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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy everyone, I hope you are all well and you have all had an opportunity to get out amongst it now that the weather has started to settle. Last weekend was our Annual Hunting Competition and it was a real cracker of a day. First I would again like to thank our committee who have done an excellent job organising another great day for the club. Also a big thank you to our sponsors, who without their assistance the Annual Hunting Competition would not be possible. Congratulations to those of you who gave it a nudge and secured a worthy animal as well. There were some good entries on the day with both Red and Sika heads of high quality coming in. The numbers may have been down a bit but the condition certainly was not. A surprise visit by Howie Morrison & the film crew from Hunting Aotearoa also made for an interesting day.

Definitely a profile boost for the club should the program go to air with footage from our competition. From the general conversations I had on the day it still sounds as though there is still plenty of roar activity to be had, and probably for a while more. The overall idea I got was that the first cycle of Sika roar might be still going with the second cycle still on the cards in late April or early May. Don't hold me to it, but my advice is to get on out there in the next few weeks for a hunt. The bush over the next few weeks should start to have less hunter activity, with many finishing up their annual bush pilgrimage and starting to gear up for the gamebird season. I hope we can arrange another shoot out at Ben Lomond once everyone's hunting gets a bit quieter and the cooler weather starts to roll in. I felt that those who participated last shoot really enjoyed it and our next one should be just as successful.

Please remember that this coming club night is our AGM. If you feel you can make a positive contribution and can make a commitment to our club, don't be shy to put your hand up. We still need a lot more action from our current membership to keep pushing the club forward with new ideas, activities and events through our committee.

For those of you planning a big weekend this coming duck season I wish you the best of luck. It would possibly be the only time of year I know hunters want the bad weather! Please keep yourselves safe and whether out in the bush or out in the maimai, make sure you are 100% aware of what could be the outcome before you pull the trigger.

Hot barrels James

EDITORS CORNER

OUR ANNUAL HUNT COMPETITION HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AND SOME GOOD ANTLER ENTRIES WERE SEEN. WE WELCOME ANOTHER NEW MEMBER—**GREG HARMAN**—WHO ALOT OF YOU ALREADY KNOW. WE HAVE ALSO FINALLY MANAGED TO SOURCE OUR MAIN SPONSOR FOR NEXT YEARS NEWSLETTER STORY PRIZE IN **STICHBURY AUTOMOTIVE CARE**, WHO HAVE KINDLY OFFERED TO PUT UP A GOOD PORTION OF THE MONEY NEEDED FOR A FLY-IN TRIP WITH 'EAST KAWEKA HELICOPTERS', SO REMEMBER, YOUR STORIES GET YOU INTO THE DRAW. ALSO A FEW JOKES AND NEWS ITEMS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR NEWSLETTER ENJOYABLE, SO PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING IN AND I'LL SEE YOU AT OUR CLUBS AGM NEXT WEEK.

Events Calendar

May 2010

'CLUB AGM'

Our **Club's AGM** is on Wednesday the 5th of May 2010 at the clubrooms—8.00pm start.

Please make the effort to attend as the committee needs your input or at least your support. We need some new faces to put their hands up and get involved on the committee, so if you can contribute a little regular time and effort each month then stand up and be counted. Surely it must be our Presidents & the Vice Presi's shout?

Committee Meeting

Wed 19th May @ 7.30pm.

Agenda: Set up Club AHT & Photo Comp dates & finalise rules.

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Annual Club Hunt *Kaweka* Competition Results

This years event was held at our Hastings Clubrooms on Sunday 25th April 2010. A total of 35 entries were purchased for the competition with a fairly good turnout from the clubs. We had a surprise visit from the "Hunting Aotearoa" film crew for the event , so I hope the coverage works out O.K for us! There were also 18 spot prizes and a raffle that were drawn after the category sections were awarded. The prize sponsors of the event were Hamills and the Kaweka Food Company.

Please support the sponsors who made this event possible !

The following entries were received:

6 x Red Antlers, 7 x Sika Antler, 3 x Boars, 7 x Red Hindquarters & 3 x Sika Hindquarters.

Winners of the Visual Antler Judging

Reds - 1st Issak Te Kahika

2nd Bruce Flett

Sika - 1st Marcel Powell

2nd Eddie Te Kahika

Winners of the Hindquarter Weigh-In

Reds - 1st Ben Te Kahika 76lbs

2nd Ivan Thompson 74lbs

3rd Issak Te Kahika 72lbs

Sika - 1st Leigh Montaperto 45lbs

2nd Ben Dingle 35lbs

3rd Peter Montaperto 31lbs



Winners of Heaviest Boar Weigh-In

1st Eddie Te Kahika 186lbs

2nd Bruce Flett 151lbs

Average Weight Boar - Bruce Flett

Best Jaw - Eddie Te Kahika

Hard Luck Award - Peter Montaperto



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National News

Swazi Sponsorship for Junior Shooters

Davey Hughes of Swazi Apparel has generously agreed to continue his sponsorship for NZDA junior shoots during the 2010 year. The Swazi sponsorship is for each branch of NZDA to assist and encourage junior members to participate.

Landcare Research Study into Possum Control

Landcare Research is a crown-owned institute based at Lincoln Uni. It's currently conducting research for alternatives to broadcast aerial application of 1080 for possum control in **Pureora Forest Park**. The alternative poisons, Cyanide paste & Feratox bags, as well as traps will be getting laid from **26th April** & the program will continue until **December 25th**. The usual precautions should be taken if hunting in this area.



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On The Notice Board NZ Mountain Safety Council

List of Non Intentional Firearms Incidents that occurred in 2009.

NZDA—Media Release

"Deerstalkers denounce heli-hunting plunderers".

MAF—Biosecurity NZ

Didymo-Check, Clean, Dry
National Shooting Week

Results from Tokoroa + Nat. rimfire benchrest championships.

Outdoor Safety Code

5 Simple Rules to help you stay safe.

Animal Health Board

08/09 Annual Research Report

Contains research projects which were completed in the 2008/09 year.

NZDA 2010 Calendar

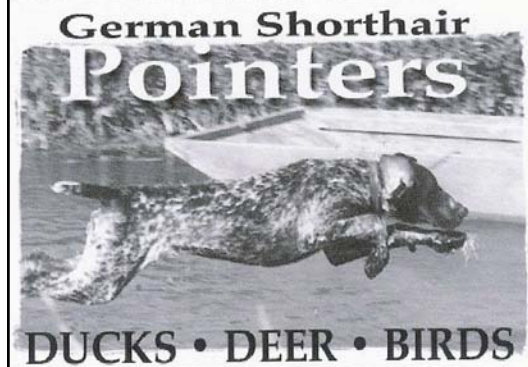
Featuring 17 historical photos from the glory days of hunting and this years event dates.

Important Notice *This is a reminder to anyone who has not paid their membership fees for this year. You must do so asap if you want to keep receiving the club newsletter and wish to participate in any branch or NZDA activities.*

JUST KIDDING!!!

Mike and Pat went hunting. Mike saw a large stag stroll by. He raised his rifle to shoot. Don't waste your time, Pat hollered. The rifle is not loaded. I can't wait, Mike shouted back. The stag will be gone if I take the time to load!

Dick and Bob were on a hunting trip. Just before nightfall, Dick complained, We've been hunting all day and taken shots at five deer, but not hitting one! OK, said Bob, let's miss a couple more and then we'll head back to camp!



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2009 Raukumara Roar (continued) – by Peter Montaperto

You know when you are laden down, carrying a big heavy load, it is not the time when you want to make a balls up, but, sure enough I did! A half hours worth of plodding should have seen me back to the spot that I had shot the spiker earlier on, here I would have hung up one of the stags back legs with the spikers and headed for camp a little lighter with the rest. But no such luck. Somehow, I cut across too high, missing the slip down below me and ended up looking across the valley, about 1km away from where Paul and I had been the night before, bummer!! Sorting out my bearings I was about to redirect myself for camp when a spiker crashed in toward me. He stopped about 10metres away, put his nose in the air, flared his nostrils, stomped his hooves and urinated numerous times. I think all he could smell was the stag I was carrying. I dropped my load, took out my camera and took some pictures. After a few moments he moved off as did I.



One and a half hours later I was back at camp to find Paul and Rex discussing the morning's events. Rex had come across two stags chasing each other and as they ran in front of him he had a chance to take a shot at the second stag as it ran through a gap. He hung the hind quarters in a tree and carried out back steaks and the head which was a very nice 12 pointer. Paul had shot a stag that had run across the main river down stream from camp like me only it was an 8 pointer. Noel returned shortly after having no luck.

Day 3 was clear and hot. Paul and I headed up the back of camp and checked out the slip. We watched a yearling feed its way across it and then we separated in different directions. Nothing was roaring so I hunted my way back to where the spiker was shot the day before was hanging and carried it back to camp. No animals were shot.

On Day 4, Paul, Rex and I headed off in different directions again to do our best but there was still nothing roaring. It was far too hot so we all ended up back at camp empty handed. Noel had stayed back in camp as the afternoon before he had crashed over a bank and landed on a dry stream bed, as we found out when we got home and he had cracked two ribs. That's what happens when you are 6ft 6in. and step off a bank 5ft high, obviously he had spent way too many years in America. The rest of the day was spent packing up, flying out and driving home. Not a bad hunt as 11 deer were seen and 5 were taken.



Another week back at home and work saw me head back on the trail chasing Sika in the Kawekas with Paul. He went one way, I the other. One hour into my hunt and believe it or not I was aiming at a 7 point red stag, which I took, because, believe it or not the starving were still hungry! Hind quarters, back steaks and the head were hauled back to car about 11am, Paul was back just afterwards. We headed home with enough time to refrigerate deer and pack more gear before leaving the next afternoon, with my son Tom and his friend Andrew, headed into the Mackintosh for 6 days. But that's another story.....

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