



# The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

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## February Issue 2010:

*Next Social: Stoney Creek is visiting. Come and have a chat and learn about their products!*



“The Tines”  
Rotorua Branch Newsletter February 2010



## **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:**

<b>Party Hunts</b>	<b>If you have any ideas, please let me know.</b>
<b>Socials</b>	<b>Stoney Creek Evening!!! Representatives from Stoney Creek are in attendance February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms, Tarawera Road, Rotorua.</b>
<b>Range Shoot</b>	<b>Range itinerary for 2010 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.</b>

**Cover Photo:** Dogs first deer. Read about his adventure in the Presidents Report.

If you have a photograph that would be suitable for the cover please contact the Newsletter editor, Elvis Bowring on 350 3230 or [ebowring@gmail.com](mailto:ebowring@gmail.com).

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## Presidents Report

Happy New Year to all,

The Xmas BBQ and shoot was well attended and the weather was kind to us, it was great to see all of the families out there relaxing and enjoying themselves. I can't believe 2009 has been and gone, what a tough year all around and enough said about that, 2010 is here and we are two months into it. I hope you made some time in between your holidays to do some summer hunting; it's a bit of a hard time to chase deer as the bush is usually dry and noisy. The stags have velvet and the hinds have new little ones to look after, but if you are just after some BBQ meat then a yearling will do just fine. I got out late December and took our pet dog out for his first hunt, he coped reasonably well with the heat and we managed to get a spiker. The dog was not too impressed with the rifle shot though, hopefully he gets used to it, I must admit he was a pretty good companion as I usually stalk alone and he kept behind me pretty well.

The committee met in late January for the first meeting of 2010, there is a working bee on the exterior of the clubrooms 13/02/10 from 9am. Skips hut restoration is planned for 19-21 February we need good hard working people to help out and if you are interested contact Colin Petersen, Murray Robson or myself to be involved. Our credibility is on the line to carry out and complete these hut restorations with DoC, so if you are interested register your name early for a place.

I guess there is a lot of stuff happening politically and the issues are predominantly the same as 2009. The Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) is very contentious and there is massive opposition to it particularly from the hunting fraternity. Of course 1080 is still as contentious as ever, I see in 2009 the South Island had 282,000 ha 1080'd vs North Island 95,000 ha, if there are 5 deer/km and 5% by kill 9,000 deer just got wiped out. I hate to imagine how many native species also succumbed to 1080 from these drops.

The Branch AGM will be on March 10th please come along and support the branch, we need as many people along as possible, you will need to be a current financial member to have voting/speaking rights. If you want to be on the committee let me or one of the current committee members know and come along to the AGM.

Please remember when on the Range that safety is paramount, if there are more than 2 different shooting parties there someone needs to assume Range Officer. The Range Officer will ensure that Range & basic firearm rules are followed.

Happy Hunting, or just enjoy the great outdoors,

Darryn

## February Social



## Stoney Creek Special.

Representatives from **Stoney Creek** are coming to talk to local hunters!

Come down, meet the crew and see some of their new products on display.

Learn about their products and maybe win something!!

February 24<sup>th</sup>, Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms - 7:30pm.

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# **AGM 2010**

**Rotorua Branch NZDA**

**Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM**

**Clubrooms – Neil Hunt Park**

## **Agenda:**

- a. To receive the Presidents Report**
- b. To receive the Committee Reports including financial report.**
- c. To appoint an auditor for the current year.**
- d. To decide on any resolution or other matter which may be duly submitted to the meeting**
- e. To elect a committee of the Branch Association.**

**Members are cordially requested to show their support for the branch by attending this meeting.**

**Note: you must be a financial – senior life, superannuant, or endowment member to vote at this meeting.**

**E Bowring  
Secretary**

## **Rotorua Range Report for January 2010**

Well we are into the New Year and I hope you all had a good festive season / holiday.

There was minimal activity on the range this month which is not unusual after Christmas. The 300M people however had three members out there on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> in preparation for N.R.A. Nationals at Trentham 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan. I was also there and gave a hand in the butts and did some work after they finished. One of our local members had a personal win at the Nationals, Ken Henderson won the "f Class" competition, also Pat (Patricia) Law was a member of the Te Puke team that won a team trophy.

Our Silhouette shoot for 17<sup>th</sup> was attended by me, and I put the time to use to check the zero's on my rifle (read confuse myself even more), in advance of our Nationals in March.

Elsewhere in news letter there will be an article that Cliff did the ground work for (thank you Cliff), that analyses the use of the range, a rather surprising amount of use privately, and this is where the range attendance book is of value, thank you to all those who duly fill it in each time.

Range future. I was called at short notice to a meeting between the three shooting clubs in response to a letter we have received detailing our tenure till 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2010. We have been given a contact person and it is intended to send a letter to this person, in Turangi, and invite him to come and look over the ranges for himself as I believe he will be our contact as we move forward from our alliance with Timberlands.

**KEYS:** February 28<sup>th</sup> is the end of the financial year, but the current range keys will still function until about the beginning of April, however new keys for the new financial year (2010-2011) will be available, and usable as from the 1<sup>st</sup> March. This means new members joining in the new financial year will buy a new key and existing members can buy and use a new key as soon as they wish, and must do so before the 1<sup>st</sup> April (Thursday before Easter this year).

### **Coming Events;**

February;     Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>    police have booked the range  
                  Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>    300M club shoot (may not happen due to major shoot elsewhere)  
                  Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>   50M Smallbore club shoot?  
                  Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>   Centre fire Deer silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100, and 50M. Eight rounds  
                                  of ammo    required for each run through.  
                  Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>   50M Smallbore club shoot ( Smallbore shoots yet to be confirmed)  
March;         Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>    Police have booked the range.  
                  Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>    300M club shoot.  
                  Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>   Smallbore ?  
                  Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>   Rimfire Silhouette shoot.  
                  Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>   Smallbore ?

**National Shooting week is from Sat 6<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> March hosted at T.S.S.C. Range Tokoroa.**

Time to reload, Malcolm.

**ROTORUA DEERSTALKERS RANGE USE SURVEY  
24-05-09 TO 24-12-09**

Attendance Time Span.	Rotorua Mem. %	Others %	Total
24-05 to 23-06	41 = 93	3 = 7	44
24-06 to 23-07	49 = 96	2 = 4	51
24-07 to 23-08	50 = 96	2 = 4	52
24-08 to 23-09	40 = 100	----	40
24-09 to 23-10	49 = 84	9 = 16	58
24-10 to 23-11	45 = 100	-----	45
24-11 to 23-12	43 = 100	-----	43

Activities on Range	Attendances
Sighting in	198 57.5 %
Testing Loads	75 21.8 %
Group shoots (clubs etc)	44 12.8 %
Running in barrel	2 0.2 %
Other (Mowing maintainance)	0.7 %

NOTE; Group shoots are the number of days a group has attended the range, there may have been anywhere from 3 to 15 persons involved .



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## ROTORUA DEER STALKERS 2010 RANGE CALENDAR

Date		Day	Shoot
February	21 <sup>st</sup>		C/F silhouette shoot 300, 200, 100 & 50M. Eight rounds of ammo per run through.
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Smallbore 50M.
March	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Police booking. RANGE CLOSED TO MEMBERS.</b>
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	National shooting week and a trial shoot on 13th & 14th so I will be a permanent resident of Tokoroa for that period, may manage to get home evenings.
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	50M Smallbore.
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	R/F silhouette shoot.
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
April	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	C/F deer silhouette shoot.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	ANZAC day Smallbore 50m Start of winter series?
May	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat & Sun	1st & 2nd may be 300M N.Is. champs.
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	R/F silhouette shoot.
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M W/S.
June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	(Qb W/E) 300M club shoot.
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	C/F deer silhouette shoot.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M W/S.
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	R/F silhouette shot, Junior practice for 'SWAZI'.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M W/S.
August	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Morning C/F silhouette shoot PM. Junior .22 SWAZI SHOOT.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	free.
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M W/S.
Sept	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	300M club shoot.
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M.
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	R/F silhouette shoot.
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Smallbore 50M W/S.

N.Z.D.A. and all range matters contact: [malcolmperry@clear.net.nz](mailto:malcolmperry@clear.net.nz) (348 4473)


Smallbore shoots, contact: Jon Abbott on 345 7112

300m shoots, contact: Patricia Law/Don Robertson 362 7725

This program is only provisional as some dates may be altered/revised.

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For those who don't know him, Major General Peter Cosgrove is an Australian. General Cosgrove was interviewed on the radio recently.

Read his reply to the lady who interviewed him concerning guns and children. Regardless of how you feel about gun laws you have to love this! This is one of the best comeback lines of all time.

In a portion of an ABC radio interview between a female broadcaster and General Cosgrove who was about to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop visiting his military headquarters.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: So, General Cosgrove, what things are you going to teach these young boys when they visit your base?

GENERAL COSGROVE: We're going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery and shooting.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: Shooting! That's a bit irresponsible, isn't it?

GENERAL COSGROVE: I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the rifle range.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: Don't you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?

GENERAL COSGROVE: I don't see how. We will be teaching them proper rifle discipline before they even touch a firearm.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: But you're equipping them to become violent killers.

GENERAL COSGROVE: Well, Ma'am, you're equipped to be a prostitute, but you're not one, are you?

The radiocast went silent for 46 seconds and when it returned, this interview was over.

# FROM HEAD OFFICE

NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS,

January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010

All the best to you and your families for a great 2010.

## FOR BRANCH ADMINISTRATORS

### INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

- **H&W POSTAGE 166 AND 167** – please pay these as soon as possible as the association has already had to pay NZ Post (sorry for the delay in the 166 invoices)

**FOR THOSE BRANCHES NOT ON CENTRALISED ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM** please find enclosed:

#### **1. CAPITATION RECONCILIATION FORM YEAR END 28 FEBRUARY 2010**

#### **2. MEMBERSHIP CARD ORDER YEAR 1 MARCH 2010 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

please complete these and return them to the national office. **Please note** that no membership cards for the 2010/11-year will be processed until capitation for the 2009/10 year is settled in full.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

**1. GRAF BOYS POISONING PARADISE ACCEPTED INTO SWANSEA BAY FILM FESTIVAL UK** About four weeks ago, one of NZ's leading film festivals Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival (REEFF) requested the Graf Boys submitting 'Poisoning Paradise' into their annual competition. So a few days later, they flicked it off and it's now awaiting the judge's decision. So since REEFF has been in touch, Poisoning Paradise has been sent to various festivals around the world for festival consideration and the hope is that it may be accepted for screening in some other festivals. The news is that Poisons Paradise has been selected for a prestigious UK film festival, Swansea Bay Film Festival, which runs in the month of May and it is hoped that there may be more to come. **For more check out** [www.thegrafsboys.blogspot.com](http://www.thegrafsboys.blogspot.com)

**2. KAWHATAU BASE, WESTERN RUAHINES** – Access between 20 March and 30 April each year will be by arrangement only. The gate will be locked, and anyone wanting to go through will need to phone the Rennies in advance on 06 382 5555. There will be some kind of press release coming out of the DOC Palmerston North office in the next couple of weeks.

**3. ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD 2008/9 ANNUAL RESEARCH REPORT** – The report contains research projects which were completed in the 2008/09-year. It also includes a brief description of all research currently underway in the 2009/10 year.

There is a copy enclosed in the mail to the branches, and additional copies are available by emailing Penny Fairbrother on [fairbrotherp@ahb.org.nz](mailto:fairbrotherp@ahb.org.nz) The report is also available electronically on [www.tbfree.org.nz/](http://www.tbfree.org.nz/)

## HELIHUNTING – WE NEED YOUR HELP

- (i) Enclosed in this mail and available electronically on request:

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES DOC MEETING 10 DECEMBER 2009** which include consideration discussion on Helihunting (pages 2 – 4)

- (ii) Enclosed in your December newsletter the following enclosures/information (if you need these emailed again please ask:

### **1. NZDA'S POLICY PAPER – HELI-HUNTING**

### **2. DOC'S PAPER ON HELI-HUNTING WITHIN PARTS OF AORAKI/MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK**

Comments should be sent to Canterbury Conservancy, DOC, attn AMCNPMP **by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010** via any of the following: [ppalmer@doc.govt.nz](mailto:ppalmer@doc.govt.nz) Fax 03 365 1388 or Private Bag 4715, Christchurch Mail Centre 8140. A submission in response to the background paper 'Heli-hunting within parts of Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park' is under consideration currently and as soon as the national office has something this will be forwarded to branches and members to assist with more submissions. Check out <http://doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/heli-hunting-in-aoraki-mount-cook-national-park/> and send in your thoughts to the email address provided at the bottom of the page

**3. DOC'S TERM FOR HELI-HUNTING AS IN THE BACKGROUND PAPER** has become shorthand for what could be called 'guided helicopter-based recreational hunting'

**4. GRANTING OF HELI-HUNTING LICENCES ON PUBLIC LANDS FROM FEBRUARY 2010** - The letter outlines NZDA's concerns, the outcomes we seek and what we have asked the MPS targeted in this letter to do.

(iii) Also in addition to the December 2009 newsletter:

**1. CHECK OUT** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcDMX4tQTy4> this has been brought to the attention of members of parliament and the Civil Aviation

**2. SIGN A PETITION** at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/stop-guided-helicopter-hunting.html>

**3. COMPLETE AN ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM** <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/heli-hunting/#letter> Scroll half way down the page and find the text online feedback form, click the text and send your thoughts

### **OTHER SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED**

**ERMA'S RECLASSIFICATION OF ITS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CLASSIFICATION FRAMEWORK** to reflect the UN Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling. **Submissions by 19 February 2010.** Chaz Forsyth is working on the NZDA submission.

**More on** <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/abouths/ghscriteria.html>

### **HUNTING BALLOTS**

**1. TAHR BALLOT 2009 - Adams & Hooker/Landsborough Wilderness areas** - The Himalayan Tahr Control Plan provides for approved helicopter operations to land recreational hunters at specific sites in the above areas for the purpose of wild animal control during the period of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 to the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 (both dates inclusive). Hunters wishing to obtain permits for these areas should log onto the DOC website to download the information package and permit application form: [www.doc.govt.nz/haasttahrballot](http://www.doc.govt.nz/haasttahrballot) Alternatively hunters can ring 03 750 0809 or email [haastvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:haastvc@doc.govt.nz) and provide credit card details. The application form must be posted to DOC, PO Box 50, Haast 7844, Attn Tahr Ballot. Completed applications must be **received by 4pm on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2010** to be included in the ballot draw.

**For more information** contact [haastvs@doc.govt.nz](mailto:haastvs@doc.govt.nz) phone 03 750 0809 or fax 03 750 0832 or check out <http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/activity-finder/hunting/tahr-hunting/features/west-coast-tahr-hunting/hooker-landsborough-and-adams-tahr-ballot-2010/>

#### **(i) INFORMATION ON THE TAHR BALLOT 2010 FROM DOC**

Enclosed in the newsletter to the branches and available electronically on request, which includes: Background; Dates; Party sizes; Hunting areas; Landing sites; How to obtain a permit; Admin fee Where is the money you are being asked to pay going to go?; Telephone survey; Permit conditions Aerial operators; Tahr control; 2011 ballot

#### **(ii) TAHR BALLOT APPLICATION FORM – TAHR BALLOT 2010**

Enclosed in the newsletter to the branches and available electronically on request

### **2. GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL BALLOTS**

**(i) WAINUIOMATA & ORONGORONO WATER CATCHMENTS** - These catchments are normally closed to the public. The hunting will play a part in controlling animals in the water collection area and will help to improve water quality. Ten hunting blocks are available for four periods of five days. To enter the ballot, hunters (only one form per person) should obtain an information pack (including a ballot entry form) by sending a cheque, \$5 non-refundable, to 'Wainuiomata Hunting Ballot', Greater Wellington, PO Box 40847, Upper Hutt. Those successful in the ballot will be required to pay a further fee of \$20 for each five-day period. Ballot entries **must be received by 12 noon, on Monday February 15th 2010**. The ballots will be held on Wednesday February 17th 2009. The winners of the ballots will be notified by mail on Friday February 19th 2009. **For further queries** contact Joanne Clifford-Marsh on 04 526 3144 or [joanne.clifford-marsh@gw.govt.nz](mailto:joanne.clifford-marsh@gw.govt.nz)

**(ii) EAST HARBOUR REGIONAL PARK – DEER HUNTING** - The hunting will play a part in controlling animals in the park, and also provide an opportunity for recreational deer hunting with a designated deer hunting area. Hunting of deer is available for nine periods of three days each, with one balloted hunter and a nominated partner allowed in the designated area at any given time. To enter the ballot, hunters (only one form per person) should obtain an information pack (including a ballot entry form) by sending a cheque, \$5 non-refundable, to 'East Harbour Deer Hunting Ballot', Greater Wellington, PO Box 40847, Upper Hutt. Ballot entries **must be received by 12 noon, on Monday February 15th 2010**. The ballots will be held on Wednesday February 17th 2010. The winners of the ballots will be notified by mail on Friday February 19th 2010. **For further queries** contact Joanne Clifford-Marsh on 04 526 3144 or email her on [joanne.clifford-marsh@gw.govt.nz](mailto:joanne.clifford-marsh@gw.govt.nz)

**(iii) MANAGED PIG HUNTING** - Greater Wellington regional Council is giving the opportunity for members of the public to undertake pig hunting in the East Harbour Regional Park. Permits will be issued for a five-month period each year – 1 May to 30 September 2010 (dates inclusive). There will be no restriction on the numbers of permits issued. The hunting will play a part in controlling animals in the park, and also provide an opportunity for the recreational hunting of pigs within designated hunting areas in the Northern Forest Block. Permits for non-firearm use will be issued on application. Dog registration number or microchip numbers are required prior

to permits being issued (maximum of three dogs). Permits can be obtained by contacting Joanne Clifford-Marsh on 04 526 4133 or at Greater Wellington's Upper Hutt Depot, Greater Wellington, PO Box 40847, Upper Hutt or email Joanne on joanne.clifford-marsh@gw.govt.nz

## **RECENT ADVOCACY**

Both enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request.

### **1. DRAFT OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE AND STRATEGY** – NZDA submission which includes:

- NZDA active interest in public access with a firearm
- NZDA national policies on access
- NZDA training courses on recreational hunting
- The public's access rights are more important than land occupiers' rights
- Poronui Station legal road access 1973, Taupo District Council
- Kaimai Forest Park legal road access 2008, Western Bay of Plenty District Council
- Numbers of recreational hunters
- Comments on WAC's draft NZ Outdoor Access Code
- WAC leadership, assistance
- Draft National Strategy for Walking Access
- Access to public resources is a significant issue

### **2. HUNTER HILLS TENURE REVIEW** - NZDA submission which includes:

- Outline of proposal
- NZDA concerns

## **DOC UPDATES**

**1. ROAD THROUGH MOLESWORTH STATION OPENING THROUGH TO EASTER** – The Acheron Road through Molesworth Station is to open to the public for 14 weeks from Monday 28 December 2009, staying open slightly longer than usual to include Easter. The opening of the road is dependent on road, weather and fire risk conditions. There is no fee to travel on the road. Anyone planning to make the road trip should first check the road is open as it can close at short notice due to weather-related conditions. Calls can be made to the DOC South Marlborough Area Office 03 572 9100 or people can ask at the visitor centres in the region. The area is often very dry in summer and care must be taken to avoid starting fires. As it is a working farm public access is restricted to roads and areas open to the public.

**For more** see [doc.govt.nz/about-doc/news/media-releases/road-through-molesworth-station-opening-through-to-easter](http://doc.govt.nz/about-doc/news/media-releases/road-through-molesworth-station-opening-through-to-easter)

**2. NEW OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR ST JAMES STATION** – A new operational plan for St James Station aims to recognise the area's potential to make a valuable contribution to conservation and recreation. The plan recognises the need to protect the special natural features of the St James Conservation Area but at the same time allow for public and commercial use.

Significant actions includes:

- Encouraging hunting for deer, pig and geese species
- Providing a range of access for fishers

**For more** see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/news/media-releases/new-operational-plan-for-st-james-station/>

**3. WELLINGTON CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW ON HOLD** - The drafting of the Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) has been put on hold. The Department's National Office is undertaking further work on the content and roles of CMS's at a national level to ensure consistency around the level of detail included in these documents.

The current Wellington CMS was due to expire in 2005, but an extension has been granted to allow for a review to be completed. At this stage a preliminary draft CMS for the Wellington region is available for viewing.

**For more** see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/wellington-conservation-management-strategy-review-on-hold/> **If you want to be involved** in the CMS review go on line and fill in a form to be included in a mailing list. You will then be notified when the consultation process starts or phone 04 472 5821 fax 04 499 0077 or email [cmswellingtonco@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cmswellingtonco@doc.govt.nz)

**4. PEMBROKE POSSUM 1080 CONTROL OPERATION – GROUND CONTROL** – **for maps and more information check out** <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/threats-and-impacts/animal-pests/pesticide-positively-identify-your-target> **POSITIVELY IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET** **POSITIVELY IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET**

summaries/southland/ This is a ground laid toxin operation to commence in January 2010 in the Kaipō River area. For further information call DOC Te Anau, 03 249 0200

#### **5. UNCONFIRMED MINUTES DOC MEETING 10 DECEMBER 2009**

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request these minutes include dialogue on the following:

- Conservation management Strategy Processes
- Management plans for conservation parks
- Public consultation on heli-hunting submissions
- Molesworth Station draft management plan
- Mountain Safety Council projects

Also available on request electronically from the national office are several papers referred to in the minutes:

- Transfer or assignment of a concession S17ZE of the Conservation Act 1987
- Concessions review 2009 – concessions and resource consent interface
- Alignment of concession and resource consent processes
- Reduction in direct costs of animal pest control programmes

#### **NZDA NATIONAL SHOOTING WEEK**

**6 – 12 March 2010, Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Newell Road, Tokoroa**

All enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request:

##### **1. POSTER**

##### **2. INFORMATION SHEET**

##### **3. ENTRY FORM**

(Keep an eye out for these on [www.deerstalkers.org.nz](http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz) as they will be added in the near future)

- Closing date for enrolments is February 20th 2010 – penalty applied to late entries
- Only open to financial members – you will be asked to produce your current membership card
- Camping on site available at a small cost
- Contact Malcolm Perry ph/fax 07 378 378 4473 [Malcolm.perry@clear.net.nz](mailto:Malcolm.perry@clear.net.nz) or
- Contact Sandi Curren ph 07 886 4090 or [sandijo@clear.net.nz](mailto:sandijo@clear.net.nz)

Regards

Dianne Brown, **CEO**

***Wanted***  
***Good stories for newsletter.***  
***Any interesting articles.***  
***Any good photo's of your hunting trips.***  
***Send to editor – [nzdarotorua@gmail.com](mailto:nzdarotorua@gmail.com)***  
***Or phone 021 066 7868***

**THE NATIONAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

From Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and then reduced hours for the remainder of January.

I will still be checking voice mails, emails and post during this period.

**REMINDERS FOR BRANCH SECRETARIES/ADMINISTRATORS****HAVE YOU RETURNED?**

- The branch administration updated form
  - The branch information updated form
  - Douglas Score register updates
  - Centralised administration information – **sorry the COLFO levy remains at \$3 not the \$5 on the form**
- IF THESE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED**, these would be appreciated as soon as possible.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

**STONEY CREEK** is looking to further expand its hunting gear with more specialized clothing, backpacks and accessories. At present their design team is in the process of getting feedback on hunters' needs through the country. They have asked us whether we could distribute the linked questionnaire.

**There is a \$10 voucher for Stoney Creek products to all of you members who complete the questionnaire.**

If we want the best products here in New Zealand, this is the chance to be part of having your say.

**To answer this quick questionnaire, please click on:**

[http://www.kwiksurveys.com/online-survey.php?surveyID=MLNEN\\_d1edfb7d](http://www.kwiksurveys.com/online-survey.php?surveyID=MLNEN_d1edfb7d)

**HELI-HUNTING/SUBMISSIONS REQUIRED****1. NZDA'S POLICY PAPER – HELI-HUNTING**

- NZDA is opposed to the practice of 'heli-hunting', as it defines that activity on all public lands.
- Heli-hunting is defined by NZDA as the 'carriage of hunters involved with the searching for, shooting or immobilising and recovery of wild animals, where such carriage of hunters does not allow opportunity for fair chase of wild animals.'
- NZDA supports the use of helicopters for well-managed and legitimate Wild Animal Recovery Operations (WARO) as defined in conditions of current WARO Concessions granted by the Department of Conservation.
- NZDA supports the reasonable use of helicopters for transport, by recreational hunters, hunting guides and their clients, for access to defined, pre-determined landing sites or zones.
- NZDA is in principle supportive of guided hunting. However, it is NZDA National Policy to 'strenuously oppose commercial exploitation of the wildlife and natural resources of New Zealand, wherever and whenever such action is deemed to jeopardise, restrict or conflict with the public usage thereof, or to be contrary to sound conservation practice'.
- NZDA believes heli-hunting constrains public usage of wild game animals and wild places. We assert that it is a male biased harvest which does not contribute to herd management. It impinges on the availability of trophy animals for the public, and seriously diminishes the 'quiet enjoyment' of our backcountry by hunters, trampers, climbers and other backcountry user groups.

**2. DOC'S PAPER ON HELI-HUNTING WITHIN PARTS OF AORAKI/MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK**

Enclosed in the mail to branches and available electronically on request:

DOC's draft background paper setting out the factual matters that would need consideration should the department and the Canterbury/Aoraki Conservation Board propose an amendment to the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park Management Plan (2004) to allow for some heli-hunting within the park. In a revised form, following this 'seeking comments' phase, this report would be used to accompany what would likely to be quite a brief paper setting out any actual plan amendments. A decision to seek, or note, an amendment to the plan will be made in February 2010, in consultation with the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board.

Public comment is now being sought to ensure the paper is factually correct and that all relevant issues that would best inform any proposed plan amendment have been included. Comments should be sent to Canterbury Conservancy, DOC, attn AMCNPMP **by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010** via any of the following: [ppalmer@doc.govt.nz](mailto:ppalmer@doc.govt.nz) Fax 03 365 1388 or Private Bag 4715, Christchurch Mail Centre 8140.

The draft background paper includes:

- An overview and aircraft considerations during the development of the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park Management Plan (2004)
- Heli-hunting within the context of wild animal control within the park
- Ethical, safety and other visitor interaction issues
- Implications for other aircraft use
- Consistency with National Parks Act 1980 and General Policy for National Parks and consistency with other national parks
- A list of the parks and National Park Management Plan provisions with comments, ie Kahurangi, Nelson Lakes Arthur's Pass, Westland/Tai Poutini, Mt Aspiring and Fiordland

**3. DOC'S TERM FOR HELI-HUNTING AS IN THE BACKGROUND PAPER** has become shorthand for what could be called 'guided helicopter-based recreational hunting'

**4. NZDA SUBMISSION ON HELI-HUNTING WITHIN PARTS OF AORAKI/MOUNT COOK NP** – a submission in response to the background paper Heli-hunting within parts of Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park is under consideration currently and as soon as the national office has something this will be forwarded to branches and members to assist with more submissions.

### **5. GRANTING OF HELI-HUNTING LICENCES ON PUBLIC LANDS FROM FEBRUARY 2010**

Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request.

NZDA is very concerned about this pending proposal and has written to members of parliament who take an interest in issues affecting recreational hunting in New Zealand's backcountry.

The issue is that at a meeting between DOC, NZ Conservation Authority and other NGOs it was advised that applications for concessions to undertake heli-hunting on certain public lands were issued.

The letter outlines NZDA's concerns, the outcomes we seek and what we have asked the MPS targeted in this letter to do.

## **ERMA UPDATES**

**1. ERMA'S RECLASSIFICATION OF ITS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CLASSIFICATION FRAMEWORK** to reflect the UN Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling. **Submissions by 19 February 2010.**

More on <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/abouths/ghscriteria.html>

Chaz Forsyth is working on the NZDA submission.

**2. 1080 INFORMATION ON ERMA WEBSITE** – more on [www.ermanz.govt.nz/1080/](http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/1080/) as part of ERMA's commitment to keeping people informed, ERMA has created a focus area on their website which includes information about the 'watch list', (ERMA's ongoing monitoring of aerial operations, and other useful links and documents.

**3. THE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT ON AERIAL USE OF 1080** is now available also available on the website. It contains a synopsis of the data from the post operational reports for aerial 1080 operations carried out in the 2008 calendar year. It also includes an update on the progress made towards the best practice and research. Post operational reports are progressively posted on the ERMA website as they are received and are verified, and can also be viewed on the web page.

## **MINUTES**

Enclosed in the mail to branches and available electronically on request:

Draft unconfirmed minutes for the **NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> 2009.**



## **RECENT ADVOCACY**

All enclosed in the mail to branches and available electronically on request.

**1. NZDA SUBMISSION ON THE AHB BOVINE TB STRATEGY REVIEW** - Because there are so many unanswered questions about the AHB strategy, its excessive expense, whether an unresearched experiment like this will work, NZDA requests an independent ministerial enquiry on these matters.

This submission includes NZDA's concerns including:

- AHB intentions to drastically change its strategy
- AHB good progress towards its self imposed target has been stalled since June 2007
- Major costs of the AHB proposal
- No AHB phase out evident in spite of nearly achieving its goals
- Live stock transport – major issue
- Hidden regional council costs
- Very high opportunity costs compared with alternative investments
- Cheaper alternatives not considered
- Cost benefit analysis biased by self interest and spurious arguments
- Massive killing power of present aerial 1080 drops
- Recreational hunters will be very adversely affected
- Recreational hunting areas to be blitzed by AHB's proposed 'eradication' strategy
- Proof of the feasibility of AHB's 'eradication' strategy needed
- Independent proof required that BTB is present in backcountry wildlife
- Can BTB be eliminated from wildlife?

**2. GEM LAKE TENURE REVIEW PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL** - NZDA strongly supports the proposal because of the significant amount of land being repurchased, the landscape and scenic qualities of the land being purchased, and its ability to support big game hunting (deer and possibly wild pigs) should WARO operators be prohibited as they usually are on open uplands in central Otago.

**3. NZDA'S OPPOSITION TO THE POTERITERI WILDERNESS** - The proposal was put forward by Federated Mountain Clubs in their bulletin, June 2008. This wilderness would include the whole of Lake Poteriteri and its watershed and is further to the east towards public access points than the South West Cameron Remote Experience Area, another possible wilderness.

NZDA has opposed the wilderness based on:

- Wilderness's adverse impact on recreational hunting;
- the large numbers of deerstalkers using the areas
- forming of a Poteriteri Wilderness would add significant additional costs for DOC.

Poteriteri as a long narrow lake provides motorboat access along the valley something that is less expensive than helicopter access. It also provides landing sites for floatplanes. NZDA opposes the lake being included in any future wilderness area.

## **PUBLICATIONS/LIMITED EDITION PRINTS ORDER FORM**

An order form is enclosed in the mail to branches and available electronically on request or on the website [www.deerstalkers.org.nz](http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz)

A complimentary calendar is also included in the mail for the branches.

## **NEW ITEMS FOR SALE**

1. **CHAMOIS BLACK AND WHITE LIMITED EDITION UNFRAMED PRINT** at \$75.00 each – purchase it and add it to the 'Big Red' or the 'Bull Tahr' print as previously released.

2. **2010 CALENDAR** at \$15.00 each with 17 historical photos from the glory days of hunting, featuring the 1910s – 1960s and including photos of famous legends such as Norman Douglas, Arthur Grigg, FW Furkett, Tom Scott, Matt Grant, Cliff Marshall, Jack Forbes, and Major RA Wilson. The calendar also features photos of big royal Reds, Sika, Wapiti, Fallow, a big bull tahr, parties hunting with horses, brining in the trophies by boat, old campsites and tents, etc. Check it out for NZDA, NZSR championship dates, militaria auctions, ballot dates, fishing season, national competition close off dates, duck shooting season, etc.

**ST JAMES OPERATION PLAN** – the operation plan is complete.

More on [www.doc.govt.nz/publications/about-doc/role/policies-and-plans.st-james-conservation-area-operational-plan/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/publications/about-doc/role/policies-and-plans.st-james-conservation-area-operational-plan/)

If you have any questions please contact Kingsley Timson phone 03 313 0821 or email [ktimpson.doc.govt.nz](mailto:ktimpson.doc.govt.nz)

**MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT** (As emailed to branch presidents, and posted to branches December 14<sup>th</sup>).

‘Some of you may have already been made aware of the fact that the National Executive has decided to terminate the services of our National Advocate, Hugh Barr.

Hugh has contributed some fine efforts to our advocacy role and has helped to achieve good results for the Association.

However, over the last two years the Executive has frequently had to deal with certain aspects of our Advocate’s behaviour and attitudes that have portrayed our Association in a poor light.

Hugh has been spoken to about this on numerous occasions and advised that if the situation continued his contract would be reviewed.

The Executive is aware that branches were not informed of this situation; however, the issues faced were such that in the interests of protecting Hugh’s (and the Association’s) reputation, the issues needed to be discussed in-committee. As such, they will remain confidential to the Executive and Hugh.

Despite these discussions and warnings, the behaviours continued. Furthermore, other organisations have informed us that they have found it increasingly difficult to work with Hugh.

In light of this, and in the best interests of advancing the Association, the Executive was left with no option and the contract has been terminated. The termination has been carried out according to the terms and conditions of the contract, and Hugh will continue as our Advocate until the end of January 2010. It is my hope that he will continue to advise us on a case-by-case basis after that time.

We have many other talented people with expertise in diverse areas that we can contract under a case-by-case basis along with Hugh, which means that our Association will not be left without advocacy.

The Executive believes that this decision is in the best interests of our Association in this ever-changing hunting climate.’

Wishing you and yours a good festive season and a fantastic 2010.

Kind regards

Dianne Brown

**CEO**

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## **In the news**

### ILL TRAMPER LEFT BEHIND BY COMPANIONS – NZ HERALD (JAN 25 2010)

An ill trumper was left by his companions in the Richmond Ranges near Nelson yesterday in a breach of common sense, police say.

The 24-year-old Nelson man became ill and began vomiting about two hours from Starveall Hut, Senior Sergeant John Maxwell, of Nelson police, said.

He called his parents who called emergency services, but the rest of the eight-strong tramping party continued on their journey, leaving the man by himself.

The man was taken to Nelson Hospital by helicopter and treated for dehydration, Mr Maxwell said.

At least one of the other trampers should have stayed with the man, he said.

"There's far more chance of people surviving in groups of two or more than on their own," he said.

- NZPA

### RESCUED - THANKS TO TEXT MESSAGE – NZ HERALD (FEB 6 2010)

Two trampers have been lifted by helicopter from an unstable slip face in the lower North Island's Ruahine Ranges today - texting their coordinates so their rescuers could fly straight to them.

The pair, a man and a woman, were traversing the slip face when they realised it was unstable and they were unable to move either forwards or back, said Inspector Anaru George of police central communications.

Cellphone coverage in the area was limited. It was not good enough for them to ring out but just good enough for them to send and receive texts, although some were garbled.

They sent a text message "stuck on a slip face, were ok but not safe" to a friend, who contacted police about 10am.

Police were able to text the trampers in order to identify their exact location and nature of their emergency, Mr George said.

They were able to supply their GPS coordinates, he said.

A helicopter was able to pinpoint the trampers quickly and winched them from the unstable slip face about midday.

They were extremely well equipped which made their extraction from their predicament very easy, Mr George said.

Normally the biggest problem was finding trampers in trouble, but not in this case, he said.

"They had everything going for them, except knowledge of the terrain that was falling away from under them."

In one of the final text messages to the police central communications centre, the trampers wrote "Thank you so much for your help. We are sorry to have ruined your saturday".

- NZPA

#### LOST TOURIST RESCUED THROUGH TEXTING FAMILY IN GREECE BY WAYNE THOMPSON - NZ HERALD (FEB 8, 2010)

A tourist lost on Mt Ruapehu on Saturday night used his cellphone to text his family in Greece to guide searchers to him.

Marios Symeonidis, 30, was found at 10am yesterday on the Bruce Road up the mountain.

He had become separated from a friend at 6.30pm during what was meant to be a short walk, said Senior Sergeant Marty Edghill of the Central Communications Centre.

He was not equipped for a night in the open. After three hours he texted his family in Greece saying he was lost but unharmed.

At one point, he told them he could see a police vehicle on the mountain but could not reach it because it was on the other side of a swiftly flowing stream which he was following.

His family contacted the Greek emergency services as text messages came in and the information was passed on to police in New Zealand.

"It was a good option to use his cellphone," said search and rescue controller John Pitchford. "He was not injured but he was hungry - he ate all of the chocolate and muesli bars out of my pack and most of my water. He is happier now he is back with his mate and they have driven off to catch the ferry to go to the South Island."

#### FIRE AT KIWI SANCTUARY - NZ HERALD (FEB 8, 2010)

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is stepping up its vigilance around a kiwi sanctuary on the West Coast after a fifth deliberately lit fire was discovered overnight.

The fires were lit near the Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary, about 25km north of Franz Josef. The sanctuary is home to the rarest kiwi species, the rowi.

The first four fires were spotted from a helicopter about 3am yesterday, with the largest spreading over an area of about 500sqm.

A helicopter with a monsoon bucket, firefighters and DOC staff tackled the blazes.

Another suspicious fire was discovered overnight by the side of State Highway 6 and staff had stepped up their vigilance as a result, DOC programme manager Julian Tovey told Radio New Zealand.

"Obviously with another one last night we're on the game now, just trying to watch out really."

It was still unclear why the fires had been lit.

"There's always people with grudges against DOC for different reasons," Mr Tovey said.

"It could just be hunters trying to get some areas of regrowth so deer come in and then they can have a hunt later on. So there's different theories on why, but we've no strong leads at the moment."

One of the fires yesterday had encroached within the boundaries of the northern end of the sanctuary and could have put the rowi at risk.

Nesting had finished for the birds and hopefully they would have been able to escape the flames, Mr Tovey said.

Staff would this week assess whether the rowi population or environment had been affected.

The total rowi population is about 350.

The area had seen other arsons in the past, normally about this time of the year when manuka trees were dry and could catch fire easily.

- NZPA

#### 'I OWE MY LIFE TO WINSTON' BY ANNA LEASK - NZ HERALD (NOV 29, 2009)

An elderly hunter who was shot in the chest says he would not have survived without the quick-thinking mate wrongly blamed for the incident.

Nigel Ross, 69, spoke of his ordeal from his bed in Waikato Hospital's intensive care unit on Friday, with wife Janet by his side.

Ross and his lifelong hunting partner, named only as Winston, were leaving Lake Taupo Forest, 25km southeast of the resort town, when he was shot late on Wednesday evening.

"We were walking to our vehicle, walking along the forest park boundary. We had torches and I had a head lamp to find our way to the vehicle," he said. "Two shots were fired. One hit the gravel beside me and the other shot caught me in the shoulder."

He suffered a fractured shoulder, collapsed lung and internal injuries.

Winston enlisted a group of people to help get Ross into the back of their ute.

"Winston was on the cellphone getting the ambulance to meet us at the end of the road where we would exit the forest. All thanks to Winston for getting that organised," Ross said: "I was bleeding heavily. I was lying in the back of the ute being bounced along for I don't know how long."

Ross was rushed to Taupo Hospital's emergency department.

"They did a marvellous job to stabilise me...we were running short of time. They simultaneously mobilised the helicopter to whisk me through to Waikato Hospital for them to go to work on me and save my life, I'm pleased to say."

Police said a local man hunting in the area with a companion had been identified as the shooter. He is co-operating with police but no charges have been laid.

Ross said the bullet that hit him remained lodged in his body. He will undergo further surgery to remove it.

"I was very, very lucky... (the bullet) missed all my vital organs and nerves. It was not a nice thing to happen, but it could have been a lot worse."

He said he owed his life to Winston and was upset by initial reports blaming his mate.

"There's no question. I owe my life to Winston. I will be eternally grateful to that man."

Ross remained in intensive care yesterday in a stable condition.

#### LOST HUNTER SURVIVED ON RAW EEL - NZ HERALD (FEB 9, 2010)

A hunter who became lost in Waikato bush on Saturday lived on raw eel before being rescued late yesterday afternoon.

Jared Costello, 40, of Auckland, was hunting with a friend in Pureora Forest Park, west of Tokoroa, when they became separated on Saturday morning, Sergeant Phil Bell of Waikato police search and rescue said.

The friend returned to the bush that afternoon, having recruited another person to help search for Mr Costello. They fired shots to get his attention but could not find him.

On Sunday morning they emerged from the bush and raised the alarm.

A group of local search and rescue volunteers began hunting for Mr Costello and on Sunday were joined by others from surrounding areas taking the total to nearly 70 searchers, plus an air force helicopter.

He was found safe at a road on the park's outskirts yesterday having made his way out of the forest.

"We'd found footprints in the bush and where he'd made camp Saturday night. Mr Costello told us he had become separated from his friend early on and lost his pack on the second day which search teams had recovered," Mr Bell said.

"He'd done the right thing by making his way down from the rugged bush by following a stream, from a preventative perspective if he had been carrying a map to go with his compass he may have been able to navigate his way back to his camp but we're all just happy he's been found safe and well."

Mr Costello told rescuers he'd been eating raw eel and did not recommend it as a culinary delight. - NZPA

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## Range Keys

Any person who wishes to have a range gate key for the private use of our range must be a CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER of the Branch and must obtain a key from Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters at a cost of \$20.00 per year. Your membership card must be produced at the time of key purchase. Keys may not be lent or passed on to other persons, whether they are members or not. Non-Members can only enter the Range if accompanied by a current Financial Member. Any use of the range by non-members requires prior approval of the committee.

## Membership Costs

Senior = \$90 (full benefits at local and national branch level)

Associate = \$60 (Unable to vote or enter national competitions. Does not receive H&W)

Junior = \$25 (Must be less than 18 years of age as at March 1st 2008. Full benefits apart from voting rights.)

Student = \$40 (Must be attending a tertiary institute or undergoing an apprenticeship. Proof must be provided.)

Superannuant = \$50 (Over 65 as at March 1st 2008. Full benefits)

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