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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,
 Yet another month has rolled over (was it not just yesterday I was writing March's report?) I must admit it has been a pretty cruisey run I have had as President for the last couple of years. The club has a solid committee and a great core of guys to keep the club running like clockwork. Recently though, I feel I have encountered one of the most difficult parts of being the President. Leading up to our annual club hunting competition I was advised of a possible poaching incident with three individuals (who had also entered our club competition) identified as being suspects. I brought this to the attention of the committee last meeting and sought their advice. As a hunter and representative of NZDA I cannot condone illegal hunting in any form, but we are not judge, jury or executioner. Unfortunately I misinterpreted the recommendations of committee and contacted the three individuals, advising them their entry to our competition would be voided with refund due to these allegations. This was incorrect. These guys had not even made an entry into the competition. To deny them entry on an accusation only was totally wrong on my behalf. I have again contacted these guys and apologised for my error. Due to the nature of the allegation we have left the issue to the land owner and the police and I personally hope it draws to a quick and full conclusion. I have advised all our sponsors as well as Kirstyn from the HB Pig Hunters as to how this has eventuated. My reason to put this to print is to assure there are no rumours that may eventuate as to the clubs involvement (or lack of) regarding this matter. As I write this I have just returned from the competition and considering the weather it was another great turn out. The (trophy) head count was lower than I had anticipated but that's hunting I guess. It was also great to see the larger number of junior entrants, with around 1/4 of all entries being a junior. Thanks again also to all our sponsors of our competition. Hamills again took up the reins with the senior prize sponsorship and Guns & Tackle Hunting and Fishing making a welcome contribution including a free fishing trip for one junior and an adult. Cheers very much Jem and Wooly. Also thanks to Back Country Cuisine for their generous sponsorship of dehydrated meals. You should hopefully receive your newsletter before Mays meeting so don't forget this will be our AGM. I have offered to stand again for President (if you'll have me) and it is a great opportunity for anyone else to put their hand up to contribute to the club. I am still awaiting further information regarding the formation of the Game Animal Council but with this being an election year it may well be worth considering your vote this time around and the parties who have made the GAC possible, mostly United Future. Anyway that's enough from me. Hot barrels and I'll see you at the club next meeting! **James**

Events Calendar May 2011

Club Night

Hastings Branch AGM

Wed 4th May at 8.00pm.
 We need members who can spare a few hours of their time a month to put their hand up and help share the committee work load.

Committee Meeting

Wed 18th May 7.30pm.

Hastings AHT Comp. & HB Inter-Branch Comp.

Sat 21st (Hastings) &
 Sun 22nd May (HB) 2011
 Both held at Hastings Deerstalkers Clubrooms.

Up Coming Events!!!

HB Pig Hunters Comp.

Mon 6th June 2011
 (Queens Birthday).
 Contact Kirstyn Renall
 on (06) 876 0086.

HB Inter-Branch Prizegiving

Saturday 18th June 2011
 Full details in next months newsletter.

EDITORS CORNER

ON EASTER MONDAY WE HAD OUR ANNUAL CLUB HUNT COMPETITION. IT WAS A GREAT TURNOUT WITH SOME INTERESTING ENTRIES. OUR JUNIORS ALSO WENT AWAY WITH SOME GOOD RESULTS AND PRIZES. WE HAVE TWO NEW MEMBERS TO WELCOME THIS MONTH - **LARS FREEMAN AND NICK KIRK.**

OUR AHT COMPETITION AND THE HB INTERBRANCH COMPETITION ARE COMING UP IN MAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MANY ENTRIES AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PAID UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES SO YOUR ENTRY IS VALID.

ENSURE YOU GET ALONG TO THE **NEXT CLUB NIGHT AS IT IS OUR AGM** AND WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE FRESH FACES PUTTING THEIR HAND UP TO HELP. IF EVERYONE DOES A LITTLE BIT EACH IT SPREADS THE TASKS OUT AND TAKES THE PRESSURE OFF THE FEW WHO CARRY THE WORK LOAD AT THE MOMENT. REMEMBER TO BE IN THE DRAW FOR THE **TRIPLE PEAK ENTERPRISES** SPONSORED FLY IN TRIP YOU NEED TO SUBMIT A STORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

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Annual Hunt Competition Results

Many thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the day a great success. Please support the contributing sponsors!! Despite the rain we had 35 senior entries and 11 juniors with plenty of spot prizes to be had by all.

Best Sika Stag Antler	1st Rodney Knight	2nd Tony Martin
Best Red Stag Antler	1st Peter Thomson	2nd Mal Ingpen
Heaviest Sika Hind Quarters	1st Wiremu Armitage (24kg)	2nd Grant Richards (15kg)
Heaviest Red Hind Quarters	1st Wiremu Armitage (38kg)	2nd Robert Underwood (18.5kg)
Heaviest Boar	1st Mark Giddens (83kg)	2nd Mark Hulena (79kg)
Average Weight Boar	Mark Hulena	Best Jaw Mark Hulena
Junior Heaviest Hare	Bella Montaperto (3.5kg)	Junior Heaviest Possum Jonty Morris (4kg)
Junior Fishing Charter Trip Winner	Jessie Watkins	



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Hastings Deerstalkers Branch Competition

Saturday 21st May 2011. Judging will start from 10.00am to 2.30pm at the Hastings Deerstalkers Clubrooms, 1534 Maraekakaho Road, Hastings. Your entries can either be lodged at the Hastings Deerstalkers clubrooms on Friday 20th May between 7.00pm & 9.00pm or from 9.00am on the Saturday morning. **All entries must be lodged no later than 11.30am on Saturday 21st May.**

On Our Notice Board & Website Blog at

www.nzdahastings.org.nz

Fish & Game NZ

Media Release on the recent change in protection status for the Canada Geese.

Epro Ltd

Information and map on the 1080 drop in the Waitara Valley from 1 March to 30 June 2011.

HBRC Aerial 1080 Drop - 2011

Maps of the public and private lands that are programmed for poisoning.

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Notice of Feratox poison program in the Tutaekuri Mohaka area from 7/2/11 to 31/7/11.

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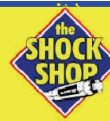
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Important Notice!

Please make sure that you have paid your Annual NZDA Membership Fees.

If you haven't already, do it asap as they are now overdue!!



HASTINGS DIESEL & 4WD CENTRE

"Just Kidding!"

A big-game hunter went on a 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, she insisted on them both trying to find her mother. The hunter picked up his rifle, took a swig of whiskey, and started to look for her. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight: the mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, and a large male lion stood facing her. The wife 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."

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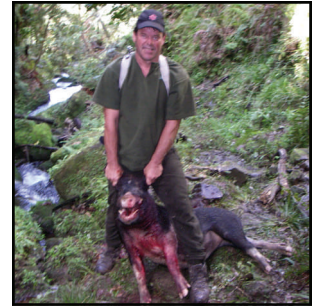
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Paritu Pork continued by Wayne Martin

I quickly summed up the situation; the boar can't go up the creek because of the dogs, it can't go down the creek because of the waterfall and the left bank was too steep. Its only escape was up a small trail on the right bank where I am standing with the heartbeat going into overdrive. At 3metres I'd like to have swapped my Leupold for some open sights but it wasn't an option so I had one eye looking into the scope and the other was watching the boar and dogs. I thought this pig was going to make a break for it and it lashed out at the dogs which jumped back and then it turned its sights onto me. I could see the dogs were clear and in my scope I could see two eyes and two tusks so I fired. The pig lunged at me and crashed into the creek and was thrashing around with all the dogs sensing a kill and grabbing onto him for some action. With no way for another shot I got my knife and grabbed a front leg and stuck him in the heart until he stopped moving. What a 'bloody' sight, me up to my elbows in blood and the four dogs getting covered in blood in the excitement. I sat on the boar with the dogs alongside me and I thought now I know why pig hunters love their sport. A minute later I heard Jimmy calling from below the waterfall "Did you get a shot at that pig". "Take your time" I said, "The jobs been sorted". Jimmy had caught up with the pig and dogs earlier down the creek but it didn't like the look of either him or the .357 lever action and made a break for it up the side of the creek leaving Jimmy to do some bush bashing to get on its trail again. Boots made his way down to us and gave us a demo on how to gut and check the



organs for anything out of the ordinary, making comment that I only needed to puncture the heart and not leave a hole big enough to remove it. With a rope around its snout and Jimmy pulling and me pushing within an hour we had it where we could get the quad to it. With the boar on the front of the bike, three hunters on the bike and four dogs trotting beside us it was back to the quarters for some well deserved beers. Jimmy and myself glassed some likely faces just before dark for any deer but no luck but were pretty happy with our weekend. Boots took the boar back to Gisborne to weigh it in at 156lbs and is getting it pickled for us.

Thanks to Boots, Jimmy and the four dogs for a great off the cuff hunting trip.

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