



New Zealand Deerstalkers'
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Wairarapa Branch
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Newsletter for **August 2016**

Next meeting Wednesday 17 August 2016

7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Speaker Ted Rodgers – Firearms Auction!

General meeting 17 August 2016

Ted Rodgers Travels all over New Zealand collecting items for each Auction meeting interesting people with amazing collections, not only militaria but all sorts of collectable items. Ted will be bringing some collections to show and talk to you about.



Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

17 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING Speaker Ted Rodgers speaking about Firearms Auctions.

11 SEPTEMBER WAIRARAPA BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION Gladstone Range. Start prompt at 10 am (you will need to register on the day, so be there by 9.30am) BBQ will be provided by the Club and drinks will be available for purchase. There will be a Novelty shoot.... Don't forget to bring your **kids** as there are SWAZI and juniors prizes!! Any queries phone / text Alex on 027 435 9216

16 SEPTEMBER REWA GOAT SHOOTING Another trip has been organised for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This was very successful last time and everyone learnt a thing or two! Food will be supplied by DOC again (great!) and you will learn about Radios, GPS, Topography as well as camping in tents. This is for all New and Financial members **ONLY!** Names to go to Martin Amos ph/text 027 367 1635 **LIMITED SPACES!**

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER Tinui has a **GOAT** problem and we have been asked to fix it!!! This is going to be another awesome weekend!

21 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING Speaker to be confirmed.

24-25 SEPTEMBER SIKA SHOW Taupo.

15 OCTOBER WAIRARAPA BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER Parkvale Hall. Put it in your calendar now! **SAVE THE DATE!**



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QUAD / SIDE BY SIDE TRAINING COURSE...

As this was very successful and many people were unable to attend due to prior commitments we have been asked to do another training exercise.

If you are wanting to attend this course and get your competency certificate, please phone / text Martin on 027 367 1635, or e-mail martin.tracy@xtra.co.nz Thank you to Lance Hare who gives his time to train us

all!!

QUAD AND SIDE BY SIDE SAFETY CHECKS:

As winter is with us at present it is also a good time to check your Quad / side by side and see that it is appropriate for these winter conditions!

Tyres should be between 4-5 lbs, brakes do they work properly, lights, winch, helmets...

IF IN DOUBT CHECK MANUFACTURERES SPECIFICATIONS!!!

Recent Events

20 JULY GENERAL MEETING Bruce Slater talk about hunting in Papua New Guinea, showing slides This was very interesting and very informative. Thank you Bruce for extending your time to the club.



News

COMPETITION CLOSING DATES

Closing date for the taking of heads, jaws, & photos is Friday 30th September.

AHT entry forms and actual trophies are to be in the hands of Greg Hamilton (King and Henry), Steve Playle (phone 379 7432) or Howard Egan (phone 379 6666), by noon Monday 3rd October.

Photographs and entry forms to Tracy Amos (phone 379 5454) by noon Monday 3rd October.

AHT judging night (not open to members) will be Wednesday 5th October.

Entry form attached and will also be available at the August or September general meetings.

Members should note that the competitions will be run closely to the Branch Competition rules which are laminated and displayed at all Parkvale hall meetings. A brief summary of rules is also attached.

GRANT APPLICATION

The committee submitted a grant application to **Trust House Wairarapa** for the purchase of personal locator beacons for the club. This was successful and we received \$1200. Beacons will be purchased shortly.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Only one call-out for a missing person at Upper Hutt. Missing 62 year old Mary Berrington. Wairarapa teams went to join the search with 6 Members on Friday, 11 on Saturday and 6 on Sunday. Unfortunately Mary has not been found to date. Thanks to all members who took time out to attend. If you are interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 474 0717.

PARKVALE HALL

Regular bookings throughout the winter are helping to raise funds for the club.

HUTS AND TRACKS

The trip to replace the south wall on Sayers Hut has been deferred to summer. Martin has met with DOC Cow Creek Hut maintenance and re-piling and replacing the deck at Herepai Hut, have also been put on hold until spring / summer. We will need volunteers to help so this will be a first in first served basis.

INVITATION FROM THE HUTT VALLEY BRANCH - OSPRI manage animal disease outbreaks, such as bovine tuberculosis (TB) and gives us the ability to respond quickly potential bio security threats. Moreover, NAIT plays a critical part in providing lifetime traceability for our cattle and deer produce, helping to ensure New Zealand remains competitive and keeping our international markets open. Phil Dawson from OSPRI wants to come down and talk to our guys regarding the pending Rimutaka Forest Park 1080 operation (with deer repellent) and he will also cover the Kaweka operation as we have noted to him it has significance to far more people than just locals. He will also give a bit of background, old techniques to new techniques and we should hopefully have some updated operational maps shortly which I will send around if guys indicate they want them.

We (Hutt Valley) would like to extend an invite to any of your members to attend our meeting if they wish.

The meeting is **Wednesday 17th August 2016, 7.30pm start, venue is the Upper Hutt Cossie club, Logan street**, \$2 cover charge for the room. Meals and drinks can be purchased on site if wished.

DEER PARK

A Hind has died at the deer park recently, uncertain as to why and how at present, however there are no suspicious circumstances. There are 2x hinds, 3 fawns and 1x stag in the Reds. We have 3x does and 1x buck on the fallow side.

This is a great place to take the kids on a winter weekend outing. Recent photos below are by Martin and Tracy Amos. If you're down at the park send us in a photo!





NATIONAL NZDA NEWS CONFERENCE 2016 -ROUNDUP

In brief – a very positive conference. Auckland branch did a great job as host and the venue was superb.

Disappointing that less than half of our branches were represented.

Outcomes

- Two new Natex members – Robert Howey (Porirua) and James Steans (Marlborough).
- A new National Treasurer – Steve (Stumpy) Corlett.
- Presentations with a research focus were well received.
- A workshop on the shape and future of NZDA administration and other issues generated material for consideration. This was facilitated by Hutt with positive participation by delegates.
- Further recruitment to Endowment Membership is definitely closed.
- Battle for our Birds poisoning announcement to be released very soon with extent of mitigation to be confirmed.
- The Canterbury Regional Access Group (CRAG) was endorsed as a national model for gathering and documenting data for tackling access issues.
- Hunting and Wildlife will go digital to some degree in the near future.
- Capitation is increased (\$60 for seniors)
- The move of National Office to Collina Terrace starts this week.
- Conference 2017 – North Canterbury Branch
- Conference 2018 - Wellington Branch

Summary

A very positive conference, with clear evidence that branches and individuals are keen to have input to how the association is run.

SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (SSANZ)

Your Firearms are in their sights

Of the 97 submissions made to the Select Committee Inquiry into Illegal Firearm Possession 19 proposed tougher restrictions for YOU firearm owners, including registration of ALL guns, re-classification or banning of semi autos and banning online sales.

The NZ Police are also reviewing all aspects of the Arms Act and its administration, you can bet your bottom dollar that there will be more restrictions and costs imposed on you as a result of this.

In order to effectively fight these threats we need more members - sign up a mate.

SSANZ and the Enquiry in to the Criminal Possession of Firearms- We have made a submission responding to these basic questions, in brief we said:

•**How widespread firearm possession is among criminals, including gangs.**

It would appear that not even the Police have accurate data on the types of firearm seized from criminal activity and stolen. We believe the recent figures quoted for seized firearms are over inflated due to changes in the way this data is collected. Data released by Police on 20 May show that overall firearm offending is trending downwards, but firearms stolen in burglaries are on the increase (776 stolen in 2014/15).

•**How criminals, gangs, and those who do not have a licence come into possession of firearms.**

These fall into two groups; black - those held by criminals and grey -those held without a licence but without criminal intent. Black guns obtained by theft, illegal imports, and legal purchase and on selling by sympathisers, deception and manufacture. Pointing out that Licensed firearm owners are not the cause of this problem, but rather too often the victims. Grey guns are those held as family heirlooms, people who have failed to renew their licence, found in sheds, guns held by licence holders without the correct endorsement, etc.

•**What changes, if any, to the current situation might further restrict the flow of firearms to criminals, gangs, and those who do not have a licence?**

We recommend stronger penalties for theft of a firearm and using a firearm in the execution of a criminal act. More resources for Police to properly administer firearms and solve firearm theft, as well as more resources for Customs to combat smuggled firearms. Since most criminal activity involving firearms is drug related, this should be the focus of further review.

We recommended that existing firearms legislation **should not be changed** as this will only affect law abiding licence holders and will not impact on criminal activity.

Support from the Gun Trade -We would like to thank Dave Mingins of Serious Shooters shop in Rotorua for supporting us by encouraging his customers to join SSANZ. Not forgetting the outstanding recruiting job undertaken by Alec Melville of I- Guns in Dargaville back in March. If you can show your appreciation for these retailers who actively support SSANZ by buying your shooting needs from them that would be great. We hope to soon enlist the support of some of the Auckland retailers too.

Perhaps you can also respectfully suggest to your local gun shop that it would be in their best business interest to support organizations such as SSANZ. You can point out to them that it would demonstrate to their customers that they care about the interests of the shooting public.

of these three options. However it is understood that the Police Officer who sits on the MSC Board is also the same Officer who pays MSC and is also responsible for the current Police Firearm Review, could this be a conflict of interest and is he trying to shape the future of firearm ownership to his own model?

MSC justify the change by claiming the new model will provide consistency of delivery across the country with opportunity for assessment and moderation of performance and course content. However MSC were unable to provide evidence to the volunteers, when questioned, as how the current system is failing in this respect. MSC have ignored the fact that a system of instructor assessment and formal qualification was put in place as recently as 2011 which, with the firing of the programme manager last year, has been allowed to lapse.

MSC volunteers have been delivering the Firearms Safety Programme for the past 30 years and its success can be measured by the steady decline in the number of unintentional shooting incidents. What MSC executives have failed to realise is that the volunteers provide much more than the basic lecturing. A large pool of instructors allows for more time to be devoted to those with reading or learning difficulties. Since most are embedded in their local firearms community they are able to introduce new applicants to sources of practical training and advice, and monitor the behaviour and safety standards of their fellow shooters. They have the safety of their local community at heart, something that 5 full time paid instructors will be unable to provide.

LEAD SHOT BAN FOR SUB CALIBRES

SSANZ have been advised that the Conservation Minister Maggie Barry has instructed Fish & Game Council to extend the lead shot ban to all sub calibre gauges for water fowl.

HUNTING ON TV

A new series of the Red Stag Timber Hunters Club has started on Monday at 7 pm on Sky Sport 3. For those without Sky, the series will be replayed later in the year on Prime. And Hunting Aotearoa has moved to Choice TV and is playing on Wednesday nights at 9:30 pm. Perfect for watching after our club committee/general meetings!




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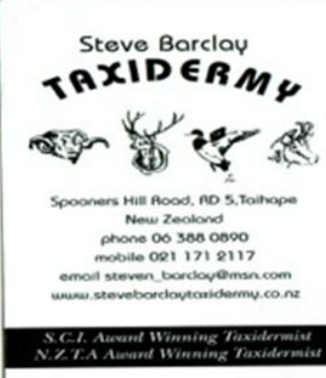
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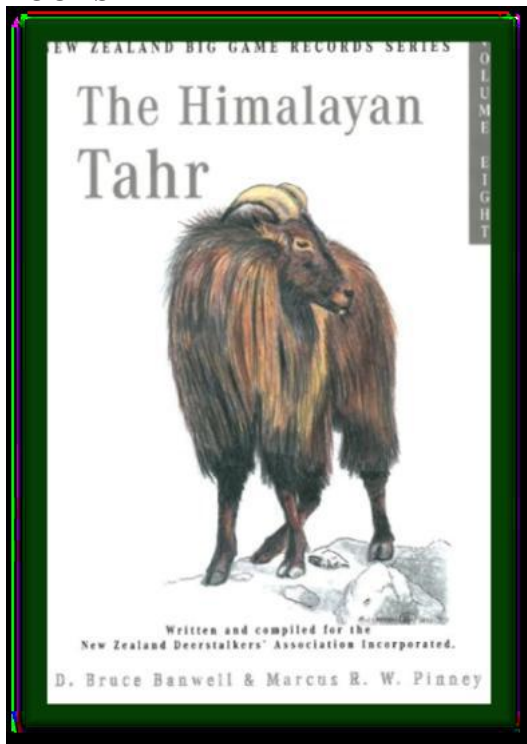
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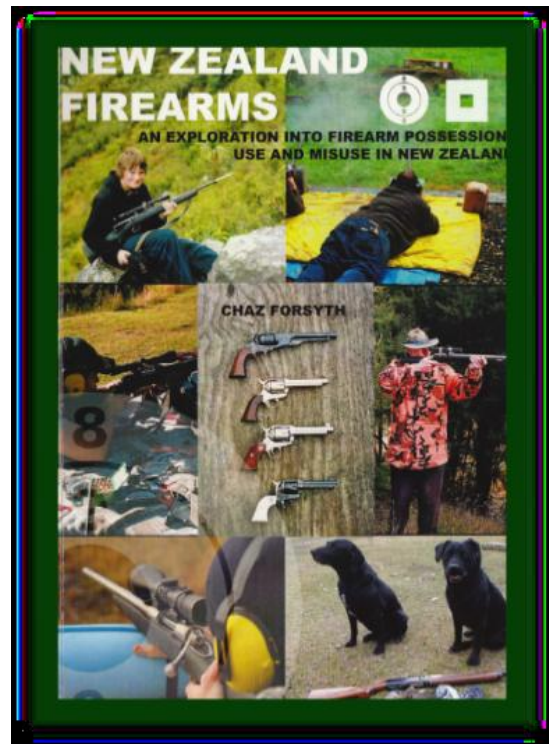
SAUSAGES & SALAMI

A club fundraiser. Salamis \$20 (1 kg salami) and sausages \$6/kg. Email Aidan at yrapanzdasec@gmail.com to order.

BOOKS



The Himalayan Tahr – Bruce Banwell & Marcus Pinney. This 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.



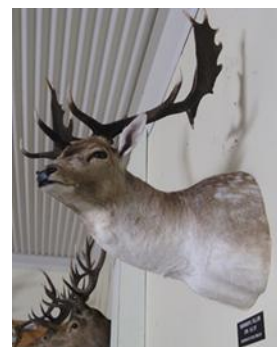
NZ Firearms – Chaz Forsyth. A 350 page electronic document about the extent of firearm use and misuse in New Zealand • The culmination of more than three decades of research (first published in 1977, revised and enlarged in 1985) • Illustrated with graphs showing trends • Supported by tables and extensively referenced, with appendices. Available from the National Office.

STEVE BARCLAY TAXIDERMY VOUCHER

For a new mount (not a head that is already in Steve's possession) by a club member to the value of \$1200. **Amazing value at \$500.** This is the on-sale of an item that Steve very generously put up at the Dinner Auction last year and was purchased in error. Please contact Martin Amos on 06 3795454 or 027 3671635.

Examples of Steve's work can be seen at the hall including the recent fallow mount.

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TARARUA VHF REPEATER

Club member Adam Kenning is working with LandSAR and the New Zealand Police to improve communication inside the Tararua forest park. To do this they need to build a repeater.

Digital Mountain Radio service opportunity. Radios are for sale to any member of the public, features include texting/phone calls, man down / lone worker, GPS tracking, radios can be tracked anytime, Bluetooth and many more features. Radios are simplexes also. If interested call or email Adam 0279176358 Adamkenning@hotmail.com any questions please call txt or email.

More details on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Milne-Kenning-Communications-1019344244769404/>

Guns Don't Kill People

Yesterday I placed my shotgun on the front porch, gave it six shells, and noticing it had no legs, placed it in a wheelchair to help it get around. I left it alone and went about my business.

While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, the boy across the street picked up my yard broom, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign near my house.

After 10 hours, I checked on the shotgun. It was still sitting in the wheelchair. It had not rolled outside and it had not killed anyone in spite of many opportunities that had been presented. It had not even loaded itself.

Can you imagine how surprised I was with all **the** hype about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people? Either the media is wrong and the killing is by people misusing guns or I'm in possession of the laziest gun in the world. So now I'm off to check on my spoons, because I hear they make people fat.

Donald K. Martin, Windsor Locks

Wanganui Trip by Angus Wilkinson

On Friday we went to Wanganui for another fellow deer hunt. On the way we did our usual stop at Bulls to have dinner we had a big yummy roast and meet up with everybody. When we got there we brought the bags into the quarters and we went to sleep.

On Saturday we woke up to a beautiful but cold morning "man it's hard to hop out of my warm sleeping bag" but when I did get out I got changed and had brekkie then we went out on the farm.

First we went out on the bush block and we had a hunt we walked around the side of a hill through the bush and we found a deer and Steve shot it then we went back and it was lunch yummy venison saveloys and bacon.

After lunch we went out to the back of the farm for a hunt we walk along the skyline and look down the gully's for deer. When we were walking there were some deer walking on the skyline by the jumped the fence into the neighbours then we decided to wander back. By the time we got back it was dark and we were sadly empty handed.

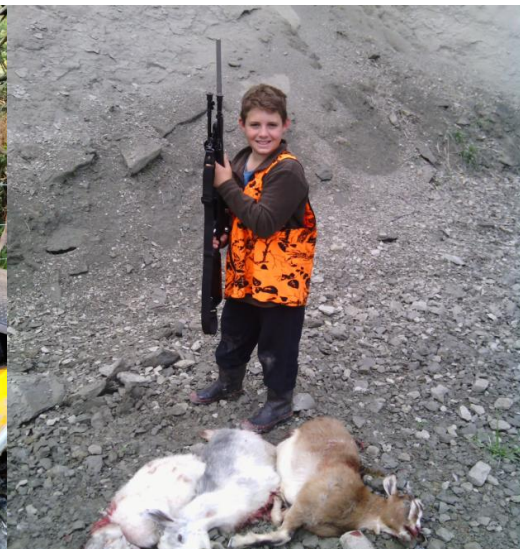


For dinner we had mince pie, stew, peas, cauliflower, and buns and everybody had a big talk. And for pudding we had chocolate pudding, custard and cream then it was time to go to sleep.

When we woke up it was yet another nice but cold morning and we headed out again this time we headed out to the normal farm when we drove over we saw some deer so we stalked them. We walked around a hill but they somehow saw or smelt us and left. We followed them and met up with them in a different gully but they moved again we walked around a hill and there they were right below us so dad nailed two.

He went and got the bike and I went and dragged one down the hill. While I was doing that dad gutted and chucked one deer on the bike and then he did the other and then we went back to the quarters. After that dad took me down the road to shoot some goats with the 243 I got three "I felt really happy" then we went back to pack up and leave.

We had a really good and successful weekend I can't wait for the next trip.



July Club Hunt to Aranui by Steve Playle

On the 8th July a party of club members headed off to Aranui for a weekend of fellowship and fallow deer hunting at Aranui Station. As usual there were a few junior members accompanying their parent/s for a change of scene and a little bit of adventure. For some of us, there was the customary stop-off in Bulls at the Food Court for tea and a break on the way there. The subsequent second stage of the journey was interrupted when we happened across a large poplar tree that had fallen across the road effectively blocking our path to the hunting property. Fortunately a couple of local farmers wearing head lamps were busy attacking it with chainsaws when we reached the scene. Many hands made light work of the dismembered tree and we were soon once more mobile.

Once at the quarters and unpacked there was the usual social banter over a beer or two before everyone turned in for the night. It was good to have Colin Bailey from the Manawatu Branch join us for the weekend and we heard a few of his southland hunting tales while knocking back a few ales. Saturday morning dawned fine with a gusty wind blowing for a good part of the day. Following breakfast decisions were made about areas chosen to hunt then everyone departed to various destinations for the morning. The majority returned around midday for lunch and stories to tell relating to the morning's activities. Some success was had with the first fallow kills arriving at the killing house for storage. Late afternoon saw most of us venturing back to "hotspots" for the evening assault. As darkness fell wary hunters returned with more deer to hang in the killing house. As always the evening meal was on "fit for kings" and no-one went to bed hungry. Saturday night was one of the coldest that I have experienced at Aranui and I awoke during the night with a frozen nose that didn't feel like it belonged to me. Daylight revealed a bloody cracker of a frost and I was pleased that I'd taken a couple of deer on Saturday thus negating the need to have to ride my quad in the freezing conditions. Some hardy souls did venture back out and were rewarded with spoils of the hunt as a result. My time was spent packing and skinning out venison for the trip home late morning. It was great to see the junior members gain success over the weekend with both deer and goats shot. That is one of the great aspects of these Wanganui trips, the opportunity to mentor young hunters in firearms safety and handling and ethical hunting is first class.

All too soon the successful weekend had reached its conclusion and we were on our way home with thoughts in mind of future trips to this awesome property. I would like to thank Andrew Wilkinson for organizing the trip and rallying everyone to provide the ingredients for the top class meal that we sat down to on Saturday evening.



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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