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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all, another month has passed and I must admit it's been another lean one for me hunting wise. I have been able to start back into a more operational role with the presidency now as the home front has started to become less frantic.

At the last business meeting we had a good long sit down and plans were made for a few new items in the newsletter as well as a junior hunt trip. One of our prospective members has offered us access into a pine block owned by his family and it is crawling with goats. The location is just out of Wairoa and there are plenty of good areas to put down a camp for an over nighter. If you have a junior member in your family, or one who wants to become a junior member please either see myself or Mal Ingpen, so we can start the ball rolling with a firm date for this to kick off. Prize giving was also set to be on the 12th of September starting at 5:30PM. We have once again secured the services of Brad Pinker from Triple Peaks Catering to do the food and if you came last year I'm sure you will remember it as a good evening with excellent food. The timing has been left like last year nice and early so Mum and the kids can come out for the dinner too.

We hope to have Dan Herries of DOC Napier to come into the club soon (hopefully this coming meeting) to discuss their proposed Sika tracking collar project in the Kawekas and it would be great to see you there to offer your voice. The guys from DOC in the HB are really trying hard to work closely with hunters to make their management of our parks as relevant as possible to the current users of these areas. The control of the deer population, as much as we wish it wasn't, is still a role they need to perform at the moment. If we can assist DOC and hopefully improve the hunting in the parks AS WELL we will have a win-win situation.

The committee also hopes to have a trade directory list in the club newsletter soon. It's nice to look after your own, and many times people just don't know what our fellow members do for a living or what services that they may have to offer the other club members. If you run your own business and would be interested in listing in the directory please contact Jeremy Hanaray and you will be placed in the data base for it.

Otherwise there's not much else from me to report, except, that I know that a certain club executive member has a head worth checking out that should contribute some good points toward our retention of the Anderson Shield in next years HB comp. Hot barrels, James.

EDITORS CORNER

IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY WITH BOTH WORK & CLUB BUSINESS RECENTLY, SO I NEEDED TO GET A BREAK AWAY TO THE GALATEA FACES AGAIN TO LOOK FOR A RUSA STAG. I FINALLY HAD SOME SUCCESS IN DOING SO LAST WEEK AND ALSO MANAGED TO GET A FEW IMAGES OF A GOOD STAG ON MY TRAIL CAM. HENCE I AM STILL VERY KEEN TO HEAD UP THERE AGAIN TO TRY & CATCH HIM OUT IF HE HAS A WEAK MOMENT.

OTHER THAN THAT THERE'S JUST MY USUAL CALL FOR MORE NEWSLETTER STORIES FROM ANYONE WHO HAS A GOOD YARN TO TELL, IT ONLY HAS TO BE AROUND 600 WORDS WITH A COUPLE OF PICS. REMEMBER YOU MUST WRITE A STORY TO GET IN THE DRAW FOR THE STICHBURY EXHAUST SPONSORED FLY IN TRIP NEXT MARCH. JOKES AND NEWS ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AS WELL TO KEEP THINGS INTERESTING, SO TRY AND PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR US AND I'LL SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING. .

Events Calendar **September 2010**

Club Night Wed 1st
Sept 8.00pm. Discuss and sign a petition letter in support of the formation of the Game Animal Council to lobby our local MPs.

Club Annual Dinner & Prizegiving Sun 12th
Sept - gates & bar will open at 2.30pm.

Tataraakina Club Trip
Fri 17th, Sat 18th & Sun 19th Sept.

Land SAR Training Course; Level One
18th/19th Sept. Track & Clue Awareness.

Committee Meeting
Wed 22nd Sept 7.30pm
Agenda; Range shoot organisation & progress of our internet site.

Other Future Events
Taupo Branch 'Prize Shoot' Sat 7th Nov.

SAREX 2010 Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd Oct.

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RE-CALL FOR ALL CLUB CUPS

A notice to all members that currently hold a cup or trophy. We need them handed back in to Guy Te Kahika as soon as possible for engraving. Either ring Guy on (06) 8799596 or bring them to next Wednesdays club night on the of 1st September.



Annual Dinner & Prizegiving

We would like all our members to come along on Sunday afternoon the **12th September** for our clubs annual dinner and prizegiving. It will be held at our clubrooms at 1534 Maraekakaho Road, Hastings. Gates will open at 2.30pm and the cash bar will be operated at our usual prices. Dinner will be held at 5.30pm, followed by the main event, our prizegiving function. The fee is \$10 per head to cover **Triple Peak Enterprises** costs to create another great dinner courtesy of chef Brad Pinker. This event is designed for the whole family to attend, so we look forward to seeing you all there. Try to get it penciled it into your family's plans today as it's on real soon!!



On Our Club Notice Board

SAR Track & Clue Awareness Training Course

Sat 18th/Sun 19th Sept at Camp Wakarara CHB.
Contact: (06) 8777358
John Montgomerie.

SAREX 2010 is after volunteers to be the "lost party". This will involve heading into the hills on Friday Oct 1st, equipped for 2 nights. Contact Ed on 027 2771898 or 835 2073.

Taupo Branch Prize Shoot & Big Balls Shoot
Sat 6th Nov. Contact: (07) 3789630 Margaret Seal.

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CLUB HUNTING TRIPS

Stewart Island Hunting Trip

A booking has been made for the Nth Pegasus block on Stewart Island from the 30th April - 9th May 2011.

Hopefully there are enough members interested to make this a club trip, but if there is someone else, outside of the club, that is keen then please let me know. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1500 per person. A \$500 deposit will be required before Christmas to book your spot. (This cost is non-refundable, but will be transferable to others.)

An indication of the interest for this trip by 30th August 2010 please. Contact - **Robert Wallace**

Home ph. 06 8784993 or Work cell. 021739516

email fonzrjw@xnet.co.nz

Tataraakina Hunting Trip

All members that are interested in going on the Tataraakina club hunt from Fri 17th until Sun 19th of September 2010 need to contact **Mal Ingpen** for more details asap. Four blocks are available and the cost is around \$100 per person covering the two nights accommodation and the block fees. Max. five people per block. These groups will be arranged on a first in, first served basis, so don't delay ringing Malcolm on **06 8787795 or 027 6227125.**

Unsustainable Harvest Threatens Recreational Hunting

Peter Dunne Press Release: United Future NZ Party: Thursday, 29 July 2010, 4:05 pm

The actions of Silver Fern Farms to unsustainably harvest 1000 chamois from the South Island high country is another example of the threat facing recreational hunting in New Zealand, says United Future leader Peter Dunne. "Recreational hunting is going through tough times in this country, issues such as 1080, heli-hunting and public access problems are already having a negative impact on participation, the last thing hunters need is competition from big corporates over access to the resource," said Mr Dunne. "While I am sure Silver Fern Farms would argue that they are doing this responsibly, the commercial reality is that entire mobs of chamois will be clear-felled, leaving little left for the recreational ground hunter in many areas." "The actions of Silver Fern Farms not only threaten chamois as a recreational and trophy hunting resource, but also call into question the rather out-of-sight-out-of-mind attitude that allows for such exploitation to take place." "For too long a nation that used to be proud of its outdoor heritage and recreational values has let governments, lobbyists and private interests run rough-shod over those ideals. The recreational community, whether that is hunters, fishermen, trampers or kayakers are left with an ever-decreasing slice of the pie." "United Future is committed to not only fostering participation in outdoor recreation but also responsibly managing the recreational resource for the generations to come." "The New Zealand Game Animal Council, once up and running, will be a huge step in that direction for the recreational hunting community. The Council's primary management function will be to provide for sustainable public access to chamois, tahr, deer and wild pigs within broadly accepted conservation parameters." "It is my expectation that the Council will have the ability to veto commercial operations if they are considered unsustainable and detrimental to recreational hunting." "United Future is not opposed to the commercial harvest of game animals such as chamois, but it must be done responsibly and not adversely affect other users of the resource," said Mr Dunne.

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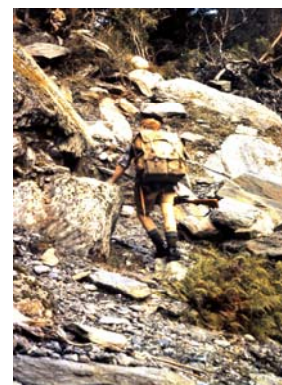
Paddy tells Mick he's thinking of buying a Labrador for hunting. "Fook off!" says Mick. "Are you mad? Haven't you seen how many of their owners go blind?"



Gary and Terry had the fire going in the hut and sat inside facing the river, peering through the open louvre window, as they had started to worry about my late return. From my position across the river I could see them looking out through the sleet and rain so I fired a signal shot to let them know I was O.K. On hearing this, they quickly got changed back into their wet gear and grabbed the long rope we had flown in for getting up into the Troyte Valley. We walked opposite each other for about a ½ mile up stream where we found a large boulder on my side of the swollen river. After stashing my rifle and bino's under a dry bank I tied the rope around my waist. I remember shuffling deeper towards the current, as I was semi protected by the large boulder, when my raincoat was ripped open by the water pressure. The force spun me around into the fierce current, flipping me head first down the river. Gary had the rope around his waist and was holding on to a large shrub for anchorage, while Terry took up the slack. This set up resulted in rope burnt hands for Terry as I was ripped down river and then, as the rope became taut, the sudden jolt nearly cut poor Gary in half. I couldn't remember anymore myself, but, Terry's account of what happened was that I banged my head several times on boulders as the current swung me across the river, before I was washed up against a large rock on their side. He managed to haul my limp body up onto the bank and over the next 15 minutes I proceeded to spew up half the bloody river! A sorry looking three hunters returned to a warm hut and some dry clothes. To top the whole episode off my rifle's scope and bino's had both fogged up when I retrieved them 2 days later! With only four days left we shifted down river and tented on a flat below the Troyte valley. While Gary and Terry set camp up, I wandered around and found marks which led up into the hanging valley. Next morning, after roping packs and ourselves up many bluffs, we looked into the famous Troyte valley. We glassed a 10 point red stag holding about 30 or more hinds and there were just as many Tahr and Chamois about the faces. I borrowed Gary's .303 rifle and took off up the left side of the valley, as this is where the animals were heading a week earlier. I shot a 9¾ Chamois buck on the run, taking 3 shots to put him down. Then I noticed a bull Tahr looking at me 300 yards away. Dropping onto the snow I fired, but hit him a little too far back from the shoulder, so I worked the bolt again and click - out of ammo! Gary's .303 had a 5 shot mag which he forgot to tell me had only 4 loaded into it. Every time I tried to approach the poor animal he threatened to throw himself over the side of the ridge into a boulder strewn chasm 500 ft below. I reluctantly back tracked to the valley floor to find that Terry had shot & caped a good bull 13¾in. long. That night was bitter cold and the next morning things were frozen solid.

So we decided to pack up camp and get out of there quick. On arriving where my bull was the night before, we found he had died in a standing position in the snow. His warm legs had melted the snow and he had slowly sunk into it up to his belly. We lifted him out and stood him up on the hard snow, he looked as if he had already been full body mounted! After we had caped out both my animals we left the valley and made good time to Cassels Flat. Terry and myself dropped our packs and went to retrieve my 12 pointer while Gary walked over to the decomposing carcass. He shouted out that the tail and nine inch strip up the back had been removed. We found the bough of the tree that we had hung the antlers on, but no antlers. I was gutted as it was the best red stag head I had shot and still is to this very day!

We plodded our way out to the road and stayed the night in Hari Hari hotel to end our very eventful 14 day West coast hunting adventure.



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