

Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

August 2018



Travis Pocock with his well deserved Kaimanawa Sika Stag – June 2018

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

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

Club Events Calendar

August

Saturday	11	Waiheke Island School – Range Day
Sunday	12	Bowhunters Interclub at Lakeview
Monday	13	Start of HUNTS course
Monday	13	Private Use – till late afternoon
Tuesday	14	Private Use – till late afternoon
Wednesday	15	Private Use – till late afternoon
Thursday	16	Private Use – till late afternoon
Friday	17	HUNTS course (clubrooms 7pm – 9.00pm)
Saturday	18	HUNTS course – clubrooms & RANGE (ALL DAY)
Wednesday	29	Club Night

September

Sunday	9	Bowhunters Club Day
Monday	10	HUNTS course - Clubrooms 7pm – 9pm
Monday	10	Private Use – till late afternoon
Tuesday	11	Private Use – till late afternoon
Wednesday	12	Committee Night
Wednesday	12	Private Use – till late afternoon
Thursday	13	Private Use – till late afternoon
Sunday	16	Bowhunters Interclub Day – at TVDA
Wednesday	26	Club Night
Friday	28	Start of Kids Pest Busters Weekend at Clubrooms
Saturday	29	Kids Pest Busters Weekend at Clubrooms
Saturday	29	Sika Show - Taupo
Sunday	30	Kids Pest Busters Weekend at Clubrooms
Sunday	30	Sika Show - Taupo

October		
Wednesday	3	Committee night (note date change)
Wednesday	3	Working Bee for sporting clays shoot
Monday	8	Docking starts at Panekiri
Monday	8	Private Use – till late afternoon
Tuesday	9	Private Use – till late afternoon
Wednesday	10	Private Use – till late afternoon
Sunday	14	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	24	Working Bee for sporting clays shoot
Saturday	27	Working Bee for sporting clays shoot
Sunday	28	2nd Round of the Running Boar
Wednesday	31	Club Night

November		
Thursday	1	<i>Twilight sporting clays – if there is enough interest</i>
Saturday	3	Working Bee for sporting clays shoot
Sunday	4	TVDA 100 Sporting Clays – TVDA Anniv. Shoot
Thursday	8	<i>Twilight sporting clays – if there is enough interest</i>
Sunday	11	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	14	Committee Meeting
Thursday	15	<i>Twilight sporting clays – if there is enough interest</i>
Monday	19	Private Use – till late afternoon
Tuesday	20	Private Use – till late afternoon
Thursday	22	<i>Twilight sporting clays – if there is enough interest</i>
Sunday	25	Rimfire, Centre Fire Champs & Patrons Cup shoot
Wednesday	28	Club Night
Thursday	29	<i>Twilight sporting clays – if there is enough interest</i>

Presidents Report

First and foremost, everyone, my sincerest apologies for the lack of newsletters over the last couple of months but I just simply couldn't 'walk on water' – in fact I had been crook and couldn't do anything very much at all!!!

That's all behind me now and with the excellent help of the committee and people around me, we have got the wagon back on the road and it's busy times ahead that is for sure. I must also make a very special thank you to all those who have chipped in over recent times to help out on so many fronts – your help and support has been very humbling and most definitely appreciated.

As you will see by the Upcoming Events and the items in the newsletter, there are lots of things coming up. The HUNTS course starts on Monday night, there are school events up at the range, a Kids Pest Busters Weekend at the clubrooms on the first weekend of the school holiday, the annual Docking Fundraiser down at Panekiri, the 100 Sporting Clays event in November, there is twilight clay target shooting **(if there is enough interest, so please read more in the newsletter)** in November, our annual club shooting events will be run on the range and guess what – it will then be Christmas.....and then the Kids Survival Camp!!!!

There is also a special plea here folks as I YET AGAIN reiterate that when using the rifle ranges, that you **ONLY USE PAPER TARGETS** and that you clean up after yourselves please. In the last couple of weeks there has been all manner of things used on the range as targets and then left lying around just to really rub salt in the wound – and it has certainly raised the ire of many people. There have been cans, plastic drink bottles, large plastic containers, the rubbish drums, clay targets and so the list goes on. In most cases, these items have been placed up on top of the shooting frames as a target – this is OUTSIDE our Range Standing Orders. As soon as you read this you will know damn well if it has been you and we expect it to STOP IMMEDIATELY please.

Kids Events – there are a few things coming up for the youngsters in the club and we ask that as parents/grandparents/guardians etc, that you please look carefully at these events and dates and register the kids asap please as number will be restricted. We have had to do this to avoid the 'overflow' that has been happening at these events in more recent times so thank you very much for your understanding and support on this.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming club night sessions as well. This one for August sees us having a **Wild Food Tasting session** with members bringing along samples of their favourite recipes for others to try. Note the earlier start time, don't have dinner before you come up if you want to sample all that is on offer and enjoy a really good evening out. Bring the family or a friend or two along as well as this is what it's all about. Great Food, Great Company – Perfect Combination.

Future club nights will have a gunsmith, biltong and boerewos making and sampling, deer and animal skin tanning, knife sharpening and many more so if you snooze you lose folks.

Stay safe out there and remember to **always identify your target beyond all doubt** and NEVER assume that what you see, is actually just what you are 'looking for'.

Maureen

Club Night

Wednesday 29 August

Wild Food Night

Don't miss this one - start time 7.00pm

It's two years since we have one of these and it's back by popular demand.....and requests from those who missed the last one.

So what's the go on the night for those who have not been to one before:

- Members bring along a game meat/wild food dish that they either make at home or you are welcome to come up to the clubrooms and cook it there as well.
- The various dishes are set out and with plenty of plates dotted around, everyone is welcome and encouraged to try the delights that are on offer.
- DON'T have dinner before you come up to the club – that is the big mistake that many made last time!!!
- Ideas – goat curry, wild pork roast, venison pie, smoked fish, salami, blackberry jam, plum sauce, meatballs or lasagne made from game meat, marinated mussels, homemade scroggin, jerky, duck casserole, Pete made a mean batch of his favourite Steep Hill hunting biscuits last time.....and ideas are endless. Even if you just have a favourite food that you like to take away with you for a hunting weekend that is fine too as it may also help inspire others to try it for their trips.
- If people are also keen to provide a recipe for their dish that they bring along that would be great but it's certainly not a requirement.
- This night is all about trying something new, enjoying good company and with the fire going and lovely food on offer with a beer or a wine maybe – the perfect way to spend a winter evening at the club.

Crockpots are a great option on the night but we also have the club's bain maries that you are welcome to use for keeping food hot on the night.

If you do not have a dish to bring on the night, please do still come along, join in and enjoy trying the various options as that's exactly what club nights are all about.

Kids Events ...



The world's most durable outdoor clothing

Keen young members taking their turn on the range under the watchful eye of parents and Club Range Officers for the Annual SWAZI Shoot.



Left: Riley Pert with an impressive set of shots on the target. Well done Riley.

Below: The whole team that took part in the Swazi Shoot. Great stuff kids – well done.

**HUGE THANKS TO
DAVEY AND THE
FANTASTICALLY
SUPPORTIVE TEAM AT**



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OUTSTANDING SUPPORT
EACH YEAR.**





Huge thanks Nigel Lesley of Ainslea Builders for his ongoing and excellent support for our Kids annual Little 3 Competition. Nigel as a builder in Hamilton also has fantastic support from Placemakers and ex Paeroa 'lad' Jack Kimura, so we are the very fortunate recipients of this wonderful generosity. Huge thanks to you both for this sponsorship.

The kids certainly have a ball out there endeavouring to have the threesome to bring in on the day and as we have all found out over the years, the best laid plans and hunting spots don't always deliver. It's great to see the kids out there having a go and many thanks also to the parents, grandparents, neighbours and supporters that help make this all possible.

Winner of the Walker Trophy for the Overall Little 3 Competition was: **Harry Clapp**. Great effort Harry and to all those who took part in this event.

Well done to everyone that took part in this years' event





June Club Night – Leon and Bill from DOC

Special thanks to Leon and Bill from the Thames Office for kindly coming through and giving us an update on the Kauri Dieback happenings in our general area and also filling us in on some of the mitigation measures that are taking place.

The long and short of it is that there is considerable work needed to successfully mitigate the areas and this will mean that some areas will be closed. The team at DOC are working to keep the essential areas open, making other areas user friendly but still protecting the Kauri as best they can.

The key message for us all is that we

- NEED to ensure that we have clean boots at all times when entering the area where there are Kauri,
- PLEASE ensure that you do your best to keep a good distance away from them if at all possible.
- MAKE others with you or those entering the park to do the same
- These three simple measures will certainly help considerably in the fight against the spread of Kauri Dieback.

You will see on the next page that I have included a flier advising of public meetings regarding the National Pest Management Plan for Kauri.

The Local meetings for us will be held as follows:

- Sunday 2 September at Thames 6.30 – 9.00pm Thames War Mem Hall; or
- Tuesday 4 September at KatiKati 6.30 – 9.00pm Katikati War Mem Hall





LET'S TALK

Tell us if we've got the right plan to protect kauri into the future.

There are public meetings from 27 August to 4 September 2018 near you.

We heard your ideas to protect kauri. Now we want talk about the refreshed strategy for managing kauri dieback disease and the National Pest Management Plan for kauri.

If you can't make a meeting you can still make a submission from 20 August to 10 September 2018. Find out meeting dates and how to make a submission at

www.kauridieback.co.nz/consultation

The kauri consultations are managed by Biosecurity New Zealand on behalf of the Kauri Dieback Programme, a partnership with Department of Conservation, Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council, Northland Regional Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Te Roroa (tangata whenua for Waipoua Forest), and Tangata Whenua Roopu (representative body for iwi/hapu with an interest in kauri lands).



My Panekiri Trip -

By Jaime Kuhtz

Stomp, stomp, wake up, get ready pack your gear were going to Panekiri.

Two hours later we stop in Rotorua at the gun supplies to get some .222 ammo but they were out of stock so we went to Outdoorsman Headquarters and got some from there.

Off we went heading for the sticks. We stopped at the waterfall and coming around the bluffs we saw the lakefront. It didn't take long after that and we had turned up to the gateway of where we were to be hunting. I was so happy but we weren't allowed to shoot yet so I just got my gear and set up.

The room we were in had two beds so Jess and I flipped a coin and I lost so I set up but just as I was going to lay down Dad moved to another room that had three beds so I set up my bed 'again' and lay down. Then more people turned up to the hut from the club and talked.



L-R: Toby and Livvy trying out the hot seat at the helicopter base on their way to Panekiri. Budding pilots in the making



The next day we all get up early in the morning and had some breakfast and then we did the briefing then we were off hunting. We went with some French guys and we saw some goats so the Bernard had a go and boom, down goes the goat. After that we walked back to the car and we came across a herd of bulls which made me think of a joke or two.

We got back to the car, went to the hut and had something to eat and then we had a great time together for the rest of the night.

On Sunday we all went out hunting for half of day because we had to go home that day. When we got back we cleaned up the hut and headed for home.

It was a good time goat culling up at the hut and Im really looking forward to being back there for the docking.

Thank You!

- *to the excellent team that helped out in so many ways to bring our recent Annual Dinner together.*

The dinner was delicious and the speaker very interesting. I'm sure the awesome photos and adventures have enticed more than just a few of us to look at Namibia for future trips.

- Many thanks once again Wayne and Allison for sharing your fantastic Namibian adventures with us all.
- Dean Innis for so kindly leaving his cuppa at home to come up and replace the fuse and wiring in the Running Boar shed that 'did a bunk' partway through the event. *So appreciate your help at such short notice Dean.*
- To all those who have come on board to help out with the HUNTS course – your help and support really does make the course such a success for the participants.
- The team who did such an excellent job with Te Aroha College up at the club as part of their annual 'Hunting' elective – special thanks to you all
- To Jos Holten for kindly fixing up the fence and replacing the strainer that had been scuttled by a bus a few months ago.
- To all the team who so kindly helped out on the range and clubrooms when we had the class from Waiheke Island up at the range. I have had a text from them that night, again thanking us for all so much for our help and the kids were full of excitement well into the evening as they'd had such a neat time.
- To Lisa Daly who has very kindly offered to help with the newsletters
- To those members who are going through the process to get their Bar Manager's Licence – this too will certainly ease the workload
- To Nigel and Jo Knight for the very generous donation of game meat sausages that were very kindly dropped off at the last club night – they will be a huge help with things that are coming up.



Congratulations and best wishes to Ed and Hayley Stewart on the safe arrival of their wee daughter Scarlett.

Get Well Soon wishes to Bill Hawkeswood who has had a recent stint in hospital. Keep up the great work and all the best for a continued speedy recovery



WELCOME

to new Members over the couple of months:

- **Ross Moratti**
 - **Jordan &**
 - **Dylan Moratti**
- **Jacques Kisling**
- **Michael Baguley**
- **Murray Rutherford**
- **Jan Hazleman**
 - **Christine Hazleman**
 - **Cayde Hazleman**
- **Leo Hughes**
- **Paul Goodwin**
- **Kiel & Tracey Baxter**



Jobs wanted by willing workers:

Paeroa College Boys Football are fundraising for their trip to New Plymouth for Tournament Week in September this year. They are on the hunt for any jobs out there so the boys can earn their trip away!

If anyone has anything available for these boys please make contact with

Leigh Flemming (team manager) on 0274822667...

Wanted

A 'starter' gun safe for someone wanting to get their firearms licence. If you have one that is no longer needed but still meets the criteria, please give Maureen a call on 027 3337786 or an email on a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

K2K Trap Line

As our traps team (Bill and Dennis) are due to do the line again in a few days, the latest figures for the month will be in the next newsletter.

Update:

The last section of the K2K cycleway is due to have traps laid out by DOC and Dennis and Bill have been asked to extend their work to cover the full length of this trap line. The new line will be an additional 11kms and have approximately 60 traps laid out. The current line is almost exactly the same length and has 58 traps on it.



Department of
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Te Papa Atawhai

Request:

If anyone is up that way or on the cycle way at all and see's anyone or anything that looks a tad suspicious, can you maybe take a photo or details please. Initially there were traps getting stolen; and while this has stopped, the five finger discount brigade are now taking the rubber bait eggs from inside the traps. They are doing this by tipping the traps up and shaking them to get the eggs out the entrance hole in the boxes.

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to hire either of these units for your
upcoming hunting trips.**

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Hamilton Hunting & Fishing

Is on the Move.....

*They will be closing early on
Saturday 18th August and*

***Reopening again in their new
premises on
Wednesday 22nd August.***

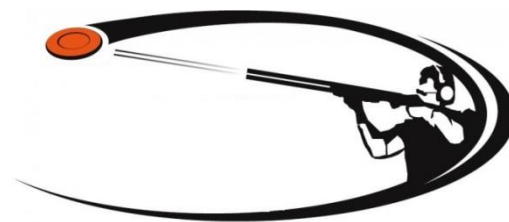
NEW ADDRESS *as from 22 August*

674A Te Rapa Road, Hamilton

*(It is just further along towards The
Base from where they currently are.*

Twilight Sporting Clay Shoots

Given the lower numbers at twilight last season and the dedication by the team needed to make these events happen, we are seeking your feedback to see if you would like this to continue again this year.



These evening events are for everyone – they are lots of fun, BBQ burgers for tea and social time afterwards. A round of shooting is 25 targets and it's your choice as to whether you want to shoot one or several rounds on the night.

If you are keen to come along, bring a few mates or the family along as well. You do not need to have all your own gear – the club can take care of that too if you need it. If you want help to learn about clay target shooting – that's all there as well.



At the stage it is planned to have Twilight Sporting Clays for the nights tentatively shown in the calendar for November – but this will be dependent on the interest that is shown by return email or text please.

Please email Tony Coleman
a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or text him on

027 927 1848 so that we can gauge the support (or lack of it for twilight shooting). It will depend on the feedback as to whether this continues.



Second Hand Burris Scope

3x – 9x 40mm Vari-power scope

Still works fine but owner has just upgraded it.

\$50.00 ono

Contact Arthur Blackburn 022 026 9606

Trophy Winners for the 2017/18 year

	Men's Rimfire Champs	Paul deVille
	Ladies Rimfire Champs	Maureen Coleman
Clapp Tankard	Men's Centrefire Champs	Paul deVille
	Ladies Centrefire Champs	Maureen Coleman
Patrons Cup	Deer Target Centrefire shoot	Peter Thompson
Patron Cup (Ladies)	Deer Target Centrefire shoot	Maureen Coleman
Jim Johansen Trophy	Iron Sights - Mens	Warren Penwarden
Jim Johansen Trophy	Iron Sights - Ladies	Maureen Coleman
	Men's Running Boar Points	Warren Penwarden
	Men's Running Boar Champ	Brett King
	Ladies Running Boar Points	Maureen Coleman
	Ladies Running Boar Champ	Maureen Coleman
	Junior Running Boar Points	Jessica Penwarden
	Junior Running Boar Champ	Jessica Penwarden
TVDA Trophy	Club day points - Cubs	Luke Moxson
TVDA Trophy	Club day points – Juniors	Hayden Moxsom
TVDA Trophy	Club day points - Ladies	Shelley Moxson
TVDA Trophy	Club day points – Mens	Tony Moxson
Tony Moxsom Trophy	High Overall Club Day Points	Satzya Rotzel-Hannibal
TVDA Certificate	Most Improved Archer - Cubs	Satzya Rotzel-Hannibal
TVDA Certificate	Most Improved Archer – Junior	Hayden Moxsom
TVDA Certificate	Most Improved Archer - Ladies	Shelley Moxsom
TVDA Certificate	Most Improved Archer - Mens	Evan Lee
Red Cup	Best Red Deer Antlers	Nigel Knight
Gwilliam Shield	Best Sika Deer Antlers	Jason Clark
Clark Cup	Best Goat Horns	Rory O'Brien
	Best Drawn Pig Tusks	Craig Harris
	Best Undrawn Pig Tusks	Lee Kelly

WSB Cup	Best Goat taken by a Junior	Nick Rendall
S & H Cox Trophy	Best Head shot by a Lady	Maureen Coleman
K D Cox Shield	Best Antlered Species	Kelby Stewart
Hair & Larsen Trophy	Best Horned Game Species	Rory O'Brien
Wayne Bennett Trophy	Heaviest Pig Weight for the year	Craig and Jeanette Harris
Sands Cup	Best Colour Print	Carol Ussher
Cassidy cup	Best Black and White Print	Carol Ussher
	Wildlife photo	Carol Ussher
	Stalking Interest	Carol Ussher
Flynn Trophy	Human Interest	Maureen Coleman
Monarch of the Glen	Group of three photos	Maureen Coleman
Coleman Trophy	Merit Photography	Travis Pocock
Holten Trophy	Best Enlarged Photo	Carol Ussher
Walker Trophy	Little 3 winner	Olivia Baillie
Hudson Cup	Junior Member of the year	Satzya Rotzel-Hannibal
Kopu H & F Trophy	Literary Trophy	Wayne Bennett
Wilton Cup	Ladies Roaring Competition	Marianne Thomson
	Men's Roaring Competition	James Corban
Holten Trophy	Junior Shooter – at TVDA Ann Cup event	Sean McGrath

Roaring competition Winners on the Night of this Year's dinner
Well done and Congratulations to :



Trish Stachurski
 &
Phil Buckthought



PIG WEIGHTS



June / July 2018



Craig & Jeanette Harris - 50lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 70lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 90lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 110lb (boar)

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 110lb (boar)

Gary Johansen - 125lb (boar)

Keep those weight rolling in guys – great to see your results from out there..

Please email them to:

a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or

Post them to: TVDA P O Box 206, Paeroa

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**Gary Johansen with the
Jim Davies Cup for the Heaviest
Boar.**

**Congratulations to Gary and Cath
and well done.**

57kgs (125.4lb)

Docking at Panekiri

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

The start date has been confirmed with Mark as being **Monday 8th of October** which is the start of the second week of the school holidays.

Due to me not getting a newsletter out earlier, I am behind the 8 ball so if people can please email 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 shearers 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 8 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. It works in well with it being over part of the school holidays and then our second week will be after the kids have gone back to school. This is because Landcorp Management have pushed the lambing date back for several stations so there is nothing we or the team at Panekiri can do about this.

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. This year we will be looking to have a 'legend' with each crew – that that will be the COOK. If you are able to help out on this front as well, then please let me know. 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@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 3337786

My first sika deer....!

By Travis Pocock

We were all packed up ready to head home when one of the guys wanted to show me another spot where there is a hut for next time. He said "bring the rifle, you never know"

We got there following a 4 x 4 track and had a look at the little hut. Mike went and had a look in the creek and found some fresh sign. We then walked five minutes up the valley when we heard a little squeal (territory noise from a stag).

We climbed up onto the ledge above the creek and sat down for 10 minutes. We then stood up to move on slowly when Mike saw some antlers way up in the hills in between all the manuka. Good spotting Mike!

The stag saw us too and then decided to head up over the ridge line. We had no time to lose, I had to shoot while standing. I fired one shot and the stag kept climbing (nearly at the top), then I fired a second shot. It was a long way away and we did not hear a thump noise so we didn't expect to find him when we went looking.



Sheryl stayed back and guided us to where we shot the stag. When we got to the area Mark said "here Travis, can you have a look in this area?" I went into the scrub and saw the stag lying down stone dead. I was so happy and amazed.

The guys looked back at Sheryl and said it was about 280 yards and about 30 degree angle. Luckily Mike had Sheryl's pink pocket knife in his nice jacket pocket. We gutted it and dragged it all the way back to the Hilux. I got it home and now getting the head mounted to put on the wall for a great story to tell in years to come.

It was a great trip before this moment but to get the Stag in the last hour of the trip, was awesome! It just goes to show that it's not over until you actually leave the bush.

Once again, thanks to the guys and girls who invited me on this trip! I learnt a lot

Kids Pest Busters Weekend

Friday 28th – Sunday 30th September 2018

This is an event for the kids to kick off the school holidays and a great way for them to keep in touch with other members and youngsters from previous events and survival camps etc.

This weekend is designed so that it is:

- *All go regardless of the weather*
- *It is all being held at the clubrooms so no need for tents etc*
- *The main theme will be about making vermin traps, learning how to set them and sign to look for as part of this*
- *Doing .22 rifle shooting & Archery on the club ranges (fully supervised)*
- *Maybe going for a possum shoot if the weather permits*
- *Making other traps and seeing how they work – ie Myna Bird Cage Trap*
- *Learning what plants are pest and what ones are natives*
- *Making wasp traps*
- *A bonfire on the Saturday night*



Everyone will be staying/sleeping in the clubrooms so the weather will not be an issue and the food will be done in the kitchen etc so no cooking outside or cooking equipment needs to be brought along.

What is wanted is:

- *Kids that want to have a cool time doing these kinds of things*

Parent/s help also needed please if you are available.

- *Parents do not need to be there as a requirement for your child to attend but if you are able to help out at some stage or for the duration of the weekend that would be really appreciated.*

Application Forms:

- *Please email or phone Maureen on a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or 027 3337786 to get a registration form sent to you or they can also be found on www.tvda.co.nz*
The cost of the camp is \$25.00 per person and registrations will only be confirmed once the payment and the registration form are received



Mike's Famous – KIDS SURVIVAL CAMP 2019

Time is rolling around again and planning for the 2019 event is well underway.

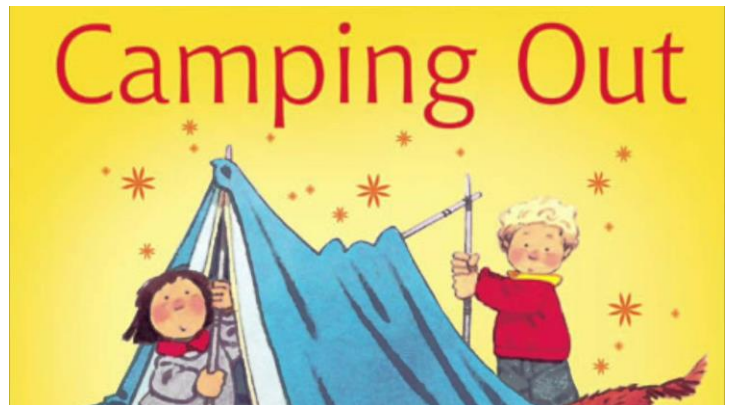
Nigel Lesley has very kindly taken on helping with the registration and camp planning with Mike to help ease the workload which is really awesome.

The camp this year will be held on the following days:

Starting on Thursday 10th January and

Finishing on Saturday 12th of January.

The general format of the Camp will be the same, it will be held at the same fantastic venue at Maratoto; there will be heaps for the kids to do and this year, it will be open for MEMBERS ONLY and a strict CUTOFF date and numbers will be applied to ensure the ongoing success of the camps.



For those who have not been before, this camp is an iconic part of our club and it sees many people who attended as kids themselves bringing the next generation back for a healthy dose of being a 'kiwi kid', getting out there and doing it and making neat friends along the way.

The general activities of the camp involve: camping, cooking over the fire, checking trap lines, swimming in the creek, catching eels, shooting, archery, novelty events, basic navigation and outdoor first aid.....and having a great time. All activities are fully supervised at all times

The Camp Registration Forms and details can be obtained from the Club Website www.tvda.co.nz or by contacting Nigel Lesley at ainslea@xtra.co.nz or by phoning him 027 4823 117.

The cost of the camp is \$30.00 per person and can be paid by sending a cheque to TVDA, P O Box 206, Paeroa or direct credit to the bank account shown on the registration forms.

It will be first in first served as far as registrations go and there will be a final cutoff date of 20 December if the maximum number of attendees has not already been reached.

If the maximum number of 35 participants is registered before that date, then that is it - CLOSED.

Climbing Spindleberry – *Please look out for it*

This article has been taken from the Weed Watch Section of the Piako Post

Native to many parts of Asia, climbing spindleberry is an aggressive deciduous climber.

It originally attracted gardeners with its glowing golden leaves in autumn and fiery yellow, orange and red berries in winter, which have been popular in floral arrangements.

However, it can grow to 12 metres high, scrambling to the tops of trees and forest to reach the canopies. It has a grip so tight that when it wraps itself around tree trunks it can stop

them from getting any wider.

Climbing spindleberry grows well in the North Island and in the Waikato it is found south of Hamilton, mostly in the Taupo and King Country areas.

It is banned from sale, propagation and distribution throughout New



Zealand.

The berries are 6-8mm in diameter, turning green and then changing to yellow and yellow orange by early winter. These fruits split open when ripe in winter, revealing a red orange interior framing the berries.

The seeds are long lived and birds love to eat the fruits and spread the seeds.

The bark of climbing spindleberry is greyish-brown, with raised areas which sometimes form sharp spines on winter growth.

Please don't attempt to remove this plant yourself. Instead, if you find this weed on your property or when you are out and about in the hills, please call 0800 BIOSEC (0800 246 732) to report it to your local biosecurity pest plan officer.



Goat Curry

Bill Olsen

Marinade

- 300g Natural Yoghurt
- 6 tsp fresh ginger - grated
- 6 tsp fresh garlic - grated
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 12 tsp tomato paste
- 2-3 tsp garamasala
- 1 – 2 tsp chilli powder for mild curry (or more if you like hotter curry)



Method:

Mix Marinade ingredients all together.

Add 1.5gks of goat meat (diced up into small pieces) and add to the marinade and stir all in together to fully cover the meat. Preferably leave overnight in the fridge – stirring occasionally. Can also just be left for a few hours if you want.

Remove from the fridge and let stand at room temperature for half an hour.

Add 6-8 spoonfuls of oil to a large pan or large pot and once the oil is hot (but not smoking hot), add the meat and ALL the marinade. Stir and keep moving in the hot pan/pot until it is all sealed.

Once the meat is all sealed, turn the heat down, add:

- 6-8 onions diced up into large pieces
- Approximately 4 cups of tomato puree or 8-10 tomatoes diced

And let it simmer for 2 – 3 hours. If need be, add some water to keep the liquid level there. Serve with coriander on rice. – *Bon Appetite*



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**Next club day is Sunday 9th September - and
INTER-CLUB AT TVDA - Sunday 16th September**

Good Luck to all the Bowhunter members that are going to Lakeview this weekend. Sunday 16th of September is our next BIG DAY at TVDA on the archery front with the interclub tournament being hosted by us.

As there is only a month to go until the event, there will be working bees and field planning and set up that needs to be done so please help out where you can as this is another top day out for archers from far and wide.

Non archery members can certainly help out on the day too with manning the ever important BBQ, helping out with various other jobs to ensure the well-oiled TVDA machine run smoothly on the day. Many thanks for your help and please contact **Warren Penwarden on 021 476 428 or hikutaia.motors@gmail.com**



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Congratulations to Harry Clapp on being successfully drawn for one of the spots on the Take A Kid Hunting at Woodhill.

Good Luck and have a great time up there Harry and maybe we can get a photo and a story afterwards???

Transformation at Ruatahuna

For those who have not recently been through the road to Waikaremoana or further afield, you will notice a huge difference when you get to Ruatahuna. I say 'get to' rather than just 'pass through' as there is an excellent new Tuhoe complex and retail facility there.

We stopped there on our way to Panekiri last time and the café had just opened, the farm supply store was yet to be finished, the public toilets were very clean and tidy, there are lovely new chalets nestled on the bush edge amongst neatly planted gardens near the complex, a medical centre, waste water plant, fire station is to be built and YES – there is a 24 hour servo there. It is a GAS outlet, it is card operated and it is extremely cheap.

On the weekend that we went down there (in May) the diesel was .20c per litre cheaper than in Rotorua and .05 cents less than at Murupara.

I have always stopped at Murupara to get gas when Im passing through to support this rural outlet because if we don't support them, we couldn't then complain if they had to close. Well done to Murupara for keeping up with the very cost effective fuel and now Ruatahuna is following suit – great stuff to you both from a very grateful traveller.

Below is an artist's impression of the wider complex and most impressive changes that have occurred at Ruatahuna – please stop off for a coffee, a look around and a top up of the gas tank.



WARO Concessions and Submissions

As an update on the WARO Submission front – we as a branch made a comprehensive submission to DOC as did some members and several other branches. This was also supported by a meeting with DOC Area Managers on the subject as well.

The main areas that we submitted on related to the greater Bay of Plenty and Waikato regions.

Along with several requests for various details to be changed in the overall WARO Operator Concessions and an alignment of timeframes etc, we have sought that the:

- *Where restricted seasons are in place, that WARO be prohibited from 1 November to 31 January inclusive to enable antler growth (avoid the current velvet season);*
- *To promote hind only permits for certain areas to help with the herd management*
- *Current roar period as set out by WARO be extended to so it's at least 8 weeks in duration, thus covering the red and sika roars and the geographical variations;*
- *Whirinaki area (particularly the Okahu) be changed to have NO WARO as it is an ideal place for new hunters, it is easily accessible by recreational hunters and it would tie in well with the Minginui area just over the range being a NO WARO area (as it currently proposed),*
- *That Pureora be made NO WARO or at least with a genuinely RESTRICTED SEASON.*
 - *This is due to the potential of much of the Kaimai Ranges being subjected to Kauri Dieback restrictions and these hunters then needing to move further 'down the Island'.*
 - *It was proposed by DOC that Pureora become a 'Restricted WARO area' but when you read it fully, this was not a Restricted Season as it was implied but rather that it just meant that helicopters were not able to land in the area more than 150 times per year to align with the Waikato Conservation Management Strategy. This is in effect, of absolutely no consequence or restriction at all as a WARO chopper does not need to land anyway in most cases so they could continue to operate all year round.*
- *Operators must be fully accountable and have to submit accurate and detailed data and monthly returns that are backed up with camera footage to prevent the considerable poaching and violations that currently take place. We also sought to have it mandatory that all records must be kept for at least 5 years because as it currently stands, all records (and these only have to be in summary format) can be destroyed as soon as their current concession expires. Under the current regime, there are extremely slim chances of anyone being held accountable for false information supplied to MPI and the Game Meat Plants.*

Calling all those keen and budding target shooters.

I've received this Postal Match info if you are keen to take part. Harry put's a lot of work into Target shooting for all shooters so print let's give it a go



RIFLE DOTS POSTAL MATCH

June 1st to 30th September 2018

(Targets must be returned to the address below by the 30th of September)

Name

E mail.....

Entry Fee, per person, \$25. Only paid entries accepted. One entry form per person.

For Adult Team entries, my 2 team mates are:

.....&.....

Junior Team, (one adult and one junior ,under 16), my junior team mate is;

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Please post my targets to me at:

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Phone: (0.....).....

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Each shooter gets an addressed return envelope to send their fired targets back in when they're ready:

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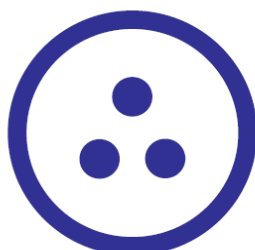
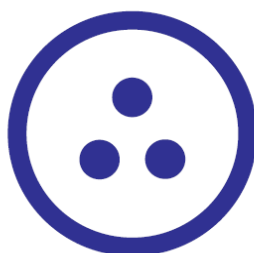
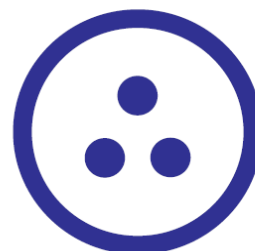
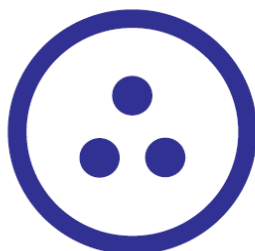
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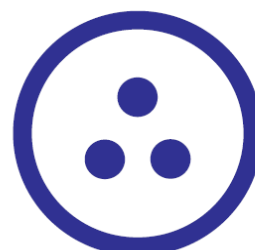
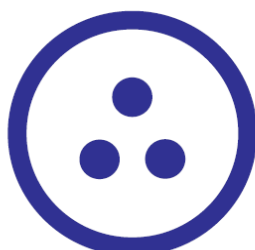
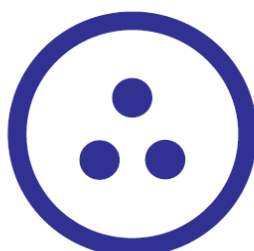
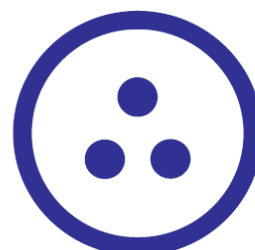
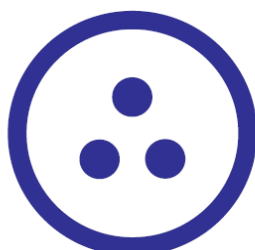
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KIWI RIFLE DOTS



Hello

and welcome to the Rifle Dots Match.

The Rules are as follows:

- You may use any .22 Calibre Rifle, any type of ammo, any type of sights and all shooting is to be done standing, unsupported, at a distance of 15 metres from the target.

- You are to fire one shot only at each cluster of Dots, giving a total of ten shots on the one target.

More than ten will invalidate the target.

- You have been sent four targets. After shooting all four, decide which is the lowest scoring and discard it. Return the remaining three to me by the so they may be included in the final scoring. If in doubt about the score, return all four targets to me. **Please do not use any sort of scoring gauge in the holes.**

- You receive one point for every dot cut or touched by a bullet hole. A shot exactly in the centre of the three dots will earn you three points, plus an X for tie breaking purpose. You also receive half a point for any shot touching or inside the circle, but not touching a dot.

All results will be published in NZ Guns & Hunting, and the prizes will be posted to individual winners. NZ Guns & Hunting has generously provided space in the magazine and is sponsoring some of the prizes. If you enjoy the shoot please email the Editor (nzguns@clear.net.nz) and let him know that you enjoyed this type of shooting.

PLEASE NOTE

You must have a witness to sign your target at completion of the shooting. The witness may be any person you choose to accompany you. We reserve the right to challenge any unusually high scores and may ask you to re-shoot a set of targets at our expense.

Dot Shooting is not as easy as it may look. We recommend that you get a few photocopies of your targets, to sight your rifle in, and get a bit of practice. If you don't wish to resight your rifle for 15 metres, measure how high it shoots at that distance and, with a felt pen, draw yourself an aiming mark for each cluster of dots. No such mark may touch any portion of the dots or the circle surrounding them.

I hope you enjoy the shoot. Have a lovely day.

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Deerstalkers support freedom of access to hunter valley.



All New Zealanders should have free access to publicly owned land, says a spokesman for the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association, Bill O'Leary.

Owing to a missed opportunity during the OIO process, public access to conservation land in the Hunter Valley remains as only by grace and favour of the managers of the Hunter Station. This should never have happened and needs to be set right.

The proposal to retrospectively provide an easement across nearly 40 kilometres of pastoral lease would be supported by many recreationalists including trampers, climbers, hunters and fishers.

"However, NZDA recognises that the vehicle track would requires some upgrading and ongoing maintenance and believe this should not be a charge on the station owner. The fact that he is a foreigner is irrelevant to this case, it's just a matter of setting the matter of free access that was intended at the start but somehow overlooked. So public money should pay for improved access, including any realignment of the track to preserve the manager's privacy," said Mr O'Leary.

He added that one proposal to manage an increase in vehicle traffic on the track was for the Department of Conservation to operate a booking system. "This is common on other tracks around the country and recreationalists would put up with the minor inconvenience."

For further information contact Bill O'Leary 027 430 5008



The following pages give some details as taken from the recent Fiordland Wapiti Foundation.

Further to this, the full report is on our website for an excellent read. The amazing work that this tireless group of people do down there and the outstanding progress they have made on DOC land it is an absolute credit to them.

Other projects that they are running in conjunction the Management of the historic Wapiti herd are: Management of the annual hunting ballots, Managing and actioning an extensive Hut upgrade and restoration programme, Kea monitoring with the Kea Conservation Trust, A long running predator programme to protect the Whio in major catchments and monitoring and capturing the ever valuable data that has enabled these excellent outcomes to happen.



Introduction

The Fiordland Wapiti Foundation (FWF) was formed in 1993 and judging by some of the 2018 trophies one can only imagine what sort of trophies the herd would be producing today if we had the support to implement the current management system back then. 2018 will be labelled as one of the wettest bugles in living history but will also be remembered by us seeing a visual change in the quality of the antlers. A whole lot of collaboration has gone into achieving this and the rest of our management goals in Fiordland. Around us we are building a really good team of people, supporters and sponsors, a huge thank you goes out to each and every one of you.

Animal management has not changed since implementing the current program four years ago. There are two key objectives here, protecting the environment by managing the current population and enhancing the Wapiti experience for hunters by improving the quality of trophies in the Wapiti area, these go hand in hand.

Last year we changed our agreements with our operators and implemented a milestones based contract to help us reach our totals for the season.

This certainly has changed the game for the FWF ensuring we are reaching and achieving our end of year management totals more effectively. Another initiative that was trialled this year was closing the blocks earlier on the 15th of January. This enabled us to do a special animal management program to remove the less desirable males who were out in the open building strength for the mating season. This worked a treat and next year the Wapiti area will be closed as of the 1st of January allowing us to repeat this program in January and February. We see this as key to reducing the unwanted deer and benefiting the herd.

Managing the Wapiti is a balancing act, Wapiti Vs People, if we get either bit wrong it affects the other. Partnerships are hugely important to the Wapiti Foundation and are vital to our success and our future. The FWF are a hunter management group or should I say that's how we started out but just like the program we have evolved. Conservation is a huge part of our organisation. We feel responsible for all of our fauna and flora in the Wapiti area of Fiordland and feel connected to it. Hunters are now taking ownership of it and now understand that we need a healthy environment to have a healthy herd.

Conservation is important to Kiwi's and key to the future of the FWF.

Our predator control program run by our very dedicated team in partnership with Doc had another wonderful year. These programs are very rewarding and seeing results like juvenile birds certainly encourage the team. There has been a couple of new initiatives in the Wapiti area for 2018. Our partnership with the Kea Conservation Trust stepped up another level with the capture and banding of live Kea during January. These guys are great to work with and it's looking likely that the Wapiti area may have a reasonable population of kea. Going forward we hope to be able to help these birds more and more.

The other initiative that is under conception as I write this is the FWF is undertaking the maintenance of the six huts in the Wapiti area. Starting with the oldest hut in Fiordland the Lake Hankinson hut built in 1923. So as you can see the team is getting busier and we are adding more projects to our portfolio, so if you would like to get involved don't be shy to let us know.

The committee is not only getting busier the work is getting more complex. Our stake holders are expecting more and more from us. The future holds two options, the committee reduces its work load but if we were to take this road eventually the wapiti program would fail. The other is to work smarter and employ someone to oversee our daily activities and administration.

It is no secret that The FWF holds the key to the future of this herd. So to future proof it we are in the process of employing a part time person for 20 hours per week. The team work very hard and in my personal opinion, the foundation has never been in such a positive state and by employing a person this will enable us to take our programs to the next level.

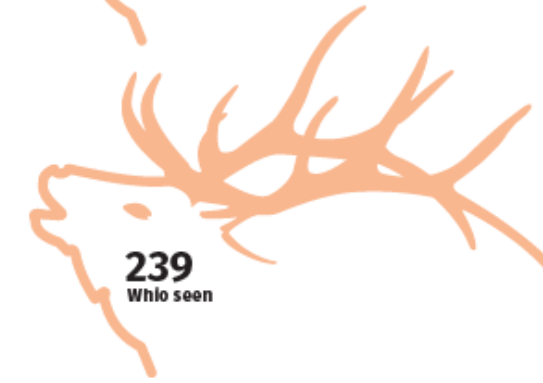
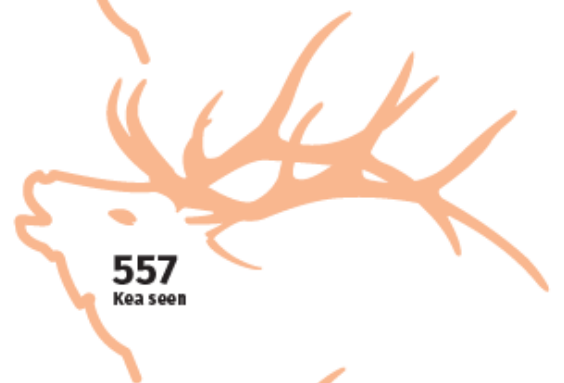
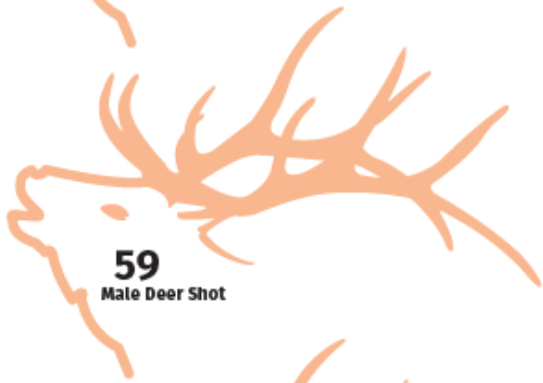
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Roy Sloan

FWF President 2018



Ballot Facts



Animal Management

Due to venison prices being buoyant this season has been a good one. Our target for the 2017/18 season was 900 deer but as of the 28th June our total is sitting around 950 and we still have July to go before the season ends. Managing deer numbers is the most important thing that the FWF do. If we get this right both the herd and conservation are winners. Get this wrong and we will lose the management of the herd- it's as simple as that. So, a lot of energy goes into animal management

One key objective of the program is based around not removing the males until after the age of 4.5 years and this is really starting to pay dividends as we are starting to see some very nice trophies coming out of the blocks. This also creates a problem with the un-wanted males left in the area that need to be removed. So in 2018 we closed the Wapiti area on the 15th of January especially to do a pre rut males cull and the results of this cull was really rewarding with 65 animals removed and 90% of them were target animals.

One of the main concerns we received from people around leaving the males till 4.5 years was that they would never be seen again but contrary to belief this does not seem to be the case as we actually think the bulls get complacent being flown past all the time. Next season the area will be closed on the 1st of January and two special male culls will be done. Mid-January so we can take advantage of the late velvet season when they are in the open and mid-February when they are back out in the open before the rut.

The FWF must keep advocating to hunters to let those young bulls live. The 2018 season revealed a couple of excellent examples. One particular bull that was shot at the age of 7.3 years scored 360 odd DS. This bull was collared and ear tagged by the FWF back in 2014 at the age of 3.5 years. When this bull was caught in 2014 he was nothing special and in the day could have quite as easy been shot on recovery. But age made a huge difference to this guy. It is very well documented that Wapiti do not reach full maturity till 10 to 12 years.

*(See Page 10 Photo 1 & 2)

The other example was this four year old bull that was shot and at four years had a real special head. You would say he had the potential to crack the magic 400DS mark if left to live to 10 years. The herd has come a long way in a short time and if we want it to get to the next level these young bulls must live. * (See Page 10 Photo 3)

Hunters need to get this into their mind set. Hunt your trophy thinking WAPITI animal not red deer. The size of the antlers we are seeing in Fiordland now are heading towards the 50 inch mark, some of the animals hunters are shooting thinking they are red deer are in fact young wapiti and our data returns do support this.

We have talked about the reason why we have closed the area on the 1st of January to benefit recovery but there is a second and equally as important reason, this is to ensure bulls get the opportunity to breed with cows before they are shot. Bulls shot pre rut do not add value to this herd. So many of the bulls shot pre rut are just juveniles and most likely have not bred yet in there short life. The herd cannot sustain its sires to be removed before they breed. The point we are trying to make is three-four year old bulls may not have bred in their short life.



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