



New Zealand Deerstalkers'
Association
Wairarapa Branch
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Newsletter for **JUNE 2015**

Next Meeting is 17th JUNE 2015
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Club Night Speaker is Scott Benseman on
Personal Locator Beacons

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

WEEKEND OF FRIDAY 26TH - 28TH JUNE - The next Wanganui Fallow hunt is now fully booked. For all enquiries contact Andrew Wilkinson on (06) 3702393 evenings

Saturday 25th July - Working Bee at the Masterton Deer Park. 9am start.
Please bring weed eaters, brush cutters, spades and your lunch

Friday 7th August - TBC - Club OPEN night and barbeque.

Expect trade displays, Reloading, Taxidermy and trophy head measuring.

For contributions and enquiries Please contact Martin and Tracy Amos on phone 379 5454 evenings.

Sat 8th & Sun 9th August- NZDA Napier Branch Visit- TBC

We have a proposed visit by members of the Napier NZDA branch. They will be invited to the Open night and shown around the club rooms. We are looking for club members willing to billet them over the weekend and possibly take them hunting. If you are able to assist please contact Aidan Bichan on (06) 3797513 evenings or Martin and Tracy Amos on phone 379 5454 evenings.

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST – Branch practice shooting competition, Gladstone Range.

Sunday 13th Sept - Club Competition Shoot

Main shooting event in September... more details to follow

Saturday 26th -Sunday 27th Sept. Sika Show. Taupo.

For more details visit their website at <http://sika-show.co.nz/>



SATURDAY 17TH OCT – Wairarapa NZDA Annual Dinner at Parkvale Hall. This is an important fund raising event for the club, so we are looking for sponsorship and donated items for the auction on the night. Please contact Martin and Tracy Amos on phone 379 5454 evenings.

SUNDAY 8TH NOV – LAND SAR 1st Aid refresher at Parkvale Hall for LAND SAR members only. Please contact Phil Gray on 0274 740717 for further details.

WHITE ROCK HUNTS – White Rock hunts have been postponed due to upcoming 1080 drop.



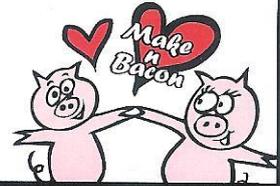
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Club night Speakers

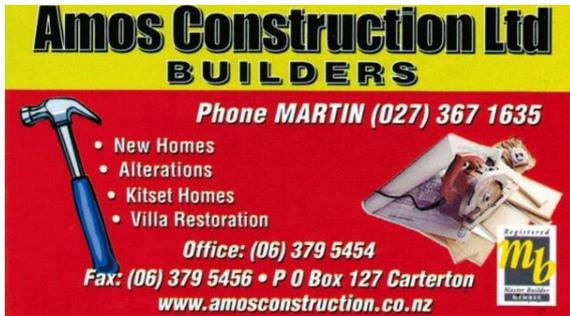
If any club members have any requests or want specific subjects covered please contact Martin Amos on phone 379 5454 evenings.

The full financial report for 2014/15 is available online

The monthly financial summary is presented to each committee meeting and conveyed to members at monthly general meetings, along with other committee outcomes (some of which are also in the newsletter e.g., discussions with DOC etc). The full financial report for 2014/15 is available online (and has been from 20 March 2015) and can be downloaded. To find this please go to http://www.societies.govt.nz/cms/banner_template/CNAME and either search on keywords like wairarapa deerstalkers or enter the society number 216621.

Branch finances: Our February working bee was well attended (15 members) and successful, making over \$1000 to subsidise branch fly-in trips. **We need more trees!** If you know of any phone Brad Gardiner 372 4004 or Martin Amos 379 5454, evenings.

Parkvale Hall is available for hire to the general public at a cost of \$300 per day. It would be suitable for events such as weddings, as we have good catering facilities. If you know of any interested parties, please advise them to contact Martin Amos 379 5454, evenings.



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National Conference: 67th National Conference will be held in Wanaka 26th to 28th June. Martin and Tracy Amos will attend as our branch delegates.

Parkvale hall – photographic.

Our photographic display boards in the main hall are impressive and arouse interest. But to maintain that interest, we are embarking on a programme of feeding some new photos into the display. The original philosophy of featuring the branch members at their hunting activities, will be maintained. Pics of huts, scenery and live animals/birds will be kept to a minority. If you would like to be involved, please get 5”x 7” photos to Howard Egan ph 379 6666.

Membership renewals: Many members have renewed their subscriptions already with National Office. If you haven’t done this yet, please do so. You are not covered by NZDA liability insurance and you can’t enter branch competitions if you are not a financial member at the time the trophy is shot. If any members are having difficulties with memberships, contact Richard O’Driscoll on 06 3086282 for assistance.

DOC Meeting Follow up: Discussions are continuing with DOC representatives and additional hunting opportunities for branch members to hunt in DOC Reserves, are looking promising, so watch this space.

News

TB Free 1080 drop Aoranga- scheduled for Aug-Oct 2015

Bio works is doing the aerial operation. Contact Rod Mac Donald on 0274717393.
If you wish to comment on this operation contact Debbie Viner the Operations co-ordinator at vectorsni@tbfree.org.nz or phone (06) 3532710

Sayers Hut has been re-roofed.

Thanks to Martin Amos, Paul Sayer and Joe Schischka from Amos Construction. Thanks also to DOC for paying for the helicopter, however the weather was too bad to pick up the guys on Sunday..... so they had to walk out!



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The Mother



The Father

Hunting & Shooting Reports

Gladstone Rifle Range Clay Shoot - Sat 26th April.

Special thanks and appreciation go out to Alex Beasley for organising the annual pre-duck shooting season Wairarapa NZDA Club Clay bird shoot.



As you can see the weather was fantastic and a very laid back and fun day was had by all.

Scores as follows:

Paul O'Donoghue- 24/50

Ian Wright - 33/50

Greg Hamilton 40/50

Alex Beasley 18/50

John Blatchford 38/50

Queens Birthday Weekend Fly in trip to Tutawai Hut

- by Brad Gardiner



Four of us, Tim, Paul, Claire and Myself flew into Tutawai Hut just after lunch Friday. Went for a look around Friday night but no game seen by anyone.

Saturday morning was fine and still with Paul getting a good boar on the flats just down from the hut, around 130 pounds with a good jaw. Just after I heard his shot we spooked two deer on the first flat but they were at full gallop heading for the bush on the other side of the river when I spotted them.

We were just reaching the next flat when I heard a twig snap and bushes moving and pushed through to the edge of the flat in time to see two young stags walking across the shingle. Two shots and we had plenty of meat to take back to the hut, but lucky for us about a 10 minute walk. As the day went on the wind started to pick up and hung around for the rest of the trip with no other game seen. With a delay to our fly out because of the wind, we had to stay an extra night.

Cheers to everyone that organises these trips.



Hunting Report on Tararua Fly-in for Queens Birthday weekend 29th May to 1st June 2015

by Ian Kebell

So, as a newbie, both to the club and hunting, when the opportunity for a fly in hunt to the Tararua's was made available, I leapt at it! But because I still needed to learn so much, I needed a strategy. I decided to target the oldest, most experienced and weathered companion for the trip I could find, and stick with him. And when his last name was Sayer, and we were staying in Sayers Hut, Paul Sayer was my chosen mentor.



I arrived at Amalgamated Helicopters a little early and showed my immediate inexperience when the pilot said we were waiting to make a decision about whether or not the trip was on. Even though it was a lovely day on the flats ,I quickly learnt the forecast wasn't that great with strong NW winds predicted over the Tararua Ranges.

Paul O'Donoghue, Paul Sayer and myself had a fantastic flight into the Waiohine Gorge and even saw a couple of pigs as we came in. The old deerstalkers Hut was fantastic, full of character and very comfortable. Paul Sayer kept disappearing to the "local store" and would come back with more supplies.



That evening the three of us headed out for a late afternoon hunt and very quickly came across a deer feeding in a clearing. Being the good sorts the two Paul's are, they gave me first shot. Being the novice I am, I missed the deer and let it run away, never to be seen again for the rest of the trip! The rest of the night was spent beating myself up for missing the opportunity to bag one early in the trip and take the pressure off.



The next morning Paul Sayer and I headed off, well more like Paul headed off and I followed, for a hunt. Nothing was seen, so we went for a bit of a familiarisation walk down to Totara Flats Hut, another first for me. It was a great chance for me to hear some stories from my companion about the past and his knowledge of the area was legendary.

That night the other Paul and I headed out together to the same spot we saw the deer on the first day, but nothing showed. We heard two shots and the radio sparked in to life with Paul Sayer calling for assistance to get the 100lb boar he had just shot back across the river to the Hut. Now I was really confused because I thought we were Deer Stalkers, but who's counting! It turns out the second shot was because apparently a wounded boar can get quite grumpy when the old guy that just shot him gets too close. So Paul O'Donoghue and I dragged the pig back across the river to help save Paul Sayers dodgy knees in the dark .



Sunday morning, the old team reunited (myself and Paul Sayer) and we headed out. Old eagle eye quickly saw four stags in the early light and we stalked up to a vantage point. As I was still trying to get myself into position, a voice asks if I'm ready, I say no, but it appears his hearing isn't as it used to be and a shot rang out, causing deer to scatter, and me to scramble for a shot. Nothing down yet, so I manage to get one in my scope, fire, watch it drop, then fire once more to make sure it doesn't get away. In total, six rounds were fired off! We both claimed to have shot a deer and head forward to claim our respective deer. However, only one lay dead! A discussion ensued along the

lines off “I shot first and it leapt up and took off”, I saw one come into view and shot it so it must have been yours”, “I shot at another couple but not sure where they went”, “I fired the kill shot, lucky for you Paul”, I gut shot it so slowed it down for you Ian”....you get the picture!
We butchered the animal and I got the job of carrying out the hind quarters and Paul shoved the boned out meat down his jacket, still debating over the fact that we were sure we got two animals but how embarrassing, six shots, one deer.



On getting back to the Hut, we phoned Amalgamated Helicopters who confirmed they couldn't get in to pick us up due to high winds, so we were in for one more night. None of us really minded. By this stage we had been joined in the Hut by a couple of young hunters and their black labrador dog. They were very respectful, nice guys and made great company.

On our last morning, we went out for one more look, but no one saw anything. We heard a rifle shot and thought the young guys must have got something. Back to the Hut, they told us how they were hunting where we got the deer the day before, and found an animal sitting under some trees. They shot it, before realising it was already dead. Obviously our second deer from the day before....gut shot by Paul! That meant I claimed the one we had and we both spent the next hour lamenting how we missed finding it despite searching for it, and the lost meat. We told the young guys they could go salvage the back straps, so they didn't leave empty handed and not all the meat was wasted.

We decided a leisurely pack up was on the cards, having left ourselves plenty of time. But

suddenly, we hear the helicopter coming in an hour early to surprise us! Lucky we were ready, and had a stunning flight out.

In all seriousness, I want to thank the two Paul's for their mentoring and willingness to share their knowledge and try to teach this old dog some new tricks. They were unselfish in letting me have first shot and I came away having learnt so much. Thanks guys, that's why I joined NZDA and I wasn't disappointed.



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Final Thoughts

Be safe be sure.
Assume it is a person not a deer.
No meat is better than no mate.
Identify your target.

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