



# THE DEERSTALKER

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all. Well here I am again staring at the monitor and it must be close to Christmas as Julie has put up the tree and she has bought a heap of those cheap LED flashing lights all around the house. Boy those things are easy compared to the old bulb ones you used to get. Anyway that's getting a bit off track!

The beginning of the month I went for a few nights up the Mohaka/Makino area and it was good fun but alas no deer. The chance to get out though was great, and the bush in Spring is a very refreshing place to be. I'm sure if I was fast enough I could have got a few better pictures that would have been winners in the club comps. The most amazing one (I missed) was a little iridescent blue wasp dragging a huge water spider up the track. It looked like a little super hero battling some evil alien! Other than that I bumped into a not so nocturnal morepork and found a dead spiker up the Waimatai. Those of you with a fishing rod and are after some fat trout I suggest a walk up the Makino would be very productive too. I would have counted up to 20 fish on my travels and they all looked big at around 5lbs average size. This last weeks elections was no big surprise with the boys in blue getting another go at running the country. Personally I think this was the best outcome for the country but I certainly am a bit hesitant to see us flog off more than the absolute minimum. I am also very happy that Peter Dunne was able to retain his seat. The balance of power may actually give United Future a bit more leverage. Hopefully the GAC will get a final reading and be passed as soon as possible. I have been dismayed that under the current Minister of Conservation other commercial interests have been able to marginalize us ground hunters as I believe Kate Wilkinson is the most apathetic minister I have ever suffered.

Last week we had one of our E Richards club shoots at Ben Lomond Station. The weather was very hot and we had a reasonable turn out. I think I made some improvement in my own shooting but still not enough to be a threat to our usual guns. Those of you who did not make it its always a good day out, so next time give it a crack if you're keen. Committee has been fairly steady with the continuing discussions on the rifle range going ahead. The feedback from our members suggests a range at our clubrooms is the most desirable. This has put our efforts now to making a design plan of the range with some budget costings to see if it will be viable for us to continue. We have also been approached by Napier NZDA to consider a combined Hawkes Bay shooting facility. They have made contact with other shooting groups/clubs and will form a steering committee for it. There has been a few ranges built recently around the country, with the closest being the Tauranga facility up into the back of Pyes Pa. It looks to be a great complex. Napier has made contact with these others who have a heap of advice and other technical specs that they can call on to plan a regional range. Again this will come down to cost so we probably need a foot in both camps to find our best option. This coming club meeting will be our last for the year. I have bought a new LPG bottle for the club so we will fire up the BBQ and put on a few snags etc.... and I think it will be an early kick off so be quick if you're hungry and see you at the next club night. James

## Events Calendar December 2011

### Ruahine Fly-in Trips

Thurs 1st to Sun 4th Dec  
If you missed out on these trips make sure you get in early next time.

### Club Night

Wed 7th Dec 6.30pm start. Since this is the last club night of the year we will be having a casual BBQ. The cash bar will be operating. We did have a guest speaker from HB Regional Council coming to speak about the poisoning drops next year but he is unable to make it now due to a change in circumstances

### Committee Meeting

Wed 14th Dec 7.30pm.  
Please note the earlier date due to Christmas.

**Please Note: The December newsletter will be issued a week earlier due to Christmas!!!**

## EDITORS CORNER

WELL, THANK GOD THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER, BUT IT IS DISAPPOINTING HOW LITTLE SUPPORT US HUNTERS SHOWED UNITED FUTURE AND THE GAME ANIMAL COUNCIL, REAL APATHETIC BUNCH AREN'T WE! THE ONE LONE VOICE OF PETER DUNNE MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN! SO DON'T BOTHER WHINGING WHEN IT ALL FALLS OVER IF YOU PUT YOUR VOTE TOWARDS A PARTY THAT WANTS TO SLOW DOWN OR STOP THE PROCESS OF FORMING THE GAC . ANYWAY WE'RE STUCK WITH OUR LOT NOW, SO I'LL SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

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# Annual Taruarau Shoot Results

The annual Hawkes Bay Clubs versus Taihape Club range shoot was held on Sunday 6th Nov.

## Results

Stu MacLean	Hastings	68
John Lumsden	Napier	68
Robert Underwood	Hastings	67
Robert Wallace	Hastings	67
Paul Montaperto	Hastings	64
Leigh Montaperto	Hastings	64
Steve Middleton	Napier	64
Neil MacLean	Hastings	58
Murray Shearer	Napier	56
Kevin Hall	Napier	55
Jim May	Napier	53
Mike Marston	Napier	52
Jeff Marston	Napier	47
Peter McMurtrie	Napier	6

**Hawkes Bay Average      56.8**

**Taihape Average      55.1**



## E. Richards Shoot Results

The E. Richards Shoot was held on Sunday 27th November at the Sporting Shooters Range on SH50.

Robert Underwood	160.1
Tom Young	141
Jeremy Hanaray	137.2
James Guilford	117.1
Paul Montaperto	109
Hamish Tait	85
Peter Montaperto	83
Brad Pinker	67
Neil MacLean	61
Connor Rapley	32.1
Lisa Simonsen	22

(Non-mem. - Deborah Moir 94.1 / John Moir 10)





**On Our Notice Board  
& Website Blog at**  
[www.nzdahastings.org.nz](http://www.nzdahastings.org.nz)

**DOC Hawkes Bay**

Latest movements of our collared stag.

**NZDA National**

**Shooting Calendar 11/12**

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

**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.

**Roydhouse Pest Control**

Notice of Feratox poison program in the Kaweka Forest on Napier/Taihape Rd from 1/10/11 - 30/9/12

**Heli-Hunting**

Various submissions and articles on this issue.

**Southland Locater**

**Beacons Limited**

Information on where to hire them from and specifications.

**Mobile Systems Limited**

Information on personal location beacons, order forms and specifications.

**Doc Permit Information**

Below are the links to the hunting permit site on the DOC website:  
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(first time applicants)  
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**If these are the type of prospective members that a sighting-in range could bring in, we will need CCTV camera's at both ends of the range! I hope our figures stack up! (& theirs!)**

**The Rifle Range Debate Update**

*We have had a moderate response on last months survey from 18 members so far and the clear majority (14 to 4) of them would like us to go ahead with sorting out the design and costs of building a sighting-in range at our own clubrooms. Obviously our club has a large percentage of hunters as compared to target shooters and we need to listen to our members when making these big decisions. It will be a little while before Angus and Neil sort out the design issues and costing for it, so until then we will have to wait for the information to be at hand before we can decide whether to take this into the development phase.*

Hunting on the tops during summer is a time for seeing lots of animals, although it does carry the possibility of mist during the best hunting times. I don't get out hunting any where as often as I'd like throughout the year, so when I do I'm hoping for fine weather and clear skies. However, one morning in February 2007, morning mist was making the chances of spotting anything very remote indeed. With the possibility of the morning passing without seeing anything, I made the decision to drop down the side of the hill and try to get under the mist.

After a slow descent over some noisy loose rock, I was promptly rewarded by seeing not one, but two stags sunning themselves in a patch of vegetation in the middle of a slip. As there was a belt of contorta above them, I never would have seen them from the ridge anyway. I dropped my day pack and looked around for a suitable firing position. I nestled myself down and checked the range – a mere 310m. The angle of the shingle I was lying on made it difficult to fully prepare my shot, so I settled on having the butt of the rifle on my left shoulder with my right hand on the trigger. Thinking that was a good idea at the time, I lined up on what looked like the bigger of the two stags, squeezed the trigger and sent one of the 165gn Accubonds on its way. Unfortunately, the only reward I got was a smack in the eyebrow from the back end of the scope. The stag I had shot at had obviously thought that now was a good time to be heading for cover, and promptly did so. Meanwhile, the second stag was still sitting where it was sunning itself, so I lined up on that one too. Another loud retort from the 300 win mag and I was again rewarded with a smack on the eyebrow and no dead deer. Quickly working the bolt, I sent a third bullet on its way but the stag still stood. Were these deer wearing flak jackets or what?

One of the joys of a magnum cartridge is of course the three round magazine, so at this point I was alarmed to find my daypack some 20m up the hill. Not being one to give up, I hurriedly raced uphill and reloaded my rifle, all the while inwardly cursing. Surely no deer would be standing anywhere near where they were with three mighty booms echoing about the hills.

I was overjoyed to find the second stag was still where it was and instead of scarpering, it seemed to be vocalising uphill of where it was. I rechecked the range, 280m, resighted with my right shoulder behind the butt and wallop; the Accubond did its job and I was delighted to see a deer's hooves in the sight picture. I had paused to stare down the scope at my handiwork (as you do), when low and behold the spiker that the stag had been vocalising to popped into my sight picture. He got the same treatment, so after the three misses, I had had two hits with a dead deer each time. I was feeling pretty chuffed with myself and the reality of the meat recovery didn't sink in until later. I needed to head back to my camp to pick up my pack (no way were two deer going to fit into my day-pack) and although it only took 20 minutes to walk down the slip to the deer, it would take another hour and a half to walk back up fully laden. I shot the deer just after 10am, and got back to the car at 7:30pm after spending some 6 hours walking with a 40kg pack. Worth it? You betcha!!



*Bloodied but unbowed!*



*Albeit a 'velvet', t'was awesome on the BBQ!*

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