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Rotorua Branch Newsletter June 2018

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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	Last Monday of each month
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

**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.*

Cover Photo: 300m club shoot on the 10th of June

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President's report May/ June 2018

Hi all

Well, just a short report as not a lot going down.

As of late we have not had a lot contact with our local DOC people, but this has changed with Erin Patterson coming along to the last two committee meetings and explaining and handing out information on the next operations to be carried out in our area. I know a lot of you will have your own opinions on the operations of pest control but now we are getting some communication up front, which is a start and thanks to Erin, the unlucky one to draw the short straw and front up to Denley, who is always keeping DOC honest, so I would call it a draw.

A big thanks to the Midgely mob who are always potting out at the range sorting one thing or another, this time I was out there, and they were both painting the Range hut floor. Awesome guys.

Interesting the comment you hear and get, the range came up in a discussion and one guy asked when are we going to get the 50m done, as it should really get done. I replied with the usual comment we have 150 range keys out and we get 10-15 if we are lucky to a working bee and a high percentage of those would CNIGC members so how about putting your labour where your mouth is so to speak.

We will also be working on the 300m soon to get organised and to add more target lifters in to allow us to shoot 10 targets across the range, this will be of course after the 50m but is on the burner.

Well that's my lot.

May catch you at the head night or out at the Range.

Cheers

Colin



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Rotorua Branch Range Report for May 2018.

Saturday 5th was C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club shoot.

Sunday 6th was 300M target shoot, and we managed 2 details of 4, eight shooters which is great. As people are not shooting for scores there are none to report

Sunday 20th was the deer target shoot. I was busy doing inductions, but initially one of our newer members turned up and patiently waited till I had finished the inductions by which time two more had turned up to take part, they only did one run through each, but were keen to come again. As usual there are no scores.

COMING EVENTS:

JUNE;

This months program will run one week later due to Queen's Birthday weekend.

Saturday 9th C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club day.

Sunday 10th 300M target shoot. 10AM start.

Tuesday 12th 300M range booked for Tauranga A.O.S. midday to evening.

Saturday & Sunday 16th, 17th the 300M range is booked for S.A. team practise. (100 & 200 still available for casual use).

Sunday 24th >22 Metallic silhouette shoot. 10AM start.

JULY:

Saturday 7th C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club day.

Sunday 8th 300M target shoot. 10AM start.

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th 300M range booked for S.A. team practise.

Sunday 22nd Deer target shoot, 300, 200, 100, & 50M distances. 8 rounds of ammo per run through.

DEVELOPMENT WORK:

Very soon the engineers will be getting the steelwork underway for the 50M range backstop. Many thanks to Mike Jamieson for being the kingpin behind this effort. Once steel work in place there will be a good deal of more straight forward timber work to get done to make the range functional.

Our regular working bee that would have been on the 9th of June will have to be held off due to bookings on that date. I will endeavor to get something under way later in month depending on weather.

INDUCTIONS;

Inductions, revision and full will continue to be available at club shoots.

Time to reload,
Malcolm Perry.

N.Z.D.A Rotorua is online
Check Out <https://www.nzdarotorua.org.nz/>

Rotorua N.Z.D.A Provisional Calendar for 2018

June:

Saturday 2nd: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day
Saturday 9th: Range Working Bee
Sunday 10th: 300M target shoot
Saturday 16th/ Sunday 17th: 300M range booked for S.A. service rifle team
Sunday 24th: .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

July:

Saturday 7th: D.A. 300M target shoot
Sunday 8th: 300M target shoot
Saturday 14th/ Sunday 15th: 300M range booked for S.A. service rifle team
Sunday 22nd: Deer target shoot 300, 200, 100 & 50M

August:

Saturday 4th: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day
Sunday 5th: D.A. 300M target shoot
Sunday 19th: 22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

September:

Saturday 1st: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day
Sunday 2nd: D.A. 300M target shoot
Sunday 16th: Deer Target shoot 300, 200, 100 & 50M

October:

Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th: C.N.I.G.C service rifle rapids shoot
Sunday 14th: 300M target shoot
Sunday 28th: .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

November:

Saturday 3rd: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day
Sunday 4th: D.A. 300M target shoot
Sunday 18th: .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

December:

Saturday 1st: C.N.I.G.C service rifle club day
Sunday 2nd: Swazi Junior shoot and Christmas BBQ

For Sale.

Cartridge brass:

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

>222 P.M.C. 1x Fired 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.



Working Bee- 9th June

The 300m mound was fixed and reshaped (shown in the photo to the left).

One of the old toilets was removed and the hole filled.

The holes in the roof at the 100m/200m range were fixed.

A huge thank you to Lindon who did all the work with the digger and got the range up to scratch and thank you to T.W. Moore for the digger loan.

Another thank you to everyone that turned up to help with the further improvements.

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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.

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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

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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

In the News:

Police gearing up for new firearms safety training for first time licence applicants

(<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/news-and-updates>)

[23 May 2018] From 1 July firearms safety training is changing.

Police has been working with the firearms community to improve safety outcomes by delivering an enhanced firearms safety training programme for first-time firearms licence applicants.

“Much like the process for obtaining a driver licence, first-time applicants will need to pass a theory test and undergo practical training to obtain a firearms licence,” says Acting Superintendent Mike McIlraith.

“For many years the current theory-only programme has provided new firearms users with a solid start. But over recent years Police and the firearms community identified the opportunity to build on this and provide first-time applicants with a practical hands-on component to complement the theoretical.”

The theory test is a computer-based multi-choice test which will be delivered by Police using the same system used for computerised driver licence theory tests. Firearm licence applicants will be able to sit the firearms theory test at all Automobile Association (AA) driver licensing outlets; including all AA Centres, AA Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agents and the AA's Rural Mobile Units,

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as well as all Vehicle Testing New Zealand branches that offer driver licensing throughout the country.

Applicants must pass the theory test before they can attend the firearms practical training course.

The practical course and training on safe-handling of firearms will be delivered by firearms instructors from the Mountain Safety Council across the country.

Police is also working with Fire and Emergency New Zealand around the potential use of volunteer fire stations in some locations. In addition, the Whakatupato course will continue to provide firearms safety training in remote and isolated communities.

The firearms theory test and practical training require applicants to show that they have a strong understanding of the Arms Code and how to stay safe with firearms.

"As pleased as Police is to deliver the new firearms safety programme, new firearms users will still need to gain experience using firearms safely in a variety of settings.

"Tapping into clubs with experienced firearms users who can pass on that valuable knowledge and experience is a vital part of being a responsible firearms user.

"We want the firearms community to continue to support new firearms users. Police is seeking help from firearms clubs, and the volunteer instructors from the programme ending 30 June, to provide community-based mentoring and to partner with new firearms users.

"Imagine a person getting their firearms licence because they want to go hunting but they don't know any hunters. Clubs play a vital role in bringing new firearms users together with experienced users.

"Having a new practical component and a community of people keen to coach and mentor new firearms users will contribute significantly to improved safety outcomes. And that is what Police wants."

Hunter creates beacon to stop shootings

(<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2018/04/hunter-creates-beacon-to-stop-shootings.html>)

A location beacon designed by a hunting enthusiast could help to prevent hunters being mistakenly shot.

The Roar Beacon is a location device worn by all members of a hunting party which raises an alert when the hunters come within 100 metres of one another.

Creator Justin McCabe says he made the beacon in the hope it would keep hunters safe as they head out into the bush.

"I am passionate about hunting, but especially safe hunting and I want to create something that will actually make a real difference."

Mountain Safety NZ statistics show that 80 percent of misidentified shootings in the daytime are members of the same hunting party and 92 percent of incidents where a hunter is mistaken for the game happen within 75 meters.

"The idea of the beacon isn't to be the only measure to prevent mistaken identity, rather, it is a reminder to get to the basics, to think and make sure a target is positively identified before pulling the trigger," Mr McCabe said.

The beacon is in the preliminary prototype phase but Mr McCabe has set up [a PledgeMe](#) to raise funds for the development of the second-generation device which would have improved range, more LEDs, be waterproof and shock resistant.

Ten hunters have been killed in misidentification shootings since 2007, with the latest incident happening on the Kaimai Range in the Waikato on April 2.

[Gordon Douglas Leech, 57, died after being shot in the chest](#) by Quentin Clay McCreedy, 37, while out hunting on Easter weekend.

McCreedy pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm causing death in Hamilton District Court on Thursday.

Back in the hunt at the big 3 in Fiordland

(<https://i.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/104439219/back-in-the-hunt-at-the-big-3-in-fiordland>)

The Fiordland Big 3 took place over Queen's Birthday weekend, officially kicking off at 7pm on Thursday.

Hunters needed to bag a deer, pig and a prize-winning fish in the two days to qualify.

Teams were allowed to hunt through the Fiordland and wider Southland and Otago regions but had to be at weigh-in by the 2pm Sunday cut off to be in for a chance at winning.

Along with the Big 3 event, there was also a possum throw and pig carry competition.

About 32 adult and 40 kids teams entered the competition in total.

The "After Hours" team was the overall winners of the adult competition, with "O'Gamable" the winners of the kids competition.

The event is a fundraiser for the Te Anau Rugby Club, with the committee made up of representatives from both Te Anau Events and the Te Anau Rugby Club.

Destination Fiordland Tourism and Events Co-ordinator Shevaun Taberner said there had been a great turnout for the 2018 event.

"After taking a year off in 2017, the Fiordland Big 3 committee are thrilled with this year's event.

"Entry numbers, sponsorship and community support has been amazing – even the weather played its part."

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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