



New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association
Wairarapa Branch Incorporated

Newsletter for **November 2017**

General Meeting
Wednesday 15 November 2017
7:30 pm MASTERTON
Small Bore Shooting Masterton
12 Cole St

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Small Bore Shooting in Masterton this is always a great night with fun had by all!! 7.30pm meet at 12 Cole St Masterton. \$8 for first card or \$11 for 2 (includes Ammo). A great night out.

Key Dates - Upcoming Trips and Events

15 November GENERAL MEETING 7:30 pm Small bore Shooting in Masterton! See above.

17- 19 NOVEMBER Rewa goat Hunt filling up quickly get your name to Martin 027 367 1635 - has to be this weekend as Forest is being shut the following weekend.

17-19 NOVEMBER Wanganui Hunting Trip by Andrew Wilkinson this is now full

13 December BBQ and Helicopter initiation at Amalgamated Helicopters **Note: date is second Wednesday and last General Meeting of the year!!**

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



14-15 OCTOBER White Rock goose shoot, less geese present than previous culls however lots were culled and a bonus of 3 deer and a pig!

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

28 OCTOBER - ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZEGIVING

Well attended again this year. Good feed back to Committee members, catering was excellent as was the spit roast and BBQ. The Silent Auction had people up and moving and some bargains were had!! Steve Playle gave a great explanation on Douglas Scoring and what to be looking for with regards to a 'good head'!



COMPETITION RESULTS

Antler, Horn and Tusks 2017

Presented by Steve Playle:

Red deer, public land (Avon Tatton Shield) – Lloyd Rayner DS 249
Red deer, private land (Steve Ticehurst cup): - Murray Hayes 274 6/8
Classic Red deer (J.M.Jury shield): - Lloyd Rayner
Best goat head (Crawford Cameron shield): Jordan Hamilton DS91 1/8
Best head where a trophy fee is paid (Playle trophy): no entry
Best pig jaw –undrawn tusks (Harvie Morrow shield): Jordan Hamilton DS 17 2/8
Best pig jaw – Drawn Tusks (N. Tilsey Sheild) Clair Johnstone DS 22 2/8
Aggregate, two or more species (V.V Donald shield): Jordan Hamilton
Best head other species – Shane Dougan Sika DS 187 2/8
Best trophy head ‘under 20’ – No Entry
Tahr / Chamois (Max Cole Barometer) No Entry
Judge’s Commendation Murray Hayes for best presented head (Red)

Shooting 2016

Presented by Alex Beesley

Trophy (Man Laying down) Senior Class F Rifle Champion –
- Jordan Hamilton
Open Battle Sights ex Military (Bullet Shell) - Alex Beesley
Cup Ladies Aggregate Rifle Shoot – Alex Beesley
Cup Best Junior Rifle Shot – Rimfire - Harley Bengston

Certificates:

1st – Harley Bengston

2nd – Julia O’Driscoll

3rd – Peter O’Driscoll

Cup Large Bore Rifle Aggregate – Jordan Hamilton
Cup Small Bore – Jordan Hamilton
Junior F Class shooting – Harley Bengston

SWAZI SHOOT

1st Julia O’Driscoll

2nd - Harley Bengston

3rd - Peter O’Driscoll

PHOTOS:

Judged by: Colin Bain

Presented by Sharon Playle

Winner Shield(V.V Donald) – Other Wildlife Photo –Peter O’Driscoll

Cup (K Gear Cup) Most outstanding photograph not covered by another category – Joanne Bengston

Cup Presented by W.F McIntyre – Game Animal Slide –Clair Johnston

Cup presented by B.W Newport – Scenic Slide – Richard O’Driscoll

Best Junior by Amos Cup – Peter O’Driscoll

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 an exercise on 4-5 November including a Helicopter briefing, branch members can cover this at a BBQ at JD's. If you're interested in joining SAR please contact Phil on 027 474 0717.

DEER PARK

TB tested fallow – all clear, Reds to be tested. The fallow buck has cast his antlers which were recovered by Ray Wallis.

RANGE AND SHOOTING

Small Bore Shooting Wednesday 15 November as General Meeting.

HUTS AND TRACKS

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

DISTRIBUTION PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"Hunters have joined with other voices in condemning threats by anti-1080 activists to illegally release deer in new areas currently free of game animals.

Responding to news of what he called "outrageous" threats to release sika deer in the Taranaki region, NZ Deerstalkers' Association President Bill O'Leary said the NZDA deplored and condemned "this act of eco-terrorism."

"We totally distance ourselves from anyone involved in this outrage against the environment and sound wildlife management," he said. "Apart from being illegal, further releases of game in new places is totally contrary to the protection of indigenous biodiversity. We acknowledge that wild game are already in enough places throughout New Zealand, and fully support the immediate eradication of any wild animals illegally released anywhere new, any time."

Wapiti Foundation

The Fiordland Wapiti Foundation, with support from Department of Conservation, will be closing the core area of the Wapiti Area as of the 1st of February 2018. The non-core area will be left open till the 15th of February.

The main aims of FWF are to improve the quality of this trophy herd and protect the environment of the Wapiti Area for conservation and trophy hunting outcomes. Animal numbers must be controlled to a level that protects the conservation values of the area while maintain a culling programme improves the Wapiti genetics and trophy potential of the herd over the long-term.

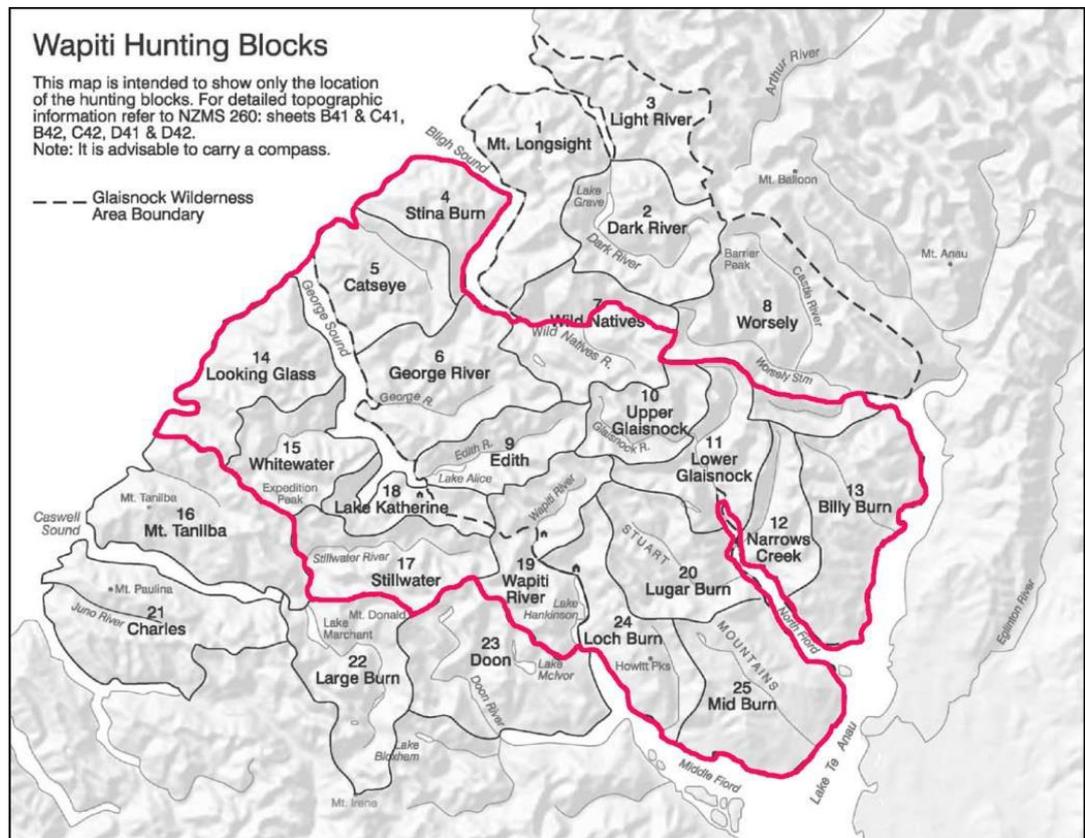
Justification for early closure of the core area:

- To reduce the over-harvest of good quality bulls, early in the season, before they have the opportunity pass on their genetics.

- To maximise the success and quality of hunting experience for legitimate bugle ballot holders during the bugle hunting periods, and

- To provide further opportunity for the FWF to cull non wapiti type and red deer when they are out in the open and not being disturbed by other hunting activity. There are still some red deer and unwanted males in the core area that are particularly vulnerable to aerial culling during February.

- Core Area Blocks:**
- Looking Glass
 - Catseye
 - Stina Burn
 - Whitewater
 - George River
 - Stillwater
 - Lake Katherine
 - Edith
 - True left of WildNatives
 - Wapiti River
 - Upper Glaisnock
 - Loch Burn
 - Lugar Burn
 - Lower Glaisnock
 - Narrows Creek
 - Mid Burn
 - Billy Burn
 - Saints Creek



SSANZ Meeting with Superintendent Mike McIlraith

Officer in Charge: Arms Act Service Delivery

On Monday evening 16 October Superintendent Mike McIlraith joined the SSANZ committee for just over an hour to talk about the new Arms Act Service Delivery project that he is heading. He told us that the aim is to bring administration of the Arm Act up to date, make it fit for purpose, improve efficiency and to meet the expectations of customers in terms of delivery times. For example the target delivery for licence renewals is 30days, currently it is taking an average of 42 with the expectation that this will improve by next year.

With the exception of A category firearms, which will be handled by District Arms Officers, all permits for Endorsed firearms are being handled by staff in Wellington, with the intention of making this an online service and phasing out a paper based system. Some new staff members are being recruited and once training is completed will lead to more consistency across the country. Some improvements will require additional funding above that already allocated however it is anticipated that all improvement measure will be in place by mid 2019.

Mike impressed on us the need for all firearm owners to record make, model and serial numbers of their firearms. Currently for the vast majority of firearms reported lost or stolen the owner cannot provide this basic information therefore if later seized by police there is little opportunity to reunite them with their owner.

Questions submitted by members were used to continue the conversation, Mike's responses are summarised *in Italics*.

Permits to procure and import

1. Can the permit to procure form (POL67C) have 3 sheets so that there is a copy for vendor and purchaser? Currently there is no copy for the vendor, which would be useful when there is an error on the Police data base. ***Police will consider this.***

2. Why are bayonets restricted imports since they are only of interest to collectors? ***This is covered by Customs Import Prohibition Order 2014; Customs and Excise Act 1996.***

3. Why can import permits not be applied for retrospectively? This used to be the case until a few years ago. ***Police & Customs prefer import permits to be in place before goods arrive at the border. It is hoped to make this a digital process but customers need to plan ahead.***

Mail Order

4. Why can mail order forms only be processed by an Arms Officer, which is not what the Act says? ***This will be looked into.***

5. With the new Trademe Rules, one cannot even ask a question about a Firearm that is up for Auction, as the new software knows that your License has expired, and won't allow you to even ask a question about a Firearm! Similarly if your Trademe name is slightly different to your licence name (Phil V Philip). ***Customers need to make sure their Trademe account name matches their firearm licence. Police will be extending the licence validation service to other major arms retailers.***

Security

6. Why are some Arms Inspectors insisting on Engineers & Locksmiths certification of gun safes when the POL67N is still under review. ***Security requirements are currently under review and it is intended to complete in December. Police are taking a pragmatic approach to ensure that the safety of young children and anyone else that shouldn't have access to firearms is safe and the prevention of opportunist theft, is maintained at a reasonable cost commensurate with the number and type of firearms held.***

Arms officers

7. Will District Arms Officers come under the control of PNHQ instead of District Commanders? ***This is yet to be decided.***

8. Why is there such inconsistency from place to place and time to time in the administration of the Act, especially in such matters a security and length of firearms? ***This will be improved with further training for staff***

9. Why do we get good timely advice, which is great, that it is time to renew our Firearms License, but, when we apply in a timely fashion, it takes so long to get our renewed License? Surely, and ideally, we should have our new License at, or near the time that the old one expires? I myself have been waiting a while, but talking to other members of our Club, some have been waiting up to 13 months. ***Renewals take priority over new applications. Given some months there is the opportunity to make some changes that would see improvements in this area, more work is required.***

Endorsed Licences B,C ,E

10. Can we not get rid of the purely cosmetic features of rifles that turn them into MSSAs. For instance, a pistol grip on the 5 round AR15 is an MSSA because of the grip style. That's just silly. Judging a gun's capacity for harm on cosmetic features that do not affect function is illogical, and has led to the farcical situation extant at present. ***That is a matter for Parliament.***

11. What is the procedure for getting an exemption from the police policy (No limit under the arms act) of only 12 pistols on a person's B cat? ***You need to make a case as to why you need additional pistols on your B Endorsement.***

Firearms handed to Police

12. When firearms are handed in to police is there a procedure by which some could be returned to the firearm community, for example antiques and those of historical significance? ***We can look at this.***

Registration

13. Does the Police Department still have a policy of introducing registration of rifles and shotguns regardless of the cost benefit? ***This was considered by the Select Committee and not advanced. There is no policy that requires registration of A category firearms.***

Firearms Licence Testing

We impressed on Mike the frustration of many Firearm Safety Instructors over the lack of certainty on the future implementation of this important programme. ***It has been put on hold while the whole process is reconsidered.***

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ARE WE OUR OWN WORST ENEMIES?

There are many issues that impact adversely on our sport from new Arms Act legislation, Police policy changes, local government bylaws, Resource Management Act, Environment Protection Rules, anti gun activists and unbalanced reporting in press and TV.

Organizations such as SSANZ and COLFO as well as the Associations that represent the various shooting disciplines do their best to counter these negative impacts, only to receive criticism from keyboard warriors who complain that not enough is being done and what is done is not publicized enough.

If you want to be informed about what these organizations are doing for you, the information is out there in newsletters, websites and social media, you only have to go and look for it.

If you feel you don't have the confidence or skills to take action yourself the very least you can do is spread the word, by talking to your mates, forwarding our e-mails and sharing our Facebook posts.

If you are among those who think we are not doing enough then put yourself forward to serve on our committee and help to make a difference. SSANZ AGM will be held in Whangarei on 24 February 2018.

SSANZ EFFORTS ON YOUR BEHALF

- ☑ Actively contributed to the work of COLFO – see latest COLFO News # 5 2017 for more detail.
- ☑ Made Submissions to the Law & order Select Committee Inquiry
- ☑ Made submission on the Select Committee recommendations.
- ☑ Provided comment to the Minister of Police, who we have also met 3 times, on various issues.
- ☑ Met with senior Police staff to convey your concerns on various issues.
- ☑ Lobbied Police National HQ over licence & permit delays, safe certification and policy changes.
- ☑ Made submission to the EPA on the storage of ammunition.
- ☑ Protested to the Minister of Conservation about the Lead shot ban over wetlands.
- ☑ Contributed funds to the NZ Licensed Firearms Dealers Trust for legal challenges.

- ☑ Provided input to the Guns in Schools Working Group.
- ☑ Campaigned for community based volunteer firearms instructors to maintain the licence testing program.
- ☑ Actively supported the formation of the Firearms Safety Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- ☑ Provided support to a number of shooting clubs & facilities.
- ☑ Made complaints in relation to biased reporting of shooting incidents.
- ☑ Kept you informed through bi-monthly newsletters, our website and facebook posts.

COURT CHALLENGE TO POLICE POLICY

SSANZ is pleased to advise that a legal challenge to a recent change in police policy that saw some MSSAs with a folding or telescopic stock being classed as a pistol is being funded by the NZ Licensed Firearms Dealers Trust, to which we have contributed.

Barrister Nicholas Taylor said "I am filing a challenge to this policy in court this week (18/9) so it shall soon be subjudice (i.e. before the courts for consideration) . The case name is - New Zealand Hunter Group limited v The Commissioner of Police 2017 ADC " - this case is being fully supported by the NZLFD ((New Zealand Licensed Firearms Dealers Trust) of which many of you have contributed). He added "It is also an issue for judicial review/declaratory judgments act matter that I am currently drafting which will be NZLFD Trust v The Commissioner Of Police."

SSANZ congratulates New Zealand Hunter Group Limited for taking this action on behalf of those affected owners of MSSAs with folding or retractable stock.

Mean while police have revised the way MSSAs are to be measured: "To determine overall length of the MSSA the measuring should start from the closed or folded stock position to the end of the flash suppressor, providing the flash suppressor is firmly fixed to the firearm in such a way that a tool is required to remove it."

GOOD NEWS TURNS SOUR

In our last newsletter we congratulated the Auckland Shooting Club on their official opening in July. In August this was all turned on its head when the Auckland City Council revoked their certificate of compliance based on their perception of possible lead contamination from the range. The club is seeking legal advice and SSANZ has offered support to the club as well as writing to the ACC, objecting to their action and to request the scientific evidence upon which their decision was based.

SEPTEMBER ELECTION RESULT

Winston has made his choice and elected to go with Labour + NZ First + Greens to form the government. We anticipate more stringent legislation on firearms to follow. The Greens clear anti firearm policies include full registration, a ban on semi automatics and a five year licence. Labour has no published firearms policy but with Greg O'Conner a known anti firearm activist, we can expect a rough and busy three years ahead.

Whatever the outcome we will all need to be united and prepared to stand up for our sport or hobby to secure its future.

RECORD DETAILS OF YOUR FIREARMS

SSANZ recommends that all owners record details of their firearms, make, model and serial number, so that in the event they are lost or stolen you can provide an accurate description to police; keep a photograph too. There is no requirement to provide these details to police other than when reporting a loss or theft.

NOTICE OF AGM

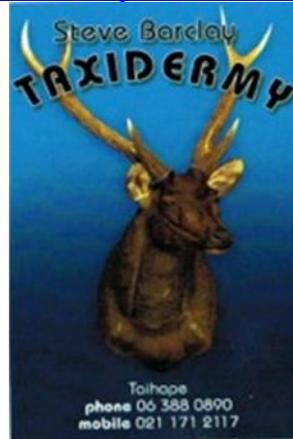
SSANZ will hold an Annual General Meeting commencing at 2.00 pm on Saturday 24 February 2018 at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei. Nominations for Office holders should reach the Secretary by 1 February 2018



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



Steve and Jack at White Rock. Jack Morgan with his first Red deer! (14 years) Well done Jack. Steve with our Annual Dinner Red spiker! Thanks Steve.

Where are all your stories?

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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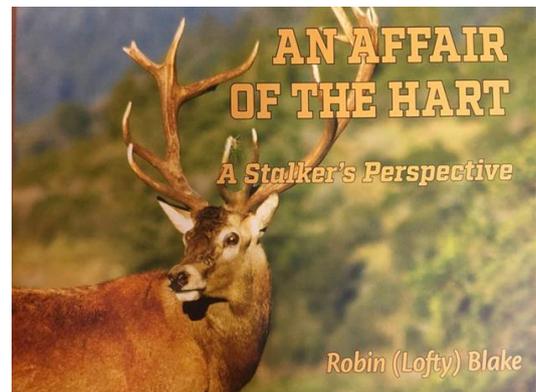
Buy, Sell, and Swap

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

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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.



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 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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