

Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

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Little Glory Kiwi on the wander.....

Photo by Kelby Stewart

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

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www.ngaituhoe.iwi.nz – website for Te Urewera Hunting Permit

Club Events Calendar

April		
Wednesday	21	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Thursday	22	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Friday	23	Private Use – between 9am and 1pm only
Saturday	24	MSC – Clubroom only - Range is open for use all day
SUNDAY	25	POLICE SUBMISSIONS ON FIREARMS DUE TODAY
Sunday	25	ANZAC Day
Monday	26	Observance of Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday	27	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	28	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	28	Club Night
Friday	30	EW Submissions are DUE TODAY
Friday	30	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>

May		
Monday	3	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Tuesday	4	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Sunday	9	Bowhunters Club day
Monday	10	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Tuesday	11	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	12	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	12	Committee Meeting
Thursday	13	TVDA Ladies Hunt – travel down to Sika Lodge
Friday	14	TVDA Ladies Hunting Wknd to Clements Mill Road*
Saturday	15	KIWI AVERSION TRAINING * RANGE CLOSED
Saturday	15	TVDA Ladies Hunting Wknd to Clements Mill Road
Sunday	16	TVDA Ladies Hunting Wknd to Clements Mill Road
Monday	17	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	19	Annual General Meeting
Saturday	22	HUNTs Instructor training session at Waikato NZDA*

Saturday	22	Douglas Score Training at Bay of Plenty NZDA*
Sunday	23	NZDA Upper Nth Isl Regional Meeting – Waikato Bch*
Monday	24	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Tuesday	25	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	26	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	26	Club Night – Measuring Night & Photo Comps*
Thursday	27	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Monday	31	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>

June		
Monday	1	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Tuesday	2	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	3	Range and Clubrooms closed for the whole day
Thursday	4	Range and Clubrooms closed for the whole day
Monday	7	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Tuesday	8	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	9	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	9	Committee Meeting
Thursday	10	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Sunday	13	Bowhunters Club day
Monday	14	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Tuesday	15	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	16	Private Use – <i>finished by 3pm</i>
Wednesday	16	START of Little 3 Competition
Sunday	20	WEIGHIN Kids Little 3 Comp & KIDS SWAZI SHOOT
Sunday	27	1 st Round of the Running Boar
Wednesday	30	Club Night

July		
Friday	2	TVDA Club Trip to Clements Mill Road (Sika Lodge)
Saturday	3	TVDA Club Trip to Clements Mill Road (Sika Lodge)
Sunday	4	TVDA Club Trip to Clements Mill Road (Sika Lodge)

Sunday	11	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	14	Committee Meeting
Friday	16	Kids camping and shooting weekend at TVDA*
Saturday	17	Kids camping and shooting weekend at TVDA
Sunday	18	Kids camping and shooting weekend at TVDA
Sunday	25	PracMed 1 st Aid Course at TVDA*
Wednesday	28	Club Night

August

Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Meeting
Friday	13	Possible Rusa trip – walkin and/or flyin*
Saturday	14	Possible Rusa trip – walkin and/or flyin
Sunday	15	Possible Rusa trip – walkin and/or flyin
		HUNTS course will be happening through late August
		Dates yet to be confirmed
Wednesday	28	Club Night

September

Wednesday	8	Committee Meeting
Sunday	12	Bowhunters Club Day
		HUNTS course will be happening through September
		Dates yet to be confirmed
Sunday	26	2 nd Round of Running Boar
Wednesday	28	Club Night

October

Wednesday	6	Committee Meeting (early because of docking)
Sunday	10	Bowhunters Club Day
		Docking – dates yet to be confirmed
		HUNTS final weekend – dates yet to be confirmed
Wednesday	28	Club Night

Presidents Report

The year is ticking around fast and for many of us there have already been a few trips into the hills chasing stag of various kinds and the really great news is that there have been no firearms injuries or worse hitting the headlines over this period. Full marks and thumbs up to everyone who has played a part in this as we all need to take responsibility for our actions when out in the hills so this has been a very pleasing and satisfying result to date.

URGENT INFORMATION – re Firearms and the Proposed Amendments that are out for consultation right now. As members of NZDA you will have already all had this information sent to you and the branch has also sent/mailed out information asking that people make submissions. Don't let this opportunity pass you by and please don't let me hear anyone complain about the outcome if you didn't make a submission. There are topics within this Phase One document that affect us all either as people wanting to get a firearms licence or to renew our licences – firearms security, transporting firearms, storage of ammunition, fit and proper person requirements etc..... **Submissions MUST BE BACK BY SUNDAY 25th MAY (ANZAC DAY) so there is no mistake about forgetting!!!**

Also great to hear is that several people have come home with venison or pork over the last couple of months – the summer has been fairly kind and Covid last year provided a bit of a 'holiday' for the animals from us hunters so it is good to see the rewards being taken now. It will be fantastic to see a really good selection of heads at our May club night for measuring – they can be all species – deer, pigs, goats, tahr and chamois.....so the more the merrier. Even if you have managed to get a few animals – bring them all along as this really helps to inspire others, they all have a story to go with the hunt and tips that can be shared....even with regards to the ones that got away.

Since the last newsletter we have had a few events on and it must be said that the Sponsors and Supporters function that was held in late March was a real success and it was so humbling to see the really good turnout, the atmosphere was great and it was an excellent way for us as a club and organisation to 'give back' but also say THANK YOU VERY MUCH in person to those that were able to attend. I must add here that there were many others who were unable to attend this function and our ever grateful thanks absolutely goes out to you as well for the various ways in which you have supported us over recent times.

The open day too was a real success and a great way to meet new members, show people around and explain what is on offer and generally have time to spend answering questions and sharing in what happens at TVDA.

Prior to this we had the 1st Aid Training Session with Prac-Med and WOW this was amazing. Simon and Steph really do an outstanding job and the skills that we all came away from the training with have set us up well to deal with whatever may get thrown our way. The course was full and there are others who are still keen so we will be holding another course

in a couple of months' time so make sure you get your name down (or confirm that you are still on the list). Make sure you read the info on this and the next course further through this newsletter. It may very well save a life in the hills, on the roads, around the home.....

Submissions to Waikato Regional Council (WRC) are also being sought as we have a golden opportunity to help make a real difference on this one – and it's come about due to good dialogue between various branches and WRC staff re deer and pig control. The 2 page information document and the submission page are attached as part of this newsletter/mailout so please take 2 minutes to fill in the submission form and send it off.

The guts of this is that WRC are no longer able to make reference to them controlling deer and pigs on private land in their Pest Management Strategy yet they are getting several requests from farm owners regarding deer and pigs that are causing them issues. The option put forward was along the lines of the Farmer Assist Programme whereby NZDA regarding deer and NZPH regarding pig control have been recommended for a trial programme.

Essentially this will be a way of putting NZDA members in touch with various farmers to help them with the issues at hand. *All that is needed from us as members is to state in your submission that **we support working with WRC to implement the recommendation for the Farmer Assist Programme to be trialled/used to help control deer and pigs on private land.** You are most welcome and encouraged to expand and use your own words as well but this is really all that is needed.*

Keep up the great work everyone; continue to take care when out in the hills or on the water folks, **always identify your target beyond all doubt**, and ensure that everyone comes home safely.

Cheers

Maureen

***Kiwi Avoidance Training**

Bookings are ESSENTIAL so please ring Kauaeranga Visitor Centre 07 867 9080 or kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz for a booking.

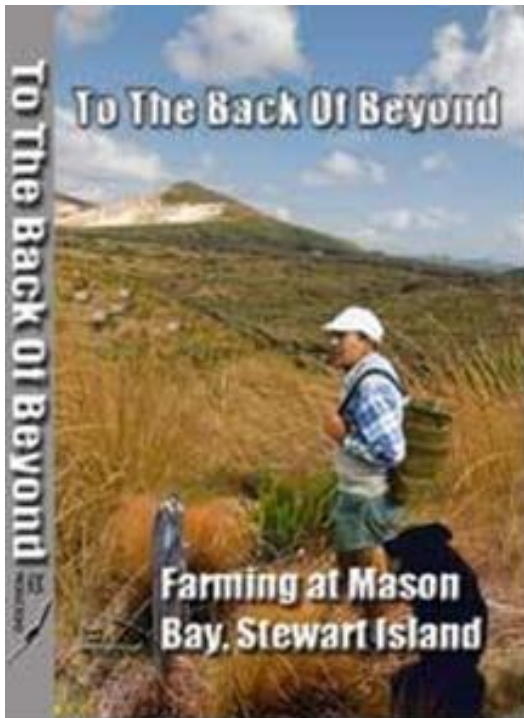
My personal number is 0274055102 for any further information.

Christine Friis



April Club night

(History, Farming, hunting and more on Rakiura/Stewart Island)



This is an excellent DVD for sure. With several of us planning on trips to this lovely island and others having been there or wanting to know more about particularly this western side, this is a great to learn so much more and to answer many questions that have arisen around the campfire or in a hut on a wet day. Much of what is down there today is just as it was when Tom and his family left their piece of paradise (as well as sandhills, whitetail deer and wayward sheep too).

This DVD covers the whole spectrum of life at Mason's Bay – the early settlers and the challenges they had, locals searching the beach for ambergris, the wrecks that happened, many a day in the life of a musterer (and the kids helping out) down there, breaking in the land, visitors that came through, hunting experiences, schooling for the kids and things around home, live capture of deer, building the airstrip and carting the wool and supplies (in and out) from Freshwater as well as via the open sea.

Also at this club night we will have copies of the Waikato Regional Council submission forms that need your names on them please. This animal control option has very real benefits for hunters in general so find out more on the night and be right up with the play.

Supper provided too of course and this will also be an excellent chance to catch up with mates after the roar and hear how the various trip went.....the laughs that happened and the ones that got away too of course.....

Start Time – 7.30 pm – everyone most welcome, bring a friend along too and hope to see you there.



Running Boar



(2nd and Final round held this year due to Covid)

2nd Round - February 2021

Mens	<u>Slow</u>	<u>Fast</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gary Richards	72	54	126
Peter Thompson	79	43	122
Mike Cook	57	41	98
Dave Stannard	35	49	84
Warren Penwarden	63	4	67
<u>Ladies</u>			
Maureen Coleman	21	31	52
<u>Juniors</u>			
Dania Penwarden	22	10	32
<u>Visitor</u>			
Dickie Samsome	30	17	47

Patron's Cup (Deer Target) February 2021

Mens	<u>Total</u>
Mike Cook	102
Gary Richards	100
Peter Thompson	96
Dave Stannard	45
Warren Penwarden	29
<u>Ladies</u>	
Maureen Coleman	108
<u>Juniors</u>	
Dania Penwarden	26

Jim Johansen Iron Sight's shoot February 2021

Mens	<u>Placing</u>
Gary Richards	1st
Warren Penwarden	2nd
Dave Stannard	3rd
Peter Thompson	4th
<u>Ladies</u>	
Maureen Coleman	1st
<u>Juniors</u>	
Dania Penwarden	1st



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LADIES INTERBRANCH HUNT AT SIKA LODGE

Back by popular demand, a weekend of hunting, catered food, shared experience, new learning and great camaraderie.

Cost: \$25.00 food. \$30 p/night

MAY 13-16 * SIKA LODGE * KAIMANAWAS

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Membership Renewals

This is a FYI and reminder to everyone that your TVDA membership ended on 28 February.

As we are on centralised membership, NZDA emailed invoices out to everyone (who has an email address) in the first few days of March. For those who are not on email, your invoices have been posted out to you as well.



NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

Please remember that cheques are almost an extinct species now from a banking perspective so if you are not set up to make online payments, please let me know and I can help out with this if need be.

I must also say that Centralised Membership system' has worked outstandingly well compared to the issues that we have had over the last couple of years so if there is anyone out there who has not received your invoice via email or in the post, please let me know straight away and I will get it sorted.

Similarly – If you know of people out there who are needing a range to use, they are keen to be involved in what we do and what our branch or NZDA in general have to offer, then please feel free to bring them along when there are club events, when you are up on the range, grab them a membership form or tell them to go onto our website and do an online application.

Special thanks much go to Craig, Caroline, Gwyn, Niraj and the whole NZDA board for their focus and efforts on getting this process streamlined and straight forward for members, branches and the Association alike.

Many thanks once again everyone – keep up the great work; it really is so appreciated

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Membership with the NZDA / TVDA comes with a number of benefits:



- Membership card with discounts at major retailers, including:
 - 15% off at Beaurepaires
 - 5%-30% off at Big Save Furniture
 - 15% at Carters
 - Up to 30% at Mico Plumbing
 - 20% off rooms at Millennium Hotels and Resorts
 - Office Max
 - PlaceMakers
 - 10% off at Repco
- Regular newsletters, advice and information directly to your inbox, both at your local Branch level and on nationally significant level. We inform our members about events and changes in the laws affecting hunting and shooting. We will also be the first to tell our members about current lobbying issues.
- Exclusive NZDA discounts:
 - Interisland Ferry group booking discount (contact us for the code)
 - [Go Native](#) outdoor meals and snacks, 25% discount
 - [Napier of London](#) shooting and hunting goods, 15% discount
 - [AJ Productions](#) - electronic game caller and trail cameras, 15% discount
 - [Kilwell Sports](#) hunting supplies, 15% discounts on website orders
 - Hunting with [Huntahr Guiding](#), 10% discount
 - Heli Sika, 10% discount on helicopter flights to hunting blocks
 - [Murchison Heli Tours](#), 10% off your flights
 - [NZ Taxidermy Ltd](#), 10% discount on mounts
 - [Bullivant Taxidermy](#), 10% discount on mounts
 - [Ruahine Tanning & Taxidermy](#), 10% discount on mounts
 - 10% discount of Department of Conservation annual [Backcountry Hut Pass](#) or 'Hut Pass'. [See the DoC website for more details](#)
 - 10% discount at all good sporting, shooting and hunter retailers on request
- Public Liability [Insurance](#) when hunting and undertaking NZDA activities
- Quarterly Member Magazine - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
- Branch club nights and guest speakers
- Conference and events
- Competitions
- Access to rifle ranges
- Networks of facilities, accommodation and huts
- [HUNTS training program](#) – training courses & certification for HUNTS Instructors
- Head measuring – access to Douglas score measurers
- Research grants

NZDA Regional Meeting being held at / hosted by Waikato Branch

The first NZDA regional meeting for 2021 was held at BOP branch back in February – **and the next one is at Waikato on Sunday 23rd May.**

The meeting will be held at the NZDA Waikato Clubrooms in Dey Street, Hamilton. Everyone is most welcome to come along or catch up with one of our committee members if you have something that you'd like to have discussed at the Regional Meeting.

These meetings are a great opportunity to talk to other branch members and find out what they are doing and also discuss issues or ideas you may have that don't get air time at national level.

An example of this is the excellent developments that have been made with Waikato Regional Council re NZDA branches being involved in a trial to help farmers that are having a problem with wild deer and pigs on their property.

Meeting Date: Sunday 23rd May

Address: Dey Street, Hamilton

Time: Yet to be confirmed but most likely around 10am (ish)

Contact: Maureen Coleman if you are keen to go from TVDA

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Paddy Curtin

President

Waikato Branch NZDA



If anyone else from TVDA is wishing to go and you want to carpool – please contact Maureen, otherwise we will see you there

Annual Dinner & Prizegiving

Planning for this is in the pipeline as this Newsletter has gone to print however as we are just waiting to align dates and speakers, all I can do for the moment is put this out there as a FYI.

There are two weekend options that we are looking at are:

The last weekend in June OR

The second weekend in July

As soon as this has all been finalised, we will send out full details and be selling tickets.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 19th May

This is an invite and a request to you all, to please support your branch and what we do by coming along to the AGM and being involved in your branch.

This does NOT mean that by coming to the AGM that you will get a job or have to go on the committee - it is quite the opposite but it is great to hear and get people's ideas, thoughts, contributions on ways that we can further enhance, support and/or change what we do.

I won't beat around the bush either - there are also spaces available for new faces, new ideas and thoughts needed at the Committee Meeting table and if people are interested or keen to be involved in this, or any aspect of the branches activities, your involvement will be most welcome. Please feel free to talk to a committee member beforehand or feel free to say 'yes' to a nomination at the AGM.

One aspect that we would be delighted to have some extra support in is the area of communications and progressing this through implementing new opportunities ie via social media etc, so if this is your area of interest and you are keen and able to assist us with that, then please do get in touch.

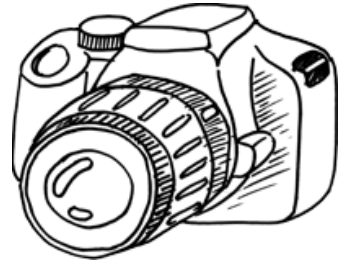
Like any other club or organisation – there are endless ways to contribute and help out so your support would be appreciated immensely.

Many hands make light work for sure.

Photographic Competitions – Photo competitions

Entries MUST be in to Ashleigh Dewar by Wednesday 12th May at the LATEST

The following is a summary of all of the photos for the competitions that are on offer at TVDA. In essence all photos have to be a maximum of 7 x 5 to qualify for the various competitions EXCEPT for the Holten Trophy which is designed especially for enlarged/frames photos. The general competition photos can be smaller but must not exceed this 7 x 5 size to be eligible.



The reason this is in the newsletter now is so that you have a good idea of what options are available while you are out there in the hills and have some time to snap some awesome photos.

Full details on entry dates etc will be in an upcoming newsletter but if you at least get some photos sorted now, it will take the pressure off later on. These photos will all be on display at Measuring night so get clicking and sorting now folks

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.



Prac-Med Magic.....

...don't miss the next TVDA training session

PracMed's First Aid Course held at TVDA in late March was a huge success and there will be more to come.



PRACMED N.Z.

Steph and Simon have a first aid course programme on offer that I believe is second to none as a general training programme. There is no point beating around the bush – the programme that we undertook on the day (Stop the Bleed) is a 4 hour Course and most of us did the (Remote Places Course) that combines Stop the Bleed and then adds another 4 hours. The combination of these two sessions held on the same day are ground breaking for everyday kiwis and have been developed on the front line of military action around the world.

This may sound a bit over the top but it is not – it is right on the mark for what we need – as hunters, outdoors people, those who go the extra mile and for each and every one of us who use the roads on a daily basis.

Having the benefit of spending several years as a volunteer ambo I could make some very direct comparisons – and if only I had some of this knowledge and the options at my fingertips during this time – it would have been fantastic.



On the count of three.....a femur splinted and secure

So – where to now??? TVDA has already told Simon and Steph that we will hold a second training session in a couple of months' time as there were people who couldn't make this first session and others have kicked themselves that they did not bite the bullet and book in for the first training session in time.

Date for TVDA's next session is SUNDAY 25TH JULY

Book with Steph and Simon online at www.pracmednz.com

The best first aid training money you will spend

\$155 Stop the Bleed	or	Stop the Bleed AND Remote Places \$229
4.5 hours / half day		Full Day

What was also so great to see was that in the 'full house session' of 16 members, for almost half of them, this was the only time that they have undertaken a First Aid Course - this is a fantastic response team – Im so proud of you all.

The entire day was totally interactive, plenty of laughs, and so much valuable information.



A valuable chance to see the stats & difference it makes when PracMed based techniques are used in lifesaving situations...

This 'classroom section' was only a short segment in the day as the rest of it was full on with stopping major arterial bleeds, stemming internal bleeding, having 'tools' to



deal with the major 'unexpected carnage' that life can deliver – particularly on the roads, successfully applying lifesaving tourniquet, dealing with major fractures, hypothermia and what to do 'when shit really happens' out there.

Hands on with the red stuff.....packing arterial bleeds. Check, locate, pack it and hold.....and it really does work so effectively.

Make sure you book for the next course NOW to avoid disappointment



If you have any problems with booking online – please call Maureen

*We build responders; not witnesses!!!
Semper Paratus – Always Ready*

Little Glory – Rakiura

By Kelby Stewart

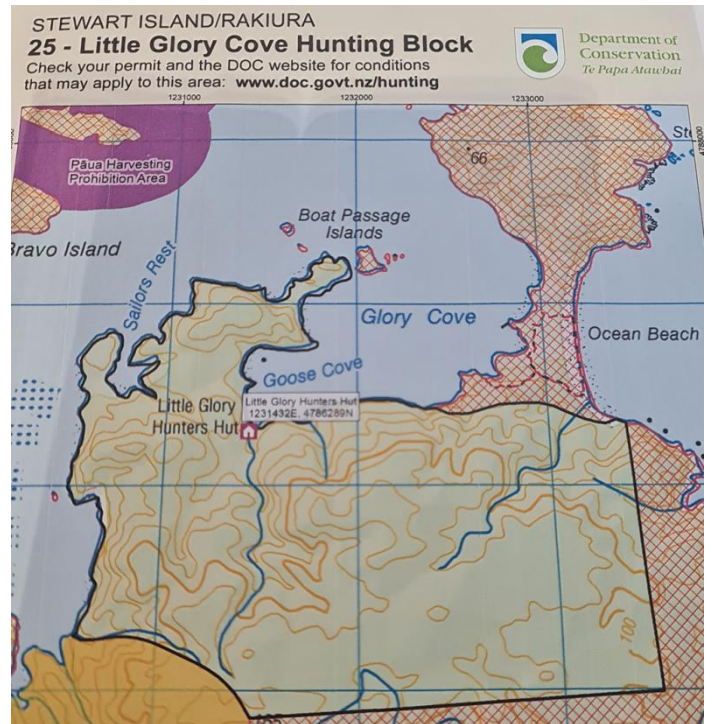
Rakiura water taxi dropped the three of us (Anthony & Kerrie Pollock and me) and our dingy as close to the beach as possible on a beautiful calm day in the mid afternoon on 23 March 2021.

This block is tucked away inside Patterson Inlet on the left. A very calm and peaceful place to stay.

The water in the bay in front of the hut was usually like a mirror, fishing was always on. Kerrie and Anthony motored out to a point and quickly caught 6 Blue Cod for our dinner and breakfast. Cod was eaten every day, sometimes all three meals. Such a delicious tasting fish I do not think I would ever get sick of eating it.

Care was taken to avoid the sea lion which was written about in the hut book as being aggressive. Most days we saw him doing a lap of the bay or heading towards us in the dingy when out fishing. Anthony quickly had the outboard going ready to move.

I was standing in the water on the edge of the rock drop off on the end of a point close to the



hut, trying to catch a large cod we had seen from the dingy earlier when this large dark torpedo came up out of the deep water towards me, 1.5m away, casually veered to pass me, tipped his head on the side and locked his big dark eye on me, sprayed me with water as he cleared his nose and took another breath and kept heading towards the hut at the end of the bay. The old heart skipped a few beats (read shit myself).

Having a dingy on this block is an asset. It gives you many more options for exploring around the other side of the block and getting to the kiwi sanctuary for a look around.

We had a full moon while we were there



Off to test out their fishing skills. Anthony and Kerrie launch from Little Glory Bay

which kept the deer nocturnal. Most times someone went outside at night we would disturb a deer close to the hut. But come daylight and they were extremely hard to find. All sign was in creeks and gully's down low. These gullies are full of supple jack and bush lawyer, very dark and hard to sneak through.

There are not cut tracks or obvious game trails to sneak along quietly on this block. Lots of crown fern. Any open area was watched for hours but nothing came wondering by. I managed to catch a glimpse of two does escaping through the fern as I was moving through.

Anthony managed to shoot a cat while sitting up a tree.



Anthony and Kerrie in the Little Glory Hunters Hut

Kiwis are very prolific on the block. Most mornings they were on the lawn around the hut and we all had encounters during the day while out hunting. Such a unique bird and so cool to be standing right beside them while they bury their beak looking for food. Kerrie was often led on a cross country adventure trying to get a good video of them.

The bird life is in abundance. Wood pigeon were often abused for dropping seeds to the ground which sounded like a deer coming.

Plenty of possum were seen and heard every night. During the first night in the hut, we had a possum that spent a few hours running around on the hut roof. Every time we would start drifting off to sleep there would be a loud crash and he would be running around. The next night we went out with our headlights and I shot one with a bow. Obviously, he was the roof runner, as we never had another one on the roof.

Kerrie and Anthony enjoyed the easy access to the tasty mussels close to the hut, having a boil up most days.

During the day if we got back and had spare time, we cut firewood, cleaned the inside and outside of the hut and the spouting leaf trap so all the water was going into the hut tank.

There are three rat traps and a cat cage at the hut. The cat we saw would not go near the cage, but Anthony was able to sort that.

One rat was caught while we were there, so I put peanut butter on all three traps. That night there was a loud thump by the hut. I snuck outside and a possum popped his head up from under the steps where two of the traps were. He as licking the peanut butter off all the traps getting a smack on the nose for his efforts, slow learner, he did all three.

As a visitor to Stewart Island, we like to spend time and money in Oban to help with their economy. Most hunters will leave the mainland for their blocks and return direct to the

mainland without setting foot in the town.

I feel they are missing out on an experience to be enjoyed. You can often see deer on the streets, as we did about 3.30pm. The locals are so friendly and helpful. We hired E bikes and covered most of the roads and lookouts in an afternoon. Every day finished at the hub of the town, the pub.



Only in 'down town Oban' will you see these little guys checking out the roads and intersections.....and not a hi viz vest in sight!!!

We booked the same block next year for a new moon..... cannot wait.



What a wonderful 'bookend' to a day in paradise. Rakiura means 'glowing skies' and it's not hard to see how this came to be.....

Make sure you read this kids...

Further to the really successful events that we have had over the last couple of years for the kids, here come some more.....



The Little 3 starts on Wednesday 16th June and the weighin for this is on Sunday 20th June.....AND the entry form is at the very back page of this newsletter.



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This is also the same day that we hold our annual Swazi shoot so it will be a great weekend for everyone. The flier for this is on the next page

Following on from that – July has also got a really KOOL weekend in store for the kids and it's in the school holidays as well!!!!

Friday afternoon/evening of 16th July the clubrooms will be open and it will be time to arrive for the camping and shooting weekend being held at the clubrooms.

Heaps of activities to keep kids amused:

- sleeping in the clubrooms
 - (or tenting if you wish)
- Heaps of
 - archery,
 - slug gun and .22 target shooting
 - shotgun (410) clay target shooting
 - Camp cooking
 - Hopefully a bon fire too
- Possum shoot if the weather is ok
- Hands on for the kids
 - Skinning and cutting up venison
 - Making Bread
 - BBQ venison sandwiches for lunch
 - Learn how to Douglas Score.....
- And so much more.....



This is open to NZDA members only, bookings are essential and the cost will be \$20.00 per person for the entire weekend. Adult and parent helpers needed as well please. Permission slips must be completed and payment received to confirm your booking for this weekend – the same as Mike's annual survival camp.

Please contact Maureen Coleman on: a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or

phone 027 3337786 for more details

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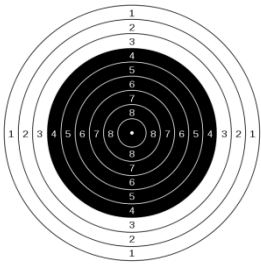
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Weighin for Kids Little 3 Competition



Sunday 20th 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 back page in this newsletter **and** then
- for the SWAZI shoot on Sunday 20th 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

SPECIAL THANKS TO....

- The team who has helped out in any way with the preparation and also on the day of our Sponsors and Supporters function and then again the following day which was an Open Day at the club
 - Both of these days were a fantastic chance to share with others from both inside and outside of our membership but who are so incredibly valued on so many fronts.
 - The amazing team work in the kitchen ensured that there was an awesome spread of food for everyone to dine on and it really sealed the day for sure.
 - The crew that also put in the hours before hand with the preparation, set up and planning – your input and hours of work were appreciated immensely as well.
- Nigel and Bill for your work in helping to set up the sporting clay shoot down at Taumarunui Gun Club and give these guys a taste of what Sporting Clay Shooting is all about. Roll on the next one.....
- To all of you who have put in your Firearms Regulation submissions (and for those of you who get them in between NOW and ANZAC Day). Your voices need to be heard and this is the place to do it. Keep up the great work team.
- Thanks to everyone who continued to support the twilight clay target and archery shooting events. These are now all packed away till after the winter but it will be run again for sure
 - It must also be mentioned here that these events simply could not have run without the tireless work of Tony out in the field almost every night and the team that helped back in the clubroom to ensure that the BBQ and Bar were manned as well.
 - A typical TVDA Team Effort and it was so neat to have this as a social catch up night, a chance for a get together and;
 - For several people – it was a way to kick start their foray into clay target shooting and archery and what a difference it makes when people are happy and helpful with sharing their time and knowledge to assist people.
- To the group who make the kids hunting weekend to the Whirinaki possible back in early March. 10 kids that had a ball, adult hunters that beamed at seeing the kids having such a great time and learning so much out there in the hills; and more trips planned for the future.
- Those members who have so willingly come forward and put their names down to help with Take A Kid Hunting Applications. This is so humbling guys and so hugely appreciated – and the difference it makes to a kid to know that someone wants to help them – priceless!!!

Antler Horn and Tusk Competition at TVDA – make sure you are ready...

With the peak of the hunting season drawing near, please have a read through these so that you know what is on offer and let's see a great selection of heads bring brought along on Measuring Night. Our May club night is Measuring Night so there is time to get prepared between now and then.

We have Douglas Scorers in the club that have undertaken their training and there is no better way for them to get better at what they do, than to have your trophies to measure so it's a win/win for sure.

<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 & H Cox Trophy</i>	Best Head shot by a Lady
<i>K D Cox Shield</i>	Best Antlered Species – any deer species
<i>Hair & Larsen Trophy</i>	Best Horned Game Species – any horned game species
<i>Wayne Bennett Trophy</i>	Heaviest Pig Weight for the year

Please make sure you do NOT Cut the skulls of these when you are cooking them or cleaning them up after being boiled out.

If you have any queries please contact an NZDA Douglas Scorer:

Kelby Stewart: 021 395400
Warren Penwarden: 021 476428
Sharon Honiss: 021 560025
Brian Neilson: 027 8910958
Len Cubitt: 027 4978598
Maureen Coleman: 027 3337786



Upcoming Hunting Trips

These 2 are a MUST READ

1 NZDA Ladies trip to Clements Road

Thurs night 13th to Sunday 16th May

All that you need to be is a member of an NZDA branch anywhere in the country and want to go hunting.

This trip will see us staying at Sika Lodge and hunting off Clements Road.

The last ladies trip was a camping trip based at the Mill Campsite on Clements Road and the popularity of it was such that everyone wanted to see another hunt organised again soon so Team TVDA put up their hands to be the organisers.



This is a first up best dressed opportunity so don't stuff around. There are only a couple of spaces left so don't miss out



All you need to do is bring your hunting gear, sleeping bag and a change of clothes for at the lodge after a day in the hills. This is all very relaxed and chilled out and the perfect place to mix and mingle, make new friends from around the country.

The costs for accommodation will be \$30.00 per night per person and approx. \$20-25 per person for food for the whole weekend.

You will notice that this one starts with us arriving on Thursday night (if that is what works for you as the hunter) as some of the ladies are travelling

from Northland and Wellington so this is to balance out the hunting and the travel time rather than most of the weekend being in the car.... You can certainly come down on Friday night after work if you want/need to, particularly if you live closer – no problems at all.

The flier for this trip is also included in this newsletter

If you are keen to be part of this, then please contact Maureen on a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz.

2 TVDA Trip to Sika Lodge & Clements Road

Friday 2 – Sunday 4 July

Each year we/TVDA hold a mid winter club hunting trip to Clements Road and stay at Sika Lodge – and it's a wonderful chance to have the best of both worlds:



- Excellent hunting after the Sika Roar and a good time to get onto animals; and
- The perfect place to stay – no worries about the winter chills as the fire at the lodge is a gem, the hot showers are a delight and the warm beds in the bunkrooms are a no brainer in the winter.

This is also a great time of the year to pick up some of those wily old stags that have outwitted many a hunter during the roar.

By now they have let their guard down, the mind is now set firmly on eating up with gusto to put on weight to get through the cold winter period in front of them. They are certainly quite a different animal to hunt at this time of the year than over the last few months. Similarly the hinds too are often found close to the road as they make the most of the food that is left before they really hunker down for the winter.

These trips are a great chance all round to:

- visit places that you know well,
- be part of your first hunting trip as a member of TVDA
- find a new place to hunt and get the benefit of knowledge and information from those that have been there before
- just come away and enjoy a weekend with friends and other members even if you are not able to get out in the hills for some reason – it's a great social atmosphere and everyone is most welcome.

All you need to bring for this is your hunting gear, sleeping bag, towel and change of clothes for after hunting.

Costs: \$30.00 per night per person plus approx. \$20-25 per person towards food.

Contact: Maureen - email a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

Trap Line Updates and catch results

We now have another trap line up and running along the lower Kauaeranga Valley and Brian set sail with DOC worker Ben in tow last week to see where the traps were set, how to use the App and generally get stuck into nabbing some more of these 'killing machines'.



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The 'Terry Line' that runs up the track towards the Pinnacles, around the basin and back down the Billy Goat track is needing someone to look after it as well please. Mike Deane and Peter Flynn did this for several years and did a sterling job but it's time for new legs to be walking this track, checking the traps and protecting these extremely rare orchids.

It would be great to have a few people that this job could be shared between so if you have maybe 3-4 spare days a year to chip in to do this or perhaps one day a month then that would be amazing. If this sounds a bit like you and you are keen to get some extra exercise and help the conservation cause at the same time, please phone

Dennis Hayfield on 027 2211892 or Brian Neilson on 027 8910958

In total since Dennis and Bill began trapping on the K2K line in May 2017 the catch tallies are as follows:

- **129 Stoats**
- **92 Rats**
- **90 Hedgehogs**
- **3 Ferret**
- **3 Mice**
- **2 Birds.**



Brian's tallies from the first outing on the Kauaeranga River Trap line are:

- **1 Stoat**
- **1 Weasel**
- **14 Rats**

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Kiwi Aversion Training



South Auckland Deerstalkers are running a Kiwi Aversion Training session for dogs at our clubrooms/ground on

Saturday 15th May

Cost \$30.00 per person/dog

Contact Mark Prince if you wish to take part and register your dog for this wmprince60@gmail.com 021 2422241

Getting a Dog Permit for the Kaimai – Mamaku Area.....

In order for me to create a permit for your dog to accompany you on your hunting trips, can you please provide the following?

Hunter's name:

Address:

Phone:

Hunter's permit #. (Open area hunting permit)

Firearms licence #

Hunting Dog(s) Name:

You may have up to 3 dogs permitted

- Gender:
- Breed:
- Colour:
- Tag# registration tag (Photo proof required)
- Microchip ID (Photo proof required) please attach to your reply email.
- Kiwi Aversion Certified Y or N, if yes (Photo proof required) - If yes, certification number



On receipt of the above, I can process immediately. I will sign a hardcopy, scan and return it to you. You **MUST** sign the permit and carry on you at all times whilst hunting.

If you need me to post this out to you I am happy to do so.

Sonya Rowley

Department of Conservation - Te Papa Atawhai (Tauranga Office)

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RANGE USE

As a general FYI to all members – please make sure that regardless of what range you are using when you come up to sight rifles in, this

- **BARRIER AT THE GATE WAY must be across the driveway.... (as shown in the photo below)**
- AND the*
- **FLAG ON THE FLATPOLE AT THE 100m shooting mound MUST BE PUT UP.**



.....Special thanks to Brian, Lisa and Kade for their awesome help with re-blocking and putting new coreflute on the 50m range a few weeks ago – it really has made a huge difference and is so appreciated by everyone that uses it.

This is one of those jobs that needs to be done on a semi regular basis (about 3-4 monthly) so if you are a range shooter or range user and are keen to help out next time it is due to be done, please contact me and we will give you a call closer to the time.



Many thanks

Maureen

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A very special Welcome to the New members who have joined TVDA over the last couple of months and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and joining in with the many and varied activities that are held at your club:

- *Josemon Philip and Family; Criswin, Edwin & Johana*
- *Hadleigh Aitken and Family; Anne and Olive*
- *Beau Henderson and Family; Leo and Jaxon*
- *Craig Morrison and Family; Sheryn, Cooper, Jye & Hunter*
- *Craig and Sharna Majurey*
- *Hayden Brown and Family; Sarah, Beau, Kace and Jack*
- *Bianca Upton*
- *Nav Sidhu*
- *Niel Smith*
- *Jerry Cox*
- *Shane George*
- *Kanwar Kalouria*
- *Daniel Ramage*



***Congratulations** and best wishes to Ed and Hayley Stewart of the safe arrival of their new daughter Margot and a special little sister to Scarlett.*

I know that there are other bubs due now too so if these little bundles of joy have arrived, then best wishes to the new Mums and Dads from us all.

***Condolences** also to the Berghan Family from Coromandel on the recent passing of Dickie - their beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.*

Dickie and the Berghan family have had long connections with our members, TVDA and this area for decades so he will mean a lot to many of you. Dickie's memorial service was held last weekend.

Rest in Peace Dickie and may the pigs never have to be carried too far to the road from now on....



March Night Update

This was a night to really tingle the taste buds and massive thanks to everyone who came along and joined in, those that brought a main course of something special – be it from the hills, the veggie garden or a delight that was whipped up at home.....and there were delicious desserts as well.



What more could we have asked for.

Some of the specialties were:

- ***Venison curry***
- ***Venison backsteak with caramelised pears on sliders***
- ***Homekill Sausages***
- ***Potato topped Slow cooked goat & caramelised onion pie***
- ***Venison meatloaf with sweet chilli sauce***
- ***Some delicious wee purple maori potatoes***
- ***Whitebait fritters***
- ***Roast mutton***
- ***Berry and apple crumble***
- ***Pavlova***
- ***Berry muffins***
- ***Ice cream.....and more as well so please don't be offended if I have missed your delicious dish off this list.***

Thank you so much one and all for your awesome contributions to the evening - Chilled out, relaxed, great conversation, laughter and no stress – perfect!!!

An advertisement for Paeroa Marine & Cycle Centre Ltd. The background is a dark, textured image of a boat's hull. The company name is written in a large, stylized font at the top. Below it, the name Gary Johansen is listed. Contact information including phone, mobile, address, and website is provided. Logos for Yamaha, Yamaha Extreme Boats, Superior Boats, and MAC are displayed. A Yamaha outboard motor is shown on the right side of the ad.

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SWAMP COMP 2021

Well done to all of those who entered into and got prizes in the 2020 competition – your efforts really do make a difference in giving the birdlife and fighting chance.



Over 300 people shared in a prize pool of tens of thousands of dollars – so make sure you are part of it next year. It is always a good time to be trapping and catching these little buggars and just remember – all you have to do is cut off the tail, put it in the freezer in a zip lock bag and then hand them into Hunting and Fishing in November.

Tails that are eligible for the competition are: Weasel, stoat and ferret tails.

Any other pests that you catch and remove from the ecosystem are a bonus....



HUNTS COURSE 2021!!!!

Dates are still to be finalised but the course will commence in August and the course will be run over approx. an 8 week period.

While it will not be every week, there will be 3-4 evening sessions at the clubrooms (7 – 9pm), there will be a couple of overnight components that include a hunt as well as a range shooting session it will finish off with a one-on-one mentored helicopter flyin weekend in the hills in Te Urewera after Reds and Rusa.....and perhaps a pig too if it's around.

Funding is currently being sought to assist with the costs of the course however at this stage there are no guarantees that this will be successful, so if you budget for approx. \$350 - \$400 **all-inclusive** for the course then you will be fine, however we'd be delighted if it is cheaper through a successful funding application.

Following the last newsletter there were several enquiries and there are now only a couple of spaces left but don't hesitate to put your name on the back up list too as we often have people who have to pull out as it draws closer due to unforeseen reasons.

If anyone is keen to have a look at the programme that we have run in recent years as an indication of what the course covers, then please contact:

Maureen on a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

or phone 027 3337786.





Tauhei Combined School

WILD GAME HUNT & FISHING

COMPETITION



Friday 14th- Sunday 16th May 2021

Venue: Tauhei Community Hall, 854 Tauhei Road

Weigh Station: Tauhei Community Hall Car Park, 1pm-3pm Sunday 16th May 2021

Registration Fee: \$50 Open Section Earlybird (Late entries \$55)

\$20 Junior Section (15 years and under) Earlybird (Late Entries \$25) \$5 Junior Eeling

(12 years and under)

Earlybird Entries Close Monday 10th May 2021 / Late Entries close Thursday 13th May 2021

Competition times: Starts at 1am Friday 14th May and goes until weigh-in shut off 3pm Sunday 16th May.

Contact: Tauhei Combined School 07 887 6844 or Email: wildgamehunt@tauhei.school.nz

Food & Drink will be on sale during the afternoon of Sunday 16th May for weigh in and prize giving.

EFTPOS AVAILABLE Alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks will be available.

NOTE: THERE IS NO BYO TO THIS EVENT

OPEN SECTION		Small Mammals
Birds Mallards - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Mallards - 1st Average Weight \$250 Cash Prize Paradise Duck - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Pheasants - 1st, 2nd Longest Tail Feather (must still be attached to bird) Pukeko - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Magpies - Most killed. \$100 Cash Prize Turkeys - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Peacock - 1st, 2nd Heaviest	Large Mammals Stag - 1st (\$800), 2nd Heaviest Stag - 1st Average Weight \$250 Cash Prize Goat - 1st (\$300), 2nd Heaviest Goat - 1st Longest Horn Boar - 1st (\$800), 2nd Heaviest Boar - 1st Average Weight \$250 Cash Prize	Possums - 1st Heaviest Possums - 1st Most Killed \$200 Rabbits - 1st Heaviest Rabbits - 1st Most Killed \$100 Hares - 1st Heaviest Hares - 1st Most Killed \$100
JUNIOR HUNTER SECTION (15 years and under)		Fish
Birds Mallard Duck - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Mallard - 1st Average Weight Turkey - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Turkey - 1st Average Weight Pukeko - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Pukeko - 1st Average Weight	Small Mammals Hares - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Hares - 1st Average Weight Rabbits - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Rabbits - 1st Average Weight Possums - 1st, 2nd Heaviest Possums - 1st Average Weight	Snapper - 1st, 2nd, Heaviest Snapper - 1st Average Weight - \$100 Cash Prize Kahawai - 1st, 2nd, Heaviest JUNIOR EELING (12 years and under) (only 1 per Junior to Weigh) Eeling - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Heaviest 1 x Mystery Weight

Tauhei Combined School WILD GAME HUNT & FISHING COMPETITION - ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ **Age (Juniors):** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **---ONLINE ENTRY FORM HERE**

Section: (please tick) Open Section: (Earlybird closes 10 May) \$50 ☐ (Late closes 13 May) \$55 ☐

Junior Hunter Section: (Earlybird closes 10 May) \$20 ☐ (Late closes 13 May) \$25 ☐ Junior Eeling \$5 ☐

Entries & payment can be made at Wright Fishing and Outdoors. Entry Fee can be direct credited to 12-3100-0753062-00, please include your full name as a reference, entry can be emailed to

wildgamehunt@tauhei.school.nz or posted to: Tauhei School, 860 Tauhei Road, RD5, Morrinsville, 3375

Tauhei Combined School

WILD GAME HUNT & FISHING COMPETITION RULES

1. Hunting starts at 1am on Friday 14th May and continues until weigh-in shut off at 4pm Sunday 16th May.
2. All competitors must be in line before 3pm Sunday 16th for their catch to be weighed in, prize giving to follow.
3. Only present up to 3 animals per category for weigh in, but there is only one prize per person per category. Numbers for Most Caught need to be sighted by an official weigh in member.
4. Only animals/birds/fish caught on the competition days will be accepted for weigh in.
5. All game animals must be gutted with their ears intact.
6. Boars and Stags Only
7. Fish and Game quotas for bird numbers are to be adhered to at all times.
8. Open Section entrants must be in possession of a current Firearms and Game Licence (or have actively hunted with a licence holder) and must adhere to NZ code of safe hunting practice at all times. These should be available for viewing if required.
9. The decision of the Weighmaster is final, including weights and cut off time. No negotiations.
10. Junior hunter category is for persons aged 15 years and younger at the start of the competition.
11. For competitors under 12 years in the Junior Hunter section includes entry to the Junior eeling.
12. Junior hunters are required to hunt ALL their game by themselves; however, they are to be accompanied by an adult bearing a firearms license.
13. Open section is for persons 16 years of age or older at the start of the competition.
14. All eels must be caught on a hand line – NO NETS. ***We ask that you try to keep all eels alive to weigh in so they can be released.***
15. All fish are required to be gutted before weighed, and of legal size. *We would appreciate any surrendered fish to contribute towards the evening auctions.*
16. **It is your responsibility to remove all fish and game upon leaving the hall** unless it is donated to the school for the fish auction during the evening.
17. Prize-giving will commence as soon as possible after weigh-in.
18. Donated prizes cannot be exchanged or redeemed for cash.
19. All competitors must weigh in their own game/fish and be present at prize giving to receive their prize.
20. The organisers accept no liability for any damage or loss of property or injury to any person.
21. No alcohol or illegal drugs are to be consumed whilst competing in the competition.
22. **Drink responsibly** – arrange safe transport home from the event, phones will be available to ring for a ride.
23. **NO Firearms** to be brought into the hall building. Please store in your vehicle in the proper and safe manner that the NZ Firearms code requires (bolts and ammunition locked away separate and guns out of sight with locks on).

Current Firearm Licence is required, and please ensure you abide by the rules and regulations of NZ Fish and Game and the Tauhei Combined School Wild Game Hunt & Fishing Competition.

More Entries Available From

Tauhei Combined School / Wright Fishing & Outdoors / Download online at www.tauhei.co.nz

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We also have high quality NZDA bumper stickers for sale at \$15.00 (including domestic shipping).



Gidday everyone,



BOP branch is running a measuring course for those who would like to learn or upskill on the Douglas Score system (DS) for measuring trophy game animals.

The course is a one day affair and is being held on Saturday the 22nd of May at their clubrooms, at The Lakes in Tauriko, Tauranga.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Douglas Score system

visit <https://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/resources/animals/trophy-scoring-douglas-score/> or speak to any of our members on a club night.

TVDA has members that are going over to the day in Tauranga so if you are keen to find out some more or what to join in or catch a ride over for the day, please contact Brian Neilson on 027 8910958.

Once you have done the course, there may be opportunity to assist with measuring heads for both our internal branch "Antler, Horn and Tusk" annual competition and external competitions held by other organisations that request assistance from the NZDA.

The course and subsequent measuring opportunities are a great way to learn more about recognising what represents a "trophy" and what the potential score of a head may be when hunting in the field, which can greatly assist when deciding whether to take an animal or leave it for next year.



Regards,
Reuben Hayward
Vice President

Bay of Plenty Branch NZDA

Next club day is Sunday 9th of May 2021



AND

Bow Hunters Club Days are always the 2nd Sunday of the Month:

Sunday 9th of May

Sunday 13th June

Sunday 11th July

Club days start between 8.30 – 9am so if you are keen to have a go at archery / bowhunters, then contact one of TVDA committee members (shown in the front of the newsletter with an * beside their name) or

Shelley Moxsom on 027 3339309 or rsmoxsom@xtra.co.nz for more details.

These days are a great way to learn about archery, get help and support from those who are regular archers and it's a great way for families to get out there and enjoy this recreation together.

Bows and arrows are available for hire on club days so you don't have to be kitted out beforehand with all your own gear.

Costs for clubday: Range fee for the day is \$7.00 person or \$15.00 for a family

Bow Hunters Interclub Competition

SUNDAY 29th August



Little 3 Competition

Wednesday 16 June – Sunday 20 June

Walker Family Trophy

1. Entry forms must be to the Treasurer by Wednesday 16th of June –
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
4. ***EELS only*** – if you wish to weigh them and take a photo of the eels being weighed and the actual weight showing in the photo, this will qualify for the eel section. This is particularly in light of helping to protect the eels and help them to survive.

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.



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