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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all, boy its been a real quick switch from mild to wild over the last few days weather wise. It sure is winter proper with a good dump of snow over the main ranges and even down to a good dusting over Kahuranaki. I had grand plans of taking a day off work and getting out into the Kawekas last Tuesday, but a quick phone call had 8 inches of snow at Patoka, and 13 inches at Whittle Road meaning another day on the tools for me. Might just see how Friday pans out!

This year we sent Steve and Lynne down south to National conference. It was about time we had someone attend on our behalf so I will be very keen to hear how it all went.

Committee has been fairly mundane at the moment with no major problems or issues with the discussion regarding the installation of a rifle range. There is still a fair bit to knock out with what will be the most viable option and I'll keep you posted of any developments.

Any of you out there with a block of land in the sticks that backs onto a decent hill is welcome to donate it to the club if you've nothing better to do with it!

The upcoming Rusa/Galatea hunt looks like it will be a good one. I can still remember some of the more senior members reminiscing over the hunts the club had arranged a few moons ago now. I doubt the country will have changed much since then either. I'm going to try for a leave pass this time and get back into my old stomping grounds.

I have been also contacted by Nicola Henderson the Walking Access Commission's Regional Field Advisor. She was hoping to catch us at a club night to discuss her role and the function of the commission. My basic understanding is they are a middleman when it comes to access around public land and other private parties. There has been a few high profile cases of disputed access and I would hope an organisation like this would prove valuable to us. Nicola will be coming to talk to us at this weeks club night.

Other than that its been a fairly quite month on my behalf so hot barrels and see you at the next club night. James

Events Calendar August 2011

Club Night

Wed 3rd Aug. at 8.00pm.

Guest Speaker -

Nicola Henderson who is the Regional Field Advisor for the NZ Walking Access Commission.

Club Rusa Hunt

Thurs 4th to Sun 7th August in Galatea - details on page 3.

Committee Meeting

Wed 24th Aug. 7.30pm.

Up Coming Events

Hastings Club Prizegiving and Dinner

Saturday 10th September - Full details in Aug. newsletter.

Tataraakina Club Trip

Fri 23rd, Sat 24th & Sun 25th September - Contact Mal Ingpen on 8787795. Full details in Aug. newsletter.

E. Richards Shoot

October - dates and details to be advised in Septembers newsletter.

Sika Show - 15th & 16th Oct.

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EDITORS CORNER

FIRSTLY, MY APOLOGIES FOR A BELATED NEWSLETTER BUT I WAS CAUGHT IN THE SNOWY BLAST EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND HAD TO STAY IN INVERCARGILL FOR AN EXTRA COUPLE OF DAYS. THE CONFERENCE IN TUATAPERE WAS GREAT WITH A GOOD TURNOUT AND A LOT OF INTERESTING ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING HELI-HUNTING AND THE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT 1080 USE. WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THREE NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH -

STUART SINCLAIR, IAN JARRETT AND JASON JARRETT.

THIS COMING CLUB NIGHT HAS A GUEST SPEAKER, NICOLA HENDERSON, FROM THE NZ WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION AS WELL AS A FULL RUNDOWN OF THE CONFERENCE DETAILS. TRY TO MAKE IT ALONG & I'LL SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

REMEMBER TO BE IN THE DRAW FOR THE **TRIPLE PEAK ENTERPRISES** SPONSORED FLY IN TRIP YOU NEED TO SUBMIT A STORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER. ALSO ANY JOKES, ARTICLES OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE ALL APPRECIATED!!!



DOC Permit Information

Below are the links to the hunting permit site on the DOC website:

<https://huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:44/apply>
(this is the site for first time applicants)

<https://huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:444/search>
(this is the site for hunters to renew permits)

Please note: If hunters are wanting to hunt with registered dogs or if he/she is wanting to hunt in the Stoney Creek/Tarawera area they need to contact DOC Hawke's Bay Area Office and go through the old system as the online system has not been updated to handle this yet.

We are very pleased to advise that our hard work putting the newsletters together has paid off with Hastings receiving a very respectable 3rd placing for best newsletter at the recent NZDA Conference out of the 49 NZDA Clubs!!!

**RE-CALL
FOR ALL
CLUB
CUPS!!**

A notice to all members that currently hold a cup or trophy. We need them handed back in to Guy Te Kahika as soon as possible for engraving. Either ring Guy on 8799598 or bring them to the next club night on Wed. the 3rd of August.



Just Kidding!!!

Three guys were fishing in a lake one day, when an angel appeared in the boat. When the three astonished men had settled down enough to speak, the first guy asked humbly. "I've suffered from back pain ever since I took shrapnel in the Vietnam War...Could you help me?" "Of course," the angel said, and when he touched the man's back, the man felt relief for the first time in years. The second guy who wore very thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving asked if the angel could do anything about his poor eyesight. The angel smiled, removed the man's glasses and tossed them into the lake. When they hit the water, the man's eyes cleared and he could see everything distinctly. When the angel turned to the third guy, he put his hands up defensively - "Don't touch me!" he cried, "I'm on a disability pension."

**On Our Notice Board
& Website Blog at**

www.nzdahastings.org.nz

DOC Hawkes Bay

Sika tracking collar info.
including maps and pics
of our collared stag!!!

NZDA National

Shooting Calendar 11/12

Events 16/7/11 - 25/2/12.

**NZ Mountain Safety
Council (MSC)**

List of Firearms Incidents
in 2010 (non-intentional).

**Search & Rescue
(LandSar HB)**

Application form to join.

HBRC Aerial 1080 Drop - 2011

Maps of public & private
lands that are scheduled
for poisoning.

Roydhouse Pest Control

Notice of Feratox poison
program in the
Kaweka/Mohaka area
from 7/7/11 to 31/5/12.

SPARC

(Sport & Recreation NZ)

Nominations are being
called for volunteers in
the community by 23/8/11

DOC Hawkes Bay

Links to online permits.

Search & Rescue

(Landsar HB)

Expenses claim form for
training costs.

**NZ Mountain Safety
Council**

Submission on the Arms
Amendment Bill.

MAF Biosecurity NZ

Import health standard for
ornamental products of
animal origin.

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Club Hunt to Galatea for Rusa - 4th to 7th August

The spots on this trip have been taken up very quickly and there's only a couple more beds available if any one else is keen. The weather forecast looks good and the accommodation is sorted, so those who I have already contacted to confirm their place need to be organized with their food and gear. The plan is to take a BBQ up to handle most of the cooking on, as well as some larger pots and pans for use on the house stove or on a gas double burner. Please bring along your own meat & veg and any other supplies you may need or want to share with others. Don't forget to bring a good sleeping bag with you, as things can get pretty cold in Galatea at this time of year. There are plenty of showering facilities and excellent general amenities. The hunting grounds are as follows Horomunga river & front faces, Ohutu stream & front faces, Doney's, Mangamako access front faces & the Kopuriki stream via the Blacks Property.

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In January of 1964, one Allan Goodwin and myself planned a trip for 2 weeks into this area to coincide with the Red roar, about the 20th of March. We arranged an air-drop of several chaff sacks of food to be dropped in the tussock below the hut spur, with Herb Maxwell (pilot) and Brian Morse (brother-in-law). Two days after we left home for the trip in. We once again went through Ti Mahanga Station and up over the Hogget Range, down to the Taruarau River with about an hour and a half of daylight, so decided to carry on till dark around the back of Ngamatea.



Next morning off to the Rangatiki River and after crossing we realized we were ahead of schedule so carried on to the Motumatai Hut, arriving in the moonlight with a few stags roaring in the bush around the hut.

Next morning we placed a large piece of black polytarp on the tussock and laid it out so the pilot would see it, and two hours later they flew over then disappeared down the valley. We could hear them in the distance in other valleys

so I rushed up to the hut, breaking off pieces of green Manuka tops to put on the embers of the fireplace. It did the trick as they spotted the smoke! They told us later when we got back that the polytarp looked like a tarn in the tussock and flew on. One of the sacks tied with twine hooked over the pin in the hinge as it was pushed out the door-less opening causing the pilot to semi lose control till the twine snapped. The roar got underway in the next few days with stags (Reds) very vocal at night in full moon, so much so that I grabbed an empty 4 gallon, egg powder container, the roaring horn and Allan with his rifle and went down to a lone Beech tree at the bottom of the spur. Here I started roaring into the tin opening which vibrated the sound and sent the stags around crazy. We must have had twenty stags going ballistic with some coming charging up only to veer off at the last minute, so we retreated to the hut for safety. But they kept charging past the hut until we finally tired and stopped roaring and went to bed. The next morning there were ripped up tussock clumps and shrubs all the way up to the hut. Early one morning I left the hut before daylight and climbed up the Motumatai Trig and sat there glassing miles of country. I had a boil up and sleep around 4 o'clock when I heard a strange high pitched call among many Reds roaring. Finally I spotted the animal and realised it to be a Sika stag on his own, an 8 pointer at that! I had to cross the gorge to get to him and after an easy stalk had him on the ground. I suspected he was possibly



a hybrid and took back steaks and head but by this time darkness was upon me. Climbing and sidling along the steep Beech face down the gorge, I slipped and slid down the face, grabbing a small sapling about 25mm thick. I left my dangling boots suspended over a drop. Looking down between my feet I could see the moonlight shining on the creek water 50m below. After clawing my way up the face, the first large Beech tree I came to I hung the head over a bough and



carried on straight up the face to the trig where I heard Allan fire a shot so I fired one myself and carried on to the hut, arriving at midnight to a worried looking Allan. At about 6am it started to bucket down so we packed up quickly and headed to the river as fast as we could, arriving with Beech leaves and twigs starting to float down it. We crossed just in time and changed to dry clothes with the river then un-fordable! Two days later we staggered into Ti Mahanga Station and then on to Taihape for a beer, fish and chips and a shower, coming home the next day worse for wear. I never got back to the 'Mighty Motumatai' again!



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