



# THE DEERSTALKER

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all. Well here I am (as per usual) rushing out an email to Lynne except this time I am sitting on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Man it's an awesome place down here. Looking up at those hills is a terrible thing when you are stuck on the ground servicing machinery only imagining the beasts roaming the hills around you. Each and every time I can get outside it is further rubbed in by the fact I am working next door to the airport and get to see the swarms of helicopters coming and going into Fiordland. Maybe next time!

The cooler seasons are certainly coming and we all will be starting to (if not for the last 11 months) think about those roaring stags. I hope you have had a chance to get some good reconnaissance for a few pads and wallows as I don't think the weather gods are going to be smiling for much longer. The crap summer certainly may make things a little different this year. Animals in general appear to have fared very well and should be good and fat. Hopefully the stags will be bristling for a bit more confrontation this year and respond well to our roars!

General committee has very little to add from the last time we met, and it was a bit embarrassing but I think that most of us (if not all) got our wires crossed last meeting (including myself) so no meeting was held to the best of my knowledge.

I do know though that the Annual Hunt has been sorted and that tickets are now available at both Hamills via Jem, Hunting & Fishing Napier and from Guy TeKahika. Get into it guys. It is there for you and typically more walk away with a prize than don't.

I'll keep this brief as I know Lynne will be curing my name about now! As a parting note though, please take a moment to just remember the awesome power you do have in your hands when out hunting. The roar can do funny things to some men. Its not catch and release and once the trigger is pulled there's no going back, so please, identify your target beyond all doubt. At the end of the day it only a deer. They're not going to stop making them and there will be plenty more round the next corner. Hot barrels James

## SECRETARY & EDITORS CORNER

THE ROAR IS WELL UNDERWAY WITH PLENTY OF NOISE BEING EXCHANGED SO I'VE BEEN TOLD. HOPE YOU CAN ALL FIND PLENTY OF TIME TO GET OUT AND TRY AND NAB A GOOD TROPHY IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO. REMEMBER THAT A GOOD SHOT CAN ALSO BE WITH THE CAMERA OR VIDEO! THE MILD SUMMER HAS DEFINITELY BEEN CONDUCIVE WITH FAT ANIMALS AND GREAT LOOKING HEADS OUT THERE. THE WILKINSON SHOOT WENT WELL WITH A GOOD DAY HAD BY ALL BUT WE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE JUNIOR SWAZI SHOOT UNTIL SUINDAY MAY 6TH SO MAKE SURE YOU GET THOSE JUNIORS ALONG ON THE DAY!

WE WELCOME SIX NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH - HAYDEN DURRANT, FINN DURRANT, ROBERT FERBAR, RACHEL FERBAR, DUNCAN BRADLEY AND GARRY GRANT. MAKE SURE YOU HELP THESE GUYS & GALS FEEL WELCOME. WE ALSO HAVE MIKE CAMERON FROM RESCUE BEACON HIRE COMING TO THE NEXT CLUB NIGHT TALKING ABOUT THE BEACONS AND THE HIRE/BUY OPTIONS. WE NEED STORIES, ARTICLES AND JOKES AND REMEMBER THAT YOUR STORY WILL GO IN THE DRAW FOR NEXT YEARS SPONSORED FLY-IN TRIP WITH NEW SPONSOR - HAMILLS. THE DRAW FOR THIS PAST YEARS WINNER WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT CLUB NIGHT ON 4TH APRIL AND I WILL SEE YOU ALL THERE!

## Events Calendar March/April 2012

### Duck Shooters Blokes Night

Thursday 29th March  
from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.  
Poukawa School Hall -  
tickets \$20. For more  
info. ph. 8748880.

### Club Night

Wed 4th April at 8.00pm.  
*Guest Speaker -*  
Mike Cameron from  
Rescue Beacon Hire.  
Beacon information  
about hireage and the  
purchase of them.

### Annual Hunt Comp.

Started March 10th  
through to April 25th.

### Duck Shooters Clay Bird Circuit

Sunday 15th April.  
More info. ph. 8359016

### Committee Meeting

Wed 18th April 7.30pm.

### Up Coming Events

**AGM**-Wed 2nd May -also  
special meeting about  
sighting in range.

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## Wilkinson Shoots & HB Challenge Postal Shoot Results

The Hastings Branch's Wilkinson and HB Challenge national postal shoots were held on **Sunday March 11th** at the Ben Lomond Range, SH 50 Maraekakaho. The results are as follows:

### **Wilkinson Senior - Centre Fire at 100m**

<b>1st</b> Rob Underwood	123.9
<b>2nd</b> Leigh Montaperto	106.1
<b>3rd</b> Wayne Martin	101.8
Tom Young	99.4
Paul Montaperto	94.2
Peter Montaperto	71.1
Hector Crawford-Flett	49.2

### **Wilkinson Junior Postal Shoot - Rim Fire at 75m**

**1st** Jason Jarret - 29

### **Junior Under 10 Years Old - Starter Shoot**

**1st** Finn Durrant - 36



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4WD CENTRE



'Just Kidding'

**What do you call  
a large 8 pointer  
Sika stag standing  
in the cross hairs  
of your rifle?**

**DEAD!!!**

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### **The Hastings Branch Annual Hunt Competition**

We have made a few changes to the annual hunt competition categories. There is now deer entries only except for hare/ rabbit & possums for the kids of course. The entry forms are in at Hamills Hastings and Guns & Tackle Hunting & Fishing Napier. The \$30 fee must be paid by 5.00pm Mon 23rd April. This years competition has some good sponsorship that is providing \$1000's in prizes. Two major "Spot Prizes" up for grabs from - **Guns & Tackle, Napier's Hunting & Fishing Store** for 1 lucky participating under 15yr old junior & their parent/caregiver. It's a fishing trip with "Wooly" on his charter boat. The other is a fly-in trip with **East Kaweka Helicopters** up to \$350 for seniors. Make sure you bring all the family along to enjoy the day & BBQ.

#### **Important Notice!**

**Please make sure that you have paid your annual NZDA membership fees, if you haven't, do it now before you go hunting, or your comp. entries won't be valid !!!**

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

[www.nzdahastings.org.nz](http://www.nzdahastings.org.nz)

**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

**Southland Locater  
Beacons Limited**

Information on hireage and specifications.

**Mobile Systems Limited**

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](http://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.

**HBRC - Didymo**

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**NZDA**

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 re-scheduled 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!!!

It was one of those nice calm evenings, so my mate and I headed off to the Kawekas again. After about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour drive we arrived at our usual spot and started hunting. It wasn't long before we spotted a deer feeding back through the trees, so I steadied myself and fired. My mate reckoned I missed and felt a bit unsure of the shot because the deer hadn't fallen on the spot.

We headed over to where it had gone, about 100 yards from where I had fired. There she was, a nice Jap hind. After a bit of discussion, I noticed her stomach moving, so I quickly cut her open, not having a clue what I was doing, and removed a hind fawn from her belly. I tried what I assumed you should do to bring her to life, but thought I was unsuccessful. I carried on dressing out the hind. After a short time I turned to look at the fawn and thought I saw it breathe, so I picked it up again, rubbed it's nose and shook it around a bit. Next thing it coughed and stood up. I couldn't believe my eyes.

We carried the carcass out to the ute and then went back for the fawn. I dried her off and headed down the road with her on my knee. We drove around the first corner and a mob of pigs ran across the road, but I couldn't get a shot with the fawn on my knee.

While driving home, I rang Carla and got her to organise some milk powder from one of our neighbours. When I arrived home we mixed a small bottle and the fawn started drinking, and hasn't stopped. She is now about 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  months old and very much part of the family. We named the fawn Wolf for her strong will to survive.



#### **Committee Officers**

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