Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

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Elliott Humphry with some of the trophies waiting to be collected from Big Game Artistry

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

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Club Events Calendar

May		
Wed	30	Club Night - Measuring Night

June		
Sunday	10	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	13	Committee Night
Wednesday	27	Club Night
Thursday	28	Te Aroha College shooting day
Saturday	30	Annual Dinner and Prizegiving*

July		
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	11	Committee Night
Wednesday	18	Start of Kids Little 3 Competition*
Sunday	22	Weighin for Little 3 Competition &
Sunday	22	Kids SWAZI Shoot*
Wednesday	25	Club Night
Saturday	28	Start of Jim Davies Pig Hunting Competition*
Sunday	29	Weighin for Jim Davies Pig Hunting Competition*
Sunday	29	1 st Round of the Running Boar

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*articles in the newsletter with more details



Saturday 30 June – mark this on your calendar

We are extremely fortunate to have **Wayne Scott from Whakatane** as our guest speaker for this year's Annual Dinner.

Wayne is an ex Deer Culler and at the time of the Reunion last year, we got chatting about his numerous trips to Africa – chasing their spectacular game animal species with the camera and spending time 'with the locals' at the same time.

Don't miss this night on several fronts – Wayne will be an excellent speaker with stunning photos and footage to share on the night (sample of them below), the food will be superb as always and help celebrate the successes of our members from throughout the year. *Tickets are available from Committee Members.*

Price: \$25.00 per adult (\$12.50 for *under* 12's)

Start Time – Happy Hour 6.00pmDinner: 7.00pm



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Given the increase in postage coming up (increasing to \$1.30 as from the 1st of July 2018) and the general need for us to get the newsletter out to you all in a more timely and assured manner, we advise that in MOST cases, we will be sending this and future newsletters out by EMAIL.

It must be STRESSED here that for those without email – you will definitely still be getting your newsletter posted out to you.

If anyone else would prefer to get your newsletter sent to you in the printed format, please contact Maureen by return email.

We appreciate that you will all understand this decision but please do NOT think that you only able to get your newsletter by email. Please keep in touch for a hardcopy/printed version.

Thank you for your help and understanding - TVDA Committee

Help needed please....

The Property Committee is always looking to build on the great work of various club members who are fixing things and "adding value" in other ways.

The committee often has a short-list of pressing projects, mainly small, some not so, which require some help or leadership. One of the problems with getting them done has been that club members simply don't know what needs doing. So periodically our small committee will let you know through the newsletter about some specific small projects. The club will arrange materials as required.



So this month:

- The beam! The beam holding up the roof above the porch area by the men's toilet is rotten where it extends beyond the roof and needs replacing. A degree of carpentry skill and tools will be a help with this one.
- Getting out of the sheep-sh*t! The committee is looking for someone to supervise concreting under the roof of the shooting stand of the 100m range. Some experience of concrete will be a help with this one.

If you're able to help please contact Wayne on 0274 916352.

Presidents Report

Annual General Meeting – 2018

Welcome along everyone to this years' Annual General Meeting. I have been doing a bit of digging into the archives and see that it is now 60 years since the first AGM of this club was held and there have certainly been a few changes along the way. None of those changes though would have come about without considerable vision from the early committees and members, huge amounts of hard work and dedication through each of the 'eras' and in more recent times, the group that has worked through securing the land that our clubrooms have long stood on, but also seen the club continue to expand in so many ways.

It would be fair to say that the last 12 months have seen a bit of a 'rest period' in TVDA terms whereby there are plenty of things in the pipeline and planning stages but the dots just have not been joined enough yet to get the major projects underway.

More on this a bit later on.....

As a recap on the years' activities, there have been our usual events such as our two major sporting clay shoots, two major archery events, the annual club rifle shooting events and a hunting competition.....and nearly all of them have been affected or hampered by the



weather gods this last 12 months. It must have been our turn for the other side of the coin as we have generally always been fortunate enough to have great weather but in true testament to the reputation that this club's hard work has out there – even with the bad weather, support from competitors for our major clay target and archery events has still been very good. Those people who have toiled long

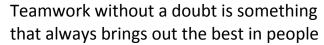
and hard to make sure these events are the successes that they are renowned for, can really take a bow.

The smaller club events though have had a mixed response and this is something that the committee for the year ahead can look at a bit more. Some of the club trips have been cancelled due to very poor attendances – despite people saying that that they want club trips; twilight shoots have seen a significant drop off in numbers – despite members saying that's what they want. It seems as if things are very easy to ask for yet too difficult for some of those people to then make the effort to then support them. I must make special note of thanks to those members who have regularly attended or come along and joined in as and when they can, those who have really made the effort and particularly to those who have continued to make sure that these events are there as planned and advertised. I fully understand and appreciate that there are only so many hours in the day and conflicting priorities but when people make a concerted push for various things to happen and then they never support them it does leave me wondering a tad.

Special thanks also to those who have been only too willing to chip in and help out with various jobs and working bees over the year, be they big or small – your contributions and willingness has been so appreciated and it has been a massive support to club and the committee along the way.

HUNTS last year saw a full complement of 12 participants start and complete the course and it was great to almost have a 50/50 split between men and women. The course takes a

lot of work behind the scenes and once again – huge thanks to the team that so willingly shares their expertise and time to ensure that this course and the experience for the trainees is such a positive one and that they will be well equipped for their future trips into the hills. Additional support from private landowners, businesses, Pub Charity as the supporting funders for last year's course and without a doubt, the family members of both the HUNTs team and the participants also deserve a vote of thanks and acknowledge because this course does not just happen at the drop of a hat.





and this was highlighted particularly at our major club events, the annual docking trips to Panekiri and more recently, with the pine tree removal that happened up here. It was great to see the true spirit of a club coming to the fore – there were no divisions between the young and the old, the he's and the she's, the target shooters and hunters, bow hunters or shotgun shooters or any other variations that come to light. This is one club and we are rightfully proud of the fact that while we have multiple affiliations to other entities, our core strength is that we are One Club for all of our members under the one roof.

The focus for this coming year is to progress the range upgrades and to enable almost full use of all our shooting ranges by people with a range of disabilities and most certainly those who are dependent on wheelchairs. The upgrades are to include chair access up to the shooting area from the clubrooms, a hard surface parking area up at the range, a ramp to the running boar shooting shed, remedial work to the target areas and also improved access to the 50m shooting area. Realigned and resurfacing of tracks and the driveway to prevent water damage is also a key part of this, and all of which will most definitely benefit us all. It will be a busy year or two ahead but with the awesome group of people that we have in this organisation and moving forward to better help all of our members and those coming through, it is what will keep us a step ahead of many others.

On the firearms and hunting front, I feel that we all have a key role to play particularly regarding the new licensing regime that is being introduced as of 1 July this year. While we are yet to see the full scale of the new online portion of the process and then just what MSC is going to provide by way of the new 'hands on training for applicants', I honestly

believe that there will be a significant void in the system compared to what has been so successful up until now. I hope I'm wrong but as a club and a group of responsible firearms licence holders, I think there is also a very good opportunity for us to all really promote the significant benefits for people to become members of a club such as this to genuinely learn the wider scope of just what is involved with safe and responsible firearms ownership and use. Even those of you who do not hold a firearms licence, you can still help instil the benefits for us all, by encouraging people to learn about firearms in a sound environment and thus promoting safe firearms use when in the hills, around the duck ponds and on the shooting ranges.

Several of our TVDA members have filled nearly all the current and previous MSC Firearms Safety Instruction work in the greater Coromandel and Eastern Waikato region for many years. Your huge dedication and support in this role and the manner in which you have carried out your work is an absolute credit to you all and that cannot go unacknowledged. My sincerest thanks to you all for the wonderful contribution you have made to your local communities and also very much to the wider community as a flow on effect as well.

In closing my report, I have to say a huge thank you once again to all the committee for your dedication and support and also to the family members at home and on the farm that have assisted behind the scenes. Many thanks also to those club members who have been a great support team to myself, the club and committee as a whole, as you have helped out at events, working bees, the docking, HUNTS and in manys other ways to ensure that 2017 was another successful year. Being able to share the workload is vitally important and while I also see that there needs to be some other roles filled in the year ahead; with the commitment to teamwork and a sound vision for an excellent outcome for all our members, this club has a strong future across all of our sporting interests.

Maureen

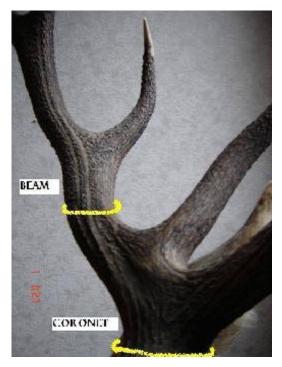
Trophies & Categories for Measuring Night

Red Cup	Best Red Deer Antlers
Gwilliam Shield	Best Sika Deer Antlers
Clark Cup	Best Goat Horns
	Best Drawn Pig Tusks
	Best Undrawn Pig Tusks
WSB Cup	Best Goat taken by a Junior
S & H Cox Trophy	Best Head shot by a Lady
K D Cox Shield	Best Antlered Species
Hair & Larsen Trophy	Best Horned Game Species

Club Night

Wednesday 30th May (Measuring Night)

Start Time: 7.30pm - Supper afterwards



It's that club night of the year when the proof of our time in the hills, the eye behind the camera lens and the stories that accompany all the outings come together for sure.

Measuring Night is a great time for everyone to come along and see what trophies are brought in for measuring.

Without a doubt, they are all trophies regardless of whether they are your first animal, the hunt left plenty of sweat out on the hill, a record breaker, wall hanger or most importantly of all – they are yours and you are proud of what you have acheieved.

Although Measuring Night (club night) starts at 7.30pm,

I will be up there and getting a head start on doing the measuring before that so don't hesitate to come along earlier if you wish to help spread the workload on the measuring tape.

The photo competition results will also be on display – these too always create plenty of interest and discussions.

Many thanks Dennis for all your help with this.

If anyone has any queries about Antler Horn and Tusk Entries etc or eligibility etc, please don't hestiate to give Maureen a call on 027 3337786.

Remember there are categories for Junior members to enter their trophies taken throughout the year so let's see a great turnout of entries on Wednesday night – 30^{th} May.



Supper will be there on the night as well – see ya there.

NOTE / REMEMBER: PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE SKULLS

Kids Events – coming up...

Make sure you have a good look further through this newsletter kids....(and parents and grandparents!!!) for the entry forms.

This year the **Kids Little 3** will be held from Wednesday 18th of July and the weigh-in will be at the clubrooms on Sunday 22 July.



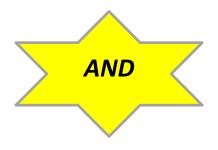
Yep it's all sorted kids - it's in the school holidays, there are several days to get your



'threesome of game'....or more if you choose to go for the hares and goats as well.

We have been extremely fortunate for several years now as Placemakers and the wonderful support of Nigel

and Leah Lesley of Ainslea Builders have provided us with an awesome array of prizes for all the categories of the Kids Little 3 Competition and also for the heaviest Hares and goats etc.





The world's most durable outdoor clothing

Make sure you are at the weighin early, as the Kids SWAZI Shoot is also planned for Sunday 22^{nd} of July.

The SWAZI Shoot will begin at 1.00pm on Sunday 22nd and it will be open to ALL JUNIOR Members; and it will be as follows:

- 10 shots (.22)
- 50m in a prone position (lying down)
- A nice big target; and
- Great SWAZI clothing prizes as well as many more!!!
- NO COST at all for this event or the Kids Little 3 competition!!!!

Looking for a good book to read on these wet days... 'Mists of Te Urewera'

Wilf Fuller spent 50 years of his life hunting and tramping in the mist hills and valleys of the Urewera National Park (Te Urewera) or 'The Ureweras' as those vast expanses of native forest are affectionately known, to his 1960's and 1970's generation.

Wilf stalked these hills, initially as a government-employed deer culler hunting Rusa, Red and Jap deer as well as wild pigs. For the next 20 years he made his own



living through meat hunting and possuming. In more recent years the knives and the rifles have been left at home in favour of the camera.

Wilf relates his hunting exploits in a language that's plain and simple, places with cryptic sentences that lead you at pace from one roaring stag to



Bill Dorsett enjoying a 'bath'

the next, from one gut busting hill climb to dangerous river crossings. Very soon you are just feeling his exhaustion.

Whether you have been there and done it

yourself or merely dreamed of a similar outdoor, self-reliant lifestyle, these stories

will keep you fully entertained.

Books are available for \$35.00 plus postage by calling Wilf Fuller, on

07 366 5567 or

send him an email:

wilffuller@slingshot.co.nz



L-R: Wilf Fuller and Bugsy Howden – almost fully laden

The Courage that can be found in a bottle of Whiskey.....



An old woman walked up and tied her old mule to the hitching post.

As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other. The young gunslinger looked at the old woman and laughed, "hey old woman, have you ever danced?"

The old woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "no,... I never did dance... Never really wanted to."

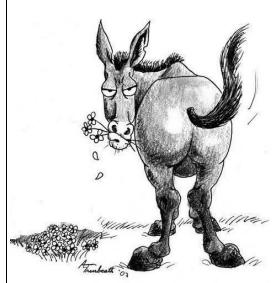
A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said "well, you old bag, you're gonna dance now," and started shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector -- not wanting to get her toe blown off --started hopping around. Everybody was laughing. When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barrelled shotgun, and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air, and the crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds, too, and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old woman and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old woman's hands, as she quietly said, "son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"



The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "no m'am... but I've always wanted to.

There are five lessons here for all of us:

- 1 Never be arrogant.
- 2 Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 Always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 Don't mess with old people; they didn't get old by being stupid.....

Wallaby Sightings - Can you help me please, and



Please ask your mates as well and come back to me with any details as we need to help get the correct and confirmed information recorded.



Please phone Maureen 027 3337786 or email me: a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz

Further to the article in our last newsletter – I have had NO feedback on any sightings of Wallabies AT ALL in this area but please keep a look out and let me know if you have any information – thanks heaps folks

I spoke on behalf of the Club and NZDA as a whole at the Waikato Regional Council Hearing of Submissions to their Long Term Plan; particulalry on the topic of the Containment Plan that they want to develop to keep wallabies out of the area.

We fully support them keeping wallabies out of the Kaimais but it has also come to light (and the Councillors fully agreed) that there has also been a Red Herring Campaign working behind the scenes. **This needs to be contained as much as the wallabies.**

As part of our submission and largely because of the false information that the Regional Council were being 'fed', I have requested that NZDA/hunters locally have two members as part of the Containment Plan Working Party to ensure transparency. It seems like this may well be granted. I will keep you infomred in upcoming Newsletters.

Several Councillors asked really positive questions and were very supportive of working collaboratively with the affected parties and user groups however one Councillor (and there is always one) that asked me "if we don't want 1080, how did we plan to eradicate the wallabies from the Kaimai's".

My reply to this was: "This very clearly highlights the points on the misinformation that I have just outlined to you all – there is absolutely NO credible, accurate or factual evidence of ANY wallabies in the Kaimai's (and certainly not along the lines of the red herring information that is being fed back to you) so there is NO NEED to use 1080 to remove them because they are NOT THERE". I stressed after this reply, that there must not be a general assumption that there is a need for 1080 'just in case' as this was ridiculous and I also asked; 'are the Wallabies being used as a smokescreen tactic to get various 'eradication programmes' underway as the guise for the Regional Council's contribution to Pest Free 2050'. The answer to this was 'no'.

The Containment Plan Working Party is made up of DOC, BOP Regional Council and Waikato Regional Council.

April Club Night –

(Many thanks Wayne Stachurski for this article and photos)

Club trip to Mark and Vanessa Walker's - Big Game Artistry.

What a place! Dead stuff in every direction at various stages of being recreated with heaps of spare mannequin heads, bodies, eyes etc to complete the scene.

A good haul of club members gathered at Mark and Vanessa's near Ohaupo to view some of fine artistry and processes used to virtually bring back to life a vast array of trophies.

The evening began with an extended exploration time to simply get our heads around the array of species, African antelope, a black bear, a wolf, cape buffalo,



moose, dall sheep (centre of photo), stone sheep and rocky mountain goat for starters. That was on top of nearly countless NZ trophies in various stages of completion.

Mark and Vanessa cater for many international hunters who have their NZ successes mounted as euro-mounts right through to real life recreations including artificial trees, greenery and rocks before being shipped to the clients home overseas.

Many trophies taken by NZ hunters overseas also find their way to the gallery for processing including some beauties of Mark's own.



Mark then walked us through (photo left) the early stages of mounting a sika head, showing the detail in setting the eyes correctly and reinforcing the importance of careful head-skinning, especially around eyes, lips and nose, to provide the amount of fine soft leather to get

a tidy natural finish. The different head angles and anatomical considerations were also explained as he worked.

Mark is not only a fine artist, often relying on some practised hand-sewing skills to repair sometimes major damage incurred when the animal was taken, (the wolf had major head damage from the gunshot wound, the stone sheep, another full body mount had a badly ruptured stomach from a huge fall after it was shot), he is also an accomplished hunter in his own right.

As he worked there was a constant commentary of hunts in North America and Africa.



Two nice Red's part way through the taxidermy process.

Several days to finally take what is one of the best Rocky Mountain Goats ever, close calls with poachers in Africa, lots about the people and culture, an exciting successful Cape Buffalo hunt and a close call with a diarrhoea while hunting from a stand.



Mark and Vanessa pay such huge attention to detail with habitat work as well. The Sitatunga (right) is displayed in an extremely lifelike swamp environment. Such detailed handmade water and reeds really bring these animals to life. On the Left is a world record ranking Mountain Goat.

Along the way many and various questions were answered and finer points of tanning and finishing skins demonstrated (Mark does all this himself)

The final encore was a view in the drying room of several local heads taken recently, enough to bring out a bit of "green eyed monster" in most of us.

Many thanks to Mark and Vanessa for hosting such an interesting and insightful evening and sharing some of their adventures.





.....to Henry Cummings and Bill & Paula Olsen.

These three committee members have recently retired from our Committee and it's with huge thanks from us all that we wish them all the best as they catch up on jobs around home and pursue other endeavours.

WELCOME

to new Members over the last of month:

- Bill Mehrtens
- Sharon Johansen
 - o Rio, Taj and Zion Taka
- Ryan Spinks
- Justin Rogers



K2K Trap Line

May results

- 3 Stoats
- 3 Rats
- 3 Hedgehogs





Not a lot of predators caught this month, but we are still taking them out.

The bird life seems to have increased with a lot of Blue Herons at the moment

and a new sighting of over a dozen of Spoonbills.

That's all for now - Dennis and Bill.

Great work guys and effectively, your results up there have to have taken out 'hundreds' of these little critters. As these little buggars all breed so prolifically, any reductions now have an excellent flow on effect.



PIG WEIGHTS



May 2018

Craig & Jeanette Harris - 70lb (boar)
Craig & Jeanette Harris - 110lb (boar)
Rory O'Brien - 60lb (sow)





Rory O'Brien with his sow taken with the bow – inland from Kaikoura.

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

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

Post them to: TVDA P O Box 206, Paeroa



Important Notice

The next couple of pages have got the REVISED entry forms for the Kids Little 3 competition and also the Jim Davies Heaviest Boar Competition.

This Jim Davies Cup has always been part of our Annual Big 3 Competition however it is now going to be a stand-alone event.

All the Rules for the Jim Davies Cup remain the same.

Little 3 Competition

Wednesday 18 July - Sunday 22 July

Walker Family Trophy

- 1. Entry forms must be to the Treasurer by Wednesday 11th of July austens@xtra.co.nz or TVDA, P O Box 206, Paeroa.
- 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

Little 3 - Entry Form

14 years & under

Name	Signature		
Team Members Names:			
Team Yes / No	Individual Yes / No		
Little 3			
Rabbit only	Please Tick the boxes for both competitions -		
Eel only	(Under 14 and up to 18 years) for the variable sections that you wish to enter.		
Possum only			
Possum only			

ALL Juniors - up to 18 Years

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.

Jim Davies Cup

Heaviest Boar Competition

Weekend of 28 & 29 July 2018

- 1. Competitors must be financial members of the Thames Valley Deerstalkers at the time of the competition.
 - 2. Measuring is on heaviest weight for boars only.
 - 3. To be eligible the boar is to have been taken on the Saturday/Sunday of the weekend competition.
 - 4. Weighin is at the clubrooms and all entries MUST be onsite by 4.00pm on Sunday 29th of July. The weighin also coincides with the First Round of the Running Boar shooting Competition at the clubrooms that day.
- 5. Entry forms must be returned to the club Treasurer by Wednesday 25th July July Club Night. austens@xtra.co.nz or TVDA, P O Box 206, Paeroa.
 - 6. All other rules remain the same and will be in the next newsletter

This competition has been altered to now just be the Jim Davies hunting competition for the heaviest Boar rather than it being combined with the Big 3 Competition. This is because of the lack of Big 3 entries for a few years now.

Good Luck all Pig Hunters				
	Entry Form			
Member's/ Entrants Name:				
Member's/ Entrants Signatu	ıre:			
Pig Only Entry	\$10.00	\$		

In signing this form, 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.

HUNTS COURSE - 2018 - only a few spaces left



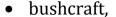
It is anticipated that the course will run from August – October but it is essential that we get names and numbers in early for funding purposes so please contact Maureen if you want

more details or wish to book in for the course.

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



The course covers:



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

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

If you think this is a bit of you and you want to learn all that these excellent HUNTS courses have to offer, please get in touch now <u>a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz</u> or 027 3337786.





TVDA Personal Locator Beacons (PLB's / EPIRB's) & GPS's

FOR HIRE



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

Members will need to:

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

Hunting Safety Guidelines

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

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

Marinade for Game Meat

Particularly good if you have an older animal or billy goat meat that needs a bit of extra TLC.....

By Sharon Johansen

- 1 Cup apple cider vinegar or lemon juice or dry white wine OR a mixture of Lemon juice, spiced vinegar & brown vinegar / Apple cider
- ½ cup salad oil
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- ½ teaspoon each of dried basil, oregano, majoram
- 2 finely chopped onion
- 2 crushed bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon each of paprika, salt, pepper
- Good handful of chopped parsley.



Method:

Mix all together.

A good idea to keep things tidy is to put the marinade into a zip lock bag, add the meat to it and then place the bag and contents into a meat dish in the fridge (catches and drips or slurps).

Turn the bag and meat regularly (3-4 times a day) for up to 4 days and then drain and casserole.

Results are amazing!!!



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Bow hunters







Next club day is Sunday 10th June

<u>Kiwi 3D - Round 3 - TVDA 2018</u>

Thank-you to all the competitors who braved the horrible weather and turned up with smiles, to the final round of the Kiwi 3D for 2018. After a series of working bees of setting out and clearing courses, installing stiles, cutting steps we were ready, thanks to all the helpers. 2 brand new courses were set up with new target placements to challenge and test the competitors. Unfortunately the weather didn't play the game, hopefully the ground was not too wet and slippery.

The marked course was set through some bush and then out into the wind in the open. A few steep downhill shots to start with to test the skills. A crocodile, then a very close racoon and a frog set down over the brow of the hill. After a few other targets it was up the stairs through the tree to the Bear leaning on the tree, a black panther in a shady spot and a close skunk. A herd of deer, oh-dear the stag was in the wrong position, then up the

hill into the open. A few long shots and a mob of pigs behind a log, to round out the marked course. Congrats to Paul Robinson with the highest score on the marked course of 394, the only person to get over 390.

The unmarked course was mainly in the bush starting with a mosquito and a snake, then a bear under a tree. Then up the hill to the cougar, a long uphill shot to the white mountain goat, then sidle across the hill to the long downhill shot to the caribou. A bear on a tree stump and a mob of pigs in a gully, a polar bear then kneeling shot to a fish out of water. A mob of deer then a bedded deer, and through the bog to the last few targets. Congrats to Callum Mills with the highest score on the un-marked course of 386.



A 'well shot' Caribou..... – no running away from this!!

Another delicious lunch, thanks to the team in the kitchen, and back out for the afternoon round, luckily the rain had stopped, but the ground was still wet and slippery.

Some good scores on both courses, Son and Father from the mills family taking out the top 2 scores of the day, Callum with a score of 770 beating his dad by 4 points, Darryl finished with 766 (top scores in the senior men's division). The top Junior scores were Logan Starke with 760, followed closely by Lachlan Mills with 758. The top Woman's score was Lois Howe with 750. The top stringbow score was Dennis Bryce (recurve) with 718.

The afternoon round was completed quickly with everyone finished and back to the clubrooms, eager for the prize giving. The well-stocked prize table meant everyone got a spot prize. Thanks to the helpers in admin, meant we could tally the results and write up



the certificates with only a small delay, and once the final certificates were awarded everyone was off home by 4.30

Thanks to the generous sponsors, Advanced Archery, attitude Archery and Stick Shooter Supplies for supporting this great series. Remember to thank them when you are in their stores.

Also thanks to Craig Burnet for all the years organising this great series, you have done a top job, and left some big shoes to fill.

Looking forward to next year's competition.

A delighted winner of the "drawn prize' deer was Liam Robinson form Massey Archery Club

WARO Concessions are up for Renewal

The Review and Renewal of the Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) is being undertaken by DOC. They have called for feedback from affected and interested parties but this is being restricted to organisations at a Regional Level (not individual feedback).

I have a meeting booked for mid June over in Tauranga with the Regional Manager responsible for WARO concessions.

If anyone has any information or matters that you wish for me to discuss or pass on for you, then please let me know.

Ultimately, No WARO would please us all but there

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is a definite need for it to keep deer numbers in check - HOWEVER there also needs to be accountability, traceability, ethics and respect in return from the operators and this is definitely NOT as it has always been portrayed.

Woodhill Take A Kid Hunting – entry forms

For any of you kids out there who are keen to have a chance at a day's fallow hunting at Woodhill, here is your opportunity to have a go.

Go onto the Woodhill Fallow Management website as the details are all set out very clearly online at www.fallowdeer.co.nz and the application forms at there as well. If you need a hardcopy of this form, please give Maureen a call on 027 3337786.

What do you get if your name is chosen in the Ballot???

- 1. Introduction to hunting and the Woodhill Forest.
- 2. Free hi viz vests for each child.
- 3. B.B.Q lunch provided.
- 4. Ballot Application Fee Nil

Summary of Conditions

- 1. Only one child with each adult.
- 2. Child must be 12 to 18 years, and needs to be able to handle firearm.
- 3. Parent or guardian must have current firearms licence.
- 4. One deer only may be taken.
- 5. Child only must be the shooter.
- 6. Child that has been successful in a previous ballot is not eligible.
- 7. Parent or guardian that have been successful in the main ballot are <u>not</u> excluded.

2018 Programme and dates

Take a Kid Hunting Ballots close:
Take a Kid Hunting Ballot Drawn:
6 July

Take a Kid Hunting:
 22 September



Club Member Stella Clark with her doe on the 2015 Take A Kid Hunting Day

Calling all those keen and budding target shooters.

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



RIFLE DOTS POSTAL MATCH

June 1st to 30th September 2018

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

Name
E mail
Entry Fee, per person, \$25. Only paid entries accepted. One entry form per person. For Adult Team entries, my 2 team mates are:
Junior Team, (one adult and one junior ,under 16), my junior team mate is;
Age
Please post my targets to me at:
Address
Area CodeArea
Phone: (0)
Please direct credit entry fees to: 38 9006 0722814 13 Each shooter gets an addressed return envelope to send their fired targets back in when they're ready: Send to: Harry hoover, 52 Neva St, Fortrose, RD 5, Invercargill, 9875
Please contact me for for Rules and all entry details, Harry Hoover h.hoover@xtra.co.nz 027 667 4079
Any .22 Rifle, Any Sights, Any Ammo.

Dot Shooters of New Zealand.

The PDF of this Target is on our Club website so that you can print it out in the correct size.

15 METRES TARGET ANY SIGHTS



KIWI RIFLE DOTS

30 X POSSIBLE STANDING UNSUPPORTED ONLY

Witnessed by...

Phone No

Address











ONE point for every dot touched by a bullet hole.

HALF point for a shot in the circle but not touching a dot.

THREE points plus X for a shot in the exact centre.

1 Shot each Cluster - Shot Touching 3 Dots in Cluster Counts as X to Break Ties











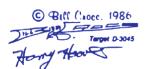
FOR .22 CAL. ONLY

For information on dot shooting write or call Harry Hoover,
New Zealand Dot Shooter's Association, Tauhei Road, RD5, Morrinsville.
Phone 07-887-6803 or Fax 07-887-6801
www.junglelane.co.nz/dot-shooting

STANDING UNSUPPORTED ONLY

Name Score







KIWI RIFLE DOTS



Hello

and welcome to the Rifle Dots Match.

The Rules are as follows:

- You may use any .22 Calibre Rifle, any type of ammo, any type of sights and all shooting is to be done standing, unsupported, at a distance of 15 metres from the target.
- You are to fire one shot only at each cluster of Dots, giving a total of ten shots on the one target. More than ten will invalidate the target.
- You have been sent four targets. After shooting all four, decide which is the lowest scoring and discard it. Return the remaining three to me by the so they may be included in the final scoring. If in doubt about the score, return all four targets to me. **Please do not use any sort of scoring gauge in the holes.**
- You receive one point for every dot cut or touched by a bullet hole. A shot exactly in the centre of the three dots will earn you three points, plus an X for tie breaking purpose. You also receive half a point for any shot touching or inside the circle, but not touching a dot.

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

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Kauri Dieback (and cost cutting) consequences for us all in this area

(Coromandel and Kaimai Ranges).

I have received this information from DOC outlining the tracks and areas that they have **CLOSED**, or are working on to Mitigate the effects of Kauri Dieback....and as cost cutting measures. Health and safety too are noted as reasons for some tracks to close.

Those that have 'Mitigate' beside them indicates that DOC is looking at potentially rerouting those tracks in certain areas to protect the Kauri but still enable them to keep the track/s open.

Please make sure you read this carefully and also see the maps for an update on what is currently in place.

There will be a full list of tracks and accompanying MAPS included on our Website for quick easy access Make sure you check them. www.tvda.co.nz

List of Tauranga Tracks for Full/Partial Closure and Mitigation

Tauranga	100044996	Cashmores Clearing Track	Close
Tauranga	100066624	Wairoa Stream Track	Close
Tauranga	100066975	Bluff Stream Kauri to Waitengaue Hut	Close
		Track	
Tauranga	100066620	Bluff Stream Kauri Track	Close
Tauranga	100045186	Mangakino Stream Track (Dicky Track-	Close
		County Rd)	
Tauranga	100066551	Te Rereatukahia Hut Track	Partial Closure /
			Mitigation
Tauranga	100066191	Lindemann Loop Track	More information
			required

Tauranga	100066619	Dickey's Flat - Daleys Junction	Mitigate
Tauranga	100066623	Lindemann to Cashmore's Clearing Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100066547	Mangakino Pack Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100066382	Rapurapu Kauri Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100045000	Upper Waitawheta Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100044998	Waiorongomai - Low Level Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100081596	Waipapa Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100066974	Waitengaue Stream Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100066550	Waitengaue to Upper Waitawheta Track	Mitigate
Tauranga	100044995	Wharawhara Tramway Track	Mitigate

100066253	Devcich Kauri Track	Close
100044746	Hihi Stream to Motutapere Tt	Close
100066251	Booms - Orange Peel Corner Track	Partial Closure / Mitigation
100066252	Hihi Trig to Kopu Hikuai Road Summit Track	Partial Closure / Mitigation
100065930	Lynch Stream Tramping Track	Partial Closure / Mitigation
100066254	Moss Creek Camp-Pinnacles Hut/Hydro Camp Jn	Partial Closure / Mitigation
100066438	Twin Kauri Short Walk	Partial Closure / Mitigation
100088237	Wainora Tramping Track	Partial Closure / Mitigation
100031664	Broken Hills Road	More information required
100044750	Billy Goat to Hihi Trig Tt	More information required
100099189	Kahikatea Campsite Road	More information required
100031493	Wharekirauponga Walk	More information required
100031662	Maratoto 4x4 Road & Extreme Loop	More information required Track temporarily closed
100065928	Old Wires Track	More information required Track temporarily closed
100065929	Waipaheke Motorbike Track	More information required Track temporarily closed
100065927	Whangamata Tt Waipaheke to Wentworth Jn	More information required Track temporarily closed

ALSO – Hapuakohe 5 – Ohinewai Road South – Comm's Tower Track - CLOSED

Equipment No.	Track Name	Decision	Notes	Rationale for Closure
100083463	Hapuakohe 5- Ohinewai Rd Sth - Comm. Tower	Close	Pending consultation with Iwi and Tramping Club	 Low demand Long term sustainability /cost per user is high Parking is very limited and dangerous Closing this track would still provide a long tramping experience Hapuakohe North Track – 13kms (North Road to Ohinewai Road) Access across private land – could potentially be an issue.

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is kauri dieback?
 - Kauri dieback is a soil-borne, fungus-like organism that lives within the soil and feeds on the roots of kauri trees. There is currently no proven cure, and nearly all infected trees die.
- How is the disease spread?
 - It only takes a pinhead of infected soil to spread the disease.
 - The disease is easily spread through soil movements.
 - Human traffic is the number one way that kauri dieback is spread e.g. when someone walks through mud or dead infected small feeding roots of kauri containing spores and carries the contaminated mud on their footwear to another kauri area.
 - Cleaning footwear and gear and staying on the track is the best way to contain the disease and save these forest giants for future generations.
- What do the cleaning stations do?
 - The cleaning stations help prevent the spread of the disease, by removing all soil from people's shoes.
 - They are designed to ensure that even very muddy shoes can be cleaned.
 - Apart from the brushes fixed in to the base of the cleaning station, there is a secondary brush and a spruce, like that used by farriers, to help people clean soil from shoes and equipment like walking poles.
- How do I use the cleaning station?
 - Signs installed on the cleaning stations provide the four-step instructions for use:
 - Use the brushes to remove all soil and mud from your shoes.
 - Examine your shoes to ensure that all soil has been removed.
 - Wet your shoes with the Sterigene disinfectant.
 - Stay on the track.
 - There is a seat built into the cleaning station to help make cleaning shoes easy.
 - Ramps will be installed on cleaning stations where the track is wheelchair accessible.
- Will the disinfectant in the spray unit damage my footwear?
 - No. Sterigene (the disinfectant sprayed onto your shoes after the removal of soil) is a non-toxic, biodegradable disinfectant that is effective against viruses, fungi, bacteria and kauri dieback.
- Where does the waste water and soil go?
 - o All wastewater and soil from shoes is collected in the sump at the base of the unit.
 - The water will evaporate away.
 - The soil will be removed from the unit by rangers and taken to approved landfill sites.
- Why do I need to use the cleaning station on the way in to the forest and on the way out?
 - The cleaning station is designed to capture all soil from peoples' shoes, which will ensure that no soil is taken into or out of a forest.
- Where are they being installed?
 - Twenty new cleaning stations are being installed on DOC and Council managed tracks within the Waikato, Tauranga, Hauraki, Whitianga, Auckland Mainland, Whangarei, Bay of Islands and Kauri Coast districts.
 - After installation, they will be monitored for their use and compliance before further refinements to the design, fabrication and installation is considered elsewhere.



PIHANGA/KAKARAMEA AERIAL BOVINE TB CONTROL OPERATION

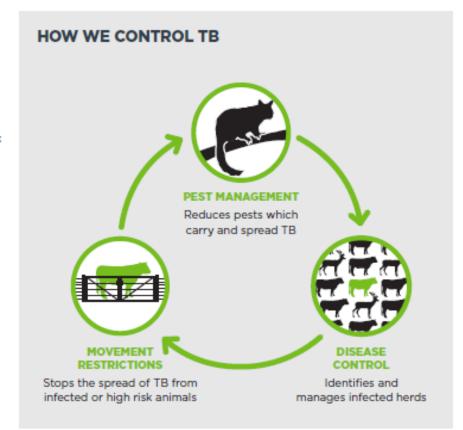
OSPRI'S TBFREE PROGRAMME

The TBfree programme aims to manage and eventually eradicate bovine tuberculosis (TB) from New Zealand's farmed cattle and deer and wild animal populations. Controlling disease prevents livestock production losses and protects the world leading reputation of New Zealand's dairy, beef and deer products. We use possum control. along with regular herd testing and movement restrictions, to achieve our eradication goals. Information gathered from wild animal surveys, recent and historic findings of TB in wild animals, herd testing results and the operational history of the region is used when planning operations.



We're running a possum control operation in the Turangi area (please see map provided for the operation area). It will cover approximately 30.000 hectares.

To eradicate bovine TB, possum numbers need to be kept extremely low – around one to two animals every 10 hectares. Monitoring has shown that further control work is needed in the Turangi area to reduce the possum



population and minimise the risk of the disease spreading through wild animal populations and onto farmed cattle and deer. Possum control has dramatically reduced the number of infected herds in the Waikato region. This area was last treated in 2015.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The operation will begin with the distribution of non-toxic, tan-coloured cereal pellets by helicopter. This "prefeed" gives possums a taste for the pellets and overcomes bait shyness. One to two weeks later, toxic, green









cereal pellets - each containing 0.15 percent biodegradable sodium fluoroacetate (also known as 1080) will be applied by helicopter at a rate of up to two kilograms per hectare. That's about one bait to every 60 square metres. The Pihanga/ Kakaramea operation will be subject to strict safety, quality-assurance and monitoring requirements.

Advanced GPS navigational equipment will be used to ensure the pellets are accurately placed and exclusion zones avoided.

THE METHOD

The vast majority of possum control in the region is done by local contractors using ground-based traps and hand-laid toxins. The remaining, far smaller area is controlled using aerially applied pellets containing biodegradable 1080. Aerial control is efficient, cost effective and has been extremely successful at knocking possum numbers down to very low levels in the past. It is preferred in



areas like Pihanga/Kakaramea due to the rugged nature of the terrain. The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment also supports aerial control. The commissioner completed an extensive review into the use of 1080, in which she strongly endorsed its continued use in New Zealand.

Please visit pce.parliament.nz to read this report.

WHAT **HAPPENS** NOW

This operation has been split into two phases of control. The northern section (purple area on the map) of this operation will commence from July/August 2018 with the second southern section (green area on the map) commencing in the autumn of 2019. A contractor will be doing the work on behalf of OSPRI's TBfree programme. Before the operation, affected landowners and occupiers will be contacted and visited by one of our contractors. They will discuss boundary issues, water supply safety and the management of any risks to dogs and livestock, Consents from the Department of Conservation and the Ministry of Health Waikato are required for this operation. Affected landowners and occupiers will be

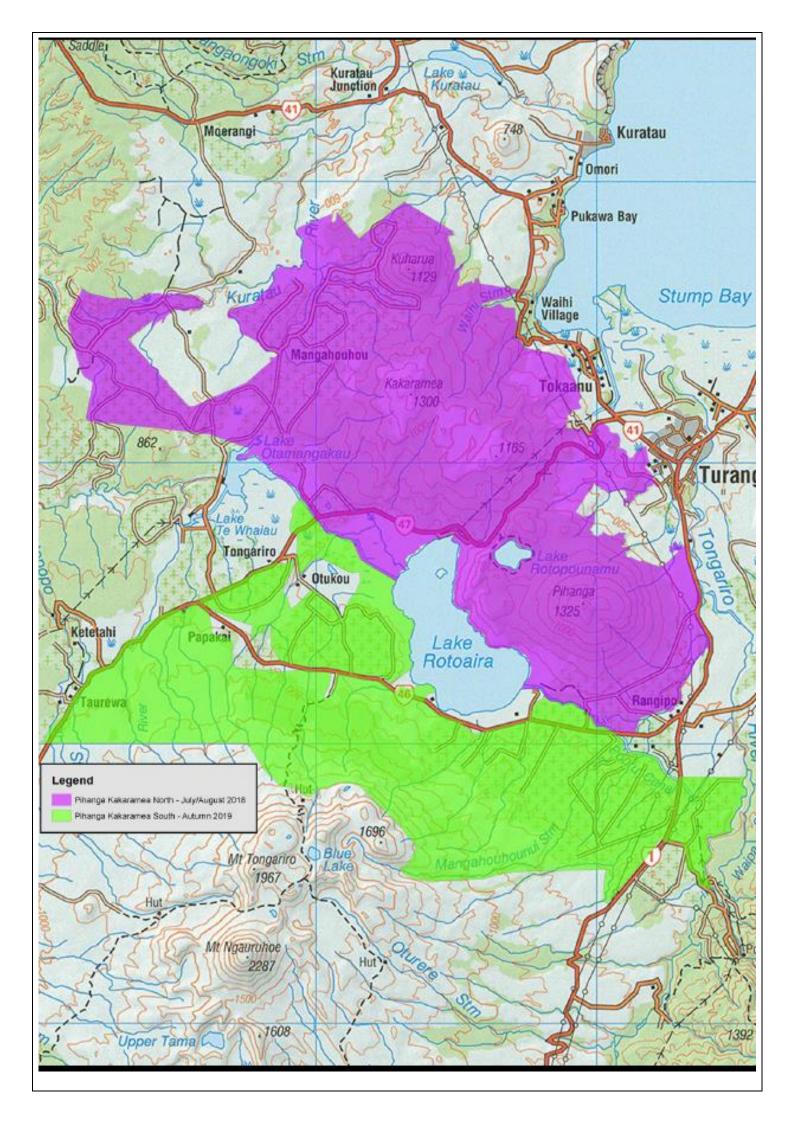
contacted again before the operation starts, notices will be published in local newspapers and warning signs will be placed at all likely access points to the operational area.

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS

The operation will have additional conservation benefits for native birds and bush. Possums eat the forest canopy and prey on native birdlife, including eggs and chicks. Biodegradable 1080 is also extremely effective at controlling other introduced predators such as ship rats and stoats.







IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Warning signs will be placed at all main access points to the operational area and everyone must follow the cautions on the signs. There's no health risk when using this area as long as you follow these instructions:

Do not handle any bait or allow children to wander unsupervised. Cereal baits containing 1080 are dyed green.

Do not hunt or take game from within a two kilometre radius of the operational area for human

or pet consumption. It's an offence to sell meat products that have been exposed to 1080. Hunting can resume approximately four months following the control work, or after two months if 100mm of rain has fallen.

Please observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about the pesticide. Warning signs indicate that pesticide residues may still be present in baits or animals. When the signs are officially removed, you can resume normal activities in the area.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT POISONING

Contact your local hospital or doctor, or dial 111

National Poisons Centre 0800 POISON (764 766)

If a domestic animal is poisoned, contact a local veterinarian.



Do not bring dogs into the area until the warning signs have been officially removed.

Dogs are particularly susceptible to 1080. They must not be allowed access to balt or poisoned carcasses which remain toxic to dogs until they have fully decomposed.



THERE IS NO RISK TO PUBLIC DRINKING WATER

Biodegradable 1080 is highly soluble and does not persist in water or soil. Local health authorities apply strict conditions to aerial operations so that drinking water supplies are not contaminated. Safety has been confirmed by tests on several thousand water samples taken after aerial 1080 operations over many years.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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For more information on controlling bovine TB and why 1080 is used in New Zealand. visit 1080facts.co.nz



