



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **July 2017**

General Meeting
Wednesday 19th July 2017
7:30 pm Parkvale Hall
Speaker: John Bissell

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Re-scheduled from May, our guest speaker this month is John Bissell. Always an interesting speaker and back by popular demand, John will talk about game animal management and conservation, which was the subject of two recent articles in NZ Hunter magazine. Promises to be a good night, so come along, bring your mates, and stay for supper afterwards.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

14-16 JULY NZDA NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHRISTCHURCH. This year's theme is "Growing the Business".

19 JULY GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall. John Bissell. See above.

22 JULY HAURANGI ATV RIDE: We have got permission to access from northern end to ride to Sutherlands hut. Meet 9.30 am sharp at the hall. Bring: Lunch, snacks, drink, appropriate clothing and footwear and of course your quad! There will be approximately 5 river crossings. Any queries phone Martin 027 367 1635

16 AUGUST GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall. We're hoping to get Paramedic Johnny Mulheron back to provide some hands-on training in outdoor medicine for hunters.

8-10 SEPTEMBER SUBSIDISED FLY-IN TRIP To the Branch's Tararua huts: Neill Forks, Sayers, and Cow Creek. You won't find a cheaper helicopter trip! Call or text Martin 027 367 1635 to put your name down.

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28 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER Put it on your calendar now. Always a great night.

24 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER SOUTH ISLAND TAHR HUNT Garry Warren has agreed to take a club trip to South Canterbury. One place has just become available, so contact Martin Amos on 027 367 1635 to put your name down. \$100 deposit is required.

Recent Events

17 MAY BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm was attended by 14 members. John Bissell didn't make it, so Howard Egan stepped in on the night and gave an interesting personal perspective on hunting ethics. Thanks Howard!

26-28 MAY SUBSIDISED TARARUA FLY-IN TRIP. Cancelled as only one person put their name down!

11-12 JUNE WANGANUI FALLOW TRIP. No reports received (come on guys), but I understand that it was a good trip despite mixed weather and deer numbers being much lower than on previous trips.

16 JUNE COW CREEK RE-PILING See hunting reports section.

21 JUNE GENERAL MEETING About 20 members enjoyed our special night at Wairarapa Hunting and Fishing. Members received \$20 discount on purchases over \$100 in addition to our usual 10% discount. I know some members took advantage (I bought a new pair of boots). Thanks to Beau, Jake and the team for opening up for us on a chilly winter evening, and even putting on pizza and soft drinks.

23 JUNE FIREARMS OWNERS MEETING Alistair Scott (the Wairarapa MP) met 3 branch members and 4 members of the Pistol club at the Parkvale Hall on to discuss the recent review of the firearm laws. This meeting was very poorly advertised which accounted for the low turn-out. The select committee recommendations are here: https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/SCR_72851/f06602dd80c8bcc69220182d246269b2427510b9 The Minister's response (where many of the recommendations were rejected) was emailed to Branch members on 22 June and is available here: <http://sportingshooters.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Government-response-to-firearms-select-committee-report.pdf>

On 4 July Alistair Scott e-mailed "Thank you for meeting with me recently to discuss the select committee report regarding firearms. You asked about the number of stolen firearms and the number recovered by Police each year. Unfortunately no information is held specifically on either of those questions. However approximately 3,000 have been stolen in burglaries over a six year period. The total number of licensed holders is 241,511 as at June 2014."

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PARKVALE HALL

A maintenance schedule will be developed, some internal painting needed, toilet cistern leaks occasionally, plumbing in kitchen needs tidying up. Grants could cover some of these costs.

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

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Phil Gray is Branch rep but keen to get others involved. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil on 027 474 0717.

DEER PARK

As noted last month, Phil and Aidan removed the wire from around the red stag's antlers.

RANGE AND SHOOTING

Branch shooting competitions will be held in September. Dates to be confirmed next month.

HUTS AND TRACKS

The Federated Mountain Clubs (FMC) met in Wellington on 16 June. The branch was represented by Mike Thrupp. Mike reports:

“Meeting was pretty well attended and included large contingents from DOC, Forest and Bird, as well as several tramping clubs. Fish and Game, NZDA and a few politicians were the others represented in lesser numbers (the 2 major parties did not attend).

The first part of the meeting was to launch a proposal for the Remarkables National Park and included a talk by Sir Alan Mark about the unique flora and fauna in this area.

FMC president gave a talk on the current land status in this area, including, upcoming tenure reviews of private pastoral land, crown land and public conservation estate.

There was also a presentation on intended park users, climbers, skiers, horse riding, mountain bikes, skidoos and snow-cats, 4wd and trail biking, trout fishing etc. None were to be excluded, it's intended to be a park for all.

The second part of the meeting was directed more at the politicians and included a question and answer session. DOC, Forest and Bird, and tramping clubs were the largest representative groups, there were quite a few questions/ requests for Increased funding and authority for DOC: increased predator control with 1080; increased funding and protection for the kea; and access rights to conservation areas including through land sold to overseas investors.

Difficult to see much progress happening until all the parties work together on these issues. Difficult to see that occurring with such polar opinions across the groups.”

There is a glossy brochure detailing the proposed Remarkables National park and FMC's challenges to political parties which is available on request from wairarapanzda@gmail.com.

BATTLE FOR THE BIRDS 1080 DROP RUAHINES

Gordon George (President, LNIRDF and Secretary of NZDA Hutt Valley branch) was provided with a document outlining the proposed 1080 operation for the northern Ruahines. Gordon writes “At a glance it covers over 25% of the entire Ruahines. There is no mention of the use of deer repellent yet the Ruahines from DoC's permit data is the most popular hunting destination in the Lower North Island (if not the country). Obviously this is a major concern

We understand the concern over the beech mast but the significance of the area to hunters also needs to be accepted and methods adopted that reduce the bykill of deer. Research underway in Taranaki is thus far suggesting an increased rat kill through the use of deer repellent which aligns well with the target of rat reduction and our wish to see a viable hunting population of deer left behind.

I strongly recommend you quickly review the scale and nature of this operation and include deer repellent as the minimum mitigation required as a result of that review. None of our support for deer repellent means we like 1080 however we acknowledge the need for rat and stoat control and that others have a job to do and it's a pragmatic way of mitigating the effects upon deer of the otherwise almost blunt meat-axe that is aerial 1080.

It's very disappointing that DoC would have learned so little about the significance of the Ruahines to hunters.”

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AORANGI 1080 DROP

Notices at the southern entrance to the Park indicated application of 1080 on 12 June 2017. All aerially applied baits were treated with deer repellent.



SOUTHERN RIMUTAKA 1080 DROP

The aerial pre-feed operation in Rimutaka Forest Park was completed on 16-17 June. The aerial application of 1080 baits was scheduled from 28 June onwards. Ground control in non-aerial treatment areas will commence after the aerial application. All aerially applied baits will be treated with deer repellent. Map of area affected was in May newsletter.

DOUGLAS SCORING COURSE

Neville Carter from Manawatu Branch is interested in holding a Douglas Score Course on the 4th or 5th of November 2017 at the branch clubrooms. If you are interested, please contact Neville on 06 356 8747 by the end of August. This is an exciting opportunity to learn to measure heads and perhaps become a judge at national conference.



LOWER NORTH ISLAND RED DEER FOUNDATION INC.

GOOD NEWS!!!

We have heard the result of our High Court challenge to DOCs 2015 WARO concessions that resulted in allowing WARO into previously Closed areas in the Lower North island

We didn't win all of our grounds we applied for, but some of those were similar and have resulted in the department changes to be considered invalid

We previously agreed that if we won, we would accept no change until the next concession review process which is due to begin very soon. This was because the change effects all WARO concessions, not just those in the Lower North Island.

Below is our lawyer's summary of it:

“While the Court did not accept all of the grounds in our application, it found in our favour in regards to natural justice. Justice France considered that a duty to consult with recreational hunters existed due to the factors set out at paragraph [53] of the judgement. These include The High Court has issued a declaration that the 2015 WARO concession, and in particular the land boundaries set in the Forest Parks were invalid due to failure of natural justice.the significant nature of the changes to the land in the Forest Parks, and the fact that WARO operators were given an opportunity to comment on the classification of the land but recreational hunters were not, as stated in the judgement: ‘Standing back, I am satisfied this been an unfair process caused by a failure to consult with the applicant.’”

The decision has not quashed the current 2015 permit, because it considered this to be a disproportionate response given that the permit applies to the whole of the North Island (and there is only 1 year left to run).

Costs have been awarded to the foundation!

Great result, for all the effort put in, especially by our fearless leader, Gordon ☺

DOC have been put on notice. Few things still to sort out, get the Minister (P Dunne) to change the actual concession

A media release will be put out by Gordon

Watch this space

Cheers

Derrick (Secretary LNIRDF)

FIREARMS CODE

The 2017 copies of the Firearms Codes have been recalled. Until further notice download and print copies from the NZ police website.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/92923126/lawabiding-shooters-up-in-arms-over-police-arms-code-bungle>



Hunting Reports

Cow Creek Re-pile

22 June 2017

Martin Amos

New members Kerry Fitzgerald and his son Jack, myself, and Rhys traveled to Cow Creek to help replace hut piles, helipad scrub removal and replace a bolt missing from the swing bridge.

The boys caught a possum with a rusty trap we found around the hut that Kerry got operational with some cooking oil and an hours perseverance. The bait was half a Moro bar smeared on the trap plate. They plucked it and are keen for some more fur so they can buy a few traps for the next trip!

Nice fish spotted downstream and some awesome bush and open slip hunting.

The wind was not favourable for our only hunt but we were lucky enough to see 1 deer's rump going 100 miles an hour through the scrub.





As this is now one of the clubs new adopted huts it will be on the list of options for our fly in trips.

Thanks again to Amalgamated helicopters for their awesome service, the new helicopter is certainly an asset in those nasty winds. Thanks to Joe Hansen from the department of conservation for the flying time and materials.

We want to include your hunting stories and photos in the newsletter too. Stories can be sent to the newsletter editor at wairarapanzda@gmail.com

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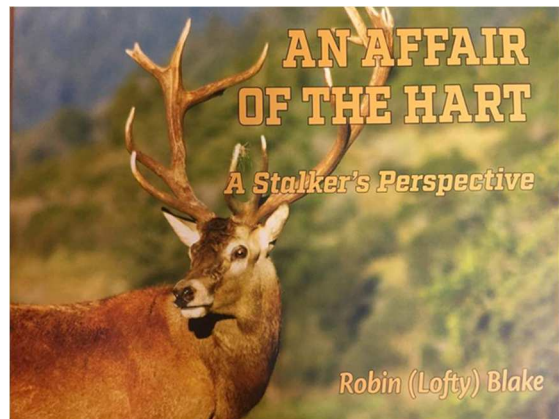
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Retail \$120.00 club price \$85.00 Receipts are in the boxes. Only a few left, be quick!! Phone Martin 027 367 1635.



SAUSAGES & SALAMI

A club fundraiser. Salamis \$20 (1 kg salami) and sausages \$6/kg. Email Aidan at 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.

PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS

The four club PLBs purchased with a grant application from Trust House Wairarapa are available for hire for \$10 for a weekend or \$20 for 3-14 days. Contact Aidan on 027 432 3410.

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



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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