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# Thames Valley Deerstalkers Association

September – October 2019



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

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# Club Events Calendar

## October

Sunday	13	Bowhunters Club Day
Monday	14	Private Use
Tuesday	15	Private Use
Wednesday	16	Private Use
Thursday	17	Private Use
Saturday	19	Private Use – <b><i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i></b>
Monday	21	Private Use
Tuesday	22	Private Use
Thursday	24	Private Use
Tuesday	29	Private Use
Wednesday	30	Private Use
Wednesday	30	<b>Club Night – Rob Stewart Chiropractor – re back health in general and tips to look after our backs</b>

## November

Saturday	2	Working bee –TVDA Anniv Sporting Clays event
Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b><i>TVDA Anniv 100 Sporting Clays Shoot</i></b>
Monday	<b>4</b>	Private Use
Thursday	7	Twilight starts
Sunday	10	Bowhunters Club Day
Monday	11	Private Use
Tuesday	12	Private Use
Wednesday	13	Private Use
Wednesday	13	Committee Meeting
Thursday	14	Private Use – <b>No Twilight tonight</b> ( <i>F&amp;G tomorrow</i> )
Friday	15	Fish & Game Shoot 5-8pm
Monday	18	Private Use

<b>Tuesday</b>	19	Private Use
<b>Thursday</b>	21	Twilight
<b>Saturday</b>	23	Private Use – <b><i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i></b>
<b>Sunday</b>	24	Rimfire & Centrefire Comp Shoot & Patrons Cup
<b>Monday</b>	25	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	27	Club Night
<b>Thursday</b>	28	Twilight
<b>Friday</b>	29	Private Use
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Douglas Scoring Seminar 9am-4pm</b>

<b>December</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>SECOND ROUND OF THE RUNNING BOAR</b>
<b>Monday</b>	2	Private Use
<b>Thursday</b>	5	Twilight
<b>Sunday</b>	8	Bowhunters Club Day
<b>Monday</b>	9	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	10	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	11	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	11	Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	12	Twilight
<b>Saturday</b>	14	Private Use – <b><i>Clubrooms only – range is still available</i></b>
<b>Monday</b>	16	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	17	Private Use

<b>January</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	6	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	7	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	8	Private Use
<b>Thursday</b>	9	Private use
<b>Thursday</b>	9	Kids Survival Camp (Maratoto Valley)

<b>Friday</b>	10	Kids Survival Camp (Maratoto Valley)
<b>Saturday</b>	11	Kids Survival Camp (Maratoto Valley)
<b>Monday</b>	13	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	14	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	15	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	15	Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	16	Kids Survival Camp (Maratoto Valley)
<b>Friday</b>	24	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
<b>Saturday</b>	25	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
<b>Sunday</b>	26	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
<b>Monday</b>	27	Anniversary Weekend Club Hunting Trip
<b>Wednesday</b>	29	Club Night – KIDS CLUB NIGHT

<b>February</b>		
<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>Maureen Bennett Mem. 100 Sporting Clay Shoot</i></b>
<b>Monday</b>	3	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	4	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	5	Private Use
<b>Monday</b>	10	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	11	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	12	Private Use
<b>Wednesday</b>	12	Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	13	Private Use
<b>Sunday</b>	16	<b>Bowhunters Club Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	17	Private Use
<b>Tuesday</b>	18	Private Use
<b>Sunday</b>	23	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Rnd RUNNING BOAR &amp; JOHANSEN IRONSIGHTS</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	26	Club Night

## Presidents Report.....

Welcome to this combined September/October Newsletter.

**Firearms Legislation and the Arms Amendments Bill** – this newsletter has a strong focus on this and valuable information to help with compiling your submissions and that's because we/you all need to voice your concerns. Those concerns need to be voiced NOW please as submissions CLOSE ON Wednesday 23 October – that's right, less than 2 weeks time!!

This Bill has so many areas that will impact massively on our sport, us holding a firearms licence, owning firearms and most definitely, the very future and survival of clubs such as ours and yet it will do absolutely nothing to change the criminals and gangs having a free rein. Please get those submissions done now as there may not be a "firearms tomorrow".

You will see further through this report that we are holding/hosting a Douglas Scoring Seminar on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you think this is a bit of you, please make sure you contact Kelby Stewart and get your registration forms in quickly because numbers will be limited and other NZDA Branches are also going to be contacted to let them know it is on.

The Kids Survival Camp is also in this newsletter and likewise; please make sure you get hold of Nigel and Leah to book in for this. **'Booking in means' returning your fully completed forms and paying the camp fee.** Registrations will not be confirmed until both of these have happened and if you are too late or the camp is full by the time you 'get round to it' then it will be by unhappy kids!!! We have a limit again this year and it's for club members only so please keep this in mind.

Huge thanks to those who have been able to come down and help with the docking – I will be putting these newsletters in the mail and then hitting the road for Panekiri so if anyone is trying to get hold of me, please text or leave a message on my cell phone as this will be my only contact for the next couple of weeks.

Please make sure you have a good read of the upcoming events as there is a lot happening on several fronts. **Also please note that we have had to move the date of our Maureen Bennett Memorial shoot in February forward a week due to a clash of dates with another event.**

We definitely need to all make our voices heard so talk to your MP's, join the COLFO Fair and Reasonable Campaign\* and keep helping us all to drive the messages home to those making these decisions.

The link to the Arms Amendment Bill is right here so please make yourselves fully familiar with the information that is in it:

<http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0177/latest/LMS256577.html>

Take Care out there folks – look out for each other and particularly when you are in the hills, **always identify your target BEYOND ALL DOUBT** and it will be a great trip.

*Maureen*





# TVDA Anniversary Cup

## 100 Sporting Targets

Thames Valley District Championships

**Sunday 3rd November 2019**

**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

***Eftpos is available on site***

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

**Excellent Drawn Prizes** – must be there to take these prizes

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

**Categories: Vet's, S/Vet's, Masters, Ladies, Juniors, TVDA \$60.00**

**\*\*PLUS we are providing a "CUBS" section this year – 12 years and under on the shoot day can enter for \$40.00\*\*** (proof of age is required for the cub's section)



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



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

# **Mike's Famous – KIDS SURVIVAL CAMP 2020**

*Time is rolling around again and planning for the 2020 event is well underway.*

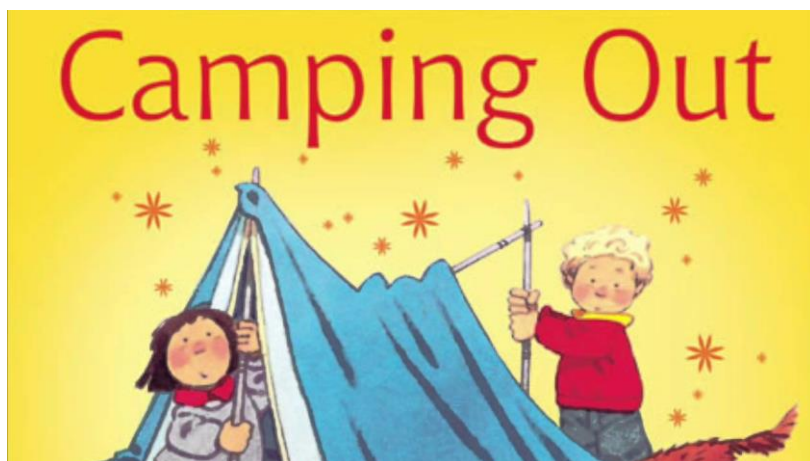
*Nigel Lesley has very kindly taken on helping with the registration and camp planning with Mike to help ease the workload which is really awesome.*

*The camp this year will be held on the following days:*

**Starting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January and**

**Finishing on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of January.**

*The general format of the Camp will be the same, it will be held at the same fantastic venue at Maratoto; there will be heaps for the kids to do and this year, it will be open for MEMBERS ONLY and a strict CUTOFF date and numbers will be applied to ensure the ongoing success of the camps.*



*For those who have not been before, this camp is an iconic part of our club and it sees many people who attended as kids themselves bringing the next generation back for a healthy dose of being a 'kiwi kid', getting out there and doing it and making neat friends along the way.*

*The general activities of the camp involve: camping, cooking over the fire, checking trap lines, swimming in the creek, catching eels, shooting, archery, novelty events, basic navigation and outdoor first aid.....and having a great time. All activities are fully supervised at all times*

***The Camp Registration Forms and details can be obtained by contacting Nigel Lesley at [ainslea@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ainslea@xtra.co.nz) or by phoning him 027 4823 117.***

***The cost of the camp is \$30.00 per person and can be paid by sending a cheque to TVDA, P O Box 206, Paeroa or direct credit to the bank account shown on the registration forms.***

***It will be first in first served as far as registrations go and there will be a final cutoff date of 20 December 2019 if the maximum number of attendees has not already been reached.***

***If the maximum number of 35 participants is registered before that date, then that is it - CLOSED.***



## *Letter to all shooters.....from Harry Hoover*

*Hi Shooters.*

*I know most of you like what I do with the .22 Jungle Lane and Rifleman's Challenge events.*

*Unfortunately, if Jacinda, Nash and Winnie get their way, there won't be any more events.*

*I would be gutted if that happens, these events (and shooting in general) have been my life for a long time, and I'm passionate about getting people out there enjoying shooting sports.*

*It's pretty obvious that most of NZ's shooters are a pretty apathetic bunch when it comes to supporting their own sport. The campaign to raise funds to fight for our sport through the courts has raised 1/2 a million bucks. And we have how many Firearms License holders in this country, 250,000, yeah? So on average, each shooter has donated \$2. Yep, that's TWO.*

*Considering how many people have donated hundreds or thousands of dollars, that genuinely means that the vast majority of shooters simply don't care.*

*I know those of us that love our sport do care, so that's why I'm asking you to give all your shooting mates a rark-up, get them on board to toss a few bucks to Colfo. I know it's too much to ask to get them to talk with their MP etc, but surely they can be encouraged to get behind this.*

*Please get them to donate even the cost of a brick of .22 ammo.*

*If they don't, there won't be any more events like mine nor shooting clubs or ranges left in this country.*

***Your call.***

***Help, or Ignore. What's important to you?***

*Cheers, Harry Hoover.*

# ***Anyone looking to go hunting on Stewart Island – if so, please make sure you read this following info.***

Good Evening

Here at the NZDA National Office we had a call on 26 September from Chris Hardwick of Real Journeys to inform us about new Terms & Conditions for carrying firearms on the ferries between Bluff and Stewart Island.

These T&C's will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 but there will be a grace period until people become familiar with them.

## **Brief Explanation below:**

- All firearms are to be transported rendered safe to travel in a locked hard shell case that is to be clearly named on the case its self or with a tag.
- Ammunition and bolts are to be stowed in a separate bag this bag can be stowed in with personal gear.
- A declaration form is to be filled out and then the firearm will be loaded into a separate container by the own and this will be locked for transport and unlocked when taken off the vessel at the destination.
- Owners of the firearms are not permitted to consume alcohol when traveling on the ferry

***NOTE:*** This is only for the Stewart Island ferries. The above information will be in the newsletter going out 30 September 2019 to all financial members. If you have any further queries please get back to Sue at the NZDA National Office.



# Douglas Scoring Seminar

## *being held at TVDA*

Here is the chance for all you hunters out there to learn some more about the art of Douglas Scoring your trophies and also getting an insight into the finer points that make the Douglas Score what it is. ***Even for those who are not hunters but are keen to learn another skill relating to our sport – this could very well but just what you are looking for.***

It is not a difficult course by any means – it is a ‘hands on’ course and you will be working with people that have been doing DS Measuring for many years that are only too happy to share lots of knowledge and tips along the way.

There are several levels within the overall DS training programme and this course will be covering the introductory level. For many people that is more than adequate for what they want or need to help them with their measuring but it is also the first step on the ladder for those who want to take this aspect of their sport further afield.

**The date set for this is SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at the TVDA Clubrooms in Paeroa.**

**Start time is 9.00am and it will finish approx. 4pm**

The Registration Cost is \$30 Per person which also covers your pre-course reading material etc and the you can also order the other items depending on what you need.

You will definitely need the:

- Douglas Scoring Handbook and the
- Imperial tape measure (as got from NZDA because it's a narrow steel tape).

Morning and afternoon tea and lunch is provided free of charge by TVDA.

Please contact Kelby Stewart by phone 021 395400 or email [imazx9er@hotmail.com](mailto:imazx9er@hotmail.com) if you want to book in for this course, and the Registration and order form will be sent out to you.

**Once you get the form, please make sure you fill it in and send it back promptly to confirm your spot on the course**

*As a further offer – if anyone would like to stay the night at the TVDA clubrooms and take part in our .22 running boar event the next day, please also let us know. Just bring a sleeping bag and a stretch, the supermarket is just down town (2-3 minutes away) if you need groceries etc for dinner and breakfast ..... and don't forget your .22!!!*

## **Important Notice**



### **The date for our Maureen Bennett Memorial Shoot**



***has been brought forward a week due to the clash with  
another major sporting shoot***

***The new date for the Maureen Bennett Memorial 100  
Sporting Clays is***

***SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020***

***NOTE – it has just been decided that in addition to the event now being on  
2.2.2020, we will open the range and facilities on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (our normal  
weekend for this event) as a practice day for anyone that wishes to come along.  
More details in the next newsletter.***

## **October Club Night – Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Rob Stewart the Chiropractor from Waihi has very kindly offered to come over and be our guest speaker for October – **see you there; start time 7.30pm.**

Rob did his training in the US and has operated a very busy practice in Auckland for many years and has now decided to try and slow the pace of life down a tad so he's moved to Waihi and is thoroughly enjoying the lifestyle.

*Rob also specialises in treating children and babies – I have seen this first hand with a colleague that trained with Rob and it's amazing to see them doing this work and the awesome results. (Maureen)*



His 2 days a week practice there has already become very busy so come along and all learn some valuable tips on back health for the whole family, keeping it that way and enjoying the outdoors and our recreations even more.

**Contact details for Rob – 07 863 4050 or  
0272 825956**

## **Concerns and issues in the draft Arms Amendment Bill, September 2019**

My name is Nicholas Taylor. I am a specialist firearms lawyer and have practiced in the field of criminal and civil law relating to firearms in New Zealand for the past 22 years. Over this time I have appeared before the courts in New Zealand on a daily basis in regards to firearm cases (with approximately 4500 appearances for 1500 clients). I regularly advise shooters, collectors and gun dealers nationwide on issues relating to firearms law in New Zealand. I have assisted in the training of Police Arms Officers and have assisted and advised various Ministers of Police and parliamentary inquiries.

Note: for simplicity reasons and ease of reading of this document I have not specified or quoted the individual sections of the Arms Act or Bill except in broad terms, or cited individual case law in great detail (only in footnotes), but rather am speaking in a generic way. This is not to be taken as constituting legal advice but rather a discussion document drawn from my 22 years of dealing with firearms law and cases in New Zealand.

### **1. Proposed firearms register**

The arguments for this are extremely weak, namely, i) “that the police will know who has guns when they attend an address”; and ii) “that the guns used in criminal offending can be traced” during the course of “their life”.

- i) It will only be fully complying and law abiding individuals who will register their firearms in the first instance.
- ii) The police already have information, as it has been a legal requirement that a person’s address is recorded against their firearms licence.
- iii) Therefore it can, and always is, assumed by attending police that the person may or will likely have firearms. Evidence in court given by attending police over the years confirms this to be the case.



- iv) An individual can have 20 firearms but can only use one at a time.
- v) The police already do not distinguish between a person who has one or 20 firearms; they treat it as “the person may be armed” in all circumstances.
- vi) Serial numbers. If firearms are stolen, the argument that “the guns can be traced” is nonsense, as within the space of one minute, using a grinder purchased from Bunnings for \$100, all serial numbers on all guns can (and are, in my experience with numerous cases) ground off. A serial number on a gun is not magic.
- vii) There are risks of mistakes, errors, and misinterpretation in the registry, leading to prosecutions for individuals who have made mistakes, forgot, been distracted, unwell, or not understood a computer based system etc. All are non-criminal intention reasons why a person may not fully comply with the registration process.
- viii) My view, after dealing with thousands of cases involving firearms is that, in reality, a firearms register will achieve nothing in reducing crime or assisting the police, and may in fact do some serious harm. Its cost and complexity will outweigh its usefulness as a crime prevention tool.

## 2. The fit and proper person test

This is not unique to firearms law but is in CAA, Land Transport and other sectors. There are 30 years of case law determining what is a fit and proper person. It is an assessment made on a case by case basis; an assessment made by a judge based on the individual’s circumstances and needs. Many of the factors in the Bill are, and have been, applied over a long period of time by the courts successfully, but if they are qualified in statute it prevents flexibility in the discretionary ability of both the police and the courts to properly determine an individual’s fit and proper status.

- i) **S 23 (2)** - Mental health issues and doctors reporting. This will lead to the lack of reporting and the hiding of symptoms by individuals until it is too late. Doctors are not legal experts and often have a range of views towards firearms, ranging from total dislike for firearms to high and unreasonable levels of risk aversion that are not reasonably based on evidence. The reporting of a mental health issue to the police<sup>1</sup> is dealt with, in my experience, in a wide variety of ways. Most of these are on the extreme

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<sup>1</sup> Often done by a partner, ex-partner, friend, or neighbour, or occasionally by a Doctor.

side, and involve the police responding by sending multiple armed police teams to the person's home, who forcibly enter and search<sup>2</sup>, and seize firearms and licences. The proposed notion that a concerned community constable would contact the firearms licence holder for a "chat" is in my experience currently a fiction.

- ii) **S 22 G** - Exclusion from reapplying for licences for 10 years. This is unreasonable. A person can change considerably over a ten-year period, from being an older teenager who gets into trouble with friends to a responsible adult married with a job and a family. These matters are currently dealt with by appeals to the District Court and the judges assess the individual on a case by case basis. This 10-year ban is a "one size fits all" situation and is unreasonable.
- iii) **S 23 (1)** - A person who has had a firearms licence revoked in the previous five years is unable to apply for a new firearms licence. A revocation of a firearms licence occurs for a multitude of reasons around the country and, in my experience, is totally subject to the individual whims of both the local Arms Officers and regional Inspectors. These decisions to revoke are often unreasonable and unlawful, with the only recourse being an appeal to the District Court. It is important to note that 90% of appeals to the District Court by individuals who have had their licences revoked are successful in having the decision of the police overturned. It is unreasonable to exclude individuals just because an individual police Inspector has revoked a person's licence. It also does not take into account changes in that person's life or rehabilitation potential.
- iv) **S 25 (1)** - 5-year licence renewal periods. The police Arms Officers have alerts given to them involving all matters from speeding tickets to drink driving, family violence and other information as relevant. They are constantly dealing with issues as they arise over the 10-year period for licences. A 5-year licence will add nothing to public safety but will increase the workload and stress of Arms Officers for no noticeable return.
- v) **22 G (b)** - Protection order issues. Temporary protection orders are granted ex parte (only one side is heard from and no opportunity to defend yourself is possible). If they are not challenged, and they often aren't due to numerous reasons, including expense, they will become permanent. The fact that they are made permanent is not a reflection of their accuracy or credibility. This Bill indicates that a person who has had a permanent protection order made against them will not be eligible for a firearms licence again within 10 years and will not be able to apply for one at any time without it being

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<sup>2</sup> Search and Surveillance Act or Arms Act 1983 search powers often cited.

deliberately considered by a commissioned officer. Once again, this is a matter which has been successfully dealt with by the judges and the courts when assessing an individual's personal circumstances on appeals from a refusal by the police to issue a firearms licence. I have dealt with a situation where a temporary protection order wasn't challenged after a person's relationship broke down, as the partner was moving permanently back to the UK and there was a lack of money to hire a lawyer to challenge the making of a permanent protection order. This individual was a commercial pest controller who worked for DOC. This should be a matter that can be appealed to the courts, or have an independent review, rather than a blanket ban of 10 years being imposed.

- vi) **S27 A** - Family violence and firearms licences. I question why this section is required. This material is already covered in the Domestic Violence Act, which can already suspend a firearms licence for the same reasons, and, if there is sufficient evidence, can be used for a consideration of revocation of firearms licence process to start. This process has been established by the courts as being one that requires a natural justice process to be undertaken<sup>3</sup>.

### **3. Shooting ranges and gun club certification (part 6)**

Overall this is complex and bureaucratic, with the reasoning behind these new requirements not being clear. It is written in such a way that makes an ad hoc sighting-in or target practice in the back of a farmer's field unlawful without a certificate issued from the Commissioner of Police. In practice it will have a devastating effect on small rifle clubs throughout NZ. There is no right of appeal to a District Court Judge<sup>4</sup> for a refusal by the Police to issue a certificate. No evidence whatsoever has been put forward indicating that this will increase public safety with or around the use of firearms. This entire section seems to have been lifted directly from an Australian model. This therefore is not fit for purpose, as no Australian legislation is relevant to the application of New Zealand firearms law, as they have always been totally divergent. Australia, unlike New Zealand, has never based their model on the 'Fit and Proper Person' test. Their model was founded, and heavily reliant and focused, on the 'gun' itself. Australia and

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<sup>3</sup> Fewtrell v Police, Police v Dobbs.

<sup>4</sup> S 62 appeal Arms Act 1983.

New Zealand have been totally different in regards to firearms licencing for 36 years. The systems are not comparable, as they do not start from the same basic foundation.

#### **4. Right of inspection for standard licence holders; s 24 B (1) (b) and (c) (d)**

Individuals who had restricted weapons, pistols and MSSAs in the past had a requirement that the police could ask to see their firearms and storage, primarily because there were special conditions imposed on their storage and security. Having a person's private home entered into by police for no other reason than they possess a firearms licence and a .22 rabbit rifle is an unreasonable intrusion onto an individual's private property and privacy for no good or sufficient reason. This is indicative of loss of trust in a person selected as a fit and proper person to maintain and undertake the responsibilities of adhesion to the law themselves. This is echoed again and again in the Bill and the 2019 Amendment now passed.

The reality of the increase in this power for the police to enter a persons home for no better reason than the fact that they hold a standard firearm licence, is that it is very often abused because of the misinterpretation, both accidental and deliberate, by individual attending police officers. In many cases I have dealt with the attending police "invite themselves in" or make statements such as "if you don't let me in you're breaking the law" and "you have to let me in to inspect your guns or I'll take your licence away". This increase in police power must be carefully and properly considered, especially when there is no suggestion of any wrong doing on behalf of the homeowner/firearms owner concerned.

A fit and proper person is a person that can be trusted to comply with the Act and Regulations. That is the point of the high degree of scrutiny an individual is put under in the first instance.

#### **5. Blank firing guns; s16 (1)(a) and (b)**

There is no reasonable reason for this inclusion. The High Court has already established<sup>5</sup> that the police statement that they can be converted to live-fire firearms is false; there is no evidence of this occurring, and they are not starting pistols. In this case no evidence was forthcoming from the police armourer whatsoever that criminals had ever converted blank firing guns to fire

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<sup>5</sup> Tiple v Chief Executive NZ Customs 2014

live rounds at any time. Blank firing guns are important for film and theatrical companies, both inside and outside of professional film armourers. They are used as a safe and reliable prop for drama and play productions because of their safety and lack of regulation. This section should be removed in its entirety as it does not contribute to public safety at all but will have a negative effect on our important film, stage and television industry.

## **6. Loss of the right to silence 24 B (1)**

The right to silence is a fundamental right of all New Zealanders and is a common law right. The NZ Bill of Rights indicates that a person, if arrested or detained, has the right to silence. However the courts have acknowledged that even before a person is detained there may be circumstances where a Bill of Rights warning should be given, especially if questions being asked may be directly self-incriminatory, or can be mistaken as being self-incriminatory, leading to wrongful prosecution and in some instances wrongful conviction. Certain requirements exist in the Policing Act and the current Arms Act concerning a person's details and licence, however this section in the Bill goes too far into specific details and if a person can't, or doesn't want to for some reason, and wishes not to make a statement they can be prosecuted for that. This is a major and serious departure in NZ legislative history and should be considered extremely carefully before such an important precedent in legislation is set.

## **7. Increase of Commissioner's powers to "make the law"**

The discretion and policymaking abilities of the Commissioner of Police has increased by 70% from the previous Arms Act. The Commissioner's creation and police policy-making abilities outside of parliament have been greatly problematic in the past. Numerous times in the last 15 years a Commissioner of Police "created" policies and used their discretion, and the courts have later found this to be unreasonable and unlawful. The unfettered and almost uncontrolled increase in the powers of the Police and Commissioner for policy making (eg. conditions imposed, forms of permits etc) will lead, in effect, to law changes outside of parliamentary control, and may result in the criminalisation of individuals not caught by the legislation but by the change in a police-made policy, or a discretion determined, or a form created.



## **8. Lack of recourse to the law in regards to the exercising of the Commissioner's (and a "member of the police's") discretion**

S 62 needs to include greater scope to appeal to a District Court Judge on decisions made by the Commissioner. For example, as discussed above, the refusal to recognise a "range" or a "shooting club approval" is entirely missing from the rights of appeal or review. Every discretionary decision by the Commissioner, both direct and delegated, must have a right to appeal and review. Another example is in the proposed s 60 "improvement notices". There is currently no appeal process outlined for a person who is issued with a "temporary suspension notice" (s 60 A (1)) issued by a member of police (not even a commissioned officer in this instance).

## **9. Dealers licences; S 29 (2A) and S 30 A (2)**

For the first time this section indicates that a licenced firearms dealer needs to apply for a separate endorsement on their dealer's licence. A dealers licence has always, and for good reason, been issued to persons who, by way of their business, buy and sell firearms, all types of firearms. This includes pistols, rifles, machine guns, submachine guns, airguns, restricted airguns and now prohibited firearms. The Act and Regulations have always made the recording and regulation of a place of business and security precautions for dealers an important aspect of that licence. The amendment proposed is unnecessary and overly administrative and bureaucratic, and I can see no reason for its inclusion. There will be no advantage to public safety or improvement at all with this requirement. A dealer's licence should encompass permissions to possess and sell all types of firearms, as the problem will rapidly become that one dealer will have only an endorsement to "deal" on pistols but not "prohibited firearms" and another will only have an endorsement for "restricted weapons". This will, for no benefit, cause a dramatic increase in unnecessary complexity.

## **10. S 66B - Compulsory to supply personal details to police**

A person in possession of a firearm, airgun, magazine, part or ammunition must give their details to a member of police.

This is a great expansion from the current requirement for an individual to produce a firearms licence within seven days if they are in possession of a firearm. This expansion is dramatic and concerning. This type of power is traditionally reserved only for when a person is lawfully detained by an enactment. This would allow police to require a person, who may or may not be in actual physical possession of one of the items specified, or even just an airgun, to be forced, through threat of six months imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, to answer questions from the police. This fundamental loss of the right of every New Zealander to not have to answer questions from the police unless detained is a very major and serious potential degradation of basic human rights and needs to be carefully considered, as this type of power can be, and so often is, abused and the edges smeared by inexperienced and/or overzealous police officers, who will often take advantage of legislative power that is so broad.

### **General concerns**

Too many sections rely on a subjective test of an individual police officer, or the Commissioner of Police too easily redelegating his/her power confirmed under the Act, without recourse to the law by way of appeal

The proposed internal review of a case before a person is eligible to have it assessed by an independent court is a breach of natural justice. If a review is to be done it should be conducted by an independent individual, such as a lawyer with 10 years PQE, or an independent panel headed by counsel, who will make a finding and revert the finding back to the police. This section should be greatly expanded.

The penalties being imposed for minor breaches of administration are grossly disproportionate to the “offence” committed and are unfair and unreasonable.

### **Conclusion**

The number of administrative offences has increased by 80% and the overall penalties have increased by 100% from the previous Act<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> The Arms Act 1983, as amended 1992.

The level of bureaucratic and administrative complexity on this Bill has doubled that of the old Act. It is poorly written, poorly constructed and complex, with many sections in practice repeating themselves in their function. This will lead to potential errors and mistakes in its application and interpretation that will inevitably lead to wrongful and unreasonable prosecution being brought by overzealous or equally confused, badly informed or advised police officers, leading to wrongful convictions of individuals who, for no particular fault of their own, have been unable to comply with or decipher this maze of requirements.

**Nicholas Taylor**  
**Barrister at law**



**25 September 2019**

**PLEASE DO NOT WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE  
YOUR SAY.**

Please make a submission but be mindful, that if you say anything too 'honest' re your thoughts on the Government and this Policy, it may be used against you when you want to renew your firearms licence. Take care with what you say but point out your concerns, your reasons for those concerns and why hunting in particular is important to you. They cannot deny that putting food on the table is a legitimate reason to hold a firearms licence

In this next section of the newsletter you will see the 13 points that National had stipulated would be required for their support of the Bill. The coalition refused outright to consider any of it and my guess is that their attitude will steadfast and pass this in its entirety.

Make sure you know where your vote is come elections in 2020 to get some form of common sense and rationale back into our sport and ownership of firearms.

**Submissions can only be made using the Parliamentary website or by post –  
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**Submissions CLOSE ON Wednesday 23 OCTOBER**

COLFO and the Fair & Reasonable campaign would like to thank Nicholas Taylor for his support in providing this information.

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We will be providing support for you to make your voice heard on this Bill, through a submission to the Select Committee.

Information on how to do so will be available on

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***The things that cannot be highlighted enough are the way in which this Bill is being handled and the manner in which the Government has and continues to treat good honest and law abiding citizen.***

***Further to that, is the Governments approach of denying people the right of appeal if convicted, the ability for police policy makers to change parts of the Act as, when and how they see fit and without consultation; and coupling this with a short and restrictive submission / consultation process.***

***YOU ARE BEING WARNED – this approach will not stop at just the firearms legislation – if there is something the Government does not like, then this is the way they will be pushing to have it removed through the legislative process. This Arms Amendment Bill is merely serving as a ‘warning shot across the bow’ as to what they can and will continue to do if they so desire.***



**Brett Hudson**

National Party Spokesperson  
for Police

23 September 2019

## National outlines changes needed to Arms Bill

National has today outlined the 13 changes we want to see in the second tranche of gun reforms before considering our support, National's Police spokesperson Brett Hudson says.

"The Government has unduly focused responsibility and regulation on law-abiding gun owners and hasn't done enough to address access to guns by gangs and those involved in criminal activity.

"Below are the changes we believe need to be made.

1. Introducing Firearms Prohibition Orders
2. Adding flexibility to dealer licences given the wider remit being proposed
3. Introducing clearer and more flexible rules for clubs
4. Introducing clearer and more flexible rules for sporting ranges
5. Ensuring the Register is clearly defined in legislation
6. Keeping licence duration the same as it is today
7. Including safeguards on healthcare practitioners reporting to Police.
8. Removing excessive regulatory powers from the Act
9. Introducing new and consistent exemptions for sports shooting
10. Providing for greater flexibility for pest control exemptions
11. Adding common sense amendments for collector exemptions
12. Amending the fit and proper person test to require some clear rules for assessing patterns of behaviour
13. Requiring common sense rules for visitors purchasing firearms over prohibition

"Numbers 8-11 are outside the scope of the Bill which has been introduced and would require Parliament to agree to an instruction to the Select Committee following first reading.

"The overwhelming majority of firearm owners are good, law abiding citizens. National wants to see reforms that will focus on people who could pose a risk to society and won't unduly impact law abiding New Zealanders."

**Notes to editors:** Attached is a list of the 13 changes, along with further details.



# Proposed Amendments: Arms Legislation Bill



## 1. Firearms Prohibition Orders

Firearms Prohibition Orders (FPOs) would automatically disqualify a person from being able to own, possess or reside near firearms if they are a member of, or have close affiliations to, a gang and have been convicted of a serious offence. This contrasts with the Government's reforms which makes such only a factor for consideration under the fit and proper person test.

National has a Bill in the ballot and we propose the Government adopt it in its entirety.

**Recommendation:** Include new provisions in the Bill to cover FPO's.

## 2. Dealer's licences

Dealer's licenses provisions in the Firearms Legislation Bill have been expanded to cover a much wider range of activities.

The new provisions will now affect industries that are very different from firearms stores. Guides or film armorers also carry out commercial activities that now could be affected and the costs and administration will be more burdensome than is likely intended. Currently the Arms Act continues to have restrictions over the physical place of business which does not reflect the wider scope of the new provisions.

**Recommendation:** Amend the act to reflect the wider and more diverse nature of commercial activities that are captured by the reforms.

## 3. Regulation of clubs

The Bill provides for more stringent regulation and rules around clubs and ranges. Putting more compliance on clubs and ranges may result in these clubs ceasing to operate, or being threatened with significant penalties. We want to see more regulation around illegal activity, not more costs and regulation on those who are trying to use fire arms safely and legally.

Encouraging people to join clubs and be part of a community is important – particularly in terms of encouraging people to safely use firearms and learning the techniques to use them properly. We would also expect the local Police to be constructive members of that community. From National's perspective, the bigger challenge for public safety is

if people carry on with shooting activities without the community, experience, and safe spaces to do it in.

The current provisions require certification of shooting clubs and approval by Police. The problem is that if Police do not provide approval or require conditions that are perceived as onerous, the people involved in the shooting club will not form the club. This does not mean that they will not be using firearms. National's suggested approach balances the need for Police to be aware of shooting clubs and receive information about the club and its members with the ability of clubs to form and operate effectively.

**Recommendation:** Amend the Bill to require notification to Police of the club rather than approval. Allow Police to seek and receive information about the club.

#### 4. Regulation of shooting ranges

Shooting ranges have a similar certification process to clubs but must also have public liability insurance. The certification lasts only five years compared to clubs which is indefinite.

**Recommendation:** Amend the Bill to require notification to Police of the shooting range rather than certification. Provide for police inspections of the range (allowed to enter and inspect), provide for seeking information about the range. Remove public liability insurance provisions.

#### 5. Firearms Register

National does not oppose a firearms register but wants some certainty on how the register will operate. Police already require information on firearms imported into New Zealand but have been unable to provide an estimate on the types of firearms being imported. Overseas experiences have also shown difficulty in how registers operate and that certainty is an important factor in their success.

**Recommendation:** Ensure that the details of the firearms register are in primary legislation. This ensures that the requirements of the register are certain. Given the estimate is that it will be years to get up and running, National also recommends separating the register out of the Bill and encouraging Police to build a detailed business case for the register and to collate currently held data.

## 6. Firearms license

With the improvements in safety, National does not see the need for reducing the licence time for ten years to five years. It will impose further cost on owners and, given the more rigid provisions in this Bill, more compliance. Under the proposed Bill, there will be ongoing requirements to inform Police about changes in circumstances, and there are new powers for Police to inspect premises. There are also other provisions relating to the disqualifications of licenses, new provisions allowing improvement notices and temporary suspensions to be imposed, and a higher standard for being 'fit and proper'.

We think ten years is still the right period of time to balance public safety and not impose further compliance on license holders.

**Recommendation:** Keep licenses at ten years.

## 7. Healthcare reporting

The Bill proposes that health practitioners may give Police medical reports of persons unfit to use a firearm if they believe the mental or physical condition of the licence holder is such that, in the interests of the safety of individuals or the public, the licence holder should not be permitted to use or possess a firearm; or should be subject to limitations on their firearm use. Practitioners carry no criminal, civil, or disciplinary liability for this if they acted in good faith.

The practitioner must consider notifying Police as soon as practicable. The Police may then require the license holder to undergo a further medical assessment by a health practitioner. If they do not they must surrender their license.

National is concerned that the provisions will potentially stop people from securing help from their doctors and other health practitioners. Rural communities already struggle to access services and National wants to ensure that only in situations where there is an immediate threat to individual or public safety can a health practitioner notify Police. We want to ensure people get the access to mental health services that they need without feeling like they're being prosecuted.

**Recommendation:** Include a provision clarifying that a practitioner may only notify Police if there is an immediate threat to individual or public safety.

## 8. Regulation making powers from Tranche One

National supported the first tranche of reforms to prohibit certain types of firearms. At the time National was concerned about the regulation making powers that would allow the government of the day to amend the definitions of the Act without parliament's consent.



This is different from the ability to class items as prohibited which allows the Government to act swiftly and with flexibility to prohibit particular items that are dangerous. The Office of the Clerk recommended that the delegated powers in s74A(a) and (b) should be removed along with the confirmation process in s74B. The Clerk further recommended safeguards being placed into s74A to require public notification on regulations being made under s74A and a requirement for a reasonable time period between notification and regulations coming into force.

**Recommendation:** Adopt the recommendations from the Office of the Clerk.

## 9. Exemption for sports shooting

National supports our shooters who compete domestically and internationally. We want to see exemptions for sports shooters to enable the sport to continue. We would require affiliation to an international body which holds legitimate international sports shooting competitions. We also want to require that gun clubs, and by extension their members, must be affiliate to Pistol NZ and bound by its pre-existing membership. We want rules, including sports and competition rules, agreed to by Police.

**Recommendation:** Include new provisions in the Bill to amend the exemptions in the Arms Act.

## 10. Pest control exemptions

National wants to see wider exemptions for farmers and owners of rural land to control pests. The current exemptions are too restrictive and have an impact on the livelihoods of New Zealanders. Common sense rules around using firearms for pest control by farmers and owners of rural land should be introduced. Under the new Bill, the time limit for such exemptions would be two years, providing a regular check on those who have access to prohibited firearms. Zealander's for little gain in public or private safety.

**Recommendation:** Include new provisions in the Bill to amend the exemptions in the Arms Act.

## 11. Collector exemptions

We want to ensure that bona fide collectors of firearms do not have needless requirements placed upon them. We want to amend the requirement to store separately a critical firing element of a now-prohibited firearm to permit that storage to be in separate, secure storage at the same physical address. This remains the requirement for restricted, but not prohibited, firearms collections, including fully automatic machine guns, amongst others.

**Recommendation:** Include new provisions in the Bill to amend the exemptions in the Arms Act.

## 12. Fit and proper person test

The Bill provides for the 'fit and proper person' test to be set in legislation. Currently, Police determine who a fit and proper person is by using the Arms Manual which allows for more discretion by Police to look at obvious red flags and make decisions. National would need to see some clarity on how Police would be assessing patterns of behaviour of people.

**Recommendation:** Amend the sub-clause relating to patterns of behaviour to a conviction under the Human Rights Act 1993, or the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015, relating violent, hateful or extremist speech or behaviour.

## 13. Banning visitors from purchasing Firearms

The Bill prohibits visitors to New Zealand for under one year from purchasing a firearm in New Zealand. They would instead need to bring their own firearm or have one supplied but could not take ownership of it.

The problem as defined in the Regulatory Impact Statement is that visitors may not know the legal obligations of owning a firearm. However, this is a pre-condition to being granted a firearms license and would be more stringent under the proposed legislation.

**Recommendation:** Amend the Bill to include new provisions over disposal of firearms as a condition on visitors but not an outright prohibition.



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**Special thanks to all those people who have so generously contributed their time and efforts on events, project and work at and for the club over recent weeks. It really is so appreciated.**



- George and his band of willing helpers, Keven, Frank, Rex, Gene ran the shooting component that the recent School Holiday Day Camp in Te Aroha which was very much appreciated by the kids and the organisers. Bill and Dennis had a full day of archery with the kids at the same event and Mike and Owen kept the kids amused with butchering a sheep and explaining the 'inner workings' of an animal – much to the delight of the kids.
- Tony and Nigel have been up and planned the upcoming event which is now well under way. This was further supported by the really willing team that rocked up and helped put the traps out in place, Nathan, George, Mike, Clem, Paul, Gary, Josh, Daniel, Leo, Dylan, Lee, Amy and Harvey – thank you all so much and it really did rattle through this job in double quick time.
- To all those who have put your names down for Panekiri – this has been so immensely appreciated and we cannot thank you and those outside the club who have also contributed to making this possible. Hauraki Plains College has students from their Ag class coming down and John Henwood from Paeroa has once again rallied a crew of non members to help out as well. This is massively appreciated for sure.
- The Bowhunters interclub day was last week and it saw Bill and Dennis doing a huge amount of work in the leadup to this event – no events ever just morph overnight and this was no exception. New bales were made, weedeating done, fields set out etc and everyone had a great day at the event. This too only happened through awesome help and support on the day from those in the office, the bar, the kitchen, out in the field etc. I do not have names of you all so please accept this as a special thank you all the same.
- Brian Neilson for very kindly being our guest speaker at the September club night. The topic and lives of a bee took on quite a new meaning by the time the frame of honey had been passed around the room, it proved there is a bit of pooh bear in all of us and it was a really interesting evening. Many questions were asked, a much wiser group of people was the end result and people are still talking about it so it was definitely a winner all round.
- To Kelby, Brian, Leo and Maureen for helping out with the Douglas Scoring at the recent Sika Show in Taupo. This was an excellent opportunity for people to get some hands on experience in the art of DS scoring and your help was very much appreciated by Mark and his team who organised the overall event.
- Frank Kearney for very kindly donating an excellent projector to the club to compliment the lovely big roll away screen. This will be a huge help and will give us so many more opportunities for showing videos, photos and the like.
- *If I have missed anyone please do accept my sincerest apologies and SPECIAL THANKS as your help and support in any way is most appreciated. Any omissions on my behalf are most definitely not deliberate and may well have something to do with the fact that it is lam while Im trying to get this finished before I go away docking.....*



***Wishing a few people a speedy recovery from their 'down time' and surgeries....***

Karen Deane and Jos Holten are due to have hip replacements done in the coming week and Aileen Willets is already giving her new knee a good work out. Owen and Mike on the other hand probably needed some new eyes to see where they were going to prevent their little 'oooops's' but they too are now well & truly on the mend.

If anyone else has been a tad under the weather of late – best wishes to you as well for a speedy recovery.

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Twilight Shoots on Thursday evenings during November and December.

**The start date will be: 7<sup>th</sup> November – 5.30pm onwards**



**Please see the dates in the Upcoming Events section.**

These events are open to anyone so bring some mates along too if they are keen or wanting to have a go at shotgun/clay target shooting – the more the merrier

### Prices:

First round of 25 targets is \$14.00 (which includes your range fee) and all/any subsequent rounds of 25 targets are \$9.00 each.

Ammo: can be purchased at the club on the night of the shoot

Burgers cooked for tea on the night – add the fillings you want - \$5.00 each

# NZDA Scoped Rifle North Island Championships

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
November  
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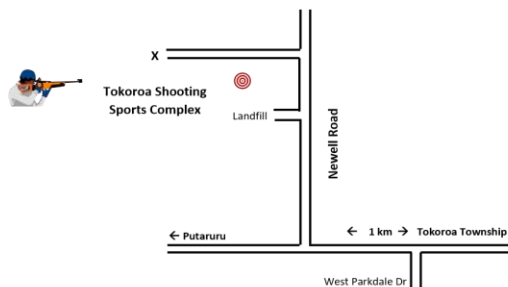
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Kind regards

***Duncan***





*Nicole*  
Nicole McKee  
Fair and Reasonable Campaign

Dear Ian,

On Friday afternoon Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Police Minister Stuart Nash introduced to Parliament the latest round of firearms legislation changes. As our lawyers work through the finer detail, **a new campaign has just launched with the aim to dramatically increase the restrictions on licensed firearms owners like you.**

According to the lobby group's website "**Gun Control NZ**" are pushing the Government to:

1. extend the ban on semi-automatic firearms to **all semi-automatic .22s** (even those that hold 10 round or less); and
2. extend the ban on semi-automatic firearms to **all semi-automatic shotguns** (even those that hold 5 rounds or less).

**In short, this group is campaigning to ban all duck shooting involving semi-autos.** We say that is a step too far.

Even for those who can show a genuine need for these firearms (such as farmworkers, or clay target shooters with a disability) **the group want to limit ownership to one shotgun or one rifle in this category!**

The group's primary spokesperson is an Otago University 'public health' academic with a background in campaigning. It is also backed by 'ActionStation' a government-funded political group with links to the Labour and Green Parties.

**Ian, it is clear that anti-firearms zealots are going to try to use the horrific events in Christchurch 6-months ago and the Government's Bill, as a trojan horse to further their ideological opposition to responsible use and enjoyment of firearms. That's why we are asking firearms owners like you to chip-in to make sure we can continue to fight back.**

Will you ensure there is a balanced debate and prevent the Government curtailing to those wanting to dramatically widen the scope of the proposed new round of law changes?

**Nicole McKee - Fair and Reasonable Campaign / Colfo**

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Additional half metre	\$42.00
Car/Ute/Van/4WD/trailer up to 5.5mt	\$137.00 each
Additional half Metre	\$22.00
Plus Lounge	\$55.00 18yrs plus

**Peak Dates:** 01-28 February 19 and 18-23 April 19

### Fares:

	Off Peak Each Way
Adult	\$47.00
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Motorcycle	\$40.00
Campervan/Motorhome up to 5.5mt	\$145.00
Additional half metre	\$37.00
Car/Ute/Van/4WD/trailer up to 5.5mt	\$124.00 each
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- by entering FA5474 into the group discount code box.
- Space is subject to availability at the time of the booking request.
- Bookings are 90% refundable if cancelled up to 1 hour before departure.
- Date and time changes allowed up to 1 hour before departure without penalty, subject to availability.
- **NZDA membership card to be shown at check-in or full retail fare will be charged. Membership card to be in the name of the person travelling.**
- Fares subject to change with notification.
- If booking from outside NZ you will need to request your booking be made via email.
- Rates valid for travel 01 February through to 15 December 19
- **Please note that no discount applies 19 December 2019 through to and including 31 January 20**

# ***Bow hunters Corner***



**Next club day is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

## **Interclub Tournament update**

We are hosted the final of the Waikato Interclub on Sunday 6th October. Dennis and Bill had both courses planned and set out in plenty of time and it was just a matter of final touches on the Saturday and it was all systems go the next day when the archers arrived.

There's some weed eating to do but not much and some rocks to shift.

Permission was got Brian Good our neighbour to use part of his land for the tournament so this certainly added something different on the day. Special thanks Brian for your support – it really was much appreciated by the club and the competitors on the day.

(The full list of results will be in the next newsletter due to time and space constraints by the editor – Maureen)

## **General**

Our last few club days have had good attendance with some new people coming on board so the club hireage bows are being put to good use.

Tina, one of our newer members came first in her class at the Lakeview Interclub Tournament last month so it goes without saying, she is quite chuffed with herself especially changing from a Recurve to a Compound.

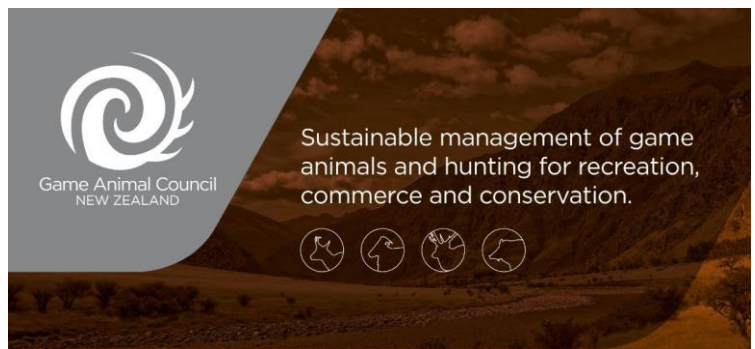
## **Wanted**

Right wing feathers from wing of Turkey, Peacock, White Goose or Canadian Geese.

The first 8 feathers only.

Ph Bill 07 867 5611 or 0276566058

## ***Welcome to the Spring edition of The Stalk.***



Warmer weather is on its way and with that more people will be heading out into the hills. There are plenty of great spring hunting opportunities with tahr and chamois not losing their winter coats for another month or two. It is a great time of year to introduce someone new to hunting, so make sure you spread the word about what a great activity it is.

Safety must remain top of mind. Avalanches will continue to be a major danger in alpine areas and rivers will be swollen as snow melts and we get those spring westerly weather systems off the Tasman Sea. Weather can be more unpredictable and changeable so keep a close eye on forecasts. There will also be many more non-hunters sharing the huts with you so make sure you store your firearms and ammunition safely and stay safe when using vehicles on your hunting adventures.

Winter has again been busy for the Game Animal Council with issues as diverse as the protection of public access, especially for those carrying firearms, and development of a sustainable tahr management plan. I was recently interviewed on the completion of the tahr management work, which you can watch [here](#) and read [here](#). We also await the Government's second tranche of firearms reforms with concern that they may have a significant impact on hunters.

The Minister of Conservation has recently appointed three new members to the council - Tim Gale, Steve McFall and Sharon Salmons. They replace Alec McIver, Geoff Kerr and Garry Ottmann, whose contributions are greatly appreciated. All three remain heavily involved in the sector with Geoff and Garry still contributing to the GAC's activities on a daily basis.

Happy hunting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Don Hammond'.

Don Hammond  
Chair, Game Animal Council

# NZ Game Animal Council

## Media Statement

14 September 2019



## Firearms legislation must be fair to hunters

"The Game Animal Council is concerned that the Government's second tranche of firearms legislation released today may contain unreasonable provisions that will unfairly impact hunters," says Game Animal Council Chair Don Hammond.

"Legislators must consider this Bill from the perspective that firearms used for hunting are tools required to out the activity, they aren't toys people own just for the sake of it."

"A legislative overreaction that makes firearms ownership and compliance too onerous could have a detrimental effect on hunting as a recreational pursuit in New Zealand. This could, in turn, have a major impact on game animal management and conservation."

"A number of provisions within this legislation may create further compliance without actually making New Zealand safer," says Hammond. "The objective should be making sure that firearms don't fall into the wrong hands, not unnecessarily penalising law-abiding New Zealanders."

"The proposed new rules requiring firearms ranges to be licensed will inevitably see smaller rural ranges run by volunteers shut down, which will unfairly impact rural-based hunters. Other provisions involve extra compliance and costs for hunters that may not make a difference to public safety."

The Game Animal Council looks forward to analysing the Bill in detail and making a submission to the select committee process that reflects the concerns of New Zealand's hunting community and will improve the final legislation.

"I urge the select committee to consider holding hearings across the country, particularly in provincial locations, so that hunters and other firearms owners have the chance to properly participate in the process," says Hammond.

The Game Animal Council did not oppose the Government's first tranche of firearms reforms due to the weapons affected being largely unsuitable for recreational large game animal hunting.

*The NZ Game Animal Council is a statutory organisation responsible for the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, commerce and conservation.*

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