



**New Zealand Deerstalkers'**  
**Association**  
**Wairarapa Branch**  
**Incorporated**

Newsletter for **October 2016**

Next meeting Wednesday 16 November 2016  
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall  
Speaker Ian Kebbell – Paramedic

**General meeting 16 November 2016**

**Johnny Mulheron** Topic: Johnny is a Paramedic and will be speaking about experiences with Air Ambulance, what to have in a 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, this will not be BORING!!!



**Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events**

**16 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING** Speaker Johnny Mulheron speaking about Paramedics.

**19 OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING** No General meeting the Annual Dinner/Prize giving is on 15 October

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**24-25 SEPTEMBER SIKI SHOW Taupo.** It was great to see so many Wairarapa people at the show!



It was good to catch up with the National President Mr Bill O'Leary and have a catch up with what has been happening throughout New Zealand!

It was good to hear that one of our life members has been putting in a lot of effort into National office, well done Lee!

I had a chance to see some great heads, that had been put in for the National Competition. There were some awesome photo's to view.

It was also great to see that there were things for children to do as well, shooting, face painting, many lollies and chocolates too!

See you all next year!

**15 OCTOBER WAIRARAPA BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER** Parkvale Hall. Put it in your calendar now! **SAVE THE DATE!** Tickets Couple \$35 / Single \$18 / Child \$10 **THIS IS GOING TO BE CARTERED BY TWEET BIRD!!**

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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](mailto: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**

**21 SEPTEMBER- GENERAL MEETING** Phil Dawson spoke regarding 1080! A very informative evening had by all, many of us believe what some people say without getting the actual facts, Phil was able to fill in the gaps!

This was very interesting and very informative. Thank you Phil for extending your time to the club.

## **News**

### **COMPETITION CLOSING DATES Time for ACTION!!**

This has now closed.... measuring has been completed, photo's are getting judged on Saturday, shooting competition completed!

Cups, shields and trophies are at the engravers!

Prize giving and annual dinner NEXT SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 5.30 PM!!

### **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 have been purchased and the club will be hiring them out to members, more info to come once they have been registered.



President Martin Amos with Trust House Manager Ray Southey

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**5 & 6 November.** A field members training exercise, based at Holdsworth roadend.

This is open to current team members, probationary members, and new applicants.

Seach Methods, Tracking, helicopter safety, observation, radio's and GPS

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. For more info or to make a booking contact Martin 379 5454 / 027 367 1635

## 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.**

## DEER PARK

**WORKING BEE** - Saturday 8 October 8am sharp! Contact Phil Gray 027 474 0717

Please if you are able to attend your help will be appreciated!

Bring RAKE, SHOVEL, SPADE, WHEELBARROW as we will be constructing a new fallow gate, replace a strainer and gate, bracing and general tidy up!



*Our sincere condolences to members who  
have lost someone near and dear.  
September: John Golightly*




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## *Buy, Sell, and Swap*

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)

### **FIRESTONE FIREHAWK RMT TYRES**

31x10.50R15LT.M.S Half-worn. \$50 each. Call Paul on 06 3770467 after 6 pm.

### **CAST-IRON POT BELLY and FLUE**

\$100 ono. Call Paul on 06 3770467 after 6 pm.

### **SAUSAGES & SALAMI**

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

### **FIREARM FOR SALE**

Parker Hale .270 No scope \$400 – also listed on Trade-me  
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## **Fallow For The Freezer**

**By Dion Rayner**

**Age 14**

After a three hour drive up to Wanganui we arrived at the shearers quarters at the top of a hill. I unpacked my bags and jumped into bed hoping that venison would be for dinner tomorrow.

I woke up the next morning at half past six with goose bumps running down my legs so I quickly chucked on all of my gear and had breakfast. Once everyone else finished their breakfast too we split into groups and went on different parts of the farm. I went about 500 metres down the track with my parents and 3 others.

We parked by a gate and walked to the top of a small hill then we glassed along the surrounding hillsides. It didn't take long for my new pair of binoculars to pick an animal up and it was a group of about seven fallow hinds with one buck.

The buck was chasing one of the hinds along the hillside which was a bit odd because it was the middle of July. Dad used his eliminator 3 scope to check the range and the buck was 350 metres away. Dad lined his gun up on the deer and waited for it to stop. After chasing the hind around the buck stopped to get its breath and when it did dad rested the crosshairs just behind its front leg and squeezed the trigger.

Smoke puffed out of the muzzle and a loud thump came from the other side of the valley, I aimed my binoculars towards the buck and its back legs kicked like most deer do when they get hit but it ran up the hill and jumped the fence with ease as if nothing happened.

We decided to head up the track that went to the top of the hill and see if the buck was hit, but when we peaked over the other side there were no deer to be seen. Dad decided to carry on hunting in the valley with me while mum and the other three would go back from where we came from.

After spooking a small group of hinds we carried on walking along the hillside and about 15 minutes after spooking the hinds dad slowly creeps over a saddle and straight away he spots a hind and yearling looking down the hill. They must of seen the group that we spooked earlier, dad whispers to me "come over here bud" I crawl over to him on my hands and knees to see the deer. Once I spot them I then lie down and put the butt of the gun hard against my shoulder and look through the scope, I moved the gun around until I found the deer. When I did find it I slowed my breathing down and centred the cross hairs on the deer's chest then slowly squeeze the trigger, the gun pushed against my shoulder and all I can see threw the scope is a puff of white which quickly clears to reveal the deer running away. Dad quickly grabs the gun and waits for the deer to stop, when it does so he has a shot at the hind and it hits her in the lungs. It takes her a couple of seconds before she falls to the ground and becomes dinner.





## AMALGAMATED HELICOPTERS – UPDATE!

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to introduce our company to those members who aren't familiar with us, and to give an update on our fleet, management and services to our regular flyers. Covered will be an introduction to management and new staff and the exciting news and purchase of a 3rd larger helicopter, the MD600N. Also a mention of the 3 divisions within the company, safety around helicopters and what to expect when you turn up for your fly in trip. From our humble beginnings in 1987 located at 625 Chester Road as a deer farm, we have grown into a multiple helicopter operation with 6 full time staff. Jason (JD) and Sally Diedrichs took over the management of the company in 1999 and later purchased it outright in 2003.

### **Sally Diedrichs- CEO and Director**

Sally runs the office and administrative side of the business tirelessly, day to day she co-ordinates clients and work loads for the pilots and ground crew, keeping a watchful eye on a state of the art GPS tracking systems fitted to all of our helicopters. Also assisting the managers with up and coming commitments there are not many aspects of the operation she doesn't have a hand in. With Health and Safety having an evermore involvement in the work place her work load is always increasing.

### **Jason Diedrichs- Director and Chief Pilot**

Jason or more commonly known as JD is well known across the district and throughout the hunting community. As a former DOC goat culler he knows the local forest parks better than most. His expansive knowledge is particularly useful when it comes to SAR operations which we regularly carry out. He shares the workload in the office with Sally and takes the pilot seat with 10,000 hours behind him for the more demanding jobs whilst mentoring our junior pilots by sharing his skills and knowledge.

### **Bill Rainey- Agricultural Manager and Senior Pilot**

Bill started with the company mid 2015 and has taken the position previously held by Jarod. He has come from a farming background growing up on a station near Taihape. After obtaining his Commercial Helicopter Licence he worked for a number of years as ground crew before venturing off to Australia and the Pacific to fly on the tuna boats. He returned with a wealth of Hughes 500

experience and then set about working towards his Agricultural Rating. He now covers the whole of the Wairarapa and greater Wellington region offering both aerial spraying and fertiliser application as well as being tasked with other general commercial work as required.

#### **Jamie Hansen- Tourism Manager and Line Pilot**

Jamie began with us back in 2012 with a fresh Commercial Helicopter Licence and is working his way up the ranks with guidance from JD. He is Wairarapa born and bred so his local knowledge and contacts are invaluable. With an emphasis on the tourism market and scenic flights which has largely been an avenue uncharted up until now, he is building the awareness and popularity of his flights with good success. He also conducts a wide variety of commercial work and is progressing well within the company.

#### **Joshua Smith and Jordan Cooke- Loader/Driver and Ground Crew**

Joshua and Jordan are our men on the ground, they are learning their way around the helicopters and all aspects of a commercial operation. Both have their Commercial Helicopter Licences and are in their apprenticeship stage of becoming professional pilots. A job often under estimated they are tasked with many different duties, from passenger loading and safety briefing, to heavy transport driving and dangerous goods handling. All while fitting under our junior pilot mentor program that JD heads being our chief pilot.

#### **Company Profile**

We have divided our company into 3 divisions, Commercial, Agricultural and Tourism. JD and Sally oversee all operations but with the arrival in October of our latest acquisition of an ex-USA county sheriff MD600N JD will set his focus on utilising it on commercial work in a larger capacity than we could previously. It is the big brother of the well known Hughes/MD500 that we have been operating for many years but with extra power, lifting and cabin capacity. It also features the NOTAR (no tail rotor) anti-torque system which replaces the dangerous and vulnerable tail rotor blades and reduces the noise leaving a less intrusive impact on the environment. The MD600N will also assist us with a better response to fire fighting, SAR and Civil Defence tasks throughout the greater Wellington region. It has been a long process to commit to such a large investment, but worth the wait with the entire team excited about it's arrival. It will be registered on the CAA aircraft register as IJD which will accompany our 2 MD500E models INZ and IIE.

#### **Health and Safety**

And finally the topic of safety, we are always striving to offer the best aircraft, facilities and passenger experience with safety at the top of the agenda, with the latest Health and Safety Legislation we are forever growing and adapting to improve an already robust system. When you arrive at our base generally we like to brief everyone as a group whilst the helicopter is not running so that we can be thorough and give an easier opportunity for questions. Topics covered are no-go zones in particular around under the tail because of the hot exhaust gases and the spinning tail blades. Whilst the main rotor blades are high, there can be times when unloading and walking up rising ground that it can become a hazard. Your pilot will keep you well informed on what to expect at the drop off zone and where he would like you to go once disembarking. We try to position the aircraft in such a way that forward and or to the right is the obvious direction to vacate the landing pad. Also covered in the briefing will be the location of emergency equipment and the operation of doors, belts and headsets. We work on a weight limit of 400kg which includes your butt! So if going with a group of 3 or 4 then consider what is necessary to take. With the 600N we are yet to calculate a weight limit but it will be considerably more, so on the day that option may be given to you if you are well over weight. Naturally there will be an increase in cost but it will mean you can have alot of extra home comforts. We have mountain radios available at base if you wish to take one, and it is a good idea to let us know if you have a PLB and emergency contact phone numbers.



That about covers it all, thank you all for your support over the years, without you we wouldn't be able to continue growing as a company and offering this service. We look forward to seeing you on the next fly in trip and safety briefing nights where we can meet you and share stories.

The team at AHNZL



## **Hunting Trips!**

NZDA – WAIRARAPA Next Fly-in Trip will be Friday 25 November weather permitted  
This will be 50% subsidized by your branch, if you wish to be on the list, contact Martin  
027 367 1635



Rewa Goat trip well it Rained and Rained! Few goats shot and 5 pigs culled!

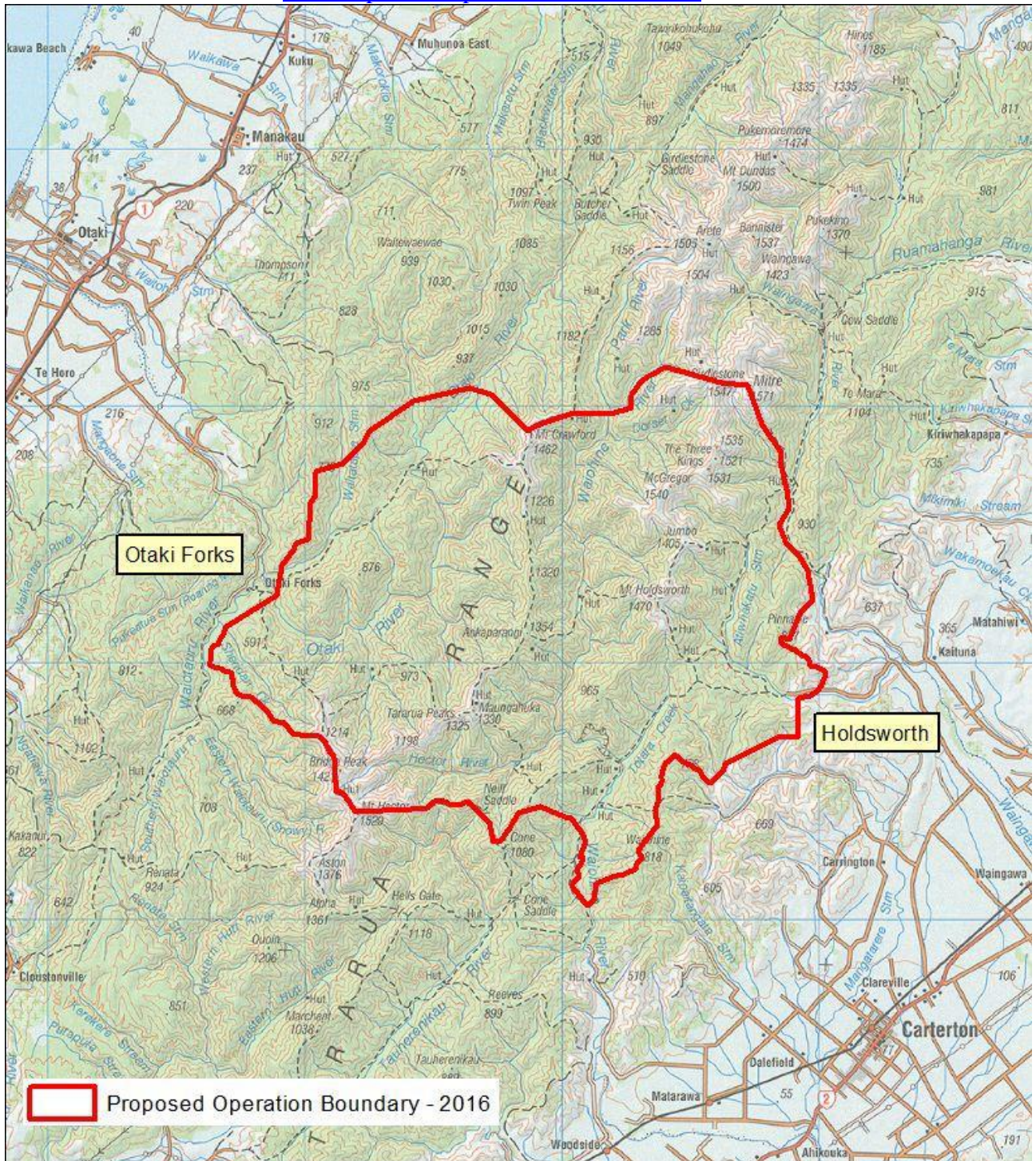
Tinui Goat hunt – watch this space!

## **Aerial Possum Control for Southern Rimutaka.**

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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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