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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

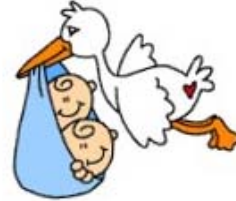
I must admit that for the best part of this year so far, my priorities have been a lot less focussed on deer stalking and the club in general but I do have a couple of good excuses on the way! Both your President and Vice President are waiting for more additions to their families and those of you with kids can understand the added requirements of the "dad to be", so please bear with us for now.

The past few months have also been absolute rubbish as far as the weather goes but I hope the recent fine weekend is a sign of better things to come. Without getting out at all it's a bit of a guess but I'd hope the good rainfall has given the bush a good drink and there should also be a heap of tucker around which should translate to well fed & fat deer.

The last club meeting was an excellent turn out and I hope this is a reflection of the year to come. We were also able to see how Napier club's web page looks, as displayed by Cody Rapley and how we can have something similar created for our club by Lockerby Design. I was certainly impressed with his presentations and his offer to put one together for us. Our committee has decided to proceed with getting this underway as soon as possible, hopefully it will be up and running soon.

I am not aware of how much hunting has been done lately but have heard of a few reports of Sika stags being seen with full heads which should definitely be hard before the end of the month. For those of you who are heading out on the club chopper trip, I hope that it is what you find. I am very jealous of you all and wish I was able to come along.

I also heard that Rob Underwood done us proud at the Inter-branch shoot over at the Poraiti range with a very strong second place. Well done Rob, all points towards the Anderson Shield are good ones.



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Events Calendar Feb.- March 2010

Club Fly-in Trips
for those who have booked -take off will be on Thursday 25th Feb.& return home on Sunday 28th.

Club Meeting
Wed 3rd March
@ 8.00pm.

Otutu Island Trip
Friday 19th March through to Wed.24th so the secretary will not be at the next committee meeting.

Committee Meeting
Wed 24th March
@ 7.30pm. Attention members we have a number of club events and issues that need attention, so please turn up to help out or they all might fall over! Our Easter Comp. needs sorting out now!!

EDITORS CORNER

WE TRUST EVERYONE HAS EASED BACK INTO SOME SORT OF NORMAL ROUTINE FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND FESTIVE SEASON. GOOD TO SEE A BIG TURN OUT FOR THE FIRST OF OUR CLUB NIGHTS THIS YEAR AND TO SEE EVERYONE THERE ENJOYING THEMSELVES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME **TREVOR RIPPON** TO THE CLUB, SOME OF YOU WILL RECOGNISE HIS FATHERS LAST NAME FROM OLD CLUB DAYS GONE BY. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AND GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS.

WE STILL HAVEN'T YET MANAGED TO SOURCE A MAIN SPONSOR FOR NEXT YEARS STORY PRIZE, SO IF ANY OTHER MEMBERS IN BUSINESS ARE WILLING TO HELP OUT WITH FUNDING TOWARD THE CAUSE, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL MONTAPERTO WHO WAS DRAWN AS THE WINNER OF THE 'OTUTU ISLAND' TRIP NEXT MONTH. REMEMBER ALL OF YOUR STORIES, JOKES AND CLUB IDEAS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR NEWSLETTER ENJOYABLE, SO PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING IN AND I'LL SEE YOU AT THE MARCH CLUB MEETING.

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2 **HAWKES BAY INTER-BRANCH
2010 SHOOTING
COMPETITION RESULTS**

This shoot was held on the 7th of Feb., by the Napier Branch, at the Poraiti range due to the cancellation of the traditional Taruarau shooting event which is usually held against the Taihape NZDA branch somewhere beyond the "Gentle Annie". The best HB shooter on the day won the Hawkes Bay "Taruarau Trophy" and the relevant amount of "Anderson Shield" points have been allocated to each branch. Napier's Norm Lumsden Jnr. took the first place honours shooting a total of 72 points, closely followed by Rob Underwood (70 points) and J. Lumsden (69 points). Therefore Napier has picked up the 4 points and Hastings has gained 2 points toward the shield. The Taruarau trophy is shot at 100m on the Wilkinson type deer targets.

Name	KEPT	5's	4's	3's	2's	1's	TOTAL
Norm Lumsden Jnr	1	13	1	1	0	0	72
Robert Underwood	2	12	2	0	1	0	70
J. Lumsden	2	12	1	1	1	0	69
Paul Montaperto	0	6	6	2	1	0	62
Peter Montaperto	1	6	4	3	2	0	59
J. Marston	2	7	2	3	2	1	57
M. Marston	0	5	4	3	2	1	55
K. Hall	1	4	5	4	1	0	54
Neil MacLean	1	7	3	1	0	2	52
M. Shearer	2	8	1	2	0	1	51

Each shooter has 2 sighting shots that are either kept or not to add up to 5 prone, then 5 sitting & lastly 5 standing shots.

The Club Notice Board

(please check the notice board at the Clubrooms for full details)

**National Shooting Week 6—
12 March 2010** at the Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Newell Road, Tokoroa.

**Animal Health Board 08/09
Annual Research Report**
The report contains research projects which were completed in the 2008/09 year. It also includes a brief description of all research currently underway in the 2009/10 year.

Roydhouse Pest Management Ltd The possum control operation (Feratox & Feracol) in the Patanamu area has now been extended to the 30/4/10.

**Biosecurity NZ & HB
Regional Council** reminder to all outdoor rec. users of the 'Didymo' problem and the control measures required to contain this pest, that is to **CHECK, CLEAN, DRY** all your wading, fishing and boating gear when you travel between different river catchments.

NZDA 2010 Calendar featuring 17 historical photos from the glory days of hunting and this years event dates.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Graf Brothers 'Poisoning Paradise' Accepted Into Swansea Bay Film Festival UK

About four weeks ago, one of NZ's leading film festivals Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival (REEFF) requested the Graf Boys submitting 'Poisoning Paradise' into their annual competition. So a few days later, they flicked it off and it's now awaiting the judge's decision. So since REEFF has been in touch, 'Poisoning Paradise' has been sent to various festivals around the world for festival consideration and the hope is that it may be accepted for screening in some other festivals. The news is that 'Poisoning Paradise' has been selected for a prestigious UK film festival, Swansea Bay Film Festival, which runs in the month of May and it is hoped that there may be more to come..... For more check out www.thegrafsboys.blogspot.com

Kawhatau Base, Western Ruahines

Access between 20 March and 30 April each year will be by arrangement only. The gate will be locked, and anyone wanting to go through will need to phone the Rennies in advance on 06 382 5555. There will be some kind of press release coming out of the DOC Palmerston North office in the next couple of weeks.

JUST KIDDING!!!

A BIG-GAME HUNTER WENT ON SAFARI WITH HIS WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW. ONE EVENING, WHILE STILL DEEP IN THE JUNGLE, THE MRS AWOKE TO FIND HER MOTHER GONE. RUSHING TO HER HUSBAND, THE WIFE INSISTED ON THEM TRYING TO FIND HER. THE HUNTER PICKED UP HIS RIFLE AND STARTED OUT TO LOOK FOR HER. IN A SMALL CLEARING NOT FAR FROM THE CAMP, THEY CAME UPON A VERY CHILLING SIGHT: THE MOTHER-IN-LAW AND A LARGE MALE LION STOOD FACING EACH OTHER IN A CONFINED AREA SURROUNDED BY IMPENETRABLE BUSH WITHOUT AN ESCAPE ROUTE. THE MRS CRIED, "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?" "NOTHING!" SAID THE HUNTER HUSBAND. "THE LION GOT HIMSELF INTO THIS MESS, SO LET HIM GET HIMSELF OUT OF IT!!"

Stewart Island Trip : Chew Tobacco Bay Block

Due to a couple of his party members pulling out, Peter Thomson is looking for others that are able to take up vacant positions in the group. This is a fantastic opportunity to get into one of the great blocks on the island. You would be flying out of Palmerston North on the 27th of March and staying through until the 10th April 2010.

**Please contact Peter on
06 855 6444 asap**

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The Good Old Days by David Yule

Back in the late 1970's I was lucky to spend a season as a Forest Service hunter in the Kawekas... I was fit, free and only 20 so didn't have a care in the world. It was a time when venison prices had peaked then faded and the move was towards live capture. The days of tally shooting were over and all the real good hunters had moved from culling to meat hunting to chasing possum skins on a rapidly rising market. There were lots more reds about in those days, probably around a 50/50 Red -Sika mix, though we shot more Reds as they were definitely dumber. As the summer grass flourished we were shooting more and more velvet stags out in the open. As a rule if I got my crosshairs on a deer I pulled the trigger even if it was only an hour old. However as February rolled on I started to leave a few reasonable 8 point 'Japs' thinking I might get one of them when they were a bit harder on top. One hunt in particular stands out in my memory and it was about this time of the year. Our crusty Field Officer Russell Hulme had come in to do a bit of hut maintenance. We were heading from the Manson over to Otutu to install a new water tank. It was one of those warm, still, overcast afternoons that you had to keep looking at your watch to see what time it was. We were just coming into the little saddle before the climb up to the cricket pitch when we spied a Sika stag well out in the open in hut gully. It was way out of .222 range and easily the best 'Jap' stag I had seen. Russell proceeded to chamber a round and started looking for a rest. I thought he would never hit it at that range but I still pleaded with him that it was a real good head and still in the velvet and he should leave it as someone might get it in the roar. He gave me one of his withering looks and said he would just have one shot. I must have forgotten about his fifteen consecutive seasons in the Tararuas and sure enough his old 8x57 Mauser did the business. After admiring the head we stashed it up in a tree and carried on. (I'm in the photo because Russ was a tad camera shy.) Further on we shot some Red stags just over the side from the cricket pitch and it was at this point that Russell, who was a fastidious cleaner of his rifle managed to snap his pullthrough jamming the breach, something that was never likely to happen to me! I tried not to laugh too much and for the rest of that "deer riddled walk" the shots were all mine. I find it hard to believe that this happened over 32 years ago but a week wouldn't go by without me daydreaming about some aspect of that summer. One of these days, I have promised myself I must look Russ up and run a tape over those antlers as I'm convinced it's a record book head.



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