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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Well it's been another quiet one for me on the hunting front but hey, them's the breaks.

I did go out on the Juniors Hunt though and as expected it was a great day out for me, Cameron (Grant Richards grandson) and his Dad Shane.

I heard the Club trip into the Northern Ruahines' around the Ikawatea Forks area was a good one too. After a quick chat with Malcom Ingpen, he reported to me that almost all of the parties bagged at least one animal, as well as being a great time spent in the bush with mates. I'm looking forward to Mals' official report on this one. Again it's good to see our club organise an event that helps support one of our key sponsors, East Kaweka Helicopters. Cheers Chris for the top service. Over the last weekend our local NZDA branches and other surrounding hunting clubs were able to have a catch up in Palmerston North to try and nut out how we plan to combat further WARO in the Ruahines'. I unfortunately had other commitments when this was planned in Palmerston North, but I do want to make the DOC meeting coming up in February. I will get the skinny on the outcomes of the weekend soon and anyone who would like further information give me a shout. Other than that, there's not a lot from me this time around so, have a great Christmas and a good New Year, hot barrels and I will see you at the next club night in early February.

James



Events Calendar January 2011

Club Night – We will not be holding a club night in January due to the xmas and new year break.

Committee Meeting
Wed 19th Jan. 7.30pm.
All welcome with positive, fresh ideas for 2011.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Max & Andy Lyver will be offering Kiwi Aversion Training as of January 2011. Contact details are: 06 8589464 or 0275975818

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Our Website is now up and running. We encourage all our members to have a look at it. You can log in and use the blog page to add stories, photos & anything else you think others would like to see. The site needs your input & feedback to make it work! All club notices will be posted on website under blog/notices as well as on the clubroom board

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EDITORS CORNER

THE YEAR HAS FLOWN PAST AT AN ALARMING RATE WITH NEVER ENOUGH TIME FOR EVERYTHING ON THE "TO DO" LIST. I TRUST ALL THE MEMBERS HAVE HAD A GOOD YEAR AND I'M SURE 2011 WILL BE A REWARDING ONE.

THE DECEMBER CLUB HUNTING TRIPS PROVED SUCCESSFUL WITH A FEW ANIMALS BEEN SHOT AND THE COMPANY OF THOSE THAT WENT WAS ENJOYED. MAKE SURE YOU REGULARLY VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR NEWS & HAPPENINGS. WE HAVE ANOTHER NEW MEMBER TO WELCOME & INTRODUCE THIS MONTH ; HE IS A NEW SENIOR MEMBER, **EDWARD SHARP**.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR JOKES & ARTICLES ETC COMING IN FOR THE NEWSLETTER – KEEP IT UP. YOU WILL HAVE TO WRITE A STORY TO GET IN THE DRAW FOR THE **STICHBURY EXHAUST SPONSORED FLY IN TRIP** IN MARCH 2010, ONLY 2 MORE NEEDED.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OVER THE XMAS AND NEW YEAR SEASON AND I'LL SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

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Wairoa Junior Hunt 11-12 Dec 2010 Report by James Guilford

It was a good early start from Hastings for myself, Cameron and Shane Chote. Cameron is Grant Richards grandson and Shane is his Dad. We travelled in my ute with the quad on the back. It was an easy trip up to Wairoa and out to the first rendezvous with the rest of the group. Just over the first river bridge we met with Peter Thomson and his daughter Sam. Unfortunately we found out later on the Montaperto girls were needed for work so our juniors suddenly got a lot more of supervisors!

After catching up with Jarred (our gracious host) it was off to the farm. As the lead vehicle, the plan was to meet the rest at the first main junction of the forestry track up into the pines. After about 30 seconds of driving we saw our first mob of goats then another ½ dozen goats round the next bend, the atmosphere was set! Two more turns and blow me down there's a couple of Red yearlings standing bang in the middle of the track at about 50m. As per usual the mad scramble for guns and ammo etc and I was off. As it turned out there was not much opportunity to get a good, safe shot away so we watched them ghost away into the pines happy to have been able to see such a diverse range of game in the first 30 minutes, and we hadn't even started yet!

At the top we all had a quick head count and de-brief for the day ahead. All up there was Peter Thomson and Sam, Shane Chote and Cameron, Jarred, Peter and Paul Monty and myself & my dog.

The plan was for the two quads to be together with Peter, Sam and Jarred to be Team 1, and Shane, Cam and me as Team 2. Peter and Paul Monty went off on their own in the Hilux in the opposite direction for safety.

Without a blow by blow account, we made our way around the pines, sharing the lead and dispatching a fair few goats. Our two juniors certainly had a ball with a range of challenging new situations and scenarios for them to hone their skills on. As per usual the guides also had a crack at a couple just to check their eye as well!

Due to other commitments I was unable to stay for the night, but I understand that Peter Thomson, Sam and Jarred had another fun day with Peter now needing to make a contribution to the fines jar in the new year, but I'll leave that one for Peter to tell you at our next meeting in February.

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- CCI subsonic & Minimag .22LR ammunition is only \$69.95 for a 500 round brick.
- Ridgeline Blaze Camo Tees only \$29.00 (were \$54.95)

Limited offers until end of the year.

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On Our Notice Board & Website Blog

HBRC Aerial 1080 Drop

maps of the public and private lands that are programmed for poisoning next year.

Roydhouse Pest Control

Notice of Feratox poison program on the Owhaoko C trust land that is called Timahanga North from 1/12/10 to 31/5/11.

NZDA 2011 Calendar

'The way it used to be' - These sell for only \$15.00 per copy.

National Correspondence

Various letters, notices and correspondence.

National News - in brief

*The NZDA has written to The Hon Kate Wilkinson - Minister of Conservation, to query as to why we haven't had a decision on the report of the Game Animal Establishment Committee. As we were given the impression that a decision would be made by September this year we are all eager to know when this may be resolved. Once we know any information we will let you all know.

*The NZDA has also written to the New Zealand Pig Hunters' Association congratulating them on the formation of a pig hunters' association with a national focus. This establishment of a pig hunting national body will advance the interests of all hunters of large game. Our national adviser Matthew Lark has offered support.

*The NZDA received a letter back from National Possum Control Agencies thanking them for their letter of submission on the Draft Aerial 1080 Pest Control Industry Guidelines. The NPCA replied back in detail commenting on each point made by the NZDA and thanked them for their interest.

*The NZDA received a Project Agreement from the HB Regional Council regarding the 'Deer Carcass Breakdown Monitoring'. It covers the objective of proposed research, methodology, timeframe, consultation/collaboration, justification for research, prospects of project achieving results, funding, assets and reporting.

*Media Release where NZDA states its position on wanting the upgraded charge of manslaughter being laid against Andrew Mears, the man who shot dead Rosemary Ives - Mears has since been charged accordingly.

(Full copies of these letters are available on notice board at clubrooms and on the website for those interested)



Dear Santa: Bring me what I want for Christmas or Prancer and Dancer are next.

Notification for Animal Health Board 1080 Aerial Baiting Programme 2011

Maungataniwha - This is private land situated within the Wairoa District (May/June).

Kaimanawa - A strip of Crown Land between the Poronui boundary & Kiapo river (May/June)

Waitara Valley - A mix of private lands & Crown Reserves in the Hastings District (March/April).

Willowflat - A mix of private land & Crown Reserves in the Wairoa District (April/May).

Raupunga - A mix of private lands and Crown Reserves in the Wairoa District (April/May).

*Deer repellent used only in Kaimanawa area.

(Full details/map posted on website/clubrooms)

Just Kidding !!!!!



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A Sub-Sonic Experiment by Dustin Murdock

Andrea and I moved up to Hawkes Bay from Christchurch in September, and our freezer has been empty since the move despite a few recon trips to look for new sika spots. Feeling the pressure to "feed the family", which now includes a 7 week old little boy, I headed to the hills in late November.

Along for the hike was Leica, our 18 month old Hungarian Vizsla. We went in by Kuripaponga late Friday afternoon. Evening found us sneaking off the track following Leica's sensitive nose into the wind, but we were unable to find the deer before dark. She is still very much in training, and I haven't shot anything except a few tahr over her to date. She's very sensitive to noise, so I installed a suppressor on my 308. When that was still too much for her I developed a sub-sonic load for my 308. Some friendly advice from club members pointed me to Trail Boss powder and recipes for sub-sonic loads. The internet filled in the gaps and advised of potential safety concerns. Just two trips to the range established a suitable load with 1½" groups and 1060 fps (just under the speed of sound). Sighted in at 90m this load requires pretty close ranges since it's almost 36" low at 200m.

Leica and I put up a fly on a clay pan along the track and crashed out for the evening. A Sika squealing at 2am had Leica a bit nervous in the tent. Like I said, she's a pretty timid pup. At first light our anticipation was stifled by fog in the tops. During the first break in the clouds we were squealed at by a Sika just 50m from the tent standing in a depression in the clay pan. I looked in all directions, but couldn't pin her down until she bounded away, 'Buzzer!'. A glimpse of another in the fog also proved frustrating, so we headed the rest of the way into our destination.

After setting up camp number two we headed to a nearby slip and cleared a vantage point in preparation for the evening hunt. Leica told me there was a deer below us in the gut, but the sides were steep and the country quite

thick. I decided to wait from the vantage point until the deer came out on the clearing in the evening. We didn't wait long because my commotion caused her to squeal. She eventually walked out into the clearing headed to more peaceful surroundings. We don't want to talk about the placement of my first shot, but she stopped after just 20 more metres. My second shot was right in the shoulder after which she ran downhill then rolled off the side of the slip into the gut below. I was rapt to get one with the new sub-sonics and excited to see the bullet performance.

Collecting my things I noticed that the dog had split, but the loads are so quiet I knew she wouldn't go far. I butchered the deer, and found the nearly flawless 180gn projectile under the skin on the far shoulder. Not really text book bullet performance, but the deer was very dead. Unfortunately still no dog, so I back-tracked our route on the way to camp. A few backward facing dog prints assured me she'd be curled up in camp. Instead of hunting for more meat on the way out I was calling for my lost dog, how frustrating! My heart sunk back at camp when I realised she wasn't there. Back to the bush calling until dark, but no pup.

Still no pup that night, or in the morning, or after I packed up and started the 8km hike out to look for her at the car. Despite her poor performance in the field Andrea and I are pretty attached to the little pup now, so I was pretty concerned about how long it would take to find her in the bush. Half-way back to the car I bumped into her on the track. I have no idea where she spent the night, but she sure was happy to see me!

It wasn't really a perfect hunt, but at least we put some venison in the freezer. The sub-sonic loads work well on deer and have no noise and no recoil. They'd be a perfect option for starting a young kid into shooting. But I have no idea how to work the little pup through her gun-shyness. She's pointed several deer in the bush and follows a blood trail or fresh deer tracks with ease. If anyone in the club has ideas or experience with this I'm very keen to hear more.



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