



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

October/ November Issue 2019:



“The Tines”

Rotorua Branch Newsletter October/ November 2019

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Rotorua N.Z.D.A Branch Calendar

Ring coordinator for more information.

Phone numbers listed on inner backpage.

Calendar of the Club's regular monthly events:

Committee Meeting	Last Monday of each month- 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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Newsletter Hard Copies:

If anyone would prefer a newsletter as a hard copy their will be 15 hard copies at the outdoorsman- help yourself

Emails: If you are not receiving emails with club updates and would like to please notify us at- nzdarotorua@gmail.com

Target Shoot for Under 18s

Lots of prizes
BBQ lunch included

When: Sunday 24th November 2019
Time: 10.00 am till mid afternoon

*(please check the club calendar at
<http://www.nzdarotorua.org.nz/calendar>)*

Where: Rotorua
Directions: End of Mead Road
Off Tarawera Road
Past Blue Lake

Entry: \$5.00

Contact Aaron 021-063-0516

Wanted

*Stories for newsletters.
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-

13th Oct 300m Shoot

3 shooters plus myself just had a casual practice and some discussion on a new challenge I have planned.

3rd Nov 300m shoot

We had 7 shooters today mostly trying to shoot a nice small group and get a good score.

I ran through my challenge that I talked about last month.

This is **ONE** shot at a scaled target from 300m in **ONE** minute. The rifle being on the ground in front of the shooter unloaded with the butt on the ground and the Bipod at its lowest setting and scope set to zero. On 'Go' the shooter lies behind the rifle adjusts the Bipod and scope as necessary loads the rifle and takes the shot. There is no sighters or warm ups for this just one cold bore shot. I got this idea from THLR.No on YouTube and have scaled his target down to 300m. If anyone wants to give this a go I will run it first up at the 300m shot and the Deer target shoot. I will look at getting some stickers made to show what grade you got and maybe a badge for the elite grade which is a pretty small bulls eye.

Also on the way down to set up the targets I notice the following things (photo below) on the range obviously these were used as targets, please don't do this you must only shoot at targets against the back stops. If you want to shoot at a shorter distance, YOU must move forward not move the target forward! Also this rubbish left in the middle of the range is a danger to our mower and has caused damage to it in the past. Please pick up your rubbish!

We had a last minute working bee on the 9th November and I mowed the grass while a few others worked on the 50m range and had a general tidy up removing flaxes to allow more parking.

We have the Swazi shoot coming up on the 24th November which is a rimfire shoot for kids with spot prizes and a BBQ afterwards. \$5.00 for Kids to shoot and lunch and \$5.00 for the parents if they want to eat.

Enjoy your Christmas



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One look at the large diameter polymer tip and you'll see the difference. **Deer Season XP** by Winchester Ammunition is not a marketing gimmick. The bigger tip delivers bigger impact with rapid expansion, huge wound channels and short blood trails. Manufactured specifically for terminal performance on deer, **Deer Season XP** was engineered to drop deer where they stand. **Deer Season XP** is the latest innovation in our 150+ year history and another reason we're known as Winchester, The American Legend.

CALIBRES: 223 Rem 64gr, 243 Win 95gr, 270 Win 130gr, 270 WSM 130gr, 30-06 Springfield 150gr, 300 Blackout 150gr, 300 Win Mag. 150gr, 300 WSM 150gr, 30-30 Win 150gr, 308 Win 150gr, 6.5 Creedmoor 125gr, 7mm-08 Rem 140gr, 7mm Rem Mag. 140gr.



For more information go to killwell.co.nz

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For Sale.

Live ammo:

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

Rifle scopes:

Tasco 4x40 wide field \$75-00.

Eagle 4x32 \$45-00

Loading Dies:

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

Malcolm Perry 027 625 9608.

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

Contact Chris Pattison 07 3325678.

Range Calendar- remaining dates for 2019

November:

17th- Deer Target shoot

24th- Junior Swazi Shoot

December:

7th- CNIGC service rifle club

Positions Available

We require a person to look after clubrooms and take bookings etc.

If you are interested contact Mark Slade on 07 349 5630 or 027 4988 911.

Someone in this position would be highly appreciated and a huge help for our club.

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In the News:

The letter every duck shooter and major ammo holder needs to read

If you have steel shot as from 1 October you've been a criminal, liable to up to two years in prison.

And the Government has deliberately, on Police advice, decided not to pay you for the cost of the ammo you must now get rid of. The only reason seems to be that it would be rewarding you – apparently on the assumption that people consider you've always been a wrongdoer by having such ammo.

So the Fair and Reasonable campaign [has written to the Minister of Police](#), to demand that he revoke the Order and regulations with this effect. We're looking for the same change on behalf of other categories of innocuous ammo that the Police have decided to prohibit – apparently because they think it has "military specifications".

When we created the Fair and Reasonable campaign we said we'll go to court if necessary. We are coordinating many efforts to reduce the damage from the Government's highly publicised reaction to the terrible events in Christchurch in March. Now we can tell you more about the steps being taken to stop this particular part of the Government's exploitation of the tragedy, to punish law-abiding firearms users for the actions of a criminal.

Many of the law changes in June, and what's coming down the line, offend against principles that have long been seen as basic to the protections of our rule of law.

A few weeks ago our lawyers were looking carefully at the Police Minister's definitions of newly prohibited ammunition. One category – termed "enhanced penetration ammunition" – likely includes all steel shot in shotgun cartridges. The definition reads: "Projectiles that have a steel or tungsten carbide penetrator intended to achieve better penetration."

The legal advice speculates that could be an unintended accident of rushed and uninformed drafting. But [having come into effect on 1 October](#) Minister Nash's Order has the effect of making every owner of steel shot apparently guilty of an offence punishable by up to 2 years imprisonment.

The lawyers think it unlikely the Police would prosecute duck shooters en masse. They would be much more likely to select someone prominent and try to make an example of them, to scare everyone else. But we are extremely concerned that the Order has a definition that almost anyone who knows firearms could see would catch ammunition with no special safety issues. It catches not only duck shooters this way. There are many other types of ammunition which use steel in some form, and many if not all of them present no more danger than any other comparable ammo.

People like you and I who strive to stay within the law, should be able to expect the Police, Government, and Minister to take special care before criminalising people with absolutely no safety purpose.

Did no one advising the Minister know that duck shooters must use steel shot when shooting over water?

We have put the Minister on notice that unless he corrects this error immediately, we will be going to Court seeking an urgent Judicial Review to declare the Order void. [You can read the letter to Stuart Nash from our lawyers here.](#)

The decision not to provide compensation to ammo owners

The letter also tells the Minister we will go to Court over the failure to assure compensation for newly prohibited ammunition. Up until this year, the Arms Act had the normal careful assurances of compensation for seized property. As you'd expect. That is consistent with hundreds of years' of our history, where the state cannot expropriate without compensation.

Worse, the mean-spirited refusal to compensate is likely to frustrate the claimed purposes of the law changes. They are far less likely to get surrender of property they've decided to prohibit, if the effect is the same as stealing it.

As it currently stands buyers of ammo in good faith from the Government (such as tracer ammo and other expired Defence/military stock) get absolutely nothing. How is that fair?

We'll go to Court if we have to

[I strongly encourage every person with an interest in sensible laws and regulation of firearms to read the letter which steps through the mistaken logic of the Minister's Order.](#)

As you can see New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association, we're taking this effort to protect the rights of firearms owners seriously. People should not be criminalised, even if accidentally, for doing precisely what they should do – replace lead with steel shot. Likewise, if politicians decide to curry favour on the basis of ignorance, by declaring property illegal, they must at least pay compensation.

We're demanding that the Government be Fair and Reasonable, to you as a responsible firearms owner. There will be more court challenges to the Government unless they become more Fair and Reasonable.

We'll keep you updated on what the Minister comes back with.

Thank you for your support.



Nicole

Nicole McKee - Spokesperson

Fair and Reasonable Campaign

www.fairandreasonable.co.nz

PS. Don't forget that for duck shooting friends who would like to follow the Fair and Reasonable campaign and this issue, all they need to do is send a blank email to subscribe@fairandreasonable.co.nz – and we'll pop them straight onto the list to receive updates.

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Additional Notice of Intention to Apply Vertebrate Toxic Agents: Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park

Following on from our previous notification dated 4 September 2019, Epro wish to advise you that this programme has been delayed and will now be undertaken during late October through to December 2019.

Epro Limited of Taupo has been contracted by the Department of Conservation to undertake predator control within the Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park.

In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, Epro wishes to notify you of our intention to apply sodium fluoroacetate (1080) and potassium cyanide (Feratox). This operation will be carried out in two phases. Initially non-toxic prefeed bait will be applied. This will be followed five to ten days later by an application of toxic bait. The bait will be in the form of pellets and will be dyed green.

This operation will commence as soon as practicable and should be completed by 20 December 2019.

This information has been provided to you as a stakeholder or user organisation of affected land. Please inform any associates, members or staff who may also use this area.

Please feel free to contact Epro if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully
Operational Controller

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.

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Keep the Range Clean: There is no litter collection at the range; please take your rubbish away with you.

Mead Road: Members are reminded that Mead Road is maintained largely by the Rotorua NZDA. To keep wear and tear to a minimum the road has a speed limit of 25 KPH if you witness any driver speeding then speak to the offender or report the incident to a committee member.

Take Note: Members are privileged to have unrestricted use of a range such as ours, please make sure you respect this privilege, if you witness any behaviour that you think is unsafe or inappropriate then speak to the offender and if necessary report the incident to a committee member.

New Visitor procedure

The Rotorua Branch of the NZDA



Visitors to the Rifle Range

A reminder to members.

In order to shoot, visitors must either:

1. For casual visitors. Pay the \$10 range fee, and enter his or her name in the sign in book and fill in name, address and contact details on one of the 'Day Membership' slips, this gives the visitor day membership of the Rotorua Branch of the NZDA. The fee and completed slip should be put into the secure cash box on the door of the right hand container
2. For those participating in NZDA committee authorised events run by other groups at the Rotorua Branch range (for instance, CNIGC shoots), the individual(s) must be a member of the group running the shoot

Visitors (*ie.* Persons who are not members of the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association) are otherwise **not allowed to shoot** at the Rotorua Branch rifle range.

Colin Peterson, President:

Date: 28th May 2018

Donations

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

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Range Keys

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

Membership Costs (Rotorua Branch)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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