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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all. It is now the tail end of the HB Anniversary/Labour weekend and I'm fried. As well as a bit of work and a quick shoot on a mates farm there was THAT test. I don't think I could ever sit through another All Blacks game like that again, but we scraped through by the skin of our teeth. My committee meeting jinx has finally broken and I finally made it to the last one. In this news letter you should receive a quick questionnaire regarding our discussions surrounding the option of a rifle range. Basically this one is to gauge your desire for a range. As you are the members of this club we figure there is no point going forward if it is not really what you want eh.

If you vote yes it is then that we will get into the finer points of what we need to do to fulfill your needs. We also had some good feedback from our members sitting in for Dave Yule on the mountain beech liaison group. We did have a few points we were hoping to get clarification on and there was also discussion that once the survey is completed and all the data recovered what will be done with it. DOC will not compile this information into anything more than what they need (basically how to kill more deer for less cost) and will probably be of limited use to us hunters. To be fair, this was never disguised by DOC though, but we do have the data and possibly more from other collars available, so it makes sense to see if we cannot get something more solid made from it to assist us in our personal knowledge of those wily Sika deer. Oh, and just out of interest, if you happen to see one of these collared deer and have the chance to take a photo rather than the other type of "shot" do so. You will be rewarded with a gift voucher (\$50 I think) and go into a draw for a chopper trip too.

This coming month (26th Nov) we also have an election coming up. I've made up my mind which camp/s I want to put my own feet into, have you? This years election has some pretty important possible options for our sport with only one party really giving a rats about the GAC and game animals in general. There is certainly a lot more everyone will want from their political party of choice than just hunting and outdoors (things like hospitals and jobs are handy) but, with MMP you do have the option to promote more than one party.

Speaking with Malcolm today it looks like he will jack up another fly in trip to the Ruahines as like last year so keep your eyes peeled if this looks like you. We have had some great trips of late and I think we are starting to get a pretty good roll on with these sorts of things. I have finally got my 7mm Mag shooting well, so I think I'll cash in a few brownies with the cook, and put my name down with Mal for this one. Anyway its late now (I always end up writing these at the last minute) so hot barrels and see you at the next club night 2nd Nov. James

EDITORS CORNER

GO THE ALL BLACKS - WHAT A FINAL IT WAS AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE NZ COME THROUGH WITH THE WIN!!!

WENT TO THE SIKA SHOW AND THOUGHT THERE WERE A COUPLE OF BARGAINS TO BE HAD - ONE OF WHICH NOW SITS ON THE BACK OF MY UTE, AND THERE WAS ALSO SOME GOOD HEADS ON DISPLAY. MOST NOTABLY WERE THE TWO LARGE NZ 8PT SIKA, 222D.S & 211D.S RESPECTIVELY. WHAT RIPPERS! AS WELL AS THE HAKKIDO JAP THAT WAS ALSO ON DISPLAY THAT MEASURED 230D. S!!!! REMEMBER ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP NEXT MONTH AND MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT FOR THE PARTY THAT BEST REPRESENTS OUR NEEDS AS A WHOLE. REMEMBER TO BE IN THE DRAW FOR THE **TRIPLE PEAK ENTERPRISES** SPONSORED FLY IN TRIP YOU NEED TO SUBMIT A STORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER. SO TRY TO MAKE IT ALONG TO THE NEXT CLUB NIGHT & I'LL SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Events Calendar November 2011

Club Night

Wed 2nd Nov. 8.00pm.

Guest Speaker -

Chris Crosse from East Kaweka Helicopters with maps of the Ahimanawas and we will also be taking bookings for the 1st - 4th December Ruahine fly-in trips; first in first served! Contact Mal Ingpen on 8787795.

Taupo Branch Prize Shoot

Saturday 5th November.

Details on noticeboard.

Taruarau Shoot

Sunday 6th November.

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Committee Meeting

Wed 23rd Nov 7.30pm.

NZ Election

Saturday 26th November

Remember that your vote counts!

E. Richards Shoot

Sunday 27 November.

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Annual Taruarau Shoot

This is the annual Hawkes Bay Clubs versus Taihape Club range shoot to be held on Sunday 6th November, starting at 9.00am.

The shoot will again be held on the original Taruarau River Range (Lumsden Flat) not far before the bridge, on the right heading towards Taihape. Camping is possibly available as well.

There is a koha (fee) for use of the land of \$10 per shooter.

E. Richards Shoot

The E. Richards Shoot is to be held on Sunday 27th November at the Sporting Shooters Range on SH 50.

The shoot is shot on the round targets at 100metres.

4 positions and 5 shots per position plus sighters.

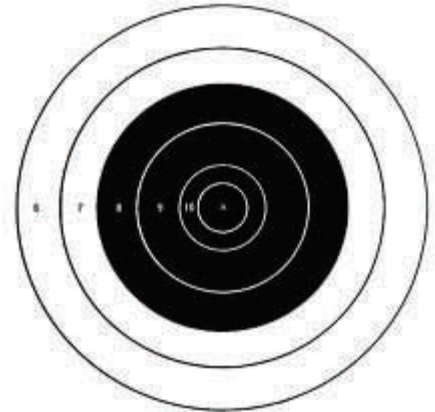
The positions are prone, sitting, kneeling and standing.

Any centre fire rifle can be used with any sights and slings are allowed.

The shoot starts at 10.00am.

There is a \$2.00 per head range fee.

Bring your own food and refreshments.



Kaweka Hunting Liaison Group Meeting



Following on from last months liaison meeting, a few action points were required from the club reps attending. In particular, DOC is wanting our clubs feedback on developing new huts, shelters, camp areas or helipads within the recreational control zones (Ballard and Mangaturutu blocks). The aim is to improve hunter access with the idea of increasing the recreational deer kill. Does anyone in the club want more facilities anywhere in this area?

Is a new helipad in the lower Mangaturutu wanted and where would this designated site be best located?

Does anyone have a preference for or against a dedicated camping area or basic shelter on Spion Kop?

If you don't want any further facilities in these locations, then please also make that known.

On another point from the meeting, Eddie Te Kahika invited volunteers to help check the mustelid trap lines. This would be an easy way to help out for those who already hunt in the trapping areas. DOC will provide a map showing the location of each trap. We just need to walk the line, reset any traps that have been tripped and record anything caught. One new line runs up to Makino Hut, down to Te Puia Lodge and back out to the carpark. This is a nice hike for anyone interested. DOC aim to run these lines once every 2-4 weeks. Also as mentioned in last months newsletter, some new volunteers to help the existing ones with the annual 'deer pellet (shit) counts' would be welcomed for next January's survey work.

Your feedback on these issues should be directed to either Angus or Dustin or to one of our elected executives on committee.

Looking forward to sharing your thoughts on these matters,

Cheers everyone, Dustin Murdock

Pesticide Summary

The Nov. 2011 to Feb. 2012 Pesticide Summary for the Wellington/HB Conservancy is now available from the Department of Conservation website. It includes a link to the pesticide summary document and a link to a map for each individual operation listed in the document.

www.doc.govt.nz



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Q: What do you call a Frenchman holding a bottle of champagne after the Rugby World Cup Final?



A: Waiter.

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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.

Taupo NZDA Prize Shoot

Saturday 5th Nov. at Jack Dillon Memorial Range, Mountain Rd, Taupo.

MAF Biosecurity NZ

Import health standard for ornamental products of animal origin.

Roydhouse Pest Control

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

NZDA AHT Competition

2011 Trophy Record Book Certificates & Medals.

Doc Permit Information

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

huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:44/apply
(first time applicants)

[huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:444/ search](http://huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:444/search)
(renew permits)

If you want to hunt with a dog you have to go into a DOC office as they can't do this online yet!

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Club Rifle Range Questionnaire

Recently a lot of our time at committee meetings has been used discussing our options for developing a range facility for our membership to use- we need to know what our members want!!

We Need Your Help!!

Please could you take the time to answer the following 4 questions:

- 1) If the club had a range facility would you use it? Yes or No
- 2) If you wouldn't use a club range, would you still support its development for the benefit of our other members and the future enhancement of the club membership? Yes or No.
- 3) If you would use a club rifle range, what sort of facility would you like to have?
 - a) A single lane 100metre underground range located on our club grounds and suitable for rifle sighting in and load development work only. Access to use only restricted by our own membership and the consent conditions imposed on its development.

OR

- b) A multi-laned open ground style range located at a site suitable for competitions and a number of users at the same time. This option will require pooling resources with other clubs and people to build it and run it. Therefore, our access would be limited by the roster times and dates that were allocated to us.
- 4) Is a 100metre range sufficient or is a longer range required to fulfill our needs? Yes or No.

Please hand in your answers (they can be anonymous) numbered 1-4 stating Yes or No and the preferred range facility choice (a or b) at the next club night or send by email to hastings_nzda@xtra.co.nz

Rusa Hunting, the way it use to be! By Neil MacLean

I was sorting out some boxes of odds and ends the other day and came across some photo's from a club trip 25 to 30 years back. Most of those in the photo's are still club members and while I know who they all are, I thought it might be interesting to see if any of the newer club members could identify them and let those involved on this trip have a laugh too!

A bit of target practice is always helpful before a hunt. I believe this 'range' is in the Rangitaiki Tavern. Who are these young whippersnappers? Surely one of them is under age!



A good strong hunting vehicle is essential to any hunting trip. I am pleased to see that the boys are obviously keeping well hydrated. Recognise any of them?



Take a closer look at the brains trust in the back seat. Do you recognise them all now?



Obviously good nutrition is important on any hunting trip and I am glad to see this has been well catered for here. I am also pleased to see that some of the dead marines have been recycled, quite advanced thinking for the eighties don't you think? There are absolutely no prizes for identifying the ginga in the picture, but who's the other one?

Well that's it, a blast from the past. From memory the local deer population was largely undisturbed but many were shot and reshot in a local public bar.

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