



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **February 2017**

Next meeting Wednesday 15th February 2017
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall
Speaker: **To be confirmed**

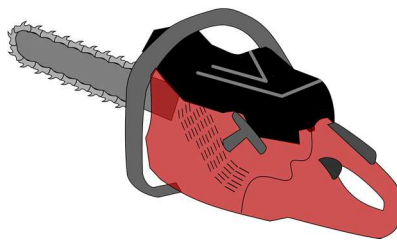
General meeting 15 February 2017

Happy New Year everybody. Our first meeting of the year will be at 7:30 pm next Wednesday 15 February at the Hall. At the time of writing our speaker is still to be confirmed, but we are hoping to get one of the guys from Amalgamated Helicopters along to tell us about flying and hunting in the Tararuas. Meetings are always a good chance to catch up on what has been happening locally and who has been successful (or not), so bring your mates and come along. Stay for supper afterwards.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

25-26 FEBRUARY Summer fallow hunt to Wanganui has been **CANCELLED** by the station owners. Next trip will be in April (see over).

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY FIREWOOD WORKING BEE starting **9 am** at Amos's house 433 Belvedere Road Carterton. Bring chainsaws, log splitters, trailers, chaps, ear protectors, other PPE gear etc. Firewood is our major source of funds towards fly-in trips and other club events, so please make an effort to attend. Those participating in subsidised club fly-in trips are expected to contribute towards at least one such fundraising event every year! Wood (dry pine) will also be on sale for \$70 for members, \$80 for non-members, with \$10 deliveries within 10 km range. First in first served!



25-26 FEBRUARY WAIRARAPA/WELLINGTON SAREX Wainuiomata/Orongorongo. Search and Rescue members should already have details.

4 MARCH QUAD/SIDE BY SIDE TRAINING COURSE Starting 10 am at 77 Cobden Road, Carterton (Aidan's place). There are 8 members registered so far. If you are wanting to attend this course and get your competency certificate, please phone or text Martin on 027 3671635. Thank you to Lance Hare who gives his time to instruct!



4-5 MARCH SAR FIELD ASSESSMENT DAY for new and probationary members. If you are interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 474 0717.

15 MARCH WAIRARAPA BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 7:30 pm at Parkvale Hall. Come along and have your say. A vibrant, active club is one where the members get involved. If you don't like the way things are being run, don't sit back and complain, say and do something!! We are looking for new committee members for 2017/18, so please consider pointing your name forward. AGM will be followed by supper.

17-19 MARCH SUBSIDISED TARARUA FLY-IN TRIP. Please text your details to Martin Amos on 027 3671635 if interested. Numbers need to be confirmed by 3 March.

7-9 APRIL WANGANUI FALLOW RUT HUNT. Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 0274 381363.

SOUTH ISLAND ROAD TRIP The committee is trying to arrange a club trip to the South Island in 2017 (probably Oct/Nov) to chase tahr and wallabies. Will likely be restricted to maximum of 8 members. More details to follow.

Recent Events

14 DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING JD and the team at Amalgamated Helicopters turned on the summer weather for the branch Christmas barbecue. About 20 members young and old got to admire the new MD600N!



News

PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

The club PLBs purchased with a grant application from **Trust House Wairarapa** will be available for use this month once a register has been set up. Contact Aidan on 0274 323410.

PARKVALE HALL

The wall of the hall got 'tagged' before Christmas. This will be over-painted.



SEARCH AND RESCUE

See the Upcoming Events for details of exercises over next month. If you are interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 474 0717.

HUTS AND TRACKS

The club has signed a management agreement with DOC for the maintenance of Sayers and Neil Forks Huts. We have also offered to take on responsibility for Cow Creek Hut in the upper Waingawa valley.



DEER PARK

Deer have been TB-tested. Three red yearlings (a spiker and two hinds) have been sold. Currently the red herd consists of the stag, two mature hinds, and two fawns.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Martin met with Joe Hansen and Craig Harrison to discuss liaison with the branch. There is a possibility of the branch being involved in goat control programmes, which could provide up to 4-5 club outings per year.



LOWER NORTH ISLAND RED DEER FOUNDATION INC.

6 December 2016 was down as the judicial review hearing over the 2015 WARO review outcome which saw openings to WARO in the Ruahines, Tararuas and Rimutakas. However there was a delay as the judge was concerned as to whether the WARO operators had been given adequate opportunity to be involved as they are an affected party if she reverses the decision. The concern is that they would otherwise have an appeal option and she wants a robust decision. To date none of the WARO operators have requested representation.

OSPRI TB-FREE

Have notified that the scheduled 1080 drop for the southern Rimutakas has been deferred until "later this year".

RELOADING BALLISTIC SPECIALISTS

Bill Perry (agent for Norma, Swarovski, and Schultz and Larsen) has recently moved from Fabians Road in Greytown to near Masterton and has new contact details. You can now contact Bill on 06 3701432 or 027 2086863.

CONDOLENCES

The club lost a long-time branch (and former committee) member when Trevor Burke died on 17 December while hunting in Tora Bush. A large funeral was held at Parkvale Hall and Pete Cunningham spoke on behalf of the branch. RIP Trevor – hope that the stags are still roaring and you're still getting all the good hands at euchre!



The branch also expresses its deep condolences to member Tony Nicholson, whose wife was killed, and daughter seriously injured, in a car accident near Eketahuna on 26 January. Our thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family.

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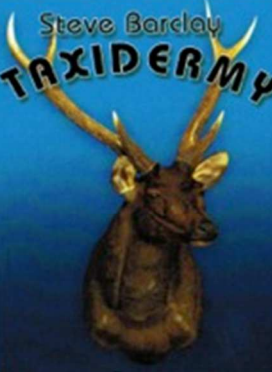


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Hunting Reports

No reports have come in this month and the editor didn't want to subject you to another of his tales of woe from a recent trip to the Ruahines (wind, rain, clagged-in tops, quad misbehaving, etc!). Surely you can do better! We want to include your hunting stories and photos in the newsletter. Stories can be sent to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com

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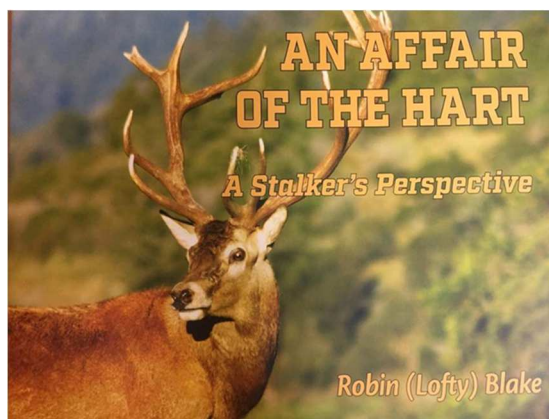
Buy, Sell, and Swap

Starting afresh for 2017. 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

AN AFFAIR OF THE HART

\$50 per book signed by the Author

Lofty has given our branch a great opportunity to sell these books and our Branch receives \$10 per copy



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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