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HUNTS course hunter Lukas De Haast with his first 'kiwi' deer.....

Photo by Brian Neilson

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

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

Club Events Calendar

June

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| Wednesday | 21 | NZCTA Range Officer Assessment Test at Clubrooms* |
| Sunday | 27 | 1 st Round of the Running Boar* |
| Tuesday | 29 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 30 | Club Night |

July

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| Friday | 2 | TVDA Club Trip to Clements Mill Road (Sika Lodge) |
| Saturday | 3 | Ohinemuri F&G DTL Shoot (9.30am – 12 noon) |
| Saturday | 3 | TVDA Club Trip to Clements Mill Road (Sika Lodge) |
| Sunday | 4 | TVDA Club Trip to Clements Mill Road (Sika Lodge) |
| Monday | 5 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 6 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 7 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 7 | Kids Little 3 Competition Starts * |
| Sunday | 11 | Weighin for Kids Little 3 & Kids SWAZI SHOOT* |
| Sunday | 11 | Bowhunters Club Day |
| Wednesday | 14 | Committee Meeting |
| Friday | 16 | Kids camping and shooting weekend at TVDA* |
| Saturday | 17 | Kids camping and shooting weekend at TVDA |
| Sunday | 18 | Kids camping and shooting weekend at TVDA |
| Monday | 19 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 20 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 21 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Friday | 23 | Annual Dinner – dinner at 7.00pm* |
| Saturday | 24 | MSC Firearms Training – Clubrooms ONLY |
| Sunday | 25 | PracMed 1 st Aid Course at TVDA* |
| Wednesday | 28 | Club Night |

| August | | |
|---|----|---|
| Monday | 2 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 3 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 4 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| | 8 | Bowhunters Club Day |
| Tuesday | 10 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 11 | Committee Meeting |
| Monday | 16 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Thursday | 19 | Rusa Flyin Trip* <i>(new date for this)</i> |
| Friday | 20 | Rusa Flyin Trip <i>(new date for this)</i> |
| Saturday | 21 | Rusa Flyin <i>(new date for this)</i> |
| Sunday | 22 | Rusa Flyin Trip <i>(new date for this)</i> |
| <i>HUNTS course will be happening through late August - Dates yet to be confirmed</i> | | |
| Saturday | 21 | MSC Firearms Training – Clubrooms ONLY |
| Wednesday | 25 | Club Night |
| Tuesday | 31 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |

| September | | |
|------------------|----|--|
| Monday | 1 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 2 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 8 | Committee Meeting |
| Monday | 13 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Sunday | 19 | Bowhunters Club Day** this is the 3rd Sunday |
| | | HUNTS course will be happening through September |
| | | Dates yet to be confirmed |
| Sunday | 26 | 2 nd Round of Running Boar* |
| Monday | 27 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 28 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 29 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 29 | Club Night |
| Thursday | 30 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |

| October | | |
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| Friday | 1 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Monday | 4 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 5 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 6 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 6 | Committee Meeting (early because of docking) |
| Sunday | 10 | Bowhunters Club Day |
| Monday | 11 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 12 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 13 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| | | Docking – dates yet to be confirmed |
| | | HUNTS final weekend – dates yet to be confirmed |
| Monday | 18 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 19 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 20 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Tuesday | 26 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 27 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Wednesday | 27 | Club Night |
| Friday | 29 | Private use – Range available after 3pm |
| Sunday | 31 | Working Bee for Sporting Shoot |

| November | | |
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| Saturday | 6 | Working Bee for Sporting Shoot |
| Sunday | 7 | TVDA Anniversary 100 sporting clays shoot |
| Wednesday | 10 | Committee Meeting |
| Friday | 12 | Private use – CLUBROOMS ONLY |
| Saturday | 13 | Range Closed ALL DAY – ENTIRE COMPLEX |
| Sunday | 14 | Bowhunters Club day |
| Wednesday | 24 | Club Night |
| Saturday | 20 | Sika Show – Mystery Creek* |
| Sunday | 21 | Sika Show – Mystery Creek* |
| Sunday | 28 | Rimfire – Centrefire – Patrons Cup Shoots |

TVDA Annual General Meeting – May 2021

Presidents Report

Things have been juggled around a fair bit since this time last year but it would be fair to say that in the main, TVDA has not been affected in any real way by Covid and the impacts it has had on other sectors. For that we have to be very thankful and grateful, as we are for all those others in our communities as well. Covid has certainly been a wakeup call, it's delivered some pretty challenging and frustrating times but many of us have learnt a lot along the way.

The first real change on the wider NZDA scene was at the 2020 Conference where there was almost a completely new Executive voted in (except for one) that took over the reins of our National Association and had to not only pick up the pieces, but get us back on the right path. The current Executive, under the guidance of President Craig Benbow and new CEO Gwyn Thurlow have done an excellent job and special thanks must go to them all for their absolute dedication, commitment and vision for the betterment of all branches and members. NZDA would simply not be where it is today and nor would the branches had it not been for their hard work – our utmost thanks goes to you all.

Since the last AGM we have seen DOC's dogged attitude in some areas – ie towards the Tahr cull in the South Island and this could only be matched by the approach that the Government has taken on their rulings regarding new firearms legislation. With the recent consultation that we engaged in through the Police, it would seem this was clearly targeted to get the answers that the Government wanted rather than getting genuine feedback that could provide accuracy and fact. I commend all of you that took the time to make submissions to the Police as without this valued input from you, we would literally be staring down the wrong barrel. It goes without saying that lawful and legal firearms owners of this country MUST continue to speak up in support of what is right and proper regarding our sport, recreations and the future that our children and grandchildren should be able to enjoy. Please do not sit on your hands, do not hide behind someone else – when the next lot of submissions are due for Phase 2, please ensure you all do submissions, get your neighbours and non-members alike to submit as well. Our voices; your voices need to be heard.

Covid did throw cold water on some events of ours towards the latter part of 2020 in the form of particularly our TVDA Anniversary Cup shoot in November and a couple of other smaller events but most things were able to be rescheduled. The TVDA Cup was cancelled but we certainly made up for it numbers wise in February when the Maureen Bennett Shoot arrived with 172 shooters attending on the day. An outstanding effort all round by the club's many helpers and neighbours who ensured that this ran so smoothly and also to the wonderful support that we get from our loyal shotgun shooting fraternity.

HUNTS was a wonderful success in 2020 and part of this success I believe was brought about by some of the changes that we made due to Covid. A pre-HUNTS get together and then a few other variations along the way, coupled with an awesome bunch of 14 trainees

really did highlight the immense value that these courses provide. On the flip side though, there is no way that these annual courses could be held or run without the sterling efforts of our fantastic group of volunteers, mentors and supporters. Thank you all so much for your incredible help and support and I know I speak from the branch, the committee and the trainees as well.

Archery, range shooting events, range use in general and kids events have been ongoing throughout the year once the Covid levels allowed and this has also seen a number of new members joining up and becoming involved in our branch. Like all other aspects of branch life – it takes people and volunteers to help keep these events and facilities up to spec and running in good order so my most grateful thanks to all those who have assisted in any way with this – your input really has been such an asset. This must also be said for the considerable time and effort spent working on particularly the Motutapere Hut in the Kaimais this year. It really is a fabulous wee hut to now visit and everyone's contributions have made this possible – take a bow everyone who has been involved.



Successful hunting with Henne at Woodhill

Other changes that we have been involved in on a wider scale have been the NZDA Regional Meetings with us hosting the first one (under the new executive) in October last year and more recently, being involved in the set up and running of two NZDA Ladies Hunting weekends. Both of these avenues have been an outstanding success and much of this has been due to new ideas, new members being involved and positive attitudes all round. There will be many more of these opportunities and others that are still waiting in the wings to get kick

started so now is a great time to be involved and help make some very real and positive changes within NZDA. Further to the two topics I've just mentioned, you will also be aware that through particularly the work for TVDA and Waikato initially and now also with Te Awamutu on board, we have worked with Waikato Regional Council to initiate a trial of the Farmer Assist Programme for removing deer on some private farmland in the WRC Catchment. This has also been enabled through the very positive work and input from Managers and staff at WRC so our huge thanks must also rest with them as well. It really highlights that the work and approach that TVDA has taken as a branch for many years is now filtering further afield. These opportunities have also highlighted to me that as a branch we are, and have been very much leaders in our field for many years and I am extremely proud of that but also all of you that have helped make this happen.

On the topic of leaders and those that make things happen, I am going to ask through this forum that we all seriously consider expanding the number of members that we have on

our committee. We do not have a maximum limit but when I compare the number of active members on our committee versus that of many other branches, I see a real need for more people to help spread the load. The other branches that I have compared us to have in the vicinity of 15 – 20 committee members but they often don't have any ranges, some don't run HUNTs courses, they only do NZDA events whereas we also do shotgun shooting and archery, they have no Junior events, many don't own their own building let alone property and some hold very few if any club hunts etc. I am not saying that everyone on the committee has to take on a massive role but as a current group we cannot keep carrying the bulk of this load on our own and still keep progressing TVDA for you the members. Please consider putting your hand up to be on the committee or to help out with a role that interests you, maybe help with being on a group that looks after a specific area – ie ranges etc as this will all help in a major way. Junior members are also most welcome to be part of the TVDA Committee – just the same as we make sure there are plenty of events for junior members and so the wheel keeps turning. Some jobs can be done on an adhoc basis when you have some spare time perhaps – there will be something for anyone who is able and keen to help out. The newsletter is something that I have to apologise for not having done more regularly this year – it is a key communication tool with our members and I feel that I have let you all down in this regard but I just simply do not have the capacity to do everything that is currently on my TVDA plate. If there is someone who is keen or able to take on the role of newsletter editor and/or be a com's person that would be amazing and such a help to the wider membership all round. Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding regarding the lack of newsletters this year.

Docking down at Panekiri this year was another very real success and with two crews working in tandem around various parts of the station we knocked out the entire job (except for the lates that were to be done in a couple of weeks) in 8 full days of docking. This is an excellent effort all round and a very valued fund raiser for the branch and when coupled with the Police use on the range these two income streams are a real asset to us. The help, support, understanding and contributions of all members is what enables this to happen so thank you very much.

A special mention must also be made to our many and varied sponsors and supporters who assist TVDA in all manner of ways throughout the year. Your contributions are always so incredibly valued and it was great that we were able to bring together our Sponsor and Supporters Function earlier this year to say a very special 'thankyou' to these people in person. While not everyone was able to make the evening, it was absolutely our pleasure and privilege to be able to 'give back' and include everyone in the invites.

That rounds out my take on the year but it certainly could not have happened without the wonderful help and support of those on the committee, members of the branch and family members at home who have assisted in so many ways. Your valued inputs and contributions have really formed a very strong and connected 'TVDA Community' and this is something that I see growing considerably as we work through the year ahead.

Maureen

June Club night



This is booked in for a butchery and BBQ night so why not come on along and have a good catch up with mates, pick up heaps of butchery tips along the way and enjoy a night out.

Mike from Hunt's Homekills has been a wonderful sponsor to TVDA over several years and he has very kindly offered to come along and do this demonstration. There will be back straps on the BBQ for sure and some more but Mike will also run through various other options and ways to make the most of your venison

If there is a pig available then we will also do one of those too to show the variations and options on offer.

Club nights are open to anyone and it's great to see people bringing neighbours, mates and family members along too so we'll see you there.

Start Time – 7.30 pm



1ST Round of the Running Boar Sunday 27th June (start time 9.30am)

The 27th is this coming weekend

It's a good fun day that anyone can participate in. .

22's only and 25 rounds of ammo

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

Gold coin donation for lunch

Congratulations to.....

Mike Cook –

1st at the National Competitions

with this

Te Urewera Rusa Trophy



Lee Kelly –

1st with his Undrawn Pig Tusks at the National Competitions;

Taken in the Coromandel Ranges



Kelby Stewart –

2nd in the Bowhunting section at the National Competitions:

with his Fallow Buck taken on Anzac Day.



Quack....quack.....quack.....quack....quack....quack.... -



As you can see from this Murray Kestle and the team were all geared up for a ripper of an opening weekend of duckshooting!!!!

I was not really brave enough to ask just how much of the garden was left within the section or if this was the only time of the year that Murray does his 'green fingers' bit in the garden.

Either way – very impressive team and Im sure it was a ripper!!!



***Kiwi Avoidance Training**

Bookings are ESSENTIAL so please ring Kauaeranga Visitor Centre 07 867 9080 or kauaerangavc@doc.govt.nz for a booking.

My personal number is 0274055102 for any further information.

Christine Friis



TVDA Sika Lodge Hunting Trip
Friday night 2nd July – Sunday 4th July
Final Call for BOOKINGS



If you have already booked in for this, then no need to do anything else – I will be sending out an email this coming Sunday to everyone who has booked and if you have not heard anything by then from me – give me a shout.



This weekend has been advertised previously and will be another top weekend in the hills.

- Excellent hunting after the Sika Roar and a good time to get onto animals; and
- The perfect place to stay – no worries about the winter chills as the fire at the lodge is a gem, the hot showers are a delight and the warm beds in the bunkrooms are a no brainer in the winter.

This is also a great time of the year to pick up some of those wily old stags that have outwitted many a hunter during the roar.

By now they have let their guard down, the mind is now set firmly on eating up with gusto to put on weight to get through the cold winter period in front of them. They

are certainly quite a different animal to hunt at this time of the year than over the last few months. Similarly the hinds too are often found close to the road as they make the most of the food that is left before they really hunker down for the winter.

These trips are a great chance all round to:

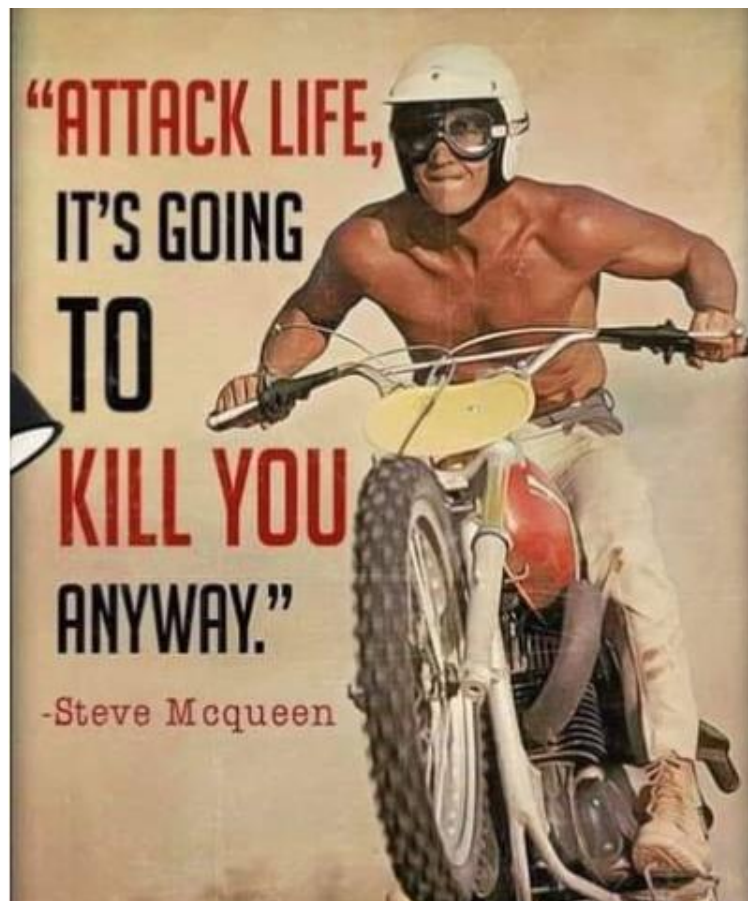
- visit places that you know well,
- be part of your first hunting trip as a member of TVDA
- find a new place to hunt and get the benefit of knowledge and information from those that have been there before
- just come away and enjoy a weekend with friends and other members even if you are not able to get out in the hills for some reason – it's a great social atmosphere and everyone is most welcome.



All you need to bring for this is your hunting gear, sleeping bag, towel and change of clothes for after hunting.

Costs: \$30.00 per night per person plus approx. \$20-25 per person towards food.

Contact: Maureen - email a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz



NZDA Ladies Hunt to Clements Road – May

Special thanks to all those who attended our recent NZDA Ladies Hunting weekend to Sika Lodge/ Clements Road. 17 ladies from Northland to Wellington joined in and it was so awesome to see the fantastic camaraderie and support that everyone shared over the weekend.

It worked well also having it start on the Thursday night for those who were able to get off work early and particularly for those who had large distances to travel – the extra day making it more user friendly on the hunting front.

By Thursday evening everyone was there and making the most of a nice warm fire the next day was a sure bet for a cracker of a frost. The chatter and topics in the lounge on the Thursday night was probably a bit 'shock' for Brian who had called in to drop off a deer for a butchery session the next day and likewise, Darren, who had an overnight stay at the lodge before flying into a block on the Saturday. It must also be mentioned here that the interaction, conversations and support of both you guys with everyone taking part in this weekend was so appreciated.

Friday morning didn't fail on the icy front – plenty of pots of water were ferried out to the carpark and ladies were off and into the hills for a daybreak hunt.

It was so humbling to see ladies getting out there and learning new skills, several of the ladies were 'cutting their teeth on solo hunting', others were keen to get their first hunt under their belts and to all those who so willingly took new hunters out with them on the day – thank you all so much.

As the ladies ventured home in dribs and drabs it was great to see the beaming smiles, hearing the recounts of their close encounters, fleeting glimpses, the odd comment about 'I almost needed a change of undies' thanks to a hind having the last laugh.....and so day one ended on a real high.

Day two was not such a fresh start and despite there now being light rain falling – nobody was deterred. In true hunter fashion, the jackets went on, the boots were laced up and off we went. There was unfinished business out there in the hills so no point sitting around.



Kirstie about to get started on the skinning

As groups arrived home later in the day, it was an opportune time to get the sika hind out of the shed and get the ladies to wield their knives and go the butchering. This was the main purpose of having this animal down there – to get the girls to do the skinning and butchering as it's a comment that I hear so often from new and women hunters.....'Id really like to have a go at that'..... It was so awesome seeing these ladies grabbing the butchery opportunity by the 'scruff of the neck' and embracing the chance to do the knife work. In no time at all the skin was off, the eye fillets and back straps were out and then it was time to tackle the shoulders and the back legs. All of those that were back at the lodge by this stage of the afternoon had a go – there were chopping boards and knives aplenty and seeing the steaks being removed, the silverskins being filleted off and the boning out all happening was such a buzz. These ladies all did such a fantastic job and it was so neat for them to all take home a couple of bags of venison each for the freezer as well. Sharing the benefits from such a cool weekend was such a bonus for sure.

Just after dark the last of the crew arrived home and while not with any venison – it wasn't for the lack of trying, some very close encounters but just not a clear enough view for a safe shot. Well done ladies – there is no taking the bullet back once it's gone if you are not sure.

That night after dinner it was fantastic to have a Sika Foundation presentation to watch thanks to Cam Speedy and the team. This video that Cam gave us will be shown at an upcoming club night as well so make sure you come along and see this because it really does showcase the excellent work that they are doing but also the awesome results in animal quality and the native wildlife and native flora benefits as well.



Some of the Ladies Team before heading home on the Sunday.....

Sunday as always heralds the end of a great trip when you can only get away for weekends but not to worry – this is also a day closer to the next trip. Most of us got out again for a morning hunting on the Sunday and then it was back to the lodge for a hot shower, pack up and hit the road for home.

I really cannot thank you all enough for the way in which you all contributed in various ways and also a special thanks to Jen for putting her hand up to the cook for the weekend. Everyone's contributions were so appreciated and massive thanks must also go to Brent and Val at Sika Lodge for the wonderful asset that we have down there as hunters and outdoorsy people to have at our fingertips.

Conference update and Membership Benefits

Report by Maureen and Photos by Ashleigh

The NZDA Conference this year was in Queenstown and it was great to attend and be the delegate for our branch and also have Ashleigh come down as well. It meant a 3am start for us on the Friday morning to ensure that we were in Auckland to catch the 'first flight out' for the Southern Isle.

On arrival it was into town to book into the conference venue and Ash took off into town for a spot of sightseeing before the conference started and I headed off with a group of other HUNTS instructors from around the country on a guided tour to the Skipper's Pass area for a catch up. The views were stunning, the ideas that were shared were invaluable and the future of HUNTS is very positive. Massive thanks to Shaun Maloney and Pete Henderson for bringing this opportunity together and sharing such an amazing place with us all.

Friday night and the opening of conference was at the Franklin Hunting and Fishing shop and what an awesome night – an endless BBQ on tap with a delicious array to tempt the taste buds, excellent discounts on offer and a wonderful chance to meet and catch up with other delegates from around the country. Regular shuttles were on hand to ferry us all back to the hotel or digs afterwards – filled to the brim and ready for conference to start tomorrow. Getting a tap on the shoulder and a 'local giddy' from past TVDA member Lance Bonkovich was great and really highlights that we only move to other areas – not move 'away'.



The Mega BBQ that fed the multitudes

Conference started at 8.30am and with the formalities, roll call and apologies out of the way it was time to hear from President Craig Benbow, CEO Gwyn Thurlow and Treasurer Carolyn Heffernan through their various Annual Reports to conference. We have all seen the massive improvements on all fronts for us as members and the association over the last 12 months and having some more background behind these results was so beneficial to hear. Things are certainly on the right path, with a very strong focus on the future and always searching for more opportunity, promotions and benefits for us as hunters and shooters, the lands that we enjoy our recreations on and the ongoing improvements to our native species – especially those that are being brought back from the brink. It was also very humbling to take a special message from our branch committee to 'express our very grateful thanks on behalf of TVDA but also all branches and members of the Association to everyone involved with the current board, CEO and office staff for their outstanding efforts, dedication to details and scrutiny that has resulted in such a massive turn around in the Associations' affairs'. This was a

privilege for sure and the resounding applause from all at conference supported our comments. Many thanks to our committee for offering and supporting this gesture and the really positive platform that it helped to set.

Following these reports and question time, it was time for the Notices of Motion that ranged from the usual levies, through to a couple of rule changes and in the main, these were 'tidy ups' rather than breaking new ground. There was one NOM that we opposed and that was for the Chas Forsyth trophy (for trophies taken by those with a disability and those over 65) whereby some of the criteria offered enabled the animals to be taken following paying a trophy and guiding fee. While we are 100% in support of a trophy for these hunters with disabilities (however there is already a trophy category for hunters over 65), we feel that this is just a 'deep pockets trophy' and does not really support those with a disability. We also put it forward that as all of these members entered this category must be a member of NZDA branches, then it should be up to the branches to help people with additional needs to get a trophy rather than them having to focus on paying guides and trophy fees. Our point of view was lost at the vote but we gave it our best to point out the other view. We are also concerned that it will open the door for all trophies in the future to then be taken with the aid of having paid a trophy and guiding fee but that's for another day.....time will tell!!

Given TVDA's huge support for the intent of the Chas Forsyth Trophy (for hunters with disabilities) we have agreed that we will be donating a National trophy for this but only where a trophy and guiding fee has NOT been paid to ensure a much fairer playing field and more accessibility to all hunters. Our trophy will also allow a deviation from the other AHT Fair Chase rules that enables the hunter to have the use of a 'vehicle' as we know and fully appreciate that this is the only way for many that they can get to, move about and be accommodated in the outdoors. Keep this on your radar guys – and let's see some entries next year.

Due to the significant work undertaken by the NZDA board and Gwyn which also expanded to those on the Tahr Foundation, their massive amount of work done is what has seen DOC coming to the table to discuss and work a way forward to prevent our Tahr from being 'run out of town' to put it politely..... Hats off and a special thank you to you all for your extensive knowledge, your outstanding dedication and commitment.

On the predator front it was a bonus 101 to have guru Andy Glasser from Whakatane at conference to give an overview on the countrywide role that he oversees – the trapping projects that are specifically targeted to protect out endangered Whio. I spoke to Andy after



*Act MP, NZDA Member and wonderful orator
– Nicole McKee*

his presentation and while a specific visit to our club is not really an option due to his hectic schedule (and the requests from branches for the same thing all around the country) but he was only too happy to do a presentation and hand on session with trapping and mustelid control at the next Regional Meeting which is to be held in Rotorua in August. This will be an awesome presentation for anyone who is keen to join us at the Regional Meeting in Rotorua. Please make sure you send your name through to Maureen so that I can let them know for numbers and catering purposes.



Sarah and Courtney presenting – Women in Hunting

Other presentations from the HUNTS team, GAC and Act MP Nicole McKee (also past Colfo spokesperson), were really enlightening. Nicole's outstanding ability to speak and hold an audience was fantastic to hear and see in person. She spoke from the heart but with an abundance of professionalism and knowledge from within the House. She also expanded on the process for getting Bills into the 'biscuit tin' and how so much of it is about timing and watching what and who else has 'things in the wind'. Nicole got a standing ovation for her presentation which could only be matched by her dedication and

commitment to us all – from us here at TVDA Nicole; thankyou so much for all that you are doing on behalf of the lawful and legal firearms communities of NZ. Next to follow was an 'open the door' presentation by Sarah Cotching (Sec from BOP) and Courtney Pellow (Sec from Auckland) on Women in Hunting which was great to see. These two wonderful ladies have spearheaded the Inaugural NZDA Women's Hunting trip to Clements Road in the summer and so much more is on the horizons for this. An example of this was the follow-up trip that TVDA hosted in May and these are just starting points. It has been very easy for us at TVDA to grab this and run with it because 'women in hunting' has always been fully supported here in our branch but this is definitely not



The winning Red Head – taken by a 16 year old hunter from Southland. DS 407^{3/8}

the norm in other branches. We have been very much looked up to on this front and special thanks to you all for your ongoing support of women being fully involved in the Branch's activities and out there in the hills hunting over many years. More on this to come – it's fantastic that we are all able to get out there as equals and enjoy the great outdoors, bring home food for the table, help introduce the next generations of hunters alongside our men and all strive for the same end goals. Thank you all so much once again.

Conference concluded on the Saturday afternoon with more catch ups (as the morning and afternoon tea breaks and the lunch interval had) and it was back to get changed into the glad rags and catch the bus to the chairlift up to the skyline restaurant for the gala dinner and prizegiving. Southern Lakes and their planning was again to the fore – there was not a stone left unturned, the views of Queenstown on a crystal clear evening were spectacular and the meal seemed to have an endless array of option that had all been prepared to perfection.



Some of the NZDA guests at the Gala Dinner at the Skyline Restaurant

Guest Speakers on the Saturday night were Dave Shaw who is the producer of the Red Stag Hunter programme (and this was an entertainment session on its own) with laughter rebounding around the hall throughout. While this programme is really enjoyable for its 'down to earth and on the ground' footage and approach; hearing more of the happenings and antics that help make such a great team were priceless. The other speaker was Grant Dodson, Chair of the Game Animal Council who brought a more day to day business approach to the work that they are doing – but none the less, interesting and good to hear.

Prizegiving was the absolute highlight of the year for all entrants and branches and as you will have seen earlier in this newsletter; we had three entries and all three of them were justifiably awarded worthy accolades. Congratulations once again Mike, Lee and Kelby and it really was very humbling to receive these awards on your behalf.

Nobody was in a hurry to leave this lofty panorama at the end of the night but the silent and graceful trip back down in the gondola was a very fitting way to round out what had been a really positive day and a fantastic evening.

Sunday at conference started with a hearty breakfast and then into the conference room again. For the odd observer at nearby tables it was back to bed to sleep off a couple of beers too many but the main focus of today's morning session was hearing from Robbie from

Blood Origins in the USA who is a very pro hunting advocate and can be found as a wonderful supporter of NZDA via Instagram – make sure you search him out and link in; it will be a huge help to us all and it's a great bonus having such an advocate for our sports on the other side of the world and already so connected via social media for the right reasons.

There was the officer working on the new firearms legislation and police on site to give an overview of where things were heading – particularly for branch ranges. I would have to say that this was more of a frustration than benefit as he came along and essentially told us that he could not tell us anything.....but we will see how it goes. Some of the information that he was giving us with regards to land use and getting ranges set up I would have to challenge as being at best 'misleading' or just straight out incorrect from our own experiences. Time will also tell on this front but one thing is for sure – we are certainly in a really positive space having so many of the projects processes already in place, a fully certified range, we are an incorporated society, we have a good selection of range officers and we will have more of them after this coming **Wednesday night (NZCTA Range Officer Assessment test session at TVDA).**

Conference rounded out with special thanks to the host branch, the confirmation that next years' conference will be held in Hamilton and then it was time to say goodbyes, share and swap contact details for future inter club/branch events around the country and to be able to help set up and promote reciprocal events and hunts for our members.

This is also as I see it, a key part of being a member of NZDA and being able to help promote and support this will be fantastic.

It was back out to the airport by 5pm on the Sunday amidst rain and low cloud to wait for our flight back home. Despite the inclement weather there were no delays and it was back to Auckland and then home again by 10.30pm that night.

Right:

This is the winning Game Animal photo and winner of the Best H&W Cover page Photo.....

...and very hard to disagree with that!!! Well done.



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



- Membership card with discounts at major retailers, including:
 - 15% off at Beaurepaires
 - 5%-30% off at Big Save Furniture
 - 15% at Carters
 - Up to 30% at Mico Plumbing
 - 20% off rooms at Millennium Hotels and Resorts
 - Office Max
 - PlaceMakers
 - 10% off at Repco
- Regular newsletters, advice and information directly to your inbox, both at your local Branch level and on nationally significant level. We inform our members about events and changes in the laws affecting hunting and shooting. We will also be the first to tell our members about current lobbying issues.
- Exclusive NZDA discounts:
 - Interisland Ferry group booking discount (contact us for the code)
 - Go Native outdoor meals and snacks, 25% discount
 - Napier of London shooting and hunting goods, 15% discount
 - AJ Productions - electronic game caller and trail cameras, 15% discount
 - Kilwell Sports hunting supplies, 15% discounts on website orders
 - Hunting with Huntahr Guiding, 10% discount
 - Heli Sika, 10% discount on helicopter flights to hunting blocks
 - Murchison Heli Tours, 10% off your flights
 - NZ Taxidermy Ltd, 10% discount on mounts
 - Bullivant Taxidermy, 10% discount on mounts
 - Ruahine Tanning & Taxidermy, 10% discount on mounts
 - 10% discount of Department of Conservation annual Backcountry Hut Pass or 'Hut Pass'. See the DoC website for more details
 - 10% discount at all good sporting, shooting and hunter retailers on request
- Public Liability Insurance when hunting and undertaking NZDA activities
- Quarterly Member Magazine - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
- Branch club nights and guest speakers
- Conference and events
- Competitions
- Access to rifle ranges
- Networks of facilities, accommodation and huts
- HUNTS training program – training courses & certification for HUNTS Instructors
- Head measuring – access to Douglas score measurers
- Research grants

Membership Queries or problems

The whole online membership system is working unbelievably better than it has in recent years but if anyone has a query or have not received your invoice or your membership card perhaps, please just touch base with Maureen and we will get it sorted.

Maureen 027 3337786 or a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

Also in light of the huge gratitude that we have for the fantastic work being done by the team of 4 at NZDA's National Office, Maureen has shouted them morning tea on behalf of TVDA to say 'thank you so much for your hard work...' and this is Sue's lovely note in reply

Hi Maureen and Members of TVDA

Thanks to you and the branch for shouting morning tea which we have just had. It was a lovely gesture and very much appreciated.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Sue van den Bersselaar
Office Manager



This photo (to the right) was the winner of the TVDA Trophy from the NZDA National Competitions – 'The Best photo taken by a Junior Member'.

Great to see the juniors really getting into their photography now and there were some excellent photos in this section and right across the board. Make sure you look in the next H&W magazine.

Maybe for next year, there could be an entry or two from TVDA member in this junior category or any of the many other sections as well. Get clicking folks.....


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Murray Fisher's Obituary - *By Keven and Christine Caddy*

It was with much sadness that the branch and members learned of the sudden passing of long time member Murray Fisher – at home on 31 May.

A farmer from Kerepehi Murray had long been an avid shooter – particularly in regards to clay targets and game bird shooting, and it was through this that we was a branch member. This passion for game bird shooting also saw Murray and friends do numerous trips to South Africa and South America – and game birds were always in their sights.

In the early 2000's Murray jumped at a chance to travel down to Southland for a major Sporting Clay Championships and had a great time – coming back with a grade trophy; much to his delight. This was also a key driver for us as a branch when a few years later, that we held a North Island,

National and Oceania Sporting Championship 'Festival of Shooting' – 7 days of sporting clay shooting over 10 days. Murray was extremely enthusiastic and committed in helping get this set up. So much so that a couple of big old logs that were waiting for a tractor to lift onto a trailer so that they could become a focal point in the club's gardens ended up in the bonfire. Murray was on a mission – he had the tractor with the forks and a fire was going, so look out!!!

Murray was a 'local lad' though and he was still farming in the district, he was keenly involved in many community activities and was always very generous with his time.

Murray, along with very good friend Gray Thorne-George also joined the branch on one of our trips to Panekiri docking lambs (at the coercion of another very good mate – one George Avery none the less)!!! It was understood that Murray thoroughly enjoyed himself and was keen to go back down again but Gray was not havin' a bar of it!!!!

The thoughts of us all are with Eileen and the family at this very sad time.

As and the service sheet said....'**Gone Hunting with the Master**'. Rest in Peace Murray.

With Love We Remember
Murray John Fisher



25th November 1954~ 31st May 2021

Te Urewera Rusa Roar Flyin Trip....

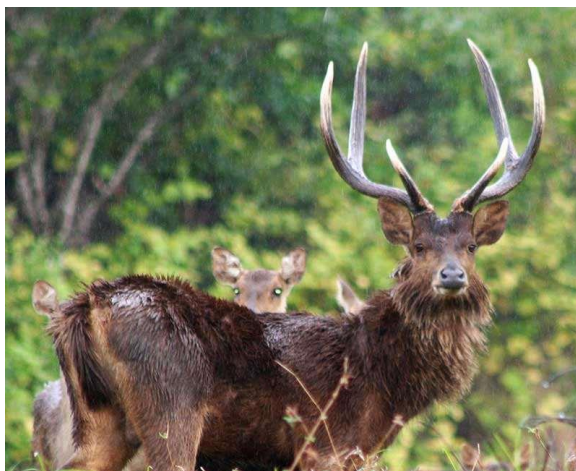
To Right Branch, Takarua or Ngahiramai huts

Thursday 19th – Sunday 22nd August

(this date has now changed from the previous newsletter)

Approx \$285.00 p/p for flights

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Please contact Brian Neilson asap to book in

Brianneilson@xtra.co.nz or 027 8910958

NZDA Regional Meeting being held at / hosted by Rotorua Branch

The previous NZDA regional meeting for 2021 was held at Waikato branch back in May – **and the next one is at Rotorua Branch on Saturday 14th August**

The meeting will be held at the NZDA Rotorua Clubrooms at Neil Hunt Park, Rotorua. Everyone is most welcome to come along or catch up with one of our committee members if you have something that you'd like to have discussed at the Regional Meeting.

These meetings are a great opportunity to talk to other branch members and find out what they are doing and also discuss issues or ideas you may have that don't get air time at national level.

Speakers at this stage will be Peter Miles (NZDA & Police Range Certifier) and also Andy Glaser from DOC re mustelid control and in particular, saving our endangered Whio throughout NZ with the help of volunteer groups.

Meeting Date: Saturday 14th August

Address: Neil Hunt Park, Rotorua (just as you turn onto Tarawera Road)

Time: Yet to be confirmed but most likely around 10am (ish)

Contact: Maureen Coleman if you are keen to go from TVDA

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Colin Petersen
President
Rotorua Branch NZDA



If anyone else from TVDA is wishing to go and you want to carpool – please contact Maureen, otherwise we will see you there.



Annual Dinner & Prizegiving



Being held on the evening of Friday - 23rd July, we are really delighted to have Dave Sheely joining us as the guest speaker for the night.

Dave has in the past been a very successful and medal winning NZ international shooter across various disciplines and over the last 10 years, he has dedicated so much of his time and expertise to being the NZ Parafed and Para-Olympics shooting coach.

Dave's personal shooting results have been fantastic but this can only be matched by the wonderful opportunities and results that shooting has opened up to these amazing athletes that he has coached.

The other highlights of the night will be the fantastic dinner as always and then the presentation of our trophies relating to hunting / AHT competitions, range and shooting events, kids events and more.....

Let's all enjoy celebrating the awesome TVDA successes from the last 12 months

Please contact a Committee Member for tickets

\$35.00 per head (adults) & \$17.50 (those 12 year and under)

DOCKING - Expressions of Interest needed

Ive been in touch with Kylie and Ian at Panekiri Station and they are all go again for us to go down and help with the docking this year.

The dates are yet to be confirmed however it will most likely be the middle two weeks in October.

This is a major fundraising venture for the club and it certainly helps to provide the extra bonuses that we have at TVDA, it keeps our subs at some of the lowest in the country and it's an awesome way to help foster the team spirit that abounds within our branch.



This can also only happen though by people putting their hands to up to help so if you are keen to be part of this or know that you will be able to help out with this for a few days, or perhaps a week; then please make sure you come back to Maureen. Quite simply – if we don't have the people to help, this will not happen and this will also mean a reduction in a number of club assets and activities.

For those who are new to TVDA, we go down to a large station near Wairoa, we stay in the shearer's quarters, the food is all supplied by TVDA and we help dock lambs for about 8-10 days on the station. We run two separate groups from various parts of the station and access to all the areas is by vehicle so no need to be climbing around the hills etc. The staff on the station do all the mustering and yard work - and we provide the man and girl power to assist with tailing the lambs.

At least part of this time will be in the school holiday and the kids are most welcome to also come down and help out. This is a Club Activity and as such, we are all part of how this is made happen.

It would also be great to have a cook for each group again this year so if you are keen on this aspect rather than the docking, then by all means – please let me know.

Please advise Maureen asap on:

027 3337786 or by email a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

Prac-Med Magic.....

...don't miss the next TVDA training session



PRACMED N.Z.

TVDA has already told Simon and Steph that we will hold a second training session in a couple of months' time as there were people who couldn't make this first session and others have kicked themselves that they did not bite the bullet and book in for the first training session in time.

Date for TVDA's next session is SUNDAY 25TH JULY

Book with Steph and Simon online at www.pracmednz.com

The best first aid training money you will spend

\$155 Stop the Bleed or Stop the Bleed AND Remote Places \$229

4.5 hours / half day

Full Day



The entire day was totally interactive, plenty of laughs, and so much valuable information.

This 'classroom section' was only a short segment in the day as the rest of it was full on with stopping major arterial bleeds, stemming internal bleeding, having 'tools' to deal with the major 'unexpected carnage' that life can deliver –

particularly on the roads, successfully applying lifesaving tourniquet, dealing with major fractures, hypothermia and what to do 'when shit really happens' out there.

Make sure you book for the next course NOW to avoid disappointment

*We build responders; not witnesses!!!
Semper Paratus – Always Ready*

Make sure you read this kids...

Further to the really successful events that we have had over the last couple of years for the kids, here come some more.....



The Little 3 starts on Wednesday 7th July and the weighin for this is on Sunday 11th July.....AND the entry form is at the very back page of this newsletter.



The world's most durable outdoor clothing

This is also the same day that we hold our annual Swazi shoot so it will be a great weekend for everyone. The flier for this is on the next page

Following on from that – July has also got a really KOOL weekend in store for the kids and it's in the school holidays as well!!!!

Friday afternoon/evening of 16th July the clubrooms will be open and it will be time to arrive for the camping and shooting weekend being held at the clubrooms.

Heaps of activities to keep kids amused:

- sleeping in the clubrooms
 - (or tenting if you wish)
- Heaps of
 - archery,
 - slug gun and .22 target shooting
 - shotgun (410) clay target shooting
 - Camp cooking
 - Hopefully a bon fire too
- Possum shoot if the weather is ok
- Hands on for the kids
 - Skinning and cutting up venison
 - Making Bread
 - BBQ venison sandwiches for lunch
 - Learn how to Douglas Score.....
- And so much more.....



This is open to NZDA members only, bookings are essential and the cost will be \$20.00 per person for the entire weekend. Adult and parent helpers needed as well please. Permission slips must be completed and payment received to confirm your booking for this weekend – the same as Mike's annual survival camp.

Please contact Maureen Coleman on: a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz or

phone 027 3337786 for more details

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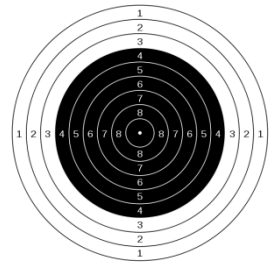


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Weighin for Kids Little 3 Competition

Sunday 11th July



Come along one and all Kids – this weekend is absolutely a top one for you all; whether you are keen to be on the range shooting targets or out chasing small game – hares, possums, rabbits and then an eel as well!!!

For the Little 3 Competition, please:

- fill in and return the entry form as found on the back page in this newsletter **and** then
- for the SWAZI shoot on Sunday 11th July (*Yes this starts at 1.00pm on the Weighin day*) so you just need to arrive at the clubrooms, register for the SWAZI shoot and then take aim at your target!!!

A great time to be out there doing pest control and oodles of prizes to boot at the end of it!!

No costs for any of this – it's a great day to round out a top few days and it's all for free.

If you've got any queries, please contact Maureen on 027 3337786

SPECIAL THANKS TO....

- The team of mentors who have done an awesome job in supporting our HUNTS course participants from last year on their trip to Woodhill. The hunters have been given such a fantastic opportunity to have a day's hunting at Woodhill thanks to the amazing support from the Woodhill Fallow Management Committee and this also only possibly due to the huge support from the mentors. See some of the photos through this newsletter that speak for themselves.....
- Brian Neilson who has joined Kelby Stewart as a Level 2 Douglas Scorer – Well done guys and so appreciated having the extra help and expertise on board at measuring nights.
- To the whole team who helped with scoring heads at Measuring Night in May – it was great to see such a good array of trophies being brought along on the night
- To George, Paul and Mike for your help running the recent shotgun shoot for the MPI team. So appreciated guys.
- Thanks to everyone who came to the recent AGM and who also put their names forward again for the committee and also a special welcome back onto the Committee to Andrew and Karen Austen.
- To Luke Vitasovich for so kindly holding aside the pile offcuts from his building sites for us to use on the range upgrades. This is a massive help..



Trap Line Updates and catch results

→ **WANTED**



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Trap line checkers to monitor the Terry Line rat traps that are located up the Kauaeranga Valley.

If you and a couple of mates or even if you are on your own but keen to be part of a team to share this role then it would be great to hear from you and for us to also be able to continue the awesome work that Mike Deane and Peter Flynn did for several years.

If we were able to bring together a small group then this job may only take up 4-5 days/trapline check a year or perhaps if there was just a couple of you, then one day a month would be amazing. If this sounds a bit like you and you are keen to get some extra exercise and help the conservation cause at the same time, please phone

Dennis Hayfield on 027 2211892 or Brian Neilson on 027 8910958

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

- 134 Stoats
- 101 Rats
- 97 Hedgehogs
- 3 Ferret
- 3 Mice
- 2 Birds.



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

- 2 Stoat
- 6 Weasel
- 44 Rats



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RANGE USE

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

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

AND the

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



.....At the latest committee meeting it was agreed that we put out an ask out to all club members if there is anyone who is keen to take on the role of 'looking after the range' but this is NOT to be a 'do all the work' role. It would be a huge help if one or two of you could help collate the work that needs doing to keep the range in ship shape order, let us know what work needs to be done and when; and working bees can be rostered.

There is also a supply of pole offcuts now available through local builder Luke Vitasovich so this is a big help and Brian has a good supply of Coreflute that will be ongoing so these will be real assets for keeping the range in good working order. This is one of those jobs that needs to be done on a semi regular basis (about 3-4 monthly)

Many thanks Maureen



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Kelby Stewart 021 395 400 kelby.co.nz



Design and concepts



All construction and building



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A very special Welcome to the New members who have joined TVDA over the last couple of months and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and joining in with the many and varied activities that are held at your club:

- Jenna Trafford and family
- Kirsty Mio and family
- John Collins
- Phil Brewster
- David Catford
- Steven Catford
- Greg Gutsell
- Toby Nicholson
- Paul Hansen
- Paul Jackson



Get Well Message to Paula Olsen.....Paula has been moving between Waikato and Thames hospitals post having a hip replacement done. All the best Paula for your continued progress and look forward to seeing you again soon.

***Condolences** once again to the Berghan family on the sudden and recent passing of Raewyn – only weeks after farewelling her husband Dickie. The thoughts of us all are with you.*



Sika Show & Competition 2021 – Hamilton, New Zealand

(New date, new locations, new ideas)

The annual Sika Show & Competition is the largest outdoor trade show of its kind in New Zealand. In previous years, more than 6000 people have been visiting the show each year in September at the Great Lake Centre in Taupo.

As of 2021, the Sika Show went under new management and the show will take place in Mystery Creek Events Centre. An important element of the Show has been the collection of jaws. The jaw collection data provides valuable information on the population, demography, and condition of Sika deer in New Zealand.

Start Date - Saturday, 20 November 2021

End Date - Sunday, 21 November 2021

Event Location Mystery Creek Events Centre
Gate 2, 125 Mystery Creek Road
Ohaupo, Hamilton

Contact Email: info@sikashow.co.nz



SWAMP COMP 2021

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

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

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

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

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



HUNTS COURSE 2021.....



The funding application has been lodged and dates are just about finalised so keep an eye on your emails over the next couple of weeks for more information.

We have a full list of names (we cap the

course at 15 people) but if you are keen and have not emailed Maureen to register your name, this is your last chance in case someone has to pull out for unforeseen reasons.

If anyone is keen to have a look at the programme that we have run in recent years as an indication of what the course covers, then please contact:

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

HUNTS Hunters in action at Woodhill



Mike with his 'cutover' buck



Leaving the carpark at 6.30am



Manihera takes aim



Pierre in his happy space



Lukas ready for the carry



Other images are in place of some photos not to hand when the newsletter was ready to be printed

NZDA Swag Shipping Today!

NZDA merchandise has landed and is ready to be shipped out!!! Thanks to everyone who made orders and for your patience because we know you're waiting to get your hands your swag!

For those wishing to place an order – please see the details below.



NZDA Merchandise - Order Yours Now!

NZDA T-shirts and stickers can now be purchased through our website. Order at our online [shop](#).

There are two T-shirt versions available, black or white, in men's and women's sizes.

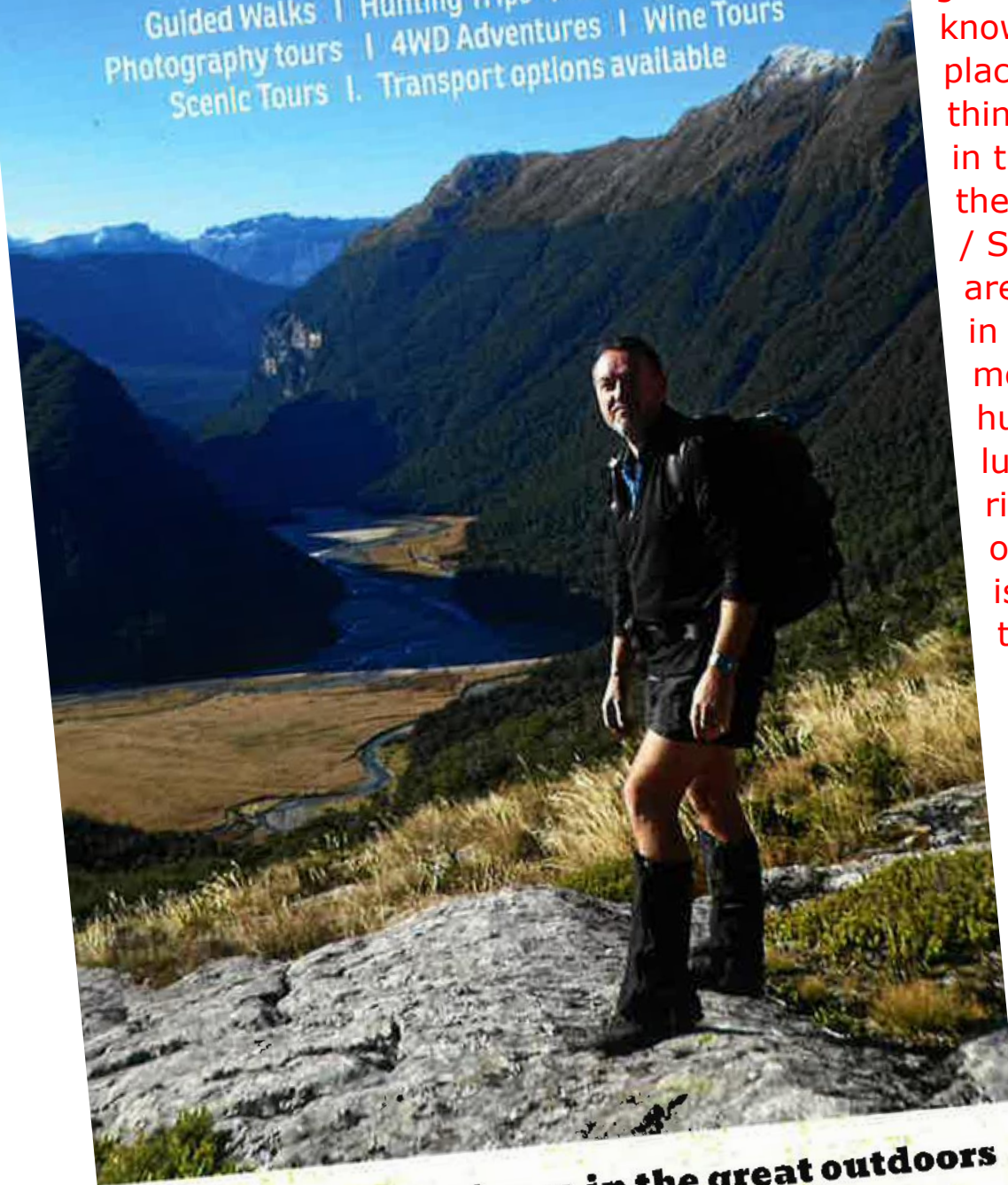
More options to come. The price is \$45.00 (including domestic shipping)

We also have high quality NZDA bumper stickers for sale at \$15.00 (including domestic shipping).



Out There Southern Adventures

Guided Walks | Hunting Trips | Fishing Trips
Photography tours | 4WD Adventures | Wine Tours
Scenic Tours | Transport options available



Elevate your experience in the great outdoors

From guided walks, scenic photography tours, 4WD adventures, to fishing and hunting excursions, and so much more, Out There Southern Adventure Guide Pete Henderson is an expert in all things outdoors. Pete has the certification to guide visitors around the regions most impressive locations, both in the Otago high country and national parks.

If anyone is looking for some great local knowledge on places to go, things to do down in the general in the Queenstown / Southern Lakes area..... be that in the mountains hunting, flicking lures into the rivers or family outings – Pete is the person to contact.

Pete's been a member of NZDA for many years and Ive known him for the last 20 years so great to see him sharing his passion for the outdoors with others



With over 20 years experience in the hunting, guiding and fishing industry, Pete enjoys sharing his knowledge of the area and creating memorable trips for anyone needing an extra level confidence, to visitors with specialised requests and advanced fitness levels. Design your bespoke adventure package to suit you, or download sample itineraries online to get started.

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Bespoke package options
Transport options available



Professional Hunting Guide
Diploma in Outdoor Leadership
Department of Conservation Registered Concessions
Qualmark Certification
20 years with Search & Rescue
Range Officer, Instructor and Assessor

"Pete was an excellent host and guide and helped make sure everyone made the most of the trip, including taking a few of us up for an extra early morning hike while the rest of the group had a sleep in. Very impressed, amazing experience."
Hollie - Canterbury



Next club day is Sunday 11th of July 2021



AND

Bow Hunters Club Days are always the 2nd Sunday of the Month:

Sunday 11th July

Sunday 8th August

Sunday 19th September**

*(**September clubday is a week later due to other interclub events)*

Club days start between 8.30 – 9am so if you are keen to have a go at archery / bowhunters, then contact one of TVDA committee members (shown in the front of the newsletter with an * beside their name) or

Shelley Moxsom on 027 3339309 or rsomoxsom@xtra.co.nz for more details.

These days are a great way to learn about archery, get help and support from those who are regular archers and it's a great way for families to get out there and enjoy this recreation together.

Bows and arrows are available for hire on club days so you don't have to be kitted out beforehand with all your own gear.

Costs for clubday: Range fee for the day is \$7.00 person or \$15.00 for a family

Bow Hunters Interclub Competition held at TVDA

SUNDAY 29th August





Taumarunui Gun Club



Welcomes everyone to our

100 Compak Sporting Shoot

Saturday 3rd July 2021

9.30am start - Closeoff 11.00am

(Taumarunui Gun Club, Ecolands, Manunui –
3 kms south of Taumarunui)



**Four rounds of
25 Compak Sporting Clay targets**



Great Targets, Food and Hospitality and a Fantastic day out for all shooters. This is an awesome chance to have a wintertime sporting shoot, introduce new people or mates to the sport so come along and have a blast – you are all most welcome.....

Place getter prizes and HEAPS of drawn prizes at the conclusion of the day's shooting. You need to be there to collect the drawn prizes

\$80.00 per shooter

Includes targets, ground fees and levies as well as tea, coffee and biscuits – excludes ammo and lunch however both of these can be purchased at the club on the day.

Cash only please – NO EFTPOS and NO CHEQUES

Enquiries – Bill Merhtens 027 8354030 or bill261153@gmail.com

Dogs – if dogs are on the grounds, they MUST be tied up or on leads at all times – absolutely no exceptions

Little 3 Competition
Wednesday 7th July – Sunday 11th July
Walker Family Trophy

1. Entry forms must be to the Treasurer by Wednesday 7th July – a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz
If you have already sent your entries in for the original weekend, then there is no need to do this again – they will be carried over to this new date
2. Animals are to be secured from the Wednesday morning to the Sunday, to be weighed in at the clubrooms from 2 pm – 4 pm.

All entries must be on the property by 4.00 pm. No exceptions.

3. Only those members' names that are listed on the entry forms are able to weigh in entries. Maximum of 3 person's in a team
4. **EELS only** – if you wish to weigh them and take a photo of the eels being weighed and the actual weight showing in the photo, this will qualify for the eel section. This is particularly in light of helping to protect the eels and help them to survive.

Little 3 – Entry Form

14 years & under

Name..... Signature.....

Team Members Names:

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Team Yes / No

Individual Yes / No

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| Little 3 | |
| Rabbit only | |
| Eel only | |
| Possum only | |

Please Tick the boxes for both competitions – (Under 14 and up to 18 years) for the various sections that you wish to enter.

ALL Juniors – up to 18 Years

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| Most Possums | |
| Most Hares | |
| Heaviest Goat | |
| Best Goat Horns | |

In signing this form (above), I undertake to accept the judge's decision as final and accept that I must abide by the rules to be eligible to take any prizes associated with partaking in this competition.



Sender:

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