

# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

November 2017



*Moments of reflection*

*Mangapurua – the Bridge to Nowhere.*

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

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# Club Events Calendar

## November

Saturday	25	HUNTS River Crossing Training – Karangahake Gorge
Sunday	26	Rimfire – Centrefire – Patrons Cup shoots
Wednesday	29	Club Night - NZ Police
Thursday	30	Twilight Clay Target Shooting

## December

Friday	1	Private booking - Christmas Function
Sunday	3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Running Boar
Wednesday	6	WORKING BEE AT THE CLUBROOMS & GROUNDS
Thursday	7	Twilight Clay Target Shooting
Friday	8	Private booking - Christmas Function
Sunday	10	Bowhunters Club Day
Wednesday	13	Committee Meeting
Thursday	14	Twilight Clay Target Shooting
Saturday	16	Private booking - Christmas Function
Wednesday	27	NO CLUB NIGHT IN DECEMBER

## January

Wednesday	10	Committee Meeting
Sunday	14	Kids Survival Camp
Monday	15	Kids Survival Camp
Tuesday	16	Kids Survival Camp
Tuesday	16	Private Use
Wednesday	17	Private Use
Thursday	18	Private Use
Thursday	25	TWILIGHT CLAY TARGET SHOOTS - <b>START AGAIN</b>
Wednesday	31	Club Night - Kids Club night

## Presidents Report.....

First of all, a huge thank you to all those members who have contributed so much over the last couple of months. It really has been incredibly busy on so many fronts and the end result, is that the club has benefitted so much from our two major fundraisers during this time. Also by the time the month is finished, we will have a full team of HUNTS participants that will have completed their course and several other events are either in the pipeline or ready to roll.

The Sika show was just after the last newsletter came out and it was great to see such a good turnout of members down there when I called in on my way to Panekiri for our annual docking trip. Congratulations and a great effort to the Hunters and Habitat crew that bring this annual event together for us all to enjoy.

Panekiri – Huge thanks to all those who put in the hard work and another fantastic effort by all those who went down and helped with the docking, those who stayed back to keep jobs rolling at home while family members went down, those who sent down the beautiful baking that was so appreciated by everyone for morning teas and lunches – a real privilege to be part of such an awesome team.

HUNTS 2017 has just about finished and it's been great to see the new skillsets that people have gained, the confidence and the special camaraderie that always results from these courses.

The TVDA Anniversary Cup Sporting Clays Shoot was held earlier in November and another top attendance of over 120 shooters took part. The weather had been appalling in the weeks leading up to this event so it goes without saying that bringing such an event together on all fronts under these circumstances was an outstanding effort all round.

Coupled with what has already happened in recent weeks at the club, we have also got several other projects and events coming up so please have a good look as you read through this newsletter and please mark dates on the calendar. The committee and team put a huge amount of work in to bring these events together and they are often at the request of our members – hence I'm asking that people attend them whenever possible.

As this is the last newsletter before the Jolly Fellow in the Red Suit arrives, here is a very special wish to you all for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year in 2018.

In closing out report here, I must convey a very special thank you to you all for your understanding at me not getting a newsletter out for the month of October. Reality is that there are only so many hours in the day and somethings just did not quite make it over the line.

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

**Maureen**



# Speaker for Club Night

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm start

*What a bonus issue we have for our November Club night.*

*Jarod one of the Police trainers and Team Leaders based in the Hamilton Station has very kindly offered and been given permission to come over and share with us the work that they undertake in the line of their 'every day job'.*



*Jarod has been a regular trainer of their specialist team over here at TVDA in recent years so some of you will have seen them in action if you have popped up to the club when they are there.*



*Like all jobs, there is much more to it than first meets the eye so lets see an excellent turnout and also use it as a chance to celebrate in the successes of the HUNTS course participants as they receive their Certificates on the night.*

*This is also a special chance to show your support for those who have assisted with the HUNTS course over the last 3 months. Courses such as this simply do not happen because of just one or two people – it is a real team effort so special thanks to those who have so kindly contributed their valuable time, shared their knowledge, experiences and skills to help mentor the participants every step of the way.*



*We have also been advised that there is a draft document from the NZ Police, titled **Firearms Licence Safe Storage - Police and Practice**.*



*Feedback on this is required by 1 December so I will be reading through it between now and club night and be able to fill you in on any queries. Your feedback and thoughts will be really helpful for when I get our feedback compiled immediately after club night.*

**Make sure you have Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November marked on your calendar and look forward to seeing you all there for the LAST CLUB NIGHT of 2017.**

## **DRAFT Firearms Licence Safe Storage - Police and Practice**

*There will be copies of the draft documents at Club Night so please make sure you catch up at club night with your ideas and feedback to help me compile a submission from the club HOWEVER you are all encouraged to provide your own feedback as follows:*



*Link to the documents:*

<http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/consultation-secure-storage-requirements-firearm-licence-holders>

*Feedback MUST be submitted by email to:*  
[secure.storage.firearms@police.govt.nz](mailto:secure.storage.firearms@police.govt.nz)

Please put **"Secure Storage"** in the subject line of your email and please remember to advise which draft document you're commenting on. (April 2017 or November 2017)

I have had a good read through the two documents (now) and in reality the November one is essentially an updated version of the April one however there are some definite changes between them as well.

I have drafted up my own feedback seeking clarification on a few points but the upshot of it all is that I think it is a great move that the Police have set out to clearly define what is, or will be acceptable in the way of Firearms Storage.

In reality there are no major changes from what the Vettors and Police are asking for now, however having it formally set out takes away the inconsistencies that can murky the waters at times. This is no different to anything else in life where there are grey areas so please make sure you have a read of it and provide your feedback.



The document covers Security for A Category Firearms, those with Endorsements and also for those who have Pistols as well.

There are only 10 pages of reading and there are pictures in there as well so it's not like having to read War and Peace and it's all in plain language so grab a coffee folks and have a look at it or touch base with me at club night.

Thanks heaps for taking the time on this as it certainly will be something that most of us will be dealing with over the next few years!!

***By Friday 1 December 2017***

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

## FOR HIRE

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



### ***Members will need to:***

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

***Branch PLB / GPS Custodian - John Senk, Kerepehi, Ph 027 4660549***

## **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

## HUNTS Course 2017 – by Clemency Dent

The hunts course is a time when someone who doesn't really know the ins and outs of hunting can join in and learn what really goes on in the bush. I came from Britain about a year ago now and really wanted to learn how to get my hands dirty, so through some connections of mine, I met up with Maureen, the president of the local TVDA, who told me that this would be the perfect thing to learn and to get to see a bit of the countryside at the same time.



It all started in the middle of August when I met a group of like-minded people as eager as me to learn the arts of hunting, we started with a basic lesson on gun etiquette and how to read a map and ended with a scenic helicopter ride into the bush of Galatea. With our bags packed, our polar fleece on and our bootlaces tied we were called into our groups and I'm with Brian, we did river crossings, mapping the ridge line and even got to try some deer heart from one of the two deer shot.

Despite heaps of sign including wild boar my group didn't manage to get an animal but we stalked around

each corner just the same hoping to get a shot at one. Being very inexperienced I felt very happy to have the company and was spoilt with the extensive knowledge of the hunts course instructors.

If you or anybody you know that is as eager as I was to get into the bush but doesn't feel confident enough to go it alone, I would strongly recommend giving this a go. It is a good way to learn the tricks of the trade from people who are willing to share the information that they have gathered over the many years they have spent in the wilderness, it worked for me and I'm sure it will work wonders for you as well.



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# Upcoming Range and Shooting events



## **Rimfire – Centrefire – Patrons cup (Sunday 26 Nov)**

- **Start time - 9am**
- **\$5.00 range fee p/p for the whole day** (or \$10.00 per family)
- **Lunch available on the day** – bring a few gold coins to pay for this – ie make your own breadrolls with all items supplied by the club

**Rimfire** event is first (Minimum total of rounds – 64 p/p)

- 2 sighters at each distance
- 10 shots each from 50m at Prone, Sitting/kneeing, standing
- 10 shots each from 100m in the same positions as above

**Centrefire** (Bring a minimum of – 12 round p/p) for this event

- Standard NZDA 100m target
- 2 sighters (optional if you keep them or discard them)
- 5 shots each from 100m at prone, sitting/kneeling, standing

## **Patrons Cup**

- Wilkinson 'deer' target
- 100m event
- 15 rounds of centrefire (or rimfire for Juniors only if they wish)



## **Running Boar Event (Sunday 3 December 2017)**

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

# Are you looking to shoot on a certified range – out to 300m??

I have been in touch with the Committee members of BOP (Tauranga) Deerstalkers and they have an 'open day' **on the last Sunday of every month** if any of our members (or friends etc) want to go over and join in with one or more of these days on the range.

## **Range Location and Description**

The range is located at the end of Shooters Rd, off Te Araraho Rd, within the TECT All Terrain Park, which is located on State Highway 36 (Pyes Pa Road, Tauranga) approximately 29 km from Tauranga and 27 km from Rotorua.

**The range has a fixed firing position, and fixed target details at 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m and 300m.**

## **Responsibility and Use**

The New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Inc. Bay of Plenty Branch (NZDA-BOP) is responsible for the control and management of this range. NZDA-BOP Branch has been granted a lease with Western Bay of Plenty District Council for exclusive use of the leased area located within the TECT All Terrain Park.


This range is for the use of NZDA-BOP members, although non-members will be able to use the range on public open days or by special arrangement. The range is a no-danger-area range and as such all shots fired within the cone of fire must be captured by the range construction in such a way that there can be no ricochet induced. Strict control of the shooter and rifle is an integral part of the safe operation of the range.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person per day to use the range (covered range). Shooting benches are also available. All ranges can be used at the same time.

**Times:** Arrive 8.30am (ish) and the range is open till 3.00pm (last Sunday of the month)

**Plus:** **You must take your Firearms Licence** with you (Take your TVDA/NZDA membership card as well) and also **Take Chamber Tabs** please

**And:** There are toilets on site and also kitchen facilities where you can make tea and coffee etc



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## Special Thanks to:



- *Leaches Quarry for the extremely generous donation of a truck load of metal for the tracks at the time of our Sporting Clay Shoot. The load was also very kindly delivered by Kelby Stewart amidst his very busy work schedule. We really are so very fortunate to have wonderful support from our community like this and it is so appreciated.*
- **ECOLAB** *were again our very valued sponsors of the November Shoot – Ecolab and Mark Harris have been on board as our wonderful sponsors for close to 20 years now and have really made our annual event one to attend for shooters from all around the north island. Even when the dairying sector has gone through challenging times, Mark and the Ecolab Team have never waned in their support for us – what a privilege this has been*
- *for so kindly donating a beautiful gift basket of their products for a raffle at our November shoot. A very happy winner took the goodies home that is for sure.*
- *All those who helped out with this year's HUNTS course. The successes, achievements and new skills that the trainees have all learnt over the recent months is a true reflection and all attributed to your willingness to share, help and mentor them through the course. Your hours of time spent now will be remembered and useful for a lifetime and provide so many successes in the years to come.*
- *The whole team at TVDA who have chipped in and helped out with some many jobs over the last couple of months. There have been people toiling away behind the scenes, there has been the Ecolab shoot crew, the HUNTS Course team, those that did the track clearance up to Kauritatahi, the Twilight Shoot team, the general working bees and spraying that have been attended to, approx. 60 people that worked on rotation down at Panekiri with the docking and without a doubt, those who will be chipping in to help with the firewood and wood splitting sessions. Thank you one and all.*



## Get Well Wishes

*To Brad Osborne who is now back home recovering after a serious car accident in early October. Brad has also asked me to pass on his special thanks to all those who have visited him in hospital, sent their best wishes or supported family and friends through what has been a very trying time. Great to see you well and truly on the mend now and look out once he's back on both feet again!!!*



*Welcome to our new members from the last couple of months....*

*John Madsen*

*Robert O'Leary*

*Doug Watson*

*Ashley Sherlock*

## **Best Wishes to:**

All those members out there who are in the middle of doing exams. Give it heaps and the hard work will all pay off for sure.....

## **AND ALSO TO**



Ed and Hayley Stewart who were married in lovely ceremony at home in October.

Kim Deane and Andrew Robinson on your recent engagement.

## **TWILIGHT SHOOTS**

These have been running for a few weeks now and it's great to see those who have turned up but it really does need more people to make the time and effort to run them worthwhile.



Come along on Thursday evenings after work or you and a few mates enjoy a couple of rounds of sporting clay shooting and a burger or two afterwards.

We fully understand that not everyone can attend each week but these nights are being run because shooters have asked for them and it's often those same people that then don't turn up.

Please check the Upcoming Events Calendar for dates (as we don't run over the Christmas holiday period).

## **WANTED TO BUY.....**

Old Gin Traps in any condition to be used for props and decorative purposes only. Good money paid for them so if you have a couple of oldies floating around or a sack full of them to get rid of, please call

**Nigel Knight on 027 978 1893**





## Mangapurua –

The Wanganui jet boat trip was first thought up way back in August and a date was set for the 15<sup>th</sup> of November but later changed to the 14<sup>th</sup> to suit the operators.



Everything was organised and set up and most of the party, the Coleman clan, Jack, Gus and Mike, travelled down on Monday after work while Dave visited an uncle and Brian was working in the area. Everyone met up at New World Taumarunui at 7.30 and headed to an Indian restaurant for tea where most (Gus and Jack in particular) enjoyed goat curry or buttered chicken. Then off to the Taumarunui Holiday Park for the night.

Tuesday morning dawned fine but slightly chilly and we arrived at the Forgotten World base at 7.45am, where we were met by Pete and three others who had come down from Whangamata in the early hours. From here we were taken by bus to Cherry Grove, given a history of the area and an explanation of what we were going to be seeing, then we were all loaded into a jet boat and heading down river.

From the first moment to the time we returned the scenery was as magnificent as the day turned out to be. With the morning being so still, the calm parts of the river in particular were mirror flat – the reflections so clear until they were shattered by the wake of the boat. Clusters of ducks with ducklings – some still little bundles of yellow fluff watched in amusement as the large green machine and its passengers, all clad more like eskimos, zoomed by.



*PS Waimarie moored on the Whanganui River – approx. 1900*

We saw places where early Maori cultivated the sheltered terraces and built elaborate eel traps along the river, we heard how they fought wars with each other in the winter and then stopped in the spring and summer to plant

crops, harvest them in spring and summer then back to fighting when all the chores were done.

Although it was already a significant route for Maori to these rugged areas of the central north island, it was in about 1840 that Europeans began using the river as well. The major development of the river as a trade route was instigated by

Alexander Hatrick, who started the first regular steam-boat service in 1892. One of Hatrick's original boats, the paddle-steamer 'PS Waimarie', has been restored and



runs scheduled sailings in Whanganui. Hatrick had several other boats as well, the 'MV Wairua' has also been restored and can be seen on the lower reaches of the river. We never saw either of these boats on the day but it was great looking at the old photos of them in all

their glory and then seeing the actual landing and mooring places on the river – several still with the concrete walkways, the steel work or steps as a lasting reminder of how life had been. A trip from Whanganui to Taumarunui took 3 days by paddle steamer and nights were spent on accommodation boats moored enroute.

The river boat services started to service the farms that were being developed along the river and towns up to Taumarunui that were springing up along the way. The channelling of rapids, winching boats up and downstream and removal of a waterfall were amazing feats of engineering considering the tools available at the time. Also with the passage of time and the construction of a power station (hence the diversion of approximately 25% of the river's original water flow) has clearly left the earlier river levels 'high and dry' on the day we were there however with the recent wet winter and other periods of high rainfall; debris could clearly be seen much higher up in the trees.

The shear rock faces too at times bore the scars of logs having been churned down the river during the floods, many of them still lying up on the shingle banks awaiting another storm to help get them further downstream.

As we got down the river further, kayakers became more frequent – some just doing a solo trip, others where in two person kayaks and some were family groups.

All had their gear stowed in screw top buckets that were well tied down in the kayak as we'd been told at the start – it's 240 kms from Taumarunui to Whanganui and 240 rapids; each of them with a name but due to river levels being in their spring flow levels, many of the rapids were 'lost' in the



*A clear example of how the 'original' river level has dropped since the Hydro station was built*



normal flow but summer time certainly 'unlocks' them and they are much different to navigate.



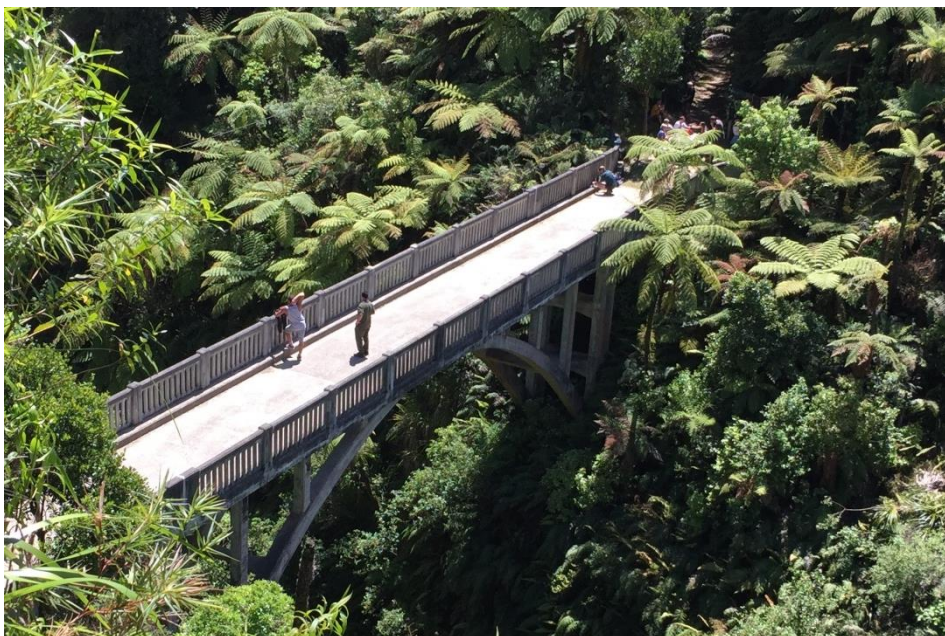
The waters certainly got more discoloured once we passed the outlet of the Ohura Stream, such is the nature of the terrain that this watercourse passes through

By lunchtime we had reached the Mangapurua Landing and also the track to the Bridge to Nowhere. After a 40 minute, mainly flat and

easy walk through the bush which follows the original track from the Mangapurua Valley we came to The 'BRIDGE'. The Bridge which was built to be the gateway to the Mangapurua Valley, or 'The Valley of Abandoned Dreams', as farmers were forced to abandon their uneconomic blocks of land that had been allocated to them after the WW 1.

Reading the list of names on the Information Board at the Bridge was a time to reflect as best we could to what they must have gone through with the isolation, the resilience that this created, the endless days of hard work in undoubtedly very harsh conditions through the winters – and all in the name of forging out a life for them and their families after having fought in a world war for the 'privilege'. A tingle up the spine of humbling gratitude had to be combined with a tear for what they lost and for many – the price they paid.

The bridge itself is a solid concrete arch bridge spanning the Mangapurua River Gorge, about 40meters above the river and took 2 men three years to build it. Pete and the lads being concrete contractors stood in awe and marvelled at the work and while we thought we



*The Bridge to Nowhere – pathway to Mangapurua Valley'*

could comprehend the amazing feat that had been undertaken back in the day; hearing the comments from guys in that same line of work today, really hit home the reality and the magnitude of this structure and the work to build it. Again; there were photos of the arched wooden 'structure' that they guys worked from, not a harness or hard hat in sight, sheer rock faces on each side of the river and certainly through



the winter months, a brief shard of sunshine is all that they could have hoped for. Resilience, determination, hard work and no doubt a healthy dose of good humour had to have all been key ingredients in this getting this job done.

From there it was back to the boat and across the river where we all stretched out and enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch provided as part of the trip before we all hopped back in the boat for the trip back to Taumarunui. Going down the river and rapids was great but going back up them added



another flavour to the trip for sure. It was now much easier to see and understand where and why in the earlier days the paddle steamers had to be winched up through some of the rapids – even after they'd been blown with explosives to carve out a channel. Once such place that always posed some tricky moments on the down river trip was the Whirlpool or the Hellhole.....so aptly named because of the way the current would spin the boats and steamers across the large pool and around towards the bank after navigating the rapid.



No trip like this would be complete without the skipper flicking the boat around for a spin or three when the space and water levels made it possible. The twirl of the finger was more than enough for beaming smiles to cut the faces of those on board – even before

the spin happened!!!

The whole trip took nine hours and while a few of the key moments have been mentioned here, in reality the features and historic sites were too numerous to mention them all but it was a truly remarkable trip and well worth the time.

The day was perfect and so was the weather which made it all the more memorable and a big thank you to Maureen for organizing it.





# The Kids Page.....

## Survival Camp is 14 – 16 January 2018

This is the last reminder to get hold of **Mike Deane 0272 559860** to ask him to post the forms out to you.

Once you receive them, please get them filled in and sent back ASAP and with your money as well please. Especially with Christmas being just around the corner, the camp will be upon us before we know it.

For those who have not attended the camps before, they are held locally up the Maratoto; we camp on a private property and it's an awesome three days for the kids and the adult helpers as well.

Everyone is in tents, all activities are totally supervised and these things cover:

Camping, outdoor cooking, eeling, possum trapping, making bows, archery, swimming (fully supervised), slug gun and .22 shooting (supervised by qualified range officers), knot tying, basic navigation exercises, outdoor first aid so many other projects and tasks put in the mix to keep everyone on their toes.

### Quiz Time:

1. How many teeth do Goats have in the front of their mouth?
2. What do people in the Northern Hemisphere call Autumn?
3. How often do stags grow their antlers?
4. What is the name common name for the Rangiora Shrub?
5. Name the two most common types of Trout found in NZ?
6. What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest River in NZ?
7. Is Lake Kaniere in the North or South Island?
8. What date does duck shooting start in 2018?
9. Is a 'Recurve' a bow or a rifle?
10. Mouflon is a type of what?



## 2018 Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot

Steve and Catherine from **The Maimai Supplies** have very generously come on board again this coming year as our Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot sponsors.

Special thanks to them for the excellent ongoing support and we really are so fortunate to have such wonderfully dedicated and committed sponsors and supporters of our two major shooting events each year. Ecolab obviously are the other major sponsor from our last shoot.

***One thing that has been really noticeable at the last couple of shoots has been the lack of 'local' shooters to these clay target events so if possible guys and girls, if you have some local mates out there that was a great day's shooting, then rustle up a crew and come along.***

I am looking into the possibility of having a 'points system' on the day for a Pond Shoot so that Local Shooters can also have an 'inter-pond' competition within our main event to add more of a local flavour to it – after all, that is what Maureen and the Bennett Family would love to see. (More on this in the next newsletter).



It was great to see Maureen and Wayne's young grandsons shooting at our last event and going by the beaming smiles and the scores on the board, they will be back for sure.

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## Docking at Panekiri

More on this in the next newsletter but the whole trip down there this year went really smoothly. After a shocker of a wet spring, it would be fair to say that everyone on the organising front was a tad pensive about just how many fine days we 'd end up with.



The upshot was that out of the two full weeks that we were down there, we lost 2 days for wet weather so that was a huge bonus. It's just a shame though that it coincided with a couple of groups of people that came down for an extended weekend and most of it was 'waiting for rain to stop'.....buggar!!!

Between the two crews we docked just shy of 25,000 lambs for that two weeks so that was an excellent effort. Massive thanks once again to everyone who was involved in this in any way and also to Mark, Gaylene and the Team and Panekiri for their ongoing help and support.

# TVDA Anniversary Shoot - 5 November

<b>HOA</b>	Des Coe	90
<b>AA</b>	Dale Clark	90
	Richard McKenzie	88
	Jason Teague	85
	Robert Waugh	84
	Glenn Rastrick	75
<b>A</b>	Lee Muir	86
	Sean McGrath (Jnr)	86
	Terry Mahoney	82
	Zane Walker	81
	Andrew Wharry	78
<b>B</b>	Seans Hollands	81
	Brendon Broom	79
	Jim McNeil	78
	Phil Waugh	74
	Albert Kirsopp	72
<b>C</b>	Cody McQuillan	77
	Matt Barker	71
	Jake Ryan	69
	Karl Trotter	68
	Mark Wilkinson	67
<b>U/Reg</b>	George Reeves	80
	Steve Weidman	79
	John Colmer	78
	Dan Hutton	78



<b>Ladies</b>	Robyn Gibbison	66
	Catherine Crosswaite	64
	Sue Hancox	48

<b>Super/Vets</b>	Ivan Posa	77
	Dave Julou	76
	Tiggy Clayton	73

<b>Veterans</b>	Jim McNeil	78
	Buzz Kronfeld	78
	Warwick Hamilton	72



<b>Juniors</b>	Ben McKenzie	77
	Matthew Mahoney	71
	Logan Clark	71

<b>TVDA</b>	Nigel Knight	41/50
	Graham Faulkner	37/50
	Kevin Low	35/50



<b>Collegiate</b>	Sean McGrath	86
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*As mentioned earlier the weather really did its best in the lead up to it but on the day the sun was shining and everything worked extremely well. It was a huge bonus to have a digger arrive the week before to clear the sodden and muddy tracks and then a load of metal was needed just to ensure that the utes could get the shooters up the hill!!!*

*So many people chipped in with the set up, the 'patch up' as mentioned above and then the Team on the day to cap it all off – a superb contribution and a huge thank you to you, one and all. I am reluctant to mention names because I know that I will miss someone along the way but you all did an outstanding job and the club can be so grateful for your valued contributions. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH ONCE AGAIN*





# TVDA - Maureen Bennett Memorial 100 Sporting Clays Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**8.30am start - Closeoff 10.30am**

(Thames Valley Deerstalkers Range, Morrison Road, Paeroa –  
1.5kms past Racecourse)

Great Targets (*over 2 separate fields*), Transport to each field for all shooters, Excellent Prize Table including the much coveted Bennett Memorial Medals – Wonderful Food and Hospitality and a Fantastic day out for Shooters of all Grades and Categories.

**Excellent Drawn prizes as well – you just need to be there to have a chance....**

**Grades: AA, A, B, C, Unreg \$70.00**

**Categories: Ladies, Veterans, S/Vets, Juniors, TVDA \$60.00**

Enquiries – Maureen Coleman 027 3337786 or [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)



**No Dogs** at the event please at the specific request of neighbouring landowners



**ZOLI**



 **Bettinsoli**

**WHITE FLYER**

# ***Upcoming working bees***

***A General Spruce up at the clubrooms is needed and also a blitz on the firewood front is coming up too.***

We have been really fortunate to get the use of a woodsplitter for a couple of week so if anyone else has a splitter (or access to one), can you please contact Maureen as we will be making the most of this time to get trees dropped and as much firewood as possible cut up.

There will be several ad hoc evenings up at the range doing the firewood and on weekends/week days but

***Firewood nights have been scheduled as follows***

***Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November***

***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December***

***Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December***

***WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 5 PM ONWARDS  
FOR GENERAL BLITZ NIGHT WORKING BEE***

***I do stress here though that NO CUTTING DOWN of trees is to be done without it being at a scheduled working bee or pre-arranged with the committee. No Exceptions***

*Huge thanks to those who have also been up to the club and done weed spraying recently. It's made a real dent in the job but there are also still an array of weeds popping their heads up around the place so if someone has an hour or two to wander around with a spray pack, then that too would be massively appreciated.*

*Please contact Maureen or Wayne for more details and access to the spray, and also a backpack if you don't already have one.*

# K2K Stoats get snapped

Three trips on the Cycle way this time.

With spring and the warmer weather now here, the stoats are starting to show up. This month's tally is:

- 6 stoats
- 1 rat.

Some person has stolen 4 of the traps (boxes included), so if you are using the rail trail and see anyone carrying a trap (or a large pack that is filled up and/or looks suspicious), please take a photo and get any other details if possible and get in touch with:



**Dennis Hayfield Ph 0272211892, and the info will be passed on to DOC.**

The eggs have been changed to rubber and an evil smelling salmon based lure spread inside the trap. Let's see what the results are from the next couple of trips.....

Dennis & Bill.



## CLUB HUNT - January 2018

There will be an organised club HUNT to Okahu Valley in the Whirinaki over Auckland Anniversary Weekend in January 2018.

We will be travelling down on the afternoon/evening of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January and coming back on Monday 29<sup>th</sup>.

For those wanting to come down, we can drive right to where we will be staying, it will be tenting and the club will organise all the food. You just need to sort your own food on Friday night on the way down and the rest is taken care of.

The cost for the weekend's food will be approx. \$25.00 per adult and \$15.00 for kids under 12.

This is a really good place for any members to go to for a club trip. As always our club trips are most welcoming of all the family as well so if you want a weekend away relaxing or going for a damn good leg stretcher in the hills, then we hope to see you down there with us. Welcome one and all.

**To put your name down, please contact Karen Austen on 027 3186359 or [austens@xtra.co.nz](mailto:austens@xtra.co.nz)**





## ***Bow hunters Corner***

**Next club day is Sunday 10th December**

We will have a few special shots and novelty targets as it is our last clubday before Christmas. Registrations from 8.30 - 9.00am shooting starts at 9.30am. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Let Shelley know if you are going to shoot 1 or 2 rounds text 027 333 9309 or email: [rsmoxsom@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rsmoxsom@xtra.co.nz)



We will be setting up most of the course on Sat 9th December in the afternoon, time to be confirmed. Some of the special Christmas targets will need to be set up on Sunday morning.

October clubday we had a small group of keen (or mad) archers turn up on a wet and windy day. An interesting course with lots of new challenges was setup thanks to Warren. The hardest target by far was a tiny bear at a huge distance, this would have been hard on a good day, but the wind was fair howling over the ridge nearly blowing us off our feet. Needless to say we all

missed with our 2 arrows, if that bear could laugh I'm sure he would still be laughing now.

November club day was a nice sunny day and we had 13 archers turn up. The course was a nice close course with no big long shots for a change.

There were close scoring for the top 3 places, Warren took out the round with 356, followed by Tony with 354, and Hayden and Shelley on 352.

It was good to have a couple of new kids turn up to give archery a go, one had a supplejack bow he had made on the last kids survival camp almost 1 year ago, hope you enjoyed your day.

Thanks to the stringbow trio Evan, Trudy and Ian for welcoming the kids into your group and helping them around the course.

The morning went really fast with all teams finished and back for lunch well before 12pm, with plenty of time for a bonus afternoon round.







**Special thanks from  
Mike Keys.....**

I took Ollie and Matty to the bowhunting club day on Sunday and they had a really great time.

Thank you for such an awesome club.

Ollie used the supplejack bow that he made at the kids survival camp last year

By Shelley Moxsom

## Upcoming Archery / Bowhunter Events:

**Mark these dates in your calendars please folks:**

We will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of the Kiwi 3D Tournament in 2018 and it's CONFIRMED as being held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

The interclub competition will also be held later in the year and the date that I have got pencilled in for the moment is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. *This one will be confirmed in the near future.*



### Kids Page Quiz Answers:

- |              |                 |               |                         |                      |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) 8:        | 2) Fall         | 3) Every year | 4) Bushman Toilet Paper | 5) Brown and Rainbow |
| 6) Whanganui | 7) South Island | 8) 5 May 2018 | 9) Bow                  | 10) Sheep            |

# ***NZDA Updates and info***



**interislander**  
NGĀ WAKA - NEW ZEALAND'S FERRIES

## **Discounts for NZDA Members**



Don't forget that if you are needing to book the Inter-islander to cross the Strait, you just need to include the NZDA code and you will get the benefits.

**The Code is 'FA5474'**

**YOU DO HAVE TO PRODUCE YOUR CURRENT NZDA MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN CHECKING IN AND IT MUST BE IN THE NAME OF THE BOOKING.**

## ***LATE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER INFO FROM NZDA***

### **HUNTING & WILDLIFE**

The Hunting & Wildlife magazine has now been emailed out digitally to all financial members of NZDA! If you haven't received your link, either you are non-financial for this year on our database or your email address is incorrect. Send me an email ([membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz)) if you have paid and did not receive the magazine or if your email address needs updating.

***This is information that was received a few days after your last newsletter was sent.***

*At conference there was a Notice of Motion for the H&W to go digital and while we and several other club's opposed it, it was passed after a vote. The vote was approx. 120/90.*

*Our main driver for opposing this is that NOT ALL MEMBERS have email so hence you are now not able to get the H&W, especially seeing as NZDA do not have it in a readily printable format.*

*While we do not have a problem with it being electronic, we were adamant that NZDA must make provisions for all members to receive the H&W – and that is what they are NOT doing. I am working on this and as soon as we are able to get a reliably printable format of the magazine emailed to us, I will be printing it out for those members who do not have email addresses.*

*If you do have an email address and **HAVE NOT** received the latest H&W (September edition), can you please advise Maureen on [a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.j.coleman@xtra.co.nz)*

## **SOME THOUGHTS FOR LICENSED FIREARM OWNERS OF NEW ZEALAND**

In the wake of the shocking multiple homicides of Las Vegas, licensed New Zealand arms owners need to be reassured they are no more to blame for such an incident than motor vehicle drivers are for the drunken mayhem on our roads. We need to remind ourselves that our critics are not licensed, have never been vetted, tested, nor had their home security assessed for suitability before the granting of an arms licence, for which we pay some NZ\$25 a year!

We need to remind ourselves too that everything that perpetrator did was against numerous laws – for damaging the property of others, for firing indiscriminately in a public place, for firing at people, and possibly for altering firearms to function in full-automatic mode. Calls for ‘tightening arms laws’ require compliance and observance, something for which neither criminals nor terrorists are noted. This must be noted because many of the self-righteous are making these calls already, and these have been heard in New Zealand.

For another harsh dose of reality, ponder this:

Every day in New Zealand, almost one person a day dies in a motor vehicle accident on our roads. Every day, 365 days a year, on average. Another 40 or so are injured daily. In America, almost 100 people die every day in road traffic accidents, and thousands become injured, every day, all year.

I won't go on, but similar rates can be worked out for casualties, many of them fatal arising from medical misadventure, drowning, electrocution, falls and so on. Some of these have laws aimed at reducing the toll from these causes, and rest assured all firearm and crime control laws are directed precisely at controlling misuse of firearms and a reduction in violent offending.

C Forsyth

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