

# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

April 2019



*A well-deserved Red taken on DOC Land*

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# New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

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**Club Nights – Always the LAST Wednesday of each month. Start time 7.30pm**

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# Club Events Calendar

## April

Wednesday	24	Club Night – Kids Club Night ( <i>moved from January</i> )
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## May

Saturday	4	Opening of Duck Shooting
Sunday	5	Final round of Kiwi 3D competition - <i>Massey</i>
Wednesday	8	Committee Night
Friday	10	<b><i>LAST DAY FOR PHOTO ENTRIES</i></b> – Dennis Hayfield
Sunday	12	Bowhunters Club Day
Tuesday	14	Private use
Wednesday	15	Private use
Wednesday	15	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
Thursday	16	Private use
Friday	17	Private use
Wednesday	29	Club Night - <b>Measuring Night</b> <b><i>(Remember - DO NOT CUT THE SKULLS )</i></b>

## June

Wednesday	5	Close off date for Little 3 Entries
Sunday	9	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	12	Committee Night
Wednesday	12	<b><i>Start of the Kids Little 3 Competition</i></b>
Sunday	16	<b><i>Weighin for Kids Little 3 &amp; KIDS SWAZI SHOOT</i></b>
Monday	17	Private use
Tuesday	18	Private use
Wednesday	20	Private use
Thursday	21	Private use
Wednesday	26	Club Night

## Presidents Report

Welcome to the onset of the chilly seasons and no doubt many of you have been out in the hills chasing antler trophies, meat for the freezer and hopefully also getting some great photos to help keep those memories to the fore.

Since the last newsletter there have been further developments on the Firearm Law Changes and while it has been pretty clearly stated what firearms are now fully banned, there does also seem to be some grey areas with regards to accessories so please just hold off doing anything with regards to handing anything in until there is more clarity. You have six (6) months to take this action but I do stress, that this does NOT mean that you can go out and legally use these firearms 'just one more time'. The buyback scheme too needs to be finalised before I'd recommend that anyone takes the next step.

**DO NOT make a poor decision with regards to using a now 'banned' firearm over the next 6 months; because if you do, you deservedly RISK LOSING ALL YOUR FIREARMS so Im absolutely sure that you will all adhere to the new Law.**

The last three weekends have been a real delight for me – there have been two trips into the hills with my granddaughters and this most recent weekend, Mike Deane, Jos Holten and myself had two new members in the Urewera's checking out the 'stag action'. It would be safe to say that the roar down where we were was all but over given the sign that was seen and where it was but none the less, it was great to help get new hunters out there and showing them new places to hunt into the future. Mike and Leo, it was great to have you there and you will both have venison on your shoulders in the near future.

On this one, huge thanks too, to those other members who have helped get new hunters out there and have given them some key tips to help make it all happen and the results are so rewarding. After all, we have all needed to start somewhere and in most cases, it has been thanks to others that have given time to help 'get us going'.

**Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> for clubnight.**

**Remember this is KIDS CLUB NIGHT and it has an EARLIER START TIME. Club night begins at 6.00pm and there will be a BBQ tea and a programme in the clubrooms suited especially for the Kids and family members so roll on up on Wednesday and be part of a really enjoyable evening. Bring the grand kids along too as it's in the school holidays so no stress about getting them out of bed the next day for school....**

Duck shooting is also just around the corner so make sure you have a great time out there at the ponds or on the rivers and waterways; I hope your maimai's are nice and dry and the weather for opening weekend is just 'bang on'. Nobody is exempt from ensuring firearms safety is to the fore at all times to please always be very aware of the 7 Firearms Safety Rules, be sure of your firing zones and if you make plans with others over shooting areas etc, **STICK TO THEM.**

Everyone, stay safe and ***always identify your target beyond all doubt. Once your bullet, the shot or arrow has been sent on its way – it is forever your responsibility....***

**Maureen**

## Thought for the day:



*Life always offers you a second chance--- it's called tomorrow*

## **Additional Camera's are now in place at TVDA**

The need for this has arisen on couple of fronts but particularly as we acting as responsible land owners and for the sake of all our members.

***So if in doubt - make sure you are smiling.....!!***

## ***Good Luck to those who have put in ballots for Woodhill***

*HOWEVER - if you are 18 or under as per the Take a Kid Hunting Rules, then make sure you get a ballot in for this as the cutoff dates is still a few weeks away – but do it now as the time runs out pretty quickly.*

*More details further through this newsletter for those ballot details and dates.*



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# Club Night

Wednesday 27 April 2019

## *KIDS CLUB NIGHT*

*Early Start time of - 6.00pm*

Due to everyone in the family being important members of TVDA, this month is our annual KIDS CLUB NIGHT.



There will not be any shooting this year due to the fact that the date has been changed (as set out in previous emails) and darkness is upon us much sooner, but don't let that be a deterrent.

There is plenty planned and it will be a really fun night for the kids (and the adults to enjoy as well) so rustle

up the kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or the neighbours kids as well and come along and have fun.

**We will be having a BBQ burgers (kids and adult sized ones) and extra's for tea on the night at no cost so everyone will be fed and entertained and still home at an early hour.**

There is also a picture at the back of this newsletter for the kids to colour in and bring with them on the night. If you need to print extra's off – please feel free to do so.



**Let's see a really top turn out at the clubrooms (6.00pm) on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and it's also a fantastic way for the kids to all meet each other at 'their club' and build a future as well...**

## **RANGE USE....**

***PLEASE...*** When using the rifle ranges, **ONLY USE PAPER TARGETS** and make sure you **clean up after yourselves please.**

Also please make sure that when you pin your targets up, that you avoid putting the target across where the posts and framing that's behind the coreflute. This certainly extends the life of the shooting area immensely and saves a lot of repair work. ***Many thanks for your help with these requests***



## **Congratulations to....**

***Allen Alley*** on making the NZ Veterans Team for the Sporting Clay Oceania Championships being held in Brisbane next week.

## ***Pencil in the end of June for our Annual Dinner and Prizegiving.***

As I work on this newsletter I am awaiting confirmation from Amber & Serena 'aka the Wild Twins' on just what night works best for them to be our amazing guest speakers.... and we will confirm the date of the dinner after that.

**This will be a night not to miss** – these two girls are awesome; the fantastic places that they have travelled, the hunts that they have been on, the challenges that they have overcome and OMG – their stunning artwork of turning deer skulls into a masterpiece, needs to be seen to be believed.

More on this in the next newsletter and via the facebook page as soon as I have it confirmed but it is pencilled in for either the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of June!!!

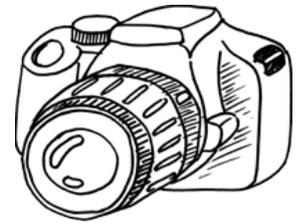


**Book these dates in your calendar.....**

Great Lakes Event Centre - Taupo

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

# Photo competitions



All photos for the competitions (with the exception of the Holten entries) must be no larger than 7 x 5. They can be smaller but must not exceed this size to be eligible.

The entrant must have been a financial member of TVDA at the time they took the photo. Entries are not to be taken from any form of vehicle – be that boat, plane, car etc. Similarly, photos of game animals taken behind the wire are also not allowed. Wild animals that have no barrier (ie deer fence) restricting them to where the photo is taken are fine.

All photos must be taken in NZ with the exception of the Flynn Trophy which is open to any topic that has a 'hunting or wildlife flavour' and can be taken anywhere in the world. The human interest title for this does NOT mean that it has to have a person in the photo.

## Best Colour Print

As it states – best colour print. This can be of any topic that is hunting related – ie a scenic photos while out hunting or in the back country, a sunset, animals, plants, huts etc.

## Stalking Interest Cup

This photos can be colour or black and white and is to be taken while on a hunt however it does not have to have animals in it. Stalking interest can have shot animals in it but it is recommended that photos avoid too much blood and show the animal in a respectful manner. This section can also have photos of hunting mates in it, places you have been or things that you come across when out on the hunt. It does not have to be in the bush.

## Wildlife Cup

This section can also be colour or black and white and must show Wild Life of some manner – and preferably when out in the wild. It can be game animals, insects, mammals, birds etc – so long as they are alive and in their natural state.

## Best Black and White Print

As it states – photos must be black and white – not sepia or any other colour in them. This can be of any topic that is hunting related – ie a scenic photos while out hunting or in the back country, animals, plants, huts, silhouettes, relics etc.

## Human Interest (Flynn Trophy)

Pretty much 'anything goes' but the photos must still be no more than 7 x 5 and it can be taken overseas, taken from a vehicle, have people in it OR NOT (remember just because it says Human Interest, it does NOT have to have people in it). Juniors can also enter this competition but if the photos are taken outside of NZ or the NZDA criteria, the photo can only apply to this section and not the Junior section.

## Monarch of the Glen (Group of 3 photos)

This category can have any range of photos that come under the above topics but it is good to have them related in some manner – ie all animals, three different stages of the trip, scenic photos, trophies etc- the options are endless really BUT AT LEAST ONE PHOTO MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE NORTH ISLAND

## **Holten Trophy (Framed Photo – any size)**

This photo section was designed to encourage people to get those special photos enlarged and framed (or printed on a block or corrugated iron etc) and be put on the wall as an ongoing reminder of that special trip, a beautiful view, a group of mates or just simply a shot that really captured the moment.

## **Best Junior Photo**

Any of the categories above (except the Flynn Trophy because it falls outside the NZDA photo rules) are applicable and so long as the person taking the photo is a Junior and a member at the time the photo is taken, it is eligible. Get clicking guys – you really have got so many options here.

## **Merit Trophy**

This category is for the best photo taken by someone who is a first time entrant (and not won anything else in this year's competition) or a previous entrant but has not been a section winner in any TVDA photo competitions for the last 5 years.

## ***When Entering for the competition, can you please take care to do the following:***

1. Do NOT write on the back of the photos. It is not a problem to write a number on a white sticker and place that on the back of the photo to identify it or you can name the photo 'ie Days end, Not far to go now, You never know what's around the corner.....etc'. Please do not write your name on the photo.
2. If you are using the same photo in more than one category, can you please supply a separate photo for each category. This certainly make the judges job so much easier and also for Dennis when he is categorising them into their groups.
3. A good idea is to have a sheet of paper with the number of the photo (that's written on the sticker attached to the back of the photo) and the category you wish for it to go in please. Often Dennis just gets handed an envelope with photos in it – no numbers, no details, no category or any other details but they do usually have the person's name written directly onto the photo which always comes through onto the printed side. Not only is this unnecessary work for Dennis but it spoils the photo as well.
4. Photos must be to Dennis Hayfield by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. These can be dropped off, posted or couriered to Dennis at 8 Walmsley Crescent, Paeroa 3600 or they can be given to him at club night, committee night or club events between now and 10<sup>th</sup> May.
5. There is NO CHARGE to enter the photos and you are free to enter as many photos as you wish. It is always so neat to see the awesome places that people have been, the topics that are captured in the photos and just how different people often see the same subject.
6. Photos must have been taken since the close off of the last photo competition - that being 11 May 2018.

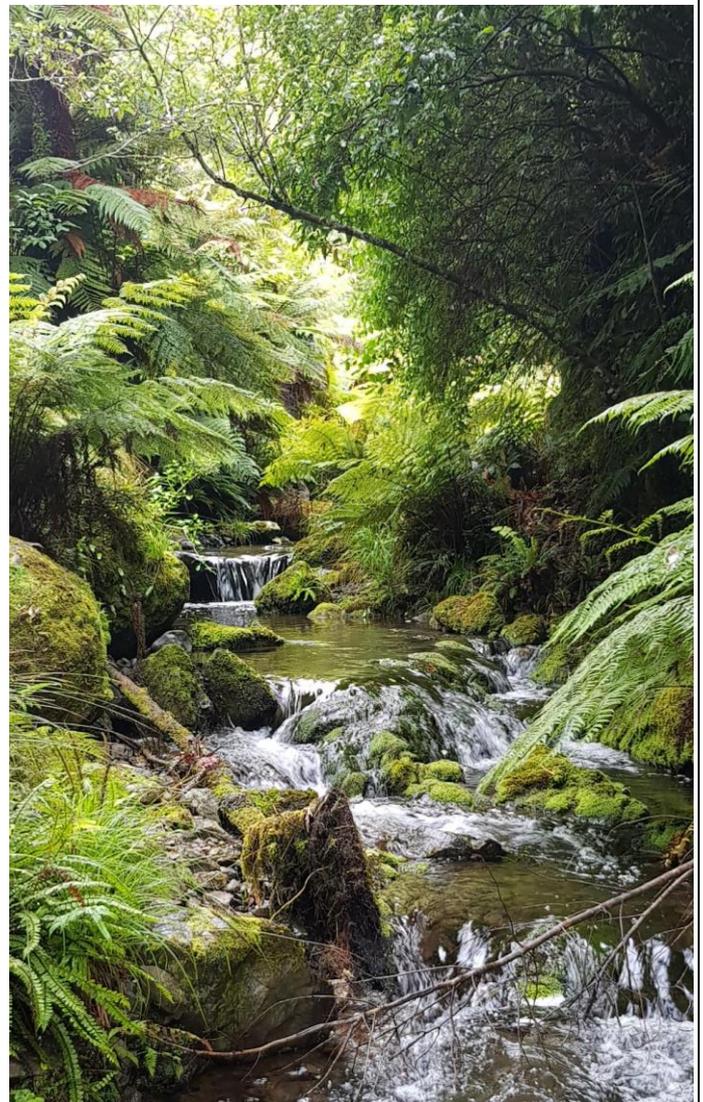
## Trip to the Motu. *Dan Cox & Ashleigh Dewar*

A few days before Ash and I got invited to go to a very special pocket of hunting ground. My first ever private block, being someone who usually puts work ahead of everything else I jumped at the chance to put my boss on the backfoot in retaliation to his 6-pointed bragging rights.

Having the day off and whilst waiting for Ash to finish her day in Thames, I packed the surf up with all the gear as I had heard that the hut at Paparangi has a carpark. Before long, my Surf was full of essentials, full of diesel and ready to go. We tripped through Tauranga to Matata, Opotiki to Waioeka and on to Matawai. We stayed the night in a random place outside Matawai as I had no idea where I was going, by now it was 2am.

Daybreak saw the jet boil out and whilst I stretched out the lumps in my butt cheeks granted by Hilux engineers I completely re assessed my life style after the coffee took hold. Off from Matawai and onto Motu. I couldn't decide at this point whether I needed to stretch, pee or have another coffee, in fact all three came about at a very well set up DOC rest area opposite the Motu School. A quick catch up with some travellers from Germany who were staying at a local lodge, who had been cycling around the East Cape for a month already had me wondering about the efficiencies of lycra and mountain bikes, but I stood educated. Over the bridge and right, we were here. A little confusion and we were on our way through a locked gate and several kilometres of farm tracks through some very spectacular sheep and beef country. Looking at this land covered in grass and heather I understand we do all this, but covered in trees (usually) and is seems elevations and topography whilst we are in the bush are pulled back into their nakedness when we are hunting the next water shed over... yea right...

After we passed the Bulldozer, which after the gate stood to the right, in a tangle of flogged tracks and parts strewn we knew we were in the block and on the right path. About 300 meters in we came across the rest of the crew, whilst Maureen climbed in, we had nowhere to fit the others, but it all happened, and for the next few kilometres, Surf in 4wd they clung like superman on top of our camp gear in the back. The extraction took a few laughs and a grab of the ankles, we had arrived at Paparangi.



I really have never seen a hut so well set up as Paparangi, you could take a family or gathering of 12 plus a few more. Drive to the steps. With flush toilet and wetback, full gas kitchen, running water and solar lights. I was really taken aback with the effort and thought



that had gone into the construction of this fabulous camp in the literal middle of nowhere, constructed with a lot of thought and passion. There is a range for sighting in. A woodshed for poking sticks at when you are sick of wasting ammo, a bloody good meat safe and various outbuildings to harbour the children.

There are also a few Weka, who after minimal cajoling will near do backflips for salt and vinegar chips providing a few gaps in conversation of those mustered on the huge veranda adjacent to the BBQ. It is a top notch set up and welcoming. A credit to those who designed and built it.

There are excellent maps available, allowing groups to find separate grounds, and the (land lot) is well developed and Maintained, opossums, goats and anything you might take home for the dogs is fair game. It is steep country, with the historic milling and extraction of logs there is access everywhere. Whilst covered in native it is not mature, a few sentinels have been left and are best kept assisting in navigation, they also provided selfies for Ash along the way... Game plans and dawn to dusk excursions abound. There is also the Motu River for trout, being a saltwater fisherman, I wasn't so interested, but apparently there is an excellent variety of rainbow coloured mudfish available here. The Motu was running very low whilst we were there during the drought.



The hunting provided good ground and a few surprises. There are multiple skid sites and many many kilometres of grassed tracks leftover from the logging days. Cross country bush hunting is definitely there and an option. It is thick and can become short, but well worth the investigation. Sign is everywhere and abundant and of the kind that will leave you wanting a cup of coffee while you process that many trails. Ash and I put up a few in close quarters and heard a few way off out the back, but luck of the day went to Maus who smoked a very nice Hind whilst hunting not far from the fractional bulldozer. It was in very good condition and whilst 3 of us struggled to get it on the hook in the meat safe Ash stood on guard with the camera. Well-done Maus!!!



Friday night and half of Saturday saw it flogging with rain, the river rising and the prospect of leaving this camp on Sunday our thoughts went toward our last hunting day and the several kilometres of tracks on the way out. I would have been quite happy to change my postal address to Paparangi at this point. A young hind was also put up by the others on the drive out, she ditched over a bank and was gone before we saw her in my truck behind.

So, my thoughts on Paparangi?

A Genuine hunting block and some solid country. Excellent amenities and very friendly people who run it. A darn good experience for beginners and old stubbed toes alike, really is something for everyone. And a block that can be hunted by anyone regardless of ability or confidence in navigation, all roads lead to home.

Top job and a massive thanks to Linton, Maureen and the crew for all contributing to a fantastic few days at Paparangi.

Special thanks to Fiona and those who corrected this lovely block into the beautiful place it is today. I would love to come back another time, it is a wonder of planning and purpose, well done to you all.

## Jobs coming up at the Property

- Several helpers will be required to assist with installing cables and an electricity supply from the container shed to the 100m shooting shed. Some tree pruning will also be required beforehand. This will be advised once we have the materials but in the meantime, keep it on your radar or let Wayne know of your availability.
- 'fencing off' the 100m covered shooting area. If someone is able to look after this as a project, please contact Wayne for more details and additional helpers will be sourced as needed for you.
- Weed spraying and tobacco weed is always an ongoing job

***If you are able to help with any of this work, please contact Wayne on 0274 916352***





**The words that come to mind first this month are:  
thank you.**

This month we hosted an evening of inspiring conservation talks for the Rakiura community. Facilitator Alison Broad coordinated introductions and skilfully kept speakers to time, no mean feat given the complexity and sheer awesomeness of the projects. It

was standing room only for the 60+ people as Estelle Leask, Chair of the Bluff Hill / Motupōhue Environment Trust, Stephen Horn of the Auckland Island Pest Eradication Project and myself (for Predator Free Rakiura) provided an overview of the projects. Whilst the size of the job, species to remove and stages in the work differed, the three locations (Bluff, Auckland Islands and Rakiura) are intimately connected in so many ways. We know that the science and tools to make seemingly impossible things possible is strengthening all the time. We're certainly not alone. Island restoration work in Mexico, Africa, Australia and the Galapagos is pretty exciting and inspiring.

This month we reflect on and celebrate the life of Aunty Jane Davis, whose contribution to island restoration and safeguarding tītī, snipe, tieke (and others) for the future is humbling, to say the least.

We know we have extensive support for a Predator Free Rakiura. We are in this for the long run – we know it's a large and complex task and we're up for that. We have been working hard on an MOU, a document that describes our deep commitment to Predator Free Rakiura. We have many questions to work through and we don't want to rule out any options or techniques. We want to take it one step at a time with the best tools available to us and with full consultation on each step. We want to hear from you, have you alongside us and participate as best as is possible – now and into the future. And we want to thank you for sticking it out with us and walking alongside us and asking questions all this time.

We need to secure money and expertise and this is a focus for us this year. We are looking forward to the technical work which will define, explore and overcome the challenges. Workshops to progress this will start shortly. A funding application for the next three years has been written and will be submitted in April.

We don't want to shy away from the hard questions such as our decision to not include deer and pet cats in the list for removal. We haven't included them because we don't want them removed.

With kākāpo producing so many chicks this season, the pest-free island sanctuaries where they live are filling up. There is a real need for Predator Free Rakiura.

We are up for the challenge. *Bridget*

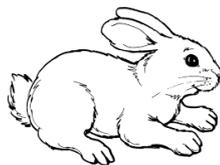
*We want to hear from you! To share your aspirations, ideas, questions and concerns please contact Bridget ([bridget.carter@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:bridget.carter@southlanddc.govt.nz) / 027 212 7809), Sandy King, John Cushen and Garry Neave.*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Please give thought to joining the committee.

This is a great way to bring new ideas and thoughts to **your** club and our many activities. The future has so much to offer for us and everyone has something valuable to contribute so your input and support will be appreciated immensely.



# KIDS



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## Weighin for Kids Little 3 Competition



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**



Come along one and all Kids – this weekend is absolutely a top one for you all; whether you are keen to be on the range shooting targets or out chasing small game – hares, possums, rabbits and then an eel as well!!!

For the Little 3 Competition, please fill in and return the entry form as found on the next page in this newsletter **and** then for the SWAZI shoot on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Yes this starts at 1.00pm on the Weighin day) so you just need to arrive at the clubrooms, register for the SWAZI shoot and then take aim at your target!!!

A great time to be out there doing pest control and oodles of prizes to boot at the end of it!!

**No costs for any of this – it's a great day to round out a top few days and it's all for free.**

*If you've got any queries, please contact Maureen on 027 3337786*

# Little 3 Competition

**Wednesday 12 June - Sunday 16 June 2019**

## Walker Family Trophy

1. Entry forms must be to Maureen by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of June - [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) or TVDA, P O Box 206, Paeroa.
2. Animals are to be secured from the Wednesday morning to the Sunday, to be weighed in at the clubrooms from 2 pm - 4 pm.  
**All entries must be on the property by 4.00 pm. No exceptions.**
3. Only those members' names that are listed on the entry forms are able to weigh in entries. Maximum of 3 person's in a team

## Little 3 - Entry Form

**14 years & under**

Name..... Signature.....

Team Members Names: .....

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Team Yes / No

Individual Yes / No

Little 3	
Rabbit only	
Eel only	
Possum only	

*Please Tick the boxes for both competitions - (Under 14 and up to 18 years) for the various sections that you wish to enter.*

**ALL Juniors - up to 18 Years**

Most Possums	
Most Hares	
Heaviest Goat	
Best Goat Horns	

*In signing this form (above), I undertake to accept the judge's decision as final and accept that I must abide by the rules to be eligible to take any prizes associated with partaking in this competition.*

# Antler Horn and Tusk Competitions –

**for Measuring Night (May Club night)**

<i>Red Cup</i>	Best Red Deer Antlers
<i>Gwilliam Shield</i>	Best Sika Deer Antlers
<i>Clark Cup</i>	Best Goat Horns
	Best Drawn Pig Tusks
	Best Undrawn Pig Tusks
<i>WSB Cup</i>	Best Goat taken by a Junior
<i>S &amp; H Cox Trophy</i>	Best Head shot by a Lady
<i>K D Cox Shield</i>	Best Antlered Species
<i>Hair &amp; Larsen Trophy</i>	Best Horned Game Species
<i>Wayne Bennett Trophy</i>	Heaviest Pig Weight for the year

**REMEMBER – DO NOT CUT THE SKULLS OF ANY OF THESE TROPHIES**

## Membership Renewals

Most of you should have well and truly received your membership renewals by now **but if you haven't PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN STRAIGHT AWAY.**

**Maureen's** Contact details are: [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) or if you don't have email: 027 3337786

Most of them have been emailed out however if you have only provided a postal address, then this will have been your method of receiving them.

Your help and understanding is much appreciated but we do need to know if you have not received a membership form (of either method) by the time this newsletter has arrived.

*Cheers Maureen*



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# 2019 Take A Kid Hunting Ballots –

**NOW OPEN**

These are now open kids so make sure you visit the Woodhill Fallow Management website:

[www.fallowdeer.co.nz](http://www.fallowdeer.co.nz) and fill in the form, print it off for your adult mentor to sign it and pop it in the post.

No costs at all for this – now or for the successful applicants.

**Ballot closes: 28 June 2019**

**Ballot Drawn: 5 July 2019**

**Hunting Day: 21 September 2019**

- Applicant must be between 12 -18 and able to handle a centrefire rifle
- Enter requested information and click **Print Application Form** button
- Complete printing the form from the Print dialog
- Sign form in the space provided - \***required**
- Mail to:

**Woodhill Fallow Management Council**  
P.O. Box 110  
Kumeu 0841  
New Zealand



*TVDA Junior member Stella Clark with her TAKH Fallow from 2015*



## The Central North Island Sika Foundation Whio Recovery Project

The Central North Island Sika Foundation is leading the Kaimanawa Whio Recovery Project. The Central North Island Sika Foundation, along with NZDA Taupo branch, meet with the Department of Conservation Taupo on a regular bases and discuss issues that are relevant to all parties involved and also supply volunteers to carry out work such as track clearing and replacing markers, hut maintenance and cleaning up rubbish from popular camp sites in remote locations in the Kaimanawa Forest Park.

At one of our regular meetings, which was held at DOC Taupo office on 20 June 2018, we raised the prospect of being involved in a predator control project in the Kaimanawa Forest Park. It was agreed that a good project to start with would be predator control along the Kaipo and Oamaru Rivers, the two main tributaries at the source of the Mohaka River, to protect the struggling Whio populations that are in this area.

The following plan was agreed and put in place:

The Sika Foundation will supply all the volunteers needed to carry out this project from setting out the trap lines to regular ongoing maintenance of the trap lines.



The Sika Foundation, NZDA Taupo branch, Hunters & Habitats and DOC Taupo donated \$5000 each to start the project, these funds went directly to suppling Goodnature A24 traps. With the \$20,000, we were able to purchase 110 Goodnature A24 stoat and rat traps complete with lure and counters.

These traps are perfect for this type of remote location as once set in place can be left for six months before they need servicing, they have a small automatic lure pump and gas canister attached, and once the trap is triggered it will reset and continue to kill predators for six months before the gas canister and lure pump need replacing.

Although the traps don't need servicing for six months, we go into the area at regular intervals to check the counters and maintain the traps to determine how many predators we are killing and check the Whio population.

We organised two teams to go into the area on the 27 – 29 July 2018 to carry out a survey of the Kaipo River from the swing bridge to the Oamaru Hut and the Oamaru River from the Waitawhero Stream to Oamaru Hut, approximately 10 km on each river. The survey was to determine how many Whio were resident, so we could decide where to place the first line of traps, which need to cover at least 6 km of river to be effective, placed at 100m intervals staggered on each side of the river. One pair of Whio were encountered on each river demonstrating how urgent it was to get this project under way.

On Friday 17 August 2018 a team of 12 volunteers went into the Oamaru hut and set out 110 Goodnature A24 traps along the Kaipo River from the swing bridge down to the confluence with the Oamaru River, protecting just over 10 km of the Kaipo river.

The first check on the traps was carried out after 32 days with 183 kills recorded. The second check carried out 63 days after the first check recorded a further 195 kills, making a total of 378 kills after 95 days, a very satisfying result with dead stoats, rats, mice and even a hedgehog being found under the traps. The Goodnature A24 traps are certainly proving to be very effective, especially in a reasonably remote location such as this where they can be left for extended periods without requiring any maintenance.

Even more satisfying was seeing a pair of adult Whio with five healthy young ones in the area we have the traps, so really exciting to see evidence of positive results at this early stage.

We then raised sufficient funding to purchase a further 73 Goodnature A24 traps to complete stage 2 of the project, the 10 km of the Oamaru River from the Waitawhero Stream to the confluence with the Kaipo River, giving us 20km of river protected in this location. These traps were installed by a team of 16 volunteers on the 15 – 16 February 2019.

On the following Friday, the 22 February, a team of seven volunteers went into the Kaipo River to carry out a full service on the 110 traps in stage 1 which were installed in August last year.



It was six months since these traps in stage 1 were installed so the team went in and replaced the lure, gas canisters and checked and zeroed the counters on each trap.

121 additional kills were recorded in the three months since we last checked the counters on 21 November last year, making a total of 499 predator kills in the six months since the traps were installed.

We are now raising funds for stage 3 of the project to protect a further 10km of Whio habitat in the area.

This is a long-term project which could take up to five years before we see a real increase in Whio numbers. We will continue expanding the area protected within this location to

create more safe stretches of river as young birds mature and start breeding in larger numbers and dispersing to new territories within the area.

The project has now received national recognition, being included in the DOC Whio forever programme as an official Whio Recovery Site.

See below from Andrew Glaser, Department of Conservation Whio Recovery Group Leader:

*Great initiative by our Hunters to showcase what can be achieved through their capable skills in the bush.*

*This effort and the level of commitment the team has shown qualifies this as our newest "Whio Recovery Site". Through your efforts and the management of the whio predators the Kaimanawa Forest whio population will flourish in an area where we didn't previously have any representation. We greatly appreciate your teams support and keen to help out where we can.*

The Sika Foundation is very appreciative of the support received from the all of our sponsors for this exciting and nationally important conservation project, as without this generous support we would not have a project.

Also a big thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who have given their time to make this project possible, many travel significant distances, take time off work and give up their spare time just to be involved.

A special thanks to Poronui for allowing us vehicle access through their property, without this access it would not be feasible to maintain this project, and also Heliska who donate helicopter flying time to drop off equipment and teams to the more remote areas of the project.

For more information about the Central North Island Sika Foundation, this project and our sponsors follow this link:

<https://sikafoundation.co.nz>

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**2019 Kiwi 3D**  
**Round Two, TVDA March 17**



Firstly, thanks to our wonderful sponsors Advanced Archery, Attitude Archery and Stick Shooter Supplies for supporting this great series. Thanks to all the helpers setting up and clearing courses and to all the helpers on the day, we couldn't run this event without you. Thanks to all the Archers who turn up to these events, in whatever weather to enjoy these courses. It is always great to meet and shoot with other people. We had 97 archers turn out on the day, the new rangefinder division is popular and is the second largest group for entries. Fortunately, the weather forecaster got it wrong and the promised showers didn't arrive, but it made for a very hot day in Paeroa. Thankfully a few clouds arrived in the afternoon to cool things down a bit.

The marked course was mostly set through bush and offered a little shade and also a lot of mosquitos. #1 started with a long shot to a black panther in the shade of the trees, lucky the distance was marked. Next was a turkey between 2 fallen pines, a goat then another long downhill shot to a bedded deer, but knowing the distance didn't help here, somehow I managed to hit the metal peg just under the deer – oh dear! An easy kneeling shot to a large white sheep, a snake across a gully and then a tight mob of pigs. A short shot to a tiny bear, and another long shot uphill to a large grey sheep. A steep uphill shot to a Hyena and then an easy looking downhill shot to the baboon.



While looking for one of the kids arrows in our group I found another 2 arrows in the same spot, so wasn't as easy as it seemed. Next target had difficult footing under the tree up to the bear, then a very close shot to a skunk. A downhill shot to a racoon among the trees and then uphill to a pronghorn amongst the rocks and vines. A steep uphill (up-mountain) shot to a mountain lion, followed by red fox and a mob of deer in a bog. A bobcat under the

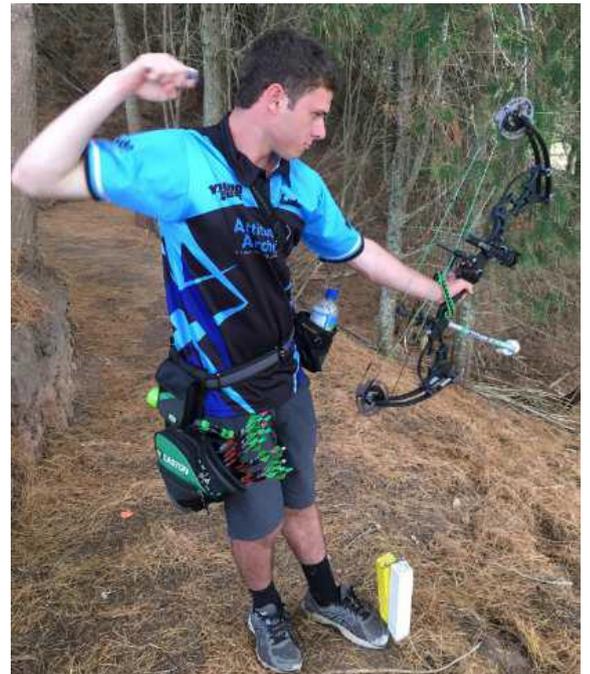
trees, then the last shot downhill to a large white goat.

Back down to the clubrooms for a yummy lunch of venison burgers and mussel fritters, which we could smell cooking on our last few targets. Thanks to all the workers in the kitchen for a great lunch.

I started the afternoon unmarked course with a very steep downhill shot to a bear leaning on a pine tree, our group had a nice tight group of arrows but slightly off the mark. The next shot was over an old burnt tree to a stag, it's harder to judge the distance when you can't see the level ground. Next was a large cat half behind the pines, and then a fish very much

out of water and up a bank. A short shot to a small green frog under a tree and then a very mean kneeling shot downhill to a bear. With my knees still hurting from the hard ground it was off to the next downhill bear shot, someone mentioned that other people had taken off their hat to put under knees, I must try to remember that for next time.

Back up to the clubrooms for #1 a dark chamois under the trees, I made my distance guess of 40 then knocked an arrow and drew back, raising the bow to the target and released when the 20 pin was on the target, what a rookie mistake, and the arrow went under the belly. Next arrow and making sure I use what I thought would be the right pin.... the arrow just clips the top of its back for a clean miss! Luckily the next 2 targets, a small bear and a turkey close enough to get the confidence back. A nice long shot to a deer, followed by a slight uphill to a howling grey wolf under the trees. Next, a shot over a fence to a tight mob of pigs, and my arrow pierced the ear of the front pig, if I had a few more pounds it might have made it to the back boar. Next a long shot to the caribou, wish I had remembered to bring binoculars to see where the heart is in relation to the branch, but shoot and hope for the best, and it's all good, we all missed the branch and I got a nice heart.



A slight uphill shot to a small deer, then a tricky mob of deer, over the back of the doe into the fallow stag, and it's rather hard to judge the money shot is when you can't see the belly of the stag. A very short steep downhill shot to the mosquito, then a long shot to the polar bear. An interesting placement of arrows from our group, a heart, a lung and 2 head shots, lead to an interesting discussion on where would be the best place to shoot these most dangerous of bears. The next target was an alligator beside a fallen tree, and then we got to finish with an easy shot to the wolverine, with 3 20's and an 18, a good grouping.

Back down to the clubrooms for a well- earned cold drink and an iceblock.

The highest score of the day was Linda Lainchbury with 794 in the Rangefinder division, congratulations Linda. Then 4 people scored 778 overall, Paul Tomkins and Paul Robinson in the Rangefinder division, Mike Johnson in Senior Mens Unlimited and Sophia Redgrove in Junior Unlimited. While the scores were tallied and the certificates made up, it was on to the spot prizes. A large range of prizes were quickly dispatched with the help of a few willing youngsters.

Thanks everyone for a great day from your friends at TVDA!





## RATES QUOTED FOR

### NZ Deerstalkers Association

Group Booking Reference: **FA5474**

The below rates are based on prices to date, inclusive of GST and subject to availability.

<b>Fares:</b>	<b>Peak Each Way</b>
Adult	\$52.00
Child	\$25.00
Motorcycle	\$50.00
Campervan/Motorhome up to 5.5mt	\$170.00
Additional half metre	\$42.00
Car/Ute/Van/4WD/trailer up to 5.5mt	\$137.00 each
Additional half Metre	\$22.00
Plus Lounge	\$55.00 18yrs plus

**Peak Dates:**  
01-28 February 19  
18-23 April 19

<b>Fares:</b>	<b>Off Peak Each Way</b>
Adult	\$47.00
Child	\$25.00
Motorcycle	\$40.00
Campervan/Motorhome up to 5.5mt	\$145.00
Additional half metre	\$37.00
Car/Ute/Van/4WD/trailer up to 5.5mt	\$124.00 each
Additional half Metre	\$20.00
Plus Lounge	\$55.00 18yrs plus

**Off Peak Dates:**  
01 March – 17 April 19  
24 April – 15 December 19

#### **Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:**

- Reservations can be made direct with Interislander online at <https://www.greatjourneysfnz.co.nz/interislander/book/fares-and-discounts/group-bookings/> by entering FA5474 into the group discount code box.
- Space is subject to availability at the time of the booking request.
- Bookings are 90% refundable if cancelled up to 1 hour before departure.

#### **Other conditions apply as well - (fares subject to change with notification)**

- You **MUST** produce your NZDA membership card at check-in or the full fare will be charged. The card to be in the name of the person travelling
- Rates are valid for travel 1 Feb through to 15 December 2019.
- **NO discount applies 19 Dec 2019 thru to & including 31 January 2020**

# Motutapere Hut - General Work required.....and help needed please



It used to look like this and then thanks to excellent work from club members and DOC staff, a revamp and reclad was done a few years ago which made a big improvement.

The hut then looked like this



## AND NOW.....

We are needing helpers again please to assist with general maintenance and tidy up on the hut.



*Kaimai Ridgeway Trust has a budget to fly the material and gear etc in for this so there is no need to lug all your gear up the hill which is a wonderful bonus.*

There is also a heli pad at this hut that needs a bit of a trim up. It can currently be safely used but having it expanded slightly will enable the rescue choppers to land there in cases of emergency.

For those who unaware of our connection with these huts, approximately 12 years ago we entered into a MOU with DOC to help retain these valuable huts in the Kaimai ranges. Since then this MOU has been incorporated into the work that Kaimai Ridgeway Trust is doing but our commitment still remains the same.

Our involvement is providing the 'people power' to do maintenance and general upkeep on the huts (and essentially, keeping them in the Kaimais) so hence this request is going out. We also look after the Kauritatahi hut to the South of Thompson's Track which Mike, Jos and others have done a great job of looking after it.

***Please Contact Maureen or have a catch up at Club Night if you are able to help with this job. It is anticipated that it will only take a day or at most; a weekend***



## PIG WEIGHTS



Craig & Jeanette Harris - 80lb boar

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 110lb boar



Please email them to:

[a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) or

Post them to: TVDA P O Box 206, Paeroa

## ***Bow hunters Corner***



**Next club day is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

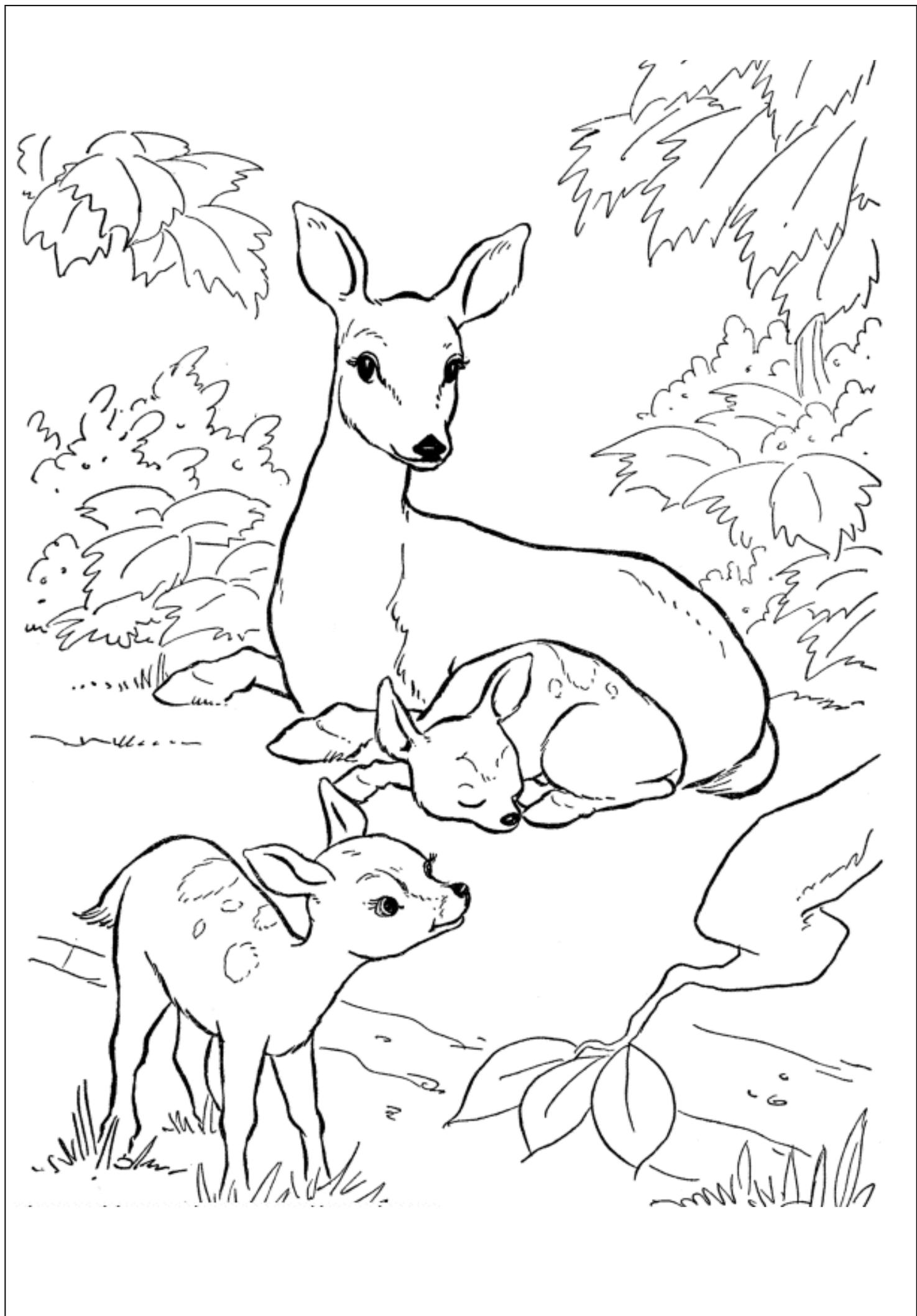
A reminder that if you or someone you know wants to check out archery at the club on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, please be there before 9am as we are aiming for squads to be out shooting by 9.30.

The club has a few bows for those wanting to give it a go but you do need to be early so we can get you set up and run through safety procedures and a few shots at the practice butts.

It would also be helpful too please if you could email [tvdabowhunter@gmail.com](mailto:tvdabowhunter@gmail.com) to let us know if you are coming up.

Everyone – Please bring a plate for a shared lunch to round out the day in style.

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