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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Well we've finally done it. Hastings Branch finally has got our hands on the coveted Anderson Shield. I attended the Hawkes Bay prize giving last Saturday and was really proud to accept the Anderson Shield and the Harris Big Game Album, as well as the Rod McIntosh Shield and numerous other certificates of merit. We had a really good number of entries across the board and this is reflected with this win.

Overall the night at Tutira was really great. The Tutira Branch did a really good job and put on a great evening, even the miserable weather made an effort to go away. Malcolm Inghen and I travelled up for the event but my dad duties meant we could not stay too long. It is a shame that not so many Hastings members attended as this was a really good evening, which I can only imagine would have turned into a great night! Hopefully this win will be a shot in the arm for us and be reflected at future inter-branch events, as our attendance numbers appear to have been waning over recent years.

Looking at the rivers the other evening showed just how much rain we have had over the last few weeks, both are brown as and now bank to bank. I would really be interested to see how this has been reflected in the ranges. Every chance there will now be a few new slips that probably will sprout a bit of grass once spring rolls around, so it may be a good idea now to stretch the legs for a look around and start making a few spring plans. Also going out for a hunt isn't a bad idea during the breaks in the winter weather either, it may be cold but a deer has got to eat at sometime. Find somewhere with some sun and a bit of feed and you could well find some venison too.

My own hunting has started to just get going again with a few short evening hunts. I have been able to sort a reasonable load for my new rifle and another member and I were able to knock over a few goats out to 480+ yards the other day.

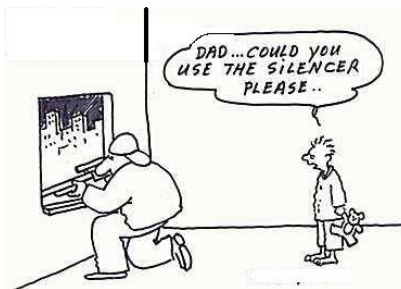
A few lessons I have learnt over the past few months have been that a good trigger is really important for accurate shooting and suppressors are "gold".

If you have not got one I really think it's a great investment. Recoil is reduced, noise is minimal and weight is very low now with modern suppressors.

I have seen a lot of them now with even the old school guys singing their praises.

Anyway that's enough from me so I'll see you at the next club night.

Hot barrels...James Ph.0272966523



Events Calendar July 2010

Club Night

Wed 7th July 8.00pm.
We will discuss our stance on a couple of motions submitted by other branches that are up for vote this month at **NZDA National conference** held on Fri 9th to Sun 11th July.

Committee Meeting

Wed 21st July 7.30pm.
Agenda; planning the next range shoot, an event for our Juniors & a club hunting trip.

Other Events

Waikato Regional Championships

Sat 17th/Sun 18th July
at Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex. Call 07 886 4090-more info.

International Year of Biodiversity Photo Competition

Entries close 30th July. More details on DOC website www.doc.govt.nz

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EDITORS CORNER

OUR HASTINGS BRANCH COMPETITION WENT VERY WELL THIS YEAR, WITH A FAIRLY SMALL TURNOUT OF HEADS, BUT SOME VERY GOOD ENTRIES. THE FULL RESULTS ARE LISTED ON PAGE 2. THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS ON FROM 9TH TO 11TH OF JULY. WE HAVE ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL PHOTO COMPETITION IN THE BIG GAME SECTION (2) AND THE OTHER WILDLIFE-BIRDS SECTION (3).

WE WELCOME BACK THE MORRIS FAMILY TO THE CLUB, AS MOST OF YOU WILL KNOW, GLEN AND EMMA WERE MEMBERS A FEW YEARS BACK AND HAVE FINALLY RETURNED TO THE FOLD ALONG WITH THEIR TWO JUNIORS ISABELLA & JONTY. WE HADN'T RECEIVED ANY HUNTING STORIES THIS MONTH, SO RODNEY RETRIEVED THE POEM POSTED ON THE MAKINO HUT WALL THAT LYNNE & I SAW ON OUR XMAS TRIP. REMEMBER YOU MUST WRITE A STORY TO GET IN THE DRAW FOR THE FLY-IN TRIP WITH 'EAST KAWEKA HELICOPTERS' NEXT MARCH. ALSO A FEW JOKES AND NEWS ITEMS ARE NEEDED, SO GET BUSY TO KEEP THEM COMING IN AND I'LL SEE YOU AT OUR CLUB MEETING.

Hastings Deerstalkers Branch Competition Results

Antler, Horn & Tusk

Champion Head - E.J Herrick Memorial Cup

1st Ian Lopdell	Red	328 1/8
2nd Brad Pinker	Red	283 3/8
3rd Peter Montaperto	Sika	(DSE) 259.43

Best Visual Head - Carlton Sports Cup

1st Ian Lopdell	Red
2nd Brad Pinker	Red
3rd Paul Montaperto	Sika

Best Sth Is. Horned Species - M & A Lyver Cup

1st Jeremy Hanaray	Thar	(DSE) 331.93
2nd Greg Harman	Thar	(DSE) 315.76
3rd Greg Harman	Chamois	(DSE) 307.73

Best Wild Goat Horns - M Motley Cup

1st Brad Pinker	89
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Best Red Deer - Masters Memorial Cup

1st Ian Lopdell	328 1/8
2nd Brad Pinker	283 3/8
3rd Mike Ingpen	164 4/8

Best Sika Deer - Les Taylor Cup

1st Peter Montaperto	140 2/8
2nd Paul Montaperto	110

Prospective Member - Mavis Davidson Cup

1st Greg Harman	Sika	189 1/8
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Best Non-Typical - Gavin Hall Cup

1st Peter Montaperto	Sika
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Best Tusks Undrawn - L. Masters Cup

1st Rodney Knight	17
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Photography

Best Big Game Animal Image - Photographic Cup

1st Robert Underwood "Sixpack"
2nd Jeremy Hanaray "Nanny"
3rd Robert Underwood "Broadside"

Best Other Wildlife Image - HN Wines & Spirits Cup

Birds

1st Stephen Shaw "Avian Hunter"
2nd Jeremy Hanaray "Bob the Blue Duck"
3rd Brad Pinker "Tit Tom"

Mammals

1st Graeme Withey "Good Evening"
2nd Robert Underwood "Coon"

Insects

1st Rodney Knight "Native Escargo"
2nd Rodney Knight "Stick Insect"
3rd Graeme Withey "Cockchafer"

Best Handicraft - D. Brookes Trophy

1st Robert Underwood "Rifle Stock"

Best Scenic Image - R. Griffiths Trophy

1st Brad Pinker "Lochinvar Sunrise"
2nd Rodney Knight "Giardia Free"
3rd Rodney Knight "Vivid Green"

Best Colour Print - M. Ingpen Photo Album

1st Robert Underwood "Sixpack"
2nd Jeremy Hanaray "Nanny"
3rd Stephen Shaw "Avian Hunter"

Best Flora Image - Tree Surgeons Trophy

1st Graeme Withey "Fungi on Tree"
2nd Rodney Knight "Knotted Lancewood"
3rd Rob Underwood "Tanglewood"

Human Interest Print - G. Te Kahika Album

1st Lynne Ellingham "Smoko Break"
2nd Rodney Knight "Cold Steel"
3rd Stephen Shaw "Any Pillow Will Do!"

Best Digital B/W or Colour Print - Merit Cert.

1st Grant Richards "Flax"	(B/W)
2nd Grant Richards "Emerging Fungi"	(B/W)



NZ Game Animal Council a Win/Win for Conservation and Hunting

Benefits to conservation and hunting alike are provided for in the report of the Establishment Committee, released on 23rd June by the Minister of Conservation, Hon. Kate Wilkinson.

The report details a process for setting up a new Game Animal Council to manage deer, chamois, tahr and wild pigs in New Zealand.

"This is an opportunity to usher in a new era of co-operative place-based game management, and put an end to the long history of unresolved conflicts and past management difficulties," said Garry Ottmann, Chair of the Establishment Committee.


He said that the Game Animal Council as a statutory body would provide secure leadership for game animal management, and a forum to facilitate better relationships among stakeholders. "This will in turn result in better social outcomes through increased recreational opportunities, and better environmental outcomes through clearer control priorities for conservation. There will also be better economic outcomes through increased export and tourism returns."

"The Game Animal Council will instill principles of responsibility for ethical harvesting and population management among hunters, and foster a greater conservation ethic among them. This will help lead to an acceptance by all of the resource values of game animals and the place of hunting in achieving conservation outcomes."

He said that other key outcomes would include reduced antagonism among hunting groups with different views as to how game animals should be utilised, and between game animal interests and those who might not value game animals for meat, trophy or economic purposes. "The Council also represents an opportunity to embrace a collaborative approach to managing game animals and conservation of indigenous species."

"The present proposal to set up the Game Animal Council reflects the determination of the last two governments to address these conflicts, and involves all parties with an interest in game animals and conservation working together for mutual benefit," Garry Ottmann, Chair of the NZGAC Est. Committee.

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MAKINO BIVVY By an Unknown Author

Thrashed by gales and driving rain, for thirty years it stood,
not much more than sheets of tin propped up by lengths of wood.
A haven from the winter storms that swept the ridges bare,
of all but the most hardy souls who dared to venture there.

Nothing much to talk about, no architects delight,
in fact if any came this way they'd likely die of fright.
But to the ones who love the hills, who tramp the great unknown,
this humble structure nestled there was something they called home.

A place to camp a night a two, and hunt the gully heads,
seeking quiet sika deer, or bumble footed reds.
Shelter when the night steals on, and mist is creeping in,
there's comfort in the sound of rain upon the rusty tin.

But sadly there's some folk around, who'd like to see it go,
see it taken from the site, a devastating blow.
A cruel end to years of service, ripped from ridges top,
to end up bundled in a net, hanging from a strop.

I'd rather see it sitting there, crumbling into dust,
twisted lengths of number 8, and little flakes of rust.
A memory for old timers, who've passed this way before,
And those who've shared a steaming brew, on the dusty floor!



Makino Bivvy 2009 : Photo by Lynne Ellingham - 1st place for Best Human Interest print in Hastings comp.

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