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**“The Tines”  
Rotorua Branch Newsletter March 2019**

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## Rotorua N.Z.D.A Branch Calendar

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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 March 2019

Annual General Meeting 2019

The Branch membership is, as in previous years, still maintaining a growth pattern, which is a positive sign. Typically having a multi range complex has added to our Branch attraction.

We have had a visit from the Board of Trustees from the iwi land owners. Myself, Dennis Price and Lindsay Sandilands (CNIGC president) met them out at the range and we discussed the two clubs usage of the range and also showed and explained the improvements we have done and talked about the future improvements we wish to complete.

They were totally impressed with what we have done and are intending to do at the range complex. They agreed that it was- along with pistol club- an asset for the shooting community and that we were making good use of the land for such shooting groups.

For example, we have hosted this year:

The Australian service rifle team

South African service rifle team

Operation Ride, ex-servicemen and woman from, England, Canada hosted by David Benfell

South Pacific Regionals Service Shooting Comp

Range participation has been very high. However, this has not been the case when range shoots have been organized. These are typically poor in attendance with mostly only the committee shooting on these days.

How ever the service rifle events have been growing steadily, which has been good. These shoots fund a lot of our projects on the range.

How ever in the light of new firearms restrictions these numbers may change?

Hopefully when the dust settles both clubs can work out a new style of competition which can keep these clubs strong and get our members more involved in events out at the range.

Finally, while on the topic we have had a lot of work done over the past year, getting the 50m bullet catcher frame work up and the start on the great wall- (berm between us and BPC).

On the political front we have some involvement in the proposed lodge complex in the Moerangi catchment, which is still awaiting a decision I believe.

NZDA Branches in our region have started to hold 4 monthly meetings, the first was hosted by the Rotorua branch, the second meeting was held at Taupo branch.

Branches attending were Waikato, Te Awamutu, Taumarunui, and Taupo Also attending were Trevor Chappell- president of Natex and Dave Hudson- North Island Natex rep.

These have been a good catchup and chance to get the state of affairs so to speak. Our next meeting will be at the Te Awamutu branch in May to discuss remits etc

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A strong committee is the key to a great branch, and I thank the team for staying strong and supportive. One of our team is looking at backing down a bit as he has said he has a few other commitments. What can I say to Malcolm Perry. Mate, you been the god father of the range and I and others cannot thank you enough for all the hours and time -unpaid I might add, given to the Branch over the years. So the question is, who will you entrust the ride on to?  
To the rest of the committee, thanks heaps for the support and time you have put in at range shoots, cooking meals etc

Once again would also like to acknowledge the work and support of the guys from the CNIGC as they have been great at stepping in and being Range Officers at the shoots and adding their labor to our working bees.

Big shout out to Phil the honey man for the hours of welding he put into the steel work on the 50m. Much appreciated.

Finally, our country has recently experienced one of the worst acts of terrorism imaginable, and my condolences go out to all the families affected by this.

Thanks again to you all  
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](mailto:amynatgrass@gmail.com)*

## Letter from the NZDA National President

26/03/19

Dear Members,

I am sure that all recreational hunters and target/sport shooters in New Zealand are now aware that pending firearms legislation has changed our hunting and target/sport world forever. The privilege of owning firearms and the opportunity to hunt and compete with (weapons) firearms of choice has now gone. It is hard even now, to comprehend how the actions of one "nutter" can impact on the lives of so many others.

NZDA is a hunting and competitive/sport shooting organisation involved in firearms use, lobbying, consulting on firearms laws etc. for over 80 years. I have written personally to the Prime Minister seeking NZDA inclusion in any consultation process. I have sent similar letters to the Minister of Police and Minister of Defence asking them to ensure NZDA is included in any upcoming negotiations. NZDA is also working closely with COLFO on the proposed firearm laws. As COLFO represents many organisations using firearms, NZDA has used this body to publicise the concerns of all stakeholders (of which NZDA is one).

What has happened so far:

There has been no ban yet just reclassification.

It appears that the information we supplied in the previous letter was possibly wrong. The information was taken from the Police website and so all I am going to do now is to provide a link to this website for your own perusal – see below.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms>

The advice NATEX gives to all its members is to ensure that the changes already made in regard to semi-automatic ownership is strictly adhered to.

Do not hand in any firearms yet, wait until there is further detail on the buy-back scheme. Please be responsible and do not use your re-classified semi-auto one last time as you run the risk of losing your firearms licence and giving hunters and competitive/sport shooters a bad name.

A bill with the details of further law changes will be heard by a select committee over the next weeks. If you want to submit on the bill then see the link below. Please note there is a very short deadline. NZDA will be making a submission in line with COLFO and we suggest that you do the same, so please watch the COLFO and NZDA Facebook pages. Please make your own submission; heartfelt, genuine, honest, polite, non-aggressive and sincere.

As hunters and competitive/sport shooters we must remain cognisant of one fact- that we can still hunt game animals and participate in competition/sport shooting, but for some it will require a change to how it can now be legally done.

Several Natex members are hurting just like some of you - we too are losing the right to use certain semi-autos, but we will adapt and move on.

Regards to all,

**National President**

**Trevor Chappell**



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## **Missing**

*8inch Hard steel gong taken from 300m range.*

*This was put there to test the steel for a full gong setup,  
PLEASE return A.S.A.P otherwise I won't continue making the gong setup.  
If you have taken to repair thank you and looking forward for it's return.*



**Fun shooting balloons  
After the rimfire Silhouette shoot**

## Rotorua Branch Range Report

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club shoot.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> was a 300M target shoot, as I was running a National shoot I was not there.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot, was attended by 4 shooters and I did an induction.

### COMING EVENTS:

#### APRIL,

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club day.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 300M target shoot.

Saturday & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Service rifle will be using one or other range.

Saturday & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Service rifle holding a shoot so both ranges busy Sunday morning at least.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Our annual ANZAC SHOOT, combined effort by Service rifle and Deerstalkers.

#### MAY;

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 300M target shoot.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Deer target shoot 300, 200, 100 & 50M distances 8 rounds per run through.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 300M range booked for Service rifle club. (members please note previous dates published for May 1 day in error, seems June is the same, taken off a diary with unusual set out, sorry.)

#### JUNE;

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club day.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 300M target shoot.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 300M range booked for Service rifle team.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot.

General notes; New keys, these are available now but you will need your new financial year card. As the invoices have not been received yet there looks like some delay till this is possible so the old key will work to allow a reasonable period to obtain new keys. New keys are available at the Outdoorsman.

After the tragic incident in Christchurch there are a lot of rumours and such like around regarding M.S.A'S being banned etc. So far I have received some information from a police source involved in the Tokoroa Complex Committee as follows; Reclassification of Semi-Automatic Firearms.

This is a two page document which may be published in full, but outlines what semi-autos that are not held under an E cat licence will now become E cat. Basically .22 R/F and any shotgun or rifle with a 5 shot magazine capacity is not a problem, any

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semi-auto rifle or shotgun with a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds is now classed as E cat. There are steps outlined as to what you should do, if intending to surrender the firearm which is an option do not go racing down to the police station with it, there is a process in place. At this point there is no mention that existing E cat semi's are prohibited or there club use restricted, but that may change. Our Arms officers are now still working as they used to and can be approached for advice.

Due to the incident in Christchurch, we remind members to be aware of security of firearms on the range and note that the gate may not be left open for club shoots, access will be organized by a gate keeper if required.

Time to reload, Malcolm P.

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

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**For Sale.**

Cartridge brass:

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

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

Live ammo:

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

Rifle scopes:

Tasco 4x40 wide field \$75-00.

Eagle 4x32 \$45-00

Loading Dies:

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

**Malcolm Perry 027 625 9608.**

### **Positions Available**

We require a person to look after clubrooms and take bookings etc.  
If you are interested contact Mark Slade on 07 349 5630 or 027 4988 911.  
Someone in this position would be highly appreciated and a huge help for our club.

### **In the News:**

#### **Police urge people not to bring firearms to police stations following gun law changes**

**Damian George 19:06, Mar 21 2019**

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/111469934/police-urge-people-not-to-bring-firearms-to-police-stations-following-gun-law-changes>

More than 250,000 New Zealanders own a firearm, and many now own them illegally following changes to gun laws.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Thursday two more groups of semi-automatic guns would be classified as military style semi-automatic firearms following Christchurch's terror attacks.

"Obviously, the detail means that people who were, prior to 3pm [on Thursday], lawfully in possession of firearms such as semi-automatic assault rifles, are no longer lawfully in possession of those firearms," Police Commissioner Mike Bush said.

Speaking in Wellington, Bush said police wanted people to surrender their illegal firearms as quickly as possible.

He encouraged people to register their intention to hand over guns online at [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz), where they would find an electronic form to fill in.

People not comfortable doing that could register by calling police on 0800 311 311.

"We would prefer you not to come to a police station with that firearm at that stage, but if you wish to, and that is your only option, please contact us first to make a time or an appointment."

The buy-back scheme, [estimated to cost between \\$100 million to \\$200 million](#), would provide challenges, but police would offer as much support as possible, Bush said.

"We'll be working with everyone to ensure we give them every assistance to take those firearms off them, get them out of circulation and into a place of safe keeping, so those firearms can never be used again in an act of violence so horrific as we saw last Friday."

There would be a "grace period" for people to hand over their guns, after which they would likely be prosecuted, Bush said.

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"So I encourage everyone in that situation ... to contact us immediately, or within the next few days at least."

New illegal firearms classifications

- semi-automatic firearm that can be used in combination with detachable magazine (other than one designed to hold 0.22-inch or smaller rimfire cartridges), and capable of holding more than five cartridges
- semi-automatic shotgun capable of being used in combination with a detachable magazine that can hold more than five cartridges

### **Kaimanawa hunters' mission to save the whio**

**By Laurilee McMichael 11:04 AM Thursday Mar 14, 2019**

*([http://www2.nzherald.co.nz/the-country/hunting-and-fishing/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1504477&objectid=12212579](http://www2.nzherald.co.nz/the-country/hunting-and-fishing/news/article.cfm?c_id=1504477&objectid=12212579))*

Sam Gibson says in his experience of people who use the outdoors, hunters are among the most observant.

And it was that attention to their surroundings that sparked a hunter-led project to protect endangered native whio (blue duck) in the Central North Island.

"One of the great things about hunting is you're able to stop and sit down and watch," Sam, a technical adviser with pest trap maker Goodnature, says.

"Hunters are one of the most observational groups that use the forest and they saw these guys [whio] and saw that they needed protecting. Most of use these guys understand that if they don't have protection around them they won't last very long."

The hunters' group, which is the Central North Island Sika Foundation, recently embarked on the second phase of its project to protect the rare blue duck in the Kaimanawa Forest, extending its trapping network to create 20km of protected rivers where the whio can flourish.

The foundation's Whio Recovery Project is working to protect the vulnerable whio populations in the headwaters of the Mohaka River in the northern Kaimanawas.

The project followed a survey of the Kaipo and Oamaru rivers by the group, which discovered a defenceless population of whio.

"We found one breeding pair in each stream," says project leader Gary Harwood.

"We decided we had to act and managed to fundraise \$20,000 by August 2018 to begin the first phase of the trapping project, which we used to cover 10km of the Kaipo River upstream from where it joins the Mohaka River."

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The hunters placed 108 Goodnature A24 self-resetting traps in August last year. The traps use a lure to attract pests and a CO2 gas canister to power a piston which crushes a pest's skull, killing it instantly. It then retracts and resets itself up to 24 times before needing servicing.

In the first 90 days, the traps recorded 378 pest kills, and the team who were out checking the traps even sighted a breeding pair of whio flanked by five chicks about to fledge. This feat has led to the site being recognised by DoC as an Official Whio Recovery Site.

Now the hunters have raised another \$20,000, to trap the Oamaru Stream, with 73 traps deployed to cover a 10-kilometre distance from the point where the Oamaru River meets the Mohaka River up to the Waitawhero Stream.

"The first phase of the project was a roaring success, and we can't wait to see how the whio population in the forest bounces back following our efforts," says Gary.

"Now that we have stage 1 and stage 2 in place, we will start fundraising for stage 3 of the project, a further 10km of the Kaipo River upstream from where stage 1 ends. This will give us a total of 30km of protected whio habitat in the area."

Sam Gibson says the rewarding thing about doing pest control in whio habitat is that the birds respond really well to predator control in their territory.

"I'm always blown away. All you have to do is put a single [trap] line up a river and they get chicks away. There's not many species where you can get such a good response."

Sam says it's about giving whio a fighting chance to lay and hatch their eggs and get their chicks to fledge.

"They are pretty amazing. We just need to find that little way of giving them a hand and they can usually look after themselves. What really sets this project apart is that it's hunters doing their bit."

The Central North Island Sika Foundation's long-term goal is to extend the whio recovery initiative throughout the Kaimanawa Forest Park over time.

## 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: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **Donations**

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

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**Range Keys**

Any person who wishes to have a range gate key for the private use of our range must be a CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER of the Branch and must obtain a key from Hunting and Fishing, Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters. You must have completed the range induction protocol. Your membership card must be produced at the time of key purchase. Keys may not be lent or passed on to other persons, whether they are members or not. Non-Members can only enter the Range if accompanied by a current Financial Member. Any use of the range by non-members requires prior approval of the committee.

**Membership Costs** (Rotorua Branch)

Senior = \$110 (full benefits at local and national branch level)

Associate = \$70 (Unable to vote or enter national competitions. Does not receive H&W)

Junior = \$25 (Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2019. 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 2019. Full benefits)

Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren), \$10 partner or spouse.

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