



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

October Issue 2008:

*Next Social: Talk on EPLB's and Mountain
Radio's*



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter October 2008



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	Resume after August
Socials	Talk on EPLB and Mountain Radios by ??? Also meet the people on the Hunts Course October 23 th , 7.30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary 2008 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

Cover Photo: Hunts course 2007. Resting in the Whirinaki Forest.

If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the Newsletter editor, Elvis Bowring on 350 3230 or ebowring@gmail.com.

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Presidents Report

Hello,

In these tough economic times we are seeing more people turning to hunting to secure fresh organically fed game for the table. This substitutes the outlandish price we pay for beef & lamb at the supermarkets. The Hunts Course the Rotorua branch is currently running helps people to be confident in the bush so they can secure meat for the table.

The Hunts Course kicked off Wednesday October 1st with 13 people taking up the challenge. The course is designed for anyone wishing to learn more about hunting and the outdoors. It runs for about one month and finished on 19th October. This month's social will be a chance for you to meet the participants and hear first hand what they thought of the course at the Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms, October 22nd at 7:30pm. The Hunts course is incredibly important to us. It not only teaches people how to hunt, but how to survive and navigate confidently in the bush. It is also a great way for people to learn what we do in the NZDA and provides succession planning for committee roles.

Septembers Social – The Graf Boy's did a slide presentation with photo's from the new 1080 DVD to be released the end of this year. There were about 60 people who attended the function. The Graf Boys started off the presentation with photo's of stags they had roared up in the South Island. There was a short break for a quick bite then the second half of the presentation focused on the aerial 1080 drops recently carried out in South Westland. The things that stuck out for me were the baits dropped all over public walking tracks and in the streams and even more startling they had pictures of dead birds which is evidence that 1080 does kill them. The boy's are doing a fantastic job. There've done more than just talk about it, they have got off their bums and are collecting factual evidence that the government cannot ignore. The Rotorua branch donated \$500 plus personal donations that were made on the night. Good luck to them on behalf and I have no doubt their documentary will be played on TV.

On the club front, we will be doing some major renovations to the kitchen in the clubrooms. This will give us more useable space as well as modernising it. The renovations will begin at the start of November and take around one month to complete. No bookings will be taken for club hire during this time. There will be a spring party hunt targeted for the second week of November (8th – 9th). Please register you interest with me on 348 4496. At this stage we are looking at driving to a local spot but will confirm at this months committee meeting on the 27th. On the hunting front I have heard that the deer are starting to move around looking for spring growth. A few people I work with in Tokoroa have been getting some nice deer in good condition lately. So if you are planning to go out now seems to be a good time. Good luck, be seen and be safe.

Darryn.



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25 September 2008

Media Release for general distribution

Deerstalkers' Association welcomes two new hunting agencies

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association (NZDA) is applauding United Future Leader Peter Dunne for gaining better representation for the big game hunting community by providing two national forums for addressing better management of big game animals (deer, chamois, tahr and wild pigs).

NZDA President Alec McIver says, "This new recognition is a major step in giving back a voice to recreational hunters on public lands and big game animal management. The proposed Big Game Hunting Council (BGHC) will be a great help in achieving better co-ordinated big game management. This will benefit both recreational hunters and native biodiversity."

"The proposed Wild Animal Control Advisory Committee (WACAC) is also a very sensible move." Mr McIver said. "A previous national hunting advisory committee was abolished by the Department of Conservation (DOC) soon after DOC's inception." he said. "It is very appropriate that the Minister and DOC will now recognise the recreational hunting community again."

"The BGHC and WACAC were recommended to Government by the Minister's Game Animal Management Advisory Panel in April this year. NZDA congratulates both United Future and Labour on adopting these recommendations." Mr McIver said. "They will provide an essential start to implementing DOC's General Policy of encouraging recreational hunting, which so far has been virtually nonexistent."

"NZDA applauds Peter Dunne for his tenacity over the last three years in gaining better recognition for recreational big game hunting." Mr McIver said. "NZDA, as the major advocate for recreational hunters, looks forward to working closely with United Future and other Parties in implementing these proposals."

Contacts: Alec McIver President, NZ Deerstalkers' Assn; Mob 027 282 0770; Wk 07 349 4250 Hm 07 347 4380; **Dr Hugh Barr, National Advocate** 027 686 0063, hugh@infosmart.co.nz .

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated (NZDA) is the national body of recreational deerstalkers and other big game hunters. We have 50 branches and hunting member clubs throughout New Zealand. NZDA has 7500 members, and have been actively advocating for recreational deerstalking and hunting, running hunter training courses, trips, conferences etc since 1937. NZDA maintains ethical standards for hunting.

Copy of letter

To the President
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
Rotorua Branch
PO Box 857
ROTORUA

Dear Sir/Madam

PROPOSED ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD VECTOR CONTROL "WAIPUNGA CONTRACT"

I am writing to inform you that the Animal Health Board's maintenance vector control programme that encompasses Crown lands and commercial forestry around the Waipunga road, Pine Milling Road and Plateau Road plus the inland area known as Matakuhia Stream catchments, has once again been budgeted to take place during the autumn/early winter period of 2009.

The actions on the map showing as AS1 & AS2 are where the public may have access to hunt and the other three blocks are all private land showing as Simon Halls block "**Pohokura**" (AS3) and Denis Ward block "**Ngatapa**" (AS4) and "**Tataraakina**" Maori Trust lands (AS6) will also be involved.

Subject to the Conservation Departments approval, our proposal will be once again use 1080 aerial baiting as the method of control and at the moment of writing this letter the contract has been prepared and is about to be tendered.

Once a contractor has been chosen for the work and we have a better understanding of the dates and baiting strategies to be used I will write again to advise you all with more detail.

At the request of the owners all private blocks will be treated with Epro Deer Repellent and at this stage due to the Conservation Departments policy of not allowing repellent to be used outside a gazetted RHA, there has been no provision made to use the product in this area.

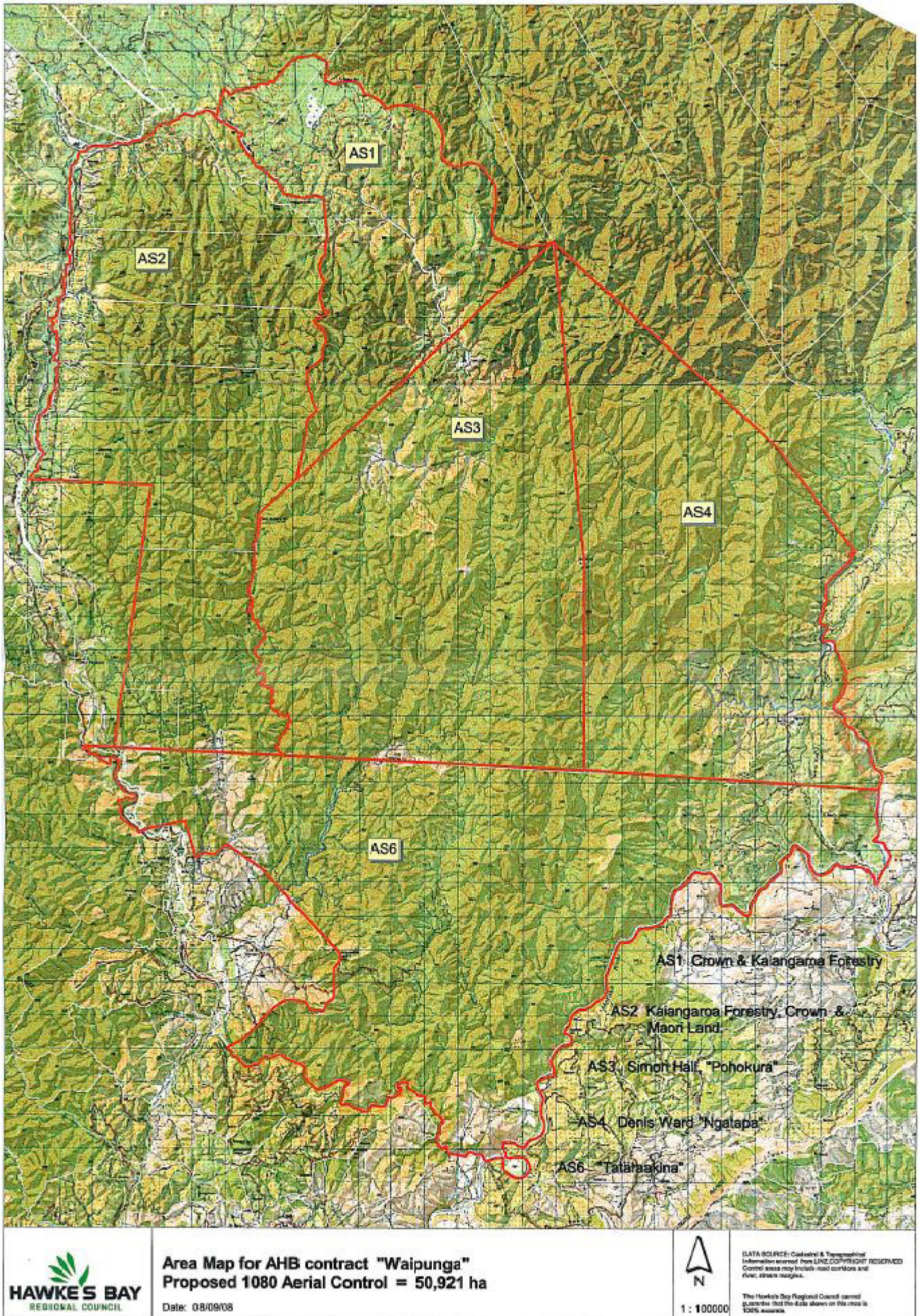
If you wish to know more or want to clarify anything about the project then please do not hesitate to write or call me.

Yours sincerely

Owen Harris
Animal Health Board Vector Control Co-ordinator

Phone (06) 833 8007 Mobile: 027 4977 638 Email: owen@hbrc.govt.nz

Photo of operations is on the next page. A clearer photo is available on the website.





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Rotorua Range Report for September 2008

Due to us holding a trial shoot for the Pacific Regional Team we did not hold our normal monthly shoot, however we can take pride in the fact that Brenda won both Rimfire and Centrefire shoots. Hilary, Rod Hill and I took part also so it seemed like a branch shoot anyway. Because we needed larger target frames than our standard ones I had to remove the top row of tires off the 50m backstop, which was reinstated on the Monday.

As most of you are aware shooting on the weekend of 27th & 28th was restricted and it seems most people heeded this request, however while I was out there on the Saturday having a cleanup I came across six discarded .22 cartridges, that appeared to be just dropped and left, however on closer examination there was a small indentation indicating they had misfired. Now if the owner of these rounds is reading this there are two points I would like to make.

Firstly I would prefer that suspected misfire rounds were not left lying around, because this could prove to be dangerous if they get crushed.

Secondly these six rounds fired without hesitation in my rifle.

To offer some advise as to why I would Suggest, (1) the rifle of whatever action type be thoroughly cleaned, as .22 rifles will clog up with the waxy lubricant used on the bullets. (2) If the above does not solve the problem (I found a great number of fired cases with the same light indentation) check that the firing pin has not been damaged. (3) Particularly if the rifle is a semi auto or a bolt action a broken or weak firing pin spring could be the problem. If this rifle is not attended to and continued to be used I would anticipate the frequency of misfires will only increase.

I would like to thank members for refraining from casual shooting over this weekend there was a 50m Smallbore shoot as planned and results for this should be forthcoming.

COMING EVENTS:

October:	5th Sunday	300m shoot
	11th Saturday	HUNTS COURSE range day
	12th Sunday	Smallbore 50m shoot
	18th & 19 th	CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPS.
	25TH Saturday	Deer Silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, 50m (this shoot by special request)
November:	26th Sunday	Smallbore 50m shoot
	1st Saturday	Taupo Prize shoot
	2nd Sunday	300m shoot
	9th Sunday	Smallbore 50m shoot
	15th Saturday	Benchrest shoot
	16th Sunday	King Cup 2nd day 200m & 300m

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT ON THE WEEKEND OF 14TH,15TH & 16TH THE RANGE USE WILL AGAIN BE RESTRICTED DUE TO A MAJOR PISTOL CLUB COMPETITION

Time to reload, Malcolm.

300 metre shoot for September 2008

The shoot was held in partly cloudy conditions. The wind was swirly as it can get in Rotorua. Turnout was light, must have had something to do with Fathers Day!!!! The shoots from next month on will start at 10:30am.

It was decided at a brief meeting after the shoot to hold the 300m North Island Championships on the first weekend in May 2009, 2nd and 3rd May 2009. The venue will be the Rotorua Range, Tarawera Road.

Name	Rifle	Scores		
Ken Henderson	F/R 65x47	100.7	99.9	100.6
Malcolm Perry	223	87.4	82.2	
Rick Ruiterman	65x47	97.7	95.2	98.7
Alan Dickson	6BR	97.1	99.4	

Rotorua Smallbore Winter Series Rifle Results

Prone	
Myrin Abbott	586
Jon Abbott	575
Trevor Smith	560
Malcolm Perry	551

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ROTORUA DEER STALKERS 2008 RANGE CALENDAR

Date		Day	Shoot
October			
	18 th & 19 th	Saturday/ Sunday	CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
	25 th	Saturday	Deer Silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, 50m
	26 th	Sunday	Rotorua Smallbore Club 50m shoot
November	1 st	Saturday	Taupo Prize Shoot at Taupo
	2 nd	Sunday	300m shoot
	9 th	Sunday	Rotorua Smallbore Club 50m shoot
	15 th	Saturday	Benchrest shoot
	16 th	Sunday	King cup 2nd day 300 & 300m
	23 rd	Sunday	Rotorua Smallbore Club 50m shoot
December	7 th	Sunday	300m shoot
	14 th	Sunday	Christmas Shoot .22cal novelty fun shoot for all the family 300m and small bore people most welcome

For further info, contact: malcolmperry@clear.net.nz

Smallbore shoots, contact: Jon Abbott on 345 7112

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Good stories for newsletter.
Any interesting articles.
Any good photo's of your hunting trips.
Send to editor – ebowring@gmail.com
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From Head Office – October 2008

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Thanks to all who participated in these two major issues for hunters by writing submissions, attending meetings etc

A. NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE HUNTING

In the mail to the branches and available electronically on request: -

1. UNITED FUTURE DELIVERS FOR HUNTERS – press release 25/09/08 in which United Future leader Peter Dunne announced a major victory for the recreational hunting community through the creation of an established committee to oversee the formation of a Big Game Hunting Council (BGHC). Also a Wild Animal Control Advisory Committee (WACAC) has been set up.

2. DEERSTALKERS WELCOMES TWO NEW HUNTING GROUPS – media release 25/09/08 from NZDA in which the national president, Alec McIver has commented that this new recognition is a major step in giving back a voice to the recreational hunters on public lands and the big game animal hunting community to address better management of big game animals (deer, chamois, tahr and wild pigs).

3. NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE HUNTING AND CONSERVATION – Steve Chadwick, minister of conservation's media statement 25/09/08 in which she also advises that additional measure were being investigated by DOC to include simplifying hunting permits, increasing access of hunters to trophy tahr, information hunters about participating in decision making, and reviewing Recreational Hunting Areas (RHAs).

4. UNITED FUTURE'S POLICY ON BIG GAME ANIMALS – updated 25/09/08 to include the setting up of the committees above. This includes: -

- Introduction on the law governing big game animals

- The Big Game Hunting Council and the Wild Animal Control Advisory Committee
- What next...
- Strengthening the role of the Big Game Hunting Council
- Representation of hunting interests within the existing policy framework

B. WALKING ACCESS BILL PASSES INTO LAW

(1) Press release NZ Government 26 September 2008.

A Bill securing public access to New Zealand's great outdoors was passed in parliament today by an overwhelming majority.

Rural Affairs Minister Damien O'Connor said the Walking Access Bill, which creates a commission to provide leadership on access issues, goes to the heart of what most New Zealanders regard as their fundamental birthright.

"The Bill builds on the legacy of public access established over the last century and a half and creates the Walking Access Commission to clarify, promote and extending walking access to lakes and waterways throughout New Zealand.

"The Bill reflects the consensus reported by the Walking Access Consultation Panel that new walking access over private land should be achieved by negotiation and agreement.

"I am pleased to have led this issue from a time when it caused large-scale controversy and division until now, when it has passed through the House with strong support.

"An easier option would have been to shelve the issue but the challenge to persevere was accepted because of the changing pressures and circumstances facing rural New Zealand. With quality input from a wide range of individuals a sound way forward has been achieved."

The new commission will provide national leadership, including a national strategy, coordination of access among key stakeholders and a code of conduct for those using this

access. It will also provide impartial and robust advice; offer local and regional leadership and coordination to help local groups with access issues and mediate any disputes over walking access.

Mr O'Connor thanked members of the ministerial reference group, led by his predecessor Jim Sutton, as well as the consultation panel and the advisory board of the commission – in particular John Ackland who had chaired the committees. He also thanked local government and environment committees for their feedback on the bill, as well as all the individuals and organisations who took the time to make submissions on the Bill.

“Hundreds of New Zealanders have shared their view on walking access issues over the last five years and this Bill is a significant milestone. It is part of a wider vision for the preservation of the heritage of all New Zealanders,” said Mr O'Connor.

(ii) The Hansard transcripts of all the various debates (first reading, second reading, committee stage debate and third reading) will all be available on the parliamentary website in the next couple of days www.parliament.govt.nz

The government now has to appoint the new Walking Access Commissioner created by the Act. Once appointed, the new commission will need to appoint a chief executive and staff.

SUBMISSION UPDATE

FUTURE USE OF THE ORONGORONGA & CATCHPOOL VALLEY, RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK

Enclosed in the mail for the Wellington, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa and Porirua branches, and available to other branches or members who may be interested, in either hard copy or electronically:

(iii) Updated paper written by Hugh Barr outlining key sections for hunters, ie:

- Pest control and habitat restoration
- Access and recreation
- Huts and tracks

Remember forest parks are specially protected areas, where, once natural resources are protected, are to facilitate public recreation and enjoyment. This of course includes recreational hunting. This questionnaire is in preparation on these two high use areas to assist DOC with its Draft Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for the Wellington Conservancy. NZDA members should participate. It is good to see DOC consulting. It is equally important that recreational hunters' voices are adequately represented by the questionnaire replies in those popular valleys.

RECENT ADVOCACY

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request:

TENURE REVIEW – MT ALEXANDER, DANSEY'S PASS, KAKANUI RANGE

- NZDA is interested in adequate provision of public access, especially vehicular access to allow hunters to more readily harvest the meat from animals taken.
- NZDA's Code of Ethics encourages hunters to harvest the meat from animals taken rather than wasting it.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. **PRESENTATION ON MONITORING RESULTS FOLLOWING THE 2006 PEST CONTROL OPERATION IN THE TONGARIRO FOREST CONSERVATION AREA** –Tuesday 14th October 2008, National Park Primary School Hall, 7.00pm

2. **MILITARIA AUCTION**

1671 items will be auctioned in Wellington on Labour Weekend, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of October 2008. Included are sporting rifles, shotguns, military rifles, ammunition, scopes, books and accessories. A catalogue has been posted to each branch, however the national office has a few spares if any member would like one posted. Alternatively you can view the catalogue on line at www.militaria.co.nz Further information contact Ted Rogers on 0274 419 683. Postal bids are accepted.

WEBSITE OF INTEREST

1. FOR INFO ON KEAS, KEAS AND 1080 AND KEA RESEARCH

www.keaconservation.co.nz

The kea group is still in the process of completing their report on the winter survey which was conducted during July of this year, however it will be loaded on the website page (population research) by the end of September. This was the first survey of what is planned to be an annual survey of kea throughout their South Island range. The surveys start a process, which will be available in the future, by providing qualitative data/trends on the wild kea population.

2. ESPC www.1080.org.nz

Regards

Dianne Brown,
CEO

MINUTES

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August 2008.

SUBMISSION REQUIRED

BACK COUNTRY HUTS - The Department of Building and Housing is again consulting on a proposed building code compliance document on backcountry huts. This follows the consultation on changes earlier this year. See www.dbh.govt.nz/consulting-backcountry-huts for the consultation documents etc.

Submissions close 31 October 2008.

The changes consulted on earlier are being processed. Amendments are proposed to exempt DOC backcountry huts from:

- Smoke alarms and emergency lighting
- Access to sanitary facilities for wheelchair users
- Potable drinking water
- Artificial lighting

It appears that it was too difficult to make any of the additional changes proposed by submitters in the previous consultation document. Even so, the

changes proposed in that previous consultation will be welcome. DOC is proposing to issue a compliance document providing detailed methods for establishing compliance with the Building Code. The compliance code will apply only to backcountry huts owned by DOC, although other owners could apply the same rules.

The compliance DOC document will cover: -

- Insulation, double glazing and ventilation – for control of internal moisture - not for comfort
- Durability – maintenance is aimed to be reduced because of high access cost
- Fire design
- Life-cycle costing – reduce maintenance needs
- Comfort – a side benefit

Submitters are asked two questions and are able to comment on the DOC 'Hut Procurement Manual'.

RECENT ADVOCACY

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request:

1. NZDA CONCERNS – INADEQUATE DLC CMS FRAMEWORK/TEMPLATE - letter to the chair and members NZ Conservation Board, 2 October 2008.

NZDA was concerned that the CMS template had significant omissions regarding both the Conservation General Policy (CGP) and the legislation. Even in its present deficient form, the template was poorly implemented by the Bay of Plenty DOC in its draft Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) put out for public consultation, as it did not meet statutory and CMS requirements.

NZDA has asked the authority to support remedying the CMS framework and its contents.

2. NZDA COMMENTS ON PRE-DRAFT CANTERBURY CMS – 2.5 CONSERVATION AND FOREST PARKS - submission 29 September 2008.

The letter contains discussion on the following matters: -

- Conservation and forest parks

- RHA status in the parks
- Unformed legal roads needing recognition
- Encouraging recreational hunting
- Access issues

3. **POLITICAL PARTY ANSWERS TO NZDA'S ELECTION QUESTIONS** – first published in H&W 162, which is due out early next week. The version in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request has been updated 2 October 2008 and includes questions to NZ First, UnitedFuture, ACT, National, Labour, Greens and Maori parties on such issues as: -

1. Game animals – pest of resource/both resource and pest/primarily as a pest
2. Improved management of big game animals
3. Use of aerial 1080 poison on public land
4. Use of aerial 1080 in public water supply catchments
5. 1080 by kill of endangered native birds and alternatives
6. Hunting access to the outdoors
7. More emphasis on recreational hunting by DOC
8. Firearms legislation
9. South Island pastoral lease tenure review
10. Summary - hunter friendliness assessment

DOC

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request.

MINUTES OF THE DOC/NGO MEETING 19 June, which includes questions and answers on the following: -

- Paparoa goat control
- Northland CMS
- Kea/weka susceptibility to aerial 1080
- Divergence between draft CMSs and CMS guidelines
- Ecosystem services
- CMS consultation process
- Facilities review as part of each CMS
- Building codes for huts
- Maintaining back country huts for recreational volunteers

COLFO

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request.

LETTER SENT TO EACH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT by John Howat, Chair, COLFO.

ACT PARTY –

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request.

POISONING OF ENVIRONMENT MUST STOP
Press release, Lech Beltowski, ACT party - spokesperson for outdoors and recreation.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. **GRAF BROTHERS, WAIRARAPA BRANCH**, 7.30pm, 15th October 2008, Parkvale Hall, corners Park and Moreton Roads, Carteron.

'An evening with one of New Zealand's best known outdoor recreation film units - the Graf Boys. \$15 per person, proceeds to go to financing the new DVD highlighting the destruction being wrought upon the flora and fauna in our mountains and forests by the use of aerial 1080.'

The evening will consist of: -

- A peek into the history of the Graf Boys – slide show
- Their filming while in Fiordland this year – slide show
- The showing of the new NZDA/MSC HUNTS promo DVD (12 minutes long)
- An introduction into the new 1080 project – slide show
- Questions and answers.

The Graf Boys DVDs will be available for purchase at \$20 each.

Enquiries to Jo or John Golightly phone 06 379 7295 or email gohard186@wise.net.nz

2. **TAUPO BRANCH PRIZE SHOOT**, Sunday 1ST November 2008, Jack Dillon Range, Mountain Road, Taupo (off Napier/Taupo Highway at foot of Mount Tauhara)

Registrations: 8.30am until last detail on mound. Shoot commences 9.30am

Entry fee: \$25 senior, \$12 junior (under 18)

Format: 100m centrefire or rimfire. 4 positions, 20 shots, Graded A to D. 3 minutes unlimited sighters.

Prizes: lots, including hunting flights. Plus raffles.

Rules: Taupo rules, slings allowed, no dogs.

Camping: Free on range. No camp site power points. Plenty of room, with kitchen and toilet facilities in hall. No showers, but hot pools just 2 minutes down the road.

Free morning and afternoon tea. BYO lunch. Free BBQ after shoot.

Enquires Bill or Margaret Seal phone 07 378 9630

3. WEST COAST VS CENTRAL OTAGO

World Heritage Hotel Haast, Saturday 22 November, Sunday 23rd November 2008

Golden Gate Lodge, Cromwell Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2008

Free socks @www.norsewear.com – ‘Hall of Fame’

All registered entries enter the draw for a major mystery prize. Other fantastic prizes.

Totals will be calculated at the Haast World Heritage Hotel Sunday 23 November from 12 noon – 3.00pm and again at the Golden Gate Lodge Sunday 7th December from 12 noon – 3.00pm.

All entries must be brought in for verification. Any digital photos with the date shown on the photo will be accepted for those catch and release fishermen. Entrants must be in attendance to accept all prizes.

All wild game will be calculated via the points system. Teams of two.

Enquiries phone 03 445 1777 or email glen.Christiansen@goldengate.co.nz

Regards, Dianne Brown, CEO

HOT OFF THE PRESS

1. THAR v TAHR - DOC has agreed to use the correct version of tahr and has already changed their website use of the word. However as the legislation they work under, Wildlife Act, Wild Animal Control Act and policies/plans derived from these Acts - all use the word thar in the texts will have to continue to use the term thar

when used in legal context until such time as they are revised.

Bruce Banwell received a letter from the minister of conservation, Steve Chadwick in response to his articles and correspondence thanking him for his information on different kinds of serow, jharal and tahr and stated a ‘misunderstanding of the differences between the various species and genera could well explain how the misspelling of tahr may have arisen all those years ago.’

2. PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION PARK FOR ST JAMES WELCOMED

In the mail to the branches and available electronically on request

The Government has purchased a major South Island high country property to protect it for future generations of New Zealanders – St James Station in North Canterbury – 78,196 hectares for recreational purposes.

The other good news is that Kinglsey Timpson, the Waimakariri Area Manager for DOC says there will be no commercial hunting of big game animals (deer, chamois) or DOC Search & Destroy for them on the property prior to public consultation on management.

- NZDA press release Public Outdoor Recreational Park for St James Welcomed
- Details of the significant conservation announcement by the Prime Minister at the Ada Homestead on St James Station Wednesday 8 October 2008

HUNTING BALLOT INFORMATION

1. HOOKER-LANDBOROUGH AND ADAMS TAHR BALLOT The Himalayan Thar Control Plan provides for approved helicopter operators to land recreational hunters at specific sites in the above areas for the purpose of wild animal control during the period 25 April 2009 to 17 July 2009.

Hunters wishing to obtain permits for these areas should send \$7.50 for an information package that includes a permit application form to DOC, PO Box 50, Haast, Attn: Tahr Ballot or phone 03 750 0809 or email haastvc@doc.govt.nz and

provide credit card details. Completed applications must be received by 13 February 2009 to be included in the ballot draw.

2. WEST COAST TAHR HUNTING - Information packs regarding the ballot are available from the Haast Visitor centre after December 1 each year. Hunters are asked not to request information packs until after that date.

3. HAAST ROAR BLOCK SYSTEM - In 2009 the roar system will run from Sunday 29 March to Saturday 25 April with the available periods being:

Period 1 Sunday 29 March to Saturday 4 April

Period 2 Sunday 5 March to Saturday 11 April

Period 3 Sunday 12 April to Saturday 18 April

Period 4 Sunday 19 April to Saturday 25 April

There are 72 blocks available for allocation each roar, 72 restricted blocks that are limited to one party per block for each 7-day period and one open block where the number of parties is not limited.

Applications for the ballot draw must include the names, address, phone numbers and a photocopy of firearms licence (even if supplied previously) for all party members. Any incomplete applicator forms will not be accepted. There is an administration fee of \$30 per party payable when the parties confirm their blocks. This fee has been introduced to cover the cost of running the Road Block system.

Applications must be received at the Haast Awarua Field Centre office no later than 4.00pm on Friday 7th November 2008. Faxed applications will be accepted to 03 750 0832. For further information contact Haast Visitors Centre, PO Box 50, Haast 7844, phone 03 750 0809, haastvc@doc.govt.nz

4. WAIKAIA FOREST/ LEITHEN BUSH/BLUE MOUNTAINS RHA - During the roar (third week of March – third week of April) the area is divided into six blocks and balloted for 1 – 3 days maximum during the week, or weekends only. Applications close 31 October 2008.

For boundary maps, application forms etc contact DOC PO Box 743 Invercargill phone 03 211 2400

RECENT ADVOCACY

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request:

An updated copy of NZDA concerns – INADEQUATE DOC CMS FRAMEWORK/TEMPLATE

The letter does not differ, however there is now an appendix of things that were not discussed in the BOP CMS

DOC UPDATES FROM PALMERSTON NORTH AREA DOC

1. TAKAPARI ROAD BARRIER - The Takapari Road barrier has now been installed about 1km before A Frame Hut as planned. This is quite timely, as DOC staff has noticed increasing mess and vandalism at the hut. The reason for the gate is simple; the road is not maintained past the barrier and is dangerous. Signs advising road users of the turnaround point and time to hut etc will be installed.

2. OROUA VALLEY STOAT LINE GETS SET - Over the weekend 28th/29th June, a team made up of members of Manawatu NZDA, volunteers and DOC staff braved the snow in the Oroua valley to set the first stage of the new NZDA Oroua catchment stoat trap lines.

This stage covers the area between the Alice Nash Memorial Heritage Lodge and Iron Gate Hut. DOC is helping NZDA to establish the trap line with the aim of protecting the Whio (blue duck) in the area.

It is great to see branches working alongside their local DOC offices on matters of conservation.

OTHER DOC UPDATES

AERIAL DEER CONTROL – Changes to the KAWEKA MOUNTAIN BEECH PROJECT IN KAWEKA FOREST PARK

Effective 1 July 2009:

- Aerial deer control will be suspended in 7,590 hectares of the current 11,021 hectare Aerial Deer Control Block

- A 5,465-hectare block that has not received any aerial deer control will now be included in the aerial deer control programme, making the new Kaweka Aerial Deer Control Block 8,899 hectares in total
- Only hinds will be targeted for aerial deer control
- The aerial hunters will no longer shoot stags
- The aerial deer control period will be extended by three months from October – February to July – February.

The Kaweka Mountain Beech Programme is a working party consisting of tangata whenua, NZDA, helicopter operators, F&B, East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board and scientific advisors from Landcare Research.

For further information check out www.doc.govt.nz Parks & recreation>places to visit>East Coast/Hawke's Bay>Kaweka Forest Park Hunting>where to hunt>aerial deer control or contact the project coordinator on 06 834 3111

SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED

OPEN AND CONTROLLED DOG AREAS IN CANTERBURY

Submissions close 4pm Friday 21 November 2008. DOC is in the process of identifying 'open' and 'controlled' dog areas on Canterbury's public conservation land and would like your feedback.

The discussion document 'Management on dogs on land administered by the Department of Conservation' is now available for public comment and is available on www.doc.govt.nz/templates/page.aspx?id=71584 or by going to www.doc.govt.nz Getting involved>Consultations>current>Canterbury dog areas

The document outlines and explains the reasoning behind the proposed classifications of either 'open' or 'controlled', and any conditions associated with those classifications along with a series of maps to show the locations of these areas.

For further information contact canterburydiscussions@doc.govt.nz attn Steve Sharman or phone 03 371 3700

RAKIURA PLANNING NEWSLETTER 25 September 2008 - release of the draft planning documents

DOC has recently completed drafting the Stewart Island/Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) and the Rakiura National Park Plan. These draft documents will be presented to the Southland Conservation Board for their review in the coming weeks. Approval by the Southland Conservation Board is required prior to the department releasing the drafts for public comments. This approval is scheduled for early October. The public notification period will start after the board's sign-off and is expected to run through until late February.

How you can have your say - The two draft documents – the CMS review and the National Park Management Plan will be made available to the public via DOC and CD. You can also view printed copies in DOC offices throughout New Zealand.

For further information – Anke de Jong, phone 03 211 2400 rakiura@doc.govt.nz

Regards Dianne Brown, CEO

NZDA SOCIAL

October Social

Hunts Course / Mountain Radio Service

Wednesday Oct 22nd

Clubrooms 7.30pm

A very successful HUNTS COURSE is nearing conclusion.
Please make an effort to attend this social and show your support for the trainees and their hard working Branch Instructors

Additionally - Ted Bretherton will be demonstrating a mountain radio and giving a short talk on the latest in mountain radios and their personal locator beacons (for hire).

Expect Ted to string an aerial in time to tune into the evening sked.

Darryn Cosgrave
Branch President

At Rotorua Deerstalkers

Club Rooms

Neil Hunt Park

22th October, 7.30pm

Check our website : www.nzdarotorua.org.nz

NZDA PARTY HUNT

SPRING HUNT

- Drive in
- Local(ish) hunt
- 8th – 9th November
- Good company
- Have and enjoy a weekend away
- To register, contact Darryn (348 4469)



Notes from a thoughtful husband

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are over sensitive, and there's nothing worse than an over sensitive woman.

My name is Ron. Let me relate how I handled this situation with my wife, Julie. When I took "early retirement" last year, it became necessary for Julie to get a full-time job, both for the extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age.

I usually get home from the golf course about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home cooked grub when I hit that door.

She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But not it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, buys, we take them for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much.

I also mention that her missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, old glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me too.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Julie. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other...

Editors Note: Ron died suddenly, earlier this month. He was found with a Remington 7mm-08 rammed up his backside, with only 2 inches of stock showing. His wife Julie was arrested, but the all-women Jury accepted her defence that he accidentally sat down on it very suddenly.

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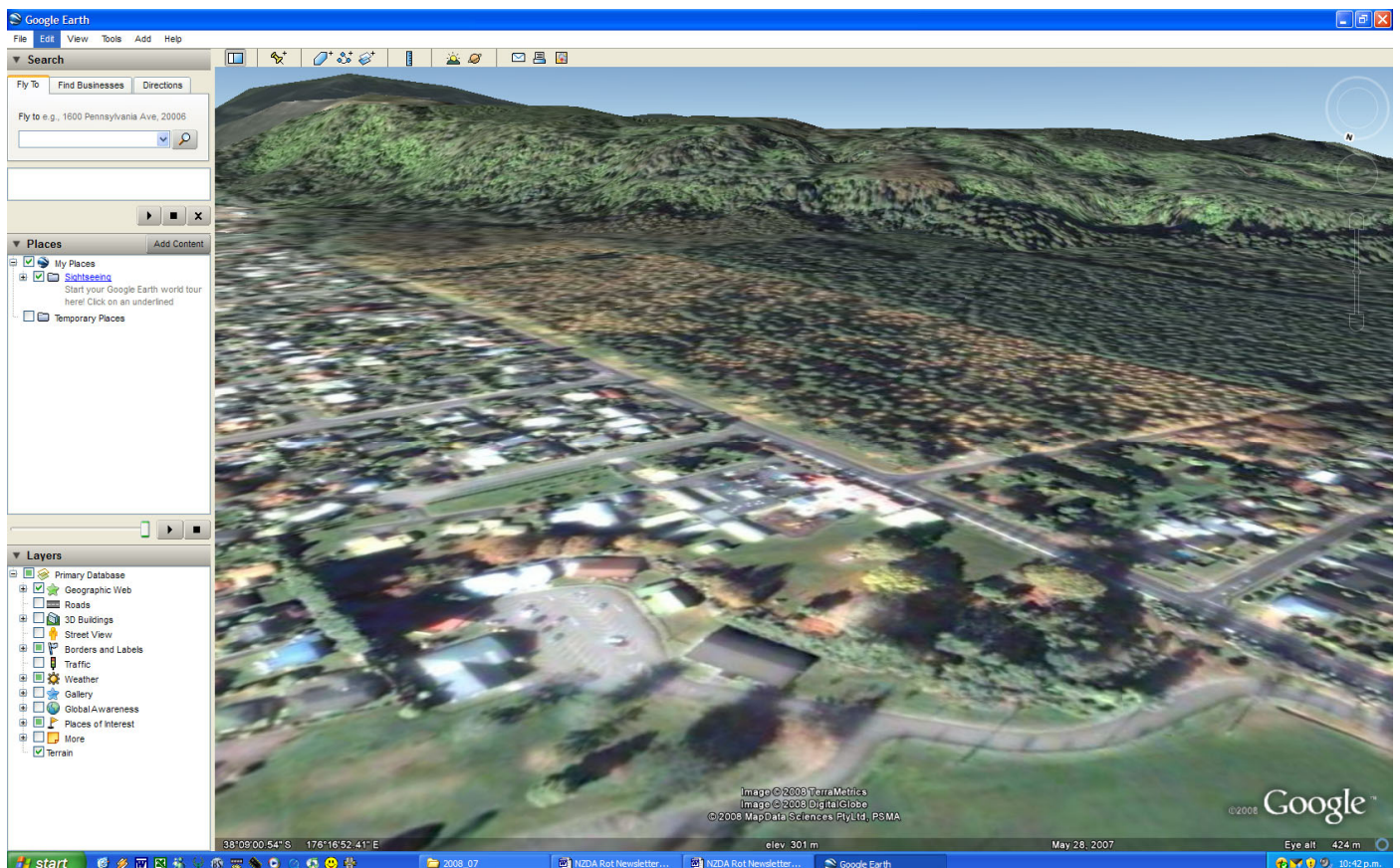
<http://earth.google.com/>

Google Earth displays satellite images of varying resolution of the Earth's surface, allowing users to visually see things like houses and cars from a bird's eye view. The degree of resolution available is based somewhat on the points of interest, but most land (except for some islands) is covered in at least 15 meters of resolution.[3] Melbourne, Australia, Las Vegas, Nevada and Cambridge, Massachusetts include examples of the highest resolution, at 15 cm (6 inches). Google Earth allows users to search for addresses for some countries, enter coordinates, or simply use the mouse to browse to a location.

Google Earth also uses digital elevation model (DEM) data collected by NASA's Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM). This means one can view the Grand Canyon or Mount Everest in three dimensions, instead of 2D like other map programs/sites. Since November 2006, the 3D views of many mountains, including Mount Everest, have been improved by the use of supplementary DEM data to fill the gaps in SRTM coverage.[4]

Google Earth may enable you to check out your hunting ground before you get there, even if it's in another country. Content is being continually updated, although for New Zealand only seems to happen once each couple of years. Best of all it's free, but you do need a relatively powerful computer and a fast internet connection.

The screenshot shows the club rooms looking out over the redwoods.



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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 Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters, Amohia St, at a cost of \$20.00 per year. 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 executive.

Membership Costs

Senior = \$90 (full benefits at local and national branch level)

Associate = \$60 (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 2008. 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 2008. Full benefits)

Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren)

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