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“The Tines”

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Rotorua N.Z.D.A Branch Calendar

Ring coordinator 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.*

Inductions will be completed only during range shoots

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

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President's report May/ June 2019

Hi all

By now we are aware that the buy back is about to begin, and it's going to be a real show with the press and god knows, being invited along. It's a farce but thankfully it's not starting in our town yet. So the advice I and hopefully most of you will take is to wait, be patient, and in Month or so head down to a local dealer who is registered to hold a buy back, nice and quietly get it done without the fanfare.

So

We are progressing well with the 50m range development, almost all of the bullet catcher is roofed, the edge segments to be still done.

We ran out of timber, so I wrote to Red Stag Timber, asking if they would kindly donate a further 360 lineal meters of timber to finish the job. This will arrive Friday 6th in time for the next working bee the following Saturday.

In recognition of Red Stags continued support we will call this range the Red Stag 50. Well that's the plan when it's done!

Last weekend Dennis and myself ventured over to Te Awamutu to join the other central north island branches for get together and discuss issues. One of the problems we are having is the membership invoices and cards where one member receives his/her membership card but not their partner. We are also awaiting our capitation reimbursement. So, you are not alone, and I have personally spoken to National office who are most apologetic and are trying their best to get it sorted with the new system. Interestingly enough they also have problems when organising party hunts and socials due to lack of people turning up.

So one thing I am keen to try and set up is a party hunt either up the Okahu road end or maybe Waikaremoana like we did once before as we are getting quite a few new members that want to get out and hunt with someone experienced. I will work out a weekend when the temperature is a tad warmer, but I would also like to see some support from the branch. Remember someone showed you the ropes as it were.

Also, I have arranged for Marty Verry CEO of Red Stag to come along to social night Wednesday 11 September to talk about experiences with the Red Stag Hunter team, along with Marty will be representative of Stoney Creek to talk on there products etc. So please book this date in your head, calendar or whatever, just front up.

Head measuring went along well with few good Reds, Fallow and some Thar, big thanks to Alec Mac and partner Wai and Dennis for getting the job done.

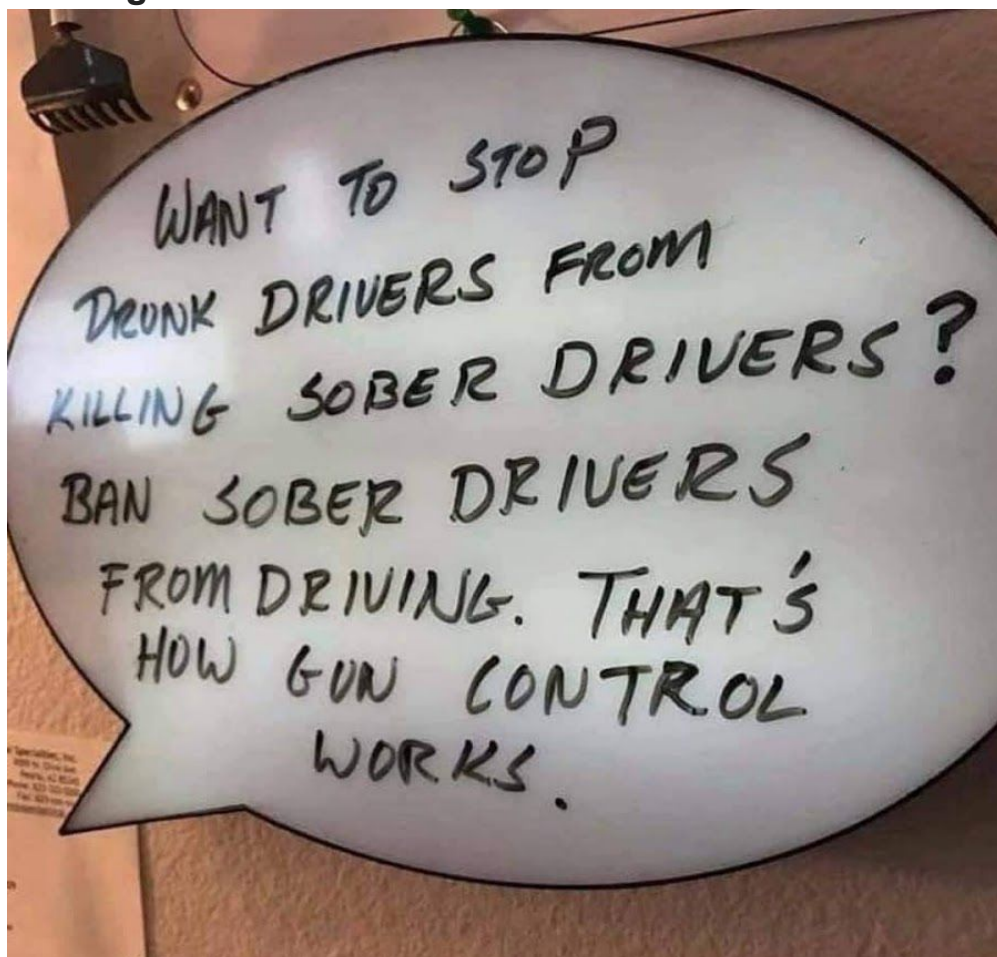
Well that's my lot for now

Cheers
Colin

Wanted

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

Food for thought-



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Rotorua Branch Range Report

June

We have been holding working bee's every second Saturday to try and get the 50m range up and running as soon as possible,

Saturday 8th June working bee a lot of work was done on the 50m bullet trap with the remainder of the posts installed and the rest of the roof panels put on, the metal work was also cleaned and primed. A few tree's were felled between us and the black powder club to make way for the dirt bank as well.

I was unable to attend the working bee on the 22nd so not sure what was done.

Sunday 2nd

The 300m shoot saw the usual people turn up, as usual no scoring is done on this shoot. With the shooters doing there own thing, trying to beat there last score or out new checking load group sizes etc.

Sunday 16th

We also had a trial 200m rimfire shoot that went quite well considering the short notice. More shooters turned up than I anticipated, and some quite good scores were achieved. With this in mind I am thinking of having 4 of these a year with a trophy awarded at the end of the year for the highest overall score.

The scores for the 200m shoot are as follows

Name	Score	Name	Score	Name	Score
Rob	86.1	Colin	85.1	Peter	83.1
Dale	82.1	Sara	82	Aaron	82
Darryl	80	Arend	79	Pauline	69
Chris	65	Malcolm P	50	Jamie	6
Dennis	0				

Kentucky Windage didn't work for you there Dennis :)

July

The 50m range is still under construction but is progressing well, more work was done on the roof of the bullet trap and this part is very near completion. Once this is finished we will start on the shipping container and will someone with welding and plasma cutting skills and equipment.

Sunday 7th

The 300m Shoot was similar to last months except Denis brought out some balloons which we tied to a string line in front of the targets after we had done our normal target shooting. This was a welcome and quite challenging change.

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Sunday 21st

We held another combined 100m/200m shoot that can be shot with either a rimfire or centerfire, this is proving very popular with 12 shooters turning up to give this challenge a go.

Malcom Gillice took out top honours but as he used a target rifle plus sling and shooting jacket we will have to say he shot in Target class.

Dennis had the next best score so my hat goes off to you Dennis and you take out hunter class again well done!

Scores are as follows

Name	100m total	200m total	Total Score	Notes
Malcolm Gillice	124	115.2	239.2	Full shooting gear (jacket and sling)
Dennis Price	107	94	201	
Patrick	97	94.1	191.1	
Colin	82	79	161	
Aaron	75	81.1	156.1	
Krystal	75	58	133	Did not complete standing position in 200m
Zac	55	76	131	
Amy	69	54	123	
Malcolm Midgely	77	14	91	Did not complete 2 positions in 200m
Bob	36	5	41	Did not complete 2 positions in 200m
Amber	20	0	20	Did not complete 200m
Paul	6	0	6	Did not complete 2 positions in 200m

N.Z.D.A Rotorua is online

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

For Sale.

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.

New For Sale!!!

#4 .303, Fully wooded, good condition, \$650-00.

Contact Chris Pattison 07 3325678.

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.

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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

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 = \$120 (full benefits at local and national branch level)

Associate = \$90 (Unable to vote or enter national competitions. Does not receive H&W)

Junior = \$35 (Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2019. Full benefits apart from voting rights.)

Student = \$45 (Must be attending a tertiary institute or undergoing an apprenticeship. Proof must be provided.)

Superannuant = \$65 (Over 65 as at March 1st 2019. Full benefits)

Family = \$10 (Children or grandchildren), \$15 partner or spouse.

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