



THE DEERSTALKER

NEWSLETTER OF HASTINGS BRANCH OF THE NZDA INC.

JUNE 2012

ISSUE 6

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Well it's been another great month in the club for me. We have had a good Hastings branch competition and presented some strong entries in our bid to win the Anderson shield, so well done team. A big disappointment was that there were no entries from Tutira due to a bit of a mix up at their end, but I have been advised that they are still in the hunt, and will be hungry for a win next year, so we may be up against two years worth of entries from them then!

Another great milestone has been passed with our membership reaching a total of 100 in the last few weeks. Awesome! We have a bunch of new blood as well as a few returns to the club suggesting we are doing something right! It is also good to see we are getting some fresh faces at committee meetings. Our last one was good with some fresh eyes and ears to work with. I plan to go to NZDA National Conference in July this year. It will be dual hosted by the Wairarapa & Direct Branches in Masterton. This will be my first, and I'm quite keen to have a good look around and meet a few of the faces. We even have a decent head to enter this year (good on ya Jeremy) so we might come away with some silverware for our efforts. Steve and Lynne are also coming, as are Guy TeKahika and Grant Richards. Anyone else is welcome but needs to advise us soon. We will have a few formalities to discuss with the club next meeting regarding remits etc (yawn) to be voted on at Conference but most are fairly simple and should not take too much time. Dustin Murdoch is currently liaising with Daniel Herries of DOC regarding our collared stag. Our stag turned out to have a few quirks, starting off with a dodgy looking antler and finishing with a collar that did not release, I'll leave the rest for Dustin to inform you on!

Thanks goes to those of you who could help out with the firewood working bee. I unfortunately had a crook wife so could not make it but I understand we had a fair few hands up. I was able to gather a few apple bins from Mr Apple HB so thanks to them for their generous offering. I have been advised we have sold a few bins to make a start on our "project fund". Nothing has been set in stone as far as what our first project will be yet but we can't do anything without generating the money!

I am currently trying to get the club text phone a bit more useful for bulk club messaging. It currently is expensive and limited in the ability to send multiple bulk texts. I was hoping we could get more for less and keep everyone more informed. I hope to have a pad available at our next meeting so we can get those of you, who are not currently receiving the text messages into our database.

If you look on the back of your newsletter you will see every month there is a short story written by one of our members. It does not have to be about blood, guts or gore, but if you do have a good story to tell don't be shy. For our new members this would be a great way to introduce yourselves to the other club members in one hit. Get it in to Lynne and once published you go into the draw for 1 chance in 12 to win a chopper trip. That's way better odds than Lotto ever will be!

Congratulations go out to Jarrad Whittaker, Dustin Murdoch and Angus Richards with their recent family additions. More little deerstalkers. Hot barrels James

EDITORS CORNER

WE RECENTLY HELD THE HASTINGS CLUB AHT AND PHOTO COMPETITION. THERE WAS A GREAT TURNOUT OF HEADS AND PHOTOS. THE FULL RESULTS ARE ON THE INSERT PAGE. WE ALSO HAD THE HAWKES BAY COMPETITION WHICH IS ALWAYS A GOOD CHANCE FOR A BIT OF FRIENDLY RIVALRY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, TUTIRA WERE ABSENT THIS YEAR. THE PRIZEGIVING IS ON THE 28TH JULY AT THE NAPIER CLUB AND WE ENCOURAGE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS INTER-BRANCH COMPETITION. WE WELCOME ONE NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH - **TOM ALLAN**. WE ALWAYS NEED STORIES, ARTICLES AND HUNTING RELATED JOKES. STORIES GO IN THE DRAW FOR A FLY-IN TRIP SPONSORED BY HAMILLS.

Events Calendar July 2012

Club Night

Wed 4th July at 8.00pm.

Committee Meeting

Wed 18th July 8.00pm.

HB Inter-Branch

Prizegiving

Saturday 28th July.

Details page 2.

NZDA Annual Conference

75th Anniversary from 1937—2012.

July 13-15th Masterton.

Up Coming Events

Club Rusa Hunt

In early August at Galatea.

Details in Julys newsletter.

Hastings Club Prizegiving and Dinner

September - date to be confirmed and details advised.

Tataraakina Club Trip

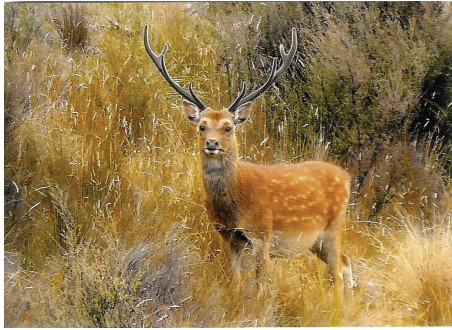
14th, 15th & 16th September - dates to be confirmed.

E. Richards Shoot – October

Details to be confirmed.

DISCLAIMER – AS THE CONTENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER HAVE COME FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, THE OPINIONS OR IDEAS EXPRESSED ARE NOT NECESSARILY ENDORSED BY OUR EXECUTIVE OR BY NATIONALS, NOR MAY THEY CONFORM TO BRANCH OR NATIONAL POLICY.

Hastings Photo Competition Winners



Dream Stag- Glenn Morris



Oyster Catcher - Stephen Shaw



Kelp Seal-Stephen Shaw



NZ Fern-Jeremy Hanaray



Hungry-Isabella Morris



BR Track & Dog-Glenn Morris



Time to Hunt-Glenn Morris

Sika Tracking, KMB & other Info from DOC by *Dustin Murdock*

- I've talked with Dan Herries a few times over the last month. Here's the latest:
- Our stag has been recovered - because the collar didn't fall off, Dan went out with the helicopter and recovered the collar with the deer's head.
 - That was the good news, unfortunately the collar contained no data (of all the collared stags only 2 contained no data - bummer)
 - Instead we will receive the data from one of the DOC sponsored stags - not ideal, but a good compromise given the situation!
 - Dan is working on a package of images and data about our stag. The info will be circulated within the club in the next few months when it's ready.
 - Dan is planning to give a presentation to the club about the tracking program and our stag's data at the September meeting.
 - This year is also the 10-year review of the Kaweka Mountain Beech program which includes a vegetation study and the development of an updated plan for management of the Kawekas for the next 10 years based on the study results, input from hunter liaison reps and formal submissions on the program.
 - There are also several opportunities to assist DOC with their management of the Park. Check & reset the Makino stoat traplines when hunting in that area or Volunteer to help with the annual FPI (deer pellet counts) work which takes place at the end of January. On occasions hut maintenance work comes up as well and those able to help on any of these initiatives do need to become involved.

209 St Aubyn St East
Hastings 06 8787700



'Just Kidding'

**What is the difference
between a hunter and
a fisherman?**

**The hunter lies in wait
and the fisherman
waits and lies!!!**

Stichbury Automotive Care
Professionalism with Knowledge

HB Interbranch Prizegiving/Dinner

Sat 28th July held at the Napier NZDA Clubrooms— 29 Thorn Place, Napier. All welcome!!!
Doors open 5.30pm, meal at 6.30pm and at 7.30pm the prizegiving starts.
\$15—\$20 entry fee to cover meal (to be confirmed). Kids under 10 years old are \$10. Menu is a hangi.
Bar will be open - beer, wine and fizzy.
Make sure you get along to support our inter-branch competition and have a great night. See you all there!!
Bring extra cash for raffles!!

Contact - John Bakes 8446749



**Congratulations to
the following club
members on their
new arrivals:**

**Dustin Murdock and his partner
Andrea welcome a son - Max.**

**Angus Richards and his wife
Lauren welcome a son - Daniel.**

**Jarrad Whittaker & his wife
welcome a new daughter.**

**'Recall for all Hastings Cups
and Trophies' - please leave
them at the club or give them to
Guy Te Kahika 8799598.**

**On Our Notice Board
& Website Blog at**
www.nzdahastings.org.nz

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

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

ECOFX - 1080 POSSUM CONTROL OPERATION: WILLOWFLAT AERIAL
Info. & map on aerial poisoning drop from 30 May to 30 July.

EPRO - 1080 DROP IN THE MAKARORO-NGARURORO AREA
From June 18 until complete.

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

RUNNING BOAR NATS - TOKOROA SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX, NEWELL ROAD
Sat June 30th & Sun July 1st. \$27 pp.
Contact Malcolm Perry on 07 3784473.

Firewood Prices
(Pick-Up Only)
Top Grade Hardwoods
-Gum, Wattle or Oak
\$75 per bin or \$350 per cord

Top Grade Softwoods
-Mac, Old Man Pine, Cypress
\$65 per bin or \$300 per cord

Phone Lynne 06 8775275
to order and organise pick-up

EAST KAWEKA HELICOPTERS LIMITED



All Enquiries Welcome - Competitive Rates - Enthusiastic Service
HUNTERS * TRAMPERS * FISHERMEN * KAYAKERS * SCENICFLIGHTS
--YOUR EASTERN ACCESS TO THE KAWEKA RANGES--
CHRIS CROSSE Ph: (06) 839 8693 or 027 2269303
Hangar: 99 Hukanui Rd, PUKETITIRI. **Email:** cgcrosse@xtra.co.nz

All Enquiries Welcome - Competitive Rates - Enthusiastic Service



Obituary - Jack Wire

Jack was known to our older and not so old members as a Gunsmith and Hunter extraordinaire.

He was always there to sort out a problem with their rifle or shotgun with great enthusiasm.

Jacks many hunting exploits are well known especially in the field of helping young hunters to get into the hills and enjoy camp and hut life and shoot a deer.

He was an honorary member of the Hastings Deer Stalkers club and his legacy will remain for many years to come.

Graeme G. Withey



The Hastings Club would also like to mention the passing away recently of an ex-member Kerry Gibbs. His funeral was held at the club rooms with many of our members attending. Our condolences to the Gibbs family at this time.



Well, as usual the anticipation of roaring stags and big heads leading up to the roar was rife. As it turned out I managed to take a few stags in tight close situations but they were lacking in size on tops and one even lacked one antler, even so the excitement of the stalk was rewarding.

That excitement was carried on this year half way through the roar when we took my daughter Rosie's boyfriend Daniel out for a chance to shoot his first deer.

Dan and Rosie had not long acquired their firearms licences and had done a few trips to the bush to no avail apart from carting in gear and food to stock up for future trips.

Dan was to use my Remington 270 which he had put a few rounds through a week or so before and managed to hit the target, so we had high hopes that under pressure he would do the job. My brother Paul thought he would join in on the expedition so we decided on a likely spot for Dan to be successful and made a plan.

Saturday morning we were up early and headed to our destination. Arriving at the carpark before day break, the morning was still and the sky clear. We headed off and about an hour later we reached a rocky outcrop which gave us a good view of a large slip which flowed down a gully out into a bush clad valley.

Here we dropped our day packs and let out a Red roar. Instantly I saw movement across the gully as a Red spiker took 2 or 3 steps then stopped in a gap between the bushes about 180metres away. I let the boys know and Dan looked down my arm in the right direction to pick it out. We had time to set Dan up using one of the day packs on the rock outcrop as a lean. I said "You reckon you can hit it?", and Dan's reply was "Yep". I said "go on then" with my rifle lined up for back up, which was not necessary as it turned out. 'Crack' a good hit. And down it went and over a drop off and out of sight.

There was hand shakes and ye-ha's all round.

Half an hour later and a bit of negotiating we were looking up from the bottom of the slip at the deer 50metres above us. We made our way to it for photos and more hand

shakes. Hind quarters, back steaks and front shoulders packed into our day packs we headed for home with one very excited happy new comer to the sport.

A very memorable and rewarding trip for all!!



Committee Officers

Patron.....	Max Motley	
President.....	James Guilford	876 5334
Vice President.....	Malcolm Ingpen	878 7795
Treasurer.....	Neil MacLean	874 3018
Secretary.....	Stephen Shaw	877 5275
Newsletter Editor..	Lynne Ellingham	877 5275

Hall Contacts

Hall Bookings.....	Guy Te Kahika	879 9598
Groundsman.....	Grant Richards	878 4467
Trophy Custodian...	Graeme Withey	878 6161
Hall Caretaker.....	Brian Salisbury	0212135027

Hastings Deerstalkers Branch Clubrooms

1534 Maraekakaho Road, Bridge Pa,
PO Box 2155, Stortford Lodge, Hastings

Phone:(06) 879 9396

email: hastings_nzda@xtra.co.nz

www.nzdahastings.org.nz



**'The Fishing
& Hunting
Specialists'**

106 Nelson Street South, Hastings 8787177 www.hamillsnz.co.nz