



# THE DEERSTALKER

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Hunting has been a bit quiet locally from what I have heard, but this is pretty typical with duck shooting starting up and the tail end of the roar leaving only a few of us with any brownie points left. Myself, I have been putting together a new rifle in my spare time. This is the first proper custom build I have tried and it sure is a patience game. It is showing heaps of promise though and should be a really versatile gun.

As you should be aware, it was our AGM last month. I was happy to once again toss my hat in the ring, as were the rest of last years executive, so thanks for letting me be your president once again. It's a privilege I do enjoy (most of the time!). I would also like to thank Wild Game Salamis for providing a wonderful salami for us to sample on the night. We continue to see more new faces at each club night and I think this reflects the improvement in service that our branch is offering our members. There were a few more with their hands up to be involved at committee as well, thanks guys. At the last committee meeting we had a few ideas bounced around considering our current financial reports. We certainly are not heading in the same direction as Greece, but we do still need to be careful with our running expenses and expenditure.

The onsite rifle range has now been put to rest as it was just too far outside of our financial abilities at present. We will continue though to pursue other possible avenues where we can either piggy back onto another organisation or have the use of any future public facility. I still believe that a range should be an integral part to our club.

We are very keen to raise a pool of funds so the club can undertake similar type projects at some stage in the future, so, Steve Shaw has kindly donated some dry logs to the club as well as the use of his yard to process these to kick start this process. We are going to be running a working bee to get the logs cut up and split into firewood in mid June. All money from sales will go into a club project fund. There will be a few cord of good dry wood made so those of you with fires at home may be keen to get your hands on it first. We also need to continue the trend of increasing our membership, so your committee intends to look into the HUNTS course program that is offered through the NZDA and the possibility of us running them regularly here. These are really well rounded courses that may attract quite a few more new members into our fold. The projects fund may be used to help with these sorts of initiatives.

It is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for NZDA this coming AGM in July and will be in Masterton.

Considering the close location if anyone wishes to attend please do get in touch as we need to advise national of our numbers attending. I plan to go, as does Steve and Lynne. Steve has also indicated that he would like to put his hand up for the National Vice President position that is currently vacant. We would need to nominate Steve from the floor @ the AGM (as we missed the closing for nominations) and it needs to be an approved nomination from the branch, so I'll give you all a heads up for next club meeting so we can formally consider his nomination.

Hot barrels James

## EDITORS CORNER

OUR WILKINSON JUNIOR SHOOT COMPETITION WAS RECENTLY HELD AND WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH 10 JUNIORS TURNING UP. A GREAT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL WITH ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY CATERED FOR. FULL RESULTS ARE ON PAGE 2. WE WELCOME ONE NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH - **BRENT FLYNN**.

AT OUR CLUB NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 6TH WE WILL HAVE SOME FURTHER DETAILS ON OUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS AND NEED MEMBERS' HELP. IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS LET US KNOW. **ALL** PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE CLUB.

WE ALWAYS NEED STORIES, ARTICLES AND JOKES AND REMEMBER THAT YOUR STORY WILL GO IN THE DRAW FOR NEXT YEARS FLY-IN TRIPSPONSORED BY HAMILLS HB. MAKE SURE YOU SUPPORT ALL OUR CLUB SPONSORS.

## Events Calendar June 2012

### Club Night

Wed 6th June at 8.00pm.

### Hastings AHT Comp. & HB Inter-Branch Comp.

Sat 9th & Sun 10th June.

### Firewood Fund Raiser

Sun 17th June, 8.00am  
@ 240 St. Georges Rd.  
Nth. Sales on the day  
will be available.

### Committee Meeting

Wed 20th June 7.30pm.

Agenda; Continue to develop fund raising ideas, Review our Hall Hire & current revenue stream + examine the NZDA HUNTS course program & the assistance needed to get one started here.

### Up Coming Events

### **HB Inter-Branch Prizegiving**

Saturday 28th July - full details next newsletter.

### **NZDA Annual Conference**

75th Anniversary from 1937—2012.

July 13-15th Masterton.  
Conference Registration closes June 29th.

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## Wilkinson Junior Shoot Competition



### Results:

Position Shoot. Prone, sitting and standing. Deer target 50M

First	Maria Montaperto	64.4
Second	Jason Jarret	49.1
Third =	James Richards	36.3
Third =	Samantha Tait	36.3
Fourth	Bella Montaperto	27
Fifth	Liam Cauldicut	27

Special Junior Shoot - All shots prone with rest

First	Megan Tait	70.8
Second	Jack Tait	64.4
Third	Luke Richards	56.2
Fourth	Vahari Libeau	52.2

Neil apologises for calculating wrong on the comp. day and getting first & second places mixed up. Maria also needs to be mentioned not only for her first placing but for also giving up her prize as there were only 3 prizes to give out. Swazi acknowledged this and sent her a replacement.



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### Hastings Deerstalkers Branch Competition

**There is plenty of time to  
get your entries in!**

**Saturday 9th June 2012**

**Judging will start from**

**10.00am to 2.30pm**

at Hastings Deerstalkers  
Clubrooms  
1534 Maraekakaho Road,  
Hastings.

**Your entries can either  
be lodged at the Hastings  
Deerstalkers Clubrooms  
on Friday 8th June  
between 7.00pm &  
9.00pm or from 9.00am  
on the Saturday morning.**

**All entries must be  
lodged no later than  
11.30am on Saturday 9th  
June.**

**(An entry form is inside  
this newsletter)**

Suitable entries will  
automatically be entered  
into the HB Inter-Branch  
Comp. held on Sunday  
10th June at the Napier  
Deerstalkers Clubrooms.

**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 Forest on Napier/Taihape Rd from 1/10/11 - 30/9/12

**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.

**NZDA**

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

**EcoFX - 2012 Possum Control Operation: Willowflat Aerial**

Info. & map on aerial poisoning drop from 30 May to 30 July.

**Running Game/Running Boar Nationals - Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Newell Road**

Sat June 30th & Sun July 1st. \$27 pp. Contact Malcolm Perry 07 3784473.

**Firewood Prices**

**(Pick-Up Only)**

***Top Grade Hardwoods***

-Gum, Wattle & Oak

\$75 per bin or \$350 per cord

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**240 St Georges Road North  
Sunday 17th June from 8.00am**

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**Hastings Branch AGM 2012**

**Appointed Officials**

- ★ Club Patron Max Motley
- ★ President James Guilford
- ★ Vice President Malcolm Ingpen
- ★ Treasurer Neil MacLean
- ★ Secretary Stephen Shaw
- ★ Newsletter Editor Lynne Ellingham
- ★ General Committee Wayne Martin, Hamish Tait, Hector Crawford-Flett, Brad Pinker, Angus Richards, Guy Te Kahika, Jeremy Hanaray, Brent Flynn, Grant Hughes, Shane Libeau, Brian Salisbury, Dustin Murdock

**Hall Sub-Committee**

- ★ Hall Caretaker Brian Salisbury
- ★ Grounds Keeper Grant Richards
- ★ Bookings Guy Te Kahika, Grant Richards
- ★ Bartender Hector Crawford-Flett

**Competition Officials**

- ★ Head Judges Grant Richards, Guy Te Kahika
- ★ AH&T Judges Angus Richards, Stephen Shaw
- ★ & Scribes Paul Montaperto, Rob Underwood
- ★ Photo Judges Leigh Montaperto, Mal Ingpen

**Club Representatives**

- ★ SAR Co-Ordinators Hamish Tait, Rob Wallace
- ★ DOC Fire Team Leader Guy Te Kahika
- ★ Trophy Custodian Graeme Withey
- ★ Hunting Trip Co-Ordinator Mal Ingpen



## Night Shoot

by Wayne Martin

One Friday lunchtime we loaded our gear and rifles and with 4-wheeler in tow myself and my friend Carsen were heading for Omahaki Station. We were aiming to get some meat for the freezer. We called into the farm homestead and borrowed another 4-wheeler and then to the shearers quarters to unload our gear. I took my .270 and bino's and Carsen took his .22 and spotlight for some rabbits and headed out the back of the farm on the bikes. After glassing several good looking basins until dark we headed back through the paddocks spotlighting and shooting rabbits and hares. After 15 rabbits, 3 hares and 1 possum we were almost back at the quarters when Carsen spotted the outline of a deer in a side paddock. We carried on further down the track to a gate then raced back through the paddock then Carsen flicked on the light and found a hind standing between the Manuka. A quick shot at 80metres in the neck with the .270 and that was the meat for the night. A quick meal and a few beers finished a great day. The next morning we went for a stalk through some bush gullys, some deer and pig sign but no animals so that afternoon we found a high grassy knob to sit on where we could glass the bush line for animals. Half an hour before dark I looked across at some paddocks well away from the bush edge when a stag appeared out of a small gully, then 3 hinds and a second stag. I fired my .270 but misjudged the distance and hit the stag low in the chest, the other deer bolted and the wounded stag trotted towards the gully, two more shots and still low. I then lost sight of him, fortunately Carsen who is a lot taller than me could see it had stopped side on so I passed him the Tikka and he drilled it in the shoulder and down it went. We grabbed the bike and raced over and gutted him in the dark.

It took a huge effort to get the stag onto the bike carrier and then back to the camp for a big feed and a cold beer or two. The next morning we skinned and cut the animals into manageable sizes and back to town. We dropped the venison into Inky's chiller and the stag weighed 90kg skinned and gutted.

I think we'll have to do this again soon.



### 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
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