



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association  
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **August 2017**

**General Meeting**

Wednesday 16 August 2017

7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Speaker: Not Johnny the 'Paramedic' - DVD's  
instead

**General Meeting 16 August 2017** Circumstances have beaten us so Johnny the Paramedic has been replaced by a DVD evening and swapping hunting yarns (lies) Johnny will join us later in the year. Come along, bring your mates, and stay for supper afterwards.

*Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events*

**16 August GENERAL MEETING** 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall. Hunting DVD's. See above.

**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.

**17 SEPTEMBER** Competition Shoot TBC but pencil this in your diaries!

**30/9-1/10** SIKA Show in Taupo

**28 OCTOBER** Annual Dinner and Prize Giving more details coming....

**OCTOBER** Wanganui Hunting Trip to be confirmed by Andrew Wilkinson

**Have you paid your memberships fee's? There are some outstanding!!! Please pay now, the benefits outweigh the disadvantages by far!** If you have a problem paying please contact Tracy Amos 027 379 5454



**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. This is now booked!

### Recent Events

**19 JULY BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** 7:30 pm was attended by 16 members. John Bissell did make it this time! Interesting topics covered and enjoyed by all. Thanks to John!

If you are interested in an topic and want more information bring your ideas forward to the committee for us to organise!

**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. Still need your stories guys!

**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](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."

### News

#### **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**

SAR is having their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in late September, WOW 90 years!

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**

Ray Wallis is speaking on our local radio in September regarding history and information regarding to the Deer Park this will be interesting to hear... if anyone has any information about the Deer Park please forward it to one of the committee!

### **RANGE AND SHOOTING**

Branch shooting competitions will be held in September. Dates to be confirmed next month. Looking at 17 September but this will be confirmed!

### **HUTS AND TRACKS**

The Branch received a warm thank you from DoC for recent Hut repairs!

### **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 by kill 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."

### **DOUGLAS SCORING COURSE**

Neville Carter from Manawatu Branch is interested in holding a Douglas Score Course on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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>



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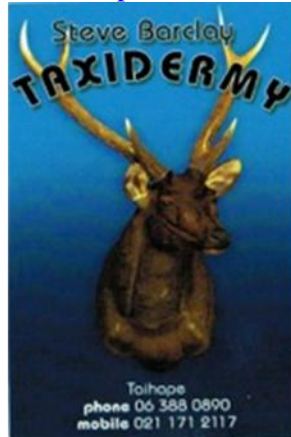


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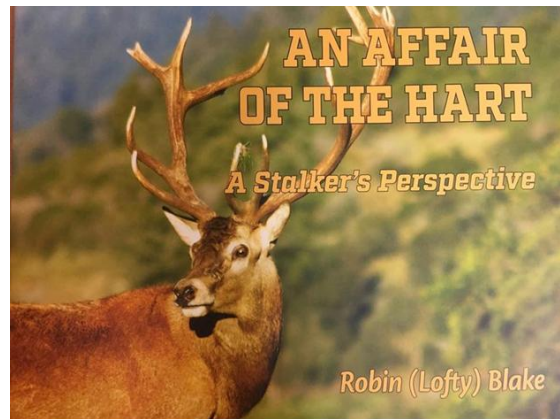


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### **JET BOIL COPIES**

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](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.

Thanks to Grahame Hamilton for donating videos and DVD's!

### **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 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.



### *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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