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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year has rolled on by and as most of you are aware it was our AGM last month. We now have a few new faces as well as a lot of the same old ones too, but hey thanks again for your vote of confidence, even though I still feel pretty green at this president thing. I would like to say a special thanks to those in the club on committee who have also put in another year of their own time to the club. It's a rather thankless job but someone has to do it and I hope everyone takes a moment to show some appreciation for the efforts put in on their behalf by these guys (and girls). Again I would like to also say thanks to those who have held the fort while I have been less than 100% able to perform my duties.

We are very close to the business end of our Hastings branch competitions with the proposed judging to be held on the 12th June. Unfortunately, the event this year is having to be held next door at the HB Car Club's hall, due to ours having being booked in advance for a private function. Hopefully we will be using the submitted new amendments and additions to the Hastings Branch rules, obviously pending your acceptance of them at our special general meeting on the 2nd of June. You have been furnished with a copy of these new rules in this newsletter, which has been reviewed and accepted at the last business meeting by myself and the committee members present. I have every confidence that the efforts that have been put into this will prove to be well worth it, with the rules now being aligned closely to National NZDA rules, making for both a seamless transition towards National Competitions as well as allowing closer parity with our sister branches here in the Hawkes Bay. I have been in correspondence with Tutira to ensure they have a copy of our proposed rules and the option to come on board too, we have yet to be able to get their executive to any meeting so far. The executive of both Napier and Hastings branches held a meeting with the "Ol' boys" of the "old HB branch" recently to discuss the continuance of the Hawkes Bay competition and to ensure that a current set of the rules will be available to the branches who will be competing at the upcoming Hawkes Bay Judging. Some minor changes were discussed and accepted for the existing HB rules on the night, with the competition date being shifted to the 13th of June this year to allow for the participating branches to organise their own branch competitions in time with any AGM or SGM's required for the changes to their branch rules.

Hunting for me is still not getting much of a chance to appear on the radar and I am still living vicariously off others and their stories, which also reminds me to tell you to get your own pen to paper and write a good story to appear in our newsletter. Last years winner enjoyed a great hunt through his efforts to put pen to paper. This year it could be you! I am currently awaiting the return of another suppressor from Christchurch to go with the 6BR I recently bought. So far it's looking like a great little shooter and I hope I can maybe make a contribution to our shooting team for Wilkinson or Taruarau shoots. The load development looked better than a lot of groups I've ever shot so with a bit of tuning it could well become a great little gun.

Hot barrels...James Ph.0272966523

EDITORS CORNER

COMPETITION TIME IS UPON US IN JUNE WITH OUR OWN BRANCH'S COMPETITION FOLLOWED DIRECTLY BY THE HAWKES BAY'S INTER-BRANCH COMP. NATIONAL'S COMPETITION IS IN MID JULY BUT ENTRIES ARE DUE BY THE 18TH JUNE. NATIONALS CONFERENCE AND JUDGING IS HELD IN PALMERSTON NORTH THIS YEAR SO A GOOD TURN OUT IS EXPECTED FROM THE NORTH ISLAND.

A FLY-IN TRIP WITH 'EAST KAWEKA HELICOPTERS' IS UP FOR GRABS SO REMEMBER TO WRITE A STORY TO GET IN THE DRAW. ALSO A FEW JOKES AND NEWS ITEMS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR NEWSLETTER ENJOYABLE, SO PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING IN AND I'LL SEE YOU AT OUR CLUBS SPECIAL MEETING NEXT WEEK.

Events Calendar June 2010

SGM & Club Night
Wed 2nd June 8.00pm.
We will be voting to accept the recently amended AHT & Photographic Rules. A copy of these is inside the newsletter for your viewing.

HB Pig Hunters Open Competition Queens Birthday weekend.

Hastings Club Competition Judging
Sat 12th June.

HB Competition Judging Sun 13th June

National Competition Entries Due by 5pm
Thursday 18th June.

Committee Meeting
Wed 23rd June @ 7.30pm.

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Hastings Deerstalkers Branch Competition

Saturday 12th June 2010. Judging will start from 10.00am to 2.30pm at the Car Club's hall, Maraekakaho Road, Hastings. The car club venue is right next door to our clubrooms. This minor inconvenience is due to a private booking of our own hall and premises.

Your entries can either be lodged at the Deerstalkers hall on Friday 11th June between 7.00pm & 9.00pm or from 9.00am at the Car Club judging venue on the Saturday morning.

All entries must be lodged no later than 11.30am on Sat. June 12th.

National Competition/Annual Conference

Entries for this close at **5.00pm on Thursday 18th June 2010**. It is getting held at the Travelodge Hotel, 175 Cuba Street, Palmerston North from 9th -11th July. The Hastings club will advise which entries from our competition are eligible to be entered into the National competitions. Entry fee is \$15 per AHT trophy or \$10 per photographic entry.

Hawkes Bay Interbranch Competition

Sunday 13th June 2010 from 9.00am until completed, to be held at the Napier Deerstalkers Clubrooms in Thorne Place, Onekawa. Doors will be open to the general membership for a viewing of the results for 2 hours immediately following the completion of the judging and will allow for the lodging in writing of any protests against the results within a 3 hour period after the judging finishes.

JUST KIDDING!!!

A big city lawyer went duck hunting. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence.

As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked the lawyer what he was doing.

The lawyer responded, "I shot a duck and it fell into this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied. "This is my property, and your'e not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer replied. "I'm one of the best trial lawyers around, and if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take you for everything that you own.

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we do things in these parts. We settle small disagreements like this, with the Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Three Kick Rule?"

The farmer replied, "Well, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times, and so on, back and forth until someone gives up."

The lawyer quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger.

He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly gets down from the tractor and walked up to the city fella.

His first kick planted the toe of his heavy work boot into the lawyer's groin, which dropped him to his knees.

His second kick nearly ripped the nose off his face.

The lawyer was flat on his belly, when the farmer's third kick to a kidney nearly causing him to give up, but didn't.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet and said, "Okay, now it's my turn."

The old farmer smiled and said,

"Naw, I give up, You can keep the duck!"

On The Notice Board

NZ Mountain Safety

Council-List of the Non Intentional Firearms Incidents that occurred in 2009.

NZDA—Targets For Sale

A full list is up on the board.

NZDA National Shooting

Calendar 2010 A full list of the up-coming events & host branch contact details.

Search And Rescue (SAR)

2009/2010 report & latest LINK newsletter.

Animal Health Board 08/09

Annual Research Report

Contains research projects which were completed in the 2008/09 year.

Outdoor Safety Code

5 simple Rules to stay safe.


MAF-Biosecurity NZ

Didymo-Check, Clean & Dry.

NZDA –Media Release

"Deerstalkers denounce heli-hunting plunderers".

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Attention : More participation in SAR wanted!
Concerns have been raised by our branch coordinator, Robert Wallace, that there is an apparent lack of personnel from our branch that are available for searches. Robert will be canvassing everyone currently not involved by phone over the next month to try and increase our numbers. So, if you can make the time to be on search and rescue operations, please let Robert know and he will help to get you trained up and involved at a capacity that will fit in with you.
Land SAR Newsletter <http://www.landsar.org.nz/Article.aspx?ID=1793&Mode=1>

National News

Swazi Sponsorship for Junior Shooters-Davey Hughes of Swazi Apparel has generously agreed to continue his sponsorship for NZDA junior shoots during the 2010 year. The Swazi sponsorship is for each branch of NZDA to assist and encourage junior members to participate.

Landcare Research Study into Possum Control -Landcare Research is a crown-owned institute based at Lincoln University. It's currently conducting research for alternatives to broadcast aerial application of 1080 for possum control in **Pureora Forest Park**. The alternative poisons, Cyanide paste & Feratox bags, as well as traps will be getting laid from **26th April** & the program will continue until **December 25th**. The usual precautions should be taken if hunting in this area.

Check the National NZDA website www.deerstalkers.org.nz



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It Doesn't Get Much Better Than This By Robert Wallace

In April 2009 I was asked if I wanted to do a wiring job on a new hut being built on Maori land and in exchange I could have hunting access. I was told that the wires were already run and the jib was being put on. It was to be 12 volt lighting and there would be a few power points there as well for if they had a generator. Having an interest in "off the grid" type projects and having recently been given a talk by a friend Mike Bull on 12V LED lighting and other energy saving type gear I decided to take up the challenge. A bit of a challenge it was too as I had to make sure I had all the tools and equipment and fittings etc that I needed. I couldn't just rush down to the wholesalers for parts.



The day duly arrived and with tools, wire, fittings and of course some hunting gear we headed to the Helipad to wait for the Chopper. As Gus from Helisika arrived one could see him sigh heavily as he saw all the gear that had to be slung in to the hut. I got the impression he had done a lot of trips like this to the hut many times before. It was only a short trip in and what a beautiful site it was too with a view up the river, trout and eels in the water below (which we fed a lot during our stay) and just some generally nice scenery. At the hut people were beavering away at their different trades and I got started into my wiring job. The wires hadn't been run the way I would have run them so it presented a struggle but I managed to get through it. I wanted to make a good impression and so by evening although everything was still hanging off walls and ceilings I jury rigged some wires to a battery and got the lights going. They worked well and the guys were rapped.

I worked pretty hard that weekend and wanted to get completed by the time the chopper arrived to pick us up. They told me to go for a hunt but I was pretty conscious of the time needed to get finished. I did go out for a couple of hours early on the Sunday morning and found a well grazed patch and even spooked a deer. Promising!

The next trip in I installed proper batteries, panel and some extra lighting. I went for a hunt back to where I had spooked the deer previously and noticed there had been some real intensive grazing.

The 3rd trip in was a finishing trip and tidy up plus I installed a mountain radio aerial so we could use one inside the hut. This time I went for a decent walk around and also did some track cutting using secateurs which was suggested to me by Grant Richards. They worked well.

Working my way back down to the river I spotted an animal and because it hadn't seen me I had time to relax and take a careful resting shot. My new SS Ruger 308 which had been thankfully sighted in at the Ben Lomond Range shoot, dropped the deer where it stood. I was a bit disappointed over its lack of size but my back was hurting a bit and after gutting it with my new Steve Wheeler knife, it was an easy carry back to the hut in time to do the mountain radio sked. By now all the gas showers and things were up and running so I hung up the animal, had a hot shower, a nice meal cooked on the Barbie, sat down in front of the log fire with a rum and coke in my hand and read a hunting mag, later crawling into my sleeping bag for a good night's sleep. I remember thinking; "It doesn't get much better than this".

I get the impression after later discussions with Club members that a lot of people know the area quite well! I am prepared to organise a club trip at a later date when the hut is fully operational if people are interested.



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