

Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

September 2017



*2017 HUNTS course – Club Secretary Ashleigh
carries out the rewards from her days hunting.*

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Identify your target beyond ALL doubt

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

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Club Events Calendar

September

Saturday	23	Kauritatahi Track Clearing general working bee
Saturday	23	HUNTS Course Bushcraft Weekend - Kaimai
Wednesday	27	Club Night - Digby Johansen and Bob Collins

October

Monday	2	Docking starts at Panekiri
Sunday	8	Bowhunters Club Day – Pine Ridge Interclub Event
Monday	9	HUNTS Course 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday	10	Private Use 8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday	11	Private Use 8.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday	12	Private Use 8.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday	12	Sporting Clays working bee – start time 5.00pm
Saturday	14	Docking at Panekiri Finishes
Wednesday	18	Committee night <i>(1 week later than normal)</i>
Thursday	19	Sporting Clays working bee – start time 5.00pm
Sat – Mon	20-23	HUNTS Course Final Weekend – Fly in Trip
Wednesday	25	Club Night
Sunday	29	Working Bee for Sporting Clay Shoot – 9am start

November

Saturday	4	Final working bee for TVDA Anniv Sporting Clay Shoot
Sunday	5	ECOLAB – TVDA Anniversary Shoot
Wednesday	8	Committee Meeting
Thursday	9	Twilight shooting starts (CLAYS AND ARCHERY)
Sunday	12	Bowhunters Club day
Sunday	26	Rimfire – Centrefire – Patrons Cup shoots
Wednesday	29	Club Night

Presidents Report.....

The HUNTS course really has been the key focus area for many of us over the recent weeks and it's great to see such a top bunch of people taking part in this years' course. The programme is well and truly underway and it has all built up towards our first weekend away which; despite really crap weather, it was still a huge success on so many fronts. More on this further through the newsletter but special thanks to the landowner, the helpers and all the participants - you all contributed to make the weekend so successful.

Summer must be on its way soon.... and I say that from the comfort of being inside and in front of a computer screen as I know that just about everyone and anyone else who works outside would crucify me. It really has been a hell of a wet season so far but hang in there folks – it really does have to improve in the near future.

We have our annual TVDA Anniversary Cup – 100 Sporting Clays event on Sunday 5th of November so any help that is available from people in the leadup to it or on the day would be most appreciated. This event is most definitely open for members to shoot in, and being an 'open' shoot, it also sees shooters from near and far attending and is an excellent fundraiser for the club. Our last few events have had well in excess of 150 shooters on the day so it's been a huge credit to all those involved that we get the rewards in the way of such excellent shooter support. There are many ways that members can help out at this event; there is a team needed for sure to feed the multitudes, trap mechanics and helpers out on the grounds ensure that the day runs smoothly, there is of course the office and the ammo sales that get a good work out in the morning and the day really just keeps on cranking from there. Even in the early afternoon (once the last of the shooters start their 2nd round), a pack up crew can start tidying up the stands, bringing in the batteries and unloading traps etc and we all end up finished by approximately 4.30pm. A great effort all round.

It was also remiss of me in the last newsletter to not include the date for the next round of the Running Boar. The date for this is SUNDAY 3rd of DECEMBER so mark it in your calendars. The Patrons Cup, Rimfire and Centrefire Championship event is also booked for SUNDAY 26th November.

The docking crews will also be in full swing come the beginning of October so huge thanks to all those who have put their names down to help out or have offered to send down baking etc. All contributions are immensely appreciated and it all helps make this another excellent fund raiser for your club.

The range upgrade work and tree removal will begin once the weather improves (significantly) so there will be plenty of firewood up there in due course. More details further through this newsletter

Good luck out in the hills and ALWAYS Identify your target beyond ALL doubt.

Maureen

Speaker for Club Night

Wednesday 27th September - 7.30pm start

You will have read the articles of 'yesteryear' in recent newsletters provided by Digby Johansen and written by Bob Collins. Bob was the NZ Forest Service Ranger in the Whirinaki for many years and Digby, as a youngster, began his red deer hunting forays in that same area back in the 1960's.

Hunting with his father and uncles at that time, both regular visitors to the area; Digby learnt much about the area from them and also the locals that they also got to know well during those years. Bob Collins, could no doubt be called one of the locals as well. Despite almost ending up at Minginui 'by accident' due to a series of events, Bob went on to spend many years working for NZFS and through this and his hunting; became a well known figure in those areas.



L-R: Bob Collins, Jim Johansen and Frank Johansen at "Kike" Camp, "Big Face" Minginui. Taken approx. 1950. Both Jim and Frank were Foundation member of TVDA

and the hunting in general that Digby and Bob will share with us at our September Club night.

Digby still hunts some of those areas today and after having seen some significant changes in several ways, he now finds it fascinating to see what and how the hunting compares to what it was back in those earlier days of his trips to the various

catchments in the greater Whirinaki area.

See you on [Wednesday 27th September](#) for an excellent Club Night & also enjoy supper and a catch up with others afterwards as well... 7.30pm start



IMPORTANT NOTICE – *Regardless of who you vote for, this position below is a huge step in the right direction, and what we as a club & Committee spent a lot of time submitting towards on your behalf.*

National Party position on Firearms in New Zealand

New Zealand has a strong culture of recreational hunting, a vibrant and active sport shooting community and many farmers and professional hunters who work to keep our forests and farms pest free, and who hunt to feed their families and friends.

National believes that semi-automatic firearms are a legitimate tool for pest control and we won't be proposing a blanket ban on them.

However we take the responsibility of protecting the public from gun crime very seriously and believe in the need for restrictions on the most dangerous firearms and other weapons.

National believes the vast majority of licenced firearms owners take care to keep their firearms safe and to stay within the law. We value the relationship with the firearms community as important partners in the fight against illegal firearms and criminal activity.

We will;

- Improve the firearms licencing regime by upgrading Police systems and modernising permitting and import processes.
- Ensure firearms activity is appropriately funded and that fees for applications and permits are set on a cost-recovery basis and do not subsidise non-firearms related Police activities.
- Work with the firearms community towards a fit-for-purpose legislative framework that gives as much clarity as possible, while being able to deal with technological changes and new parts and products.
- Aggressively pursue illegal firearms and target criminals wishing to obtain firearms to commit crimes, including bringing in Firearms Prohibition Orders for patched gang members with serious offending histories.
- Make it clear that patched gang members and prospects will not be considered 'fit and proper' people to hold licences
- Continue to restrict access to the most dangerous firearms in the interests of public safety – but we will ensure any changes to these restrictions will be consulted and carefully considered
- Change the Arms Act to give Police a new power to suspend a licence. We will also introduce a 12-month stand-down after a licence is revoked.
- Direct Police to first consult with the firearms community before they propose any changes to policy. The Minister of Police will have the final sign off.
- Introduce new checks to ensure firearms brought in on visitors permit are exported or transferred legally
- Work with the legal firearms owners to prevent them becoming targets of criminals seeking firearms.

Paula Bennett MP (Minister of Police)

Can I do this?

by Emma Martindale

I'm writing this as I polish off a bowl of goat curry. Where did the goat come from I hear you ask? I shot it!

Killing something was not the reason for undertaking the TVDA Hunts Programme, the mention of a ride in a helicopter was the draw card! In fact, as the course



progressed and I listened to the stories from very experienced hunters of the accidents that can happen I wasn't sure that I ever wanted to hold a rifle in my hands again. It sounded all too easy to make a mistake, a small error of judgement that could have devastating consequences. This coupled with the accusing looks of the trophy heads in the clubrooms left me thinking, ***can I do this?***

After a quiet word from Maureen I walked to the shooting range my apprehension about shooting a rifle was somewhat quelled. Apart from the deafening blast of the 223, my apologies for the string of expletives, I enjoyed the experience and left the range feeling a little more confident about the upcoming hunting weekend in Owhango.

Can I do this, maybe?

A little more confident about the shooting component of the weekend, however the lack of running hot water, sleeping in a woolshed and not in my own bed (thanks Francois for the offer to take your trailer for this) I was still contemplating!

Friday morning having repacked my bag for the third time, I headed off to work. My hope was I had enough food, clothing to keep me warm and that the weather would make a dramatic change for the better. No such luck. Saturday morning, we were greeted with rain, lots of it and wind. ***Can I do this; do I want to?***



After a recap of the rules of hunting and a quick dance to appease the weather gods, we set off once there was a break in the rain. This did not last!

Dressed in our bright orange, 'please don't shoot me I'm a person' Stoney Creek hunting gear we made our way to the top of the block spotting signs of goat and pig along the way. Listening to hunting tips such as where different types of animals may be found to how to tell what age an animal might be from its faeces, apparently taste testing is the most accurate, thanks Maureen, a most excellent top tip not to be forgotten!

We broke into groups each heading in a different direction to put what we had learnt into practise. Asked if I would want to have a go at shooting a goat my response was 'no'. Then after much more walking, finally we came across a likely herd of goats. Now in stealth mode we moved closer. Asked again if I wanted to shoot, with no hesitation my answer was 'yes'. Crouched behind the Manuka, rifle raised I waited; tried to relax, watched my rifle wobble about as I tried even harder to keep it steady, just breathe. As I was given the all clear to shoot, sorry James that your rifle didn't work, I tried to steady my aim again and fired, squeezing the trigger with my frozen fingers. I hit my target and hoped like hell it was dead. Then I missed every other goat I shot at!



Retrieval was easy the goat had died quickly, pretty much on the spot. Gutted, thanks Wayne, and inspected I was pretty stoked. My first kill a healthy female goat. The goat was quickly made into a back pack, thanks again Wayne and Francois, I carried her home as it rained, blew and then hailed, thanks Olivia for jinxing those big rain drops. What an intrepid hunter I am! That afternoon after changing into dry clothes, fantasising about a hot shower and eating some home bottled warmed pears, thanks Maureen, we were shown how to score trophies using the Douglas Scoring system.

The next day, still cold as cold with snow on the nearby hills, skinning and boning took place. Thanks Brain and Maureen for the 'how to' on this.

Once home I trimmed all the hair, dirt and grit off my goat meat and then chopped up the remaining carcasses with my tomahawk with the dog thinking she was in.

And that about leads me to here tonight, writing this as I finish off my slow cooked goat curry that I killed myself.

Can I do this? I sure can!

The logo for Kelby Stewart Landscape, Design & Construction features a large green maple leaf on the left. To the right of the leaf, the text "Kelby Stewart" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "Landscape, Design & Construction" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background of the logo is a dark green image of a garden with a wooden bench and a stone path.

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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 Goat Shooting Weekend – *by Jaydyn James*



Over the last weekend, I went hunting in Owhango Valley as part of our HUNTS Course.

The weather was really wet but that did not discourage me from having fun. We stayed and slept in a wool shed that has no power; therefore, we cooked on gas cookers and kept warm in our sleeping bags.

On the first day of hunting, we travelled up the valley looking for goats. We were successful in our groups shooting one each.

On the second day, we were shown how to skin and prepare meat properly, tips on how to take the legs off and were all able to take some meat home to share with our families.

The whole experience was overwhelming and I pass my thanks on to all the volunteers and helpers that made this happen.

I am looking forward to the next trip.



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The Promo / special price for this is \$1340.00 (incl GST) for the month of September only.

If you need this please contact Mike Deane BEFORE the end of September.



Docking begins on Monday 2 October and our two crews are now fully booked for the full duration of time that we will be down there on the station.



Two weeks, approximately 60 people coming and going on roster through that time, transport, food, accommodation, equipment, balancing the teams and 30,000+ lambs put in the mix for good measure – it certainly all takes a bit of time to 'muster things up'. Special thanks to all those who have put their names down to help down there on the Station and also to those who've also offered to provide baking etc.

Assisting by sending down a container or two of home baking really is a wonderful bonus for us all if people are able to help with this – even a casserole that has been frozen, a couple of bags of sausages etc; it certainly all helps with the overall 'teamwork' aspect – and that is most definitely what this is.

The only ask on this front is that if you are wanting to contribute in this way, could you please make things that either freeze or keep well in an airtight container – ie no cream fillings etc please. If you were thinking of that, just leave them 'unfilled' and we could do that down there... **Please contact Maureen 027 3337786 as this will help immensely when it comes to planning the grocery list and food/meal preparations.**

We really appreciate so much, everyone's help in any way with this, as it's a great fundraiser for the club and also an excellent way to give back and to help the Team at Panekiri.

Footnote - I was talking to Gaylene earlier in the week and they are still 'wet underfoot' but so looking forward to getting the docking underway and catching up with us all. She again reiterated how having our crews come down there has been the best thing they have ever done on the docking front – absolute proof of how working together like this can be such an excellent Win / Win for all concerned.

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)



Sika SHOW & COMPETITION

2017

30 SEPTEMBER
01 OCTOBER

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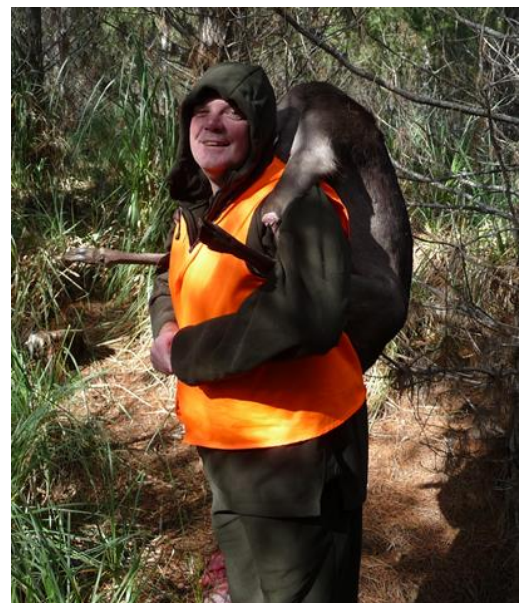
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Sika Show Exhibitor Sites – 30 Sept & 1 Oct 2017

Site	Exhibitor	Site	Exhibitor
001	Safari Club International	032	Stackhouse Knives
002	NZ Game Animal Council	034	Shuzi NZ
003	Sika Foundation / CNISF	035	Ospri
004	NZDA Hunts Programme	036	Precision Platforms
004	NZDA Taupo Branch	038	Stricktly Outdoors
005	Check Clean Dry	039	Aotearoa Stockman
005	DOC Taupo	040	Velvet Smash
006	Rural Woman NZ	060	Huntech
007	NZ Bow Hunters Society	061	H&F Taupo
008	NZ Mountain Safety	062	Stoney Creek
009	NZ Fishing Paper & Hunting News	066	Nikon Scopes (Lacklands)
011	Central Nth Island Mountain Radio	067	Konus and DJI (Lacklands)
013	Bullivant Truelife Taxidermy	068	Kiwi Composite/ Southfort
015	Ammo Direct	071	Sika Show 2018
016	Hugh Trafford Handmade Knives	071	Sika Show Media Hub
017	Sadow Knives	072	Custom Cartridges
018	Scary Sharp (Hawera Rewinds)	074	New Caledonia & NZ Hunting Safaris
019	Twin Needle Outdoor Equip Repair	076	Korr Lighting New Zealand
022	COLFO	077	Pure Salt
023	Sika Stoppernz Carbon Arrows	079	Gun City
024	Hooked on Boars	080	Call'um Lanyards
025	Designed2Kill	081	Dogmaster
026	GW Imports	082	Evolve Outdoors
027	Reel Recovery	083	Tight Lines
028	Iraia Guided Hunts	084	Vortex
030	Bill Nikl Knives	085	Leica/ Lacklands
030	Damascus NZ	087	Beattie Matheson / Iowa
031	KSN	091	Lineport Ltd

092	AJ Productions	123	C.R.Pain Ltd
093	NZ Hunter Magazine	124	S.R Marston
094	DPT Machinists	125	Absolute Wilderness
095	Namatubis Hunting Safari	127	TeAwaiti Hunting Adventures
095	Police	128	Rivers to Ranges
096	GS Custom Bullets	129	Smartrest (Vaughan Sports)
097	NZ Guns & Hunting Magazine	131	Laura Arnold Audiology
098	Ruahine Ports	132	Belle' New Caledonia Safaris
099	Afrika Hunting Safaris	133	Ridgeline (Outdoor Sports)
100	Ohinerata Hunting	150	Glass Art
101	Hardy Rifles	153	Eataly
101	Nightforce Optics	154	Get Frittered
101	Ultimate OE	155	Carousel Catering
102	Strasser NZ	156	The Crafted & Co
103	Kuiu Ultralight clothing	158	Deli Hawks Bay
105	Cactus Outdoor	159	Ruahine Tanning & Taxidermy
106	Cupped Wing Calls	160	Sika Country Taxidermy
107	Birds & All	162	Wild West Worcester
108	Huntahr	163	Mole & Chicken
109	Points South	164	Wild Habitat
110	Yukon Optics NZ (Archetype)	165	NZ Outdoor Magazine
111	Hutchwilco	170	Traveling Puka
112	Garmin	171	Marmot/Jetboil/Scarpa (All Sports)
113	Hi-Tech Stocks	172	VDDNZ-Deutsch Drathtaar
114	AGI Australasia Ltd	173	2B Insect Repellent
116	H&F Clothing	174	Old Master Craftsman Leather Goods
117	Styx Mill	176	Hunter Safety Research
118	H&F	177	Shooting Cinema
119	Fiskars NZ	179	Wild Wood Creation
121	H&F Head Office	A	Cameron Outdoors
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F1	Trev Terry Marine	M	Beretta NZ
F10	Mr Whippy	N	GUNSNZ
F11	SMK	O	Reloaders Supplies
F13	APB Eclectrical	P	Kilwell Sports
F14	MelYelo	Q	NZ Ammunition Co
F2	DJ Outdoors	R	Steves Wholesale
F3	Taupo Toyota	S	Deadeye Dick's Shooting Supplies
F4	Terraquip NZ Ltd	U	Stager Sport
F5	Beaut Utes	W	Sportways Distributors
F6	Top Gear Cycles	Stage	NZ Duck & Goose Calling Comp
F6	UBCO	Theatre	Taxidermy Association
F7	Bakewell Burners		
F8	Sportive NZ	Green Room	Constables Corner



Well done guys.....Jason and Dale from the 2016 HUNTS course with their fallow deer taken at Woodhill this year. Huge thanks to the guys from the Woodhill Fallow Management Committee and the mentors this year for all their help and support in making these opportunities happen. Keep up the great work.....

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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The Kids Page.....

Remember this from last year kids – for those who went to the January Survival Camp you will know that this is heading off to check the possum lines. For those who are keen to join in with the fun this year, please make sure you contact Mike



Deane as soon as possible and get your registration forms in.

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:

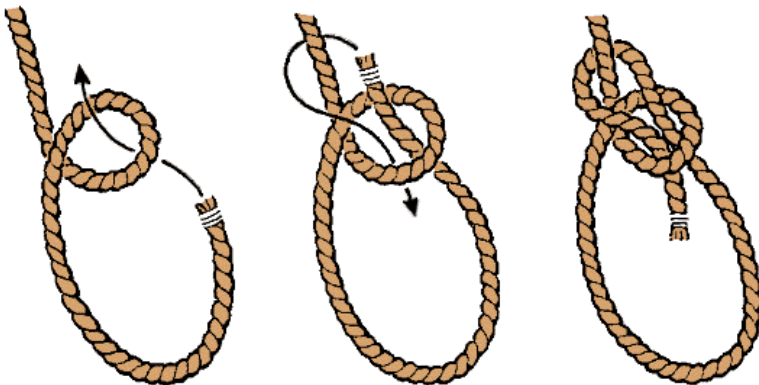
Camping, outdoor cooking, eeling, possum trapping, making bows, archery, swimming (fully supervised), slug gun and .22 shooting (supervised by qualified range officers), knot tying, basic navigation exercises, outdoor first aid so many other projects and tasks put in the mix to keep everyone on their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

Survival Camp is 14 – 16 January 2018

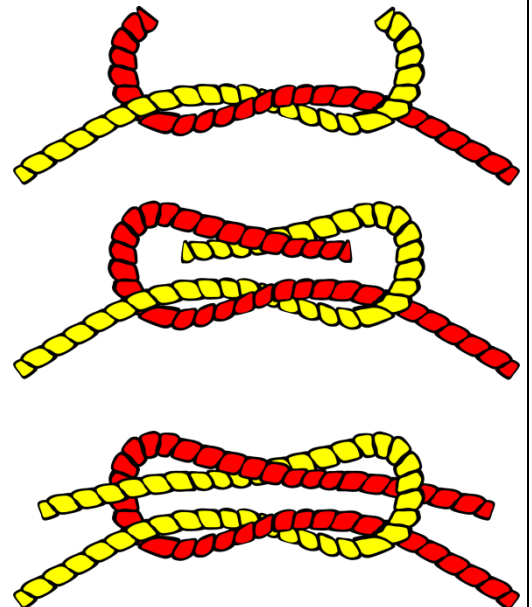
Make sure you get hold of **Mike Deane 0272 559860** and ask him to post the forms out to you. Once you receive them, please get them filled in and sent back ASAP and with your money as well please, as the camp is always really popular and fills up quickly.

Practice tying these knots

Bowline Knot



Reef Knot





TVDA Anniversary Cup

100 Sporting Targets

Thames Valley District Championships

Sunday 5th November 2017

8.30am start

*Thames Valley Deerstalkers Range, Morrison Road, Paeroa
(1.5kms past Racecourse) 10.30am Cutoff for entries*

Welcome one and all – great targets for everyone

Excellent targets shot on two fields of 50

****Transport for all shooters to the start of each field****

Superb Prize Table & Friendly atmosphere

Wonderful Food & Hospitality

Ammo available

Sorry – no eftpos on site

Holten Collegiate Trophy – (any shooter who is still at school is eligible)

Top Notch Drawn Prizes – must be there to take these prizes

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

A Message from NZ Police

Measuring and classifying firearms which have folding or telescopic stocks.

Any firearm that is less than 762 millimetres in length falls within the definition of “pistol”. Pistols may only be used on an approved range and by endorsement holders who are active pistol shooting club members.

The policy rationale behind separating pistols out for different treatment from other types of firearms under the Arms Act is that they can be readily concealed on a person.

Accordingly, for firearms that have a folding or telescopic stock, measurements will be taken when the stock is in the folded or closed position.

If the overall length is less than 762 millimetres in length, it will be a pistol (and therefore excluded from the definition of military style semi-automatic firearm).

If the overall length is 762 millimetres or more, then consideration will be given to whether it is a semi-automatic firearm; and, if so, whether it has one or more of the listed MSSA features.

New Zealand Police is aware that for some years a different measuring method was used which may have resulted in some firearms being classified as MSSA firearms rather than pistols. Owners of semi-automatic firearms with a folding or telescoping stock which measure less than 762 millimetres in length when the stock is folded or telescoped and who lawfully held the firearm as a MSSA rather than a pistol while Police policy allowed for this, will be given suitable time to comply with the legal requirements for the firearm being a pistol. The licence holder can:

Replace the folding or telescoping stock with a longer stock.

- Dispose of the firearm lawfully to an appropriately licensed and endorsed person via a permit to procure.
- If the owner is also a collector and the firearm fits in with their collection, apply to Police to hold the firearm in their capacity as a bona fide collector (transfer the firearm to their collector’s endorsement). The endorsement in relation to that firearm will be subject to the condition that it will not be used with live ammunition (regulation 22(2)).
- Hand the firearm to Police for destruction without compensation.

Welcome to our new members who have joined this month....

Jed Claude

Josh Quartermaine

Dean, Aidan & Logan Murphy

Special Thanks to:

- *Alan Jespersen and the Barry Family (Dennis Barry) for the very generous donation of a number of books relating to firearms collection, early shotguns, rifles, handguns and knives/knifemaking etc and reloading – Dennis was an avid Gun Collector and these books are part of what were in his library. Dennis passed away recently and we have been the very fortunate recipient of these books.*

The Club would also like to pass on our condolences and thoughts to the Margaret Barry and the family on Dennis' passing. He has been very sick in hospital since leaving Paeroa here several years ago.

- *The awesome team that helped out with the Te Aroha College day up at the club this week. Owen, Rex, Gary, Dan, Clive, Brian & Peter covered the range of jobs on the day – it was great for our Range Officers to have 'a day on the range' and ably supported by the other licence holders and then the goat butchering was undertaken. The lads with the knife skills then did their magic and it was a very well rounded day.*
- *To the committee and team that have taken care of metaling the club driveway and also doing other handyman jobs around the clubrooms – your ongoing and awesome help and support is so appreciated.*
- *Everyone who has helped out with the HUNTS course to date – it really has been a huge support and benefit for the trainees for sure.*
- *This one is done in advance but a HUGE THANK YOU to the team who will be doing the hard yards with the track clearance work to the Kauritatahi Hut in the Kaimais. Clearing this and replacing missing markers will be a fabulous benefit to us all and the general hunting and tramping fraternity in the Kaimais.*

Get Well

Geoff Morley – who has recently had a sort out with the cardiac surgeons down there in Wellington but he is now well and truly on the mend following by-pass surgery. You just keep doing as your told Geoff and you will be back up and racing again in no time...



Stewart Island....revisited

Mike Deane very kindly stepped in at the 11th hour for the last club night when the planned speaker was not able to attend at the last minute. Mike (with the assistance of photos kindly provided by Kiel Bagnell from their trip) recapped on their 2017 trip to the lovely Southern Isle. Others at the club night also added their experiences from previous trips to Stewart Island so it was a really good night. Here are some of the photos from Mike trip and others as well for you to enjoy too.



Track Cutting working bee - Saturday 23 Sept

CALL FOR HELP FROM ALL MEMBERS PLEASE.....

This work will be done on the access track to Kauritatahi Hut which is one of the huts we have MoU on and so hence it's part of our responsibility to look after the track aspect as well.

As part of the HUNTS course there will be a weekend spent in the Kaimais undertaking bush skills and navigation AS WELL AS helping with some track cutting/clearing work so it's an ideal time to combine both events for a win/win outcome.

*The track does **not** need a major overhaul or anything like that – it's a case of many hands make light work so we need a good number of people prepared to put in a day's work up there with pruners and/or a machete and the job will be done.*

We have good vehicle access organised to the top of Thompson's Track so feel free to bring a tent along as well and stay the night afterwards and go for a hunt on the Sunday (or Saturday afternoon/evening if the job's done by then) and make a good weekend of it.



Please contact Wayne Stachurski

wstachurski@clear.net.nz or 07 868 8066 to put your name down as we do need to co-ordinate this because of access through the neighbouring landowner's property.

This will be an excellent job to get out of the way and one that only comes up on a bi-annual basis so it's certainly not a big commitment and with good numbers on board to help out, it will be 'put to bed' for another couple of years.

Thanks heaps for your support guys.

Attention all TVDA Range users



Please DO NOT take vehicles off the track if you are going up to the range. It is extremely wet up there and cars and 4WDs are going off onto the grass areas, GETTING HORRIBLY STUCK and suffice to say, leaving a hell of a mess.

Please respect this request and it will be an enjoyable place for us all to visit.

K2K Trap Line

Not a lot to report this time, we have completed two trips for

- 3 stoats,
- 1 hedgehog.



With the opening of new section from Pipiroa to Miranda another 26km is soon to be added.

This will add about another 120 traps.

That's all for now, we will see what the next two trips catch.

With spring kicking into gear we are certainly expecting to see increases in trap results over the next couple of months. Dennis & Bill.



Swamp Comp 2017 Get trapping folks.....

The 2016 Swamp Comp hosted by Hunting and Fishing NZ was another great success with 1872 tails being entered by our participants. This makes for a huge benefit to especially wildfowl, ground nesting birdlife and also our native bird species



as these 'expert hunters' are not fussy on where or what they kill. It is often said that they just kill for fun as it is not uncommon to see the results of their killing sprees and the victims are not eaten, they have just been killed and left.

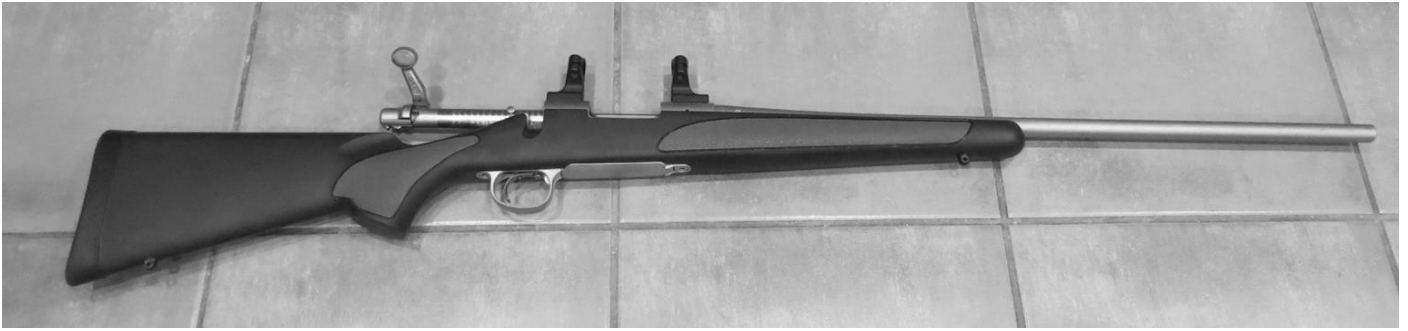
With these predators killing at least once every day if given the opportunity; multiply 1872 with 365 days per year and you get 683,280 killing days annually the environment is now free from. Great stuff to all those who did the hard yards to achieve this outstanding result. An example of how many pests can be in a small area was achieved by a man from Marlborough who traps a 300m x 500m stretch along a river. Not only did his 22 qualifying tails consist of 9 Stoats and 13 Ferrets he also trapped 32 Hedgehogs, 31 Possums, 13 Rats and 27 Wild Cats. Now, that is a hell of a lot of killing power that has been taken care of in a very small area.

All you need to do is trap (or catch or shoot) weasels, stoats and ferrets, cut the tails off them and put them in a plastic bag in the freezer. Then, during the month of November, take them into any Hunting and Fishing outlet and each tail earns you an entry in to the Nationwide competition. Last year, several local people including club members took home some nice prizes in the draw so let's get trapping and help reduce these little buggars as this is the time of the year when they are really mobile and doing huge amounts of damage.

Good Luck with the trapping and also in the lucky draws later on.....



For Sale



Remington Model 700 .243 in synthetic and stainless. Rifle as new and comes with scope mounts.



Also Timney Trigger which has never been used.



Total price - \$900.00
(included rifle, mounts and Timney Trigger)

This is a great buy so don't sit back if you are interested.

Phone Mike T. 0210 244 049

Bow hunters

Corner

**...and update from Pine Ridge Event—
Sunday 10th September**

By Bill Olsen

Congratulations to those who took out placings at the 3rd Interclub Tournament held at Pineridge on Sunday 10 September.

Shelley Moxsom	Ladies Compound Bowhunter Class	3rd
Charlie Newton	Cub Compound Female Class	1 st
Luke Moxsom	Cub Compound Male Class	2nd
Ian McCullough	Longbow	3 rd
Evan Lee	Recurve Barebow	3rd

Also congratulations to Mike Haultain and his wife Jacqui on the safe arrival of their baby boy 'Owen Haultain'.

Owen arrived a little earlier than expected but all is good with mum, dad and baby.

TVDA and Lakeview are almost neck and neck with 'bums on seats' for the attendance trophy at the end of the Interclub Series, so if we could get a good turnout at Franklin on the 15th October we should be able to get the trophy back off Lakeview.

That's it for this month.



Upcoming working bees

With the November sporting clay shoot coming up, Tony is going to have working bees up at the club after work on the Thursday evenings (5.00 pm onwards) during October – the dates as follows:

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 19th October

Thursday 23rd October

Thursday 30th October

Look forward to seeing a good turnout on these evenings please as it certainly makes a huge difference with this job and ultimately, the success of the event on 5th November.

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**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.



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