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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Well it has sure been nice to see some settled weather for a change. I was just up on the Kiwi Saddle for the last few nights and it was truly glorious. I don't know why I had never been up there before but I think I will do that climb a few more times in future. We had views all the way up the Manson across to the Cameron and even Ruapehu. The stags were not exactly cooperative though with some rather half-hearted mews and hee-haws in the morning and evening, only to shut up shop by 8:30 each morning. Frustrating. Or maybe it was my lame roars that just put them off!

By the time you get this we will have had our club hunting competition so hopefully we will have a bit more bone to show as we will be out of luck with my efforts this roar.

The 20th of this month was the cut off date for submissions on the Game Animal Council draft bill. It has gone before Parliament for its first reading but has crossed many hands to get there. In doing so it was re-hashed so much that it read considerably differently to what the original document was. It is hard to understand why, considering the homework that was done by the establishment committee, at the government's request. Anyway I have both made a personal submission as well as a submission on behalf of the club, to request that the document is put back to what was originally agreed on for its second reading. I have also done one opposing the Aerial Assisted Trophy Hunting (AATH). This one pisses me off a fair bit, putting marginal additional revenue over and above the rights of every kiwi.

This coming club night will also be our AGM. As part of this we will also plan to put to the club the progress we have made with the formation of a sighting-in range and have your feedback as to how we want to progress. This will be a major project bigger than anything we have done in the past by a considerable margin. In order to make this happen we really need your input, as it cannot be achieved through committee alone.

Anyway I'm keen to once again see the insides of my eyelids but this time not in a clammy old sleeping bag. Hope to see most of you at the competition and if not there, the next club night will do.

Hot barrels James

Events Calendar May 2012

Club Night

Hastings Branch AGM

Wed 2nd 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.

Junior Swazi Shoot

Sun 6th May.

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Committee Meeting

Wed 23rd May 7.30pm.

Up Coming Events May/June/July

Hastings AHT Comp. & HB Inter-Branch Comp. and HB Inter-Branch Prizegiving

Full details in Mays newsletter.

EDITORS CORNER

TRUST EVERYONE HAD A GOOD RELAXING ANZAC DAY AND IT IS ALSO A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED FIGHTING FOR OUR COUNTRY.

OUR ANNUAL HUNT COMPETITION WAS RECENTLY HELD ON THIS DAY AND WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH 27 SENIOR AND 9 JUNIOR ENTRIES WITH AN ESTIMATED 60 STRONG CROWD THERE ALL UP. NOT ALL HAD SPOILS TO SHOW OFF BUT EVERYONE ENTERED WAS IN THE DRAW FOR A SPOT PRIZE AS WELL, WITH MANY WALKING AWAY WITH ONE.

REMEMBER THAT THE JUNIOR SWAZI SHOOT IS ON SUNDAY MAY 6TH SO MAKE SURE YOU GET THOSE JUNIORS ALONG ON THE DAY!

WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH - **GARTH ROBERTSON & OLIVER LEICESTER**. MAKE SURE YOU HELP THESE GUYS FEEL WELCOME. OUR CLUB NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY MAY 2ND IS OUR AGM SO PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT TO COME ALONG AND IF YOU CAN HELP OUT IN SOME CAPACITY PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND UP - THE MORE THE MERRIER AS IT TAKES THE LOAD OFF THE FEW WHO SEEM TO DO ALOT OF THE WORK.

WE NEED STORIES, ARTICLES AND JOKES AND REMEMBER THAT YOUR STORY WILL GO IN THE DRAW FOR NEXT YEARS SPONSORED FLY-IN TRIP WITH SPONSOR - HAMILLS. MAKE SURE YOU SUPPORT ALL OUR SPONSORS.

NZDA Annual Conference

75th Anniversary from 1937—2012.

July 13-15th Masterton.

Entries close June 22nd.

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2 Hastings Annual Hunt Competition Results

Many thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the day a great success. Please support the contributing sponsors!! Around 60 people attended. We had 27 senior and 9 junior entries with plenty of spot prizes to be had by all.

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Best Sika Stag Antler	1st	Rodney Knight
	2nd	Stephen Shaw
	3rd	Dustin Murdock
	Highly Commended	Jonty Morris
Best Red Stag Antler	1st	Issak Te Kahika
	2nd	Michael Ingpen
	3rd	Brad Pinker
	Highly Commended	Johnson Chittick
Heaviest Sika Hind Quarters	1st	Peter Montaperto (22kg)
	2nd	Toby Single (20kg)
Heaviest Red Hind Quarters	1st	Issak Te Kahika (40kg)
	2nd	Johnson Chittick (33kg)
	3rd	Leigh Montaperto (16kg)
Senior Fly-in Spot Prize Winner		Grant Richards
Junior Heaviest Hare	1st	Jonty Morris (3.5kg)
	2nd=	Isabella Morris (3kg)
	=	James Richards (3kg)
	3rd	Luke Richards (2.5kg)
Junior Heaviest Rabbit	1st	Lisa Simonsen (1.1kg)
Junior Fishing Charter Trip Winner		Lisa Simonsen



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'Just Kidding'

Two guys were out hunting, but they weren't getting any ducks. "What do you think the problem is?" one man asked his companion. "I dunno," came the reply, "Maybe we aren't throwing the dog up high enough!!"

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DOC Update

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION NOW HAS A NEW RECREATIONAL HUNTING PERMIT FOR SMALL GAME ANIMALS.

The new permit is for small unprotected game animals on public conservation land (PCL). It includes small unprotected game animals such as Canada geese, feral geese, hares and rabbits.

"The new permits replace earlier versions and restricts the hunting of unprotected game to specific areas and times," says DOC National Hunting Advisor Ian Cooksley.

REMINDER NOT TO SPOTLIGHT DURING THE ROAR HUNTING SEASON.

With the start of the 'roar' deer hunting season, the Department of Conservation is reminding hunters spotlighting is not allowed on public conservation land - it is illegal and endangers others.

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DOC Hawkes Bay

Latest movements of our collared stag. Full details once collar is retrieved.

Roydhouse Pest Control

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

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

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Information on personal location beacons, order forms and specifications.

Roydhouse Pest Control

Notice of Feratox poison program in Mohaka Buffer area from 9/1/12 - 30/6/12.

HBRC 2012 1080 Baiting

Update on East Coast (HB Region) Animal Health Board Winter 2012 1080 Aerial Baiting programme.

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 have a dog you must go to office.

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Heli-hunting correspondence with submissions due and letters from Peter Dunne regarding Game Animal Council and its updates.

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Wilkinson Junior Shoot

The Swazi Sponsored Junior Shoot is to be held on Sunday 6th May at 121 Shanley Road, Okawa.

It starts at 10.00am and is for Rim Fire at 75m only.

The targets are deer silhouettes.

There is no charge but bring your own refreshments.

Any queries contact Neil MacLean on 8743018.



AGM

Our AGM is going to be held on Wednesday 2nd May 2012. We are always looking for motivated and committed people who are going to turn up to meetings on a regular basis and have constructive, good ideas to bring to the table. If this sounds like you we invite you to put your hand up for a position on committee. The meeting starts at 8.00pm and there will also be a special meeting as well on the Sighting in Range and its developments so far. See you all there!!!

Every year I have shotguns brought into our store with cycling issues or as we call it in NZ, jamming! The majority of these shotguns are usually choked full of carbon and powder residue, the general cause of the shotgun malfunctioning. After I have given them a thorough clean, they go away working fine again. Lack of cleaning is often the main cause of malfunctions. Luckily this is something you can do! What follows are the keys steps I take to keep shotguns in working order throughout the season.



Disassembly & Cleaning

One of the better products on the market is a Remington product called 'Shotgun cleaner.' It's a degreaser and it removes dirt really easily (make sure you go outside or at least in the shed when using this product).

Step 1. Remove your magazine or forend cap and barrel from your receiver. Make sure you take note if your shotgun has a removable O-ring. Don't lose this, it is extremely important. If you do, don't worry



we sell them. Some manufacturers have put their O-ring inside the barrel collar so you can't lose it. Check it's not broken then clean it if needed. If you have shot a few rounds off, your magazine tube should be black and dirty and will need cleaning. This is where my favourite product comes in - blast it with Remington Shotgun Cleaner! (Photo A)



2. After the cleaner has evaporated it is time to look at your piston and or gas rings. It is vital that your piston can slide up and down without too much friction. An old toothbrush is good to work in those hard to reach places. (B)



3. Next is your barrel collar where your gas ports are. Make sure these are not blocked. I use a small piece of wire to clean these out if blocked. (C)
4. Now the action return spring. These can be located in different areas depending on gun make, some are in the butt stock and



some are behind the action bars or piston. If it is on the magazine tube then you have already cleaned it, if not some tools are required. If you don't feel confident to strip

your shotgun we offer a semi auto service from \$25.00 - If you're confident then here goes.... Remove the recoil pad. You will now find a nut or retaining screw- undo it. Once you have removed your butt stock the recoil spring tube will now be exposed. Some tubes are screwed into the action and some are pinned. Either way the spring will need to be removed and cleaned. Be extra careful when removing the tube as the return springs are compressed. Once the spring is out blast it with RSC. If it's really dirty you may need to clean the tube out also. (D)

Assembly & Maintenance

The product I prefer to use for oiling/ lubrication is called Rem Oil with Teflon. It's a light oil and it responds well with most steels. Most steel parts will need to be lubricated, especially the parts that have been blasted with RSC.

- Step 1. Lubricate your return spring and safely re install it to your action and re-attach the butt stock and recoil pad.
- 2. Lightly oil the magazine tube. If you over oil, all it will do is collect dirt.
- 3. Re-assemble the rest of your gun. (Be sure you have the parts around the right way - If you don't the shotgun usually won't close so it pays to check- before you are in the maimail)
- 4. Now you have all your parts installed correctly make sure you cycle your action to make sure it's all working fine. (E)



You're finished!! You should now have a nice clean working shotgun!
I hope this has been of help, good luck for the coming season and hot barrels - Jeremy



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