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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Boy oh boy what a month it's been! The daylight hours sure are starting to stretch out and I have already had to repair the lawn mower once already.

I went for my very first pig hunt a couple of weeks back and it was pretty fun. No pork this time but we quickly filled our quota of goat (and got some much needed practice for the club shoot in too). I'm not sure if I'd choose the pig sticker and lever action over a rifle and pack, but it is easy to see why some guys get really hooked on that sport. One of the more successful club events we have had for a while was (finally) the club shoot. The event was held at Ben Lomond Station on SH50 and we are grateful to Tony Anderson for offering the facilities he has on his property. Big thanks also go to Rob Wallace and Neil MacLean for running the day as well as Brad Pinker with his yet again awesome food. The junior event was a great finale for the day. These guys (and girl) waited very patiently for the seniors to finish up and must have wanted to get first spot booked for next year with a fine display of shooting (much too a few dads dismay/delight). The sponsorship by Swazi for the juniors shoot was fantastic and is another good reason to remember some of our sponsors when considering a hunting purchase. I would hope this event gains in popularity again and becomes one of the highlights of the club year. I was unfortunately unable to make the Kaweka Mountain Beech Liaison meeting this month. Dave Yule and Angus Richards (thanks Angus for the late fill in for me) were able to attend and the feedback I have been given so far sounds very promising. Our relationship with DOC in general appears to be becoming stronger with Eddie and his team wanting to involve hunters more where DOC and hunters paths cross. I have a good map of their S&D and pellet count operations identifying areas with higher deer populations. We really need to work with these guys to show we are a good solution to game animal control and not give them reason to use the other option (you know the one with helicopters and buckets). The Taupo Sika show is on this month, but by the time you get this news letter it will be all over. I won't be able to go as I have a family birthday to attend to, so you will have to tell me over a beer how it was at the next meeting.

Club nights have been starting to thin out a bit with regards to the number of members turning up, but there has been a few slip ups effecting the club entertainment program. Hopefully we have rectified the issue by moving the committee meeting and we plan to ensure there is something organised to make coming along more interesting. Please get hold of myself or Steve if you have a good idea for a club night and we'll see what we can arrange.

Happy Hunting & Hot barrels - James

Upcoming Events for October 2009

Good Keen Kiwi

Blokes Event-

Sun 4th October,
5.00pm @ Hastings
Public Library, \$5.00.

Club Meeting-

Wed 7th October
@ 8.00pm.

Guest Speaker - Bob
White from Raeburn
Distributors - outdoor
clothing range.

Committee Meeting-

Wed 21st October
@ 7.30pm.

Club Hunting Trips-

Oct. 17th & 18th in
North Kaweka area
huts i.e. Makino,
Middlehill & Te Puia
areas.

Future Events -

Nov. 13th-15th in

North Ruahines
(Maximum No. of 8
people permitted).

Mid Feb. Kaweka
high country huts
booked for fly in trips
with East Kaweka
Helicopters.

EDITORS CORNER

WE HAVE A NEW SPONSOR ADVERTISING IN OUR NEWSLETTER; JIM BROADBENT IS A BREEDER OF GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTERS. THESE DOGS ARE OF PROVEN BLOODLINES SPECIFICALLY BRED FOR HUNTING (NEIL PHILPOTTS DOG 'MAC' WAS FROM THESE LINES). JIMS' DOGS ARE A REFINED, ROBUST AND COMPACT STRAIN OF THE BREED, SO PLEASE CONTACT HIM IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING INVESTING IN A NEW HUNTING DOG OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ON HIS LINES OR THE GUARANTEE HE OFFERS.

WE WELCOME **CAMERON SQUIRES** TO THE CLUB. EXISTING MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS AND ANY OTHER NEW FACES THAT MIGHT COME ALONG TO CLUB MEETINGS.

MORE OF YOUR **HUNTING STORIES** ARE NEEDED, SO GIVE WRITING ONE A GO OR MAYBE COME UP WITH AN ACTIVITY IDEA FOR THE CLUB. ALL **PUBLISHED HUNTING ARTICLES GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A TRIP TO OTUTU ISLAND IN MARCH.**

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CLUB SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

E. Richards Trophy/J. M. Wilkinson Cup Postal Shoot



Open Centrefire

100 mtrs-4 positions- 20 rounds

- 1st -Jeremy Hanaray 110.3pts
- 2nd-Robert Wallace 86.0pts
- 3rd -James Guilford 83.1pts



Menu - *Minted Lamb with mixed roast vegetables & green salads,*

all courtesy of Triplepeak Catering. Everyone agreed it was an awesome meal and a great club event. Cheers Brad!

Junior Shoot Results

22LR Rimfire @ 75mtrs -3 positions -15 rounds

- 1st - Ryan Burne
- 2nd - Connor Rapley +(only jnr centrefire)
- 3rd - Lisa Simonsen +(only ladies entry)



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For any further info on our junior club and up coming activities please contact Brad Pinker on the above phone numbers or via the email address.



"The Club Notice Board" (please check noticeboard at the Clubrooms for full details)

Hastings Library is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Barry Crumps classic book 'A Good Keen Man' with an entertainment evening on Sunday 4th Oct. Doors open at 5.00pm. Tickets cost \$5.00 and includes spot prizes, hot food & a free beer for the first 100 blokes through the door!

Animal Health Board "Vector Control" 1080 Aerial Baiting Operational area involving "Te Awahohonu" Trust Lands, Ahimanawa Range. The warning signage is already

Taupo Branch Prize Shoot is being held on Saturday 7th November 2009, open to all NZDA members.

Kaweka Mountain Beech Project has given us mapping that shows the areas where the deer pellet counts have been collected over the last year. This information shows where the higher animal numbers have been recorded. Remember that the area for aerial deer control has changed since July this year (excluding a lot of these areas), so the information should prove helpful for planning your spring & summer meat hunts.

"POISONING PARADISE"

Public Documentary Promotion Evening

It was good to see a few of our club members turn up at the Graf Boys documentary evening, amongst the 150 or so other people that attended the event. All their hard work in producing the "Poisoning Paradise" film was well received with a big round of applause after the screening had finished. They ran out of the DVDs on the night, which was good to see! So, if you want one, call in and see me at Hamills, they cost \$20 each and all proceeds go toward pursuing the fight against 1080. Another way to contribute is to visit the Graff Boys Web site or just send an email to TV3 asking them to screen the film. We need more people to do this before it will get screened on national TV. Despite the significant contributions from NZ Hunter Mag, as well as us at Hamills and both our Hastings and Napier clubs, we didn't quite get enough money to pay for the venue and paper advertising, so if you want to make a donation either drop it into me or send it to Greg @ NZ Hunter Mag. Thanks Jeremy



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So, having feasted on fresh back steaks and heart for breakfast, Dave and myself loaded our packs with enough food and gear for two days hunting up Prospect Creek. Meanwhile Jerry packed up and headed back to the Worsley Hut having injured his foot during the first week of our adventure. Dave and I followed a well worn deer track on the true right of Prospect Creek until we reached the stunningly beautiful Lake Brownlee. After wading around the edge to the head of the lake we continued up the stream bed through dense ribbonwood and boulders toward Lake Sumor, which was apparently named so in homage to the hungry man in W.G. Grave's party who always wanted some more! We sat and watched a Wapiti x Red hind for a few minutes before carrying on toward the head basin. Just before we reached our destination we inadvertently spooked a Red stag and another hind. As a consequence of having read in Moir's guide book that there is an excellent rock bivvy located in the area, we had decided not to bring a tent with us for this leg of the trip. We must of spent more than an hour or so looking for that darn bivvy before we finally gave up and resolved to the fact that we were bound to spend the night out under the stars. Of course the next day we got away early and had decided to head back down to the Worsley River, we hadn't had much luck by this stage and that was not about to change either! A day later, on our travels back down the Worsley, as we were nearing the Castle Creek confluence, Dave spotted a good 12 point Red stag just standing there in the middle of the bloody river! The whole event once again took us by surprise so it was a real bugger when Dave had a miss fire and the 'O' so lucky stag sauntered off back into the cover it had ventured out of, *?#*!! At arriving back at the Castle Creek junction Dave carried on and made his way back to the Worsley hut to check on Jerry, whilst I ventured on up into the Castle Creek catchment for a quick look. After a while, having found no fresh sign, I decided to go back to the hut and catch up with the boys. All too soon our time was up and after having an enjoyable trip through that incredible country again, we reluctantly packed up and headed for home.



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