



# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **June 2017**

Next meeting Wednesday 21 June 2017  
**7:30 pm at Hunting and Fishing Masterton**  
Deals to be had!!

**General meeting 21 June 2017** in Masterton at Hunting and Fishing Queen Street.



## Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**21 JUNE GENERAL MEETING** Deals to be had at Hunting and Fishing

**Coming Up .....**

**General Meetings**

**19 July** at Deerstalkers' Hall **Johnny the Paramedic**

**16 August** at Deerstalkers' Hall – **John Bissell**

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### QUAD AND SIDE BY SIDE SAFETY CHECKS:

As wet and cold conditions are still amongst 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!!!**

## News

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**15 June.** Thursday at Carters Reserve in Gladstone at 7.30 pm

If you are interested in joining SAR please contact Phil Gray on 027 474 0717.

### **HUNTING AND WILDLIFE MAGAZINE**

Your feedback is required regarding how the Hunting and Wildlife magazine should go out! Either Posted or Emailed?? Remember that if the magazine was in shops we could get potential new members, if it was emailed we could possibly loss them? What are your thoughts? Have your say! Feed back to: [membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz)

### **PARKVALE HALL**

Regular bookings throughout the year helps to raise funds for the club. For more info or to make a booking contact Martin 379 5454 / 027 367 1635

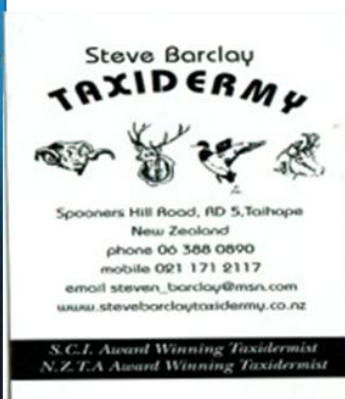
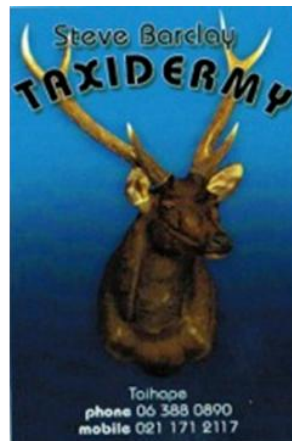
### **DEER PARK**

Our 22 Point Stag had wire tangled around his antlers and there were quite a few members of the public concerned that he was in pain. But thanks to Phil and Aidan this has now been removed!



### **FIREARMS OWNERS MEETING AT PARKVALE HALL**

There will be a meeting at the Parkvale Hall on 23 June 2017 regarding firearms. At the time of writing this newsletter the Branch has not been made aware of this, nor has the hall been booked. We have contacted Alistair Scott (local MP) regarding format.



## Hunting Reports

### South Island Tahr hunt

We set off from home at 1am to catch the ferry, Al and myself planning to meet up with Muz at Hokitika at lunch time. The trip down was uneventful arriving in Hokitika just after 12, met up with Muz to get last minute supplies - mainly beer. We set off for the Whataroa river car park to catch the kerosene taxi to our camp site. A short ride later had us at what would be our camp for the next few days. After seeing some Chamois on the way in it was looking good, but two days later have not seen anything but low cloud and a forecast for more crap to come. We pulled the pin and headed for the east coast after some advice from a young guy at Ashburton Hunting and Fishing, my very sceptical colleagues and myself headed for Tekapo.

Six hours later we arrived at a very flash looking stone hut. We had seen some Tahr on the way up the river and looking around the hills next to the hut we spotted some more that night. The next morning, we split up and headed in three different directions. I went down stream and across the river to climbed up to the top of the hill to have a look. Around 3 hours later, still not at the top I slowly headed back down. Looking around I spotted a group of nannies and kids feeding about 250 metres away, I watched them for a while and then kept moving. Not far from the bottom I spotted two Tahr on the far side of a small river, at this stage they were about 500 metres away so I decided to close the gap and stalk down to be just across the river from them.

As I was descending I slipped, sliding down the tussock 2 or 3 meters when I stopped and turned



around there was a stag standing 120 metres away looking at me, I thought about letting it grow for about half a second, as I was reaching for my gun that was in my pack scabbard the thought of letting him grow quickly evaporated. The stag just stood there watching me as I pulled my gun out loaded it and shot him, he dropped with the shot and then got up and started to walk away, I reloaded and fired again missing but the next shot dropped him for good. I walked over to find him and get a good look at him, his antlers where a lot bigger than I had thought and his body was massive, easily the biggest red I have shot. Now I just had to cut him up cart out as much as I could carry the hour back to the Ute and talk the other two into giving me a hand to go back and get the rest of the meat and try and find the two Tahr I had been stalking. Later that afternoon we were sidling around the hill about 300 metres from where I had left the rest of the meat when we spotted the two Tahr only 200 meters from where I had originally spotted them. We moved around the hill a bit closer and set Muz up for a shot as he had not shot a Tahr before and Al went backup. Muz shot hit hard and the Tahr only ran about 50 metres before dropping and Al managed to shoot the second one, by the time we picked up the deer meat and cut up the two Tahr we had very heavy packs for the long walk back. Getting back to the Ute just after dark it was about a one hour drive up steam to the hut where we had a couple of cold beers to wind up a successful trip. Always looking forward to the next one.

Lloyd Rayner.





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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)

Jet boil copies for sale, retail \$120.00 club price \$85.00 Receipts are in the boxes.

Brought 15 and 6 left, be quick!!

Phone Martin 0273671635.



### **SAUSAGES & SALAMI**

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

### **WANTED FOR FREE:**

If you have any DVD's or Video's on hunting, fishing, butchering etc could you please kindly donate them to the Hall.

We would appreciate it very much!

Thanks in advance.

### **JACKETS WITH OUR NZDA BRANCH LOGO**

The club is putting an order in for Jackets and Polo Shirts, all orders to be in by 30 June 2017 to Sharon Playle phone 379 7432 or email [steve.sharon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:steve.sharon@xtra.co.nz)

PRICE \$80 Per Jacket or \$40 for a polo shirt.



## Range Shooting

Here is a few reminders on use of the WPSSC or Gladstone range, please contact me, Alex on 027 4359 216 or email eeyore1914@gmail.com for any additional information.

On arrival, sign your name on the sign in sheet located in the main building and remember to always add NZDA next to your name. NZDA members are allowed 6 free visits to the range a year, any further visits will require a range fee of \$10.

Non WPSSC club members are not to be left at the range by themselves. I recommend early Sunday afternoons as there are usually a few members around and competition shoots are generally booked in the mornings. Further information about the range schedule can be found under the Calendar on the WPSSC website for updates ie; possible closures.

I have taken the following information from the WPSSC training manual :

### Operating Hours

Weekend club days – 09:00 to 20:00 or dark.

Wednesday non daylight saving – 14:00 to 20:00 or dark(whichever arrives first)

Wednesday daylight saving – 15:00 to 20:00 or dark

### Range 6 Casual Use (200m range)

This range gets very busy so please make room for others and ensure that egress to and from tables is not blocked. Someone must always act as Range Officer with the range being opened and closed correctly each time. **Firearms must not be handled when the range is closed and people are forward of the shooting line.**

### Range Commands

The following are recommended for non handgun events;

- 1) **Range is open** :(handling and shooting may resume)
- 2) **Cease fire and show clear** :(immediate stop and clear actions)
- 3) **Range is closed** :(given after the above, no handling of firearms permitted)
- 4) **Clear to go forward**

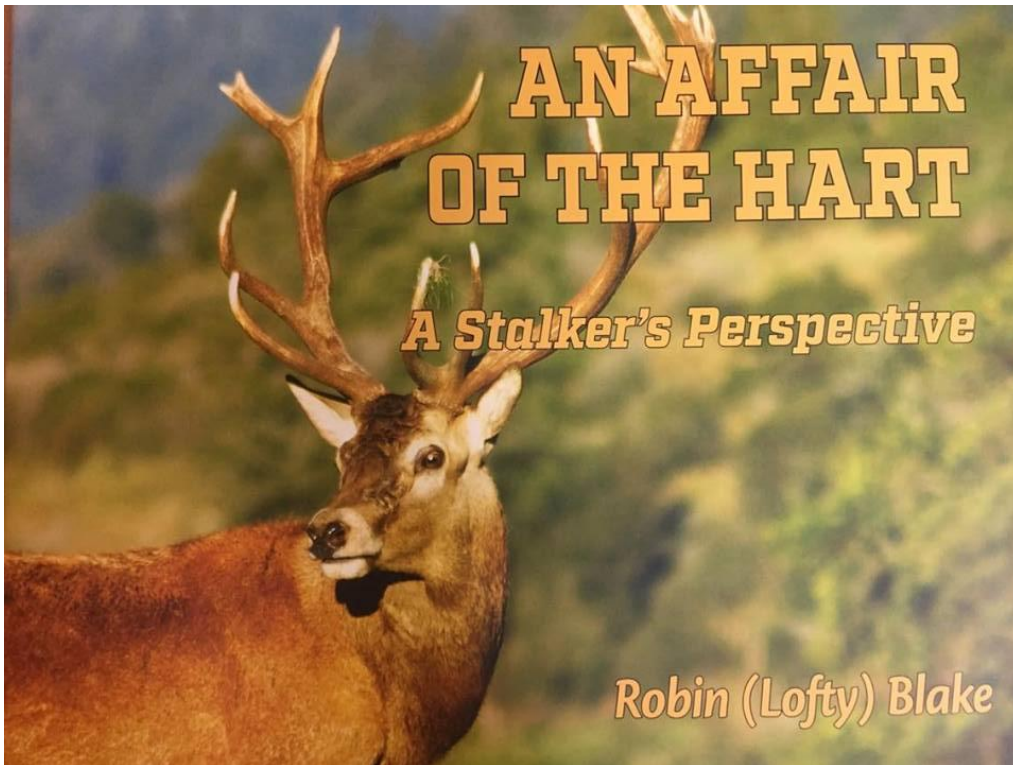
### Firearms carry on range

Firearms need to be cleared at all times. All long arms should be carried with a range flag in and pointed vertically at all times if not bagged or boxed.

### Restricted Ammunition

Armour piercing rounds are not permitted on steel targets. Tracer rounds are banned at all times.

## Books



**\$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**

### **Hunting Trips!**

**Time is running out to get your name down!!**

NZDA – WAIRARAPA Next Fly-in Trip watch this space!! This will be 50% subsidized by your branch, if you wish to be on the list, contact Martin 027 367 1635

Tinui Goat hunt – watch this space!

Wanganui this weekend! Looking forward to a couple of hunting stories guys!!

### **ATV Ride!!**

We have an opportunity to ride through Haurangi Sutherlands Hut Track on 22 July 2017 Meeting at the Parkvale Hall at 9.30 am sharp! What to bring; Lunch, snacks, drink, appropriate clothing and footwear and of course your Quad!

There will be approx 5 river crossings. Any queries phone Martin 027 367 1635

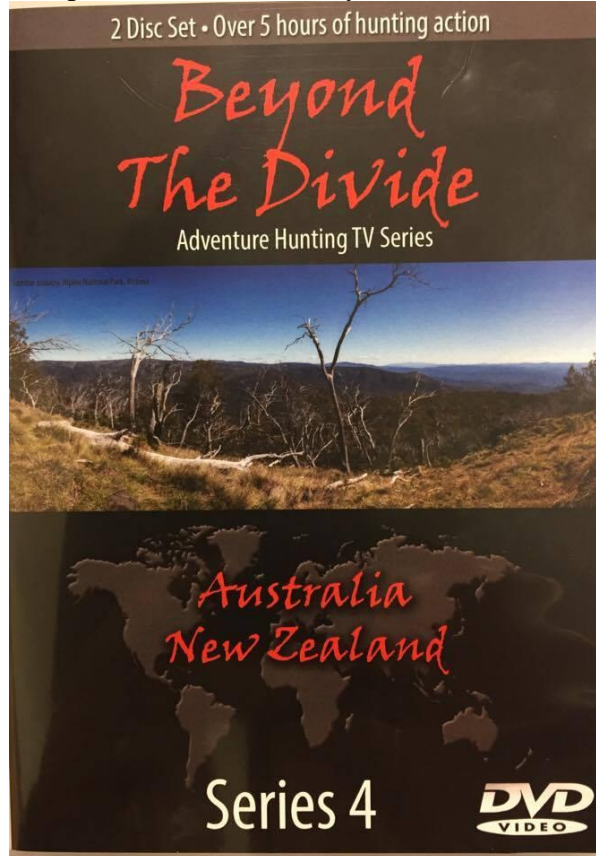




**Firearms Licensing** has gone out for Tender the outcome will be confirmed at a later date!  
On that note: the latest Firearms Code has been withdrawn as there was a minor mistake in it so, if you're wanting to sit your firearms license please contact Alex on 027 435 9216

## REMEMBER

Our life member Peter Cunningham has recently been to the Australia Shooting and Hunting Outdoors Expo and has kindly brought back a DVD that had been filmed in NZ with footage of the Wairarapa and in our very own NZDA Hall with a few photo's and some of our head's. If you would like to borrow the DVD please contact one of your Branch Committee!



## 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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