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March Issue 2009:

Next Social: Learn how to organise an overseas hunt



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter March 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	Will resume after the AGM once the new committee is in place.
Socials	Learn how to organise an Overseas Hunt March 25th, 7.30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2009 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: Editor preparing for the walk out with a Fellow Meat Pack.

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Presidents Report

Hello,

I'm half way through "The Golden Years of Stalking" by Bruce Banwell. It is an outstanding read and gives a great insight to what hunting was like in 1920-1930's Otago and South Westland. I believe Peter Graham did a book review on it in a previous mag which is what spurred me to read it, however I'm blown away with the early stalkers sheer tenacity to secure a world class trophy. They have a real passion for hunting and travelled 3 days from the North Island to get to the Southern Lakes where they would spend three weeks hunting year after year. They left smaller stags with potential alone and only shot the big boys. Reading a quality read like this pre-roar really gets the blood going, although trophies like Archie Kitto scored in the 1920's are not about now, but if you get any stag head bring it in on the head measuring night and have it DS scored.

As I've mentioned earlier we are meeting with DOC on March 2nd to discuss hut maintenance. If you are handy with building or renovating and would like a free helicopter trip into the Whirinaki Forest to help out, register your interest with me on 348 4496. I think it's an exciting prospect to be able to work with DOC and possibly will lead us to work with them on big game animal control in the future.

The party hunt did not eventuate because of bad weather and lack of interest, but we have moved it to March 7 and 8th which suits more members. If you are keen the Party Hunt will be at Sika Lodge. Call me for a booking 348 4496.

The social in March will be one of our own members speaking about how to organise an overseas hunt. We know difficulties in organising a domestic hunt let along an overseas one. Come along and support him on March 25th at 7:30pm at the Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.

We will be having our AGM on March 11th starting at 7:30pm. We need as many as possible to come along and support the night. You must be financial on the night to vote. There are many issues facing hunting and firearm owners. If you want to make a difference become a committee member.

I went for an evening hunt after the rain had stopped last weekend. The bush was nice and quiet. I saw a Sika hind browsing straight towards me and passing by not more than 10m away. Luckily for her I was after a stag. I spooked another deer 50m from the hind, on the way out I saw a Sika spiker, but he was too quick for me.

Happy Hunting.

Darryn.



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AGM

Wednesday 11th March, 7:30pm
Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms
Neil Hunt Park
Rotorua

Committee Reports, General Business, Election of Committee

This is your chance to have an input into the running of the branch. Don't leave it for others – have your say.

It has been a very successful year with the conference, kitchen upgrade and the second year of the Hunts training.

The future is looking positive with a new government and signs of a positive, more hunter friendly attitude emerging from DOC.

Rotorua Range Report for February 2009

A bit quiet this month, the 300M shoot was cancelled as the shooters were at a shoot in Gisborne, the 50M Smallbore folk have not got started yet, but will be underway next month.

The Deer silhouette shoot had five people attend, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This shoot is a great way to find out just how your rifle shoots at various distances and the effect that wind will have on bullet flight, so come out and join us sometime.

Rather surprising three scores the same in an event of this nature.

COMING EVENTS:

- March 1st, Sunday 300M shoot.
 7th – 13th, NZDA National shooting week hosted at Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex.
 8th, Sunday 50M Smallbore shoot.
 15th, Rimfire metallic silhouette shoot.
 22nd, Sunday 50M Smallbore shoot.
- April 5th, Sunday 300M club shoot
 12th, Sunday 50M Smallbore club shoot
 19th, Deer silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, & 50m

New range keys for 2009:

The new keys will be available in sports stores by end of Feb, these keys will work and the old ones will also work until the 7-8th April after which only the new keys will work.

Time to reload,

Malcolm.

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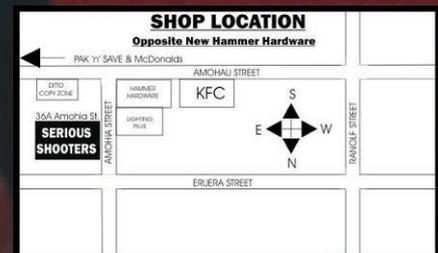
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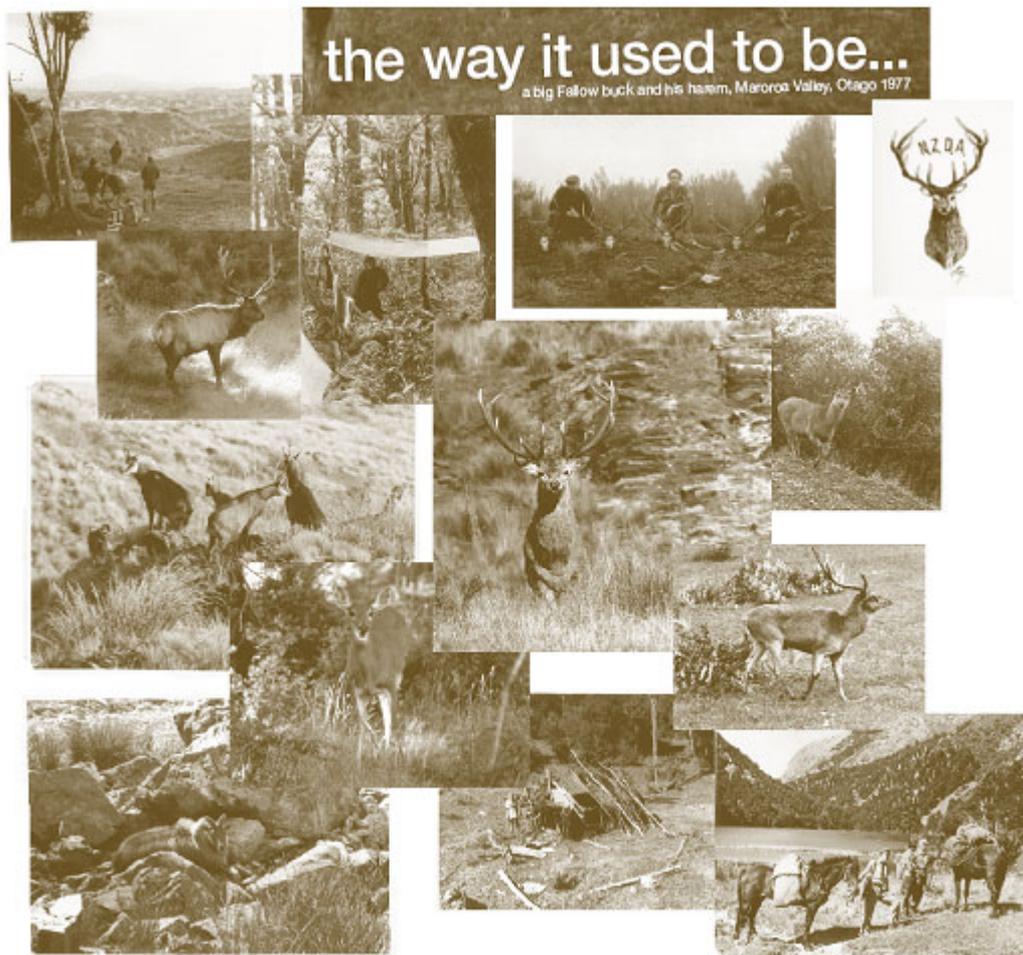
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Can be seen in NZDA Rotorua clubrooms. If interested, contact Rod Houghton on 348 4057.

NZDA Calendar 2009 – The way it used to be ...



NZDA has produced a 2009 calendar with 13 historical photos from the glory days of hunting, featuring the 1950s to the 1970s, including photos of famous legends such as Norman Douglas.

Features NZDA, NZCT, NZSR, NZPA and bowhunting championship dates, pig hunting competitions, militaria auctions, ballot dates, fishing seasons, national competition close of dates, duck shooting season and submission dates.

This calendar was selling for \$20 each, however if the branch wishes to place a bulk order, they will be available for \$15 each. The NZDA national office will post the orders the day it is received. If interested, phone Rod Houghton on 348 4057.

ROTORUA DEER STALKERS 2009 RANGE CALENDAR

Date	Day	Shoot	
March	7 th to 13 th	Various	N.Z.D.A. National Shooting Week Hosted on Tokoroa Shooting Complex.
	8 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	15 th	Sunday	R/F silhouette shoot.
	22 nd	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
April	5 th	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	12 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	19 th	Sunday	Deer silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, 50M.
	26 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot. Start Winter Series.
May	2 nd & 3 rd	Sat & Sun	300M North Island Champs
	10 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	17 th	Sunday	R/F Silhouette shoot.
	24 th	Sunday	Range free.
	31 st	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
June	7 th	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	14 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	21 st	Sunday	Deer Silhouette shoot.
	28 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
July	5 th	Sunday	300M club Shoot.
	12 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	19 th	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	26 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot W/S.
August	2 nd	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	9 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot
	16 th	Sunday	NZDA club shoot
	23 rd	Sunday	Range free.
	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	NZDA club shoot.
	27 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
October	4 th	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	11 th	Sunday	50M Smallbore Club Shoot.
	18 th	Sunday	NZDA club shoot.
	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

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March Social

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Club Rooms

Neil Hunt Park

25th March, 7.30pm

NZDA PARTY HUNT

- Sika Lodge. – Clements Mill Road - *Sika hunting*.
- Note: Sika Lodge cost \$25 per night (for colour TV, hot water, kitchen facilities. Excellent facilities.
- 7th March.
- Come and enjoy a weekend away.
- To register, contact Darryn (348 4496)
- Be in for a chance to win free accommodation (we have free tickets for four people for two night each)!

HUNTS COURSE OCTOBER 2008 REPORT

This course started on Wednesday night at 7:30 with 13 trainees and 7 instructors introducing themselves and giving a brief talk about their hunting or shooting experiences. Alec then talking about the NZDA and ethics. We then watched a DVD by the Graff Brothers on game species, and after that we gave a briefing about the weekend away at Te Urewera Education Centre and what gear to take.

Friday night at 6.00pm we all left the clubroom for the hour and a half drive to the Education Centre at Waimana. After putting all the gear away and sorting out sleeping areas, we watched a couple of Mountain Safety videos on river crossing and going bush.

The next morning was started with an observation task while we waiting for Keith Theobald and Bob Mangino to arrive from Tauranga. After a quick brew they started instruction on the types of gear to take hunting or tramping and finishing the lesson of with applications of first aid in the bush.

After lunch we headed up the track to do some more bush observation tests and had Bob explain about the different types of trees and their uses. We then headed back to the Centre for afternoon tea and to prepare for our river crossing instruction.

Due to the dry weather the river with quite low but everyone learnt the various methods of crossing but still realised how swift and dangerous even small rivers can be. That night Bob gave instruction on understanding of weather forecasts and the use of maps and compass reading for travelling in the bush.

Sunday morning we headed up a ridge not far from the Centre to an old Pa site. Using their maps each trainee tried to work out where they were by using contour lines and how far they had travelled. After that we had a quick lunch, packed up, cleaned the Centre and headed off home.

Wednesday night Cliff Graham spoke about Search and Rescue and what to do if you get injured or lost in the bush, making the trainees understand that it could be up to 48 hours or more before someone comes looking for you depending on what information you have left with family or friends.

Steve Wynn then explained about the Douglas Score measuring system and how it is used for NZDA competitions. He then gave a demonstration on how to measure a stag's head.

Saturday was out at the rifle range with Bill O'Leary, the National Coordinator of the Hunts programme turning up to check out the range and instructors. Neil Fawcett arrived with a freshly shot Rusa stag which was hung in a nearby tree. A quick

demo was given about head skinning then Trevor gutted it explaining what to look for in the organs as far as diseases go.

Bill then gave a run down of what was required of the Range Officers to run a range day. After Malcolm Perry went over procedures and range rules, the cleaning of firearms, ballistics and shooting on the range. Targets were set up and the trainees were taught shooting methods.

Trevor Madden then skinned and cut up the stag into the various special commercial cuts showing us how quick and easy it is when your doing it all the time at a venison factory.

Wednesday night, 15th October Fish & Game came along and gave an excellent talk and Powerpoint presentation on bird shooting. We then went over the preparations for the hunting weekend at Sika Lodge filling in backcountry intention forms to be left with family or friends. After that we organised transport for the trainees and instructors and the leaving time.

Friday night we all arrived at Sika Lodge and after settling in went over maps which had been divided into 20 blocks. Each trainee was introduced to their instructor and was given the blocks they would be hunting in.

Saturday morning it was snowing up on Te Iringa but most of the trainees still went for a morning hunt. More deer were seen or spooked. We had 28 people stay for the weekend and everyone agreed that Sika Lodge was a good facility for the hunts course.

Wednesday night we had Ted from Mountain Safety Radio come along and demonstrate how they work and also explain about the new epirbs and how we can hire them off him. We finished off with Trevor cutting up Bruces Sika and then we put the back steaks on the barbecue for all to try.

Our thanks go out to all the people who have helped run this course and to the hunters who came along on the hunting weekend. Without you all it would be impossible to run a successful course.

Murray Robson.

10 reasons why a rifle is better than a woman

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And the number one reason a rifle is better than a woman

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10 reasons why a rifle is better than a man

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And the number one reason a rifle is better than a man

1. If you get tired of one, you can always sell it and get something bigger and more powerful.

In conclusion: any way you look at it, rifles are cool!!!

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