



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **September 2017**

General Meeting

Wednesday 20th September 2017

7:30 pm Parkvale Hall

Speaker: Johnny Mulheron

General Meeting 20 September 2017

Re-scheduled from August, our guest speaker this month is Johnny the paramedic. After giving a very interesting presentation last year, Johnny will be back to provide some hands-on training in outdoor medicine for hunters. This could help save your life or that of your mates, so come along and learn! Supper afterwards.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

23 SEPTEMBER GRAHAME HAMILTON MEMORIAL BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION. Gladstone Range starting at 10 am. See details on page 3.

23 SEPTEMBER SEARCH AND RESCUE 90TH ANNIVERSARY. If you or anyone you know has ever been involved with SAR this is for you. There are a number of activities around the 23 September, with a dinner at Solway Park. Please pass this on to anyone you know has been involved in SAR but is not necessarily a branch member. Any queries to Sam Milligan 06 370 9322 or 027 4475072 or sammilligan@xtra.co.nz

30 SEPTEMBER CLOSING DATE AHT & PHOTO COMPETITIONS Rules, entry form and details on pages 11-12

30 SEPTEMBER- 1 OCTOBER: Sika Show in Taupo

18 OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm Parkvale Hall. Speaker to be confirmed

28 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZEGIVING Put it on your calendar now. More details next month

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER WANGANUI HUNTING TRIP to be confirmed by Andrew Wilkinson.

4 NOVEMBER TAUPO BRANCH ANNUAL PRIZE SHOOT Jack Dillon Memorial Range, registrations from 8:30, \$30 entry. For more information contact Margaret Seal (07) 3789630 or 027 6226893 whmmseal@xtra.co.nz

24 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER SOUTH ISLAND TAHR HUNT Garry Warren is leading a club trip to South Canterbury. Fully booked.

Obituary



GRAHAME HAMILTON 4 May 1945 – 4 September 2017

Grahame Hamilton passed away on the morning of Monday 4 September in the presence of his family after a short battle with cancer. Over 200 people attended Grahame's service at the Deerstalkers Hall on 6 September and shared memories of a life spent in the outdoors, and Grahame's whole-hearted contribution to all the activities that he was involved in. Martin and Tracy Amos spoke on behalf of the Branch and many past and present club members were in attendance. Grahame was a past committee member, a regular participant in club hunting trips, he organised shooting events, gave advice and assistance on reloading, and was always one of the first to turn up at our firewood working bees. He was a hunting mentor to his three grandsons, and our thoughts are with Franci, Jo, Avon, Jordan, Levi, and Harley and the wider family and friends of Grahame.

In recognition of his contribution, the 2017 Branch Shooting Competition will be held in tribute to Grahame and called the **Grahame Hamilton Memorial Shoot**. Details on the next page.



Grahame Hamilton Memorial Shooting Competition

Gladstone Range Saturday 23 September 2017 at 10am

This event will be conducted at the Gladstone Range-(we thank our WPSSC friends for allowing us the use of Range 6 for the event). The event will proceed regardless of the weather. This is our main range shoot for the year and includes the sponsored SWAZI shoot for juniors (under 18), so please make the effort to bring the young ones along.

The branch will supply a BBQ lunch but bring along \$2 if you'd like a can of drink. We have a lot of events to shoot and only a short time in which to complete them all, so please listen carefully to the range staff and help out with any setting up, packing up etc.

Match 1. Junior (under 18 years of age) .22

50 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing. Your scores will count for both the branch score and the SWAZI shoot (sitting and prone positions).

Match 2. Senior .22

50 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing.

Match 3 Centrefire (Up to 8mm).

100 yards, 20 rounds. 5 shots prone, 5 shots sitting, 5 shots kneeling, 5 shots standing.

PLEASE NOTE FOR MATCHES 1, 2 AND 3

- Are to be shot unsupported- no slings, bipods, rests etc.
- Scopes are to be set not exceeding 6x power.
- Sporting stock configuration only- no thumb hole stocks.
- No special target shooting clothing, gloves, jackets etc.
- No heavy or target barrels to be used.

Match 4. F Class

100 yards, 10 rounds. F Class up to 8mm calibre, max score 110, any aids-bipods, slings, rests, barrel-stock configurations are allowed.

Match 5. Military

100 yards, 10 rounds. Military rifles to be bolt action, iron sighted (open sighted-no scopes), be of actual military origin (may be sporterised but not restocked with a sporting stock) and must be a standard military calibre ie; 6.5x55, .303 etc.

Match 6. Novelty shoot

If times allows. Bring 10 rounds for centrefire and 10 rounds .22.

Notes:

All shooters to bring their own ammunition. Shooting mats may be used. No muzzle breaks.

Branch trophies will be competed for in the following categories:

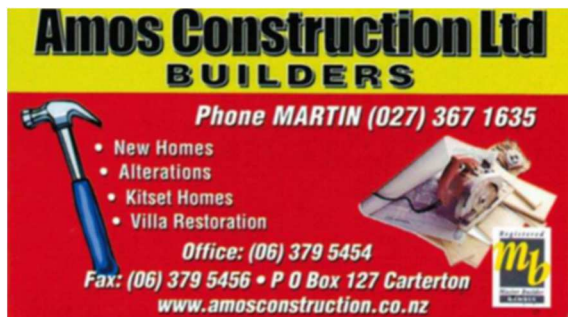
- Centrefire
- Rimfire
- Open Aggregate
- Women's aggregate
- F Class Senior
- F Class Junior
- Military

Range rules will be read out to you on the day but I would like to remind all:

- All shooters/spectators must abide by the WPSSC range rules.
- All children are to have a parent/guardian supervise them at all times.

- All visitors must sign the range book on arrival.
- Hearing protection must be worn.
- Chamber flags must be used as are now mandatory (can be obtained from the range for \$2.50 each).
- Firearms must be in good mechanical order.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to call Alex on 027 4359 216.



Recent Events

8-10 SEPTEMBER SUBSIDISED FLY-IN TRIP Cancelled due to the windy spring weather.

News

PARKVALE HALL

Regular bookings throughout the year helps to raise funds for the club. For more information or to make a booking contact Martin 379 5454 or 027 3671635

SEARCH AND RESCUE

SAR is having their 90th Anniversary on 23 September. Any queries to Sam Milligan 06 370 9322 or 027 4475072 or sammilligan@xtra.co.nz

Phil Gray is Branch rep but keen to get others involved. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil on 027 4740717.

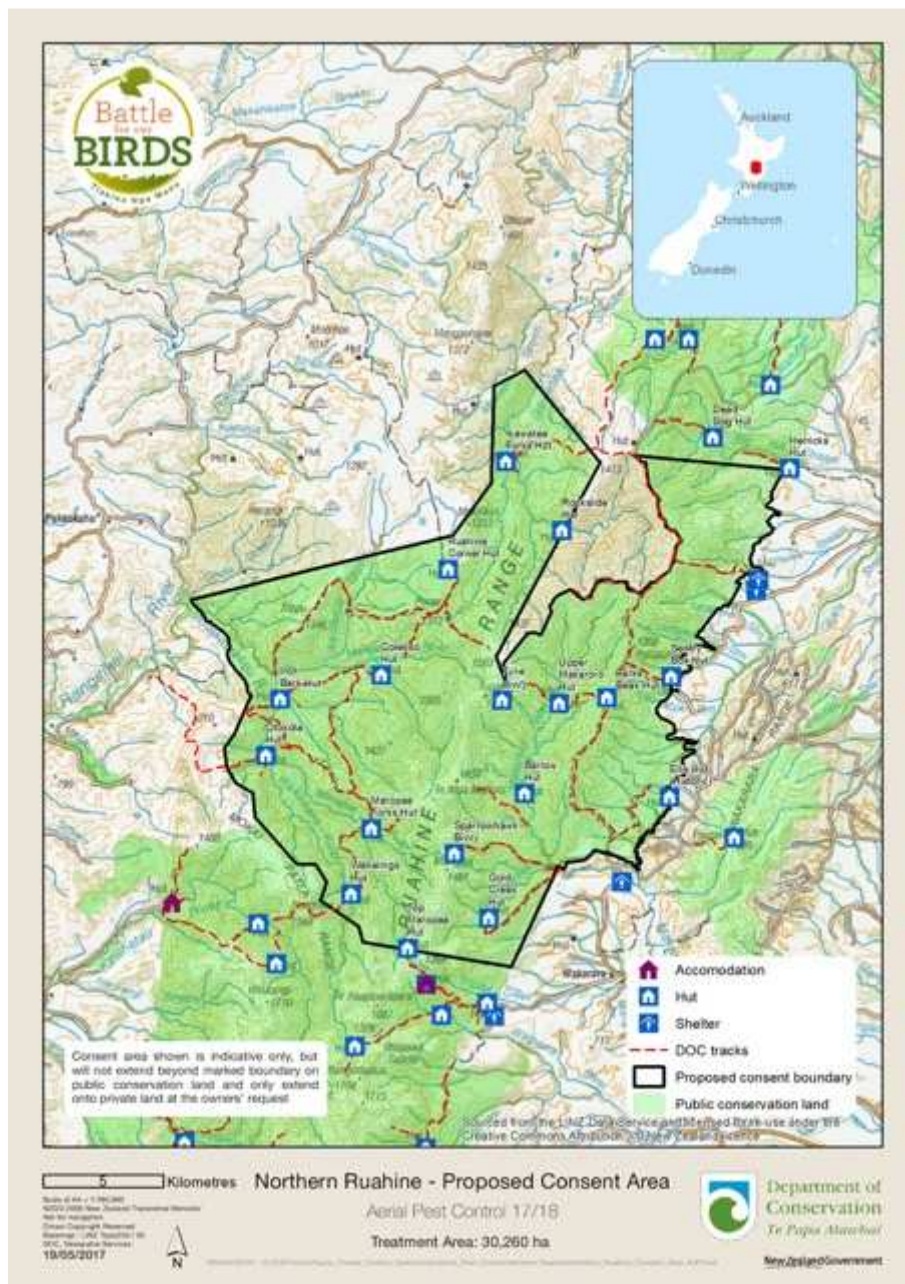
DEER PARK

The wire fence into the red deer enclosure was cut in late August and the deer went walkabout! Thanks to the good efforts of Phil and Ray all were recovered after enjoying a brief taste of freedom!



BATTLE FOR THE BIRDS 1080 DROP RUAHINES

There is an upcoming Battle for our Birds pest control operation in the Northern Ruahine Range.



This operation will be an aerial 1080 application targeting rats and possums. The operation involves a non-toxic pre-feed treatment followed by a toxic treatment approximately 10 days later. Both pre-feed and toxic baits will be small 6 gram baits, as the operation is primarily aimed at rats. It is expected that the withholding period will be approximately 8 months following the operation.

You can find more information about DOC's Battle for our Birds programme on the website: www.doc.govt.nz/battleforourbirds

For up to date information about pesticide use on public conservation land, including specific dates for this operation, see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/pesticide-summaries>

NZDA 1080 DEER REPELLENT DISCOVERY TRIP

This is a couple of years old now, but was recently distributed by the Lower North Island Red Deer Foundation and contains some interesting information.

On Friday 20 June 2014, NZDA Hutt Valley President Neil McAlpine, committee member Gary Johnson and Aorangi Hunters advocate Paul Cutfield travelled to Taupo to discover detail on deer repellent application to 1080 poison.

Rationale for the trip was to obtain a greater understanding of the deer repellent business given that Aorangi Hunters and Hutt Valley NZDA support the use of deer repellent if 1080 is utilised by TB Free NZ to control potential possum vectors of Bovine Tuberculosis, this is to prevent the unnecessary by-kill of non-targeted deer.

The event included viewing of the deer repellent coating process which also highlighted an additional process that removes any small fragments from the poison that could otherwise be consumed by small birds and other wildlife.

The current Deer Repellent process requires fine weather to dry the special coating which was specially developed by EPRO NZ and has been subsequently ratified by the Environmental Risk management Authority (ERMA).



Neil McAlpine and Paul Cutfield helping EPRO with the drying process of 1080 pellets coated in Deer Repellent

The visiting team were shown around EPRO's entire business location including its uniquely developed coating process, drying operation, storage facility and distribution process. The distribution process including a trip to a local Helicopter operator who had specially engineered 1080 spreading devices that focussed 1080 pellet ground spread and included costly anti-fragmentation technology to prevent the pellets being broken apart upon distribution.

The team from EPRO lead by Roger Lorrigan were very open to meaningful dialogue about their entire operation which included distribution of both raw 1080 and Deer Repellent coated 1080.



Left = 1080 without repellent. Right – 1080 with repellent (note: non-toxic pre-feed pellets are NOT coloured green)

The EPRO operation sources its raw 1080 product from Animal Control Products (a State Owned Enterprise) which is based in Wanganui. EPRO pack the product into 650kg sacks, each capable of covering an area of 325 hectares. Of interest was that this equates to 2kg per hectare, given each pellet is approx 12g, this equates to around 170 pellets per hectare – this is significantly less than early 1080 operations as research has found that a lower level of 1080 concentration still provides that equivalent possum kill rate.

Overall, a very informative and worthwhile exercise which demonstrated our intent to obtain an informed position that will help to articulate our views on this often controversial animal control product.

Until an alternative, and cost effective approach is found to control possum carriage of TB, it is unlikely that the application of 1080 will cease in the near term – hence the need to support a mitigating strategy during this period to prevent the otherwise significant by-kill of deer whilst 1080 is still utilised.



NZDA PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO 2017 CONFERENCE

It is my pleasure to present my report to this annual conference. Last year's conference was a positive and forward focussed event. The engagement of delegates in the workshops led by Hutt Valley and the subsequent report that the Chasing Great group presented to Natex in October 2016 gave a strong steer to where improvements could be made within the Association.

Earthquake

No one anticipated the earthquake in November which closed access to the National Office until mid-February 2017. Our office staff were given access for 10 minutes to grab essential files and then relocated to Sue's kitchen table. (I acknowledge the alternate accommodation kindly offered by Gordon George). A frustrating problem was that we had no clear indication as to when access would be permitted so we could not consider committing to more suitable accommodation. About the time we gained access to the building Sue took a tumble and broke both arms so continued working from home while Kirstie staffed the office.

The earthquake disrupted scheduled work. Rewarranting of HUNTS instructors and range officers was delayed. Invoicing for renewals scheduled for February/March was briefly delayed. Liaison with the new accountant and auditor and the implementation of a new accounting package continued with two sets of annual accounts sent to the auditor.

I need to acknowledge the dedication and resilience shown by SUE and KIRSTIE. Without their efforts we would have been in a very different situation today. I need to thank the branches which almost without exception showed understanding of the situation the National Office was in.

Advocacy

Principal areas of advocacy have been in firearm related issues, access, 1080 operations and animal welfare. In all these areas NZDA has worked directly with organisations such as COLFO, Firearm Safety Council Aotearoa NZ, Game Animal Council and Federated Mountain Clubs. NZDA has had direct and personal contact with Minister Donne and the Director General and Deputy Director (DOC). NZDA has submitted on CMS's, unlawful hunting, Codes of Conduct, animal welfare, Levy on ex-ported trophies. NZDA has ensured consultation on 1080 operations is genuine consultation. NZDA at a national level has engaged with FMC to pursue mandatory involvement of recreation-al groups in the consultative phase when tenure review or land sales impact on access. We have reason to believe this will be supported within DOC. NZDA publishes bi monthly in a national hunting magazine.

Chasing Great Report

The report provided in October firmed up a number of the recommendations that came through at the July conference workshops.

- The National Office data base is under review. Dan Friedman and Gordon George have visited the office, Craig Benbow has contributed ideas and an outside specialist is assisting.
- Hunting and Wildlife in a digital form has been progressed. The recommendation from conference reinforced by the Chasing Great report has been taken on board and options for production and delivery have been explored. We think we have all the technical problems solved.
- Communication via Facebook and Website- The Facebook was relaunched at the beginning of June but uptake is slow. The website is a work in progress and while improvements and updating have occurred we need to bring the administration of the website closer to home preferably inside National Office.

Financial issues

Two issues hopefully have been put to bed. The Shooting account issues have been resolved through the good work of Sandi Curren and Graeme Steans. The Endowment Member Scheme is unsustainable in an era of low interest returns and the scheme is closed. Existing memberships will be honoured and all host branches have been paid up to date. Funding provision has been made to ensure this will continue so long as endowment members remain alive.

Challenges

- I see that Communication with branches and members is generally ineffective. Branches are focussed on their individual problems and some might have little connection to the national body. We need to get them on board.
- Currently we communicate through electronic or print material from National Office (H&W editorials, Monthly NO newsletters, special notices). Are these distributed/discussed within branches?
- Conferences in my personal opinion are not effective – Numbers attending are falling, I question whether reports are getting back from delegates.

- Nominations for Natex (and for branch exec positions) are in short supply.

Meeting the challenge

- On Sunday we will discuss some of these issues. And I want you thinking about these proposals and the changes that might result
- We move to a one day AGM in a central venue.
- We run regional one day meetings for local committee members with National President and regional Natex member present. AHT measuring and training is conducted at the same venue
- National conferences are held every five years.
- We employ an Executive Officer to manage operations
- We change the role of Natex to that of a board with responsibility for governance.

What is the theme for this conference? To grow the business we must be prepared to make changes. Getting Better Bigger and Stronger does not happen by standing still.

Bill O'Leary

LOWER NORTH ISLAND RED DEER FOUNDATION INC.

LNIRDF have updated their website. The new website is at <https://www.lnirdf.org.nz/>

Membership is disabled until payment process is sorted, as is donations. Bit of semi demo info on the other pages

TRADE ME AND YOUR FIREARMS LICENCE

You may have read in the media that Trade Me is to be given access to the Police Firearm Licence database.

This is how the process will work says Acting Superintendent Mike McIlraith, Officer in Charge | Arms Act Service Delivery Group | New Zealand Police:

“Whenever someone asks a question, bids or buys a firearm on Trade Me they will need to enter their firearms licence number and the name on that licence. This new system will send a query to the Police database to check the licence is legitimate. The query sent from Trade Me will contain only the name and number of the submitted licence, and will be responded to with a simple “yes” or “no” answer from Police. If the licence has expired or the details aren't correct, the submitter will not be able to go further.”

NATIONAL PARTY POSITION ON FIREARMS IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has a strong culture of recreational hunting, a vibrant and active sport shooting community and many farmers and professional hunters who work to keep our forests and farms pest free, and who hunt to feed their families and friends.

National believes that semi-automatic firearms are a legitimate tool for pest control and we won't be proposing a blanket ban on them.

However we take the responsibility of protecting the public from gun crime very seriously and believe in the need for restrictions on the most dangerous firearms and other weapons.

National believes the vast majority of licenced firearms owners take care to keep their firearms safe and to stay within the law. We value the relationship with the firearms community as important partners in the fight against illegal firearms and criminal activity.

We will;

- Improve the firearms licencing regime by upgrading Police systems and modernising permitting and import processes.
- Ensure firearms activity is appropriately funded and that fees for applications and permits are set on a

- cost-recovery basis and do not subsidise non-firearms related Police activities.
- Work with the firearms community towards a fit-for-purpose legislative framework that gives as much clarity as possible, while being able to deal with technological changes and new parts and products.
- Aggressively pursue illegal firearms and target criminals wishing to obtain firearms to commit crimes, including bringing in Firearms Prohibition Orders for patched gang members with serious offending histories.
- Make it clear that patched gang members and prospects will not be considered 'fit and proper' people to hold licences
- Continue to restrict access to the most dangerous firearms in the interests of public safety – but we will ensure any changes to these restrictions will be consulted and carefully considered
- Change the Arms Act to give Police a new power to suspend a licence. We will also introduce a 12-month stand-down after a licence is revoked.
- Direct Police to first consult with the firearms community before they propose any changes to policy. The Minister of Police will have the final sign off.
- Introduce new checks to ensure firearms brought in on visitors permit are exported or transferred legally
- Work with the legal firearms owners to prevent them becoming targets of criminals seeking firearms

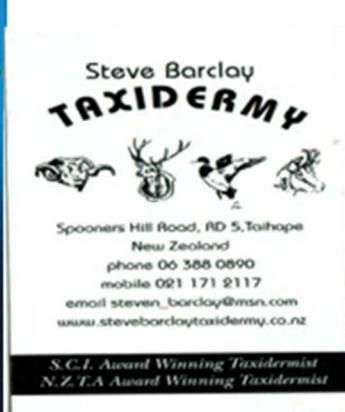
Paula Bennett, MP

Get out and vote on 23 September (either before or after the Branch shoot!).

Hunting Reports

None received this month.

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



Antler, Horn & Tusk competitions for year to 2017 and including Photographic competitions for the same period.

All competitions will be run closely to the Branch Competition rules which have been laminated and displayed in our Parkvale meeting room for the whole competition year. These newsletter notes are simply an abbreviation of them.

Key dates this year are:

Closing date for the taking of heads, jaws and photos is Saturday 30 September 2017.

Entry forms and AH&T Trophies (heads & photos) to be in by 7pm Saturday 30 September 2017.

Measuring night (not open to members) Tuesday 3 October 2017.

Branch Prize-Giving – presentation of Awards & Certificates – Saturday – 28 October 2017.

Extracts from the Rules.

1. Entrants must have been financial members of this branch at the time of shooting the trophy or taking the photograph. Junior members (18yrs & under) to be noted on Entry forms please.
2. All entries in the Antler-horn-tusk competitions (including the Paid hunting section) must have been taken in unimpeded fair chase. No spotlighting. Paid hunting entries are to be clearly designated on Entry forms.
3. Antler-horn-tusk entries must be on a clean, full skull (or jaw). Foul entries will not be accepted.
4. A Disputes panel will be appointed by the Committee.
5. A competitor may enter more than one head in each competition.
6. Entry forms (both AH&T and photographs) should contain adequate information to illustrate the philosophies within these Competition rules are met.
7. As for several years, the Photographic competitions will be judged separately for Standard (e.g. 35mm), and for Digital entries. Entry forms must be clearly marked as to which the photo is. Photos taken in N.Z. Not from a Conveyance. No dead animals or birds. Maximum size for prints is 7" x 5" (175mm x 125mm).
8. Judging will be of four categories. The categories must be designated by the entrant and clearly marked on the Entry form and the back of photo. One fully completed entry form (see note 6 above) for each photo. Members may enter up to three photos in each category.
9. The categories are:
 - a. Game animals in their wild, outdoor state. Not in any form of captivity.
 - b. Other Wildlife in it's wild, outdoor state and not in any form of captivity. The subject matter is to be relevant to hunting, hunting country, and the associated activities of hunters.
 - c. Scenic relative to the sport of hunting. Human activity should be of minor importance.
 - d. Other – not covered in other categories. Subject matter is to be relevant to hunting or hunting country. Or the associated activity of hunters.

NOTE: The winning photo of each category will be retained for the Parkvale Hall display board. *Entry forms for antlers, horns and tusks – and for photographs will be available) at the September General meeting or subsequent to that date.*

Steve Playle Convener AH&T

WAIRARAPA BRANCH NZDA



**ALL ENTRIES FOR ANTLER HORN & TUSK
AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS
TO BE ON THIS FORM**



COMPETITION ENTERED FOR

NAME OF ENTRANT

ADDRESS

DATE SHOT/TAKEN LOCALITY

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF SECURING TROPHY (to be completed by entrant)

**THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT. I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES OF THE
COMPETITION AND I UNDERSTAND THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**

SIGNATURE DATE

**ANY PERSON FOUND DELIBERATELY CONTRAVENING RULES MAY HAVE ALL THEIR ENTRIES
DISQUALIFIED AND MAY BE BARRED FROM PARTICIPATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR AS
DETERMINED BY THE BRANCH COMMITTEE.**

**WITNESS: I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRANT IS A FINANCIAL
MEMBER AND WAS, AT THE TIME OF TROPHY TAKING.**

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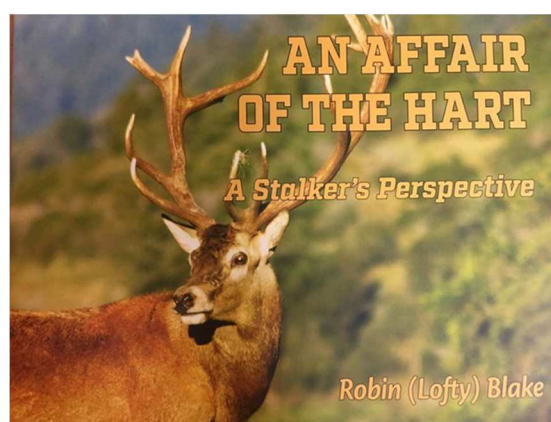
Buy, Sell, and Swap

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

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



FOR SALE TOTARA WOOD DESIGNS

Custom made for anyone. All art work is hand drawn on the totara wood. Price Varys on design and wood size. These make really good gifts, also check out Facebook for more photos and previous designs, search Gladstone Totara Designs. If anyone is interested or wants more information call or text Adam on 027 917 6358 or text Hannah 022 150 4699.

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 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.

A **big** thank you to the team at **Wairarapa Funeral Services** for your printing of our monthly newsletter this year – we really have appreciated your assistance.



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