

# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

April 2018



*Riley Pert with his best goat to date*

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**Identify your target beyond ALL doubt**

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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	25	<b>Club Night - Visiting Mark Walker's Taxidermy*</b>
Sunday	29	Kiwi 3D – Interclub Archery Event at TVDA*

## May

Wednesday	9	Committee Night
Sunday	13	Bowhunters Club Day
Tuesday	15	Private use during the day only
Wednesday	16	Private use during the day only
Wednesday	16	Annual General Meeting
Thursday	17	Private use during the day only
Friday	18	Goat shooting trip to Panekiri*
Saturday	19	Goat shooting trip to Panekiri
Sunday	20	Goat shooting trip to Panekiri
Wed	30	Club Night - <b>Measuring Night</b>

## June

Sunday	10	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	13	Committee Night
Wednesday	27	Club Night
Saturday	30	Annual Dinner and Prizegiving*

## July

Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Night
Wednesday	25	Club Night
Sunday	29	1 <sup>st</sup> Round of the Running Boar

***\*articles in the newsletter with more details***



# ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Annual Dinner ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Saturday 30 June – *mark this on your calendar***

We are extremely fortunate to have **Wayne Scott from Whakatane** as our guest speaker for this year's Annual Dinner.

Wayne is an ex Deer Culler and at the time of the Reunion last year, we got chatting about his numerous trips to Africa – chasing their spectacular game animal species with the camera and spending time 'with the locals' at the same time.

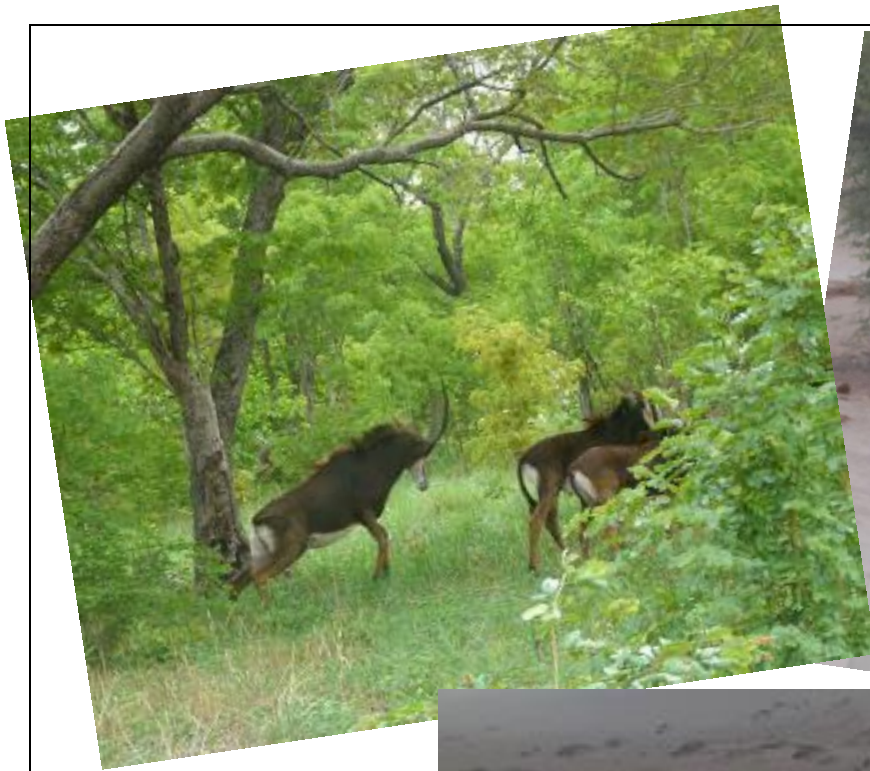
Don't miss this night on several fronts – Wayne will be an excellent speaker with stunning photos and footage to share on the night (sample of them below), the food will be superb as always and help celebrate the successes of our members from throughout the year. ***Tickets are available from Committee Members.***

**Price: \$25.00 per adult (\$12.50 for *under 12's*)**

**Start Time – Happy Hour 6.00pm**

**Dinner: 7.00pm**





## ANZAC Day



*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
  
Lest we forget.*



**Let us all try and attend an Anzac Service somewhere on the 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**The incredible sacrifice that these brave and selfless soldiers made over 100 years ago for us to have a life of freedom, is all but beyond comprehension for many of us.**

**Attending a service in their honour is such a small token of our gratitude.....*Lest we forget.***



## Presidents Report.....

I have to open this report and express my utmost thoughts for the families so tragically affected by the recent fatal shooting in the Kaimai Ranges. We must all take stock of this; we are all human and errors can be made but I struggle to ever call one such as this, an accident. Identifying your target beyond ALL doubt is the bottom line and is totally not negotiable – if this was the case, I strongly suspect that I would not be writing these words in this newsletter.

The 'roar' so far seems to have been a really mixed bag and for my couple of cents worth, I seriously wonder that it has even really kicked into gear yet. Several people that I have spoken to have all reiterated the same thoughts – basically no roaring, next to no sign of stags roaring pads, wallows that haven't been used and when guys have caught up with stags that are making some noise, there have been no hinds with them and they have been mud fat. These things combined, all seem to sum up that the roar proper may well be still to happen. Only time will tell.

All the best to our bowhunters and archers that will be taking part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of the Kiwi 3D Competition at the end of this month. The Pineridge and Massey events have been held over February and March and the grand finale is at TVDA. Special thanks to those who have been chipping away with field and event planning, setting targets and all the other work that goes in behind the scenes that most often goes un-noticed.

If you are wanting to see some top archers in action on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of April, then rock on along to the club and have a look. Please do take note of the marshals and the signage as it is not possible to just 'wander around at will' due to the various shooting lanes. It is similar to our sporting clays, in that the course will be set over the extent of our property and plenty of challenges will snuck in there to test the competitors.

April club night – **DON'T FORGET** that this is being held at **BIG GAME ARTISTRY IN HAMILTON** (club night for April will NOT be at the clubrooms). As of now I officially take **NO BLAME** if people turn up at the wrong place...oopss!!! Mark and Vanessa have very kindly offered and opened up their excellent taxidermy showroom for us to see first-hand some of the beautiful animals that they are so fortunate to work on – many are full life-sized mounts from overseas but also some extremely impressive animals of all species taken here in NZ. The outstanding quality of the work that leaves the premises at Big Game Artistry is due testament to the many repeat orders so this is a night not to be missed. See more details further through this newsletter.

Good luck and safe hunting to everyone who is getting out there and remember to ***identify your target beyond all doubt, as the bullet or arrow are forever yours.***

**Maureen**

# Club Night

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC Day)

**Start Time: 6.00pm** - Supper afterwards

## *Big Game Artistry – visit Mark and Vanessa's*



*Make the most of an excellent club night with a difference as we are going to be OFF SITE and visiting Big Game Artistry in Hamilton – **6pm start time.***



*Many of you will have attended the club night last year when Mark came over and gave a demo on head skinning and shared valuable tips on how to deal with trophies when you are out in the hills.*

*This club night will be taking it another step further again. Mark and Vanessa have very willingly opened up their showroom and workshop for us to see first hand other aspects of taxidermy and just what is required to get those magnificently mounted trophies in return.*

*They have a number of African and North American mounts there on display – lifesized and shoulder mounts as well as pedestal mounts also.*

*If you are wanting a ride over to Hamilton, you will need to call Maureen please and organise this at least a couple of days beforehand AND, you will need to be at the clubrooms by 4.30pm please.*

### **Directions:**

- *Travel to Ohaupo via Mystery Creek/Hamilton Airport Road.*
- *Just as you come into the built up area of Ohaupo, there is a major intersection (just before the Caravan sales place) that goes off to the Right. This is Forkert Road. Turn into Forkert Road and travel until you come to Ngahinapouri Road.*
- *Turn Right into Ngahinapouri Road and Mark and Vanessa are 386 Ngahinapouri Road. If you need to give anyone a call, Maureen's phone number is 027 3337786.*





## Photo Board



Well done to Sarah Hills (centre) with her first ever animal and surrounded by a group of delighted youngsters – L-R: Demelza, Ronnie, Charlie, Bianca, Livvy, Calista. So proud of your effort and results Sarah



Above L-R: Ronnie Horner, Riley Pert and proud hunter Toby Ardern with his goat



Above & Right: Images from the Golden Hills Hut, in the Kawekas last week – April 2018.



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# ***Firearm Safety – No Meat is better than No Mate***

*I would normally not REPEAT a general article two issues in a row, but given the tragedy on our back doorstep a couple of weeks ago, I urge to all please read this again. None of us can ever take things for granted. I also urge all members (and readers of this magazine) to take the responsible step and tell others if their firearms 'behaviour' is not up to scratch. If you are in the hills and don't feel safe, refuse to hunt with someone. They will crack the shits with you most likely but this is also about taking a responsible stance which, in my mind, is part of the privilege of holding a Firearms Licence. If you feel more needs to be done, tell the Police.*

Identifying your target *beyond all doubt* can't be stressed enough.

Apart from the above rule of thumb, there's a few simple things that we should all be doing.

## ***THE BASICS***

### ***1-Treat every Firearm as loaded***

Practice makes permanent so practice perfectly.

Which is to say that if you repeat good behaviours

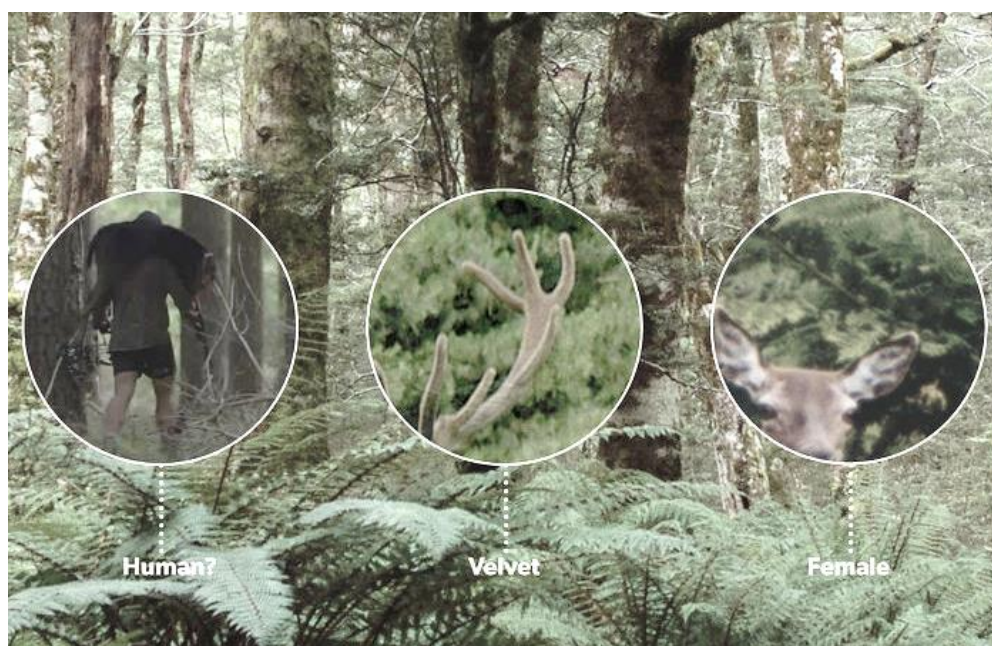
enough they become normal. So, get in the habit every time you're passed a firearm that you check it's not loaded. In a hunting situation a lot of the guys I hunt with will also check their rifle and then announce "mags full but nothing chambered". If your buddies walking behind you this is good to know and far better than just assuming he knows the status of his rifle.

### ***2-Always point firearms in a safe direction***

There's nothing more unnerving than a rifle waving around in your general direction, pull your mates up on this. Speak up.

### ***3-Load your rifle only when you're ready to fire***

This is practical in almost all hunting scenarios but us Kiwis seem to have a love of walking around using a "half cock" or having a round



chambered but the rifle not cocked. Just know that if you slip over and hit the butt of that rifle hard enough, it can potentially go off. Nothing up the spout until you are ready to fire is the rule.

#### ***4-Identify your target beyond all doubt***

Re-read the above a few times. What is the animal's sex, age etc. Start by assuming it's another hunter and work to disprove that, not the other way around.

#### ***5-Check your firing zone***

What's beyond your target? What's between you and your target? It shouldn't to be said, but I will – Don't shoot animals on sky lines. Period

#### ***6-Store your firearms safely***

Not just at home but think about huts, vehicles etc

#### ***7-Avoid alcohol etc***

Judgement is critical and drinking alcohol doesn't exactly help with that. Rifles unloaded and locked away before any beers are opened.

#### ***Footnote:***

One scenario worth thinking about is when you've just shot a deer, often they will go a short distance and in which time you've most likely reloaded. With all the action happening are you going to remember your rifle is still "live"? A good habit here is once you've seen that the animal is certainly down, completely unload your rifle then note a few landmarks as to where your animal is before heading off to where it's fallen. This way you know your rifle is safe, and you're going to spend less time looking for that animal.

Overall firearm safety at all times of the year and in all locations is about good habits. Please help make these good habits the "norm" amongst your hunting mates.....and

***“the other reality is, that we need to expect there will be other people around, even in balloted and/or private blocks.”***





# Kids Goat Shooting Trip

By Riley Pert (8 yrs)

We drove to McDonalds in Otorohanga and we met the others there. After that we were off to the woolshed. I was the 1<sup>st</sup> one there and it was dark, it was raining hard.

By the time we got all our stuff in the woolshed we were all wet. We got to stay up to 10 o'clock.

Finally, it was morning, we set off, we drove our motorbikes to where we were going to start walking on the 1<sup>st</sup> day.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> day we got 11 goats. We got to sneak up to some piglets too and we just about caught one. The farmer had asked us not to shoot any pigs if we saw them.

We walked back to the motorbikes.

We went back to everyone, they said "how many did you get" – "we said 11".

Above & Right: Riley Pert in the hills hunting goats and with the results.....*well done buddy*

Later on that day we got to take people on the motorbikes one adult brought his gun - we shot 2 big goats.

That night we got to stay up to 11 o'clock.

Soon it was morning again and we set off.

That day I got the biggest goat of the trip.

We got 18 goats altogether.

It was the best day. It was me and my dad and I got a 7 year old goat and then we drove all the way back home.



## ***Wallaby Sightings – Can you help me please, and***



*Please ask your mates as well and come back to me with any details as we need to help get the correct and confirmed information recorded.*



***Please phone Maureen 027 3337786  
or email me: [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)***

The reason for this is that there has been a number of entries on social media around the Wallaby topic and linked to the Kaimais.

Waikato Regional Council has a request in their Draft Long Term Plan seeking additional funding to develop a Containment Plan for Wallabys re the Kaimais due to the fact that they are 'moving outwards' from their feral range in the general Rotorua Lakes area.

Due to the amount of 'hearsay' that was being bandied around, I contacted the Pest Management Team at EW and discussed this and got the story from the horses mouth. I have also subsequently put in a submission to the EW Draft Long Term Plan on behalf of the club and will be speaking to that submission in due course.

This Containment Plan is a working document to develop sound research and monitoring methods to ascertain exactly where the wallaby are, plot confirmed sightings and also devise the best way to prevent them spreading further towards our area. There are definitely NO PLANS to 1080 the Kaimai's as has been touted despite there also being rumours that Clyde Graf is planning a before and after documentary.

In the process of discussing the wider topic, it became apparent that 'someone' had phoned EW and advised that they'd seen a hunter up Thompson's Track with 2 wallabies over his shoulder. When asked where they'd come from, the hunter supposedly said, 'just in the bush up here'. Move forward on this several months, and EW has done extensive monitoring of various kinds and found no trace of any wallaby up there at all.

I have now today (17 April 2018) had a phone call from another member of the EW Pest Management Team who has been contacted and told that a 'hunter has now been seen at the carpark at Waiorongomai Loop Road with two wallabies over his shoulder and that he'd just put them in the boot of his car and drove off'. The staff member was also told that 'people are regularly shooting wallabies out there'. The informant did not provide a name or any other details but this story seems very like the one from Thompson's track.

The Pest Management Team at EW have asked us as hunters from a reputable club in the area to please provide them with accurate information and details please. They clearly have acknowledged that the accurate feedback from creditable sources is extremely valuable so let us help them.



### What to do if you see a wallaby or any wallaby sign:

- If it's a live one, preferrably shoot it if you can, but also please make sure to also:
- Take photos of where it was shot and also if you can please get some kind of landmark included in the photo
- Mark it on a GPS if you have one with you, and also note the:
  - Time
  - Date
  - Any other details
    - Any others there – how many
    - If you are able to determine adult / juvenile etc.
- If you only find sign (prints) etc and maybe some hair in the location that looks different to deer hair, please get a photo and a sample and EW will get it DNA tested.

This is an excellent chance for us hunters to work closely and colloratively with the authorities to help prevent the spread of these little buggars into our area.

None of us want Wallabies in the Kaimais that's for sure so with honesty and accurate information being fed through in the proper manner, it will help immensely with this result.

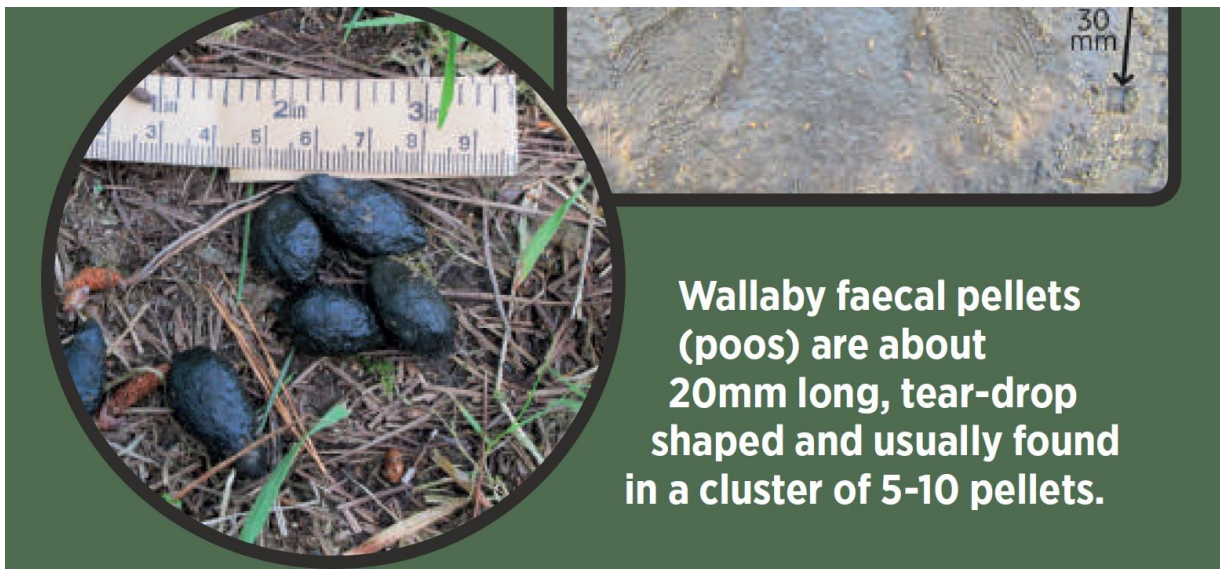


Wallabies leave a very distinctive set of prints – they cannot be mistaken for any other animals in our bush or on farmland. See the footprints on the previous page, and there is also usually always a ‘tail drag’ mark if there is any area of dirt.

It’s worth noting that while wallabies are seen in the daytime, they are mostly semi/nocturnal and will normally be found coming out on the fringe areas and farmland just on dusk.



*Above: Trail camera footage of wallabies out feeding at night time. This footage was NOT taken in the Kaimai's.*



**Wallaby faecal pellets (poos) are about 20mm long, tear-drop shaped and usually found in a cluster of 5-10 pellets.**





*Our Condolences to the Bennett family on the tragic and sudden passing of Greg Brown - Joanne's husband; in a car accident. Our love and thoughts are with you all at this time.*



**WELCOME**

to new Members over the last couple of months:

- **Dave Papesch**
- **Kadion McDonald**
- **Greg Sweeney**
- **Richard Olde Riekerink**
- **Ezra Oates**
- **Arthur Blackburn**
- **Calvin Brown**

And Welcome back also to:

- **Richard and Joshua Symes**

who have moved back to the area.



## ***K2K Trap Line***



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

A good kill rate for the months of February and March.

- 11 Stoats
- 10 Rats
- 10 Hedgehogs
- 3 Mice
- 2 Birds.



Really great to be knocking those rat and stoat numbers down – and 10 hedgehogs as well, that will certainly help the ground dwelling birds.

Cheers Dennis and Bill.

## May Club Night is Measuring Night



Make sure you have a look at the section in this newsletter for the various game animal competitions and trophies.

There are several competitions for deer species, drawn and undrawn pig tusks, goat horns and best horned species as well as the best antlered

species over all.

If you have any queries at all about Douglas Scoring etc, then please just Maureen a call.



**Are you wanting to reduce the number of Myna's around the place.....*keep on reading***

Craig Ardern recently gave me a heads up on these Myna traps that him and the boys have made and they work a real treat, and they have caught dozens of myna's already.

The instructions are too lengthy to have them all in the newsletter but they are very clearly laid out, and because they are made of mesh, it's all done on the 'number of squares' which makes it all very straight forward.

I have had the instructions for making these added to the website or if you need a set of instructions printed and sent out, please just give Maureen a call.



The link on the website is also:

[www.indianmynaaction.org.au](http://www.indianmynaaction.org.au)

(PeeGee Myna Traps Plans)





## ***Have you ever dreamt of being on Safari in Africa –***

Maybe hunting some of the big game antelope species or photographing them in their magical domain, seeing the striking colours and also the harsh but beautiful landscapes as they all come together?



One of the guys at my work (who has recently moved here from Namibia) has said that his Cousin's school is selling raffles tickets for a range of Big Game Hunting Trips as a school fundraiser – so for a few dollars, if you are keen to have your name put in the hat, please contact Maureen. The prizes and ticket details are shown below. The price on the tickets is in Namibian currency however the approximate value for a ticket in **NZD is about \$12.00 per ticket.**

### **Details**

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Prize:</u></b>  10 days hunting : 1 hunter and 1 non-hunter  Eland Bull, Kudu Bull, Blue Wildbeest, Zebra, Oryx, Hartbeest, Impala	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</u></b>  6 days hunting: 1 hunter and 1 non-hunter  Eland Bull, Blue Wildbeest, Oryx, Impala
<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</u></b>  5 days hunting: 1 hunter and 1 non-hunter  Kudu, Blue Wildbeest, Oryx, Impala, Warthog <i>plus</i> N\$5000 taxidermy by Erongo Taxidermy Otavi	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</u></b>  5 days hunting  1 hunter and 1 non-hunter  Kudu Bull, Blue Wildbeest, Impala, Duiker
<b><i>Closing Date: 28 August 2018</i></b>	<b><i>Drawing Date: 31 August 2018</i></b>

- Included: 10, 6 or 5 days hunting, accommodations, meals, soft drinks and laundry services for 1 Hunter. Each hunt will be conducted by a Licensed Professional Hunting Guide.
- The meat of any 2 animals on the package
- Excluded: Taxidermy and transport to and from the Airport (US \$300 for round trip per person). Additional trophies, hunters and or observers may be added.
- Please note raffled trophies cannot be exchanged.
- Valid between September 2018 – August 2019

# PIG WEIGHTS



March & April 2018

Craig & Jeanette Harris – 63lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris – 65lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris – 54lb (sow )

Craig & Jeanette Harris – 72lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris – 92lb (boar)

There will be an annual prize for the average pig weight and a drawn prize as well so please get all those weights into me.

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



## HUNTS COURSE – 2018 - *only a few spaces left*

The Registrations for the upcoming HUNTS course have come in quickly and only a few spaces are left. It is anticipated that the course will run from August – October but it is essential that we get names and numbers in early for funding purposes so please contact Maureen if you want more details or wish to book in for the course.



The committee has decided that the minimum age will be 16 years however there is no other age criteria.

The course covers: Bushcraft, navigation, hunting & stalking techniques, animal species, equipment options and uses, firearms training, shooting, a goat shooting weekend, river crossing techniques and practical training, outdoor safety and first aid and it concludes with a helicopter flyin hunting trip accompanied by a mentor for each trainee.

The approximate cost will be \$250-\$300 per person for everything noted above.

If you think this is a bit of you and you want to learn all that these excellent HUNTS courses have to offer, please get in touch now [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) or 027 3337786.



## ***Photographic Competitions – entries needed BEFORE Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May please.***

I have included full details of the criteria etc for each of these categories in the last two newsletters so if you need more info, please have a look back and check up on things.

If you are still unaware of something, please give Dennis Hayfield a call or email: [l.d.hayfield@xtra.co.nz](mailto:l.d.hayfield@xtra.co.nz) or 027 2211892. Also please note Dennis' new address for sending your photos in or dropping them off: Dennis Hayfield, 8 Walmsley Crescent, Paeroa

- *Best Colour Print*
- *Stalking Interest Cup*
- *Wildlife Cup*
- *Best Black and White Print*
- *Human Interest (Flynn Trophy)*
- *Monarch of the Glen (Group of 3 photos)*
- *Holten Trophy (Framed Photo – any size)*
- *Best Junior Photo*
- *Merit Trophy*



***Further to the photographic competitions listed above, here are the various competitions and categories that we have for the Hunting and Antler, Horn and Tusk Competitions.***

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

**NOTE / REMEMBER: PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE SKULLS**

# Panekiri Goat and Pest Shoot

**Dates booked: 18 - 20 May**

**LAST NOTICE FOR THIS – IF YA SNOOZE YA**

**LOOSE**

*People have been really slow replying for this weekend so this note here is just to let you know, that I will not be chasing people up to see if they are wanting to attend.*

If I do not get an email from you, or a phone call; you will not be going. Sorry to be the grumpy mother on this but I'm sure you will understand that this is the least that I can ask for please.

Goats, turkeys, geese and obviously any hares, rabbits are all on the 'shooting menu' for this trip so if this is a bit of you, please let me know asap.

Due to the other pests on offer as mentioned above, it will also enable us to spread out much more on the property as up until now, the goats have really been contained to just the No 5 block on the station.

**Please make sure you have contacted Maureen before Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Contact Maureen also to book in for this trip below: [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)**


## Stewart Island Trip - 2019

We will be booking another club trip to Stewart Island for 2019.

This will be approx. May-June 2019 so no blocks can be booked just yet.

To register your interest for a block on this trip, please contact Maureen asap but please be aware that once the blocks become available and are booked, you will have to pay \$500.00 within a month to confirm your spot on the trip.

Once again – there has been a fair bit of talk from some people about coming on this trip but I have only had limited numbers confirming by email / which blocks they would like etc and numbers. I'm not going to keep pandering to people – if you are keen and want to be part of this trip, please let me know: [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)



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(to discuss your requirements (including after hours)  
'You have to taste to realise the difference'





# **TVDA Personal Locator Beacons (PLB's / EPIRB's) & GPS's**



## **FOR HIRE**

Available to Branch members for hire. PLB devices can save lives by drastically reducing Search and Rescue times.

### **Members will need to:**

1. Book the units in advance.
2. Be a current member and show their membership card when picking them up.
3. Fill in a Hire Contract which is to be held by the Branch custodian issuing the unit(s).
4. Pay a \$50 cash bond for each unit hired, **refundable on return, in original condition and on time.**
5. Pay a \$20 donation per trip per item, on return, for hire of the unit(s) or this amount will be deducted from the Bond.
6. Hire will be on a per trip basis, based on a maximum of a 10 day trip. The units will not be insured because of the cost, **so any damage or loss will be payable by the user (approx. \$640 for PLB and \$500 for the GPS)**. There is no cost for the renewal of the PLB unit if it is used in a genuine emergency but if possible we will need it returned.
7. Any costs incurred for rescue by emergency services or false PLB activation will be the sole responsibility of the user.
8. It is the hirers responsibility to collect and return the PLB / GPS to the Custodian.
9. Hire of the unit(s) is at the discretion of the Committee or Custodian if necessary.

## **Hunting Safety Guidelines**

### ***Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)***

1. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
2. It is recommended that hunters wear Hi-Viz clothing at all times while in the hunting block.
3. Illicit drugs will not be tolerated.
4. Only load your weapon when ready to shoot at your quarry.
5. Alcohol may only be consumed after the days hunting is completed
6. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
7. Never fire above the skyline.
8. Unload your weapon with the barrel pointing away from any potential hazards

## ***Feijoa Chutney***

- 3-4lb feijoas trimmed, skin on - rough cut
- 2 cups sultanas
- 1lb apples peeled - rough cut
- 1lb. Onions - rough cut
- 2 ½ cups malt vinegar
- 3 cups sugar
- cup brown sugar
- 1tbsp. Salt
- 1 tsp turmeric
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 cup preserved ginger  
chopped



Trim up the feijoas BUT leave the skins on them.

Roughly cut up the feijoas (skins on), onions and apples (peeled) – don't cut them up too small but that doesn't mean that you just cut them in half either guys!!!!

Put all ingredients in a pot EXCEPT THE SUGAR and bring to the boil.

Once it is boiling gently, add and dissolve the sugar and simmer gently for approx. 1 ½ hours until it thickens.

Test with a cold teaspoon – dip some out of the pot and if it gets a light skin on it, then it's ready to put into jars.

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## AUTUMN SPECIALS 2018

It's Autumn again - and we've got some great specials on **farm race, tanker track and maintenance metal** out of our Matatoki and Tirohia Quarries – but be quick as this is only available while stocks last!

Kind Regards, The Team at HG Leach & Co.

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# **Bow hunters**



# **Corner**

**Next club day is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Since the last newsletter, much of our time has been focused on setting up for the upcoming interclub Kiwi 3D Competition. Many thanks to those who have put in the hard yards....and those who are still chipping away at jobs to ensure everything is ship shape on the day.

Without a doubt, there will be targets for all grades of archers which is what these events are all about – some will be easy but try ‘thinking too much about them’ and who knows what the outcome will be. Others will be a challenge for sure but all will be very hittable and great fun is guaranteed. It’s great also to have a range of new ideas and thoughts for setting the targets so many thanks all round.

Club day had a small turnout of 8 archers but still plenty of enjoyment for those who did take part.

Look forward to seeing a great turnout on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April for the final round of the 3D and again at the next club day. Please also let Shelley on 027 840 6172 or email on [rsmoxsom@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rsmoxsom@xtra.co.nz) know if you have any queries. These events are a TEAM effort, they are a real snapshot on what our club has to offer and the old saying of ‘many hands make light work’ is very true.

Cheers Henry and the Team

## **Wanted Please**

### **Venison & Pork for the upcoming Annual Dinner**

If anyone has some to spare or you need a ‘reason’ to go hunting ***again*** – any assistance with this would be most appreciated.

Special thanks for your help – cheers Bill Olsen, aka The Cook



# Woodhill Fallow Ballots for 2018 - Now OPEN

I have just been advised that the Fallow Ballots for Woodhill WILL BE HAPPENING again this year. Huge thanks to the **Fallow Management Committee** for their tireless hard work and outstanding dedication to this excellent opportunity for hunters, and also especially the Take a Kid Hunting Programme that they run each year.

If you are keen to 'have a crack' this year, please make sure you get your ballot forms sent in and keep your fingers crossed. The actual block price has gone up this year by \$10.00 for those who are successful and the initial Admin fee of \$15.00 remains the same when you send in your application.

The details are all set out very clearly online at [www.fallowdeer.co.nz](http://www.fallowdeer.co.nz) so make sure you get on there and have a look or give Maureen a call 027 3337786 and the application forms will be posted out to you.

## 2018 Programme and dates

- Ballots close: 7 May
- Ballot Drawn 10 May
- First Hunt 9 June
- Last Hunt 16 September
- Take a Kid Hunting 22 September



*Club Member Stella Clark with her doe on the 2015 Take A Kid Hunting Day*





Cleaning station at Matamataharakeke Track, Coromandel. Photo © Paul Murray

## Kauri dieback disease is deadly to kauri

*Kauri dieback disease, caused by a fungus-like pathogen, can kill kauri of all ages. The disease lives in the soil, infecting the roots and damaging tissues that carry nutrients within the tree – eventually starving it to death.*

*Any movement of contaminated soil or root material – on footwear, equipment, vehicles or animals – can spread the disease.*

*There is currently no cure or treatment. We can only save our kauri forests by containing the disease and stopping it spreading to other areas.*

### What you can do to stop the spread:

- Stay on the track and off kauri roots.
- Clean all mud and plant matter from footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after entering a kauri forest.
- Report suspected sightings of diseased kauri to 0800 NZ KAURI (0800 69 52874).

**For more information visit  
[www.kauridieback.co.nz](http://www.kauridieback.co.nz).**



## The Kauri Dieback Recreation Project

In 2014 the government provided extra funding for several kauri dieback initiatives, including the Department of Conservation's Kauri Dieback Recreation Project.

The project focuses on tracks with kauri on or near the track. Over the next three years, these tracks will be upgraded to protect kauri roots and eliminate wet and muddy sections – so visitors don't accidentally spread the disease by moving soil around with them.

### Track upgrade options include:

- Improving the track surface using aggregate or geoweb with a bark/aggregate mix
- Installing boardwalks, staircases and box steps
- Improving drainage from tracks
- Re-routing a track section
- Installing cleaning stations at track entrances and exits
- Closing a track

There are 200 tracks needing upgrades over the project's three years.

Tracks will be closed during upgrade work.

The upgrade work is being done on the current track system. We will only re-route a track section if this will improve the tree's health.

Tracks that pose a high risk of spreading the disease, are less popular, and/or are more expensive to upgrade may be closed.

### Which tracks are being upgraded?

District maps showing tracks for upgrade can be seen on the DOC website:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/kauri-dieback-recreation-project/>

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## Contractors will carry out the upgrade

Contractors will be managed by Frame Group Ltd. Advance notice of upcoming contractor tender packages will be posted on the Government Electronic Tendering Service (GETS).

Comprehensive contractor hygiene protocols have been developed to make sure contractors do not spread the disease. Contractors must complete a high-scale induction and will be monitored by DOC staff.

### Cleaning station trials

Re-designed cleaning stations are being trialled at four tracks to ensure they are effective and fit for purpose.

Track entrances/exits will have a cleaning station installed or cleaning equipment provided.

### Working in a kauri forest?

#### Make sure your work doesn't affect kauri or spread the disease

Contact your local DOC office for:

- Guidelines to reduce the spread of kauri dieback within the reserve and from other sites
- Cleaning equipment and supplies

### Managing kauri dieback into the future

DOC is working with the joint-agency Kauri Dieback Programme to build people's understanding of the disease, and gain their commitment to cleaning their footwear, equipment and vehicles before entering and after leaving kauri forests.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- What is kauri dieback?
  - *Kauri dieback is a soil-borne, fungus-like organism that lives within the soil and feeds on the roots of kauri trees. There is currently no proven cure, and nearly all infected trees die.*
- How is the disease spread?
  - *It only takes a pinhead of infected soil to spread the disease.*
  - *The disease is easily spread through soil movements.*
  - *Human traffic is the number one way that kauri dieback is spread e.g. when someone walks through mud or dead infected small feeding roots of kauri containing spores and carries the contaminated mud on their footwear to another kauri area.*
  - *Cleaning footwear and gear and staying on the track is the best way to contain the disease and save these forest giants for future generations.*
- What do the cleaning stations do?
  - *The cleaning stations help prevent the spread of the disease, by removing all soil from people's shoes.*
  - *They are designed to ensure that even very muddy shoes can be cleaned.*
  - *Apart from the brushes fixed in to the base of the cleaning station, there is a secondary brush and a spruce, like that used by farriers, to help people clean soil from shoes and equipment like walking poles.*
- How do I use the cleaning station?
  - *Signs installed on the cleaning stations provide the four-step instructions for use:*
    - *Use the brushes to remove all soil and mud from your shoes.*
    - *Examine your shoes to ensure that all soil has been removed.*
    - *Wet your shoes with the Sterigene disinfectant.*
    - *Stay on the track.*
  - *There is a seat built into the cleaning station to help make cleaning shoes easy.*
  - *Ramps will be installed on cleaning stations where the track is wheelchair accessible.*
- Will the disinfectant in the spray unit damage my footwear?
  - *No. Sterigene (the disinfectant sprayed onto your shoes after the removal of soil) is a non-toxic, biodegradable disinfectant that is effective against viruses, fungi, bacteria and kauri dieback.*
- Where does the waste water and soil go?
  - *All wastewater and soil from shoes is collected in the sump at the base of the unit.*
  - *The water will evaporate away.*
  - *The soil will be removed from the unit by rangers and taken to approved landfill sites.*
- Why do I need to use the cleaning station on the way in to the forest and on the way out?
  - *The cleaning station is designed to capture all soil from peoples' shoes, which will ensure that no soil is taken into or out of a forest.*
- Where are they being installed?
  - *Twenty new cleaning stations are being installed on DOC and Council managed tracks within the Waikato, Tauranga, Hauraki, Whitianga, Auckland Mainland, Whangarei, Bay of Islands and Kauri Coast districts.*
  - *After installation, they will be monitored for their use and compliance before further refinements to the design, fabrication and installation is considered elsewhere.*



## Snippets and Info from New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc



**Below are some pages from The NZDA Heritage Trust Newsletter. The full Newsletter is on our club website or Contact Maureen for a copy....**

**Plans to get our name and purpose** out there are afoot! We have applied to attend the September **Sika Show** in Taupo and we will also be at the **NZDA National Conference** in Wellington, July 13-15<sup>th</sup>. These events will be a key time for us to present our progress and goals to the NZDA clubs & NZ hunting community. We are looking forward to displaying some of our best items, chewing the fat with our supporters/public and letting them know about the proposed Museum. Check out the Sika show's homepage online – it's good to see they have a new focus on home-grown products and craftsmen. Valuable NZ skills & heritage should be showcased and appreciated.

**While cleaning our rifle collection**, Tim advised that one appears to have had an Ajack removable scope mount fitted at some stage of its life with the side of the action drilled and stock relieved in this area. If you have one of these mounts lying around and would like to donate or sell it to the Trust, this would greatly assist us in getting the rifle back to its complete configuration.



*A Mannlicher Schonauer sporting rifle with a 1950-60's era Ajack scope mount fitted. Commonly fitted to .303's in this country- if you have one of these mounts, please contact us.*



The Heritage Trust Facebook page has been steadily gaining viewers and within a couple of months we should reach 5000 people following the page. Interestingly, the pictures below achieved our most successful post to date with over 30,000 views. Typically those types of numbers are reserved for some of the best Wapiti trophy pics- amazing that a rusty old Longtom with a cool back story can achieve better results!



*This relic .303 Longtom was recently found in the Harkness River by deerstalkers. Even more remarkable was when they flew back out to Kaweka Helicopter's landing pad, a hunter in the next waiting party knew who'd lost the rifle! Apparently it was dropped during a difficult river crossing in the early 1980's. The constant movement of water is clearly evident on the stock.*

We hope you have enjoyed our newsletter, don't forget to check out the Heritage Trust on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nzdaheritagetrust/>

**PLEASE NOTE: A List of items that the Heritage Trust would love to have on display is on our club's website [www.tvda.co.nz](http://www.tvda.co.nz) so please have a look and if you are able to help out with items or books to enhance their extensive Library collection that would be most appreciated.**





17 April 2018

**To those with an interest in Wild Animal Recovery Operations over public conservation land**

**UPDATE – NEW 2018 NATIONAL WARO PERMIT**

The existing national Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) concession permit was granted in 2015 and expires on 30 June 2018. A process has begun to develop a new national WARO permit, to be offered to operators. The 2015-2018 WARO permit allowed (in very general terms and subject to conditions) aircraft to be used for:

- North Island schedule – Deer, pig, and goat carcass recovery and live capture of deer only
- South Island schedule – Deer, pig, chamois and goat carcass recovery and live capture of deer only

The permit excluded the carriage of recreational hunters or fee-paying passengers.

The table below shows the key steps and expected timeframes for the 2018 new WARO permit process.

Steps	Timeframes
Department regional land assessment process to develop draft WARO land schedule	Mid-April – mid May 2018
Department external regional consultation on draft land schedule. Operations Directors and/or Operations Managers will decide the format of the consultation to be undertaken in their region/district	Month of June 2018
Targeted follow up engagement in respect of finalised land schedule, if required	Mid-July – early August 2018
Department decision expected on 2018 national WARO permit	Mid-August 2018
New permit offer to WARO operators	Early September 2018

The 2018 national WARO permit process will not include formal public notification, as per Part 3B Conservation Act 1987. Instead, targeted consultation will occur with WARO operators and interested stakeholders at a regional level.

Existing national WARO concessionaires will be issued with an interim permit to allow continuity of operations from the expiry of the current permits until the 2018 WARO permits are issued.

A further update will be sent out prior to the June consultation period.

Yours faithfully

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