



# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

## Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **March 2016**

**Annual General Meeting**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

### **Annual General Meeting Wednesday 16 March 2016**

The March meeting is our AGM so come along to nominate and vote for this year's committee. Also get an update on club finances and the club direction. The club is only as good as its volunteers. The AGM itself won't go on for too long so don't let it put you off coming.

Following the AGM there will be a presentation on firearms licensing and re-licensing. Come and do a dummy run on your firearm exam and see if you will still pass (if you fail your licence won't be taken off you!). There'll still be plenty of time for a yarn and cuppa after.

### Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**12-13 MAR SAREX** The major Search & Rescue event of the year is the Annual SAREx to be held on 12-13 March. Currently only two branch members are enrolled in field teams. This will probably be the last Wairarapa SAREx - will be combined with Wellington in future. For further details contact Phil Gray on 0274 740717.

**16 MAR BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** See above.

**8-10 APR FALLOW RUT HUNT** Aranui station. Full.

**20 APR GENERAL MEETING** Speaker to be confirmed.

**7-8 MAY DUCKSHOOTING OPENING** We are planning a clay target shoot before the duck shooting season. Dates to be confirmed.

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## News

### **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

A total of 24 branch members attended, held at Outdoor supplies, hosted by Tim Wolland. An excellent evening with behind the scenes look at the workshop, discounts and social time. Over \$2,000 turned over.

### **FEBRUARY FLY-IN TRIP**

Was postponed due to adverse weather (again!). Will be re-scheduled for after the roar.

### **FEBRUARY WANGANUI TRIP**

Everyone who stayed got a deer or two, harder hunting as very hot, best results in the evening. A new fridge-freezer has been installed. Hopefully a more detailed report next month.

### **HUTS AND TRACKS**

No reports from Neill Forks. Sayers Hut south wall needs replacing - hut is not listed as historic because it's been shifted.

### **DEER PARK**

Two surplus spikers and old fallow doe have been removed. Red pen feed is tight so they have been let into the race/yard area. Fallow have plenty of feed. Irrigation working well.

### **DOC LIAISON**

Martin met Joe Hansen last week. Ex NZFA cullers have been tidying up a number of huts and bivvies including Carkeek and MacGregor.

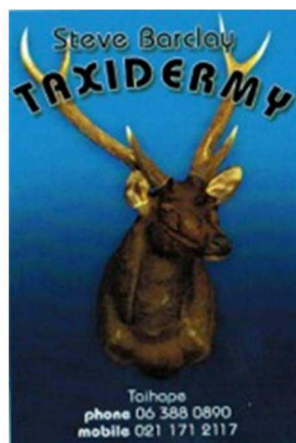
### **PARKVALE HALL**

Working bee was held before March committee meeting - painted patches on east wall, swept/vacuumed, and put chairs/tables away. Martin is getting a price for a wheelchair ramp, discussed putting a permanent ramp in rather than aluminium one that can be moved out when required. East wall will need a full paint within 3 years.

### **FIREARMS LICENSING**

For many of us who had their firearms licence 'pre-plastic', licences are up for 10 year renewal this year. Check the date on your licence and if it's coming up then get the process started as there are currently delays (as your newsletter editor has personally experienced!). If your license is due give it at least 2 months before it expires! Remember you cannot go hunting without a current licence. Come along to our March meeting to hear what the process involves.





## VHF RADIOS

The Club has access to four VHF radios which are tuned into Tararua repeater stations. These are available for Members to borrow and allow you to communicate change of plans or in an emergency when there is no cellphone coverage. Contact Martin Amos on (06) 3795454 for further information.

## NEW HEALTH & SAFETY LAWS

New rules are coming into effect on 4 April 2016 regarding the use of ATV's. This will mean helmets and passenger carrying restrictions and applications will apply to recreational activities this will also effect our club trips!

## MEMBERSHIPS 2016/17

All 2016/17 invoices have been emailed and posted out by National Office and they are now processing those payments as they come in thick and fast from keen members. NATEX reports they are making a quick turnaround of membership their top priority and that this is causing a slight delay in answering emails and other queries as we work frantically on getting membership out!

National Office also note:

- They do not require members who are currently in their database to fill out an application form again to renew their subs as this is causing duplicate memberships/invoices. Please use the invoice that would have been emailed / posted.
- They do not require invoices to be posted back to us if payment was done via direct credit. Please also do not send back detail change forms with the if there are no alterations to be made
- 'Partner' is the default option for a spouse. Their database is not set up to accept any other title for a partner (e.g. wife/husband)

## NATIONAL NZDA NEWS

Currently OSPRI/TB Free meeting with branches over proposed operations in the Kaimanawas.

Notification has just been received of a proposed massive "Battle for the Birds" operation (300,000 Hectares in the Kahurangi National Park. Nelson and Golden Bay branches directly affected.

Easter National Bench Rest Championships (Centrefire and Rimfire) to be held in Nelson.

For more see the national website: <http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz>

## KIDS' HUNTING PHOTOS

If there is anyone who might have recently taken their kids hunting and might have some pics of the trip please forward them to Mike Bradstock at [m.c.bradstock@gmail.com](mailto:m.c.bradstock@gmail.com) as he would like to publish them in the next issue of Hunting & Wildlife on the 'Take a Kid Hunting' page. All pics that are published are eligible for the gutting knife that is the prize from Kilwell.

## Hunting Reports

**We want to include your hunting stories and photos in the newsletter.** Stories can be sent to the newsletter editor at [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com)

As nothing came through for our branch this month's contribution is from the Wellington Branch newsletter.

### **APRIL INSPIRATION**



Ten pointer red stag shot by Joe Hubmann in the Tararua Forest Park 2015 roar.



Red stag shot Ruahine Forest Park 2014 roar.



Red stag shot Ruahine Forest Park 2013 roar.

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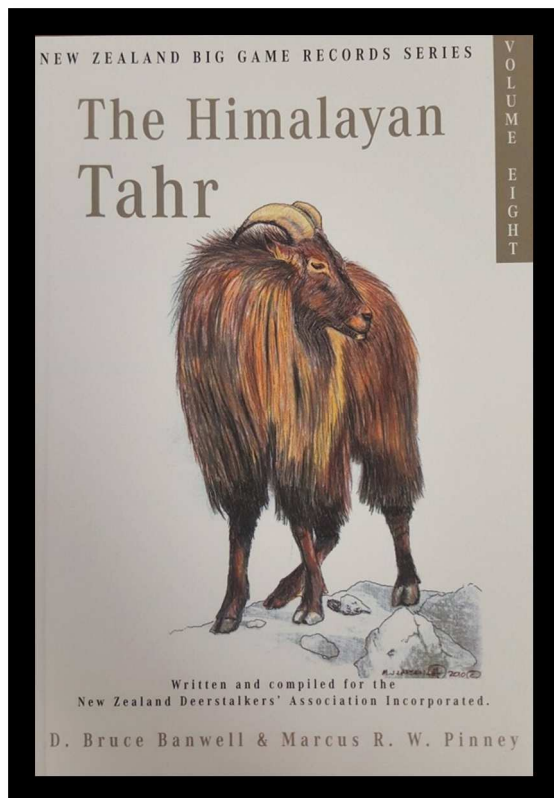
A new part of the newsletter for 2016. If you have hunting or outdoor related items that you want to buy, sell, or swap, then we'll include these in the Newsletter free of charge (better than TradeMe). Send items (with picture if you wish) to [wairarapanzda@gmail.com](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com)

### **The Roar. 1957 to 1961. Collector's item.**

Full set of six issues. Prime condition. NZDA's annual/semi-annual national magazine. The owner considers this to be the best NZ hunting magazine ever. The era was between the second world war and the start of chopper activities. Stories by: Allan Harrison, John Anderson, Norman Douglas, Les Shailer, Dion Savage, Bruce Banwell, Newton McConachie, Keith Severinsen, Cliff Marshall, Alan Duncum, Jack McKenzie, John Henderson. Bind them for your family heritage, or just keep them to enjoy. Price \$150 (they are very scarce.) Howard Egan phone 379 6666.

### **Tahr Book**

National Office have copies available of The Himalayan Tahr, which is the eighth and final book in the series written by Bruce Banwell which makes up the NZDA record series. This volume was completed with the help of Marcus Pinney and a number of other people, too numerous to mention here. This book is available from National Office for \$35 plus \$5 P&P. Get your orders in quick.



### **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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