



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association  
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **October 2017**

**NO General Meeting**

Annual Dinner & Prize-giving 28 October 2017  
5:30 pm Parkvale Hall  
See details below

**Annual dinner & Prize-giving Saturday 28 October 2017 5:30 pm**



The major Branch event every year. Meal will be catered with branch providing meat for the spit-roast and dessert. Planning is underway for a silent auction with some great items up for grabs. Not to be missed

Prices: \$25 couple; \$15 single; \$5 age 10 – 14; under 10 free. Pay at the door, but committee members will be ringing round to try and get an idea of numbers for catering.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

**NO GENERAL MEETING 18 OCTOBER**

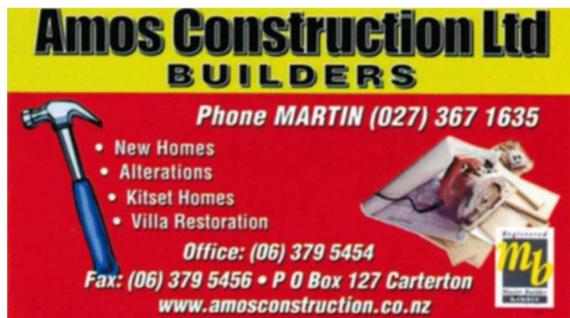
**28 OCTOBER BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZEGIVING** Put it on your calendar now. See details above.

**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](mailto:whmmseal@xtra.co.nz)

**15 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING** Alex is trying to arrange an evening of small bore shooting. To be confirmed with details next month.

**17-19 NOVEMBER WANGANUI HUNTING TRIP.** Andrew has finally been able to pin down dates with the landowner (subject to confirmation closer to the time). Contact Andrew Wilkinson on 027 4381363 to get your name down.

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



## Recent Events

**20 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING** 14 members attended an excellent presentation by Johnny Mulheron the Paramedic. Johnny covered the use of tourniquets, adrenaline, determining death, and when to use a PLB.

**23 SEPTEMBER GRAHAME HAMILTON MEMORIAL BRANCH SHOOTING COMPETITION.**  
Report by Alex Beesley

This year we dedicated the shoot to Grahame Hamilton. When I was originally asked to arrange the shoots for the DA despite doing a lot of range shooting I really didn't know how these specific shoots were run. So at every DA shoot Grahame was always there to point me in the right direction-how to score the targets, where to place the clay throwers, what is allowed in F Class etc. Anything I needed to know he was a wealth of knowledge and he was always there to help. I never could have run these shoots without him and I really felt his absence on the day. It was wonderful to see Grahame's family at the shoot, their presence at shoots in their large numbers and previous taking home of trophies is a true testament to Grahame's dedication to shooting and his family of whom he was always talking of and extremely proud.

We had a great day, the weather was perfect with plenty of socialising and although shooting is not really known to be a great spectator sport the amount of binoculars and spotting scopes out to watch the shooting in progress was quite good to see. Yet again our young shooters are showing us older ones up, there were some impressive scores from the juniors this year, newcomer Julia O'Driscoll showing a lot of promise. F Class is picking up in popularity over time, some of the scores are quite amazing. We still need more competitors for the military shoot, so don't be shy to haul out Grandad's old .303 out of the safe for next year, please contact me if you need any help or have questions around military rifles, I'd be happy to help.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Tracy Amos for arranging the food, Francie Hamilton for organising and cooking the BBQ, Simon Young from Hutt Valley Deer Stalkers for acting as range officer, the WPSSC for the use of

the range and facilities, it was commented on several times how great the range is looking, the committee members attending to show support and all who turned up to shoot and made the day a success.

JUST A REMINDER when on the range at any time, not just for the annual shoot;

- Make sure you use chamber flags when rifles are on the range but not in use, these indicate to other shooters that your rifle is clear. These can be obtained from the range, don't be afraid to ask any member there who to ask to purchase a flag.
- Do not touch your firearms at all while the range is closed and people are forward of the firing line.
- Always point your muzzle in a safe direction, when walking to and from the range make sure the muzzle is pointed vertically when your firearm is not bagged or boxed.

Safe and happy shooting,  
Alex



**23 SEPTEMBER SEARCH AND RESCUE 90TH ANNIVERSARY.** About 90 attended an excellent dinner with speakers and auctions.



## News

### **PARKVALE HALL**

The Hall is making about \$100/month from hire. For more information or to make a booking contact Martin 379 5454 or 027 3671635.

Paul Redwood the Kuranui High School caretaker arranged 100 stacking chairs to be donated to the branch. A letter of thanks has been sent.

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

SAREX is to be held 5 November. Information to be circulated. 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**

Still feeding nuts and oats. Reds have been TB tested. Suggestion to talk to council about seating for the public.

### **HUTS**

DOC management agreement with the Branch for Sayers, Neil Forks, and Cow Creek has been signed.

### **DOC LIAISON**

In addition to signing of hut management agreement, Martin has talked to DOC about potential for Branch to be involved in goat control.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Lance Hare is looking through the National H&S policy documentation, NatEx has provided further appendices covering branch activities and events.

### **HUNTING & WILDLIFE**

The Hunting & Wildlife magazine has now been emailed out digitally to all financial members of NZDA. If you haven't received your link, either you are non-financial for this year on our data-base or your email address is incorrect. Send me an email ([membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz)) if you have paid and did not receive the magazine or if your email address needs updating.

### **PIG AND DEER SURVEY IN THE NORTHERN TARARUAS**

This is to advise you that Supplejack Contracting Ltd will be coordinating a pig and deer survey in the Northern Tararua TMA (TB management area) under contract to TBfree New Zealand.

Recreational hunters are invited to submit pig and deer samples. Hunters who wish to participate will be required to follow the contractor's guidelines and will be paid a reimbursement for samples provided.

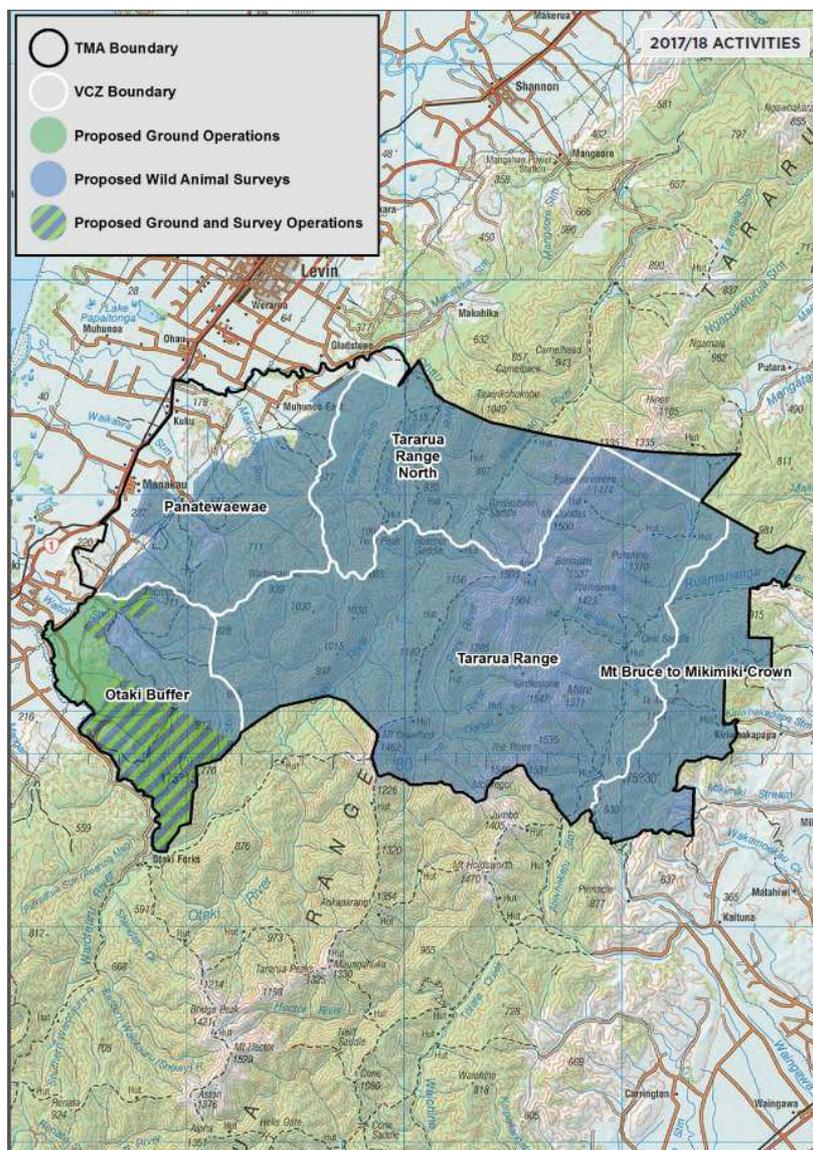
OSPRI manages the bovine tuberculosis (TB) control programme known as TBfree. Wild animals, mainly possums, are both the main carriers of bovine TB and source of the disease in cattle and deer herds. It is important that we keep their numbers low, as we work towards eradicating TB from New Zealand over the long term.

Before an area can be classed as TB-free, surveys are used to assess if TB is still present in wildlife. Pigs are good indicators of TB in possums because they scavenge widely, so are likely to get TB from eating TB-infected possum carcasses. They can't maintain TB within their own population, so if they are infected, it means it's from another species. Pig survey results will help us to tell if TB is still in the area and whether further possum control work needs to be done. To support the information gained from pigs, deer will also be collected from selected areas.

The area where this work is planned is shown on the map below. The work is due to be carried out from August 2017 to June 2018.

For further information, visit <http://www.tbfree.org.nz/tb-management-areas> or contact our Communications Manager on 06 378 8414 or email [admin@supplejackcontracting.co.nz](mailto:admin@supplejackcontracting.co.nz).

Yours sincerely  
Dave Halliday Director, Supplejack Contracting Ltd



# Ruahine Forest Park (RFP) Recreational Hunters' Survey

## Results Summary



Game Animal Council  
NEW ZEALAND

Geoff Kerr 12 September 2017

Survey opened:	23 February 2017	Survey closed:	2 July 2017
Days open:	129 days	Responses:	112
Permits issued:	2636	Response rate	4.25%

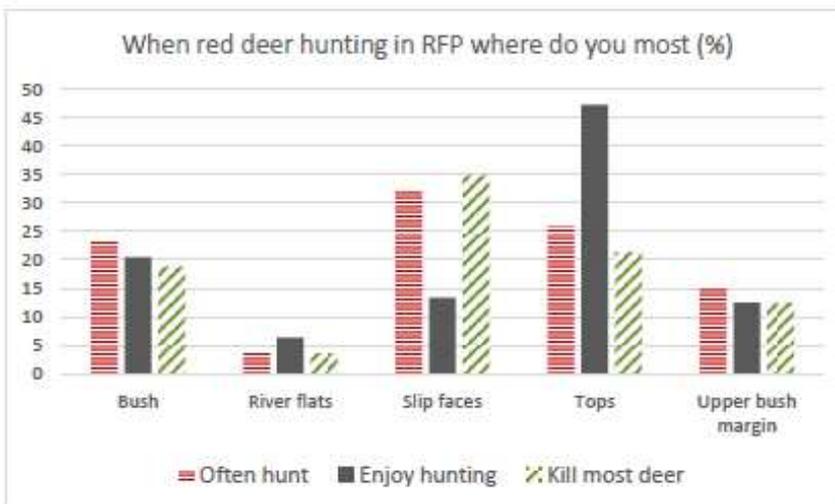
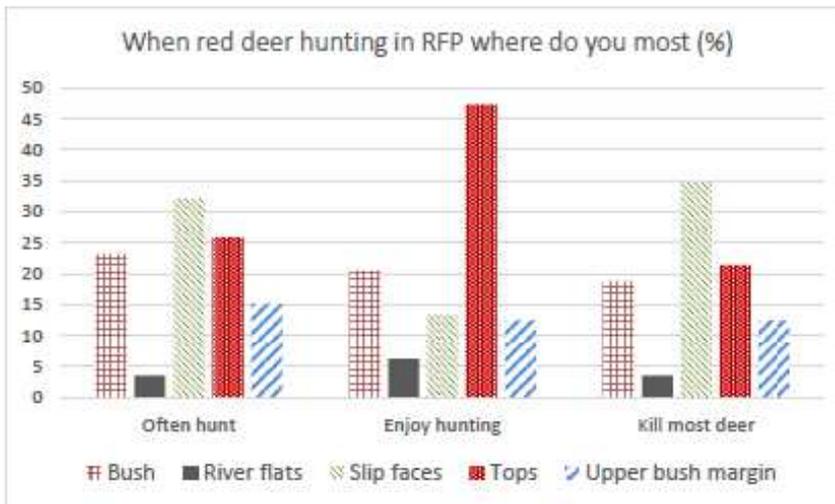
This sample is likely to be biased for two main reasons. First, it is a very small proportion of the hunters who obtained permits during the survey period, which may imply an avidity bias. Second, the survey URL was publicised on a hunting-related forum, which means that people who were not obtaining a hunting permit for the Ruahines could participate. However, that appears not to be the case given the responses about recent RFP hunting trips. Avidity bias (if it exists) is not necessarily problematic, depending on the purposes to which the responses are put. More avid RFP hunters are likely to know more about the Park than low-avidity hunters do. There is also the consideration about which hunters' needs should be favoured – catering to the "regulars" is a strategy that has merit in many cases.

Mean	Median	SEM	Variable
42 years	42	1.25	Hunter age
17 years	11	1.36	RFP hunting experience
28.6%	No		NZDA members
98%	Yes		Male
59.8%	Yes		Urban dweller
149 km	80	14.1	Distance from RFP
2.2 hours	1.5	0.2	One way travel time to RFP
7.8 hunts	4	0.9	Hunts in RFP last 12 months (4 hunters ≥ 40 hunts)
14.5 days	10.5	1.3	Days hunting in RFP last 12 months
76%	Yes		Personally killed a red deer in RFP last 12 months
4.20 deer	2	0.53	Personal annual kill of RFP red deer (Top 10% kill 40% of deer: [20%,60%])
0.88 deer	0	0.15	Personal annual kill of RFP mature red stags
1.45 deer	0	0.26	Personal annual kill of RFP mature red hinds
0.86 deer	0	0.13	Personal annual kill of RFP juvenile red stags
1.02 deer	0	0.16	Personal annual kill of RFP juvenile red hinds
2.8 days	2	0.2	Days per RFP hunt
4.49 deer	3	0.49	Red deer seen on last RFP hunt (2 big outliers –32 & 27, 6≥15)
0.79 deer	1	0.09	Red deer personally killed on last RFP hunt (54=0, 36=1, 14=2, 8=3)

Where medians differ from means there is a skewed distribution. For example, the mean annual kill of RFP red deer is 4.20, whereas the median is 2. This happens because a small number of hunters harvest a large number of deer (in this case 10% of hunters kill 40% of the deer). The difference between mean and median experience suggests there is a small number of extremely experienced hunters in the sample.]

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	Most often hunt	Most enjoy hunting	Kill most deer
<b>Tops</b>	27%	50%	24%
<b>Bush</b>	24%	22%	21%
<b>Upper bush margin</b>	16%	13%	14%
<b>Slip faces</b>	33%	14%	40%



Hunters most enjoy hunting the tops, and the tops see a relatively high amount of hunting effort. On the other hand, slip faces appear to be most productive, attracting the highest hunting effort, but hunters get relatively low enjoyment from hunting slip faces.

## COLFO

Once we know the shape of our parliament and what the agenda towards firearm ownership is likely to be we will then be able to plan our future strategy. Social media is playing a bigger and bigger part in informing people and shaping public perceptions. If you want to stay informed and discuss issues you need to be on Facebook, not only reading but sharing what we post with your friends and family. Otherwise we are just preaching to the converted.

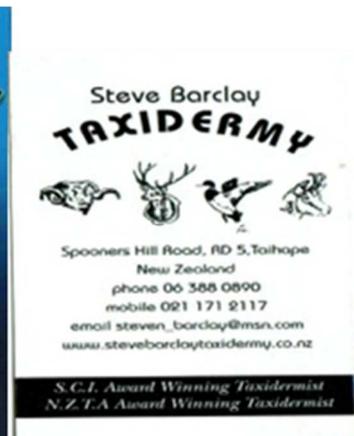
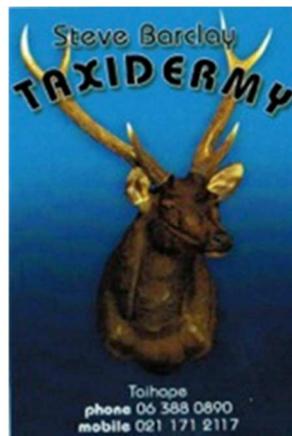
All the members of all the clubs that belong to COLFO are only a very small fraction of the firearms community (about 5%). We need to reach out to the other 95% and get them onboard. In politics it is numbers that count, "242,000 own firearms and vote" only means something if we can keep those people informed and actively supporting our cause. That is where you the members come in. We need you to talk to your mates who perhaps do not belong to a club and get them interested and active. They can join COLFO through our website – [www.colfo.org.nz](http://www.colfo.org.nz). More members = more funds and with more funds we can achieve more, such as engaging professional help to reach out to the wider community and taking legal action against unreasonable policies.

In the past year on your behalf COLFO has:

- Made submissions to the Law and Order Select Committee Inquiry
- Met with the Minister of Police several times
- Provided advice to the Minister of Police
- Meet regularly with Senior Police representing your concerns to the Police at FCAF
- Provided a database of firearms case law free for all to use
- Contributed to a trust fund for judicial review of Police policy
- Supported shooting clubs facing issues with their local councils
- Made submissions to the Environmental Protection Agency on the storage of ammunition
- Liaised with International Shooting Organisations including SSAA, NRA-ILA & WFSA
- Attended United Nations Arms Trade Treaty meetings as part of the NZ delegation
- Raised multiple concerns with media over some of the inaccurate reporting
- Contributed to the guidelines for guns in schools

COLFO has campaigned for:

- Improvements in Police Administration of licences and permits
- Removal of the various Police ultra vires policy changes
- Firearms laws and policy that are based on factual evidence
- Sensible regulations for firearm storage
- Support for Volunteer Firearm Safety Instructors
- Fair and just representation on all firearms issues



## Hunting Reports

No reports received again this month. Surely somebody is getting out for some spring hunting, so let's hear about it!

Junior member Peter O'Driscoll (age 11) managed his first goat in the Tararuas a couple of weeks ago. Must have been the practice at the shooting competition.



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](mailto:wairarapanzda@gmail.com)

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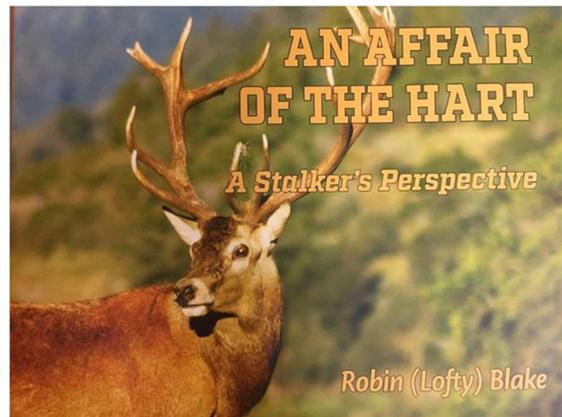
## Buy, Sell, and Swap

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)

### **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.

### **FIREWOOD FOR SALE**

The club has access to seasoned olive tree prunings. They burn very well and are dense like Manuka. They are branch lengths (1.5m - 2m) of varying thickness and need to be taken away whole (cut up at home). Easy loading onto trailer. No chainsaws allowed on site for safety.

\$50 a high-sided trailer load, \$25 a ute load, paid into the clubs bank account (name/ref=olive) 030687 0022096 00

Loading to be done on a Saturday or Sunday morning by arrangement- utes/trailers only. The amount you get is based on your stacking ability. Location - just south of Martinborough (Lake Ferry Rd)

Enquiries to Sean on 021 822 802.

### **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.

### **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.

## 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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