brother did manage to stalk a 150 pound boar with a nice pair of tusks. The pig was in great condition and pork is always a welcome change from venison.

On the club front there are quite a few things on the go at the moment. Please mark on your calendar the annual prize giving Wednesday 26th August. Happy hour is from 6:30pm then potluck dinner at 7pm. Prize giving will start at 7:30pm. If you have not been to the club before it's a great night to socialize, meet new people and see what the NZDA is all about.

Four members will be assisting DOC in the Whirinaki 25 years celebration. Two man teams will be manning the Moerangi & Rogers hut in early September. Mountain bikers will be riding the new 50km loop track where we will have a chance to show the public what we are all about as well as provide food and light refreshments for riders.

We have also been arranging a date to restore Skips hut with DOC around November. Again a group of eight members will have an opportunity to fly in. If you are interested let me know. Personally the Upper Whirinaki hut restoration was awesome to be a part of and for me giving back to what I enjoy so much which is a big part of what the NZDA is all about.

We will also be putting a stand at the Waiariki Polytechnic foods festival for mid September. This will be purely for promoting the NZDA.

The Hunts course will be running from October 7th to November 4th, so if you are interested or know someone that is contact Murray Robson or myself to register. You need to be a current member to be eligible and there is a course fee.

The last organised hunt was a bit of a disaster as the weather was not kind to us so we postponed it then I got some kind of swine flu and could not go. However as spring is fast approaching we will organise another date.

July's social was good however attendance was pretty poor on the night, as membership has been increasing steadily over the last 6 months, I would greatly appreciate meeting some of these new faces at the socials. As Junes reloading social was so popular we will be holding another reloading session for the social in September. Hope to see you there.

Happy Hunting, Darryn

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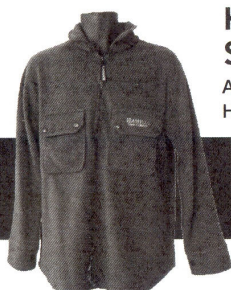
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Good stories for newsletter.
Any interesting articles.
Any good photo's of your hunting trips.
Send to editor – ebowring@gmail.com
Or phone 021 066 7868

Hunts Course 2009

ROTORUA HUNTS COURSE PROGRAMME

October 2009

cost \$220.00

Wednesday 7 October 7:30pm/9.30 pm at Rotorua NZDA Clubrooms

Introduction, Ethics and Ecology, Game Species

- Introductions and Trainees welcomed to the course
- An overview of the hunts course
- Trainees given their training manual & workbook
- Instruction given on the NZDA Ethics
- Given a knowledge of big game species hunted in NZ

Saturday 10 October 9.00am / 4.00pm at Rotorua NZDA Rifle Range Tarawera Rd.

Range Day

By the end of the range day the participants will have an understanding on

- Safety and Requirements for setting up on a Range
- Fire arms for a specific purpose
- Principles of the bullet trajectory
- Sighting in a rifle for hunting
- The factors affecting rifle accuracy
- Field shooting techniques
- Target identification and to demonstration of bullet placement
- Maintaining a firearm in the field and at home
- Factors relating to bullet performance

Wednesday 14 October 7.30/9.30 pm at Rotorua NZDA Clubrooms

Search & rescue and Douglas Score

By the End of this evening the participants will have an understanding on

- How to deal with an emergency, what to do if lost, survival
- Search and Rescue
- NZDA Douglas scoring system
- How to measure game animal heads (using Douglas score system)
- Fish & Game power point presentation on bird shooting

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 October 9.00am / 4.00pm at Rotorua NZDA Clubrooms

Bush Craft Weekend

By the end to the Weekend the participants will have understanding on

- Basic outdoor first aid
- Forecasting and how to interpret weather
- Types of outdoor equipment – tents, boots and clothing etc
- Prepare and cook food on a trip
- Apply camp craft (tenting, fires, hygiene)
- Navigate, using map, compass and GPS
- Know when and where to cross rivers
- Know how to cross a river
- Hunting and Tracking techniques
- Helicopter safety
- Mountain Radio & Epirb use

Wednesday 21 October 7.30pm/9.30 pm at Rotorua NZDA Clubrooms

Prepare for hunting weekend

Understand and apply outdoor safety / Risk management processes
By the end of the evening the trainees will have an understanding on

- Establishing aims and objectives for the Hunting weekend
- Prepare a trip plan, including travel food and equipment list
- Receive a map of hunting area
- Complete a 'HELP' form
- Prepare a safety management and emergency plan

Weekend: Saturday 31 October & Sunday 1 November

Hunting Weekend:

By the end of the Weekend the participants will:

- Complete an overnight camping Trip
- Have a one on one hunt with an experienced hunter
- Learn how to apply safe hunting practices
- Demonstrate basic stalking techniques

And hopefully see and shoot a game animal

Wednesday 4 November 7.30/9.30 pm at Rotorua NZDA Clubrooms

Course completion

By the end of the evening the participants will

- Have a debrief of the course
- Complete evaluation forms

NZDA Rotorua is running another Hunts course over October. There are 10 places available. If you wish to be involved, please contact Murray or Darryn to register your interest.

Participants must have a reasonable level of physical fitness and access to personal tramping equipment. A firearms license is not required.

For more information or to register your interest, phone Murray on 345 5160.

When you're in trouble look straight ahead, keep your mouth shut and say nothing



Rotorua Range Report for July 2009

Sunday 5th 300M club shoot, only two people turned up to shoot, and I was present to do butt duty so shoot was over pretty quick.

Sunday 12th should have been a 50M Smallbore shoot.

Sunday 19th D/A Rimfire silhouette shoot followed by a junior practice prior to the SWAZZI shoot next month. Many thanks to Colin and Ralph for standing in for me as I was in Tokoroa at the Waikato Regionals. Judging by the attire of Ralph in the photo's passed on to me it was not a pleasant day but the highlight of the day would have been Mitchell being presented with the trophy recently produced for top Junior shooter, gained at last years SWAZZI shoot.

Sunday 26th Smallbore 50M shoot W/S. As it turned out this shoot was cancelled due to Rotorua club hosting the Waikato Secondary schools indoor competition.

Waikato Regionals 18th & 19th July held at Tokoroa. Rotorua had three members in attendance and Brenda came home with two silver medals.

"SWAZZI" shoot. I think Davey Hughes is extremely generous in continuing to provide this sponsorship to promote junior shooting, and I would like members to show their appreciation by bringing their juniors along to take part.

There are a few rules we must abide by: the juniors must be Financial Members, either full junior members or family members, they are therefore under 18yrs., we take photo's of the presentation which are forwarded to SWAZZI and national office, hence the photo's that are printed in H & W. The SWAZZI prizes are three articles of their brand clothing, and we often throw in a few other small prizes, SO MARK THE DATE NOW,
SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH 1-30PM. START See you there!

Coming events:

August:

Sunday 2nd 300M club shoot.

Sunday 9th 50M Smallbore club shoot.

Sunday 16th C/F Deer Silhouette shoot in morning 300, 200, 100, & 50m

"SWAZZI" Junior shoot 1-30Pm start.

Sunday 23rd May be a Benchrest practice prior to shoot to be held in Tokoroa 5th & 6th

September.

Sunday 30th 50M Smallbore shoot W/S.

September:

Sunday 6th 300M club shoot.

Sunday 13th 50M Smallbore club shoot.

Sunday 20th R/F Metalic Silhouette shoot.

Sunday 27th 50M Smallbore shoot W/S.

October:

Sunday 4th 300M club shoot.

Saturday 10th Hunts Course range day (to be confirmed)

Sunday 11th 50M Smallbore club shoot

Saturday 17th Central Regional Championships

Sunday 18th Sat. R/F 3P @ 50 & 100M

Sun. C/F 4P @ 100 & 200M.

Sunday 25th 50M Smallbore club shoot.

Time to Reload, Malcolm.

ROTORUA DEER STALKERS 2009 RANGE CALENDAR

Date		Day	Shoot
August	2 nd	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	9 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot
	16 th	Sunday	NZDA club shoot – Deer Silhouette
	23 rd	Sunday	Range free. – Possibly Benchrest practice
	30 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
September	6 th	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	13 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	20 th	Sunday	R/F Metallic Silhouette Shoot.
	27 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
October	4 th	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	10 th	Saturday	Hunts Course Range Day
	11 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	17 th	Saturday	Central Regional Championships
	18 th	Sunday	C/F 4p @ 100 & 200m
	25 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
November	1 st	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	8 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	15 th	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	22 nd	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot
	29 th	Sunday	Range free.
December	6 th	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	13 th	Sunday	Christmas shoot- Novelty .22 shoot, Families welcome.

For further info, contact: malcolmperry@clear.net.nz (348 4473)

Smallbore shoots, contact: Jon Abbott on 345 7112

300m shoots, contact: Pat & Don 346 7725

FOR SALE

Old NZDA Oven. Offers. Phone Darryn for more info.

Head measuring

NZDA Rotorua is looking at running a head measuring course in the future. This would be an introduction to head measuring. If interested, register your interest with Darryn, Murray or contact the editor.


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NZDA SOCIAL

*Prize giving and
Pot luck dinner*

**At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms
Neil Hunt Park
ROTORUA**

26th August, happy hour starts 6.30pm, pot luck dinner 7.00pm

Bring a plate of something **hot!!!** (or **cold**). Roaring fire (if its cold).

SPOT PRIZES!!!! drawn on the night

Special thanks to:

Hamills,

Hunting and Fishing,

Outdoorsmen Headquarters and

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for donating items for the night

Come and support members who have put in hard work to win prizes. Socialise and have a good time with other members.

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FROM HEAD OFFICE

NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS,

August 7th 2009

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MINUTES – 9th – 10th July 2009 - Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request. This is a great way to keep up with what is happening within the association.

OVER DUE ACCOUNTS – where applicable - Please settle these invoices as soon as possible.

NZ POST FREE POSTAGE INCLUDED ENVELOPES - Included in the mail to the branches: Application form, Information to consider being completing your application form,s Community post regions, etc.

Community Post is a New Zealand Post sponsorship programme designed to support communities throughout the country. Every year Community Post donates Postage Included Envelopes to local non-profit organisations for use in fundraising, communication and other projects in their local region. Sixteen Community Post regions have been established throughout New Zealand. Nonprofit community organisations are invited to apply to their regional Community Post Board; a group made up of local people from New Zealand Post and the community. This year Community Post applications **close 31 August 2009**. You can make your application for free postage included envelopes on line at <http://www.nzpost.co.nz/Cultures/en-NZ/AboutUs/Sponsorship/CommunityPostApplicationForm2009.htm>

SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED

1. ST JAMES CONSERVATION AREA – closes Wednesday August 5th 2009 - Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request: Background, looking ahead for one to three years, press release 'Have your say on St James'. **Make a submission** on the discussion paper on the future management of St James Conservation Area. **Check out** www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/st-james-conservation-area-future-management/ **Other consultation papers which should be read in conjunction** with this paper include: Canterbury draft guidelines for aircraft access www.doc.govt.nz/aircraftaccess and the draft 'places' section of the Conservation Management Strategy

2. CANTERBURY DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR AIRCRAFT ACCESS - Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request a paper which includes, guidelines to statute, zoning for aircraft access, how to submit, etc. Canterbury Conservancy's draft guidelines for aircraft access are a proposal to zone public conservation land for different levels of aircraft access. Your comments are sought on this concept. **Check out:** www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/st-james-conservation-area-future-management/

[involved/consultations/current/canterbury-draft-guidelines-for-aircraft-access/](#) A disc containing for detailed GIS information on the zones is available from Canterbury.cms@doc.govt.nz or 03 371 3700

3. KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – closes Friday September 4th 2009.

Enclosed in the mail and available electronically on request a paper that outlines: Public meetings, information on the five matters being reviewed. This draft partial review of the Kahurangi National Park Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with Sections 46 and 47 of the National Parks Act 1980. This statutory document reviews parts of the existing Kahurangi National Park Management Plan 2001. The Department of Conservation has prepared this partial review of the management plan in consultation with key stakeholders, the Nelson/Marlborough Conservation Board, iwi, and other interested groups and individuals. The Department notified its intention to carry out a partial review of the plan in July 2007 and received 160 written suggestions. The Department has taken into account those suggestions in the development of this draft partial review. When approved, the partial plan review will be effective for the life of the existing Kahurangi National Park Management Plan.

Hugh Barr has written some **suggestions for raising at the meetings and also in your written submissions. Also check out** www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/kahurangi-national-park-management-plan-draft-partial-review/

4. WILD ANIMAL RECOVERY OPERATION (WARO) 2009 - 2014 – Consultation closes: Wednesday 19 August 2009 (As advised in a recent newsletter). The Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) concession permits issued by the department in 2004 all expire in September 2009. The department is seeking feedback on a draft national WARO concession permit to replace these existing permits. Enclosed in the mail to the branches and also available electronically on request are **NOTES FROM A PHONE DISCUSSION WITH THE CONSERVATOR, CANTERBURY CONSERVANCY, 6 APRIL 2009 AND AARON MEIKLE, PRESIDENT NZDA NORTH OTAGO**

RECENT ADVOCACY

MEETING WITH WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION – 30 July 2009 - A report is in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request. The walking access commission meeting with landowner and recreational stakeholders was amicable and helpful. The act is broader than expected. The meeting was primarily to discuss the draft access behaviour code and the commission's draft strategy, both of which are required by the act. **See** www.walkingaccess.org.nz

POISONING OPERATIONS

1. OPERATION EGMONT – 33,000 hectares, 1080, between august and December 2009

Enclosed in the mail to the North Island branches only and available electronically on request to all branches and members. Information on the project includes, what is proposed, why? who is planning this, a map, etc.

2. WAIKATO POSSUM CONTROL PROJECT, 25,000 ha north-west Waikato

Enclosed in the mail to the North Island branches only and available electronically on request to all branches and members: press release '*Almost 25,000 hectares treated in Waikato possum control project.*'

3. TE TAPUI POSSUM CONTROL OPERATIONS – request for volunteers

Enclosed in the mail to the North Island branches only and available electronically on request to all branches and members. Volunteers are required with carrying in bait stations, prefeeding and other general labour type requirements from now until the end of august. **For further information** contact John Voorend, NZDA Waikato president, 027 276 9812

4. LANDSBOROUGH VALLEY AREA - 1080 aerial, 12,500 hectares, late winter-spring 2009

Enclosed in the mail to the South Island branches only and available electronically on request to all branches and members information on: Where, timeframes, why possums and rats are being control, why 1080 aerial is being used, operation planning, etc

DOC UPDATES - POLICY ON DEER REPELLENT USE – 2009 - in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request.

COLFO

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS – COLFO has recently verified the following with the police.

It appears the police are taking a stronger stance in situations where people have failed to renew their firearms license before expiry; this is the instruction issued to Arms Officers.

- Where the holder of a firearms licence has not applied for a new licence and has let their licence expire, and they possess firearms, they do so unlawfully
- The firearms are not to be left in possession of the former licence holder
- Unless there are exceptional circumstances enforcement action, including prosecution, and application for the forfeiture of the firearms is to be carried out
- That they have continued to possess firearms unlawfully must be considered in the overall assessment as to their fit and proper status in any future application for a firearms licence

Gary Howat, chair COLFO said this isn't a change in policy – it is a correct application of the law. Garry added COLFO would expect that were a person was warned of offered diversion rather than prosecuted surrender of destruction of their firearms would be part of the agreement. The last point here is a concern: it appears more emphasis on destruction.

WILKINSON POSTAL SHOOT - Because a branch used an outdated and incorrect entry from for the lady and junior entries in the postal shoots, the results are incorrect. The corrected results are:

Ladies:	1 st	Cynthia Page	Northland	84
	2 nd	Michelle Knight	Marlborough	79
	3 rd	Kerstin Stanley	Northland	76
Junior:	1 st	Brendan Knight	Marlborough	89
	2 nd	Cameron Roundhill	Marlborough	78
	3 rd	Tom Flaherty	Marlborough	55

Enclosed in the mail to the branches is the **ENTRY FORM WILKINSON SHOOT 2010.**

As there are only a couple of branches that contest this each year, **it would be great to see all branches participate in this competition next year.**

Dianne Brown, **CEO**

CONFERENCE 2009 - Well done to the North Otago branch for hosting a memorable conference in Oamaru 10 – 12th July 2009. A big thanks to all involved, especially for that wonderful Red display.

CONFERENCE 2010 - To be held in Palmerston North, jointly by the Taihape and Manawatu Branches. The actual date will be advised as soon as possible, but as per the rules it will be the first available weekend in July 2010.

CURRENT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

President	Alec McIver
Vice President	Roy Sloan
National Treasurer	John Crone
North Island Executive Members	Steve Corlett and Sandi Curreen
South Island Executive Members	Chaz Forsyth and Harvie Morrow
Patron	Hong Tse

AWARDS presented at conference

1. **National Life Membership** D Bruce Banwell
2. **50-year branch awards** Bush, North Otago, North Auckland, Northland and Rakaia
3. **Certificates of Appreciation**
 - Trevor Chappell convenor big game trophy records – pigs
 - Ross Paton convenor big game trophy records – chamois

The following are enclosed in the mail to the branch and available electronically on request. Also check out the website www.deerstalkers.org.nz

SPEECHES

1. **National president's** address to conference
2. **Associate Minister of Conservation**, Kate Wilkinson's speech that includes:
 - The Big Game Hunting Council establishment committee
 - DOC will not be targeting mature bull tahr during any official control work within management units except in national parks
 - National Hunting Advisor appointment, Brent Beaven
 - WARO review and heli-hunting
3. **United Future** – written statement prepared by Hon Peter Dunne read out at conference, which focussed on the Big Game Hunting Council establish committee as a statutory authority, providing it with the necessary tools to influence governmental decision-making and its role.

COMPETITION RESULTS - Well done to all received trophies or placings. For those who were not successful this year, better luck next year. Thanks to all the judges and competition managers for their time and dedication.

- **Special awards**
- **Literary awards**
- **Photographic competitions**
- **Antler, horn and tusk competitions**
- **Shooting competitions**
- **Medal recipients**

NATIONAL POLICIES AND ASSOCIATION RULES - Updated to incorporate all amendments and additions passed by conference 2009. Page 2 indicates the various rule changes/additions

NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES - Updated to reformat the AHT rules to save repetition and other changes made as results of Notices of Motion to conference 2009. Page 2 has a list of the rule changes and where required an explanation.

NATIONAL SHOOTING RULES AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL – changes where applicable.

Also posted to branches and available electronically on request:

- **NOTICES OF MOTIONS** – results
- **REMITTS** – results

NEWTON MCCONACHIE AWARD – for the most outstanding young deerstalkers - there were no entries this year. Is there someone in your branch who is under 28 that you can start thinking about entering in 2010? Contact the national office for the criteria.

STILL TO COME

- Medals - were applicable
- Big game trophy certificates – where applicable
- Douglas Score sheets

NATIONAL HERITAGE TRUST – papers as tabled at the annual general meeting, 13 July 2009 which include:

- Minutes of the AGM Rotorua, July 2009
- Annual report from the chair of the trust Bob Badland
- Statement of Financial performance and position for the year ended 28 February 2009.

Officers of the National Heritage Trust are:

Chairperson	Bob Badland
Deputy Chairperson	Hong Tse
Secretary/Treasurer	Dianne Brown
Members of the Trust	John Crossland, Trevor Dyke and Alby Frampton
Coopted Members	Mike Bradley, Tony Macklin

RECENT ADVOCACY

Enclosed in the mail to the branch and available electronically on request:

1. MT ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN, which includes

- No helihunting
- Keep the Lower Dart Conservation area outside of the park
- NZDA supports the helicopter landing sites for recreational hunters in the park
- Red deer, Whitetail and chamois should be a valued recreational resource in the park
- Some accessible areas of open tops reserved for recreational hunting
- WARO and helihunting enforcement in the park

Conclusion: NZDA believes that the plan is too extreme of its protection of native vegetation beyond reasonableness and the requirements of the National Parks Act. NZDA requests that greater recreational

hunting use of the park be encouraged and fostered – this includes viewing deer and chamois as a recreational and food resource, which is guaranteed a permanent place in the park.

2. WARO OPERATORS - NZDA has a list of the WARO concessionaires and a partial list of WARO helicopter registrations. If any branch is interested they can get the list from Hugh Barr hugh@infosmart.co.nz

3. SUBMISSION ISOLATED HILL CRC 0919587 HEARING

4. RAKIURA NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – S 4 (2) (b) investigation – Whitetail deer - Hugh Barr spoke to the NZDA submission 27 July at Invercargill. The additional submission on the draft CMS included:

- Preferred process for a Section 4 (2) (b) determination
- The case for recognition and management of the Whitetail deer in the Park
- Recreational, social and economic benefits
- History of deer on Stewart Island and in Rakiura National Park
- The purpose of national parks
- Managed herd is a low threat to native species and water and soil values
- Popular historic Whitetail herd as traditional and attractive hunting resource significantly predates the park
- Commercial benefits and costs from the Whit tail herd
- Social benefits from the Whitetail herd

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE BIG GAME HUNTING COUNCIL – in response to a letter from Alec McIver NZDA has received the a memo

from the Associate Minister of Conservation, Hon Kate Wilkinson who has encouraged membership to become actively involved in discussion about these important issues.

Kate has explained the role of the Establishment Committee si to provide advice to the government on the establishment of a council. She said it is important, that in developing that advice, the committee has access to the views of all parts of the hunting, safari park and deer farming sectors. The issues of the committee will be considering re complex, including potential alternative forms of a council, how the council will be funded and how it will work to reduce conflicts and increase synergies within the sector.

SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED

WILD ANIMAL RECOVERY OPERATION (WARO) 2009 - 2014 Enclosed in the branch mail and available electronically on request

A letter from Mike Cuddihy, Conservator, which includes information on :

- Process to date
- The analysis of the view on the proposed WARO framework
- Justifications of the restrictions and closes in the proposed national WARO concession permit
- Roar and Christmas closure periods
- Activities outside the parameters of the draft national WARO concession permit – Concession Document (Wild Animal Recovery Operation Permit) deer carcass recovery and deer live capture

For further information check out www.doc.govt.nz/waro which also includes:

- Draft WARO activity framework 2009 – 2014
- Draft WARO activity flow chart
- Analysis of view on the proposed WARO framework
- Concession document (WARO permit 2009 – 2014))
- Copy of Generic WARO permit 2004 – 2009)

The national office has a limited number of the CDs referred to in the enclosed letter, which includes all of the above including: GIS mapping on public conservation land that is proposed to made available for the activity of deer carcass recovery and deer live capture (First in first served)

NZDA NATIONAL SHOOTING Available in the mail to branches, electronically on request and on www.deerstalkers.org.nz

1. **SHOOTING RESULTS** - Rimfire competitions 18 July, Centrefire competitions 19 July 09
2. **SHOOTING CALENDARS** - Annual Prize shoot and National shooting calendar 2009-10

HUNTS PROMOTIONAL DVD – enclosed in the mail to branches and available on request to members. See the review page 42 NZ Hunting & Wildlife 165.

MSC Enclosed in the mail to branches and available on request to members

RIVER SAFETY BROCHURE which includes: How rivers work; Swimming and fishing; Tramping and river crossing; River crossing methods; 10 rules of river safety

COLFO

- **ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS MEETING**, Strengthening Implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) the role of civil society in support of the programme of action, Sydney Australia 22 – 23 June 2009, made by André Doyle COLFO board member.
- **COLFO – update on MSSAs, 2 July 2009**, by the chairperson Gary Howat
- **COLFO press release June 22nd** ‘Reclassification of sporting guns to military style’

FIREARMS ISSUES - MSSA RECATEGORISING – MILITARY-STYLE SEMI-AUTOMATIC

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request

1. **NZ Police - Check your stock** which includes features which would consider your firearm to have a ‘military pattern free-standing pistol grip’ and therefore is a MSSA
2. **NZ Police communication** which includes:
 - a. The introduction
 - b. Communication
 - c. Transition
 - d. Defining ‘military pattern free-standing pistol grip;’
 - e. MSSA firearms
 - f. Information to license holders
 - g. Timeframe – **effective August 10th 2009**
 - h. Enforcement action – **an educative rather than prosecutorial approach until March 31^s 2010**

POSSUM CONTROL/POISONING OPERATIONS

1. EGMONT NATIONAL PARK – 1080 AERIAL DROP - The operation will take place between August and December 2009 on 33,000 ha. **Check out** www.stuff.co.nz/taranki-daily-neews/news/2529326/Massive-park-poison-drop

2. WANGANUI NATIONAL PARK, west of Ohakune and including long sections of the scenic Whanganui, Retaruke and Manganui o Te Ao Rivers. 30,000 ha, August – September 2009. **For more information** contact Horizons Regional Council 0508 800 800 www.horizons.govt.nz or DOC Whanganui 06 349 2100 www.doc.govt.nz

DOC UPDATES

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available on request electronically from the national office

1. DOC HELI-HUNTING BROCHURE

Enclosed in the mail to the branch and available electronically on request which includes

- Background
- The benefits (as in the eyes of DOC)
- The issues
- WARO concession permits, including heli-hunting
- Stakeholder concerns about heli-hunting
- How is the department resolving the issues

2. HAWKE’S BAY, WELLINGTON & CHATHAMS COMBINE IN NEW CONSERVANCY - Effective July 1st 2009. It comprises five area offices – Hawke’s Bay, Poneke, Chatham’s, Kapiti and Wairararapa.

3. WELLINGTON CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (CMS) DEFERRED

Delayed to allow the Hawke’s Bay regional to be included in the revised Wellington and Hawke’s Bay CMS.

TOPOMAP - New Zealand Topo50 maps are produced and published by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ). On 23 September 2009 LINZ will launch the new 1:500,000 scale national maps series Topo50, replacing the NZM260 SERIES. Enclosed in the mail to the branches

1. A letter explaining: what the changes mean; what the new data includes; grid changes; converting from 260 and Topo50

2. Map Reading Guide – How to use a Topographic map

Outdoorsman Headquarters

NEW ZEALAND'S GREATEST OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS

6 Tarawera Road, Rotorua
07 345 9333

Mossberg 702 Plinkster semi auto .22 rifle deals



MOS37021 = \$595

21" barrel, chrome metal finish, black synthetic stock, adjustable rifle sites



MOS37012 = \$625

18" barrel, Mossy Oak new break up camo finish, synthetic stock, adjustable rifle sites



MOS37042 = \$625

18" barrel, Carbon Fibre finish, synthetic stock, adjustable rifle sites





Taking your dog hunting this season?

Dogs pose a serious threat to the recovery of our iconic Kiwi. In 2003, 9 out of 16 kiwi monitored in the Te Urewera National Park were killed by dogs. By having your dog kiwi aversion trained, you can seriously reduce the risk of your dog killing kiwis. Kiwi aversion training is also a requirement if you wish to hunt in many of the Department of Conservation's reserves including the Te Urewera National Park and the Tongariro Forest Park.

Kiwi Aversion Training

Venue: Tikitapu Scenic Reserve
Date: Saturday 10th October 2009
Time: 9am – 2pm
Cost: \$10.00 per dog

Booking essential.

Phone: 07 349 7400 (Office hours)
or e-mail: bsu.bayofplenty@doc.govt.nz



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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draw for a family pass to...**



In the news

FEARS FOR KIWI AFTER MAULING - THE DAILY POST BY ANITA MORAN

Kiwi are still surviving in the Whirinaki Forest - but only just.

The Department of Conservation (DoC) is concerned dogs are killing off the kiwi population in the forest - there are about 200-300 kiwi left.

A male kiwi was found dead in the Okahu Valley recently and Department of Conservation ranger Sarah King said it was most likely mauled by a dog.

"The injuries are consistent with being mauled by a dog. This is the fourth kiwi in the Whirinaki that is known to have been killed by a dog."

The kiwi, called Tame te Ngeru, had been monitored since 2005 and has produced at least 11 healthy kiwi chicks since then. One of his chicks was also killed by a dog, in 2007.

The kiwi was part of the BNZ Operation Nest Egg programme. Males are monitored and eggs they are incubating are taken from the forest to Rotorua's Rainbow Springs. Once hatched, the chicks are reared before being released into the wild.

Ms King said that since 1999, more than 90 kiwi chicks had been released into the Whirinaki to boost and replenish the population.

This year 19 chicks were hatched and were being returned to the forest, four of them Tame te Ngeru's offspring.

"The kiwi have no defence against dogs.

Dogs are simply too strong and fast," Ms King said.

"The dogs don't even eat the kiwi, they just chase them and grab them for sport and then leave them to die."

She said the Okahu Valley was a popular hunting area and dogs were regularly used to hunt pigs there.

Over the past five years free kiwi-aversion training has been offered for dogs to prevent them needlessly killing kiwi.

"However not all dog owners are coming to the training and this is the result," Ms King said. "It only takes one dog and once a dog starts killing kiwi, it will keep doing it."

She said it took just six weeks for one pet dog on the loose to kill 400 kiwi in Northland.

"A kiwi-killing dog loose in the Whirinaki could decimate all the hard work that has been done over the last 10 years in a matter of days."

Ms King said kiwi-aversion training was free and anyone taking dogs into the bush should do their bit to protect kiwi by having their dogs trained.

* To take part in kiwi-aversion training contact the Department of Conservation on (07) 366 1080.

SEARCH FOR MISSING HUNTERS - NZ HERALD

A search and rescue team is preparing to look for two hunters overdue in the Ikawhenua Ranges, south-west of Whakatane.

Sergeant Andrew O'Reilly, of Whakatane police, said the two men pig hunting in the hills did not show up at their meeting point overnight.

At this point, Mr O'Reilly said the police were "erring on the side of caution".

He said it would have been cold in the ranges overnight, but the weather was otherwise good.

He believed both hunters were experienced and one was a former Department of Conservation officer.

6466: THAT'S HOW MANY LOCALS HAVE GUNS - THE DAILY POST BY MATTHEW MARTIN

More than 6400 people in Rotorua hold a licence to own firearms.

Latest figures, released to The Daily Post, show that by May this year, 6466 people - or about one in every ten locals in the Rotorua area - hold a firearms licence.

Officially, this is an increase of 1520 from 2007.

But Rotorua District Arms Officer Mike Keefe said he has not issued that many new licences in that 17-month period and there were a number of reasons for the increase.

Mr Keefe said the increase was due to re-licensing and a change in how police record information.

"In 2001 there was an upgrade of our computer system and file transfers from around the country are part of that figure, but the majority are re-licences."

He said he had issued about 150 new licences so far this year and did not expect that number to top 300.

The figure of about 1 in 10 people in Rotorua holding a firearms licence was about in line with the national average, even though the district had a high rural population and excellent hunting conditions.

He said the figure also changed when taking into account about 100-150 people dropping off the list due to death, non-renewal of old licences and moving out of the district.

Mr Keefe said five recent shooting incidents in the area in less than a month were a concern but "not one of those individuals involved held a firearms licence".

International gun control advocate and former Fair Go presenter Philip Alpers said he felt the recent spate of shootings in Rotorua were out of the ordinary and there was no need to panic.

But he said New Zealand was lagging well behind other western nations in gun control.

"I guarantee every one of those firearms were obtained somehow from a licensed gun owner.

"Whether they were stolen, borrowed or sold."

He said more than 90 per cent of guns in New Zealand were not registered and New Zealand was one of just two western nations who did not require gun registration - the other country being the United States.

"Like a driver's licence, the person obtains the licence to drive any car and the object, the car, is registered."

A local gun club spokesman, who would not be named for safety reasons, said law abiding firearms owners were not the problem and were normally staunch supporters of the police when it came to gun control.

"Nobody likes that sort of stuff going on but they do seem to be drug or gang related."

The spokesman said it was also a reflection on New Zealand that frontline police officers still did not carry firearms on them.

"That still amazes me, but the situation may change in the future," he said.

New Zealand's Council of Licensed Firearms Owners board member Andre Doyle told The Daily Post the five reported shootings in less than a month was a concern.

"It is high but we have been trying to help police with policy to control this," Mr Doyle said.

"Rotorua encompasses a lot of rural communities and as sad as that [the shootings] is it means those people have access to weapons when they shouldn't have," Mr Doyle said.

NIGHT GOGGLES USED TO FIND TRAMPER – NZ HERALD

Night-vision goggles helped a rescue helicopter crew find an injured tramper in the Tararua Range on Monday.

The 38-year-old man injured his knee during a walk over Cone Saddle and had to crawl 600 metres through snow in search of a cellphone signal, the Dominion Post reported.

The Westpac rescue helicopter was sent and around 8.30pm spotted the man's head torch through the goggles.

"We can pick up a white light from kilometres away and it's an amazing safety enhancement," operational manager Dave Greenberg said.

Search and rescue head Senior Sergeant Murray Johnston said the man was well equipped for a day-tramp, but had not been prepared for a night in the open.

Te Papa chief executive Seddon Bennington and his tramping companion, Marcella Jackson, died of hypothermia in the same mountain range this month.

Dr Bennington, 61, and Mrs Jackson, 54, were found in the snow in the Tararua Range on July 15, four days after they went missing.

KEA SURVIVING 1080 DROPS – NZ HERALD

A study into whether kea are being killed by drops of 1080 poison has found no deaths so far among the kea being monitored.

Last year concerns were raised about the poison, used to control pests and predators, after seven kea died at Fox Glacier.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) study monitored 13 kea which were caught and tagged at Kahurangi National Park, Tasman, in June.

A month after 1080 aerial drops in the area all 13 were still alive.

DOC scientific officer Josh Kemp said the focus would now shift to kea nesting results over the next two years to see if they were benefiting from the pest control.

"We would expect kea nests to do well in the Mt Arthur area this year as aerial 1080 operations achieve large reductions in numbers of possums, rats and stoats that prey on eggs and chicks."

Can you find the deer(s) in this picture? (magic eye – 3d stereogram)



Application for Membership of the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Inc 2008/2009



To:
NZDA
PO Box 6514
Wellington

Dear Membership Secretary,

I wish to apply for membership of the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2008/9 year (March 1st 2008 – February 28th 2009).

My details are as follows:

Surname		
Given Name/s		
Preferred mailing address		
Suburb		
City/Town		
New Post Code		
Telephone		
Cell phone		
Facsimile		
Email		
	Do you wish to receive the NZDA Monthly newsletter electronically? Yes / No	
	Are you able to assist with Search and Rescue? Yes / No	
Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	____ / ____ / ____	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2008. Superannuant over 65 as at 1 March 2008.

Membership entitles you to:

- ✦ Any discounts such as purchases in certain sport and gun shop and discounted heli fly in trips as available at times.
- ✦ \$10 Million dollar personal public liability insurance for hunting and shooting mishaps (such as accidental cause of fires and similar ie \$1 million cover for Rural Fires Act, exemplary and punitive damage.)
- ✦ 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*

REMEMBER YOU MUST BE FINANCIAL AT THE TIME YOU SHOOT THAT TROPHY TO ENTER COMPETITIONS AND FINANCIAL TO MAKE ANY CLAIMS AGAINST THE \$5 MILLION INSURANCE COVER.

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 Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters, Amohia Street, at a cost of \$20 per year. 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 executive.
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Membership Costs

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 2008. 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 2008. Full benefits)

Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren)

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