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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all, Well it's been a pretty eventful month for me with a very serious gender imbalance now in the house. I am now the proud Dad of twin girls (plus their older sister). Also Jeremy and Janine Hanaray have welcomed their first child home with another girl to add to the list. Must be something in the air. This has certainly restricted the amount of time available to do anything more than eat and work (and try and sleep) so unfortunately you will find no hot tips here with where to find an easy deer! It sounds as though there is not a lot going on roar wise, but I would imagine there should be a few stags starting up real soon especially with the cooler weather we have seen recently. About all of my hunting of late has been online. One of the more interesting things I've trawled up would have to be the saga of the Norwegians who shot the Kereru down south. Sounds like they will get their comeuppance, where even in Norway the local hunting fraternity is baying for their blood too. This does lead into a number of other questions regarding tourist hunting in NZ, and how can we ensure those tourists in our back country are both obeying the laws of the land as well as hunting in a spirit that is both ethical and fair to all. The very small amount of shooting I have done recently has been limited to a bit of pest control, keeping the rabbits in check (or as best as I can) on a friends vineyard. One recent addition to the armoury has been a 1.5 – 5 power compact scope on my .22. Recent trends have been to bigger and bigger calibres and scopes to which I had also followed suit with a 10X power on the 22. It's quite a relief to have so much more field of view and freedom with a lower powered scope. I very much recommend this option for any close quarters stuff like bunny busting as well as bush hunting for deer. Definitely an option worth looking at should you find the bulk of your hunting is in this range. Anyway I doubt you will bump into me in the bush this roar so I will wish you all good hunting and please remember it is a time of year where many more hunters are about. Keep safe, identify your target and have a great time—Hot barrels James

Events Calendar April 2010

National Benchrest Championships

Friday 2nd to
Monday 5th April
(Easter Weekend).
Hosted by the South
Waikato Branch
@ the Tokoroa
Shooting Sports
Complex.
(07) 3484473

Club Meeting

Wed 7th April
@ 8.00pm.

Committee Meeting

Wed 21st April
@ 7.30pm.

Annual Hunting Competition

The event, weigh-in
and head judging
will be on Sunday
the 25th of April, at
our Clubrooms.
Gates open at
11.00am.
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EDITORS CORNER

OUR ANNUAL HUNT IS ON SO ALL THE BEST WITH THE HUNTING FOR YOUR ANIMALS TO ENTER. THE WEIGH-IN AND JUDGING DAY WILL BE ON ANZAC WEEKEND, THAT IS SUNDAY THE 25TH OF APRIL, SO MAKE SURE YOU COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE DAY. A BBQ LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE, SO BRING THE FAMILY ALONG. WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME A NEW MEMBER **GRANT HUGHES** TO THE CLUB WHO HAS RETURNED TO NZ AFTER BEING OVER THE DITCH FOR A WHILE. WE STILL HAVEN'T YET MANAGED TO SOURCE A MAIN SPONSOR FOR NEXT YEARS NEWSLETTER STORY PRIZE, SO IF ANY OTHER MEMBERS IN BUSINESS ARE WILLING TO HELP OUT WITH FUNDING TOWARD THE CAUSE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. 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 CATCH UP WITH YOU AT THE APRIL CLUB MEETING.

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2010 Annual Club Hunt Competition

Venue: *Hastings Deerstalkers Clubrooms*
 1534 Maraekakaho Road, Hastings
Weigh-in & Judging: *25th April 2010*
 from 11.00am to 2.00pm

A \$30 entry fee puts you into the pot for the spot prize draws and enables you to enter one entry in each of the categories.

*Best Red Antlers—1st and 2nd

*Best Sika Antlers—1st and 2nd

*Heaviest Hindquarters:

Reds- 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Sika - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

*Heaviest Boar—1st and 2nd

*Average Weight Boar

*Best Pig Jaw

There is over \$2000 in prizes up for grabs to any financial members of Hawkes Bay NZDA branches and the HB Pig Hunters club. There is about \$600 in spot prizes to be won and some great prizes for the category winners. All payments and entry forms must be lodged at Hamills HB so a entrant number can be allocated to you. This is a fun-filled day where all of the family are invited to attend. There will be a BBQ lunch available and the members bar will be open. We encourage all members to participate whether they have shot an entry or not as it will be great social day for all.

Good Luck & Happy Hunting
—See you there!!!!

*Additional Entry forms can be picked up from
 Hamills HB., 106 Nelson St., Hastings*

The Club Notice Board

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

Buck Gardner—Renowned Duck Caller will be at the Hibernian Club, cnr of Nelson & Eastborne Streets, Hastings Saturday April 24th at 7.00pm. Brought to you courtesy of the team at Hamills Hawkes Bay.

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.

NZDA 2010 Calendar

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



106 Nelson Street, Hastings

call Jeremy (06) 8787177

or come in and see the team at

Hamills Hawkes Bay

THE FISHING & HUNTING

SPECIALISTS

Come along to the Hibernian Club and meet Buck Gardner on the 24th April

JUST KIDDING

A big game hunter walked into the bar and bragged to everyone about his skills as a hunter. The man was undoubtedly a good shot and no one could dispute that. But then he said that they could blindfold him, and he would recognise any animal's skin from its feel. And if he could locate the bullet hole he would even tell them what calibre rifle was used to shoot it. This was a bit too much for the other customers, and soon a heated argument was going on. Then the hunter said that he was willing to prove it if they would put up the drinks, and the bet was on.

They blindfolded him carefully and took him to his first animal skin. After feeling it for a few moments, he announced, "Spring Buck." Then he felt for the bullet hole and declared, "Shot with a .22 rifle." The others could not believe it. He was right, and the argument was even hotter than before. When some started to suggest that he must have peeked, he said that he was prepared to do it again. He would put up all the drinks they had bought before against them buying another round for him. So they blindfolded him again, very thoroughly this time, and they brought a skin that someone happened to have in their car. He took a bit longer this time and then said, "Kalahari Lion" and fingering the bullet hole said, "and the rifle was a .308," which of course was right. This, of course, was like throwing fat on the fire, and he had to prove his skills over and over again, every time against a round of drinks. Finally he staggered home, drunk out of his mind, and went to bed. The next morning he got up and saw in the mirror that he had one heck of a shiner. So he said to his wife, "Listen, I know I was drunk last night, but not too drunk to know that I did not fight anyone in that bar. So where did I get this black eye?" His wife replied angrily, "From me, of course." "But what did I do?" he asked. She replied, "You got into bed and put your hand down my panties. Then you fiddled around a bit and announced in a triumphant tone, "it's a Skunk that was killed with an axe!"

VENISON MEDALLIONS AND GREEN PEPPERCORN SAUCE

*1 STEAK/CUTLET PER
PERSON

*1 TSP CRUSHED GREEN
PEPPERCORNS

*SMALL GLASS WHITE WINE

*1/2 CUP FRESH CREAM

PAN FRY OR GRILL YOUR STEAKS IN THE USUAL WAY, REMOVE FROM THE PAN AND KEEP THEM WARM. TO THE SAME PAN ADD THE PEPPERCORNS AND THE SMALL GLASS OF WHITE WINE. SWIRL THE PAN TO DISSOLVE ALL THE CARAMALISED DRIPPINGS AND THEN ADD THE CREAM. REDUCE SLIGHTLY AND SEASON TO TASTE. POUR OVER STEAKS AND SERVE IMMEDIATELY.

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2009 Raukumara Roar – by Peter Montaperto

As always the build up to the roar had its challenges, getting the work done to keep all the customers happy as well as getting all the chores done to keep the wife happy! So far I haven't worked out which of these tasks is harder and the season this year was to be no exception.

The roar hunting season started early for me as we were booked for a 4-day hunt to the Raukumaras on March the 24th and were due out on the 27th, as one of our hunting party was having his 50th the following night on the 28th, Oh the Pressure! All went well leaving home at 5am on the 24th, driving for an hour or so past Gisborne to meet the chopper and we were landing on our block just after lunch, not bad going at all!

As we set up camp, the sky was overcast and the odd bout of drizzle was falling, it was time to get out for a quick look! My brother Paul and I headed upstream to a large slip that had had some reasonable rut sign on it the year before, while Rex and his brother Noel headed downstream. Five minutes out from camp a shot was heard from downstream, Noel had just taken a hind in the stream bed and a stag was seen to take off at the sound of the shot. It was Noels first NZ deer for many years as he has been residing in America for the last 17 years. A stag was heard roaring across the valley by Paul and I, but nothing was seen, so we headed back to camp just after dark for the debriefing and a cook up.

Early on day two we were greeted with a crystal clear sky full of stars. Noel and Paul dropped off down stream to the main river, where they separated later and Rex headed off upstream, whilst I headed up behind camp on a ridge that has a slip off to its right that extends up halfway toward the top of the hill. Half hour into my hunt heading up the ridge I heard movement just in front of me. I stopped and grunted but no reply. I waited, took 2 steps and 'crash' a 7 point stag leapt off into the gloom, grunting as he went away from no more than five metres. I let out a few roars but he kept on going. I stood listening for a few moments and then took a further ten paces. There was movement again to my left, a peak over the next rise and there stood a spiker looking straight at me. Meat for the starving was on my mind so he was quickly taken with a clean shot. His hind quarters and back steaks were hung in a tree and off I went again. I must have only gone about 70metres or so before I looked out through an open area onto the slip to see a large hind walk out across it some 80metres away. I aimed at her and watched her continue on until she was out of sight.



At about the same time, out to my left only 100metres above me, another stag started groaning loudly. I checked the wind which was still perfect before I headed off in his direction giving a few groans as I went. I must have either covered the ground very quickly or he was coming my way, because as I came to the top of the next rise, he let out a huge grunt and then crashed off. I froze and could still hear him cracking sticks and moving so I let out a roar. He answered immediately and moved back towards me. Searching through the scrub I saw movement, then antlers, a nose and his shoulders. I fired and he bolted about 30metres before he folded over. I saw his legs flicking in the air and knew he was down for good. He was a huge deer but only carrying an 8 point head. I took a few photos, before I whipped out his back steaks and then off with his heavy rear quarters and head before starting the trudge back to camp.....



To be continued next issue.

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