

Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

February 2018



Winning Team – Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot

L-R: Wayne Bennett with the winners:

Des Coe, Cooper Bennett, Gus Donnelly, Logan Clark

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

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Club Events Calendar

February

Sunday	25	3 rd Round of Running Boar AND Johansen Iron Sights
Wednesday	28	Club Night Rod Carpinter (Meth Presentation)

March

Thursday	1	Final night of TWILIGHT SHOOTING
Wednesday	7	Working Bee – see further details in the newsletter
Sunday	11	Bowhunters Club Day
Tuesday	13	Private use during the day only
Wednesday	14	Private use during the day only
Wednesday	14	Committee Night
Thursday	15	Private use during the day only
Friday	16	Private use during the day only
Sunday	18	Working bee to drop trees and do firewood
Saturday	24	Kids Club Trip
Sunday	25	Kids Club Trip
Sunday	25	Round 2 – Kiwi 3D at Massey
Wednesday	28	Club Night

April

Tuesday	3	Private use during the day only
Wednesday	4	Private use during the day only
Thursday	5	Private use during the day only
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Night
Sunday	15	F&G Duckshooters 60 bird Eyeopener shoot
Wednesday	25	Club Night
Sunday	29	Kiwi 3D – Interclub Archery Event at TVDA

Presidents Report.....

As the club year draws to a close (end of February) it is time to welcome in another busy and exciting year at TVDA with all the things that we offer to the membership and the wider community as well.

As a branch of NZDA we are quite unique to be perfectly honest and that is not an understatement. It is also a situation that simply would not be possible without the ongoing help and support from particularly the committee members, range officers, helpers, sponsors, supporters, those that assist at working bees, doing odd jobs behind the scenes, club events and of course, the wider membership of the branch in general.

To summarise some of the key areas that set us apart from many others:

- We own our own property with fabulous clubrooms and facilities
- Our multi use shooting ranges are all fully certified and signed off with RSO's
- Access to the shooting ranges is not constrained by external requirements
- We are the only NZDA branch that is also affiliated to NZ Clay Target Assn
- Archery and associated events a key component of our club activities
- Kids Survival Camp is a 'must have' each year
- Upgrades are regularly happening – watch this space....
- We are one of the largest clubs in the country – 5th in size I understand
- Club activities are provided for all members
- HUNTS courses are provided each year
- Local Fish and Game Assn call TVDA their 'home' and rightly so
- We have a range of varied funding avenues
 - Docking lambs
 - Large scale clay target shooting events
 - Corporate events
 - Use of the property as a training venue
 - New initiatives that come along
- Kids and Junior events – Swazi shoot, Little 3 Comp, Junior trophies etc
-and so the list could continue; but

Most importantly – we are so fortunate to have such an amazing group of core members to so generously help out where and when they can. It is these people that make such a difference on every front and we quite simply could not offer nor provide the opportunities that we do without their fantastic contributions. Thankyou one and all to those people for the massive contributions you make on so many fronts.

The new 'club year' is about to begin on 1 March so let's keep the ball rolling.

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

Maureen

Club Night

Wednesday 28th February

Start Time: 7.30pm - Supper afterwards

Methamphetamine

Meth, P, Ice – call this crap and it's other drug 'buddies' whatever you like but bottom line is, we all need to be more aware of this scourge in our community and this club night is a place to get that info.



**INTEGRATED
SAFETY RESPONSE**

Operations Manager, Rod Carpinter of the NZ Polices' Integrated Safety Repsonse Team has kindly offered to come over and present at our February Club Night so

please make sure you come along. Scott Neilson did an awesome presentation of a similar nature about 3 years ago and this is an excellent and very timely compliment to his extremely well received club night.

Several of us have been on the receiving end of burglaries over recent months – most of this will be driven from the Meth users and dealers in our wider communities; there are no if's and but's about it. It's not just Meth either that is a real threat on this front – there are a range of other drug related threats both here and on the horizon so get well informed by those who are working at the coalface for the betterment of us all.

We can; and ALL NEED TO take a stand to help the police in the fight against this shit and it's crimeway sprees (and I make no bones about it).

Rod did a presentation to us at work and it was extremely interesting and very well presented so you will miss this at your own peril folks. This is also NOT just an adults club night; it would be great to see plenty of younger members there as well because we all need to take a stand on issues such as this.

Free to a good home....

**A microwave in good working order if you want or need one.
Can be collected from the clubrooms on club night.**

***Please phone or email Maureen if you are interested -
027 3337786 or a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz***

Congratulations

Ranginui Te Moananui

Success for Thames Valley 2017 HUNTS graduate and two time attender at docking at Panekiri.

After being scouted in late 2017, Ranginui recently left Paeroa and joined the Southern Districts Rugby Union club near Cronulla, Sydney for the under 21 colt's competition.

Although he is not at this stage a paid professional rugby player for the club, there are good prospects, dependent upon performance. He is provided with accommodation, gear and assistance with employment.

In December 2017 he was a member of the history making Paeroa College champion winning national secondary schools mixed touch team that won in Auckland. The Ma'a Nonu of the backline! We wish Ranginui every success.

Good Luck Rangi from us all here at TVDA and we look forward to hearing how it goes and seeing you scoring tries.....in kiwi colours in the future!!



Working bees

**Wednesday evening – 7th March (5pm onwards) &
Sunday 18th March (8am onwards)**

The first of these working bees (Wednesday 7th) will be to get general jobs caught up on – ie spraying, planting, preparing the 100m shooting area for concreting.

The following one (Sunday 18th) is set aside for the major job of dropping the line pine trees that run parallel to our 'rabbit run' for the clay target shoots, getting them all cleaned up, ringed up for firewood and the heads and branches all burnt in the one day.

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Part of this area is set aside for a project as part of our property upgrade so getting this all done and tidied up before the 'real wet' of winter arrives will be great.

There will be plenty of FREE firewood for those that come along to help.



- To Andrew and the team, at Kopu Engineering for the excellent upgrade on our chiller trailer. It was all up and running for the Kid's Survival Camp and worked superbly for our meat prizes at the recent Maureen Bennett Shoot. Great work thanks guys.
- Brian for installing shelves in the store room
- John for weedspraying and odd jobs around the clubrooms
- Wizz and Henry for their work and upgrades in the clubrooms
- Karen for setting out the Eftpos system
- Property and Project group for getting the ball rolling on property upgrades
- Tony for running another season of Twilight Shooting
- Mike and Clem for helping out on so many jobs
- Clean-up crew after the shoot
- Tony, Nigel, Jack, George, Henry, Wayne, Gus and helpers for set up work for the shoot
- To all those people who did such an awesome job on the day with making sure that the Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot went off so well – I am going to be brave and add names here but please forgive me if I have missed a name or two – it is certainly not intentional..... George, Henry, Tony, Warren, Jack, Ken, Brian, Jos, Mike Deane, Bill, Paula, Karen, Clem, Nigel, Mike Wade, Ashleigh, Lyn Stewart, Mike Keys, Keven.

The weather FORECAST did reduce the number of shooters but we still had 90 entries on the day so that is a fantastic effort.

This is certainly attributed to the high regard and reputation we have for putting on events such as this that are 'there for all levels of shooters' and also the superb way the shooters are treated over all. Shooters know that we offer excellent targets, great food, shooters being driven to the start of their fields, fabulous prizes, wonderful hospitality - You all make our events the REAL DEAL so thank you so much everyone.





Wanted:

PIG WEIGHTS



At the moment I could easily fit all the pig weights from the year onto a cigarette paper so let's do something about this please guys.

There is a trophy for the heaviest pig taken through the year and I need a name to put on that please

BUT WEIGHT THERE IS MORE

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

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

Post them to: TVDA P O Box 206, Paeroa

HUNTS COURSE - 2018

The committee has confirmed that we will again be running a HUNTS course this year. It is anticipated that the course will run from August – October but it is essential that we get names and numbers in early for funding purposes so please contact Maureen if you want more details or wish to book in for the course.

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

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

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

To get the maximum benefit from the course, you will need to be committed to learning all that is on offer, be prepared to partake in all activities, come along with an open mind, have respect for other participants/instructors and have a good sense of humour. If this is you and you want to learn all that the excellent HUNTS courses have to offer – please get in touch now a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or 027 3337786

Upcoming Range and Shooting events

THIS WEEKEND



3rd & Final Round of the Running Boar AND

Jim Johansen Iron Sights Shoot - Sunday 25th Feb



Running Boar: (Sunday 25th Feb)

- 50m moving target event
- 10 scoring shots at slow speed - (+ 2 sighters)
- 10 scoring shots at fast speed - (+ 2 sighters)
- Great day for everyone and anyone to have a go at
- \$5.00 range fee p/p or \$10.00 per family
- Start time 9.30am (lunch on the day like normal at events)

AND



Jim Johansen's Iron Sights Shoot: (Sunday 25th Feb)

- Open Sights centre fire rifles only (except for Juniors)
- Juniors can use Open Sights .22's
- 10 shots from prone position at 100m
- 12 rounds of ammo maximum (sighters can be kept)
- If you don't own an open sights rifle, please contact Maureen before the event to organise a rifle



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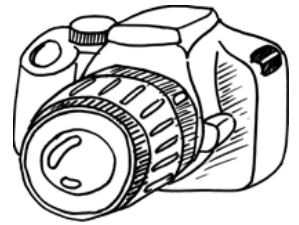
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Photo competitions



All photos for the competitions (with the exception of the Holten entries) must be no larger than 7 x 5. They can be smaller but must not exceed this size to be eligible.

The entrant must have been a financial member of TVDA at the time they took the photo. Entries are not to be taken from any form of vehicle – be that boat, plane, car etc. Similarly, photos of game animals taken behind the wire are also not allowed. Wild animals that have no barrier (ie deer fence) restricting them to where the photo is taken are fine.

All photos must be taken in NZ with the exception of the Flynn Trophy which is open to any topic that has a 'hunting or wildlife flavour' and can be taken anywhere in the world. The human interest title for this does NOT mean that it has to have a person in the photo.

Best Colour Print

As it states – best colour print. This can be of any topic that is hunting related – ie a scenic photos while out hunting or in the back country, a sunset, animals, plants, huts etc.

Stalking Interest Cup

This photos can be colour or black and white and is to be taken while on a hunt however it does not have to have animals in it. Stalking interest can have shot animals in it but it is recommended that photos avoid too much blood and show the animal in a respectful manner. This section can also have photos of hunting mates in it, places you have been or things that you come across when out on the hunt. It does not have to be in the bush.

Wildlife Cup

This section can also be colour or black and white and must show Wild Life of some manner – and preferably when out in the wild. It can be game animals, insects, mammals, birds etc – so long as they are alive and in their natural state.

Best Black and White Print

As it states – photos must be black and white – not sepia or any other colour in them. This can be of any topic that is hunting related – ie a scenic photos while out hunting or in the back country, animals, plants, huts, silhouettes, relics etc.

Human Interest (Flynn Trophy)

Pretty much 'anything goes' but the photos must still be no more than 7 x 5 and it can be taken overseas, taken from a vehicle, have people in it OR NOT (remember just because it says Human Interest, it does NOT have to have people in it). Juniors can also enter this competition but if the photos are taken outside of NZ or the NZDA criteria, the photo can only apply to this section and not the Junior section.

Monarch of the Glen (Group of 3 photos)

This category can have any range of photos that come under the above topics but it is good to have them related in some manner – ie all animals, three different stages of the trip, scenic photos, trophies etc- the options are endless really BUT AT LEAST ONE PHOTO MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE NORTH ISLAND

Holten Trophy (Framed Photo – any size)

This photo section was designed to encourage people to get those special photos enlarged and framed (or printed on a block or corrugated iron etc) and be put on the wall as an ongoing reminder of that special trip, a beautiful view, a group of mates or just simply a shot that really captured the moment.

Best Junior Photo

Any of the categories above (except the Flynn Trophy because it falls outside the NZDA photo rules) are applicable and so long as the person taking the photo is a Junior and a member at the time the photo is taken, it is eligible. Get clicking guys – you really have got so many options here.

Merit Trophy

This category is for the best photo taken by someone who is a first time entrant (and not won anything else in this year's competition) or a previous entrant but has not been a section winner in any TVDA photo competitions for the last 5 years.

When Entering for the competition, can you please take care to do the following:

1. Do NOT write on the back of the photos. It is not a problem to write a number on a white sticker and place that on the back of the photo to identify it or you can name the photo 'ie Days end, Not far to go now, You never know what's around the corner.....etc'. Please do not write your name on the photo.
2. If you are using the same photo in more than one category, can you please supply a separate photo for each category. This certainly make the judges job so much easier and also for Dennis when he is categorising them into their groups.
3. A good idea is to have a sheet of paper with the number of the photo (that's written on the sticker attached to the back of the photo) and the category you wish for it to go in please. Often Dennis just gets handed an envelope with photos in it – no numbers, no details, no category or any other details but they do usually have the person's name written directly onto the photo which always comes through onto the printed side. Not only is this unnecessary work for Dennis but it spoils the photo as well.
4. Photos must be to Dennis Hayfield by **Friday 11th May**. These can be dropped off, posted or couriered to Dennis at 39 Centennial Avenue, Te Aroha 3320 or they can be given to him at club night, committee night or club events between now and 11th May
5. There is NO CHARGE to enter the photos and you are free to enter as many photos as you wish. It is always so neat to see the awesome places that people have been, the topics that are captured in the photos and just how different people often see the same subject.
6. Photos must have been taken since the close off of the last photo competition - that being 12 May 2017.

A True Legend of a Pighunter - By Wayne Bennett

I first met Dickie when I was just a kid – I was 12 years old. Dickie on the other hand worked at the Wharepoa Dairy Factory. How so many things have changed over the 60 years that we have hunted together around the wider Coromandel area but one thing remains the same – Dickie is an all-round top mate and a legend of a pig hunter.

I would also go as far as to say that Dickie would have caught more pigs than most hunters in the Coromandel over the years as well – and that is despite him not having lived all his life there!!!

Dickie hadn't always lived in the greater Coromandel area. Being born in the Far North, Manganui to be precise in 1929, he was the 11th child in a family of 14 and as was commonplace during that era, life was tough – bloody tough. Dickie's parents managed the Coopers Beach Camping Ground and his primary (and only) education was done at a Manganui school called 'Play The Game'. It would now be fair to say that he has been "playing the pig hunting game ever since"!!!



Early days in Manganui

He left the far north soon after the war – his older brother Jim was already down in the Thames area at Wharepoa working on a dairy farm. With some clothes in a sugar sack slung over his shoulder, he caught the bus and headed into the 'unknown'. Travel out of the 'north' was a new experience for Dickie but with trust and faith in the drivers and the promise from his brother that he'd meet him in Paeroa, his journey began. True to his word, older brother Jim met him in Paeroa, after which they

both caught the bus out to Wharepoa Road where he worked on a farm and the young Dickie would be putting his roots down, south of the big smoke of Auckland. Having no idea how far it was from the bus stop the house, Dickie eyes lit up when his brother jumped down over the bank and clambered back up with an old Aerial 3 ½ Hp motorbike for them to ride home. The starting point for many wonderful adventures had already begun.

When I first met and hit the hills with Dickie, we had our favourite spots that were always just about a dead cert for a pig – one of these was the Omahu Valley, approximately 15kms south of Thames. At the time the property was owned by the Henry Family, the farm was rough and being broken in back in the early 1960's and the adventure for a young fella like me was fantastic. There was an old shanty on the farm where we'd stay the night and it was the norm to see pigs out on the grass in those days. Pig populations were high, the damage was extensive and despite there being plenty of keen young pig hunters and even more keen pig dogs, the pig numbers kept increasing.....

Other hunters that also used to regularly join us especially on weekend hunts were locals Don Maxwell and Walter Donnelly – it was such a privilege for a kid like me to be out there hunting with these guys and I just soaked up every minute of it. In addition to the Omahu, we also frequently hunted the Kauaeranga, the Neavesville and the Maratoto Valleys – all of which produced heaps of pigs every time we went out. Looking back now it was a golden era of pig hunting.

On one particular trip to the Omahu with Dickie we caught a couple of good pigs out on the grass and then before we knew it, the dogs were gone again – this time bailing a big pig way down in the bottom of an area known as Maori Gully. We could tell by the barking, the chomping and the excitement all round that this was a big boar for sure but it wasn't until we got down there that we realised just what we had on our hands. Now Dickie was a dab hand at sticking pigs but even he opted to shoot this one and it was plain to see why. With the pig lying where he'd put up his last fight, he looked more like a black 2-year-old steer – it was certainly the biggest pig by far that I have ever seen. Being old, gnarly, battle scarred and far too big to carry (even cut up), the pig was left there as we carried on up through the apple orchard towards the old Model A car. Before we got that far though, Dickie had two more good sized pigs added to his total for the day.

Before the well-known Kopu-Hikuai Road was opened in 1967, the KiriKiri was a popular place to hunt and even more so, because Dickie's father in law Bill Savage was milling Kauri Trees in the area and knew all the ridges and valleys well. Getting in there though was a mission, at least 20 river crossings on the old road faced us before reaching Bill's shanty. Nearing



L-R: Kevin Berghan on the bonnet with Bell, Dickie Berghan

the top of the hill, it was commonplace to get the old Model A stuck so we never went without a set of chains for the wheels. Believe me, they were used often but when there were pigs to hunt, we were not staying home because of the mud!!!

At Bill's shanty on one particular trip, a couple of other young fellas were helping him out - these two were Rex and John (Major) Savage; Dickie's young brother in laws. Also greeting us on that trip was pig rooting all around the shanty – what excitement this caused and in no time at all, the dogs were bailing and we'd caught three nice pigs. Dickie was also such a generous guy with his hunting – he had great dogs and he was a very skilled hunter yet he always delighted in helping and seeing new kids on the block like me and so many others cutting our teeth on the sport, learning the ropes and reaping the rewards after a tough grind getting pigs back to the vehicle.

Going back to a trip to Bill's shanty; as we left for home one day, Rex decided to run out to the main road because he had football training and thought this would be a good way to

not only get fit but have a bit of an edge over the other guys. Without a word of a lie, thanks to all the river crossing and the state of the 'road', Rex beat the Model A out to the Main Road. He was super fit anyway but getting out to our destination and see him standing there really proved the point.



L-R: Dickie Berghan holding Shelley, Wayne Bennett, Rexie Savage, Robert Hayes. Front: Kevin & Donna Berghan

A Winter pig hunting trip was now on offer when the cows were dry so Dickie caught up with another mate Colin Bax (Cod for short) and some other lucky hunters (namely me and some mates) and it was all go for a week's pig hunting at Boat Harbour, Coroglen. The 'bunkhouse' was the back of Cod's stock truck that now had a tarpaulin thrown over the top and we were in pig hunting heaven. The next day we could not believe our eyes – the place was moving with

pigs; so much so that it looked like the paddocks had been ploughed and disked. One of the days we caught 11 pigs and with tallies like this each day, we all but got sick of catching pigs – it really was a sight that had to be seen to have been believed. Coming home at the end of the week, we came via the Tapu-Coroglen Road and what else should we do but stop and let the dogs out for a run. Just past the Taranaki they caught a big boar in the river, a second one half way up the hill and a third big boar near the top. When I say these were big boars – they would easily win competitions today without a doubt. By now the only way we were going to get home was to call the dogs in and get going – what a way to finish of an amazing week of hunting and to be able to do it with such a wonderful hunter as Dickie and his awesome pack of dogs was a fantastic experience.

Another regular hunting property in the day was one owned by Pat Deane up the Neavesville – it was a large rough block of land and it too had pigs galore. Dickie and I would team up at the end of the week and headed up to the shanty at Pat's place and get stuck into some serious pig hunting for the weekend. Pat would stay too from time to time but if he hit the sack early and started snoring, he all but lifted the roof of the shanty. If it wasn't Pat's legendary snoring it would be the wind howling down the valley that kept the sheet of iron on the roof flapping all night long. I remember well that sleep was something that we seldom got much of but along with Pat being known for his snoring, he was also renown as an amazing cook so there is always a flip side to the coin – especially for a young fella with hollow legs from chasing pigs all day!!! It's also no surprise that Pat's son Mike is a great cook as well – however there is nothing more to be said about the snoring though.... Pat was also very well known as an excellent horseman so with plenty of steeds on the place, Dickie and Pat would often ride the horses when we hunted. One particular day, with Pat and Dickie on the horses, the dogs bailed a good boar across a shitty gully; I was full steam on foot in the direction of where the pig was backed into the bank. Pat was in

full voice yelling at me to 'go get him Wayne' and when I got there it turned out to be a massive boar. I shot him and then thought how the hell am I going to cart him out of here!! Pat duly arrived down through all the crap with the horse and with the pig now tied on the horse's tail, it was a quick command and the horse was heading up the hill. All was well till the horse went one side of a tree and the pig swung around the other. The horse and the pig parted company and the horse took off and wasn't stopping for another session. It was now the young fella's turn to do the grunt work but I was still pleased the horse had got it as far as he did.

Endless other recalls and stories of great hunts with Dickie could continue here for sure but there also needs to be a mention of the excellent dogs that Dickie has bred and trained over the 70 years that he's been hunting.

When I first started my 'apprenticeship' pig hunting with Dickie he had an excellent bitch called Bell and another very good dog called Spot. Many a litter of pups would then follow from Bell and Spot and the progeny with names such as Beau, Dick, Snow, Blackie, Duke, Boss, Diesel and Blaze all have great hunts attached to them – such was the breed that Dickie developed; they were superb hunters and able to stop pigs in a heartbeat. Coromandel is renowned for its gorse, shitty gullies and steep hills – all of which these dogs handled with ease and still the tallies of pigs that they caught keep rising.



Dickies with some of the more recent boar jaws – Photo taken July 2017

The breed; not surprisingly known as the "Berghan Breed" lives on and given that Boss sired 23 litters of pups in one year alone it would be fair to say that there wouldn't be a hunter in the area that hasn't got or had a Berghan Breed dog in their pack or a descendant of one. Dickie is a dog breeding and training whizz and really knows how to get outstanding results both as the breeder and trainer but it's also got to be said that there is also no substitute for time spend in the hills hunting. With the hills of Coromandel right on his doorstep for many years, hunting most days of the week was the norm for Dickie and his packs of dogs. I was extremely fortunate to be given Boss when he was retired from Dickies pack as a 6-year-old due to so many other very good young dogs maturing and taking their place in the pack. Boss is now 12 years old, he still catches pigs for me and sires the odd litter of pups to keep the bloodline going. Normally dogs that get retired from Dickies pack go down to his son in Opotiki and many a hunter down that way too is the fortunate owner of a Berghan Breed.

Dickie at 87 thought is still nowhere near retirement and still regularly hunts and does the miles in the hills 2-3 times a week with son Steven, also from Coromandel.

Now I used to think in my younger days that Rexie Savage was a fit bugger but Steven Berghan is another model altogether – Superfit would be my description of him. He hunts every day that he can – and that is most days without a doubt. A few years ago he ran in the coast to coast just for the hell of it and came in in 3rd place so it's no wonder that when I went for a hunt with him a few weeks ago, we were walking up quite a steep hill and all I could hear from Steve was 'Keep Up Wayne' – hell I was doing my best, the sweat was pouring off my head and the lungs were screaming; suffice to say that I wasn't first up the hill but Steve is still a top young bugger to hunt with and he was waiting up there for me!!! Soon after I'd caught up with him, the dogs bailed and he was gone in a flash. Luckily I had a GPS and when I found him he had a nice pig around 100lbs on his back and he was already pushing his way back up through the gorse and scrub. Even with the pig on his back he was still waiting every 100m or so and waiting for me to catch up. I kept telling him that I was

doin' my best but it certainly highlights just how fit this guys is – and a chip off the old block for sure.



Dickie with another good Coromandel Boar – what a way to start the day.....

I've been so privileged to have known Dickie for over 60 years now and to this day, there has never been a cross word. We catch up on the phone normally at least once a week (or more if we have been out for a hunt) and it's great to find out where he's been hunting and how many pigs he's got hanging in the chiller. The normal reply is 'yeah we wheeled in two or three today' and seeing as I normally call in and see him at least once a fortnight; I am never able to walk past the chiller without having a look. Most times I am greeted with the sight of between 5 and 7 pigs hanging there waiting to be boned, rolled and ready to go. So many people have been on the receiving end of Dickies wonderful generosity – anyone that wants or needs meat is willingly given the pork. It's the

satisfaction of being able to help out, to share the results of his hunt and see people with a smile on their faces and food in their stomachs that makes it all worthwhile for Dickie.

Dickie – you are a true hunting legend and a great friend and all I can say is that I hope there are many more years for both of us out there walking in the hills, chasing pigs and living your dream.

Great Hunting – see ya next week mate.

A logo for Kelby Stewart Landscape, Design & Construction. It features a large green leaf on the left. The text 'Kelby Stewart' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, 'Landscape, Design & Construction' is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a green bar with white text: 'Phone: 07 862 8748 Fax: 07 862 8751 Mobile: 021 395 400'. The background of the logo is a dark green image of a garden with a wooden bench and rocks.

TVDA Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs / EPRIBs) & GPS's



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FOR HIRE

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

Members will need to:

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

Hunting Safety Guidelines

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

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

F&G Duckshooter's Eyeopener Event

Sunday 15th April

If you want a bit of last minute touch up on your shotgun shooting skills before opening weekend, then come on along to our grounds and support the F&G guys with their annual event.

It will be 60 targets (Sporting Clays) and a ton of fun.
Lunch and ammo available on the day

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

STOP THE SPREAD OF FRESHWATER PESTS

CHECK

Remove all plant material from items that have been in the water.

CLEAN

Soak or scrub all items for at least one minute in a 5% solution of detergent.

DRY

If cleaning is not practical, dry items completely and then leave for at least 48 hours.

See www.biosecurity.govt.nz/cleaning for more ways to Check, Clean, Dry. If you restrict your activity to a single waterway there is no need to Check, Clean, Dry.

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2018 Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot



11 February 2018



HOA	Des Coe	91
AA	Peter Goodwin	89
	Dale Clark	88
	Mike Steedman	87
	Sean Clarkson	84
A	Nigel Knight	87
	Andrew Potter	83
	Colin Moore	80
	Allen Alley	79
B	Matt Lannigan	85
	Luke Vitasovich	77
	Shane McGrath	77
	Lee Muir	76
C	Karl McQuillan	77
	Colin Norman	73
	Ian Best	73
	Mike Mahoney	65
Unreg	Wayne Miller	81
	Kevin Low	80
	David Bennett	78
	Peter Nola	75
Super Vet	Steve Taylor	80
	Ivan Posa	79
	Mitch Bodmin	76
Vet	Neil McDonald	74
	Phill Waugh	73
	John Tonkin	71

Ladies	Marian Whyte	74
	Emma Barker	49
	Catherine Crosthwaite	47
Juniors	Sean McGrath	84
	Logan Clark	80
	Matthew Mahoney	67
TVDA	Brett King	34/50
	Murray Fisher	32/50
	Michael Wade	31/50

Maureen Bennett Memorial Drawn Team

Des Coe	303
Logan Clark	
Gus Donnelly	
Cooper Bennett	



An excellent photo of Wayne and Maureen's grandsons who both shot at the event
L-R: Cooper Bennett, Ayton Brown

*Cooper's dad and Ayton's uncle David, along with Wayne also shot in the event.
Really great to have the three generations of you all enjoying the event that has been such a
special part of our club for the last 19 years*

Panekiri Goat and Pest Shoot

We are booked in again for this awesome weekend down at Panekiri for what has been our annual Goat Shooting Weekend for several years.

Dates booked: 18 - 20 May.

This year it will have a difference.

There are still goats on the property but they will need to really be hunted with some real commitment as they will be pretty wised up to anything untoward. Due to the significant damage that the goats had been doing to the new pine plantings, Mark has had to get professional hunters and helicopters in to get the numbers down as low as possible.

As a really generous offer from Mark, given that the goat numbers are down and with an offer to give others a chance to enjoy a trip down there as well, we have been given permission to also shoot turkeys, geese and obviously any hares, rabbits etc that pop their heads up.

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

Please contact Maureen to book in for this trip: a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

K2K Trap Line


We are reducing the predators slowly but surely

A good kill rate for the start of Feb.

- Stoats 3,
- Rats 4,
- Hedgehogs 5,
- Mice 3.

Will have another go in 2 weeks .

Cheers Dennis and Bill.



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Kids Club Trip

“School Age and Down”

Friday 23 – Sunday 25th March

This trip is just as it says – it is for the kids. Let's get it straight, it is not a babysitting weekend but a great chance for parents or grandparents to get the kids out there for a goat shoot and a great time away for the weekend. If you are unable to take the child/children for the weekend, this does mean that they cannot go. Please give Maureen a call to organise what is required.

The kids don't all have to be shooting but we do expect them to go out for a hunt with others, so please keep this in mind. Obviously if there are younger family members who are not up to going hunting, then no problem for them to stay in camp with a parent etc.

As this newsletter goes to print, I am still waiting for confirmation between two properties but by the time you get this, I am 100% confident that when you contact me to book in, I will be able to give you confirmed details on just where we will be going, what equipment will be needed, travel arrangement etc. It will definitely be a place where we can drive right to it.

We will travel away Friday afternoon and then come home on Sunday about midday/early afternoon.

Numbers are limited so 'first up, best dressed'.

Bookings MUST BE IN by Wednesday 14th March (Committee Night)

**For bookings: please contact Maureen 027 3337786 or
a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz**

Stewart Island Trip

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

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

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

This is because several times in the past, people have done a lot of talk for months and then pulled the plug a few weeks prior to the trip.

This is not fair or reasonable to your fellow hunters on this trip or those that have missed out on getting a block due to your booking that is not used.



Bow hunters

Corner



Next club day is Sunday 11th March

We are back into the swing of things now after the holidays so don't forget club day folks on Sunday 11 March.

Also for those taking part in the Kiwi 3D Competition, Good Luck with your upcoming round at Massey and let's see how it all comes together at the end of April when we host the 3rd and Final Round. April 29th will be a big day for us at TVDA so let's make sure it's one to remember.

Congratulations and well done to those who went up to Pine Ridge for the 1st Round. Unfortunately, this date clashed with our club day so the deck was split but I'm told it was a great day all round.



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If you are heading South and need a stop off to break the journey, drop into "The Deer Story" just on the outskirts of Otaki.

Lisa and the family called in there a few months ago and found it a great place to stop and highly recommend it.

Features at The Deer Story...

- Museum, Shop, Café and Bar
- See live capture Techniques on the 3m x 3m big screen.
- A full size replica Hughes 500 helicopter chasing a full size running stag (Static display).
- Four world class trophy sets of Red Deer Antlers.
- Authentic reconstruction of a deer culler hut from 1940's era.
- An opportunity to hand feed deer from the decking.

Many thanks Lisa for passing this info onto me for the newsletter.



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