



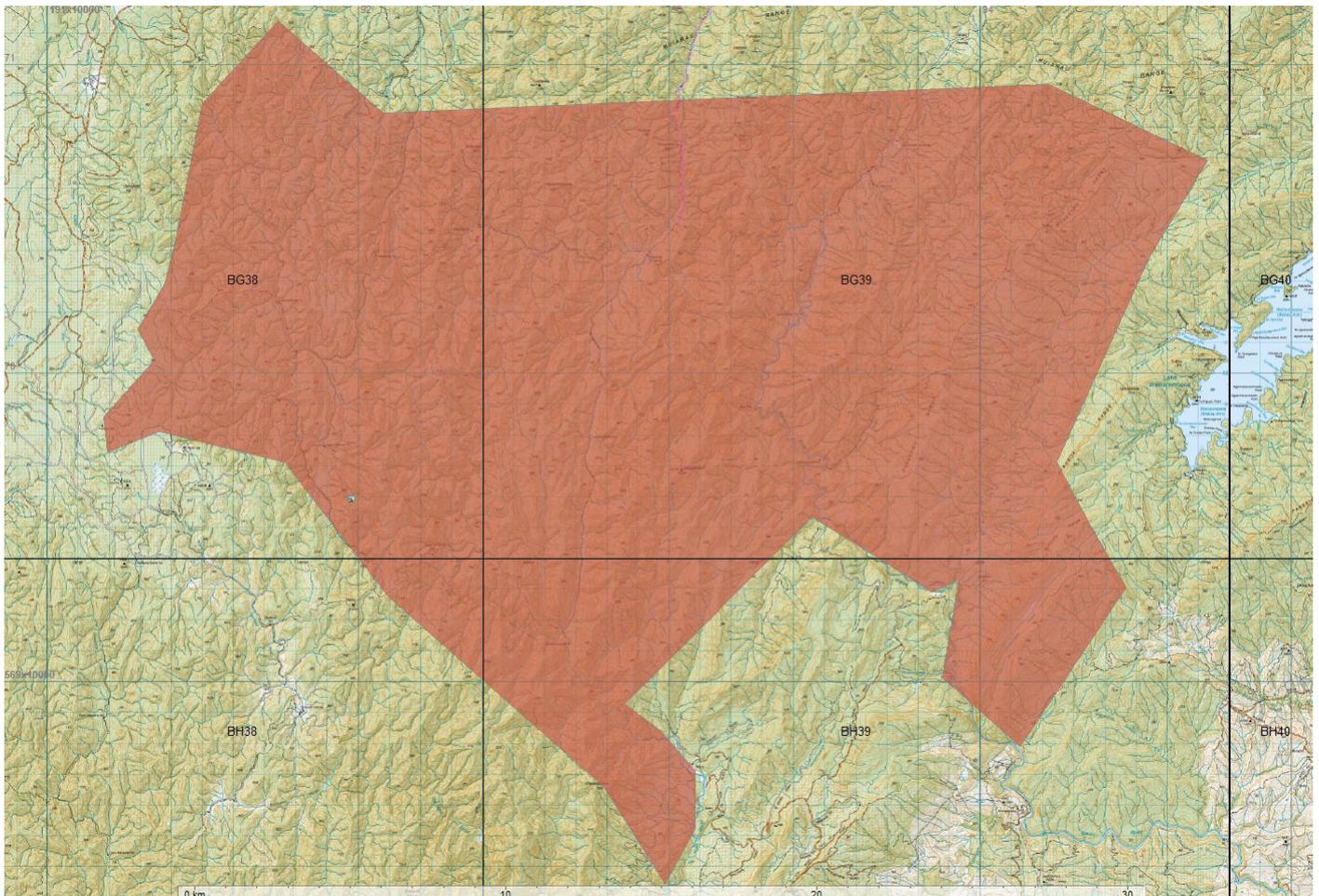
# The New Zealand Deerstalkers Assoc. Inc.

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**March Issue 2012:**

*Next social: AGM time again.*



**“The Tines”  
Rotorua Branch Newsletter March 2012**



## **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>Sometime in April – Okahu Road Hunt – get in before the 1080 drop!!!!</b>
<b>Socials</b>	<b>AGM. Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 7:30pm Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.</b>
<b>Range Shoot</b>	<b>Range itinerary for 2012 in this issue: Contact Malcolm Perry.</b>

**Cover Photo:** The red area is the rough area in the Whirinaki and Te Urewera Forests that the AHB is about to 1080!!!! They are poisoning 55,000 ha of these forests. More info is in this newsletter or on the website.

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

Hi All

Well is autumn here or what. Lately the temp has dropped and nights have been definitely cooler. Rumour has it stags are making up there stamp pads and roaring a tad.

My apologies to the few that had put there names forward for the party hunt which we decided to can due to having no committee members that could make it. We all had unforeseen commitments.

I had already booked to go to Pink Floyd the Wall Concert, was cool although one would have thought its was a grey power meeting!! A'int seen so many old dudes at one concert, knocking back the ale and revelling in the nostalgia. Even the big JE was there!

The good news on the Club house is she's in for a repaint top to toe. Should be starting soon so come on down to the next meeting which will also be the AGM and check out the knew colour scheme. Hopefully they guys will have started.

Those guys that missed the party hunt can still hook up with the Hut Restoration as we are still a few numbers down, so check it out on the web or contact Elvis if you are keen, dates are 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1st April.

AHB are planning to dump 1080 all over the Whirinaki Forest so check out the ad in this newsletter regarding AHB rep speaking in Taupo 15th March. The more guys we can get along to these meeting the better to voice your opinion.

Down on the range Malcolm has been at work and removed all the rubbish bins and all the loose crap left about. So in the future when you bring targets to shoot at ensure YOU TAKE ALL YOUR CRAP home with you. Be warned we have had enough of inconsiderate people leaving there shot up shit at the range. That also goes for the clowns that shoot up the target stands, shooting the legs off. These are donated for your use so try hard to look after them, or take up golf or lawn bowels.

We folks I have had my rave. See you at the AGM on 21March

Cheers Colin

## **NZDA SOCIAL(s) and PARTY HUNTS**

*We are looking at rescheduling the Okahu Valley Party Hunt before the 1080 drop in May.*

*Next social is the AGM. All members welcome to attend.*

## **Volunteers/NZDA Rotorua Projects Updates**

### **Urewera Hut restoration - Central Waiau Hut**

We are going to be assisting DOC with the refurbishment of this hut on March 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> April this year. If you would like to be involved, please contact Elvis or any other committee member. This will be a four day stay and you will need to take in all your gear. We will be helicoptered in courtesy of DOC. We are looking at going in with eight members. Just remember that there will be time for hunting, but you will also need to work during the day to complete the hut refurbishment.

### **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 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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## **Range report February 2011**

Sunday 5th Feb. was to have been a 300M shoot, Paul Midgley and his dad attended, I took out a .222 target rifle and my jacket and sling and Paul had a 20 shot match at 300M keeping all but 4 or 5 of his shots inside the 8 ring on our standard 200M target, well done Paul.

Sunday 19th Feb, was to have been a Deer silhouette shoot, but this was cancelled due to some members who normally attend being away and the fact we had been invited to the official opening of the B.O.P. Branches new range, which in turn meant more of the interested people would also be absent.

We had a range booking for the A.O.S. on tues morning 6th of March and two or three members of the black powder club would be using the range that afternoon.

Development work; the anticipated digger work is now expected to take place at the end of March.

It was pleasing to note that the range is being kept tidy since I removed the rubbish bins and had a major cleanup, when I called out there today.

Coming events;

Sunday 18th March, .22 R/F Metallic Silhouette, Chickens @ 40M; Pigs @ 60M; Turkeys @ 77M and Rams @ 100M. 10am start.

APRIL;

Sunday 1st (not a joke) 300M shoot.

Sunday 15th Deer Silhouette shoot.

MAY;

Sunday 6th (Mother's Day), 300M shoot Please note that this weekend may be the 300M North Island Champs a two day shoot, this is yet to be confirmed.

Sunday 20th R/F metallic Silhouette shoot.

Time to reload, Malcolm

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## Classifieds

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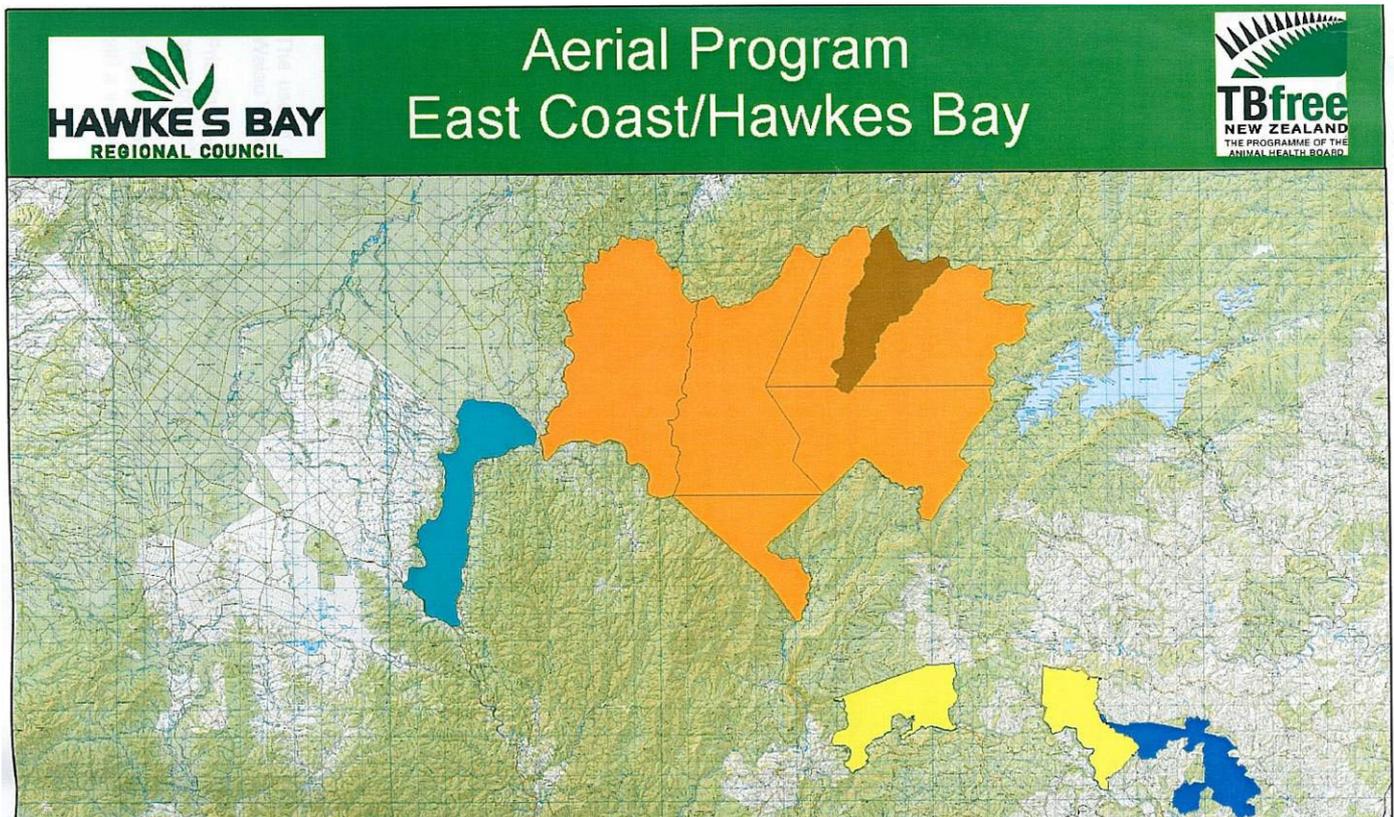
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## Massive Whirinaki/Te Urewera 1080 drop

As mentioned on the cover, the Animal Health Board in conjunction with Hawkes Bay Regional Council are planning a massive 1080 drop on these forests. They are working on four other forests also, being Kokomoko (6,289 ha), Willowflat (6,545 ha), Raupunga (2,946 ha) and Makaroro-Ngaruroro (8,158 ha). The Whirinaki/Te Urewera covers 55,269 ha.



From their letter:

“All the projects scheduled for control this winter have been worked before. This is a four to five year maintenance phase following the same boundaries as when initially treaded.

With the exception of one strata within the Te Urewera contract (upper Waiiau Valley), the baiting application rate over the rest of the projects will be between 1 and 2 kgs per ha. The Te Urewera section (brown on map) will be at 3kgs per ha as this area has not been successfully worked before and results from a possum population trend monitor conducted last year has indicated a catch rate of 29%.

The use of deer repellent for this season has only been budgeted for one strata and that is the Waiau Valley area.”

Further details on the Te Urewera drop are:

“Te Urewera (7 strata), 55,269 ha. This project extends over a combination of land within the southern Whirinaki Forest Park and the Te Urewera National Park. Sections of this project area are under joint or co management with the Ngati Whare Iwi and the Department of Conservation (Murupara area office). The entire operation is in wilderness country with access limited to walking tracks or helicopter. The baiting will be cereal pellets applied at a rate of 2 & 3 kg per hectare. The timing will be aimed at early May through to 30 June 2012. (Deer repellent has been budgeted to be used over the Upper Waiau Valley section) (Contractor, Epro Ltd).

**Notice:**

Meeting with Brent Webster re AHP Poisoning Programme 2011-2012.

When: 15 March 2012, 7pm start

Cost: Gold coin donation

Where: Taupo Deerstalkers Hall

Brent Webster of the Animal Health Board has consented to address Taupo Deerstalkers and other interested local hunters on a substantial poisoning programme in this area. A large area of the Kaimanawas, including the RHA so popular with North Island hunters, as well as the Mangatepopo to Hauhangaroa region are to be part of a Vector programme designed to eradicate TB.

It is essential that there is a large turnout of hunters to emphasise the importance of these programmes taking place AFTER the roar periods AND the use of deer repellent for all poisoning operations.

Again, the PowerPoint presentation will be at the deerstalkers hall, at 7:00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The clubrooms are on Mountain Road, which is off the Napier\Taupo Road. If you head Towards Napier Mountain Road is a couple of K's along on the left hand side. The rangels about a K down Mountain Road and well signposted.

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## **In the news**

DOGS BLAMED FOR MASS KIWI DEATHS BY HAYDEN DONNELL – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (15 FEBRUARY 2012)

Runaway pet dogs are being blamed for the deaths of dozens of Northland kiwi.

Bay Bush Action posted a photo about 60 kiwi corpses collected around Northland over the course of a year on its Facebook page.

It said many of the birds were killed by dogs who were not kept on a leash.

"Even the most harmless beloved dog can be a killer of a kiwi: They need to stay on a leash where kiwis might be," the organisation's statement said.

Northland has the highest population of kiwis in the country.

Despite that, the average lifespan of kiwis in the area is about 15 years, compared to 40 to 60 years in other parts of New Zealand.

Don Robertson, DOC's acting kiwi programme manager for Whangarei, said 80 per cent of adult kiwis deaths were caused by pet dogs every year - including 30 in Whangarei alone.

He said kiwis made an ideal target for dogs because they were "nice smelling" and would run away when disturbed. Dog owners needed to take responsibility for keeping their pets on a lead, he said.

"People believe they just have the right to keep their dogs off the lead - or they say 'my dog wouldn't do that'. Of course it would. People don't understand kiwi can be half a metre off the track sheltering under a bush.

"It is very devastating toll. It is significant."

Kiwis' lack of a breastbone meant any bite from any dog - small or large - could be fatal, Mr Robertson said.

"Any dog can kill a kiwi. It only takes the smallest nudge or crush to its chest.

"Farm dogs are generally under control. Hunting dogs, generally under control. It's the little yappy ones that are just that - little, yappy and often out of control... They can kill kiwi."

In 2008, the population of Northland brown kiwi was calculated at around 8000 birds, living in 25 clusters from Tawharanui to Whakaangi.

It is estimated that the number of North Island kiwi declined by at least 90 per cent during the 20th century.

SWEDISH TOURIST'S DEATH 'EXTREMELY RAPID' BY SHARON LUNDY – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (06 MARCH 2012)

A Swedish tourist hunting in the Nelson Lakes area died from a severe head injury after plummeting 30m down a bluff, a coroner says.

Ivan Bolin, 26, and friend Erik Thuresson arrived in New Zealand on March 7, 2011, to go hunting. It was their first trip to New Zealand but they had hunted together many times, Coroner Carla na Nagara said.

The pair bought guns in Christchurch before driving to Nelson, arriving at Lake Rotoiti in the Nelson Lakes National Park about midday on March 12.

They walked two hours to Coldwater Hut then set off, planning to hunt until dark.

"The men separated as Mr Thuresson went to a creek that ran down the mountainside to fill their water bottles," Ms na Nagara said.

"As he did so, Mr Bolin indicated he would continue up the hill a little bit, and Mr Thuresson said he would catch him up. However, when Mr Thuresson returned to join Mr Bolin he could not find him."

Mr Thuresson continued searching for his friend late into the night. He fired two shots, believing his friend would fire back to let him know where he was if he was lying injured.

However, there was no response.

Mr Thuresson borrowed a cellphone from some other hunters staying in the same hut and tramped out until he could get reception, raising the alarm about 12.30am on March 13.

Searches that day failed to find any sign of Mr Bolin but early the next day he was found facedown in a pool of water, having fallen about 30m down a steep bluff into the creek.

His rifle was found buried barrel first into the ground, up the bluff, and there was a slip mark about 10m above it.

The searcher who found the rifle and saw the slip mark said the bluff was "very steep and unstable".

"It seems as if he was trying to sidle the bluff and slipped. He would have had nothing to stop his fall."

A post-mortem examination showed Mr Bolin died from a severe head injury and had a fractured skull. His death would have been "extremely rapid".

"Having considered the evidence before me, I find Mr Ivar Bolin, an experienced hunter, slipped to his death while crossing a steep and unstable bluff," Ms na Nagara said.

"There is nothing before me to suggest that he lacked the experience to be in the situation he was, and in my view his fall and subsequent death may be seen to be the realisation of a risk assumed by him when he decided to proceed as he did across the bluff."

- APNZ

FRIES WITH YOUR SYNTHETIC BURGER? BY STEVE CONNOR – NZHERALD.CO.NZ (21 FEBRUARY 2012)

The world's first hamburger made with a synthetic meat protein derived from bovine stem cells will be publicly consumed this October after being prepared by a celebrity chef, according to the inventor of the artificial mince.

Heston Blumenthal is the favourite to be asked to cook the €250,000 (\$393,000) hamburger, which will be made from 3000 strips of synthetic meat protein grown in fermentation vats.

Dr Mark Post, of Maastricht University in the Netherlands, said the anonymous backer of his research project had not yet decided who would get to eat the world's most expensive hamburger, which will be unveiled at a ceremony in Maastricht.

Post told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that a hamburger made from artificial beef protein was a milestone in the development of novel ways to meet the global demand for meat, which is expected to double by 2050.

"In October, we're going to provide a 'proof of concept' showing that with in vitro culture methods that are pretty classical we can make a product out of stem cells that looks like, and hopefully taste like, meat," Post said. "The target goal is to make a hamburger and for that we need to grow 3000 pieces of this muscle and a couple of hundred pieces of fat tissue.

As long as it's a patty the size of a regular hamburger, I'm happy with it," he said.

A handful of researchers has been working for the past six years on the technical problem of extracting stem cells from bovine muscle, culturing them in the laboratory and turning them into strips of muscle fibres that can be minced together with synthetic fat cells into an edible product.

The technical challenges have included giving the meat a pinkish colour and the right texture for cooking and eating, as well as ensuring that it feels and tastes like real meat.

Post admitted to being nervous about the final result. "I am a little worried, but seeing and tasting is believing," he said.

Although some animals still have to be slaughtered to provide the bovine stem cells, scientists estimate that a million times more meat could be made from the carcass of a single cow, compared with conventional cattle rearing. As well as reducing the number of beef cattle, it would save the land, water and oil needed to raise cattle for the meat trade, Post said.

"Eventually, my vision is that you have a limited herd of donor animals that you keep in stock in the world. You kill animals and take all the stem cells from them, so you would still need animals for this technology.

"Right now we are using about 70 per cent of all our agricultural capacity to grow meat through livestock. You are going to need alternatives. If we don't do anything, meat will become a luxury food and will become very expensive," he said.

"Livestock also contribute a lot to greenhouse gas emissions, more so than our entire transport system. Livestock produces 39 per cent of the methane, 5 per cent of CO2 and 40 per cent of all the nitrous oxide. Eventually we'll have an 'eco-tax' on meat."

Growing meat in fermentation vats might be better for the environment. It might be more acceptable to vegetarians and people concerned about the welfare of livestock.

Growing artificial meat may allow greater control. It will be possible, for example, to alter the fat content, or the amount of polyunsaturated fats vs saturated fats.

Post declined to reveal who his backer was, except to say that he was well known but not a celebrity. "It's a very reputable source of money," he said. "He's an individual. There may be two reasons why he wants to remain anonymous: as soon as his name is associated with this technology he will draw the attention to himself and he doesn't really want to do that."

The case for and against lab meat

Pros

- \* Billions of animals would be spared from factory farms and slaughterhouses.
- \* Would reduce environmental impacts of livestock production, which the UN estimates accounts for 18 per cent of greenhouse-gas emissions.
- \* Could reduce by 90 per cent the land- and water-use footprint of production.
- \* A more sustainable way to meet growing demand from China and India; expected to double global consumption by 2040.
- \* Free of hormones, antibiotics, bacteria and engineered to contain less fat.
- \* Would reduce the threat of swine and avian flu outbreaks.

Cons

- \* Consumers may find the notion of lab-grown meat creepy or unnatural.
- \* For some vegetarians, it perpetuates "meat addiction" rather than promoting non-meat alternatives.
- \* Risks of eating red meat, such as an increased threat of bowel cancer, remain.
- \* Animals will still have to be slaughtered to provide the bovine stem cells.
- \* Could have unforeseen health consequences
- \* Step in the wrong direction for those who believe problems in our food system have origins in distance between production and consumer.

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