



The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

March Issue 2013:

Next deer hut being done this month: Call Murray Robson if you can help out. More details inside



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter March 2013



Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

Ring coordinators for more information.
Phone numbers listed on inner back page.

Calendar of the Club's regular monthly events:

Committee Meeting	Last Monday of each month
Range Shoots*	3rd Sunday of each month
Socials	4th Wednesday of each month
Party Hunts**	4th Weekend of each month

** Regular Club Hunting & Trophy Shoots. For extra range shoots and 300 metre shoots please refer to Yearly Range Calendar.*

***Some Party Hunts may be on different dates, see programme.*

Our programme for this month:

Party Hunts	Okui Hut, Whirinaki. 22, 23 and 24th March. Grab a paint brush and do some hunting. Contact Murray to register your interest (345 5160).
Socials	Next social, Wednesday 27th March 2013 @ 7:30pm, Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.
Range Shoot	Range itinerary for 2013 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.

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Presidents Report

Hi All

Well its hot and dry to say the least, so if you are venturing out in the woods please take extra care with the brew making. We don't really want to burn up our insurance even if it would make some good clearings after it all!!

So to the last Month or so as some or most of you lot would have seen we have completed the epic road into the range and I must say it does look smart. It's been a long journey for myself and Dennis behind the seen getting all the parties on board but it know shows its worth.

Big Thanks to TW Moore for all their support and help with the roading and earth works.

Had held two working bees and I was really impressed with the folk that rocked up on the two days. You guys were awesome, a couple guys we hadn't meet before even. Pete Graham was instrumental in the fencing detail. I learnt a few tricks off the old dude. Sharron cooked a mean feed as did Murray, missed the cream buns though.

We have even added some 100/200 m berms that Malcolm has been after for some time.

Later in the wet season we will be planting up the new berm so stay tuned for the next big day out!

Still waiting from CNI on the new lease, hope to have some news for the AGM.

Doc Hut work is on the go so read on or contact Murray Robson for dates etc.

We are working a new contact for Range Cert so hopefully this can also be sorted soon.

Had good evening with the Guy from Stoney Creek showing their new range of gear. Looks to be good stuff so go down to our local to check it out.

So don't forget it's the AGM 18th March so hop on down and put your self forward on the committee etc as we are always looking for new guys, yea I know that's gonna happen!!

Well see you all at the AGM
Cheers. Colin.

Notice from NZDA Committee:

It is very dry out there in the outdoors. Please be aware of the high fire risk and keep this in mind when hunting – especially you smokers out there!

If you have a portable fire extinguisher – it would be advisable to put one in your truck. If you already have one, check that it is working.

Take a bit of time to consider strategies for what you would do if you discovered a fire while hunting or enjoying the outdoors.



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NZDA AGM

NZDA AGM – Monday 18TH March at the clubrooms.

All welcome.

Come and have a say on how we are doing.

NZDA SOCIALS AND PARTY HUNT

Social

At Rotorua Deerstalkers Club Rooms

Neil Hunt Park, 27th March 2013 7.30pm

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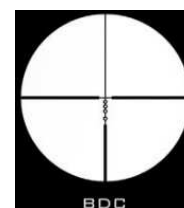
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Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

Work on Okui hut is scheduled for the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of March. If you would like to be involved in the hut restoration, please contact Murray Robson on 345 5160.

We will be doing one or two huts every year. Although we are working, there is ample time to get in some hunting as well.

Range report February 2013

Sunday 3rd Feb. Our two members from Papamoa came over and had a shoot at 300M.

Sunday 17th Feb three keen members turned up for the Deer silhouette shoot, good to have Sharon with hubby Dennis at the range again. Glynn was the third member and I R/O.

On the Saturday of the working bee, which went very well, I installed some new deer targets painted with gloss paint which hopefully will hold the patches better, have so far. That same day we had a 20ton digger on the range setting up some new berms and raising the existing one between us and pistol club. We now have a bullet stop at 100M and as long as people keep their targets for .22 shooting up off the ground a little this should stop any stray shots going where they should not. We have built a raised platform at 200M to set 200M competition target frames on so that they can be seen over the 100M backstop, when shooting from prone position, however this will also act as a backstop for people shooting a more elevated position, ie off the bench.

A WORD OFF CAUTION FOR PEOPLE USING THE 300m MOUND, THIS SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF YOU ARE SHOOTING THE FULL 300m DISTANCE. YOU SHOULD NOT PLACE TARGETS AT CLOSER DISTANCES TO SHOOT FROM THIS MOUND.

The New Gate; This was also finished at the working bee, those who did not attend missed a great BBQ lunch, thank you Murray, and until the Pistol club competition is over it has a pin with two padlocks, this will be changed on Monday 4th March to a single padlock, still last years key, so that we have total control over access to our range, which will be completed when a gate is erected between the two ranges. Members are therefore asked if they are attending the range in a private capacity they should lock the gate behind them to reduce the risk of unauthorised entry, even if there are others on the range. During club shoots the gate will be left open with an appropriate sign attached. At this point I would like to express my thanks to Colin and Dennis for their part in organizing the new entry, working bees etc Also many thanks to two local contractors whose generosity has been vital to our range improvements, they are T.W. Moore (Alan Moore) and Bill Rigney contractor. Thanks guys.

There is a new flag to be located at the gate and the existing one will likely remain.

GATE KEYS; As we do not yet know what our rental is going to be, but may soon the issue of the new keys may be delayed, however I would suggest new members who want a key should contact me to gain interim access to the range until this matter is sorted. There is also the probability we may have to increase the key charge if rental is seriously increased.

COMING EVENTS;

March:

Sunday 17th, R/F metallic silhouette shoot, chickens 40M; pigs 60M; turkeys 77M; rams 100M.

We have been known to bend the rules to help people enjoy themselves

April:

Sunday 7th 300M shoot.

Sunday 21st Deer Silhouette shoot.

May:

Sunday 5th 300M shoot.

Sunday 19th R/F metallic silhouette shoot.

Time to reload,

Malcolm.

In the news

RESCUE CHOPPER 'NOT A TAXI SERVICE' BY CAROLINE KING – STUFF.CO.NZ (8 FEBRUARY 2013)

An experienced Nelson trumper activated a personal locator beacon because he was running late and wanted a ride to his car.

The 67-year-old was tramping in the headwaters of the Otoko River area when he activated the beacon about 4.30pm yesterday.

The Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ) sent the Solid Energy Rescue Helicopter from Greymouth which located the man, only to find he was uninjured.

Solid Energy Rescue Helicopter pilot Martin Shaw said the man had told the crew he had significantly underestimated the amount of time to get out of the area and was struggling with the challenging terrain. Shaw understood he was due out of the area either today or tomorrow.

He said the man was an experienced trumper, who had even written books on the subject.

Maritime New Zealand's general manager of rescue and response services Nigel Clifford said if the beacon activation was simply because the man was late, then it was entirely inappropriate, potentially dangerous, and a clear breach of the radio regulations that apply to emergency distress beacons.

"The incident tied up a helicopter for around two-and-a-half hours, at a cost of around \$10,000 to taxpayers, and more importantly meant that aircraft was unavailable for any other genuine emergency that may have arisen," he said.

"Yesterday there were two other beacon activations - one by a trumper injured in the Olivine River area, near Glenorchy, and the other by a trumper who had fallen ill just north of Glentanner, near Lake Pukaki.

"Both these activations were by people who were debilitated and at risk - it was entirely appropriate that they activated their beacons."

Clifford said everyone going tramping should carry, and register, a beacon.

"While the decision to activate a beacon is one that only the person carrying it can make... it is not a decision that should be taken lightly. It is certainly not a taxi service."

Radio regulations permit the use of emergency distress beacons by general users but state they should only be used in an emergency.

Penalties for a misuse range from a formal warning to a prosecution with a maximum fine of \$30,000.

Maritime New Zealand is considering what action to take over the Nelson trumper.

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SEARCH DELAY 'COULD HAVE PROVED FATAL' BY DEE WILSON – THE DAILY POST (15 FEBRUARY 2013)

The co-ordinator of this week's search for Turangi grandmother Lucy Soloman, who spent three days and three nights lost in the Kaimanawa Forest Park, says the two-day delay in alerting police that she was missing could have cost her her life.

Search co-ordinator Senior Constable Barry Shepherd said a lot of worry, time and taxpayer expense could have been saved if the basic rule of "stay, stop and wait" had been followed and her companion had raised the alarm as soon as he realised she was missing.

"She was extremely lucky she didn't die of hypothermia ," he said.

The 62-year-old became lost in the park near Turangi around 5pm last Saturday afternoon, while heading back to a camp site after separating from her companion when he went hunting.

Mr Shepherd said she and her companion both had cell phones that were in range and working when she first went missing. She was also equipped with a torch and a lighter. Her companion spent all day on Sunday exchanging texts with her and searching himself - firing off shots to let her know where he was - before alerting police on Monday.

"She apparently could hear him letting off shots on Sunday but he kept moving and she kept moving.

"If we had been notified on Saturday night we could have had a helicopter out with night vision equipment when she was still in the cellphone coverage area and we could have contacted her and it is likely that they would have seen her torch."

Instead the "inexperienced, ill-equipped" grandmother and her companion's dog spent the next three days lost in dense rugged country without food.

Mr Shepherd said when she was finally located by searchers on Tuesday she was not in good shape.

"She was absolutely shattered - battered, bruised and scratched - and away with the fairies and the dog was utterly exhausted as well."

Mr Shepherd said search and rescuers did a "fine job" locating her after finding footprints and dog prints. Although she had probably travelled around 10km she was only two to three kilometres from the campsite when she was found.

"She had made her predicament much worse by heading south up into the hills initially before she headed down river and was still in the gorge."

He said it was unlikely she would ever have been able to make her own way out. After her rescue, the woman was treated at Taupo Hospital and discharged.

DOC ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH DULUX BY MATTHEW BACKHOUSE – NZ HERALD (27 FEBRUARY 2013)

Hundreds of backcountry huts and recreational lodges will get a new lick of paint under a \$1.5 million deal to maintain shelters on walkways throughout the country.

The Department of Conservation (DoC) today announced a three-year partnership with Dulux which would see the company supply 18,000 litres of paint and wood coating products a year.

The company would also provide practical and financial help towards the upkeep of the hut network.

The partnership will help maintain 973 recreational huts and lodges on more than 14,000km of tracks - many in remote areas, and all of them exposed to extreme weather conditions.

Director-General of Conservation Al Morrison welcomed the partnership, saying the maintenance of heritage huts was a huge commitment for DoC.

"They are special places that international visitors and New Zealanders like to come to and we want the huts to look good when people arrive."

Conservation Minister Nick Smith said the partnership enabled DoC to do more in tight financial times and accelerate its maintenance programme.

"It's also another great example of the benefits of forming conservation partnerships with passionate businesses, and follows hard on the heels of the first rare bird releases on the weekend stemming from DoC's alliance with Air New Zealand."

Dr Smith said he would be challenging more businesses help look after the places and wildlife that made New Zealand special.

DOC shelters are used by some 300,000 people a year, two thirds of them New Zealanders.

The Tarn Ridge Hut in the Tararua Forest Park was the first to get a fresh coat of paint.

It will be followed by the Tasman Saddle Hut at Aoraki Mt Cook, the Franz Josef Castle Rocks Hut, the Robson Lodge in Hawkes Bay, the Kiwi Burn Hut at Te Anau, and the Top Misery Hut at Raglan Range in Marlborough.

- APNZ

**Application for Membership of the Rotorua Branch of the
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Inc 2013/2014**

To:
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Wellington

Dear Membership Secretary,

I wish to apply for membership of the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2013/14 year (March 1st 2013 – February 28th 2014).

My details are as follows:

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Date of Birth if Junior or Superannuant	____ / ____ / _____	Junior less than 18 as at 1 March 2013. Superannuant over 65 as at 1 March 2013.

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- ✦ Access to monthly socials or meetings; the clubrooms; range competitions or individual shooting; competitions and trophies; organized hunts
- ✦ Involvement in conservation and animal management *ownership, shooting sport, hunting and habitats.*
- ✦ *Support for the branch as well as the national NZDA association to represent hunters' interests regarding firearms*

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