

August 2022



Stewart Island Club Trip Hunters

Fred's Camp & Abrahams- 2022

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CLUB NIGHTS: Are always the LAST Wednesday of the month.

Start time 7.30pm

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Club Events Calendar

August

Monday	29	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	30	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	29	Club Night *

September

Sunday	4	Black Powder Club Day – 9.00am – 1.00pm *
Monday	5	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	6	Private use – Range available after 3pm
FRIDAY	9	Annual Dinner and Prizegiving *
Sunday	11	Bowhunters club day - 8.00am – 3.00pm
Monday	12	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Monday	12	OFG Committee Meeting – clubrooms only 7pm onwards
Tuesday	13	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	14	Committee Meeting
Monday	19	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Saturday	24	Firearms Licence Training – clubrooms only
Sunday	25	1 st Round of the Running Boar *
Monday	26	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	27	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	28	Club night

October

Sunday	2	Black Powder Club Day – 9.00am – 1.00pm
Monday	3	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	5	Committee Meeting
Friday	7	Docking starts at Panekiri Station *
Sunday	9	Bowhunters club day - 8.00am – 3.00pm
Monday	10	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Monday	10	OFG Committee Meeting – clubrooms only 7pm onwards

Tuesday	11	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Saturday	15	Firearms Licence Training – clubrooms only
Monday	17	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	18	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	26	Club Night
Saturday	29	Sika Show – Mystery Creek *
Sunday	30	Sika Show – Mystery Creek
Monday	31	Private use – Range available after 3pm

November		
Monday	1	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Saturday	5	Final Setup day for TVDA Anniversary 100 Sporting Clays Shoot
Sunday	6	TVDA Anniversary 100 Sporting Clays Shoot *
Monday	7	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	9	Committee Meeting
Monday	12	OFG Committee Meeting – clubrooms only 7pm onwards
Sunday	13	Bowhunters club day - 8.00am – 3.00pm
Monday	14	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	15	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Friday	18	Clubrooms only – Waikato NZDA HUNTS Course session
Saturday	19	Private use on the range – Range closed all day
Sunday	20	Black Powder Club Day – 9.00am – 1.00pm
Monday	21	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	22	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Saturday	26	Firearms Licence Training – clubrooms only
Sunday	27	Rimfire – Centrefire-Patrons Cup shoots
Monday	28	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Tuesday	29	Private use – Range available after 3pm
Wednesday	30	Club Night
Wednesday	30	FIELD DAYS AT MYSTERY CREEK Start (thru to Saturday 3.12.2022)

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

*Kiwi Avoidance Training

Dates for Training

15th October Whitianga

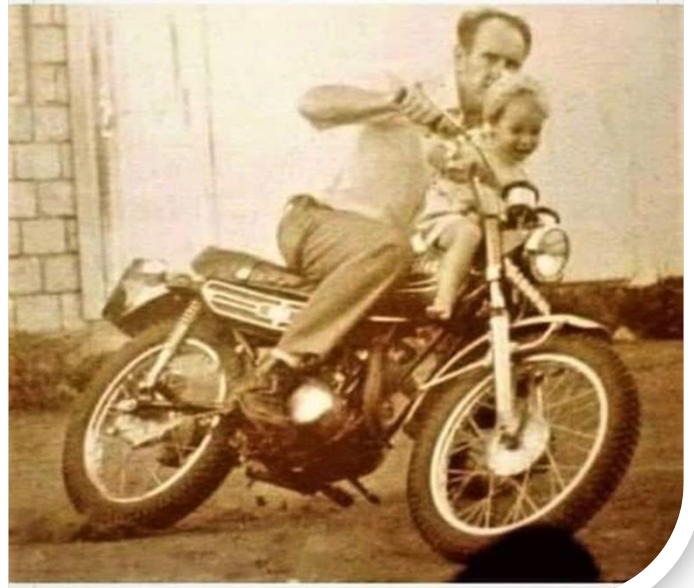
Bookings are *ESSENTIAL* so please email
mikechrisfris@xtra.co.nz for a booking.

Or text Christine's personal
number 0274055102

Christine Friis



I don't know who this man is but I do know that his wife was out of town for the weekend.



SIKA SHOW

NZ HUNTING & OUTDOOR EXPO

29TH & 30TH OCTOBER MYSTERY CREEK EVENTS CENTRE HAMILTON

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OPTIK**

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Each head entered will give 1 x entry into the draw.

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Door Prize valued at \$35,000!!!



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Exhibitors List to date....

SIKA SHOW - EXHIBITOR LIST - OCT 2022

BIG GAME ARTISTRY	FIORDLAND WAPITI FOUNDATION	ADVANCED ARCHERY	FERNTech - DRONES
RED STAG TIMBER HUNTERS CLUB	NZ TAHR FOUNDATION	FISH CITY - HUNTING & OUTDOORS	SUNSAVER
NZ AMMO	AJ PRODUCTIONS	GUNCITY	BERETTA NZ
SHOOTER READY	SCARY SHARP	SABRE TACTICAL	FERAL DESIGN
BLOODLINE GEAR	ARLINGTON ARMS	GLACIER SPORTS - GLACIER RIFLES	NZ GAME ANIMAL COUNCIL
RIVERS TO RANGES	WEKATECH - MOA STEALTH COVERS	PRACMED NZ	SKELETON OPTICS NZ
BULLIVANT TAXIDERM	KEA OUTDOORS	ADVANCED OPTICS	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SWAROVSKI OPTIK	HUNTING AND FISHING NZ	GUNS NZ	BOB'S BILTONG
BARZ OPTICS	LOWA BOOTS	ARB 4X4 ACCESSORIES	GAMECO NZ
GLASS ART	HUNTECH	HUNTER NEW ZEALAND	SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL
STONE CREEK	ZEROPAK	TAKACAT NZ	GLEN DENE HUNTING
MIA GEAR	GERBER	CORALSEA SAFARI'S	NZ BOW HUNTERS SOCIETY
SIKA FOUNDATION	HUNTSMAN THERMAL OPTICS	AUSTRALIA OUTBACK BUFFALO SAFARI'S	RUDOLPH OPTICS
MAUNGAHAU LODGE	GARMIN	NIKL KNIVES	KAI WAHO
PURE SALT	TRAEGER	HOGS & HINDS CLOTHING	RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE
WILD GEAR	MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE	HI TECH COMPOSITES	ZEISS
GOODWOOD PRODUCTS	TATONKA	STRICTLY OUTDOORS	HAMILLS TE AWAMUTU
BACKLANZ	JETBOIL	XPLORA	OUTDOOR ADDICTIONWEAR
DELTA OPTICAL NZ	LED LENSER	KAIWHAKANGAU	LOCATOR BEACONS NZ
LEICA OPTICS	LEUPOLD	MOUNTAIN HIGH CLOTHING	NZ POLICE
NGAMATEA HUNTING & FISHING	YETI	HUNTAHR	MIGHTY MIX DOG FOOD
THE GEAR HUT	STYX MILL	TE ANAU HELICOPTERS	EBBETT TOYOTA
RUGGED RAM OUTDOORS	VORTEX	KILWELL SPORTS	WILD WEST WORCESTER
ROD AND RIFLE	EXTRAVISION	ADVENTURE HUNTING NZ	ACT PARTY
RIDGELINE CLOTHING	MSR	NZ DEER STALKERS ASSOCIATION	NEEDLE & NAIL
OUTDOOR SPORTS NZ	ZAMBERLAN	NATIONAL PARTY	OSPRI
RUAHINE PORTS	BACK COUNTRY FOODS	MTN GEAR	BLUE DUCK STATION
RURAL BUTCHER	SPIKA NZ	COUNCIL OF LICENCED FIREARMS OWNERS	WILD TINE
NZ HUNTER MAGAZINE	NZ PIG HUNTING ASSOCIATION	CHILLERMAN	DOG MASTER TRAINERS
OUTDOOR EDUCATION NZ	PHONESCOPE NZ	WARFIGHTER ATHLETIC	SITKA GEAR
KIKO & FRIENDS	TARGET DYNAMICS INTERNATIONAL	E-MEGA STORE E BIKES & SCOOTERS	DOG & GUN COFFEE
RURAL SUPPORT TRUST	JPB FURLEY & Co	WILDSIDE HUNTING	YAKIMA
HUNTING HQ	DAMEL KENNELS & TRAILERS	M2 OVERLAND	NZ LIQUOR ONLINE
FREE-RANGE HUNTING NEW ZEALAND	BUSHBUCK	S.R MARSTON & Co	INGHAM MITSUBISHI
NZ WOMAN HUNTERS	55SIX - NZ HUNTER GROUP	SAFARI SUPPLY CO	BOOTLEG JERKY CO
CONNOVATION	UNJUSTIFIED RISK CLOTHING	C.R KENNEDY LTD	NZ OUTDOOR MAGAZINE
MANIATIS GUNSMITHS	ZOE MILADA BRAKE ARTWORK	EXPEDITION RAFTS	HUNTING 4 ART
EBBETT HAMILTON ISUZU & GMSV	EQUIPOUTDOORS	LITTLE FALLOW	STRASSER RIFLES
WORK & PLAY TRAILERS	KNOG HEADLAMPS	MAUNGA TIA	HUNTING INDUSTRY SUPPLIES
TUSsock OUTDOORS	LIFESAVER WATER PURIFICATION	COBB GRILLS NZ	

Don't Miss this one folks



1ST Round of the Running Boar

Sunday 25th September (start time 9.30am)

**Mark this on your calendar. It's a good fun day that anyone can participate in.
.22's only and 25 rounds of ammo**

Range Fee \$5.00 p/p or \$10.00 per family

August Club Night..... **Wed 31st August**



Dusky Sound Adventures

Back in March a group of TVDA members had an epic trip down into Dusky Sound hunting the 'surf and the turf'.

Venison, crayfish, kingfish, hapuka.....and so much more were on the 'hunting menu' and it was a fantastic trip all round.

Matty, Ryan, Nathan and Wayne have very kindly agreed to come along and share their awesome photos, stories and adventures of this trip with us on Club night so make sure you get to hear about it all first hand.

Bring the whole family, a group of mates

or the neighbours too if you want – the more the merrier

Start time is 7.30pm but feel free to rock on along beforehand and have a catch up in general.

Supper will be served afterwards too of course.



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Kauritatahi Hut Track is closed.

A significant land slip has occurred on the track to Kauritatahi Hut.

The track is blocked by heavy debris, vegetation and large boulders.

This track is closed until further notice.

Do not attempt to cross this slip under any condition.

KRT, TVDA and the team will be making an assessment on this when conditions allow so please keep an eye on the newsletter and the website for more info.

DO NOT attempt to get to the HUT either as the track is extremely unstable.

President's Report

Welcome to the August Newsletter folks and thank you all for your patience and understanding over the long delay that has been the case since the last newsletter. We are back on track with things again now and we look forward to regular newsletters being the norm again.

There has been plenty happening over the last few months and this has certainly kept many of us really busy – there have been club trips, Bowhunters and black powder club days, kid's events, club nights, HUNTS Courses and more.....but wait, things are just about to get even busier still.

Special thanks to everyone who took time back in April to make submissions on what was the latest round of consultation in relation to the Arms Act – and with particular emphasis during this round on Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges. It was extremely humbling to see so many submissions going in from TVDA Members and those directly encouraged to do so by our members. In total, we hear there were approx 1200 submissions from the entire country on this and approximately a ¼ of them would have been from within our midst. I am so hugely proud of you all for your support and valued feedback on these topics.

At the recent NZDA Conference Nicole McKee, NZDA member, Act MP and their spokesperson on Firearms Law Reform, Justice, Conservation and Veterans gave an excellent update on what was in store for us in regards to consultation, submissions and the incredibly important stance that we all need to take. It is imperative that we take the time to have our say, make our voices heard and our thought known.



It seems Police HQ and policy makers were more than just a tad surprised as the level of feedback this time round and the strength of the submissions made. There will be lots more work needed but it MUST BE DONE to help retain what we have, what we deserve and what we are fully entitled to have as legal firearms owners.

On the topic of Ranges, there will be some work needed to make some modification and upgrades to our ranges to ensure that they meet all the criteria but in the bigger scene of things, this should not need to be too extensive. There are trees that need to come out, there are some minor earthworks that need to happen near the site of the current range and some extra drainage will be put in so keep an eye on the calendar of the website with regards to when the range will be closed for this work. It may well be at fairly short notice dependant on whether and when contractors can do this work. It is not envisaged for this to happen for a couple of months at least (when the Range Manual is finalised) so this is a heads up only at this stage. Many thanks in advance for your understanding in working around this folks.

Huge thanks to everyone that has helped out with the first HUNTS course of this year and now the second one that has just commenced. It has been great to see the interest in these Courses and the huge benefits that people have gained from them. Special thanks must also be made here of the valued input from our sponsors and supporters for these HUNTS courses – Stoney Creek, Go Native, Ampro, landowners who assist in various ways, Heli Resources and so many individuals who help make this all possible.

The Kids Swazi Shoot and Little 3 was also a highlight for the youngsters back in July so have a look through further through the newsletter for photos and results.

Stay safe out there folks – make sure you always identify your target beyond all doubt and enjoy that valuable time in the hills.

Cheers Maureen

Junior's HUNTS Course - 2022

This course has been run over a different format to our regular course and had been tailored to suit the group that was doing the course but also as a trial run for possible future courses that may be run along similar lines.

It has been great to see this group of youngsters really getting the benefits from the course and helping to further cement their passion for the great outdoors and hunting as a recreation that will be with them always.

With a weekend at the clubrooms all done and dusted doing a range of 'classroom' topics and time on the range, it was then time to head away into



the hills for a weekend where the team covered another whole array of topics – bush craft, game animals species, hunting techniques, knowledge on weather, gear selection, taking a goat, field dressing it, butchery and finished off with a visit to a skin tannery on the way home. That same group of youngsters are now in the process of finishing off their course with their 1 on 1 mentored deerstalking trip in to the hills.



Top: Details of trainees on the rifle range:

Centre:
Zev dealing to some clays on the range:

Bottom:
Group of trainees that went away for the Bushcraft weekend.



The weekends in the hills have been very productive as these photos show. So much learning, the field dressing skills were put to great use, the butchery went off without even a cut or a nick of a finger (great success rate there!!!) and the gear all worked out well too.



Clockwise from Top: Amelia doing the hard yards; Amelia, Kade and Will all loaded up ready to go with mentor Mathew; McKenna with her fallow on the final weekend after many miles on foot; Peter Thompson showing Elliott, Bianca and Zev the finer points of getting the most out of your butchery skills.

Annual Dinner and Prizegiving – Friday 9th Sept

Don't miss what will be an excellent night out – **Mark and Vanessa Walker** will be our guests for the night and Mark will be sharing with us the adventures that he has had on a recent trip back to Zambia late last year.

Part of the trip was for a trophy hunt and the rest of the trip was focused on being part of the local villages. Life in these places was very humbling to be part of and so much can be learnt....and ultimately shared with us all.

Liz has drawn up a fantastic menu for the evening and preparations are well afoot to make sure that the

night is a real success and so worthy of celebrating the year that has been and the results that have been attained by a wide range of members.

If you want tickets for the dinner, please make sure you get hold of a committee member straight away to make sure you do not miss out.

Tickets will also be available at Club Night tomorrow night.

Tickets are \$35.00 for Adults and \$17.50 for those 12 years and under.

Start time is 6.30pm



Motutapere Hut.....

An upgrade on the decking at the hut, putting in a new outdoors seat, adding extra guttering for water collection and other jobs are about to take place up at this hut. Materials were due to fly last week but the weather gods had other ideas so fingers crossed it can happen this coming week.

Huge thanks to Mike, Wayne and the 'A Team' for the work being done up there. Special thanks also to those who have been up there over recent weeks and topped up the bait stations and made sure the hut is clean and tidy.

While the Kauritatahi Hut track is impassible, there are no problems getting up to this Motutapere hut so feel free to roll on up there, enjoy an overnighter, go for a hunt, relax or just spend time with family and friends. If anyone needs any info on how to get up there, just touch base with Mike Cook on 027 4741112 or other committee members.



President's Report – from the AGM 2022

Good evening everyone and welcome along to the Annual Meeting and one that marks the 65th year since this Branch started.

Many other branches have been going for considerably longer than this however the 'Hunters from the Valley' had been regular attendees at Waikato NZDA Branch events for several years until a series of things late one cold wet winters night back in 1956 changed all of that. A flat tyre on the way home and a speeding ticket was the final straw and our branch here in the Thames Valley was born.



This photo is part of the collection at the NZDA Heritage Trust

Much has changed since those times but what is so humbling for me to see is that those early values, the dedication to family and an overarching willingness to make things happen are still absolutely to the fore in our club and branch to this day.

We would not have what exists today had it not been for the commitment and dedication of those early and founding members of TVDA. Huge kudos must also be extended to those that have joined the branch and been so instrumental in change and development since those formative meetings. There are also too many to name and for risk of offending I will shy away from mentioning people in person but each and every one of us knows of people and families who have been absolute mainstays of this branch – and on behalf of the members past and present; please accept

this heartfelt thank you for all your invaluable contributions. Moving to the more recent times, the same dedication from members prevails so these same appreciations and humble thanks are extended to you as well because without new members, new ideas and a willingness to make things happen; clubs and organisations fade away. TVDA is certainly not doing that at all.

This last financial year we tipped the 500 mark on membership numbers which also includes family members as well – this is great to see and a really strong indication of just what TVDA has to offer on so many fronts. It is extremely satisfying but also humbling for me to see the way that our members and sporting sectors all work so well together and I see this happening long into the future.

Despite the hiccups that have been happening worldwide and here in NZ over the last two years – TVDA has very successfully managed to continue pretty much 'business as usual'. There have been a few variations to things and some events have been cancelled but the morale and the support within the club and the members has been resolute. Thank you all so much for this ongoing camaraderie and support – you really do all deserve a pat on the back for your efforts and ability to see that all things sort themselves out in time. Having to cancel the two major sporting clay shoots were hard decisions that needed to be made but we did this for the benefit of the club, the shooters and the wider community that we have here. They would have also been very good fundraisers for the club and so would our annual docking work but due to the resilience of the membership, the prudent financial management of the club and committee; we have been able to withstand these financial challenges and we embrace the chance to undertake these events in the coming months.

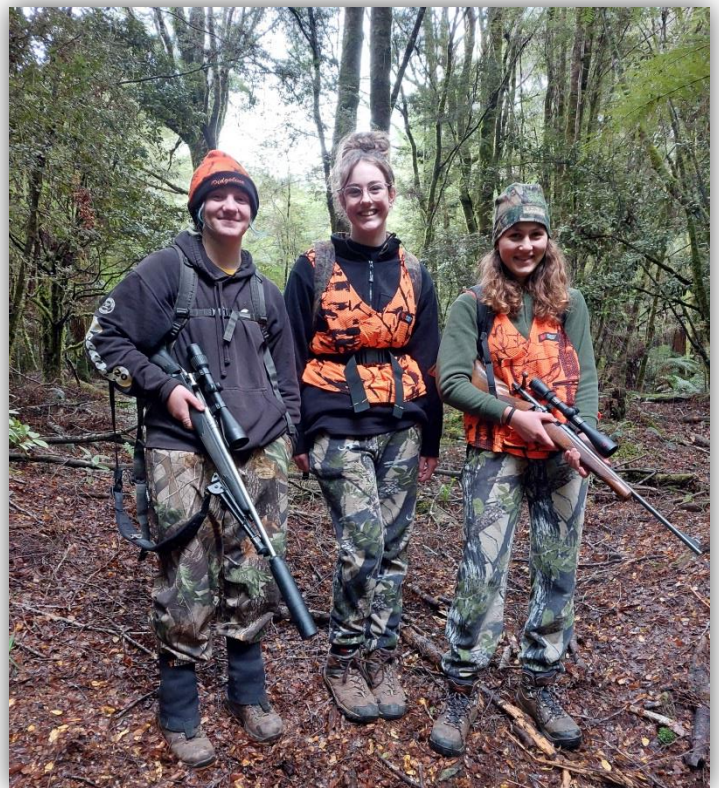
The saying that every cloud has a silver lining has been very much to the fore here over the last couple of years – due to the lockdown restrictions, varying levels and colours being bandied around TVDA has taken on board the challenges of making things happen where and whenever possible and this really has

provided more opportunities for us to utilise in the future. Our cup is definitely one that is half full – not half empty and long may that continue.

We will all be very aware of the latest topic on the Police Agenda with regards to registration of shooting clubs and ranges – but more to the point; the ridiculous discussion document that we were presented with a few weeks back and asked to make submissions on it. Massive thanks to everyone who made the effort; said it like they saw it and gave the NZ Police the much needed ‘advice’ on how this process should be made so much more workable. We are still to hear the final outcome on whether there will be changes or not but it will be a very sad day if they endeavour to proceed with preventing and denying the youth of today with the opportunity to use firearms safely on certified ranges. Education, support and positive mentoring are key aspects to developing leaders in our midst and what I see so often on our ranges and with those that are members of shooting clubs – there is a very bright future. That flame cannot be extinguished by poorly worded legislation and ideals that have been compiled by those that do not have the ability to see the forest for the trees.

HUNTS was again a highlight for the branch in 2021 and despite the challenges with lockdowns and work constraints; the course started, stopped, started, paused and finally finished off with a couple of excellent trips into the hills. Thank you so much to the trainees, the instructors, the mentors and the landowners who all helped to make this happen.

Junior events – and particularly the Kids Survival Camp was a thriving success this year and not least of all because we needed to work and think outside the square and it came up trumps. The team that worked quietly behind the scenes to make this all happen – thank you all so much, it was a fantastic effort. During the camp there was so much positivity, the laughter and the kids beaming with excitement from daylight to dark is what it’s all about and long may this continue. Mike – you’re legendary with the generations of kids that you have shared this camp with and it is such a delight for this work to still be happening and for the baton to be shared with others to help with the day to day running of the camp – and for the kids of today to be enjoying their time as they do. Huge thanks to you all for making TVDA Survival Camps what they are – they really are iconic in this day and age.



Our range events that span archery, shotguns and rifles have continued and going from strength to strength – both on the sporting and the social side of things which has been pivotal in making 2021 the success that it has been. Seeing families joining in with what is happening, kids taking part in events right across the activities and all sitting down together and enjoying a shared lunch or BBQ together afterwards is awesome to see. Once again these events and opportunities do not just happen; there is planning, hard work, more planning and often changing plans right up to the last minute but they happen and there are smiles – thank you all so much and keep up the great work team.

Hunting has really seen a big upturn in recent times and I feel this has been spurred on from a number of fronts – but ultimately we all have a key part to play in helping to promote the health and conservation aspects of hunting; the valued recreational opportunities that it provides while putting food on the table and all the time helping to support and encourage new hunters from all walks of life – regardless of age or back grounds. The most important thing to always remember though is that each and every one of us is a mentor and role model to someone so keep up the great work with making sure that those people always

have good role models in TVDA to look up to. Thanks heaps for the great work that you are all doing – this is also a key aspect as to why our membership is growing like it is.

Conservation work over the year has continued ticking over and the results have been great. The huts in the Kaimais have been worked on, the traps lines that we monitor have doubled in number and there are members rotating this work amongst them and sharing the load. This work has not gone unnoticed further afield either and there is potentially a number of other options in the Whirinaki that we are looking at that could well support conservation but be key hunting opportunities as well.

TVDA has been a partner with Waikato and Te Awamutu NZDA Branches in developing a Hunter Assist Programme that will work alongside the Waikato Regional Council and facilitate branch members (from these three Waikato branches) being given access to private farms to undertake deer control work. There will be no fees for this and there is a process that needs to be followed for hunters and farmers alike to be involved but it will certainly open up doors for branch members.

Our constitution is also a key document on the Agenda for tonight that needs to be adopted for us to continue to meet our Incorporated Society Act requirements. This draft Constitution that is being tabled in tonight's AGM is one that has been developed through a template provided by NZDA and it has been worked on by your committee over the last 12 months. Essentially it is the same as the previous one but it does have some updates and terminology changes to bring it 'up to date'.



Over the first half of last year we continued to work diligently on getting the retrospective Land Use Consent for our property approved as most of you will be aware of. The final advice from Council came on 18 October 2021 to say that they had Granted the Land Use Consent for our Ranges, Activities and the Clubrooms. This was a long and drawn out process but it was one that had to be done. We had to dig our toes in at times and with fantastic support from both within and outside of the club committee; TVDA now has a complex that is fully legislated within the RMA. It essentially always was but for the lack of a piece of paper....but that is for another day!!!

Thank you to the committee and our neighbouring landowners – your wonderful support throughout the year has been so appreciated and it's great to be able to have a catch up over the fence with the neighbours, help out where we can and continue to foster the excellent relationship that we have. To the committee and members who have been so willing and supportive with your time over the last 12 months – the club and all the members owe you a massive vote of thanks. Clubs do not survive or progress on thin air but input, dedication and hard work. Things over the last year have been scuttled at times due to Covid but this has never dampened the enthusiasm or support.

Before close this off; my 15th Presidents Report, I have to say a very special thankyou once again to the committee of 2021 and it has been so heartening to have new members being co-opted on during the year. The youth and new ideas that come with these changes are refreshing and positive and I welcome anyone who is keen to be part of this committee to put their hands up or to come along to meetings and find out a bit more about it. There is no pressure to become a committee member nor do you make the decision here tonight. The door is always open, the reception welcoming and future of TVDA is a very bright one.

Many other clubs and organisations in general round the Country 'closed up shop' during these challenges we've all faced over the last couple of years; others had definite splits within the ranks but not here at TVDA – we grabbed this by the scruff of the neck and made it happen so well done to the team of 500+; Im so proud of you all.

Shooting Clubs and Ranges submissions

Massive thanks to everyone who made submissions on this.

Special thanks also to Liz and Amelia for helping out with delicious catering for the Anzac afternoon session. Huge thanks also to Brian Neilson for chasing up on submissions and helping a number of people at the open days and beyond.

The decision to still hold the open days/evenings proved invaluable - over 70 submissions were handed in from these sessions alone and many others came up to find out more info and pick up the forms etc

Conservatively I had said well over 200 submissions will have gone in from TVDA and the wider catchment of TVDA but the more I hear and see from members and others locally, that number I would suggest is closer to, or over 300 now

A massive thanks must go out to all the people involved helping Maureen up at the club, helping the members to fill out their submissions. A special mention must go out to Maureen, our club President for driving this whole process from Go to Whoa.

A huge effort, and much appreciated.

Black Powder Club Day shoots.

As several members are already black powder club members (at various places) and other members have black powder firearms but do not shoot them on a range, we have added a Black Powder Club day to our calendar.



So.....keep an eye

on the calendar and see when these Black Powder club days are and if you have a trusty musket in the gun safe or you are keen to come along and see how this style of shooting from an earlier era happens, then come along and have a watch.



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Docking at Panekiri

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

This annual fundraiser starts on Friday 7th of October so this date is rolling around quickly

This year we are starting a wee bit earlier (the end of the first week in the school holidays) so this will mean that for all those kids and teenagers who are keen to come down – it will be more user friendly with your school terms.

It is envisaged that we will be finished approx. Saturday or Sunday the following week.

With good numbers of dockers to fill up the two crews for the 8-9 days, we should have it all but finished in that time.

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.

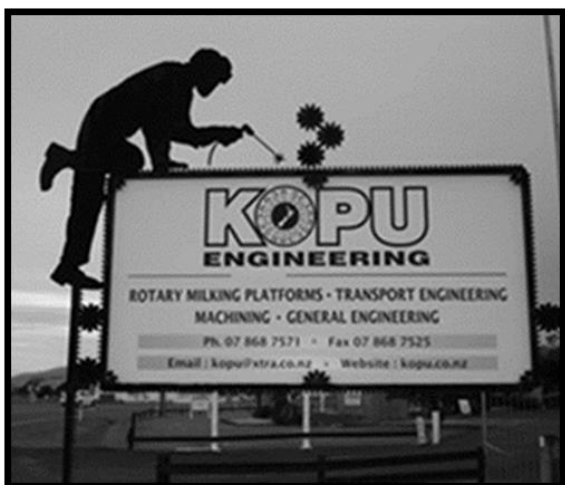
Essentially so long as the weather is ok – WE DOCK LAMBS and the more fine days we have the quicker we get through the job.

Huge thanks to those who have put their names down so far, or made contact – it really is so appreciated.



You don't need to have had experience docking lambs before – it's a case of many hands make light work and with everyone chipping in to help it certainly makes for a real social atmosphere and a great way to help out on both fronts – as an excellent club fundraiser and also helping the team down on the Station.

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. The meals and food are all provided by the club. Car pooling and transport can also be arranged if need be.



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

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- Once you have installed either of the above, open via the app or click open.



- When in the app, you will need to register with your membership details and this will then enable you to access the app and make the most of your membership discounts.
- This does not replace the benefits that you can still get by presenting your membership card when shopping at the various sponsor outlets – it is another means of getting your discounts. You can still produce your card or add your membership number and get the benefits that you are entitled to as part of your NZDA Membership.

MORE Hunts and Events.....

Please pencil these dates in and make sure you keep an eye on the next newsletter for more details

Docking at Panekiri

Confirmed: Friday the 7th to Sunday the 16th of October

Please see the other details through this newsletter

There are no age barriers on who can attend – everyone is most welcome and you do not need to have any prior experience.

Contact: Maureen Coleman a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or text 027 3337786

Confirmed

Te Urewera Spring - Fly In Trip

This is Booked and confirmed for 8th – 11th of December
Huts/Blocks booked are Right Branch ,Ngahirimai,
Takarua, Duckville and Casino

Contact: Brian Neilson 0278910958
Or email: brianneilson@xtra.co.nz

Confirmed

Stewart Island Club Trips/Blocks for 2023

Fred's Camp has been booked for a double period from 23rd March to 11th Of April.

The neighbouring Freshwater block has been booked for the 2nd of April To the 11th of April

This will enable good hunting and camping on the flats between the blocks. There is good boat/dinghy and water taxi access to this area as well.

Plenty of fishing available as well and with the bookings like this, it will enable more flexibility for those going on the trip.

Contact Person: Maureen Coleman 027 3337786 a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

Confirmed
23rd March to
11th April 2023

Auckland Anniversary Weekend Club Hunt January 2023

Pureora Forest – CLUB HUNTING TRIP – FAMILY TRIP AWAY

Dates: Thursday night 26th January to Monday 30th January 2023

Where: Pureora Forest Park

Accommodation: We are booked into the Pureora Forest Park Lodge (this is a Lion's run facility and it's awesome)

Hunting: Red deer and Pigs

Info: This is an excellent area for red deer. A 1080 drop has taken place down there in July but come January it is anticipated that it will be fine to hunt that area. This is especially in light of all the rain that has fallen over the last couple of months.

Or: this is a great place just to bring the family away for the weekend, go tramping, biking or just chilling out with friends.

Access: Drive right to the door so take as much or as little gear as you want. Take the pushbikes too if you want....

What else: Power, hot showers, heating, drying room for wet/damp gear, awesome kitchen and dining room areas, tons of space, bunkrooms and comfy mattresses

Prices: Adults \$20.00 pp per night - Under 17 \$10.00 pp per night

Food: Approx \$30.00 per person for the trip (provided by the club)

Contact: Maureen on a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 3337786

Website: www.pureoraforestlodge.org.nz



Stumpy`s Tales

‘Snow the Record Breaker’

Horrie decided to go into the possum trapping game, so he obtained a permit from the forestry for a block up in the mountains.

Horrie liked home comforts, so he built a hut on his block, bringing in materials by packhorse. This was not easy. The trail into that block was steep in the extreme; all the way from the valley bottom bush edge , it was tough on man and horses.

When Horrie built a hut he built a beaut. It had a concrete floor, iron roof and sheet metal walls. But Horrie really DID like his home comforts, he wanted to take in a double bed, so that mum would cook for him and keep him warm on those cold winter nights.

Horrie had an old double wire wove, but he couldn`t pull it down for transport so he had a problem. He figured he could load it onto a quiet packhorse and the track was wide enough to allow its passing, but was there a horse available with the tolerance to accept this load ?

Horrie wandered down to the village horse paddock to look over the mob. The only horse that would take this double wire wove was old Snow.

Snow originally pure white, but now grey with age, was ancient for a horse, well past 25 years . He was famous for his packing exploits. He had been in retirement for the past few years, but he had packed out more venison, skins, tucker, timber, iron, tools, awkward loads, than any other horse in the valley.

Snow was docile, quiet, friendly, co-operative and slow.



Yes Horrie figured to take Snow out of retirement for one more load, the double wire wove.

Horrie , loading Snow the next day, had quite an audience. We all went down to watch.

Horrie threw on the packsaddle and on each side lashed a bale of hay on the hooks to form a base for the load to clear Snow`s rump and neck. Then he loaded the wire wove on top of the hay, horizontal, fore and aft, cinching it down with a cirsingle.

Snow walked out into the scrub, behind Horrie`s saddlehorse, looking like an aircraft carrier in a heavy sea, head down, ears flat back in humiliated disgust, at the indignity and ridicule being heaped upon him. Snow was not happy at all coming out of retirement for this !

All went well for an hour and a half, when high on a razorback ridge, a precipitous part of the track, Snow was climbing manfully when he struck a section that Horrie hadn`t checked for clearance.

Two tawa trees grew, one either side of the track and no way would the bed pass in between, nor could Snow manouver off the track.

The inevitable happened. As Snow lunged up the grade, the wire wove head struck the trees, slid up the smooth bark, and lifted his front feet off the ground toppling him straight over backwards. Snow landed on top of the load, breaking both head board and foot board neatly in the middle.

Snow got to his feet, the broken wire wove now hanging down each flank hinged only by its wire.

Snow had had enough ! he turned and headed back to retirement, and nothing Horrie could do would stop him.

He came out of that bush track like a bullet and when he struck the open going near home, with that flapping wire wove he looked like a butterfly !

The townsfolk looked in wonder as Snow passed through at a flat gallop, Horrie flogging the saddle horse half a mile behind.

Snow stopped at the horse paddock gate and never moved while they unloaded the bed, hay and pack saddle. Then he went quietly back into retirement.

And he deserved it too ; to everybody's amazement, ancient and slow as he was, loaded and out of condition, long in retirement, Snow, that great and famous old horse, had just broken the record from bush edge to paddock gate by 2 minutes !



TVDA Kids proudly showing off their prowess on the range after having all taken part in the Annual Kids SWAZI Shoot. Mega thanks to Davey and all the team at Swazi for this outstanding support for our branches and our budding shooters of the future.

New Zealand Firearms Licence *Application Form*

Firearms Licence RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

New Arms officers have started and are really helping to make a difference in getting licence applications processed.

'please still make sure everyone that you all check your firearms licence expiry date and make sure that you get your RENEWAL APPLICATIONS lodged at least 12 months in advance of it expiring'.

Due to the new Firearms Licence laws, if your firearms licence expires BEFORE you get your NEW LICENCE issued to you, you will have to surrender your firearms until such time as the new licence is processed and in your hands.

This is still the case however Police do have extra staff working on the re-licencing process.

What has also come to light in recent days is that a directive has been given by Police HQ to Arms office staff, that effectively they are now working as a 'business unit' so almost all staff are only working 'normal business hours'.

This is a major issue with getting interviews and visits done – even more so for the referees. I was told that if someone wants a licence then they will make the time available.....but what about the referee/s, they are not the one wanting the licence but are all treated the same. They are expected to take annual leave to be at the specific location at a predetermined time.

Maureen is in the process of writing to Police and the Minister about this at present as this is yet another direct manner in making it so much more difficult for legal firearms owners to get or keep their licences.

RANGE USE

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

- **BARRIER AT THE GATE WAY must be across the driveway....** (as shown in the photo below)

AND the

- **FLAG ON THE FLATPOLE AT THE 100m shooting mound MUST BE PUT UP.**



Range Use Considerations

It has been brought up at a committee meeting that a couple of people have commented about some of the shooting on our range that happened over the Christmas/ New Year period. I know this was several months ago but things like this often take a while to come out of the woodwork.

On Boxing day in particular last year, shooters were up at the range and shooting centrefires at 6.00am.

We will be reviewing times as part of our new Range Standing Orders and the new Range Registration process once we have all the details finalised by Police however in the meantime, from a respect aspect, if people could plan their forays to the range on the likes of Christmas day, Boxing Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day to have a bit later start please.

Anzac day in general that has always has a rule 'be the written or unwritten' depending on what you are doing, that sporting activities do not take place until after midday.

With the land use consent that we had granted a few months back, we are consented to shoot from 7.00am, but on days such as above please use some common respect about what time you go up to use the range if you have to.



It must be stressed again that there has been NO COMPLAINT made and this has nothing to do with the neighbouring subdivision.

WANTED.....

Maureen has received this note below if anyone is able to help.....

Hi its me and yes Im still alive and shooting. I was reading one of your newsletters online. Im wanting to buy some 32/20 brass and some .222 brass please. Do any of your members have any for sale....or better for free that I can reload?

Some may remember, Rhett is a quadriplegic Maureen helped back into shooting about 10 years ago. It's fantastic to see that he is back shooting again and obviously really enjoying it. Keep up the great work Rhett

Many thanks

Rhett Brown
027 316 4772 or rdwbrown3@gmail.com

Trap Line Updates and catch results

WANTED



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

It's great having a really keen and dedicated Pool of members out there helping with the various trap lines that we have in place.

The most recent Trap line to come 'on stream' is the one in the Karangahake Gorge on the Cycle way through the Waikino area.

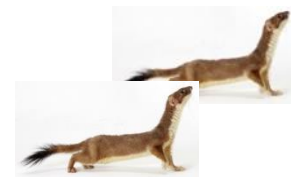
Kade and the team are looking after this one and it's already having an effect. So much so that the Hauraki Rail Trail team have now approached us to see if we'd be keen to assist with monitoring additional traps across the various sections of the Hauraki Rail Trail when they get the funding to purchase them.

Dennis Hayfield on 027 2211892 or Brian Neilson on 027 8910958

[Trap Catch details on the Coromandel Traps Lines .](#)

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

- 168 Stoats
- 118 Rats
- 123 Hedgehogs
- 3 Ferret
- 3 Mice
- 2 Birds.
- 7 Weasels



The Kauaeranga River Trap line is now being monitored by Brian (since April 2021) and the totals to date are:

- 9 Stoats
- 19 Weasels
- 231 Rats
- 2 Hedgehog
- 1 Mouse



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The Kauaeranga Billy Goat Track Trap - We've not been able to contact Hadleigh to get the up to date details for this trapline however, the details up to May are as follow:

Rats up to May = 98

Mice up to May = 3

Weasels up to May = 1

Another 'new line' has come on board at Miranda and this has also been yielding some excellent catch results. Given that the current K2K line has helped with seeing significant increases in the Royal Spoonbill tallies wading in the shallow (due to successful nesting outcomes), it will be great to add to this existing trap line and help removing these pesky little buggars on the new **Miranda Trapline**.



- 21 Stoats
- 20 Rats
- 4 Hedghogs
- 11 Mice



The last trap line to come on stream for us has been the section along the Hauraki Rail Trail – predominately through the **Waikino area**.

This trap line has taken a while to get the traps on the ground for various reasons but it has been a great seeding programme as there are many more planned along the rail trail in the coming months.

- 16 Rats
- 4 Stoats
- 2 Ferrets

Massive thanks to all the teams and helpers who undertake this work – your combined efforts are making a fantastic contribution to the overall wellbeing of our many species of native flora and fauna.



We would like to extend a hearty welcome to our new members who have joined since our last Newsletter.

*Josh Anderson
Reghardt Lewis and Family
Frik Vermeulen and Family
Blikkies Blignaut
Ryan Slade
Glenn Matheson and Family
Markus Snyman and Family
Adam Larsen
Stewart Bullock
Jay Dellar
Will Howcroft
Gary Hart
Nikita Hart
Michael Keightley
Shane Moffit
Travis Gunn and Family
Joel Hogan*



*David Papesch
Ian Bailey
Sam Wicketts
Francois Viljeon
Luke Curtis
Mahia Van Leeuwen
Emma Turner
Nathan Cryer and Family
Jason and Jackson Perrin
Ben Wayne and Family
Wayne Eyles
Taylor Kerr
Daniel Burns-Mawson
Mike rabbit
Sheryl Newton
Liam Rassie
Reuben Dodunski
Geoff Doman*



Mike's Famous – KIDS SURVIVAL CAMP 2023

Make sure you get your registrations in NOW

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

**Starting on Thursday 19th
January and**

**Finishing on Saturday 21st 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, 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 online using the Bank Account details on the Registration Form. Please use Surv Camp and your name as the references

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

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





Swamp Comp 2022

Now's the time when these pesky little killers are really foraging around for food and then it will be into the spring months when they really crank up to feed their young over the breeding season.

The Swamp Comp is an awesome way to reward

people for setting traps, nabbing these mustelids and helping to increase all bird populations – particularly those of our native species and ground nesting birds – ie ducks and pheasants etc.

All you have to do is cut off the tail, put it in the freezer in a zip lock bag and then hand them into Hunting and Fishing in November.

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

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

A bit more info about these little buggars.....

Some very quick bullet points and stats on mustelids in general here in NZ:

- They can and often do breed throughout the year and females often have two litters per year
- Each litter averages about 6-8 kits per litter
- Female kits are impregnated at approx. 10 days old (normally by their own father) while still in the nest, blind and suckling their mother
- Once these females reach approx. 3 months of age the pregnancy start to progress
- Gestation period is often as short as 5-6 weeks for mature females
- Kits are weaned at approx. 5 weeks and they hunt as a family for the new month
- Kits are then full time killing machines on their own from 8-10 weeks of age
- Kits will breed within their first year (approx. 6 months of age) and have full sized litters
- Mustelids usually consume about 25% of their own body weight in food per day
 - Weasels (the smallest of the mustelids) - this equates to a minimum of 1 small birds per day or a small rat per day
 - Stoats (the most common of the mustelids) – this equates to a minimum of 2-3 small birds per day or at least 1 full grown rat
 - Ferrets (the largest of the NZ mustelids) – they can weigh up to 1kg so this is a lot of birds.....and they will happily kill chooks, ducks, kiwi and anything else that they can catch on the ground or up in trees. These guys are absolute killing machines.
 - Females of all 3 species when close to giving birth will kill well in excess of her own body weight per day



Bowhunters Corner



Next club day is Sunday 11th of September 2022

AND

Club days are seeing some excellent turnouts of archers and new members and first time archers are coming along to see 'what this is all about'and getting hooked as well.

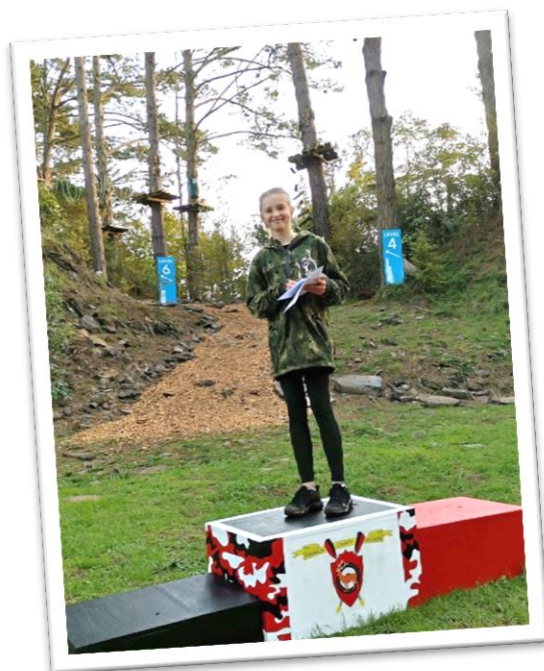
The next club day will have the normal start time of 8.30am and then it's great to all bring something along for the shared lunch afterwards. This is a great way to meet new members and archers that have not been in your squad and there is always something to learn from or share with others....



Below are some photos from the latest round of the Interclub Series held up at Massey – A great effort team and very well done.



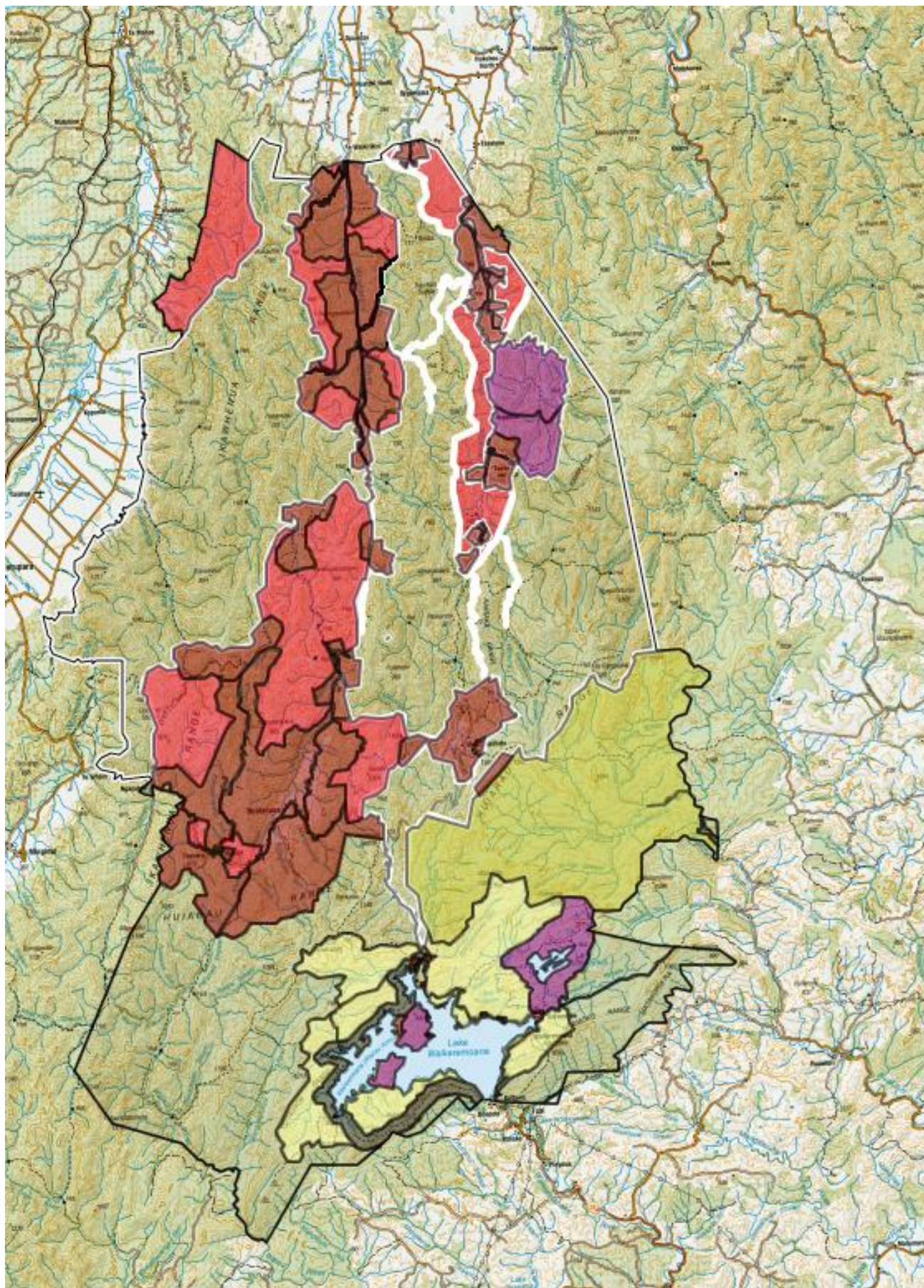
4 Years of patience and practice has finally paid off for Gary Julian.....



*Well done to you all
Team*

Just be mindful folks – when you get your next Ngai Tuhoe hunting permit for trips into Te Urewera, make sure you check the maps (via the link in the covering email) to make sure you know which areas are open for hunting and what is currently closed. This will change from time to time so please make sure you check before you head into the hills.

The red, brown and purple areas are currently “NO GO” for hunting.





The Mad Chef

'A snippet from the book'..... **Buying a Restaurant**

It was awfully romantic. Just the two of us nestled into a quiet cubicle, tenderly holding hands across the table and gazing wistfully into each other's eyes. The background music echoed the strains of some obscure classical melody while the waitress ghosted from table to table tending to the needs of those in her care. The lighting was subdued adding to the ambience of the quaint little cottage restaurant. We didn't speak. We didn't need to. Both locked into private thoughts we sat in silence absorbing the atmosphere and sounds that surrounded us. From far off in some dark recess in the bowels of the tiny restaurant floated the occasional whisperings of sounds that seemed to have no place in this tranquil little scenario. The crash of something dropped, the clatter of plates, the slamming of doors, a raised voice and the nagging squawk of a telephone. My eyes drifted to the source of the interruption. A large swing door emblazoned with the message, "private, Staff Only". Behind this door lay the kitchen and another world, a world of which very soon I was going to become part of.

We had just bought a restaurant. Neither of us had any experience running a restaurant but that seemed unimportant. As my eyes wandered through the tantalizing array of choices offered the discerning diner I felt the icy hand of fear firmly plant itself on the nape of my neck! Little beads of sweat misted the drained features of my face. I guess I was trembling because Karen gripped my hand firmly and she asked with more than a hint of concern in her voice, "'What is it? what's wrong?'"

"Can you cook?" I replied weakly, gazing forlornly at impressive sounding names that adorned the menu. "No".

"Shit! who the hell's going to do the cooking?"

Her laugh seemed genuine at the time but doubts have nagged at me ever since, "Don't worry, I will. I just need you to help out around the place and lend a little support, that's all!"

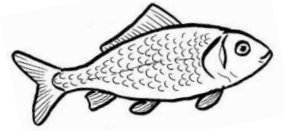
"That's all?"

The take over date was less than a month away so with the help of the previous owners we spent the next few weeks learning the ropes. Armed with her little blue note book, Karen learned all about where and how to order produce, what quantities to order, which dealers could be trusted, which dealers could not be trusted, which dealers would deliver and which of those dealers would try and chat her up if I wasn't there! She learned how to prepare all the desserts, make the sauces, prepare the vegetables, do the wages, file the GST returns and clean the vats. I made the coffee, opened an account with a local liquor store and took up smoking! It was at about this stage in the proceedings that my attempts to remain a sleeping partner were thwarted by a neat little side step, a sleight of hand that has left me wondering to this day whether it happened by design or accident. Karen was at the stove preparing meals for a table of diners under the watchful eye of then owner and chef Mike Holibar.

From memory I was passing the stove on the way to refill my wine glass when Karen stepped back, obstructing my intended flight path.

"You might as well learn how to cook these steaks Daryl!" A hurried "Just in case I get sick and you have to step in at short notice," was added when she saw the look of horror on my face. This then, was my introduction to restaurant cooking, two. days before opening night! My background in cuisine was to stand me in good stead over the following months; four years intensive training in the boy scouts and ten years of bachelorhood during which time I visited my friends on a rotational basis, five minutes before dinner time and then graciously accept their invitation to dine with them! I was to remain in this position in front of the stove for the entire duration of our stay in the restaurant.

SEAFOOD



I have chosen seafood to start with because over recent years more and more people have become switched on to the flexibility and high nutritional value of this food source. When cooking any seafood there is one golden rule to remember. Never over cook it. Fish should only be cooked until it changes colour and no more.

APPETIZERS AND ENTREES

OYSTER SOUP

- 2 doz oysters - chopped
- Nutmeg
- lemon juice
- 300m1 fish stock
- 600m1 milk
- salt/pepper
- 25g flour



Combine stock and milk in a saucepan and warm.
Thicken with flour made to a paste with a little milk.

Add oysters, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Allow to simmer gently for a further 5 minutes but do not reboil. Sprinkle with nutmeg prior to serving.



MUSSEL SOUP

As above but substitute oysters with mussels and add 1 tbsp of chilli sauce.

To a story of a different kind of hunting.

TVDA junior member Pia Rogers of Whangamata is hunting waves.....big waves and international ones at that too.

Pia's 2022 competitive surfing campaign began with the New Zealand surfing Nationals hosted in Westport in January. She won the Under 16 girls title, and finaled in the open women's section. The circuit then moved on to the North Island 'Grom' series of 3 events; Whangamata, Mount Maunganui, and Piha.

At this stage the family had to split the effort as Pia headed to Dunedin for the South Island Championships, Dad and youngest Beau were required in Raetihi for the roar. With amazing consistency Pia placed second in all four events after the Nationals.

With the results securely tucked away, Pia was now currently ranked 1st for Under 16 Girls and fourth for Open Women surfers in New Zealand.

As a result she was selected by New Zealand Surfing for the 12 person team to represent New Zealand at the 2022 World Junior Surfing Championships in El Salvador on 27th May to 5th June. 45 countries were represented at the event, with the best under 18 year old surfers from all around the world on show.

What an Awesome effort - out of 96 competitors in U16 division – Pia placed 37thand this was despite her and another one of the Kiwi team catching the 'local lurgy travel bug' and both of the girls and both ended up in hospital due to severe dehydration. Drips and medical helped managed them back to reasonable health but understandably being this sick and still fronting up and paddling out for the final heat to give it her best shot was an incredible achievement.

Such a wonderful result for a very gutsy young lady and so proud of your achievements Pia.





TVDA Anniversary Cup

100 Sporting Targets

Thames Valley District Championships

Sunday 6th November 2022

8.30am start

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