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“The Tines”

Rotorua Branch Newsletter January/ February 2020

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Rotorua N.Z.D.A Branch Calendar

Ring coordinator for more information.

Phone numbers listed on the inner backpage.

Calendar of the Club's regular monthly events:

Committee Meeting	Last Monday of each month- 7pm at Deerstalkers clubrooms
Working Bees	Will be advised by email
Range Shoots*	3rd Sunday of each month
Social Nights	To be advised
Party Hunts**	To be advised

**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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Presidents Report Jan/ Feb 2020

Hi all

Well Christmas has been and gone just a memory as has New Year, and it's been a tad hot and going to get bit more by the sounds of it.

So, what's been happening and what's coming down the line?

I, myself had the pleasure to accompany Malcom and Simon Gillice to the Charles Upham Shoot at the Clevedon Rifle Range run by the Auckland Service Rifle.

This was a two-day affair, with the first day shooting 300m and then 500m. There were three squads shooting for the two days.

Three classes;

- Classic Service Rifle
- Modern Service Rifle
- Open Class

It was a great event and good to get out and check out different ranges and how they work. Mike Jamieson and Andy Sollit from CNIGC were there to take part.

Typically, Malcom took out the Classic service (by heaps apparently).

Keven Haskell- Auckland- won the Charles Upham Belt (this is older than the Ballenger belt).

This was a good look warm for the upcoming Service Rifle Nationals which will be held at our Range over Easter, so if you are keen, keep an eye out as the shoot advert should go out very soon.

So, to be able to shoot competitively at the Charles Upham, I had to get the Tikka 223 shooting real good, so that meant a few runs out to the range. I thought I would shoot out early to get in before anyone else like 7.30 Friday morning. Well, I was wrong, two guys were already out at the range shooting, this occurred on more than one occasion, morning and evening.

My point is that guys are using this range heaps and not between 8am to 5pm every day.

So, you are thinking what's the point well if you have been keeping up with the proposed new Firearm Laws you would know that is if this law passes *All Ranges* must have a certified Range Manager present when the Range is in use.

This will have a major impact on range open days more than likely limiting open days to weekends only.

This would have possibly to be a paid job as who wants to sit out there all day? So are YOU ready to step up then and spread the load and volunteer?

Get down and talk to your MP asap and grill them about it. We may still have a chance to modify the Arms Act some, please don't come whining after the effect!!

As I yarned to these people, I met none that were any the wiser on the new ramifications which is typical.

CINGC will have held their first .22 LR Comp on Saturday 1 Feb, this is an event typically setup and run by Simon Gillice so it will be a good day so hopefully we will get results out next report.

On the National front, we as you may be aware they have gone to a computerised membership system and it is having some major effects on the invoicing of members and with the

membership card delivery, with some receiving cards and some not, people not getting invoiced etc.

I am confident that they are getting on top of it so we should see an improvement on the invoicing of members this time round.

The National office has had some new blood get on board and I have noticed an improvement in the communication coming out. Also when your invoice comes out, I believe if you pay a bit extra (like about 25 -30 bucks) you will receive the Wildlife mag again!! However, I will try and keep you informed.

As I had mentioned earlier our Range is holding the NZ Service Rifle Nationals over Easter, this is a rather big affair so and would be a good event to keep at Rotorua. I know the Pistol Club also has some big Shoots happening around this time so this will be good for the sport. My point being we are holding working bees year round and would appreciate some help to get the range up to standard.

Next big shoot will be the ANZAC Shoot possibly, on the Saturday 25th, so we need all the trophies back. Get out there and shoot, there will be a legendary roast meal also!!

Well that's my lot for now

Cheers

Colin

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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-

24th of November 2019

Swazi shoot

We had 19 shooters, which was much better turnout than last year but unfortunately only three were NZDA members.

There were some pretty good scores and the two target systems we used saved having to patch the targets between shoots which worked out really well helping us get through the day faster.

A good feed followed the shooting. Thanks to all in the kitchen who helped out.

Prize giving followed with an excellent selection of prizes on the table, no one went home without a prize. Thank you to all the sponsors who provided excellent prizes.

A special mention to Dale Williams from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for his great Tuition and talk on Wallabies.

16th February 2020

This was supposed to be the first silhouette shoot of the year

However the only other person who turned up was a fellow committee member so we just did our own thing and ended up doing some maintenance on the range including fixing the main flag by the gate.

Next shoot is the 300m on the 1st of March. Also on the same day the Waikato branch is holding it's hunts course shoot on the 100m range. So both Ranges will be in use until early afternoon.

Aaron



Above are a few photos of work being done around the range. The working bee on the 15th of February included weed eating, waterproofing the 50m target roof, concreting in posts for the 50m range and making new target frames- among other things.

We would also like to remind you that when you are shooting at any of the ranges please do not

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move targets away from the bank instead you need to move yourself forward to shoot at a lesser distance.

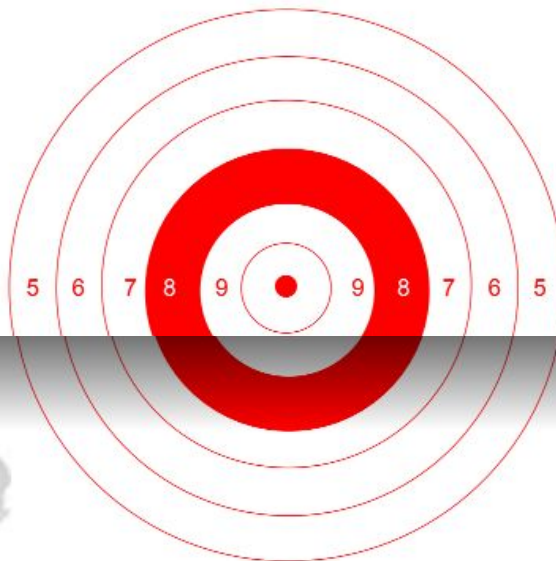
We would really appreciate help at working bees in the future! We get a lot of questions about when the 50m range will be opening and when things will be finished around the range. This all relies on the work from YOU! Our Rotorua deerstalkers members! Things don't just happen magically... It takes hardwork and commitment from the people that turn up!

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc

NZDA Scoped Rifle Nationals

6-9 March 2020

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex
205 Newell Road, Tokoroa



Hunter Class Rules

- Rifle must be a factory hunter style non heavy barrel type, hunter type stock. May have an aftermarket barrel (eg Trueflight) as long as it is a hunting profile not heavy (Bull)
- Trigger weight no lighter than 1.5 pounds
- No scope restrictions
- No target gear, eg shooting jacket, pants, shoes, gloves, etc. Only a shooting matt.

		Entry Fees	
Fri 6 th	80 Shot Metallic Silhouette (Rimfire)	\$30	Registrations by: Friday 28 February 2020 Refreshments: Coffee & Tea supplied Camping on Site: \$5 per person per night
Sat 7 th	Rimfire 60 Shot @ 50 & 100m	\$35 per event	
Sun 8 th	Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100 & 200m		
Mon 9 th	60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m (am)		
Mon 9 th	60 Shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m (pm)		
Grades & Hunter Class			

• Enquires: Malcolm Perry • P/F: 07 348 4473 • E: mpmalcolmperry@gmail.com

Registration Forms available on request or found on the website at: www.deerstalkers.org.nz



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For more information go to killwell.co.nz

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Swazi Shoot 2019 Photos



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Range Calendar 2020

March 2020

1st- NZDA Waikato Branch Hunts Training Day & 300m Shoot

7th- CNIGC Service Rifle

15th- Deer Target shoot

April 2020

4th- CNIGC Service Rifle Club

5th- D.A 200m Rimfire Long Range Shoot

19th- 22 Reactive Target Shoot

May 2020

2nd- CNIGC Service Rifle Club

3rd- D.A 100m Target Shoot

17th- 300M Gong Shoot (To be confirmed)

LONG RANGE SHOOT

1 MARCH 2020 10.00 A.M.

823 Maniatutu Road, Pongakawa

(Directions available on our web page <https://www.sporty.co.nz/tepukerifleclub>)

Open Championship For:

- Factory Standard Hunting Rifles
- Modified Hunting and Sporting Rifles
- PRF Tactical Rifles
- F Class Rifles
- Target Rifles

This event is designed to encourage people interested in testing their skills at longer ranges (come and check the accuracy of your drop chart, and the effect of the wind at long range).

The competition will be held at 300, 500 and 600 yards on electronic targets. Course of fire: 2 convertible sighters plus five shots to count at 300 yards once, 500 yards once and 600 yards twice. Total rounds required 4x7 =28 for the day. All shots will be fired prone, with rifles supported by bipod, backpack or similar. As we shoot on a working dairy farm, we ask that all shooters please keep their driving speed to below 20 km per hour on the farm roads and tracks.

Entry Fee \$40.00

There will be a BBQ and refreshments after the shoot.

Sponsored prizes will be awarded.

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Alan Dickson, Club Secretary
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021 2512 843

Brian Carter, Club President

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.

Minutes of the Waikato Regional Meeting NZDA Branches.

Held at Taupo Branches Jack Dillon Range clubrooms.

Sunday the 16th February 2020 at 10 15am.

This meeting was scheduled to be in Taumarunui, but due to the number of branches going to attend the meeting was moved to Taupo to a bigger venue and to cut travel down for the northern branches.

Present: Executive: Trevor Chappell – National President. Executive: Dave Hudson – Regional Rep. Laurie Reisterer CKC Branch in the Chair CKC Branch: Paul Bicknell, Bob Kendrick and Ken McCann Taupo Branch: Dave and Eileen Comber, Lee Garrick, Sarun, Curly Elmiger. Peter Miles. Rotorua Branch: Colin Patterson and Denis _____. South Waikato Branch: Sandi Curran. Waikato Branch: Paddy Curtin Bay of Plenty Branch: Clyde Rogers, Dave Bragg and Richard McEwen, Thames Valley Branch: Maureen Coleman. Te Awamutu: John Gunn.

No Apologies The Minutes of the previous meeting were not read or discussed.

Laurie opened the meeting with a greeting to one and all. Laurie called on Ken McCann to raise the issues that the CKC branch are facing at the present time. Ken spoke of the access issues that they are facing with forestry Gates Managed by Hancock Forestry on DOC land, cutting off access to the DOC Southern Pureroa Forest. Are any other branches experiencing similar issues in the North Island? No other branch appeared to have this issue but Trevor advised no progress had been made with DOC Tekuiti, so he had a meeting with Mike Slater from DOC HQ on the 13th of March. Other Members advised that Walking Access can be helpful in maintaining access thru paper roads but that is sometimes a double edged sword.

Second Issue arising in the King Country is the purchasing of farm land and planting Pine forests by Carbon Farming NZ. Some of the mature forests that have been taken over now hold numbers of deer and pigs that raid the neighbouring farms paddocks for grass and crops. The Forestry Companies will not issue Hunting permits to access the forests and control these animals. Farmers and hunters are reacting to this problem but cannot get at the root cause. Trevor advised that part of the deal with the overseas investment / Purchase of these properties is that there should be a recreational component to the land us so we should approach the OIO to discuss further. Trevor is working with the Game Animal council and the OIO on this matter on other sites and further discussion is to be had.

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The 3rd issue raised was the coming changes to the Firearms Regulations with regard to Ranges that are scattered around the country side. The CKC branch range is on a members Farm and there with the owner's permission. It does not have a resource consent and is not likely to get that, as land use change would be required. Trevor referred members to the message newsletter dated 10 feb 2020 for some updated info. The select committee are recommending some changes to the original draft of the legislation but members present had varying views what it meant to the individual branches. Some Branches may have existing use rights but that is not guaranteed as firearms use and motor sports don't fit the same criteria as other sport.

A discussion was held on updating the Range Officers course and what is required for that . Will the police accept NZDA R/O's under the new Regulations that are still to be written??? What are their requirements? We need more Certified Trainers, but who will certify them?

Trevor Chappell, Bill O'Leary and Peter Miles to put their heads together and discuss how to solve this situation. We need R/O refreshers courses and this may be able to be held at this Taupo facility.

Retention of members is a problem going forward as the majority of us are in our senior years, but some branches have been using social media to their advantage as the younger members are into facebook etc. Individual branches could take advantage of this. A discussion took place on Running HUNTS courses and the various Fees charged dependant on the makeup of the course and if a helicopter flight was involved or not. The members present expressed their concern that the new season membership fees may impact on numbers attending HUNTS courses.

Chairman Laurie Reisterer addressed the meeting on the subject of the email from the South Waikato branch with a vote of no confidence in the National Executive (National President, Vice President and National Treasurer) and call for a special general meeting. From the chair Laurie expressed that he hoped we could openly discuss the matter and allow all present to have their say and gather additional information to inform our Branch members of the situation so branches can either support or reject this action.

Sandi Curran (South Waikato) declined the opportunity to speak about the vote of no confidence proposal. It was noted that neither the President nor the secretary of the South Waikato Branch were in attendance. Trevor Chappell was given the right of reply but had nothing to reply to. He did emphasize that the letter of reply from the Executive to the south Waikato email should be read by everyone. Thames Valleys, Maureen Coleman questioned the first draft financial report prior to the AGM 2019. The income verses Expenditure and the shortfall against the income. Also not having Audited accounts for 2017/18 and 2018/19 years. In Reply Trevor Chappell explained that the annual accounts for those years were clearly explained at the 2019 conference. It was pointed out that South Waikato had not attended conference for several year

and apparently Maureen had been taken sick at conference and did not attend that part of conference. Trevor recapped for this meeting the difficulties the present executive and staff of NZDA have experienced in bringing the Zero accounting package and the BITRIX data base together and unravelling the errors from previous years to get the accounts up to an acceptable standard. The financial report that was presented to the 2019 conference was adopted and passed. Dave Hudson explained to Maureen in regard to her concerns that the estimated expenditure was larger than the income for 2019/20 and that the figures used were with the 2018/19 Capitation figures so that is why the capitation for the 19/20 year has had to rise. The financial documents delivered just prior to conference were using the new capitation figures and revised revenue. The Meeting expressed a desire to achieve continued support for the existing Natex members through to the AGM in 2020.

A more constant flow of communication to branches and members is necessary. A unity of the membership particularly with the challenges of the new firearms legislation coming is essential. More interclub activity could help with the unity of NZDA. A concern that with new computer operating systems coming all the time many members cannot open newsletters. It has to be noted that Trevor's assistance with south Pureroa Access issues and other branches issues has been invaluable and much appreciated.

Next Regional meeting 2nd March. At Thames Branch Remits for conference due in 60 days before conference which is on the 23rd July 2020.

Meeting concluded at 1.15PM.

Ken McCann. Acting Secretary CKC Branch.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE ROTORUA RANGE KEYS.

Due to the OUTDOORSMAN OUTFITTERS SHOP ceasing it's business on Friday 17th January, they will obviously no longer be able to act as an agent for our range keys. As from Thursday 16th January this role will be taken over by GUN SUPPLIES in Ti street. As we are nearing the end of the financial year there is not much activity expected till the new year keys become available the first week of March.

After last year's fiasco with memberships I would suggest that members keep an eye on their emails, if this is the way we get our renewal invoices this year and get them paid promptly. As no card no key.

A reminder that Aaron Winter is now the range convenor, but to help Aaron out I will continue to organize the key supplies.

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Range convenor: Aaron Winter, 0210630516
Keys: Malcolm Perry, 0276259608.

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 from 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

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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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