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Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

August 2019



There just have to be animals in amongst that scrub....Carol glassing at Te Awaiti

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

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Club Events Calendar

August

Wednesday	28	Club Night
Thursday	29	Private Use between 12noon to 6.00pm

September

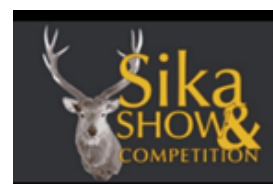
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Meeting
Monday	16	Private Use
Tuesday	17	Private Use
Wednesday	18	Private Use
Thursday	19	Private Use
Saturday	21	Private Use – Clubrooms only – range is still available
Wednesday	25	Club Night
Saturday	28	SIKA SHOW - TAUPO
Sunday	29	SIKA SHOW - TAUPO

Buy your tickets to the 2019 Sika Show at the Great Lake Centre on the Saturday and/or Sunday of the event – or go to www.sika-show.co.nz and buy them online

Tickets cost \$25 per adult for one day, and \$30 for two days.

Family pass – 2 adults & 2 children under 16, is \$40 for two days.

Children under 16 can visit the show for free as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult.



October

Saturday	5	Working bee –final set up for Archery Tournament
Sunday	6	Archery Interclub Competition – TVDA Range
Wednesday	9	Committee Meeting
Sunday	13	Bowhunters Club Day
Monday	14	DOCKING STARTS AT PANEKIRI

Monday	14	Private Use
Tuesday	15	Private Use
Wednesday	16	Private Use
Thursday	17	Private Use
Saturday	19	Private Use – <i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i>
Wednesday	30	Club Night

November

Saturday	2	Working bee –TVDA Anniv Sporting Clays event
Sunday	3	<i>TVDA Anniv 100 Sporting Clays Shoot</i>
Sunday	10	Bowhunters Club Day
Monday	11	Private Use
Tuesday	12	Private Use
Wednesday	13	Private Use
Wednesday	13	Committee Meeting
Thursday	14	Private Use
Saturday	23	Private Use – <i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i>
Sunday	24	Rimfire & Centrefire Comp Shoot & Patrons Cup
Wednesday	27	Club Night

December

Sunday	1	SECOND ROUND OF THE RUNNING BOAR
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Meeting
Saturday	14	Private Use – <i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i>
Monday	16	Private Use
Tuesday	17	Private Use

January

Monday	6	Private Use
Tuesday	7	Private Use
Thursday	9	Kids Survival Camp
Friday	10	Kids Survival Camp
Saturday	11	Kids Survival Camp
Monday	13	Private Use
Tuesday	14	Private Use
Wednesday	15	Private Use
Wednesday	15	Committee Meeting
Friday	24	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
Saturday	25	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
Sunday	26	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
Monday	27	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
Wednesday	29	Club Night – KIDS CLUB NIGHT

February

Sunday	9	<i>Maureen Bennett Mem. 100 Sporting Clay Shoot</i>
Wednesday	12	Committee Meeting
Sunday	15	Bowhunters Club Day
Sunday	23	3RD Rnd RUNNING BOAR & JOHANSEN IRONSIGHTS
Wednesday	26	Club Night



Presidents Report.....

I spent last weekend down in Wellington at the NZDA Annual Conference and I have to say that there were no issues with being stuck inside as the weather outside was pretty crap to say the least. Rain, wind and hail for most of the weekend and then sunshine broke through as we headed north on SH1 – typical!!

I will have a Conference Report in the next newsletter for everyone to read but there were some very interesting presentations, the constitution needed a revamp to meet the new laws and requirements so that took some thrashing out, the prizegiving on Saturday night saw our newsletter getting the top award in that competition which was a real highlight for sure and it was great to catch up with delegates from all round the country.

The last weekend of this month is another trip to Sika Lodge and good numbers have booked in which is fantastic. Really appreciate the interest, involvement and interest everyone and so looking forward to catching up with everyone while we are down there.

This coming club night we are really fortunate to have Larn Wilkinson as our guest speaker from Paeroa. Larn will be talking about native plants, shrubs and trees and giving us a valuable insight into their many and varied uses as medicines, natural remedies, cooking ingredients etc. Make sure you come along and join in for this really interesting evening.

DOCKING AT PANEKIRI – I have now been able to absolutely lock in a confirmed starting date for docking down at Panekiri this year. **We start docking on Monday 14th of October and we will be running two crews again this year and working through to Thursday 24th October** (Friday is Hawkes Bay Anniversary day and the Monday is Labour Weekend). The more numbers we can get for this excellent fundraiser the better it is and it certainly spreads the work and yields awesome results so please contact Maureen as soon as possible on a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or 027 3337786 if you are able to help out or wish to put your name down. ***Please read more about this in the article further through the newsletter and look forward to hearing from you.***

While down at the National Conference we had Police Assistant Commissioner Tusha Penny speak to us on the Friday night as she is heading the portfolio of the Firearms Buyback and the Firearms Legislation changes moving forward. Given that the next tranche of changes is being presented to Parliament at the end of this month, I have invited Tusha to come up and speak to us and the wider community soon after these announcements and she has willingly agreed to this. The confirmed date for this will hopefully be known by club night but it will definitely be in the near future. Please watch out for emails with this and I am certainly hoping to get this into the local papers as well.

The Hunting and Wildlife is to be available in HARDCOPY again so please make sure you read this article and PLEASE GET YOUR FEEDBACK SENT IN or it may not happen!!!!

Stay safe out there when hunting or fishing; **always make sure your target is identified beyond all doubt** when in the hills and come home full of smiles and great memories from the trip.

Maureen



Club Night

Wednesday 28th August 2019

*Guest speaker is Larn
Wilkinson*

Start time - 7.30pm

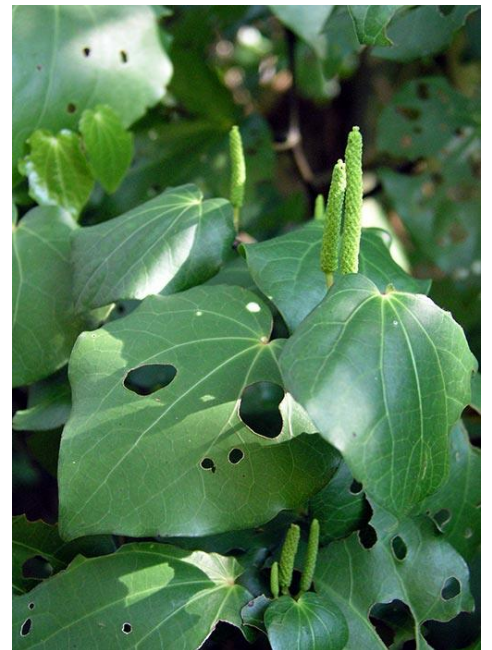
***Kawakawa, Koromiko, Harakeke, Horopito,
Manuka.....***

The August Club night will be really informative and certainly one that we can all relate to; and I would hazard a guess, it will impart information that we all have a pretty keen interest in.

Larn has extensive knowledge on the many hugely valued benefits that can be obtained from using our treasured native plants for medicinal and general



health qualities as well as healing benefits, for humans and animals.



Come along and hear about these special plants (and of course the ones NOT TO USE as well) as this too is something that I regularly hear people asking about.

Supper will follow as always and it's a great chance to catch up with mates, other hunters – new or otherwise and enjoy an evening away from the grind of TV, the trudge of the calving or long days spent in the workshop, in the office or wherever daily life takes you. **See there TOMORROW NIGHT**

HUNTING & WILDLIFE MAGAZINE – *This is a MUST READ*

This notice has been sent to the Branch seeking interest in whether members want to get the H&W again in printed format. Obviously we need to let the new editor Simon Gibson know; so now is your chance members to phone, text or email Maureen to give an indication on what you'd like to see happen. Please read more to see how this can happen. Don't leave this 'till tomorrow' – deal with it now please.....

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In 2018 Hunting and Wildlife magazine went to a digital format as NZDA could not sustain the cost of a printed version. The digital version has proved to be very unpopular with many members and advertisers. At the 2019 National conference I put forward a proposal for Hunting and Wildlife Magazine to go back to print for those willing to pay for it which was accepted.

It is essential that the printed magazine is cost neutral to the NZDA and this will be achieved through members who opt into receiving it paying \$25 per year for 4 copies sent to their postal address. Advertising revenue has also been factored in. For those who don't want to opt in they will continue to receive the digital online version.

To make the proposition viable we will need 1000 members or more to subscribe to the printed version.

With this in mind I am seeking feedback from branches to see if there is sufficient interest. If we have enough interest, the first issue will be our autumn roar issue #208, 2020. I am also working on getting an online survey underway.

If the proposal goes ahead, payment would be made when subs are paid for the 2020/21 financial year. A tick box to receive a printed Hunting and Wildlife would be added to the club subscription renewal. The NZDA data base will need to be working well by then.

At conference there was also interest expressed in receiving a printed magazine before the next financial year starts. This would be the current winter issue #205, spring #206 and the summer issue #207. The cost per issue would be \$7.50 but this could drop depending on uptake. Branches would be invoiced by National Office and the magazines sent to a Branch contact person for distribution.



Regards

Simon Gibson

Editor, Hunting & Wildlife Magazine

Thought for the day:



K2K Trap Line

A good kill rate for the months of May and June

- 5 stoats
- 9 rats
- 3 hedgehogs



In total since Trapping began in May 2017, the catch tallies are as follows:

- 78 Stoats
- 56 Rats
- 53 Hedgehogs
- 3 Mice
- 2 Birds



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Cheers Dennis and Bill.

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Good afternoon,

OSPRI is now inviting feedback on proposed 2020 TBfree disease management control operations. The consultation document and details about how to make a submission are available at www.ospri.co.nz/have-your-say

The document outlines proposed disease management pest control operations in support of the national pest management plan for 2020. It also outlines OSPRI's approach in relation to engagement for the TBfree programme.

The consultation period runs through to 30 September 2019 and there are a number of ways to make a submission, including an online submission form.

Ospri believes that it is important to undertake effective and timely consultation. This provides an opportunity for people and organisations interested in, or affected by, our pest control operations, including landowners and land users, farmers, hunters and recreational land users to discuss any concerns they may have regarding the proposed operations.

If you have any immediate questions or comments please contact consultation@ospri.co.nz or please feel free to contact me directly.

Offer to meet with OSPRI

You are invited to get in touch if you would like to meet with OSPRI to discuss the consultation document and get answers to any questions you have about proposed operations.

Please contact me to arrange a meeting.

Finally, please feel free to share this with relevant or other interested stakeholders you know of. **Submissions close on 30 September 2019**

Maureen's comment: The back page of this newsletter is a submission form for you to complete and send it back to Ospri at the details shown below. Remember, it is well worth putting pen to paper or tapping the keys to get your point across. You won't get repellent in many areas unless you ask or stipulate the need for it.

Areas in the North Island that are a focus for the 2020 programmes are:

Kaipo, Te Awahohono-Ahimanawa, Northern Taranaki, Turangi 4B, Waitara Valley

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Hunting Te Awaiti

By Carol Ussher



Recently Mike and I took up a management hunt with Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures, located on the Waiarapa Coast.

With a solid 8-hour drive ahead of ourselves, we decided to leave after work on the Friday and see how far we could get. Making it as far as Pahiatua, we decided that was enough driving for the night and it was far enough to give us plenty of time to get to our destination by the lunch time Saturday, as pre-arranged.

Not being familiar with our final destination, our directions were; from the last turn, go all the way to the end of the road, over the bridge, turn left and wait at the sheds. Sure enough, that all worked out and it wasn't long, and we were met by Jacob, who would be our guide over the next couple of days. With a quick transfer of gear from our ute to his, we were all aboard and making our way up into the hill, to Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures base – three quarters of an hour later and after a wee bit of a scenic trip, we were at our destination.

Here we met Ollie who is the owner /operator Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures. Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures is situated on a property of 20,000 acres. The property is typical big hill country and is surrounded by similar adjacent properties where rivers act as their boundaries.



All the deer (Reds & Fallow), pigs and goats on the property are free range. One other boundary of the property also happens to be about 15kms of private coastline.

After a chat over a cuppa and bite to eat, there was no time like the present, so we geared up and headed out with Jacob for a late afternoon hunt.

The wind was blowing and in good form, which leant to animals staying tucked up. Just before dark, we glassed 2-3 Reds in a sheltered spot. With darkness rolling in quickly, we got down into the creek, crossing onto other side to get into position and wait for the hind we pinpointed to come back out. Only a spiker presented himself and that was not what we were looking for as then

darkness became the winner. It was back to home base to be greeted with a nice warm fire and cooked dinner courtesy of Ollie. After dinner, a plan was discussed for the next day's hunting.

Next morning, just after daylight we were heading out again with Jacob. Leaving the ute, we walked around into a gully system, along a creek, using the scrub and lower ridge to allow us to get

ourselves into a good advantage point. It wasn't long and we had some red deer feeding around 250 -300 yards away. Letting them get a little closer, a suitable hind identified, all that was left to do was ease the trigger off. The hind appeared to take the hit with a stumble downwards.



However, then only to see her then turn and head away over the ridge with the other deer. With a steep climb ahead of us, we dropped what we didn't need to carry to headed off to hopefully locate the hind. We managed to pick up a bit of a blood trail. We put in a good effort tracking and covering the area, only to lose the blood trail. Unfortunately, on this occasion we were unable to catch up or locate the hind. Gathering our discarded gear, it was back to the ute and then the drive back to Homebase. On the way, Jacob took advantage of the low tide to have a snorkel around the rocks, grabbing a couple of nice paua. After a scrumptious cooked lunch that included sautéed paua, none the less, it was time to make a plan for an afternoon hunt. Before we could begin the afternoon hunt in another area of the property, we had an hour drive ahead of us. Making our way along the coastline, stopping to glass up on the hills facing the ocean, a couple of fallow were spotted. While they ducked out of view, we took the opportunity to cover some ground to the base of the hill and get in a spot that would hopefully be advantageous if they popped out again. Patience paying off and the result was a nice fallow hind in the bag. Getting it sorted & back to the ute, we continued to our destination as planned. Exploring another area of the property – we were able to glass and take in some awesome country. Then we had an opportunity to bag a nice red hind. While we were out this morning, Ollie too managed to get out and give the dogs a run and after a good chase, brought home our dinner, pork back steaks.

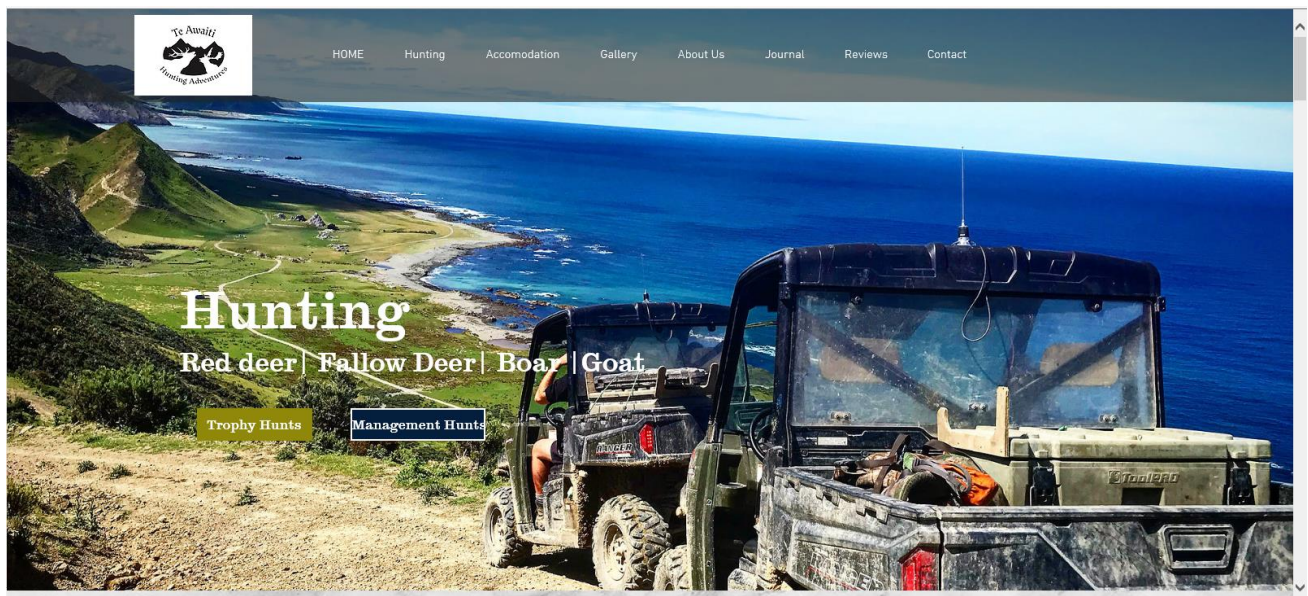


The next day, it was time to pack up and get ready to head for home. As we were being ferried out to our ute, with so much country to scan, you just cannot help yourself to try and spot an animal. Ollie demonstrated on more than one occasion that he had an eagle eye to locate animals. Heading back along the coastline section of the property, a fallow was spotted. With a little encouragement from Ollie, Mike was soon getting into position to

take a shot. Next minute, one shot and one fallow was on the ground. With 3 deer on board now, it was time to make tracks and just on 8 hours later we were pulling into home. And I don't think we stopped talking the whole way home about our time and experience with Ollie and Jacob at Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures.

If you want to see, experience and get out in amongst some awesome country, hunt a variety of animals and be treated to the wonderful hospitality of Ollie and the Team, then we can recommend Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures!

Look them up online or if you are visiting the Sika Show, look them up and say giddyay.



This image above is taken from the Te Awaiti Hunting Adventures website

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Needing some Canvas Work done.....

Keep this in mind for those jobs that you have been meaning to get done for a while (or a long time) now and didn't quite know who to call.

Mike is a club member and him and partner Carol have been regulars at TVDA events – be that turning sausages and patties on the BBQ at shoot days, helping in the bar, out in the field, working bees, at the dinner, docking lambs and the likes.

Always a smile, nothing is too much to tackle and this goes for his business as well.

Mike's day job and business is as a Supplier of custom made Canvas & PVC products.

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- Curtains - sliding or fixed shed curtains

If you think it, we can make it, please call Mike and the team at Trident Equipment, 0800 471 000 regarding your enquiry

Membership Renewals

Despite us being half way through the club's financial year, I am still getting people contacting me about either not having received their membership forms, or they cannot open them etc and in some cases, despite several communications with the NZDA National Office, the cards have still not arrived.

If you fit into any of these situations, PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN STRAIGHT AWAY.

Maureen's Contact details are: a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or if you don't have email: please phone Maureen on 027 3337786

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

This note has been in the newsletter for several months now so if you are not registered or a not currently a financial member, it is also your responsibility to contact Maureen to help get it sorted. All it will take is to make contact with Maureen

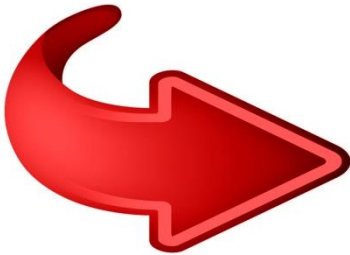
Many thanks to those who have made contact as this has certainly helped get to the bottom of a number of issues that would otherwise have gone undetected.

Huge thanks to Peter Monrad for the wonderful job he did in re-doing the main culvert on the range and also exposing the real culprit that has created the flooding issues of late.....



This is a job that has been on the cards for a while so it was fantastic that Peter was able to work his magic and do such a tidy job with the least amount of disruption to the range.

'Gently does it as the concrete pipes were lifted out'.



And.....

If we'd tried to get a 200 ltr drum jammed down that god forsaken pipe there is no way in hell it would have fitted....

The bottom line was though, that one of these drums was firmly wedged in the culvert pipe; it was clogged to the hilt with mud and the source of flooding problem was found.



Special thanks once again to Peter Monrad and Wayne Stachurski for getting this all sorted, the culvert reinstated and the range back in use the next day.

SW AMP COMP – 2019....*start collecting those valuable (and lucky) tails now*

- **Who can enter** – anyone at all (in fact the more the better)
- **When** – now is a great time to start trapping as they become very ‘mobile’ as the breeding season approaches
- **What’s involved** – trapping/killing mustelids (ferrets, stoats and weasels)
- **How** – via instant kill traps, cage traps, shooting
- **Where do I enter** – at any Hunting and Fishing Store in NZ
- **What gets counted** – you just need to cut off the tail and put it in the freezer
- **AND then - every tail counts as 1 entry in the competition**



This ‘predator control competition’ has been running for a few years now and it has to have made an outstanding difference to the success rate for our birdlife when it comes to first of all just surviving, and secondly; rearing their young through to fledgling stage.

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More info from the 2018 competition from Ducks unlimited.....

Of course, the real winners are the ducks and wetland species that benefit from the predator removal achieved by the. Please keep up the good work, trapping ferrets, stoats and weasels, freezing the tails, ready for counting in next November’s Swamp Competition. The final count in 2018 was 2040 tails, with exactly 200 people entering the competition. If those 2040



predators made one kill per day over a year, this amounts to 744,600 birds, eggs etc, wiped from the environment. Even though we can't include wild cats in this event, please keep on targeting them too because Fish & Game research is pointing to cats being the major mallard predator.

Talk to professionals and they are quick to point out the strength of hedgehog jaws enable those critters to predate on large birds, and we all know eggs are on the menu for them and most of the other predators including rats. The experts point out that when you take just one predator out of the food chain, another predator can benefit from the reduced competition, so by targeting a suite of predators (a cross section) you are doing the most good. Pukeko's have benefited from the increase in horticulture and small rural lifestyle blocks. More and more evidence of them killing ducklings is coming to light so we suggest targeting them at times during the hunting season. (There are some great Pukeko recipes or just breast them and add to your sausage mix.)



There is also legislation that makes it legal to remove hawks where they pose a threat to fully protected species such as bittern, dabchick, herons, grey teal etc. If you spot hawks harassing these or any other fully protected wildlife in the wetland you protect, see DOC as a permit is required which can be obtained from your local DOC office.

All waterfowl and wetland enthusiasts owe you and our amazing sponsors a vote of thanks. And if you support the concept of the event, but can't participate, just be sure and purchase the sponsors products and brands as this will keep them firmly onboard.



Hunting & Fishing New Zealand, is the unsung hero in this event, with countless staff and voluntary hours devoted to arranging prizes, counting tails, shipping prizes, not to mention the admin involved

with putting it all together. Please keep supporting the retailer that puts back into the sport and environment we all love.

Good Luck everyone with your trapping and catching these horrible little buggers. With spring being upon us you will now start to see ferrets and stoats on the roads as they predominately move along the watercourses and end up crossing the road. They cover massive distances so always be vigilant as they can decimate birds and wildlife overnight. Chooks are a delight for them – they literally kill for fun so BEWARE!!

**We NEED you.
Can you HELP?**

DOCKING AT PANEKIRI

The start date for docking has been confirmed

it is Monday 14th October 2019

If people can please email or phone me ASAP with the dates that you will be able to help out with this it would be hugely appreciated.

For those who have not been down there before, we have two crews operating (from different areas on the station) and we stay in the shearer's quarters. This is a major and significant fundraiser for our club and all help and assistance from members and friends etc is extremely appreciated.

Essentially so long as the weather is ok – WE DOCK LAMBS and the more fine days we have, the quicker we get through the job.



We will be starting on Monday 14th October and even if you are only able to do a couple of days down there that too will be built into the rosters and be most appreciated. We will work through to Thursday 24th October as it is a really long weekend down there over Labour Weekend – (The Friday is also Hawkes Bay Anniversary). Having plenty of people for this work makes the whole job of assembling crews so much easier so please contact Maureen to advise when you are able to help.

There are several ways in which people can help – obviously we need many hands-on deck down there but if you are not able to attend but can help by sending down some home baking or some meat from the freezer it would also be a huge help as well.

We have a cook booked in for each crew which certainly helps to spread the workload all round – huge thanks to those who have put their hands up for this important role. The kids are also a most welcome part of each crew so rock on down folks and be part of the team.



All you need to bring is some farm clothes, a sleeping bag and a willingness to work as a team and the rest just falls into place. Car pooling and transport can also be arranged if need be.

Please email or phone Maureen as soon as possible so that we can get the crews sorted and identify where there may be any shortfalls etc.

Contact details: a.j.coleman@extra.co.nz or phone 027 3337786

Details re Banned Firearms *(from the NZ Police website)*



Firearm type	Action	Prohibited firearm
.22 rimfire or smaller	Bolt	No - but note that a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds is prohibited.
.22 rimfire or smaller	Lever	No - but note that a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds is prohibited.
.22 rimfire or smaller	Semi-auto	No - if it has magazine holding 10 rounds or less. Yes - if it has a magazine holding more than 10 rounds.
Shotgun	Pump	Yes - if it is capable of being used with a detachable magazine; or if it has a non-detachable tubular magazine capable of holding more than 5 cartridges. No - if it is not capable of being used with a detachable magazine and it has a non-detachable tubular magazine that is not capable of holding more than 5 cartridges.
Shotgun	Semi-auto	Yes - unless below applies No - if it has a non-detachable tubular magazine that is capable of holding no more than 5 cartridges.
Shotgun	Under & over	No
Shotgun	Side-by-side	No
Centre fire	Bolt	No - but note that a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds is prohibited.
Centre fire	Pump	No - but note that a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds is prohibited.
Centre fire	Lever	No - but note that a magazine that holds more than 10 rounds is prohibited.
Centre fire	Semi-auto	Yes

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A PROHIBITED FIREARM?

If you have a firearm, part, or magazine that is now prohibited, you are required store it securely. We also ask you to please complete the notification form below.

We request that people do not hand in firearms to Police at this stage.

The collection of firearms will occur at a later stage and you will be advised of the process for this. If you are online visit the NZ Police website and complete the firearm notification form via the button provided.

If you are not online, please contact your local arm office – 07 858 6200. If you have any issues or cannot get hold of the arms office, please call Maureen 027 3337786



RATES QUOTED FOR

NZ Deerstalkers Association

Group Booking Reference: **FA5474**

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

Fares:

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

Peak Dates:

01-28 February 19

18-23 April 19

Fares:

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

Off Peak Dates:

01 March – 17 April 19

24 April – 15 December 19

Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

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

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

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

New Game Animal Councillors

Three new Councillors have recently been appointed to the New Zealand Game Animal Council.

Sharon Salmons, Tim Gale and Steve McFall have all been appointed by Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage to serve on the Council until November 2021.

"Sharon, Tim and Steve all have extensive knowledge of the hunting sector and game animal management and I look forward to them adding their expertise to that already on the Council," says GAC Chair Don Hammond.

"Sharon is secretary for the NZDA Southern Lakes branch and sits on a number of outdoor related committee groups. She is a keen hunter and trumper, and brings marketing and tourism skills to the Council."

"Tim is passionate about training and equipping hunters to be safe and successful, and has published magazine articles, co-authored a hunting book, co-produced a hunter training DVD, produced digital hunting content and leads firearm and hunter training courses."

"Steve is a Past President and life member of the Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club and has given considerable time to supporting pig hunting. Steve has considerable experience in game animal management and was an inaugural member of the Game Animal Council between 2014 and 2017."

"I also wish to acknowledge the contributions of Garry Ottmann, Professor Geoff Kerr and Alec McIver, who have recently left the Council. All three have had a major influence over the Council's direction and activities and still remain heavily involved in Council work and game animal management."

Carol Watson and Roger Duxfield have also been reappointed to the Council for another term. The future of the Council is very exciting and it is pleasing that through an expansion of staff resourcing we are able to increase our game animal management activities and advocacy for the hunting sector.

The NZ Game Animal Council is a statutory organisation responsible for the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, commerce and conservation.

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Four Tips For Reducing Knee Pain

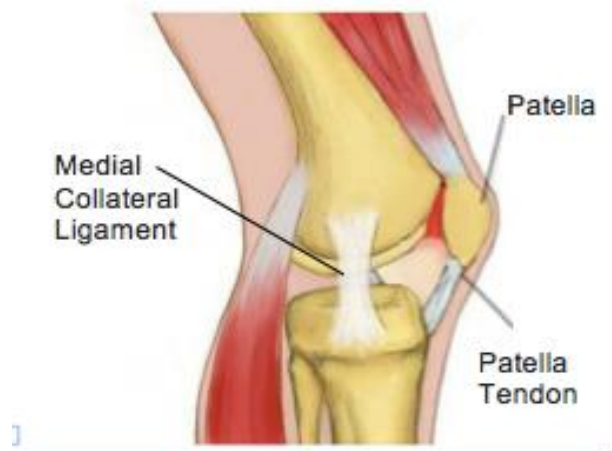
Knee pain comes in many forms with many different causes. While treatment for every person and condition will be different in each case, here are a few tips that may help to reduce knee pain throughout the day.

1. Choose supportive footwear

One of the biggest culprits for ongoing knee pain is wearing unsupportive or high-heeled shoes to work. High heels often lead to tight calves and altered gait patterns, while unsupportive shoes can allow rolling in of the ankles, which can, in turn, place extra stress on the knee joints. Having an assessment with your physiotherapist to see how your shoes might be affecting your knee pain is a worthwhile investment.

2. Adjust your sleeping position

While most of the time, our knees get a well-deserved rest during the night time hours, there are a few sleeping positions that can place additional stress on the knees. Lying on your side with bent knees can place tension on the outer thigh muscles and also the knee joint itself. Try to keep your knees straightened to at least 30 degrees and if you sleep on your side, place a pillow underneath the top knee to reduce stress on the joint.



Alternatively, if you sleep on your back it may be helpful to place a pillow under your knees so that they rest in a slightly bent position, to unload the joint. Try experimenting with different pillow arrangements to see which combination works best for you.

3. Avoid sitting or resting too much

When knee pain strikes, your first instinct is probably to get off your feet and stop exercising. The truth is that our knees, like all our joints, are designed for movement and regular exercise helps to keep them healthy. If you are having pain with high impact activities such as running, try switching to swimming and cycling before stopping exercise altogether. Resting in a sitting position for prolonged periods can also place excess stress over the knee cap and knee joint. When sitting for long periods, try to stretch your legs out ahead of you and avoid crossing your legs.

4. Seek physiotherapy treatment

Many of us see putting up with pain as a sign of strength however, a small niggle that is easily treatable can turn into a larger problem over time. This may seem like an obvious point, yet the first step to recovery is often just seeking treatment.

Wapiti Foundation – Chairman's Report 2019

Animal Management

The animal management target for the 2018/19 season was increased to 1100 deer the largest target in the 15 years history of the FWF undertaking animal management the area.

As this is written we are sitting at 1050 but still have 6 weeks to go till the end of the season so we will reach the mark.

We keep repeating this comment but hunters must ensure they understand why we do animal control in the Wapiti area. Yes, we are trying to improve the quality of the herd but that is second on the list. NUMBER one for this programme is protecting Fiordland she is number one here. If we cannot protect her we will lose the management of the Wapiti herd. But by protecting Fiordland we are ensuring we have the best environment for a healthy herd and a health environment.



In the Wapiti area there are 20 Alpine vegetation plots; on average they are checked every 5 years. Basically, these plots are there to monitor our animal management work. This is a good thing as not only do we need to look like we are doing the right thing we need to prove we are doing the right thing. Basically, our

programs can be challenged and that challenge could come from anywhere doesn't necessarily need to be the government it could be any non-supporter. We work closely with the DOC monitoring team.

The DOC monitoring program has had its critics so the program is being pair-review by Landcare NZ. The FWF are just as keen as DOC to ensure that the program does stack up.

Our life revolves around this program and the FWF like to think they are trend setting in NZ with animal management -so our stance is bring it on.

A lot of effort goes into this programme and we work closely with some very well-known ecologist to ensure we get the best advice but it's not always an exact science. We also

work very closely with the Department of Conservation ensuring we are both on the same page.

Let's talk males as it is these animals who cause us the most pain. Males are not harvested until after the age of 4.5 years. There are two main reasons for this. 1) we want to be able to give them enough time to show their antler potential. But there is another factor here as well, the younger the animal is the harder it is for us to tell its Wapiti-ness. Unlike like pure Wapiti herds visually assessing Fiordland Wapiti is extremely difficult as we are not dealing exact science. Nobody on earth has more experience identifying Fiordland Wapiti and non-Fiordland Wapiti type animals than our team.

This year in January and February we again undertook male only culls in the Wapiti area. This is to ensure we keep on top of the male population and remove the unwanted animals as soon as we can.

It is extremely important to the future of this herd that we continue to manage the male population so that we have a higher percentage of animals in the mature age group. This is where our trophies come from this is also where are sires come from.

Therefore, it is so important for hunters to leave the culling up to the FWF.

There are so many things we don't know about the Wapiti herd and so many things for us to discover so until we solve some of these problems we will continue to manage for what we do know and understand - genetics, food and age.

Landcare yearling Project.

This year we undertook stage two of our yearling project. We shot and sampled 150 randomly picked yearling animals from the Wapiti area. These animals are being tested and results will be available later this year to members. We are hoping that some of the problems that we are trying to solve will come from the yearling projects. It is far too early to make any predictions here but from the results of the first yearling sample, it looks like our management programs are very much on track and what we are doing in the way of managing female and males is working.

Animal management remains the key to the future of this herd or to be more precise people management is the key to the future of this herd. Managing the animals is simple in comparison.



Before we touch on this year's results let's use this opportunity talk about a couple of real live situations that happened during this year's ballot.

Both situations, whether they were intentional or not, put our management of the area back years. Both situations come down to personal choices and a little bit of personal restraint.

The Wapiti area is a trophy herd for the Wapiti. If you want a roar trip where you just want to shoot males the Wapiti area is the wrong place for you.

Times are changing 99% of hunters who come to the Wapiti area DO THE RIGHT THING yet a handful don't.

Scenario 1: We had a group of guys who hunted one of the blocks. Knew what they were doing, didn't care about other hunters or the FWF and shot potentially 10 plus males in one block. They didn't hand any jaws back into the FWF or permits. How do we know this? photos guys and social media. Wonder what happened to the 500kgs of venison?

Scenario 2: This was a team of new guys. They wanted to shoot deer. They talked to one of the Committee who spent time with them explaining the reasons why they shouldn't. This team new to the Wapiti area were going to cull all the red deer they seen. They asked the person from the Committee how to identify reds over wapiti. It was explained to them that it's even hard for a so called expert let alone a first time Wapiti hunter.

Message to these guys was this. You are in one of the best blocks in the Wapiti area all you should focus on is a trophy. They shot 5 animals. But done everything right returned the jaws and permit.

I think this is an education misunderstanding.

Going forward education is going to be the FWF primary focus. Hopefully this year, if we can get our IT people to change the way our online ballot system works, we will implement an education module that hunters must complete to qualify before they receive their winning ballot.

Education:

Still one of the most common misdemeanours for the herd is around identify the difference between red deer and Wapiti. We expect that majority of red deer report as shot are young Wapiti bull's and jaws do support this.

Here is a really great example. Two fine young bulls with their first real heads 2 years old. These bulls really accentuate the problem. (photo of both bulls)

Let's forget about antler type as that means nothing in Fiordland.



Photos

Bull in the back ground. Black face -Wapiti, dark neck-Wapiti, chestnut summer coat Wapiti coat. Nice Wapiti type bull and simple to tell he is a Wapiti.



Bull in foreground. Light coloured face-red deer, light coloured neck red deer, light colour summer coat? Not sure what that means. One factor with coats it's amazing how animals with dark coats can change to light coats by simply puffing their hair when stressed or vice versa. Bottom one done this while photo was taken and coat changed to being very similar to animal in back ground.

So what's the problems here. Simple if we DNA

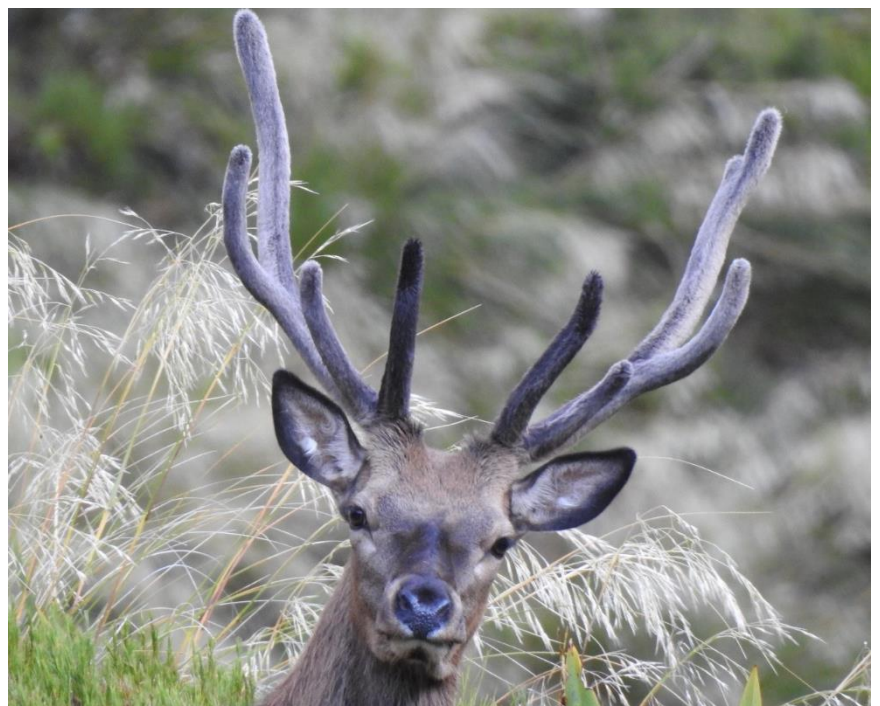
both these bulls I would expect that both could have similar % of Wapiti blood. This photo was taken by the FWF in the middle of February.

Both these bulls have summer coats. Maybe they could have changed by March/April but they may not have either. The lesson here is we cannot judge a book by its cover. Either one of these bulls could grow into a fine trophy. If you don't 100% know what you are shooting simply take its photo.

Age:

Both young bulls are huge beasts either could be mistaken and shot in the rut as older animals. Once their neck swells it changes the whole demeanor of the males.

Time and time again animals like these two get shot, either as red deer or older animals. This bull here is a classic young Wapiti male. This year we seen several bulls like him shot. Hunters who



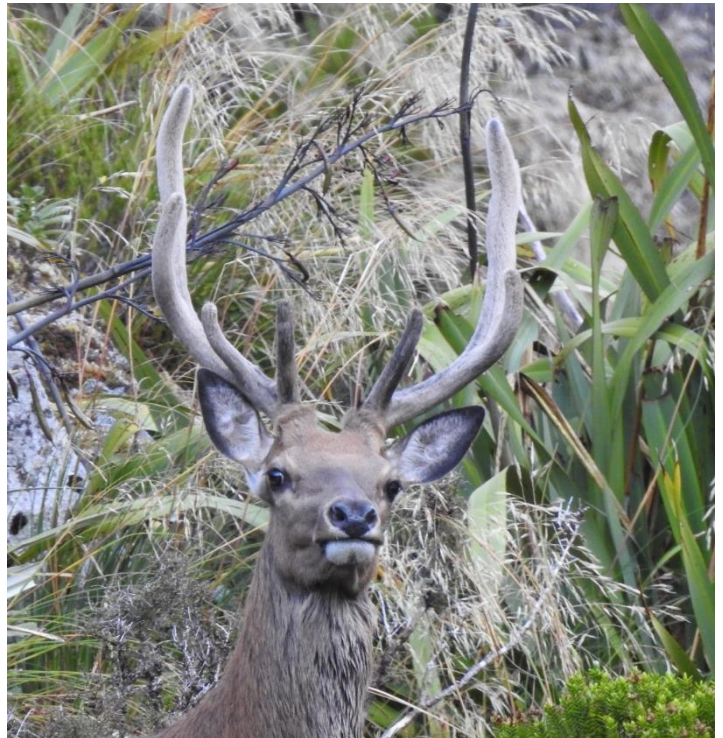
hunt the Wapiti area need to have “skin in the game” don’t just come to Fiordland to tick something off your bucket list. Add some value, learn from your experience – try and shoot yourself a mature trophy

Closeup up of bull in the back ground already a 10 pointer and look at the length of his pedicles.

Close up of the young 9 pointer Bull in the foreground. Again, good pedicle length. This bull is the type of bull that is most at risk. Because he wasn’t born with the classic Wapiti features he is even more difficult to judge.

So as a hunter what should you do? Simple - learn to age your animal. Simplify your choice even more when hunting wapiti only go to Fiordland to shoot a trophy not to kill a wapiti . Nothing wrong with going home empty handed.

If I look at two animals I seen shot during the ballot this year. Both were amazing 12 points. Both were aged at only 3.5 years old.



There is a third scenario here that needs to be talked about. One party of hunters shot two mature bulls one being 9.5years old and the other 7.5 years. Both very nice mature trophies. So they are there. The 9.5 year old bull was in the valley floor and a nice bull.

The other was on the tops and only showed himself on dark each night.

2019 Ballot Report

This year we saw a big increase in party numbers - up from 316 last year to 448 this year. Or 1950 individual hunters.

We are still having a few teething problems with our computer system, but it has been a big improvement on last year. The major thing to try and get sorted is the ability for hunters to pay on line when they submit their ballot application. There is a great deal of extra work ensuring that payments have been allocated to the correct party etc.

We had over 20 party changes this year, which again as in previous years, all seem to happen in the last few days before each briefing.

From the feedback we have received, there have been a number of young animals shot and not reported. We have also have an increase in new and inexperienced hunters hunting in Fiordland. This is a possible explanation for this. Also we have received

reports back from hunters in the last period regarding the number of dead bulls lying in the blocks.

With the increasing pressure coming from new and uneducated people hunting and wanting to hunt the Wapiti area we are going to need to find other ways to protect this resource. So, in the future please expect more changes to the ballot application process and our advice is to get your ballot in early.

One criteria for hunters was to return their permits with information filled in. Jaws and photos from all animals shot, bird sights etc. We are very disappointed with the 21 parties who didn't return their data. These 21 parties will be stood down from the ballot for the next two years. We also know of a number of animals shot left and not reported some of these parties will also be stood down for two years.

This year on average hunters spent \$2283 each hunting Wapiti.

Please note need to take into consideration animals seen more than once.

Block	Males seen	Females seen	Males shot	Females shot
Upper Glaisnock	91	112	1	1
Lower Glaisnock	81	70	4	0
George River	60	45	3	0
Wild Natives	54	62	3	1
Wapiti River	48	47	3	0
Edith	47	72	5	0
Lugar Burn	47	26	1	0
Catseye	46	17	10	1
Stillwater	40	61	4	0
Mt Tanilba	37	77	5	1
Stina Burn	37	31	3	1
Light River	36	56	5	0
Charles	28	32	3	1
Billy Burn	27	50	1	0
Loch Burn	25	20	2	0
Doon	24	30	1	0
Worsley	22	40	2	0
Narrows	20	30	2	0
Lake Katherine	19	13	1	0
Looking Glass	16	31	0	1
Mt Longsight	14	11	4	1
Dark River	12	18	2	0
Whitewater	11	7	3	0
Mid Burn	5	17	0	0
Large Burn	4	10	0	0
Total	851	985	68	8

Bow hunters

Corner



Next club day is Sunday 8th September

A reminder that if you or someone you know wants to check out archery at the club on Sunday 8th September please be there before 9am as we are aiming for squads to be out shooting by 9.30.

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

While we are talking about targets, Bill and Dennis have been busy pressing up new/replacement bales for the mat targets to huge thanks guys and it will certainly give some other options for targets on club days.

It would also be helpful too please if you could email tvdabowhunter@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming up.

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



PIG WEIGHTS

The grunTERS are still running away from the dogs



Please email them to: a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or

Post them to: TVDA P O Box 206, Paeroa



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



TVDA Anniversary Cup

100 Sporting Targets

Thames Valley District Championships

Sunday 3rd November 2019
8.30am start

Thames Valley Deerstalkers Range, Morrison Road, Paeroa
(1.5kms past Racecourse) 10.30am Cutoff for entries

Welcome one and all – great targets for everyone
Excellent targets shot on two fields of 50

****Transport for all shooters to the start of each field****

Superb Prize Table & Friendly atmosphere
Wonderful Food & Hospitality
Ammo available

Eftpos is available on site

Holten Collegiate Trophy – (any shooter who is still at school is eligible)

Excellent Drawn Prizes – must be there to take these prizes

Grades: AA, A, B, C, UnReg \$70.00

Categories: Vet's, S/Vet's, Masters, Ladies, Juniors, TVDA \$60.00

****PLUS we are providing a "CUBS" section this year – 12 years and under on the shoot day can enter for \$40.00**** (proof of age is required for the cub's section)



No Dogs at the event please at the specific request of
neighbouring landowners



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Please see the following Tahr Foundation Report of August:

On the 6th of August the NZTF attended the Tahr Liaison Group meeting hosted by Ngai Tahu at their offices in Addington Place.

The agenda for this meeting was:

1. An update of the Tahr Control Plan October 2018 to 31 August 2019.
2. A summary of the views to come out of the consultation meetings with the various tahr interest groups.
3. To go over the Draft Tahr Control Plan for the period 1st September 2019 to 30th June 2020.

Tahr Control to date

By the end of this month the 10,000 animals to be removed as agreed to in the October 2018 to August 2019 operation plan, will have been completed.

The collective members of the Tahr Foundation raised concerns about (i) the failure to include recreational hunter contribution, and (ii) the restrictions placed on WARO. This is to be addressed in the September 2019 to 30 June 2020 Plan.

Recreational hunting will contribute everywhere in the feral range, an App has been developed to verify hunters kills and some preliminary trialling done to assess its capability.

Geoff Kerr was able to give a demonstration on his phone and it appears very quick and easy to use, we are confident this should be ready in time for spring tahr hunts in November. The question remains who will be the keeper of this information? We would suggest logically it should be the GAC.

Tahr Foundation has always maintained it is our preference for tahr to be harvested by WARO rather than shot to waste by search and destroy.

Provision for WARO to operate throughout the feral range recovering females and juveniles, except during May and June, has been included in the 2019 to 2020 plan. May and June are excluded to reduce conflict with trophy hunting.

The Department shared photos captured during their control work and demonstrated one of the cameras developed for kill verification.

The camera is mounted on a step on the shooter's side of the helicopter and is triggered by the recoil of the shooter's rifle. This, combined with the track logs of the

machine, will provide some means of auditing DOC and contracted control operations.

A summary of the collective views to come out of the consultation process.

The first statement on the summary was that we had all agreed there were too many tahr. The point was made that this should be taken in context, we had agreed before the control work that there were too many tahr. NZTF would like to have recorded that NZTF no longer believes that is the case and further we believe it is appropriate to take stock of tahr numbers now, before consideration of further tahr control operations.

Other views to come out of the consultation process were:

- The need for more research on tahr.
- The need for better understanding of the numbers of tahr harvested, and
- The potential impact on hunting interests if the current level of harvesting of a reduced herd proves to be unsustainable.

Some consultees expressed the view that bulls should not be excluded from control and that the zero target for the National Parks should be pursued.

In the main, the most common views were: we need more research, we need bulls to maintain hunter interest, and we need to be looking at a more long term management plan.

The Draft Control Plan for 1st September 2019 to 30th June 2020

Recreational hunting will be encouraged in all areas. Hunters will be encouraged to record and report their kills via the App.

Guided hunting, ground based guided hunting and AATH allowed as per the conditions of their concessions.

Wild Animal Recovery Operators (WARO), WARO can take place from 1st September 2019 to 30th April 2020.

DOC control (including contracts and AATH) to be limited to 1st September to 14th November 2019 and focused on exclusion zones and the periphery of management units 1 and 7.

Some buffer activity for management unit 7 to take place in unit 6 (Landsborough).

The bulk of official search & control (40 hours) to take place inside the national parks.

No identifiable bulls to be targeted in WARO, contract, AATH offsets or DOC control.

NZTF will be encouraging the official control inside the parks to be targeted toward areas that recreational hunters cannot easily reach. This would be mostly no fly zones. We think this next phase of control is an appropriate time out from the level of control that has taken place over the past months. Control will be maintained through recreational hunting, guiding, WARO, AATH, official control and offsets but will not be targeting areas and units recreational hunters can easily access.

It is hoped that during this next 11 month period more effort can be put into researching and understanding the tahr herd. We need a better understanding of how

many bulls are being harvested, how many tahr in total are required to maintain the current level of hunter interest in tahr, and how to balance these with the environmental impacts of tahr.

Overall, NZTF is reasonably happy with the outcome of this meeting and the intention expressed to undertake more research. It must be stressed that this is an interim plan and that we are still focussed on having a longer term management plan for tahr and will continue to work toward that.

From what we are hearing from all the hunting sectors, and from the maps DOC is posting on the tahr control web page, there are still good numbers of bulls out there. We encourage everyone to keep on hunting and contribute to tahr. However, we encourage a new, more enlightened approach from now on, only take animals you can recover if you are hunting for meat, and be more selective in trophy hunting – **don't shoot non-trophy bulls**. We don't really know what impact the reduced numbers of nannies will have on the behaviour of bulls, but it seems likely bulls will become more mobile and therefore more likely to encounter hunters. It is up to us to manage the outcome of those encounters and that will determine how sustainable trophy hunting will ultimately be under the reduced numbers of tahr.

Snow Hewetson
Chair NZ Tahr Foundation

Broccoli Salad

This is the one that was at the recent Annual Dinner

- 1 – 2 heads of broccoli
- Grated cheese
- Handful of cranberries
- Finely chopped red onion or spring onions
- Finely diced ham / salami
- Small packet of slithered almonds lightly roasted if you like them

Mix altogether with mayo and/or sour cream – chill and eat.

No real need for specific quantities – just go with what you've got.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We invite feedback on our 2020 national plan for TBfree pest control operations. OSPRI seeks to consult specifically on the nature, boundaries and timing of proposed operations.

Submissions are invited on the operations proposed in this document not on wider issues such as the purposes of the TBfree programme or the use of 1080 for pest control in New Zealand.

OSPRI encourages engagement with interested communities and those affected by proposed TBfree operations, and invites input until 30 September 2019 through several channels:

- By email to consultation@ospri.co.nz
- By post to National TBfree Operations Consultation, PO Box 3412, Wellington 6140
- By phone on 0800 482 463
- By completing the form on the www.ospri.co.nz/have-your-say website.

Please use the form below to submit your feedback on any of the proposed pest control operations outlined in this document.

Your submission may become publicly available information. For this reason, please indicate clearly if your comments are commercially sensitive or if, for some other reason, you do not consider that they should be disclosed. Any request for non-disclosure would be considered under the Official Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1993.

Submissions will be used to inform the final proposals.

Name

Position and organisation

Area of interest (farmer, hunter, etc)

Phone

Email

Postal address

1. What is the proposed aerial operation/s you are commenting on?

2. What is the primary subject of your submission?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Timings of proposed operation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rationale for operation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impact of business or commercial activity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General operational concerns | |

3. Please outline your feedback



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