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Rotorua Branch Newsletter July 2012



Rotorua N.Z.D.A. Branch Calendar

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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 **Rusa hunt coming up. Contact Alec for details.**

Socials **Club catch up**
Wed, 25th June @ 7:30pm
Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.

Range Shoot **Range itinerary for 2012 in this issue:**
Contact Malcolm Perry.

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Presidents Report

Hi All

Well winter is truly upon us. Some of those frosts have been severe to say the least. No worries about the lawn growth then.

So what's been happening around the club you may ask? We had the canteen kids out to the range and it was an awesome day for all. About twenty kids rocked up with a few adult helpers and with Malcolm, Denise, Mitchell, Rod Hill and myself we had plenty on our side. One of the guys from the Canteen group was a member of our range from Tauranga Tim Locke great to see young guys getting in behind this Group.

A mention must also go out to the Pistol club with regards to Grant Rowles and Pam Taylor who kindly allowed everyone to shoot their handguns. I must say Pam's 9mm is an awesomely accurate beast. I must also thank their club for letting us borrow their billy so we could make a brew. We all had a BBQ lunch and cans of drink for the kids.

Mark Pulger rocked up to fire some 280 Ack rounds and Rachel the Canteen leader was keen as to shoot this rifle and all credit she shot well and was rapped in "firing a big gun" - a ballsy chick.

Over all it was a great day not only for the kids but also for the members to see the enjoyment on the kids faces. I hope to run this again in the future.

I feel we should look into getting a bit more facilities out at our range so when events such as this are on we can have BBQ etc in shelter of a building, watch this space.

We have had a Range officer out to inspect the range and his report will be out soon. I have made contact with the CNI guy and we will be meeting out at the range to work through the form road access.

We have had a busy week with the committee meeting, Monday night, then Tuesday the MSC meeting, then your social night. Did you all forget that, as once again a poor turnout - the committee being the only ones who front up with the exception of Pete Graham.

Next social will be the prize giving in August - a pot luck dinner at this point, stay tuned.

I hope all that were interested in the Fly in with Alex have contacted him by now.

Finally big thanks to Dennis for getting out and repairing the fence at the Black powder Club gate. Good on you mate, maybe a beer your way

Cheers all
Colin

NZDA SOCIAL(s)

Social get together

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Whirinaki Deer pen removal

Waiting for word on the next lot of activities. If you want any further information, or are able to help, please contact Colin or another committee member.

Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

If you would like to be involved in the Whirinaki Hut restoration, please contact Colin or any other committee member. 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.

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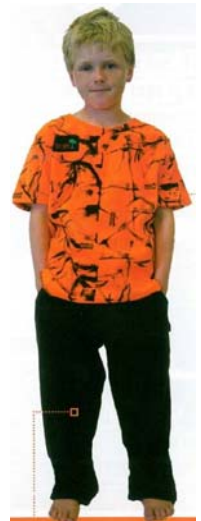
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Range report June 2012

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd; 300M Bay of Plenty & North Island Champs.

On arriving at the range and having set up targets and put up wind flags we were unable to see the first set of wind flags, less than 100M in front of the mound, let alone see targets at 300M. About 11-00 1130, the fog finally cleared and shooting got underway. Everybody was skeptical about being able to start early on the Sunday but when I arrived about 9-300 it was as clear as and shooting got underway promptly at 10-00am. I spent both days in the butts and witnessed some very fine shooting.

Saturday 9th, we hosted a group of Canteen young people to experience rifle shooting, well that's what it set out to be, but by the time the day arrived President Colin had managed to organize members of the pistol club to give them a shoot with pistols also, and a B.B.Q. lunch organized on our range, and it turned out to be a real fun day.

Sunday 17th Deer Silhouette shoot.

Five shooters turned up to a rather unexpected nice day, though for the first couple of shooters who spend the most time in the butts, I believe it was quite chilly. This shoot is purely for self satisfaction so there are no results to publish but for those keen to see how well they might shoot under as near as we can duplicate field conditions it is a lot of fun.

COMING EVENTS:

July:

Sunday 1st, 300M club shoot. A shooter from Hawkes Bay will be on the range shooting, with assistance from Dennis, and will be evaluating our range in terms of certification.

Sunday 22nd (YES 4th Sun) Rimfire Metallic Silhouette shoot, also after lunch I am quite happy to set up some paper targets for Juniors to have a practice before our Junior shoot in September.

August:

Sunday 5th 300M club shoot.

Sunday 19th Deer Silhouette shoot.

September:

Sunday 2nd 300M club shoot.

Sunday 16th Rimfire Metallic Silhouette shoot and Junior Trophy shoot in afternoon.

The following advance notices to be aware of:

The pistol club Nationals in October from Tues 2nd till Saturday 6th.

During this period the range will be closed for casual use by our members.

The Service Rifle club will be using our range for their Pacific Regional Shooting Championships on the 16th, 17th, & 18th November.

Time to reload
Malcolm.

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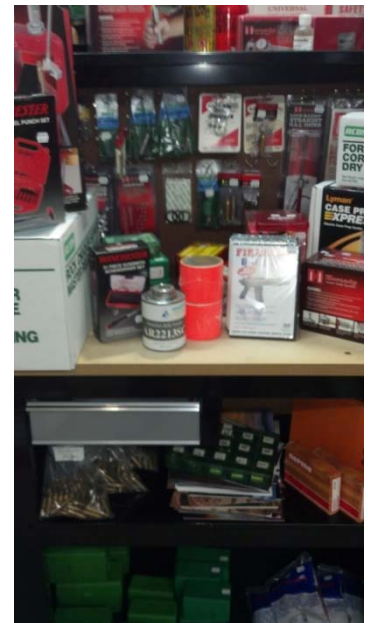
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NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS, June 15

2012 VOLUNTEERS AWARENESS WEEK 17 – 23 June 2012

Volunteer Awareness Week celebrates the essential work of volunteers. A personal thanks from me for all the work that the NZDA volunteers do, not only within their own branch, but also being members of various subcommittees; at national or regional shooting competitions; working in the community with school groups and scouts; and the work that is being done on DOC projects, ie the whoio blue duck recovery programme, huts and tracks, etc.

CONFERENCE UPDATES/REQUESTS

All competitions close Friday June 22nd 5.00pm

Registrations close Friday June 29th

Shuttles to and from Wellington airport and Masterton – so far we have not received any requests for shuttles – if you do need one please let the national office know as soon as possible – so we know if this service is going to be required

Conference handbooks – one copy was posted to each branch last week. Branches can request one more from the national office. Further copies will be at a cost of \$10 each

Remember to bring some loose change for raffles and auctions – some great prizes have been donated and are up for grabs

Trophy/cup returns – letters have been posted to all members who received trophies or cups last year. Enclosed is a copy of that letter.

Guest speakers confirmed to date include:

Hon Kate Wilkinson	Saturday 9.00am
Hon Peter Dunne	Saturday time to be confirmed
Roy Sloan	Wapiti updates
Barry Insull	Recreational Hunting Areas (RHAs)
Geoff Kerr	Hunting surveys
Cody Rapley	Web designer

General business discussion – types of semi-automatic firearms being used by hunters and the pending decision that will give the police powers to change policy on the description of such firearms. This could have an impact on our members and hunters who use these firearms. We will be seeking an indication of how many of our members do use such firearms.

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

Conference Instrument of Proxy forms – please note that these must be in PRIOR to the start of conference

Conference Apologies form - please return these to the national office no later than Monday June 9th

HELIHUNTING (AATH)

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

Press release Peter Dunne, June 15. Decision on remaining AATH applications for Wilderness Areas

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES Enclosed in the mail to the branches and available electronically on request

May 12/13 minutes – a great way to keep in touch with what the National Executive members are doing on behalf of members and the Association

NATIONAL SHOOTING RESULTS

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

National Shooting Week results

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tahr Show – 4/5 August, Pioneer Rec and Sports Centre, 75 Lyttleton Street, Christchurch

Sika Show 29/30 September, Events Centre Taupo

FIREARMS ISSUES

IMPORT CONTROL ON SEMI AUTOMATICS: The Arms (military Style Semi-Automatic Firearms and Import Controls) Amendment Bill – which clarifies the definition of military style semi-automatic firearms (MSSAs), and requires people importing them to have a special permit from police has passed its second reading in parliament. The restrictions won't apply to the importation of airguns used in paintball sports, or those that are manufactured solely as toys, as long as they don't look like anything like real weapons.

DOC UPDATES

Hunters sentenced for illegal spotlighting 13 June 2012:

Two Canterbury men were sentenced today in the Christchurch District Court for hunting offences committed in Arthur's National Park in December last year. Bryce Allan Eastwick from Swannanoa, aged 23, was fined \$750 for hunting at night and had his firearm forfeited to the Crown for hunting without a permit in a national park. Piet Roelof Out from Rangiora, also aged 23, was fined \$750 for hunting at night in breach of his hunting permit, \$750 for taking dogs into a national park and also had his firearm forfeited. Both men pleaded guilty to all charges. The two men were seen by a police officer spotlighting in the area of Turkey Flat on 2 December across the Waimakariri River from the Klondyke Road-end camping area where people were camping. Their lights were seen sweeping over the tents and campervans a number of times. When interviewed later by the department, both men admitted to spotlight hunting for deer in breach of hunting permit provisions. Out also admitted he knew that dogs were forbidden in national parks. DOC Arthur's Pass Field Centre Supervisor Chris Stewart said that the men were unaware that people were camping in the vicinity. "This highlights why hunting after dark on

conservation land is strictly prohibited because of the serious risk it poses to other people using these areas." If you want to hunt in Arthur's Pass National Park or other conservation areas you must have a permit and the rules are very clear that there is no hunting at night." Hunters are warned that if they are found breaking the rules and putting people at risk, the Department will take action." The prosecution of the two men was a result of the NZ Police and DOC working together to address the issue of illegal hunting, said Stewart. In March DOC issued a warning to hunters to refrain from illegal spotlighting on the back of several cases that had been through the courts, including the incident where Rosemary Ives was fatally shot at a DOC campground in Turangi in 2010. Information on where to hunt on conservation land, how to get a permit and safe hunting practice can be found on the DOC website: www.doc.govt.nz/hunting

Anyone who sees hunting activity at night on conservation land should contact the NZ Police immediately or call the DOC hotline on 0800DOCHOT.

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In the news

LOST HIKER: 'I JUST KEPT WALKING' – BY VAIMOANA TAPALEAO AND TEUILA FUATAI - NZ HEARLD (21 JUNE 2012)

With his legs slashed by razor-edged grass, his body shivering and his toes numb, Ronnie Fong thought of his family and made the decision he believes saved his life - he kept walking.

But search and rescue experts say Mr Fong got it wrong, and made it harder for rescuers to find him.

They say he might have been found much sooner had he stayed in one place.

The 39-year-old, who spent three freezing nights lost in the Hunua Ranges in South Auckland, was yesterday enjoying the comforts of home and being surrounded by family.

He winced as he rolled up his trouser legs to show bandaged calves, which he described as being "sliced" during his ordeal.

"Because I was wearing shorts, my calves just got sliced. The long grass, the vines, they cut my legs bad."

Mr Fong, a keen tramper, went out on Saturday for what was meant to be a four-hour walk. But he left the main track and lost his way.

After texting his family that he would be delayed, he found himself in dense bush. Not long after, his cellphone died.

"I was so tired and I was starting to lose the feeling in my toes. I sat down and took my shoes off and started rubbing my toes and rubbing my legs.

"I couldn't sleep on Saturday night - it was just too cold. I tried to stay in one place and cover myself ... but when I started shivering, I knew I had to keep walking."

Contrary to early reports, Mr Fong was well equipped, with a waterproof jacket, spare shirts and food - 12 tuna sandwiches, four oranges, four apples, five muesli bars and three bottles of orange juice.

Next day, though, his already aching body took a battering.

"I fell down a couple of times. I slipped while climbing a three-metre waterfall.

"I thought, 'No, I've got to get up.' I was starting to get confused, too. I didn't know where I was going, and my mind was wandering."

Mr Fong, whose family are from Fiji, said his thoughts turned to them, particularly his father, Ram Kumar.

"There was never a time when I thought, 'This is it. I'm going to die.' But I thought about my family and how they might be thinking that I'm dead."

Mr Fong's ordeal came to an end on Tuesday evening when he waved down a van near a road.

"They stopped and I told them I was lost. They said, 'Are you Ronnie?' I said yes and they just laughed - they were so happy. It was the rescue team."

Mr Kumar said the family stayed positive and believed that their son and brother would be okay because of his experience in tramping.

"I knew he would be okay," Mr Kumar said. "He is a strong boy and we always knew he could look after himself. We're just happy to have him home."

Mountain Safety Council chief executive officer Darryl Carpenter said last night that people should remain in one place if they became lost in the bush.

"If you want to keep moving you can walk around in circles, but it is important for searchers that you stay in the same place."

Mr Carpenter said the Mountain Safety Council recommended that once people realise they were lost, they use any resources in the immediate area to stay warm.

"You can look around and find shelter, whether that be using ferns or in a cave.

"But it is most important that you do not just keep walking."

He said it would have been difficult for rescuers to find Mr Fong as he did not stay in any one place for very long.

"The way it works is that Search and Rescue search areas, then cross them off.

"This individual [Mr Fong] went back into areas which had already been searched."

Search and Rescue co-ordinator Sergeant Dene Duthie agreed Mr Fong would have been found a lot sooner had he stayed in one place.

"If he had stopped, we probably would have found him on Sunday, if not Monday."

DEER-FARMERS TAKE ACTION AGAINST POACHERS BY CHRIS STEEL OF THE BAY OF PLENTY TIMES – NZ HEARLD (21 JUNE 2012)

A deer-farming couple fed up with having their stock stolen waited out suspected poachers hiding in a bush on their property for four hours in the middle of the night.

Landowners on Work Rd, south of Katikati, have been taking down licence plate numbers of suspicious vehicles in a bid to catch armed poachers treating their land as a free-for-all hunting spot.

Geoff and Karen Turner, owners of Puriri Park deer farm at the top of Work Rd, suspect five fallow deer, a red stag and a red hind have been taken by poachers from their 182ha property in the past five months.

In a recent incident, on May 20, two men found near the Turner property were convicted of breaching the Wild Animal Control Act and fined \$200 each.

Then, about 10pm on Sunday night, Mrs Turner got a text from a neighbour saying a four wheel-drive on their list of suspicious vehicles had driven past.

"I raced out to where I was told the offenders had been dropped off [in a patch of bush near the entrance to their property]," Mrs Turner said.

"I yelled out to them 'show yourself or I'll call the police'."

She knew they were hiding and waited for them to do something.

Her husband was nearby and joined her to wait for the poachers, then they waited and watched until the early hours of Monday.

When the vehicle returned at 2am and drove back down the road 30 seconds later without picking up the poachers, the couple followed the vehicle and were on the phone with the police until it pulled over.

Three police vehicles arrived soon after and the driver was spoken to. Two officers went with the man back up Work Rd where two other men were located, along with a firearm and spotlight.

The Turners said people believed the area was Department of Conservation land even though signs said otherwise.

"There are plenty of places for hunters to get into the bush They need to get a permit and go hunting legitimately," Mr Turner said.

"Instead of taking the easy road, get out into the thousands of acres of bush, develop some hunting skills and actually work for your trophy."

- BAY OF PLENTY TIMES

By Chris Steel of the Bay of Plenty Times

DROWNED TOURISTS IGNORED WARNING SIGNS BY GREYMOUTH STAR STAFF – NZ HERALD (21 JUNE 2012)

Two overseas tourists swept to their deaths in a night-time crossing of the glacier-fed Waiho River ignored international warning signs and showed poor judgement of the dangers of alpine river crossings, West Coast coroner Richard McElrea said yesterday.

Poi May Tan, 31, of Singapore, and Yu-Ling Chen, 28, of Taiwan, died from head injuries and drowning when they attempted to cross the icy river, just downstream of the Franz Josef Glacier, about 9.30pm last December 9.

The pair set off on a tramp to the Roberts Point viewpoint, above the glacier, mid-afternoon with two friends, Kam Ying Lee, also known as Ivan, and Ya Yun Chien, also known as Candy.

They took a copy of a map from the backpackers where they were staying, that showed them where the walk was located.

Since the double death, details of the Roberts Point track have been removed from the map, because it did not explain how difficult the walk was. The tramp is a five-hour return trip, and it took the group four hours to reach the end.

On the way back, two of the group became weary. After a discussion they all decided to cross the river because they believed they could see the car park in the distance.

The group made it across three branches of the braided river, but hit trouble on the fourth.

Kam Ying Lee tested the area but Ya Yun Chien fell over and was carried further down the river. Although he managed to get out safely Lee, Tan and Chen got into trouble.

Lee initially had hold of the two women, but Tan was washed away. He continued to hold on to Chen, keeping her head above the water, but he lost his hold and they were separated.

Lee eventually made it out of the river, got his cellphone and tried to contact emergency services. He did not have reception until he found his way out to the road.

When police arrived, a search was launched about 11pm. The body of one of the missing women was found about 1am, about 3km down the river, and the second body was recovered 25 minutes later further downstream.

Forensic pathologist Martin Sage said at the inquest in Greymouth yesterday that neither woman had alcohol in their system and had died from head injuries and drowning.

"This was terribly tragic, especially since there was a swingbridge about half an hour from where they chose to cross. Their primary decision-making was full of errors. Had they decided to spend the night in the bush, they would have been cold and uncomfortable, but all of them would still be alive."

Department of Conservation (DoC) technical support supervisor Ian Wightwick said that since the incident DOC had added information to its website about the level of experience required for the Roberts Point walk. He had walked the track recently and it was steep, rocky, rough and uneven.

On the night of the tragedy the river would have been high and dirtier than expected, he said.

"Due to the mild conditions during the day there would have been a lot of snow melt."

Mr Wightwick said all the signs on the track carried international warning symbols.

Since the fatalities, DoC had proposed realigning the track where it nears the Waiho River. That was scheduled to happen over the next three months.

Mr McElrea, recommended that a new sign warning visitors should be put up at the start of the track.

"The core message from this inquiry would seem to be the dangers of crossing glacier-fed rivers," he said.

He concluded that Ms Tan and Ms Chen drowned because of poor decision making. They underestimated the dangers of alpine river crossings and did not take into account the sign, which clearly stated they should not attempt a crossing.

By Greymouth Star staff

ACTION CALL AFTER 2 KIWI KILLED IN WEEK – THE DAILY POST (25 JUNE 2012)

Kiwi are extremely attractive to dogs. They smell really good, they run fast when chased and they can't fly. Because kiwi don't have a breastbone, even a playful nudge can kill them. Bridget Palmer, Department of Conservation ranger

Bay of Plenty residents are being reminded about the threat vehicles and dogs pose to kiwi.

Department of Conservation community and biodiversity ranger Bridget Palmer said two kiwi deaths in one week should serve as a reminder about the various threats to kiwi.

She said the two kiwi deaths happened in the same week earlier this month.

A pathology report on a kiwi found dead by Opotiki residents earlier this month confirmed a dog attack as the cause of death while a kiwi from Whakatane died after being hit by a car.

Ms Palmer said it was "very disappointing" as both kiwi were in good condition before they suffered severe trauma.

"Kiwi populations will die out unless positive action is taken to minimise deaths by dogs and motor vehicles," she said.

"The majority of kiwi handed into the Department of Conservation have been killed by dogs. Kiwi are extremely attractive to dogs. They smell really good, they run fast when chased and they can't fly. Because kiwi don't have a breastbone, even a playful nudge can kill them."

Ms Palmer said pet dogs could also kill kiwi. "Even dogs that are very placid in nature have been known to kill kiwi."

She said kiwi were also vulnerable to motor vehicles as they crossed roads to neighbouring habitat.

"Wairere, the 2-year-old kiwi found on the side of the road just below Kohi Point last week, is well known by Kiwi Project staff and volunteers. She was blessed at a ceremony held at Ohope Beach School on the 20th January 2011 and later released into Kohi Point," Ms Palmer said.

"I knew it was only a matter of time before one of our kiwi was hit by a car. I had hoped I would be wrong. It would be devastating if all the hard work undertaken during the last 11 years by Whakatane Kiwi Project partners and volunteers was undone because people didn't take the Kiwi Crossing or Kiwi Zone signs seriously."

Ms Palmer said she hoped these deaths would help raise awareness about the endangered national bird.

"The key is that dog owners need to be responsible and keep their pets on a lead. People need to understand that kiwi can be half a metre off the track or road sheltering under a bush," she said.

"Kiwi have a very strong scent so dogs can find them by day or night and they are defenceless against dogs."

Hunting dogs on Public Conservation Land need to have completed avian aversion training and hunters also require a DOC permit.

Contact the Department of Conservation in Opotiki: (07) 315 1001 or go to www.savethekiwi.org.nz.

MISSING PIG HUNTER'S DAD GIVES UP HOPE SON IS ALIVE – STUFF.CO.NZ (08 JULY 2012)

Missing hunter Kevin Hayward is believed to have died after diving naked into a wintry river to wrestle a wild pig.

His father Doug Hayward has given up hope his 41-year-old son is alive. After examining GPS collars on his son's five dogs, he believed he tracked a pig to the river, stripped off on the bank of the Waikato River and plunged into the water to get the pig.

Hayward has officially been missing for six cold nights in rugged bush 50km west of Taupo.

Yesterday a police dive squad searched the Waikato River where Hayward's clothes were found on the riverbank by hunters from Tokoroa and Hamilton, as well as police LandSAR searchers.

Hayward, of Ohaupo, is an experienced pig hunter who knows the Waipapa forest area beside the Waikato River "like the back of his hand", his father said.

Hayward parked his ute at the Waipapa Dam powerhouse on Monday afternoon. Police were alerted on Tuesday when one of his five dogs was seen beside the ute at the car park.

"I hope we can find him, but I don't believe he's alive now. He had all his tracking gear. The dogs had obviously taken the pig into the river. He probably took his clothes off, jumped into the water and got into trouble. He is not very big and doesn't like the cold, but he is as fit as. The pig may have gorged him, he could have been caught in a bit of weed," Doug Hayward said.

He hoped his son's body would be found when the dive team resumed its search today. KAY BLUNDELL

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Membership Costs (Rotorua Branch)

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 2011. 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 2011. Full benefits)

Family = \$5 (Children or grandchildren)

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