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# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

## July 2019



Measuring night in full swing – Huge thanks to everyone that entered and also to those who helped with the measuring.

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

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# Club Events Calendar

## July

Wednesday	31	Club Night
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## August

Monday	5	Private Use
Tuesday	6	Private use
Sunday	11	Bowhunters Club Day
Monday	12	Private Use
Wednesday	14	Private Use
Wednesday	14	Committee Meeting
Thursday	15	Private Use
Saturday	17	Private Use – <b><i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i></b>
Monday	19	Private Use
Tuesday	20	Private Use
Friday	23	Private Use
Wednesday	28	Club Night

## September

Monday	2	Private Use
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Meeting
Monday	16	Private Use
Tuesday	17	Private Use
Wednesday	18	Private Use
Thursday	19	Private Use
Saturday	21	Private Use – <b><i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i></b>
Monday	23	Private Use

<b>Tuesday</b>	24	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	25	Club Night

## October

<b>Saturday</b>	5	Working bee –final set up for Archery Tournament
<b>Sunday</b>	6	Archery Interclub Competition – TVDA Range
<b>Wednesday</b>	9	Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	13	Bowhunters Club Day
<b>Monday</b>	14	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	15	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	16	Private Use
<b>Thursday</b>	17	Private Use
<b>Saturday</b>	19	Private Use – <b><i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i></b>
<b>Friday</b>	25	Labour weekend club trip
<b>Saturday</b>	26	Labour weekend club trip
<b>Sunday</b>	27	Labour weekend club trip
<b>Monday</b>	28	Labour weekend club trip
<b>Wednesday</b>	30	Club Night

## November

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

<b>Sunday</b>	24	Rimfire & Centrefire Comp Shoot & Patrons Cup
<b>Wednesday</b>	27	Club Night

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

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



## February

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



*Photos from  
Annual Dinner  
and Prize giving*

## Presidents Report.....

I have to open this report with a very special thank you to the new committee members that have come on board – your valued contributions will certainly enhance the excellent work that the rest of your committee and members put into your club on a daily basis.

By the time you get this newsletter the annual dinner has been and gone and well done to the team who brought together this awesome night. Please see the list of the very well deserving winners across the many and varied competitions that are on offer each year – and what is really so neat to see, is the excellent spread in the list of those winners. Congratulations and well done to you all.

This club night **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July (tomorrow night)** we will be hosting the NZDA President Trevor Chappell at our clubrooms so I urge you all to please make a special effort to come along and hear what Trevor has to say and also put forward any questions that you may have on NZDA in general. From memory this is the first time we have hosted an NZDA President in this capacity in the last 25 years at least so let's make it count.

Since the last newsletter there has been the Kids Little 3 and Swazi shoot – a great turnout of kids and fantastically supportive parents – and this was matched superbly by the wonderful sponsorship that we received from Nigel and Leah of Ainsley Builders; Placemakers and Swazi. See the photos further through the newsletter.

The Police buyback of firearms is now underway. Please make a point of ensuring that you know where and when these venues are if you are handing in firearms or if you are going to get a firearm modified, make sure you keep an eye on the NZ Police website for the latest update on this. To date they have made a commitment to paying a set amount for modifications but the process has not been finalised yet. If you do not have a computer and need more information on this, please give me a call on 027 3337786.

The latest club trip to Clements Mill Road/Sika Lodge was blessed with excellent weather, a top group that made up the crew of 14 hunters and everyone saw new country to return too. Mike, Ash and Dan headed into Okahu that weekend and while they didn't come home with any venison either, plenty of new country was seen. And return we will – there is another club trip down to Sika Lodge booked for the end of August so check this out in the calendar.

Huge thanks also to the team that turned up at short notice to help out with the new cable being laid up on the range. Kelby having your digger and expertise there was an absolute godsend, Jack, Wayne and Tony for sorting out the cable etc, Nigel, Wayne and Brian for being expert shovel drivers, Clem and Mike chipped in as well with a range of jobs and Steve and Ashley arrived to use the range but instead did a repaint and spruce up on the signage on the barrier arm and put new numbers on the two ranges.

**We have also just had it confirmed that the docking at Panekiri Station is all go for us again this year. Help is needed with this so please check out the details further through the newsletter**

Stay safe out there, keep warm and dry and hope to see you at clubnight this week

***Maureen***

## Special thanks to:.....

- Mike Cook and Dan Cox for doing an awesome upgrade on the culvert/stream crossing in the carpark area of the clubrooms. A real all-weather deluxe model now – so appreciated thanks guys.
- Lee Kelly for kindly donating the pork for our annual dinner – and the end results will be superb
- Mike and Owen for your time and skilled knife work
- Owen for being our most appreciated and enlightening guest speaker at the June Club night. Plenty of laughs, just a snippet of the stories that I am sure you have up your sleeve and tips on knife sharpening as an added bonus
- Karen Austen for so kindly offering to do our newsletter. This is a wonderful help Karen and if ALL MEMBERS out there can please help by making/sending in contributions when possible that would be a huge help. Karen's email address is [austens@xtra.co.nz](mailto:austens@xtra.co.nz) – contributions can be photos, a short story (or a longer one too will be most appreciated, jokes, recipes, tips and hints, general info or anything else that you think could be helpful for future newsletters.
- Kelby for so kindly donating your time and digger for the trenching work at the club – I think we'd still be digging if we'd had to use spades and shovels!!!
- Jack, Tony and Wayne for organising the cables and materials for the job
- Nigel, Brian, Wayne, Kelby, John, Maureen, Clem, Mike, Steve and Ashley for your help on the day with the cabling work, manning the shovels and chipping in to the entertainment that prevailed on the day.
- Clemency Dent for very kindly saying 'yes' when asked if she would be interested in doing the Treasurers job. Karen and Clem as working on the hand over of this job now so special thanks once again to you both.
- Maureen, Karen, Ash, John and Mike as the team bringing the annual dinner and prize giving together. Bill is taking more of a step back this year on the cooking side of things but your valued input, advice and support is most appreciated as well.
- Amber and Serena – the Awesome Wild Twins for being our amazing guests at last weeks' annual dinner. You are both a real inspiration to so many – keep up the great work ladies.
- Peter Monrad and Wayne Stachurski for the fantastic job they have done on reinstating the culvert pipes and fixing the drainage issues that we have had on the range and rectifying the flooding issue that we have had in the past. This will make a massive improvement to the use and state of the range and track area. As you will see in further through the newsletter – **PLEASE KEEP VEHICLES OFF THIS AREA** and please keep away from the muddy areas while they settle down.



- Mike and Hannah for your track work and tidy up of the running boar shed last week – doing these jobs outside of working bee's is so incredibly appreciated and a wonderful help all round.
- Phillip Debenham has also come on board as a new Committee member. Great to have you as part of the team Phil and your assistance to help out with various jobs already is a wonderful bonus.
- Brian, Andrew, Dan, Maureen and Mike from the hunters for helping out as mentors for the Woodhill fallow blocks. This support is a real bonus for the first time hunters up there.
- To all the parents, family and friends who helped out with the Little 3 Competition. There was a really good selection of possums and rabbits there on the day and just a few eels but what was really cool to see, was the kids all having fun, the prizing being shared around and bundles of smiles from happy kids and parents alike.
- Nigel and Leah Lesley for so generously sourcing all the prizes for this event – the kids were so extremely fortunate to have a selection of prizes that included headlamps, day bags, beanies, clothing packs, fishing gear, H&F vouchers, chocolates and more. Placemakers were a significant sponsor as part of this list of prizes so huge thanks to them too for their awesome generosity.
- Nigel and Daniel Lesley for organising the new window for the clubrooms and replacing the last wooden window frame for aluminium. Another one of those jobs that gets done behind the scenes but we all benefit from – huge thanks once again guys.
- Renee Wentzell for making such a delicious dinner for us when we had our club trip to Clements Road. The recipes will be included in a future newsletter but the goat meat pie was an absolute winner on all fronts and the dessert was a 10/10 follow up!!!

## **Congratulations to:**

- Lee Kelly and Amy Madsen on the arrival of your little man and budding wee hunter. Harvey arrived safe and well in May and Lee tells me that this is one little guy who never wakes up in the night – either Lee is a very sound sleeper or they are very lucky!!!
- Bianca Thompson is the very delighted mum to a wee boy – Denver who was born in June as well. I'm sure Zane is already a very helpful big brother so keep up the great work buddy.
- To Tash Cook and Olivia Baillie as they have both had their names drawn out of the hat for the Take a Kid Hunting Ballot at Woodhill in late September. Well done to both of these young ladies – have a great time up there and special thanks to your mentors as well for helping to make this happen.





Little 3 Comp 2019

Congratulations to  
McKenna Lesley  
who won this year's  
Little 3 Competition



A great bunch of Junior shooters with their targets (and a few spares)  
following the annual Kids SWAZI Shoot held at TVDA on 30 June 2019



## Away on Abrahams - Chasing the White Tail

A small group of us went down to Stewart Island for a 10-day trip hunting and fishing on a small slice of paradise. John, Rory, Michael and I (Clem) were destined for Abrahams Block, a short ferry trip across Patterson's Inlet from Oban. Our trip started with a few days in Invercargill where we were able to see Burt Munroe's fastest Indian, visit the car and

motorbike museums while eating well at the Waxy's Irish pub....

On June 1<sup>st</sup> we had an early pick up from the Tuatara Lodge (where we were staying) and headed to Bluff harbour where we found a fairly large catamaran, the Foveaux express with large covered bins to hold all of our gear, once loaded we set sail for Stewart Island. Foveaux Strait is world renowned to be very rough due to its shallow depth of only 40 metres, luckily for us both our



trips across were 'average' according to the skipper and the ferry navigated the waves with no trouble.

Arriving at Oban was lovely; sun out, blue sky and clear waters around the bay. Ian Wilson met us at the dock to take us over the hill into Golden Bay where Rakiura charters would take us over to the hut. When we arrived, the tide was in and we were able to unload our gear about 10 meters away from the hut.

The hunters hut was surprisingly good, 3 solid bunks with good mattresses, stainless bench top, pot belly, a covered deck and a good old-fashioned long drop. To help us out on the trip we had also hired a 10ft



dingy, gas cooker with 2 gas bottles and a box of utensils from Ian. We had bought along plenty of food as you can't always guarantee on bagging a deer for venison.

With breakfast settled the next morning, we set off to our chosen areas in search of the all so elusive deer. Rory set out to find the tree stand we were told about; Michael and I went for a walk around the end of the bay and John got ready to chase the fish. Being a coastal area, the ground was fairly flat with hills surrounding the bay; there was lots of sign around but not a lot was fresh.

With a few days on our hands we tried to search larger areas in hope of finding out where they were hiding, with not a lot of success. John, Rory and I decided to go for an evening fish in the dinghy while Michael decided to go for an evening walk. The waters were plentiful with fish; we caught big blue cod and many other types; I even hooked a baby seven gill shark. I was mesmerised by this awesome creature. After a bit of leading it, it bit off the line and swam away, a little while later mummy shark came to have a look. When we got back and started making dinner, we heard a shot. Rory rushed out to see Michael had bagged a small

buck on the beach from the sand bar he was hiding on.



On the second day John and Rory took on the "seven Seas" due to a small abscess that had formed in Rory's throat, this meant that he would miss the next day for a quick trip to the Invercargill hospital. While they were away I went for a walk and found a great tree stand for Rory which was about 300m behind the hut on the true right of the creek. The river water

tasted great despite looking a bit brown and frothy due to the tannin from the ground. The bush there was very dense and crown fern was everywhere - it can go from shoulder to knee height very quickly then open up to some nice broad clearings. We found lots of old sign in most places and there was a big network of game trails. There was also a broad abundance of bird life.

On the third day I went for another solo walk and had a tiny bird come and say hello to me. It was good to walk solo but it did sometimes scare me when the trees would squeak and crack, this took a little bit to get used to. Rory came back that evening excited to hear that we had found the tree stand he was so eager to try out.

The following morning Michael and I went for a day hunt on the other side on the bay. We got dropped off by John and climbed up a hill off the beach it was rather difficult with very thick and tall crown fern. Eventually the ground cleared a bit and we found an old supplejack nest and very fresh buck poo. I'm sure we got very close but sadly no sightings.

The fifth day was a camp day, rain came down hard but we had lots of food and firewood. The next few days were much the same, we all picked our desired locations and tried our best to find ourselves a deer to shoot.

On the last day of our trip Rory's patience finally paid off, Rory being a bow hunter got the area with the tree stand and at last one snuck up beside him and he managed to get an arrow loose. Unfortunately, despite the arrow going through the deer we were unable to find it even after 2 hours of us searching.

The White Tail deer are a small deer with smaller forward-facing crown shaped antlers, John and I were unlucky not to catch a glimpse however I consider it was still a success. I especially gained valuable experience as it was my first-time hunting in the bush and hunting on my own. We were told don't go further than 500m into the land as there is no need, you can even spot deer on the beach, if you put broad leaf on the beach it will often be gone by morning.



It really is the best of both worlds on Stewart Island with a playground of both bush and water you can have fun in. Within minutes of setting off you can hook yourself a very nice big blue cod, Paua and Kina are very abundant and although we didn't gather any, apparently you don't even need to dive for them. On one of our fishing expeditions an albatross came to visit, it was a massive bird with a great wing span and a very evil look, it was very curious, so much so he followed us on the boat and it felt like a special David Attenborough moment when he flew above and alongside us.

DOC does a lot of kiwi conservation here, so there is a high chance you will get to see one, unfortunately we didn't but we heard them calling most nights and found their digging holes.

Even with only one in the bag it was still a very worthwhile trip and would jump at the opportunity to do it again. There are many blocks to choose from and we can say that Abrahams is highly recommended, you need to book in usually a year in advance.

Thanks to John, Rory and Michael for the great company and above all a huge thank you to Maureen for organising the fine details for us.



## Upcoming Club Trip

Sika Lodge is booked for the nights of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August for our next Club trip. - **Address:** 176 Clements Mill Rd, Taharua (*off the Napier Taupo Road, Rangiteiki, approx. 20 minutes from Taupo*)

Our last trip there was a great opportunity for first time hunters to area to be shown various places to return to, returning hunters had a good look around their favourite areas and Sika Lodge was the perfect place to stay. Huge thanks to Brent and Val who are wonderful hosts on every front.

- Fully equipped kitchen with all the gear needed – pots, pans, cutlery, fridge, stove etc
- A fantastic fireplace in the lounge that is the perfect place to warm up after a hunt or get clothes dry if the weather is not so dry....and plenty of wood
- Bunkrooms for plenty of hunters/families
- Sparkling new ablutions area – showers, toilets; the full works



The price for the lodge is \$30.00 per night per adult and \$20.00 for those 12 years and under.

This trip will be the same as last time – there will be a dinner on Saturday night provided along with tea, coffee, milo, milk, sugar, margarine (as this is what everyone uses) **but you will need to bring your breakfast and lunch items, snacks etc.**

This is an excellent location for a 'family weekend away' if that works for you as well. There is hunting on offer the minute you walk out the door, relaxing, shopping and hot pools in Taupo for those that 'need' this kind of relaxation or just simply make it a 'go to' location to mix and mingle with other friends and club mates.

**The Cost of the trip for the food component will be \$10.00 per adult.**

**If you are interested in being part of this trip, please make sure you call or email Maureen to book in BEFORE Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. 027 3337786 [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) If you miss out it will be your own fault!!!**

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**Left: Riley Pert with his Awesome prize at the Kids Swazi Shoot.**

**Below: Hannah Cook with her Swazi prize at the Swazi Kids Shoot**



## **Kids Swazi Shoot**

11 June 2019



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NEW ZEALAND

## **Better understanding the key to recreational access**

WorkSafe NZ's recent policy clarification regarding the Health and Safety at Work Act and the current Walking Access Act Review are timely initiatives that will help preserve New Zealanders' access to recreational opportunities, according to Game Animal Council Chair Don Hammond.

"The ability to responsibly access public conservation land and other recreational assets is a key part of what makes New Zealand a haven for outdoor enthusiasts," says Hammond.

"Unfortunately, over recent years we have seen this access threatened as visitor numbers have increased, public behaviour has at times not lived up to expectations and uncertainty has existed over the responsibility provisions within the 2015 Health and Safety at Work Act."

The Walking Access Act Review gives hunters and other outdoor recreationists the perfect opportunity to identify barriers to access as well as giving landowners the opportunity to explain the challenges they face providing for access in certain circumstances.

"It is our hope that this process will lead to better understanding of the issue from both sides of the fence and it is therefore very important that as many hunters as possible take part in the Review. The Game Animal Council will also be submitting on behalf of the sector."

The Game Animal Council is extremely encouraged by the recent policy clarification that has come out of WorkSafe NZ regarding how the Health and Safety at Work Act should be applied to recreational access.

"The clarification quite clearly removes the uncertainty that has led to the erosion of public access to recreational opportunities in a number of locations around New Zealand."

WorkSafe has found that the Health and Safety at Work Act only applies to recreational access when that is affected by workplace activities or is part of a workplace. This means a landowner whose property is being accessed for recreation is only responsible for risks arising from the work or workplace, and is not responsible for the risks associated with the recreational activities.

"The clarification is very clear that landowners, including farmers are not expected to manage the risks from recreational activity on their land."

"The Game Animal Council is grateful to those organisations that sought this clarification and we look forward to a better understanding of responsibilities and the enhancement of public access as a result."

"The Game Animal Council also encourages both landowners and users to advise each other of any hazards as safety is not just driven by legislation, but is ultimately everyone's responsibility," says Hammond.

The Walking Access Act Review's public submission process closes on 2 July and is available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/legislation/walkingaccessreview/>.

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## ***K2K Trap Line***

A good kill rate for the months of May and June

- 5 Stoats
- 9 Rats
- 3 Hedgehogs

In total since trapping began in May 2017 the catch tallies are as follows

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



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

*Cheers Dennis and Bill.*

*THOUGHT  
FOR  
THE  
DAY*



## List of winners (no particular order) 2018/19

Trophy	Competition	Winner
	Men's Rimfire Champs	Dan Cox
	Ladies Rimfire Champs	Maureen Coleman
Clapp Tankard	Men's Centrefire Champs	Dan Cox
	Ladies Centrefire Champs	Ashleigh Dewar
Patrons Cup	Deer Target Centrefire shoot	Dan Cox
Jim Johansen Trophy	Iron Sights - Mens	Peter Thompson
Jim Johansen Trophy	Iron Sights - Junior	Jessie Penwarden
	Men's Running Boar Points	Warren Penwarden
	Men's Running Boar Champ	Peter Thompson
	Ladies Running Boar Points	Ashleigh Dewar
	Ladies Running Boar Champ	Ashleigh Dewar
	Junior Running Boar Points	Jessie Penwarden
	Junior Running Boar Champ	Tash Cook
TVDA Trophy	Club day points - Cubs	Luke Moxsom
TVDA Trophy	Club day points – Juniors	Hayden Moxsom
TVDA Trophy	Club day points - Ladies	Shelley Moxsom
TVDA Trophy	Club day points – Mens	Rhys Moxsom
Tony Moxsom Trophy	High Overall Club Day Points	Stazya Rotzel-Hannibal
Certificate	Most Improved Archer - Cubs	Luke Moxsom
Certificate	Most Improved Archer – Junior	Hayden Moxsom
Certificate	Most Improved Archer - Ladies	Shelley Moxsom
Certificate	Most Improved Archer - Mens	Henry Cummings
Red Cup	Best Red Deer Antlers	Bill Mehrtens
Gwilliam Shield	Best Sika Deer Antlers	Dave Madson

<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Clark Cup	Best Goat Horns	Clay Austen
	Best Drawn Pig Tusks	Clay Austen
	Best Undrawn Pig Tusks	Gary Johansen
S & H Cox Trophy	Best Head shot by a Lady	Ashlee Strange
K D Cox Shield	Best Antlered Species	Glenn Strange
Hair & Larsen Trophy	Best Horned Game Species	Nigel Knight
Wayne Bennett Trophy	Heaviest Pig Weight for the year	Lee Kelly & Nathan Smythe
	Average Pig Weight	Craig & Jeanette Harris
Sands Cup	Best Colour Print	Ashleigh Dewar
Cassidy cup	Best Black and White Print	Ashleigh Dewar
	Wildlife photo	Karen Austen
	Stalking Interest	Maureen Coleman
Coleman Cup	Junior Photography	Olivia Baillie
Flynn Trophy	Human Interest	Maureen Coleman
Monarch of the Glen	Group of three photos	Maureen Coleman
Coleman Trophy	Merit Photography	Nick Hoebergen
Holten Trophy	Best Enlarged Photo	Ashlee Strange
Jim Davies Cup	Heaviest Boar – Big 3 weekend	Gary Johansen
Walker Trophy	Little 3 winner	Harry Clapp
Hudson Cup	Junior Member of the year	Daniel Lesley
Kopu H & F Trophy	Literary Trophy	Dan Cox
	Ladies Roaring Competition	Trish Stachurski
	Men's Roaring Competition	Phil Buckthought
Holten Trophy	Junior Shooter – at TVDA Ann Cup event	Logan Clark

# PIG WEIGHTS



Craig & Jeanette Harris - 80lb boar

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 70lb boar

Craig, Jeanette Harris & Leo Hughes

- 60lb boar



Please email them to: [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) or

Post them to: TVDA P O Box 206, Paeroa

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## Running Boar

1st Round - 7 July 2019

<b>Mens</b>	<b><u>Slow</u></b>	<b><u>Fast</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Mike Cook	54	41	<b>95</b>
John Senk	38	40	<b>78</b>
<b><u>Ladies</u></b>			
Maureen Coleman	53	39	<b>92</b>
<b><u>Juniors</u></b>			
Olivia Baillie	11	DNS	<b>11</b>
Charlotte Baillie	9	DNS	<b>9</b>
<b><u>Visitor</u></b>			
Mark Prince (Sth Akd NZDA)	47	27	<b>74</b>



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# Annual Dinner and Prizegiving

**A massive thank you** to all those members that contributed to making this event such a huge success.

The teamwork, help and support on every front was awesome and made for a fantastic night.

- Lee for donating the porker in excellent condition,
- Owen and Mike for transforming the pig into beautiful rolled pork,
- Brian for getting the goat meat and boning it all out for the curry,
- Frank for so very kindly donating us a lovely big projector screen – it really is a wonderful addition.
- Bill for planning the meal and assisting on the morning to get the prep up and running,
- Mike Deane and John Senk on the night for being the kitchen team and working your magic,
- Karen Austen, Karen Deane, Ash Dewar and Maureen for making the delicious salads and food prep in general,
- Mike and Kylie Cook for your Sticky Date Pudding,
- Maureen and Mike Deane for donating the very tender venison,
- Kelby and his team for polishing the cups so that they sparkled on the night
- Brian for installing the new projector screen and pelmet
- Mike Wade, Clem Dent and Keven for manning the bar
- Ash for designing the really cool placemats which were a perfect complement to our awesome speakers,
- Wayne and Keven for your roles on the night – MC and proposing a toast to absent friends
- Andrew and Karen for the spit roast trailer – this was an absolute winner,
- Maureen, Karen, Ash, Mike, John and Tony for the clubrooms preparation and set up,
- Te Aroha Mountain Lions Ladies for serving the meal and doing a great job of cleaning up afterwards,
- Amber and Serena – aka the Wild Twins for putting the absolute polish onto our special night,
- Wayne, Trish, Karen, Andrew, Dan, Ash, Keven, Nigel, Daniel, Maureen for the pack up on Saturday night,
- Keven, Terry, Andrew, Karen, Tony and Maureen for the cleanup on Sunday; and
- If we have forgotten anyone – please accept our apologies as it would have been a genuine mistake as everyone's help was so hugely appreciated.
- ***To each and every one of you that joined us on the night and helped make it such a special way to celebrate a great year at TVDA.***



# SWAMP COMP – 2019

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

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

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

Of course the real winners are the ducks and wetland species that benefit from the predator removal achieved by the. Please keep up the good work, trapping ferrets, stoats and weasels, freezing the tails, ready for counting in next November’s Swamp Competition.

The final count in 2018 was 2040 tails, with exactly 200 people entering the competition. If those 2040 predators made even one kill per day over a year, this amounts to 744,600 birds, eggs etc, wiped from the environment. Even though we can’t include wild cats in the event, please keep on targeting



them too because Fish & Game research is pointing to cats being the major mallard predator. Talk to professionals and they are quick to point out the strength of hedgehog jaws enable those critters to predate on large birds, and we all know eggs are on the menu for them and most of the other predators including rats. The

experts point out that when you take just one predator out of the food chain, another predator can benefit from the reduced competition, so by targeting a suite of predators (a cross section) you are doing the most good. Pukeko's have benefited from the increase in horticulture and small rural lifestyle blocks. More and more evidence of them killing ducklings is coming to light so we suggest targeting them at times during the hunting season. (There are some great Pukeko recipes or just breast them and add to your sausage mix.)



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



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

Hunting & Fishing New Zealand, is the unsung hero in this event, with countless staff and voluntary hours devoted to arranging prizes, counting tails, shipping prizes, not to mention the admin involved with putting it all together. Please keep supporting the retailer that puts back into the sport and environment we all love.

**Good Luck everyone with your trapping and catching these horrible little buggars and let's all work together to give our many special bird species a real chance to improve their populations.**



# Docking at Panekiri

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

The date is still to be confirmed after speaking with Ian the Manager at Panekiri however due to the rams going out later this year, the docking will be starting approx. the middle of October and unfortunately; outside of the school holidays.

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

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

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

We will be starting approx. mid October and even if you are only able to do a couple of days down there that too will be built into the rosters and be most appreciated.



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

This year we will be looking to have a 'legend' with each crew – that that will be the COOK. If you are able to help out on this front as well, then please let me know. The kids are also a most welcome part of each crew so rock on down folks and be part of the team.

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

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

**Contact details: [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz) or phone 027 3337786**



## RATES QUOTED FOR

### NZ Deerstalkers Association

Group Booking Reference: **FA5474**

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

#### Fares:

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

#### Peak Each Way

#### Peak Dates:

01-28 February 19  
18-23 April 19

#### Fares:

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

#### Off Peak Each Way

#### Off Peak Dates:

01 March – 17 April 19  
24 April – 15 December 19

#### Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

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

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

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

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



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

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A PROHIBITED FIREARM?

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

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

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

**If you are NOT ONLINE, please contact your local Arm Office - 07 858 6200**



# Protect our species *in the Northern Ruahine Ranges*



## Pest control to protect native species from widespread predator plagues

A heavy seeding (mast) is occurring in many forests this year. This natural event should benefit native species, but it will be hijacked by introduced predators. Rodent and stoat numbers will skyrocket.

Seedfall and rodent levels are being monitored at the sites where endangered native species are under greatest threat, including the Northern Ruahine. Without predator control, vulnerable species such as whio, mohua, and bats/pekapeka will suffer heavy losses.

### Pest control works

In November 2017 DOC carried out an aerial 1080 operation across 32,829 ha in the Northern Ruahine. Rodent levels were monitored using 160 tracking tunnels. In June 2017, rats tracked 11% of the tunnels. Three weeks after the operation, no rat tracks (0%) were found in any of the tunnels.

Rats were still undetectable (0% tracking) in late January 2018 and were only at 1% by May 2018. Low rat abundance through the breeding season gave native birds and animals a much better chance of successful breeding.

### Outcomes

In the Northern Ruahine DOC monitored predation on giant land snails both inside and outside of the pest control area. No rat or possum predation was found on snails inside the treatment area, but both were found on snails outside the treatment area. DOC is also monitoring numbers of whio in the area for 5 years

Nationally, intensive species monitoring showed the nesting success of whio, kiwi, toutouwai and rifleman was significantly higher within pest control areas than outside. Go to [doc.govt.nz/our-work/battle-for-our-birds](http://doc.govt.nz/our-work/battle-for-our-birds).



Toutouwai (North Island robin). Photo: Donald Laing.



Rat footprints on tracking card. Photo: Anthony Behrens.



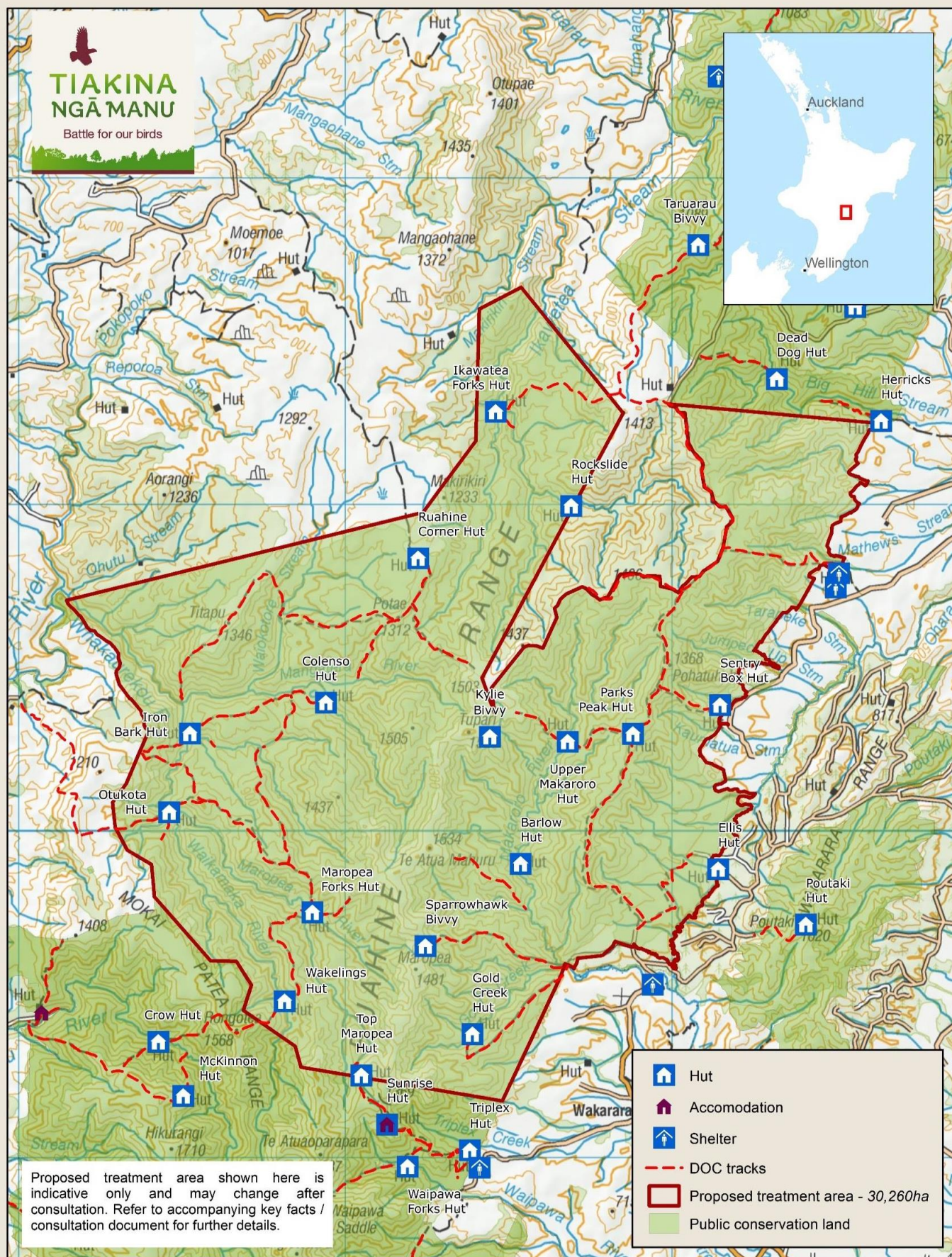
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# TIAKINA NGĀ MANU

Battle for our birds



5 km

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19/02/2019



Northern Ruahine  
Aerial Predator Control 2019  
Proposed treatment area: 30,260 ha



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## The Northern Ruahine

The Northern Ruahine ranges are home to many rare and endangered species. Whio, eastern brown kiwi, and toutouwai are still found here. These species have all become extinct in the wild south of the Ruahine Ranges, due to predation by stoats and rats.

The area is also home to other native birds including kākārīki/parakeets, pōpokatea/whitehead, kaka, matata/fernbird, pīhoihoi/pipit and tītīpounamu /rifleman.

The Northern Ruahine ranges are also a stronghold for the giant land snail *Powelliphanta marchanti*. Threatened plants including Turner's kohuhu (*Pittosporum turneri*), pikirangi (red mistletoe), and *Dactylanthus taylorii* grow in this area.

### The risks

Our birds are vulnerable to predation from rats, possums and stoats. Stoat predation is particularly bad for birds that nest in holes (such as kaka, ruru and kakariki) as the female is more likely to be trapped on the nest and killed during predation events, and for flightless birds such as kiwi and moulting whio.

Giant land snails are vulnerable to predation by possums and rats.

Our threatened plants are highly vulnerable to possum browse. Rats also eat *Dactylanthus* flowers and *Pittosporum turneri* seeds further reducing the chances of survival of these rare plants.

### Past successes

Aerial 1080 has been successfully used at this site in 1994, 2004, 2010 and 2017 to protect the plants and animals that make this such a special place.

### 2019 – the battle continues

Extensive seeding is occurring in 2019 and is likely to be the biggest mast in decades. DOC will have to prioritise resources to protect the areas where species are at the greatest risk. We do not yet know if the resources available will allow the Northern Ruahine to receive pest control this year.



Ruahine whio. Photo: Anthony Behrens.



North Island brown kiwi.  
Photo: andrewwalmsleyphotography.com.



*Powelliphanta marchanti*. Photo: Anthony Behrens.



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## A range of pest control methods will be used including traps and toxins

Aerial application of 1080 baits is the most cost-effective predator control method over large areas. It is the only viable method in remote or rugged terrain. A stoat trapping network has run in the Northern Ruahine since 2007. The trapping makes a valuable contribution to protecting the taonga species of the Ruahine Ranges but is inadequate on its own to deal with the scale of damage caused by rodents and mustelids after a beech mast.

Aerial 1080 pest control will target rats, but stoats are also killed through eating poisoned rodent carcasses. Operations begin with an aerial pre-feed of non-toxic baits to encourage rats to eat the 1080 baits that are applied later.

### Time frame

Operations will be triggered as rodent populations reach monitored thresholds. Operations, which are weather dependent, will take place when they are most effective between July and November. Dates will vary between sites and will be confirmed closer to operations taking place.

### Planning

DOC is working closely with iwi and consulting with key stakeholders before finalising details. Before operations begin, DOC will contact affected neighbours, put up warning signs and advertise in local newspapers. Use of 1080 requires the consent of the Environmental Protection Authority, and permission from the Ministry of Health. The process includes an assessment of environmental effects (AEE) to safeguard the public and the environment.

### What you need to know

The Department of Conservation complies with all relevant regulations and takes a precautionary approach to the aerial application of pesticides.

- *The 1080 cereal baits are about 2 cm long, cylinder-shaped and are dyed **green**.*
- *Non-toxic pre-feed cereal pellets are about 2 cm long, cylinder-shaped but are **fawn-coloured** (not dyed).*

### Managing risk

Dogs, in particular, are highly susceptible to 1080. The risk to dogs from poisoned carcasses will remain until they have completely rotted, perhaps for more than 6 months.

#### Precautionary approach

*Risks can be eliminated by following these simple rules:*

- *DO NOT touch bait*
- *WATCH CHILDREN at all times*
- *DO NOT EAT animals from this area*
- *Poison baits or carcasses are DEADLY to DOGS*

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about pesticides. Warning signs indicate pesticide residues may still be present in baits or animals. When signs are removed, this means you can resume normal activities in the area. Please report suspected vandalism or unauthorised removal of signs. If in doubt, check with your local DOC office.

### More information

Senior Ranger Biodiversity  
Department of Conservation  
Papaoiea/Manawatū Office  
Private Bag 11010, Palmerston North 4442  
Phone: +64 6 350 9700

### What to do if you suspect poisoning

Contact emergency services: 111

National Poisons Centre: 0800 764 766

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Also see [doc.govt.nz/battleforourbirds](https://doc.govt.nz/battleforourbirds)



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## Membership Renewals

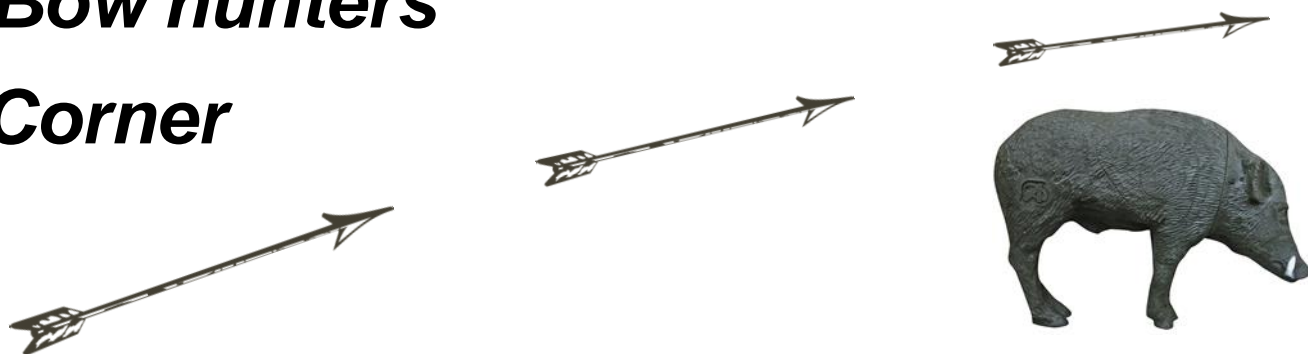
Most of you should have well and truly received your membership renewals by now **but if you haven't PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN STRAIGHT AWAY.**

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

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

Similarly – many people have paid and NOT received their membership cards yet. As per my report in this newsletter, you are definitely a member still and these cards will be out to you once they have sorted out the database issues. Please feel free to contact Maureen if you have any queries in this regard as well

## ***Bow hunters*** ***Corner***



**Next club day is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

A reminder that if you or someone you know wants to check out archery at the club on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August, please be there before 9am as we are aiming for squads to be out shooting by 9.30.

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

It would also be helpful to please if you could email [tvdabowhunter@gmail.com](mailto:tvdabowhunter@gmail.com) to let us know if you are coming up.

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





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29 July 2019

**Dear NZDA members,**

The proposed changes to our firearm laws are of major concern to our organisation and its members.

As one of the biggest challenges to face our organisation in recent years, the NZDA National Executive is taking this issue seriously. At its meeting in Wellington over the weekend, Executive members spent considerable time considering the issue and our organisation's response.

While the exact detail of the new laws is still not known, a broad idea of the thrust of the new legislation now being drafted is available in a just released cabinet paper.

You can see that paper for yourselves at this link;

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/swc-min-for-proactive-release-25-7-19.pdf>

I have also attached a precis of the cabinet paper with the major issues bullet pointed.

Broadly, the paper shows that the government is committed to registering firearms, increasing penalties and reducing the firearm licence from ten years to five.

The paper and information supplied by police at last week's Firearm Community Advisory Forum show there will be no limit on the number of firearms a licence holder can own, no restrictions on handloading ammunition and no restriction on



the calibre of weapons.

There has been speculation about these issues so having these concerns cleared up allows us to concentrate our energies on the major issues.

The draft laws are expected to be made public by the end of August but we can't wait until then to start working on our views.

The National Executive has set up a sub-committee to formulate the NZDA response to the draft laws and prepare the organisation's submission to the select committee.

In the meantime, please read the cabinet paper and the following summary. If you have any suggestions on points you would like addressed, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

**Trevor Chappell**

**National President**

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## **CABINET DOCUMENT ON PROPOSED NEW FIREARM LAWS**

25 JULY 2019

The government has announced that work has now begun on drafting new firearm legislation.

This is the second stage of Parliament's intention to change the Arms Act 1983 in response to the March 2019 Christchurch mosque massacres.

The new law will be known as the Arms (Purpose, Licensing, Registry and Trading) Amendment Bill.

The draft of the new laws is expected to be finished by the end of August 2019. The proposed legislation will then proceed through the normal process of scrutiny and debate in Parliament and public feedback and submissions during consideration by select committee.

The Minister of Police has been authorised to share drafts of the new Act with targeted experts and stakeholders, such as the Firearms Community Advisory Forum.

It is the government's intention to have the new laws in place by December 2019 and

the Arms (Purpose, Licensing, Registry and Trading) Amendment Bill has been given Category 2 priority to ensure that this happens.

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE NEW LAW**

Drafting the new laws will be guided by a cabinet document entitled “Strengthening the Framework for the Safe Use and Control of Firearms.”

This document was considered by the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee on 12 June 2019.

It was proactively released to the public on 25 July 2019 and is now available for viewing on the police website here;

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/swc-min-for-proactive-release-25-7-19.pdf>

The document says the new laws are necessary because the Arms Act (1983) has not seen any substantial reform in the last 36 years and is no longer fit for purpose.

A broad precis of the purpose of the new law as contained in the “Strengthening the Framework for the Safe Use and Control of Firearms” cabinet document is as follows;

- The new law seeks to balance safe and legitimate use of firearms while managing the risk of harm and public safety.
- It will contain a purpose statement that it is a privilege to possess and use firearms
- Firearm owners, users, dealers and importers have a responsibility to act in the interests of personal and public safety.

## **REGISTRATION**

- A central national firearm register will be established
- It will have the capability of monitoring, tracking and recording individual firearms
- It will contain all licence holders’ details, including firearm licence number, expiry date and endorsements
- It will detail each firearm’s make, model and number
- It will identify the location of those firearms
- All sales and transfers will be recorded
- A licence will be required to buy firearm magazines and parts
- Private firearm sales will be allowed and these sales will be recorded in the new registry
- The information in the registry will be built up over five years

## LICENSING

- Licensing processes will be strengthened to ensure only fit and proper persons can possess firearms
- The new Act will set out the knowledge, positive behaviour and skills necessary to obtain a firearm licence
- It will specifically ban anyone with convictions during the last 10 years for serious drug offences, organised crime, violence or firearm offences and longer term protection orders.
- Anyone with those convictions with a firearm licence will have their licence revoked
- When assessing if a person is fit and proper, police will be able to take into account any concerning pattern of behaviour such as substance abuse, being the subject of a protection order, showing no regard for firearm laws, serious offending, crimes involving violence, drugs or alcohol, is a member or affiliate of gangs or organised crime, been the aggressor in serious family violence, exhibited significant mental health, attempted suicide or other self-harm, show disregard for private and Crown land and property, or is a risk to national security.
- Licence holders will have to disclose serious mental health changes, or permanent physical disability affecting safe firearm use, or anything else that would affect them being a fit and proper person, such as drug abuse, gambling addiction or violence.
- Health practitioners will have a responsibility to notify police if a firearm licence holder shouldn't be permitted to use their firearms
- All such information on a person's suitability to hold a firearms licence must be substantiated
- The registry may supply applicants with the results of their fit and proper assessment

## LICENCES

- New firearms licence will be valid for five years
- Existing ten year licence will be grand parented
- Licence fees will increase in order to cover costs to either partially or fully cover the full cost of licences
- The new law will specifically require licence holders to be responsible to act in the interests of personal and public safety
- Security arrangements for firearm storage will be able to be inspected by police with reasonable notice
- Security will be required in vehicles
- No limit will be put on the number of firearms which can be held by a person

## **VISITORS**

- Overseas visitors will be able to bring their own firearms into New Zealand but they must be registered upon arrival
- Visitors will not be able to buy firearms while in New Zealand

## **DEALERS**

- The new law will clarify who is a dealer
- The fit and proper test for dealers will be strengthened so police are satisfied a dealer has excellent character and sound technical capability
- The new Act will specify positive examples which demonstrate a person can hold a dealer's licence

## **LICENSING FOR CLUBS AND SHOOTING RANGES**

- The new Act will require shooting clubs and ranges be licensed
- This system will be graduated depending on the size and nature of a club or range
- The Act will contain a definition of a club or range and the requirements on the owner, operator or manager, risk management, monitoring and training of users, instructors and supervisors
- A licensed operator must be of excellent character

## **LICENSING DECISION REVIEW**

- The Act will provide a decision review process

## **COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

- Police will be able to issue Improvement Notices requiring licence holders to comply with specific parts of the new Act which aren't being met
- A licence can be revoked if the Improvement Notice requirements aren't met
- The new Act will allow police to immediately seize firearms when the process for revoking a licence begins
- Existing offences and penalties will be updated
- The new Act will allow fees to be set to recover direct and indirect costs, the methods for cost recovery, what cost recovery will apply to and the ability to waive, exempt or refund fees
- The Minister of Police will report back to Cabinet at the end of 2019 on the cost of operating the new firearms law and options for cost recovery.
- The new Act will allow regulation and notice making powers to expand or explain regulations. These must be approved by the Minister of Police



## **DIRECT DATA ACCESS**

- The drafting of the new Act will consider how a firearm register will share information with other government departments
- This sharing provision will be similar to the Intelligence and Security Act 2017
- All sharing provisions will operate within the Privacy Act 1993.

## **AMMUNITION AND ADVERTISING**

- An import permit will be required to import any quantity of ammunition
- Ammunition retailers will have to hold a current firearm licence. They will have to keep records and report unusual behaviour.
- It will be an offence to possess ammunition without an appropriate firearms licence
- The Firearms Community Advisory Forum has been told by Police that the new law will not restrict or affect handloading of ammunition.
- There will be requirements for advertising firearms.
- A permit will be required to import blank firing firearms to ensure they cannot be converted to fire live ammunition.

## **COMMISSIONER'S STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

- The new Act will require the establishment of a stakeholder advisory group to provide critical independent advice to the Commissioner of Police
- This group will have up to nine members with renewable three year terms of office
- Members will come from the firearms community and wider non-firearms community
- It will provide an annual report on its operations
- The group will be deemed a Statutory Board for the purposes of the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- The new Act will be reviewed after five years
- There will be no exemption for sports shooters to use prohibited firearms in competitions
- Endorsements on licences allowing possession of restricted firearms such as pistols will last for the period left on the individual's licence. A new application for an endorsement will have to be made when applying for a licence renewal.
- A pest control endorsement will only last for two years, or the length of time left on the licence, whichever is shorter.
- The new Act will be binding on the Crown. At the moment, there are exceptions for government agencies with policing and defence responsibilities.
- The new Act will contain modern language and usage where appropriate.



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