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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 To be advised in future.

Socials

Range Shoot Go to www.nzdarotorua.org.nz for the latest range itinerary for 2016:
Contact Malcolm Perry or Rod Andrews for anything regarding the range.

Cover Photo: Rotorua Swazi Shooters 2015. Well done Danielle Fawcett on a first placing.

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Presidents Report December 2015

Hi all

So I finally got to go away for a hunt with Mitch after promising to do so last time he was back from Uni, we hooked up with Chris Wynn of Western helicopters who dropped us off into Pureora forest, up in the head waters of the Wiahaha. He has a small bivi in there and this turned out to be quite comfortable as we had planned to use the tent which was not needed.

Well as this was all bush hunting which is not mine or Mitch's forte we did see a few deer but they were gone before we could shoot. However it was a great trip I was humbled by how much a geologist knows about map reading and navigation, he was heaps better than I as this is what they do apparently. So I handed over to him as we may have got a tad bushed as this place was featureless and compass/GPS was the requirement.

Chris was great. He took us for a bit of look see and disturbed a couple of deer on a clearing just to prove they are there.

In all a good trip. Spent some good time with Mitch and saw some different country. This would be a good spot for the roan so I reckon if you want the challenge of some were different and a good trip give Chris a call he is really obliging.

The Mead road job.

As you would all be aware the condition of the road is not good, during the pistol world it was done up by the Pistol club, but now sadly it's slipped back. We as a club are taking the initiative to get it right as we still intend to truck in fill.

That was old news. We had a few working bees and had a successful job of filling and compacting the holes, thanks to those who fronted and the CNIG boys - cheers all.

So the Up date

Got a hold of contact at Timber lands that gifted us a few loads of metal, you maybe have been aware of this when driving out there some weeks back.

Now Fulton-Hogan has been and gone road has been ripped, graded and rolled with quite a few loads of metal. Oh and few \$ makes the difference. So now we have a good road in and all you have to do is 30k/hr and it will stay that way.

So what else has been happening?

Well we all knew about the Dads army shoot and shite we had the typical branch turn out 12, of which 4 weren't even members. Thanks to the guys who fronted and though they didn't shoot just helped with cooking etc. cheers.

Also to Warren who did great job of the RO for the day.

It was a good day and those who took parts had a ball, the weather was good, so all you pussies that stayed away due to this, hard luck there were 10 drawn prizes and with only twelve shooters pretty good olds.

I will leave the scores and winner to Malcolm's report, but needless to say there may be some fine tuning and a possible re barrel before the next event, some people to beat.

Also we awarded one of our members a fifty year badge, to Malcolm Perry, well done mate as I have said before you are the granddad father of our range and we as members are indebted to you for all you have done and organised out there. Thanks again mate.

I was hoping to have had the Hut out there completed by now but maybe after Xmas as with the roading and or commitments of our friendly builder it has not been possible, however Mark and John have installed the roof and that has made the place, also the Midgley gang have stained the ply in readiness for application. Thanks to you all.

So the last big event was be the Christmas shoot. It was also the Jnr Swazi shoot. Well done to all who showed and enjoyed the fun day.

Cheers

Colin



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Rotorua range report December 2015.

Hi Guys,

Activities from November:

Saturday 7th would have been a Service rifle club shoot.

Sunday 15th was the Dad's Army shoot, not as well attended as we had hoped, but the 13 who attended seemed to enjoy themselves, although I seem to have mislaid scores, the placings were 1st Mark Paulger; 2nd Mark Slade; 3rd Chris Patterson. Well done to the three of you.

Scores for Dad's army shoot:

Chris	197	3rd place.	56%
Peter	105.		
Arend	44.		
Callum	75.		
Daryl	11.		
Mitchell	148.		
Dennis	164.		
Colin	144.		
Mark P	270.	1st place	77% of possible score.
Glen	35.		
Mark S	231	2nd place	67%.
Kevin	66.		
Todd	66.		

Sunday 6th December was The Junior Swazi shoot and some fun .22 shooting for everyone and our annual B.B.Q.

Next year's activities I have yet to determine but I have a new piece of white board that I will install at the range and may be able to get Elvis to flick out an email once I have some firm dates, generally except for January, the first Saturday of the month is Service rifle; the first Sunday is a 300M target shoot; and the 3rd Sunday will be either Deer silhouette or Rimfire silhouette. Also all shoots and short notice range bookings will be put on the website.

From now on there will not be any specified dates for induction courses as only new members should require them, but we will run them on range days or if someone can't attend a range day then by arrangement.

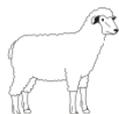
Property picked up on the range, we have had several items handed in over the last month or so, if you think you have left something on the range, give me a call 0276259608 or 3484473.

Cheers,
Malcolm.

Induction courses:

Note: that you will need to have attended one of these courses in order to get the new range key. All Induction Courses have to happen at the range. These are being undertaken to ensure members are aware of the safety requirements of using the NZDA range and are a step towards the committee getting the range certified. These courses should only take around 30 minutes. You only need to attend once this year.

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NEWSLETTER to Branches

3rd December 2015

Christmas closing dates:

23rd of December – 11th January (There will be one more newsletter before we close)

What's Happened?

- Applications for Community Conservation Partnership Funding.
- Initial meetings for Canterbury Regional Access Group (CRAG) to coordinate branch response to access issues.
- Taupo Prize Shoot
- HUNTS courses completed for Direct (Great Barrier), Thames, North and South Canterbury, Wellington/Porirua, Taupo.

What's happening in December?

- 3/12 Firearms Community Advisory Forum
 - 16/12 Hunter safety research project initial meeting.
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Please Note –

BCC Newsletters

Some branch newsletters are still being sent out without the recipient's addresses being BCC'd. It's very important as this stops spam emails and also keeps members emails private. **Please ensure all members are BCC'd into the email.**

For those of you who are unaware of this function, all you do is click on the cc.. and add the emails under bcc.. rather than just under the usual to.. option.

Change of Addresses

We are receiving a large number of return Hunting & Wildlife magazines per issue. Please keep your address up to date. When a Hunting & Wildlife magazines or invoice is returned we remove your address from the database and send you an email. If you do not reply to this email we cannot guarantee future delivery of your hunting & Wildlife magazine. You can either update via the websites contact us tab or email us directly.

Attached –

2016 Hihitahi Challenge

Centralised Membership Administration Form

TBfree 2016 Northern South Island Aerial Programme Letter

Douglas Score Course Reminder

Neville Carter from Manawatu branch is going to be holding a Douglas Score Course on the 20th of February 2016 at the branch's clubrooms starting at 8.30am. If you are interested, please contact Neville on 027 444 2053. This is an exciting opportunity to learn to measure heads and perhaps become a judge at national conference.

Centralised Membership Administration Forms

It is important we get these back – please fill them out and send them back **ASAP if you have not already done so.**

We are missing quite a few of these forms – they need to be returned to us **ASAP**. Please note that the order we receive them is the order the membership invoices are generated and sent out for 2016/17 year. Please see attached form to be filled out. To date we have only had 11 of these returned.

Sue and Kirstie

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Stories for newsletter.
Any interesting articles.
Any photo's of your hunting trips.
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Or phone 021 066 7868***

Hihitahi Challenge

Saturday, January 23rd, 2016

Competition will involve:

Hiking, Shooting, Basic navigation, Observation,
Distance judging, Flora & Fauna identification, First Aid

Event location is 6km south
of Waieururu on Highway 1

Limited entries available!
Entries open late November 2015.
Register early!

For more details contact:

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Hi Everyone,

Merry Christmas to you all! I hope you all have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe break all ready for the new year.

Entries are now open for the 2016 Hihitahi Challenge. To register contact myself or Malcolm. For the 2016 event we will have entry for both individual competitors and also two person teams. Each individual and each team will receive one score card and individuals will not compete directly against teams. Only an individual competitor can pick up the trophy!

We will be implementing a few changes to the event including shifting the first aid stage, more shooting, big changes to the flora and fauna ID stage, and also implementing an end of day cut off time at which competitors will be picked up and taken back to the woolshed.

We are again, being really well supported by a bunch of prizes sponsors so all we need now is for competitors to support the event as well! With the quality of the prizes we have coming in we are also looking at how we award those prizes as well.

Check out the facebook page or [NZ Hunting and Shooting Forum](#) post for a few more updates and details. More details will follow early in the new year but until then I hope you all have a great Christmas!

Cheers,

Simon Gillice

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3 December 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam

NORTHERN SOUTH ISLAND BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS AERIAL CONTROL OPERATIONS - 2016

We wish to advise that TBfree is planning a series of aerial 1080 possum control operations in our Northern South Island (NSI) region during 2016. TBfree's NSI region includes the West Coast, Tasman, North Canterbury and Marlborough.

OSPRI manages the bovine tuberculosis (TB) control programme known as TBfree. Wild animals, mainly possums, are both the main carriers (vectors) of bovine TB and source of the disease. It is important that we keep their numbers low, as we work towards eradicating TB from New Zealand over the long term.

TBfree controls possums in TB risk areas using a variety of ground-based methods, supported by aerial operations using biodegradable sodium fluoroacetate (also known as 1080). This work reduces possum populations and minimises the risk of TB spreading from wildlife to domestic livestock. For further information on 1080, please visit www.1080facts.co.nz

Please find attached below the regional overview maps for our 2016 aerial programme. It would be appreciated if this information was made available to your membership. Further operational information for each aerial will be provided shortly.

If you have any questions regarding OSPRI's TBfree programme, please visit our website www.tbfree.org.nz or contact us on 03 769 9098, or email vectorsni@ospri.co.nz

Yours sincerely

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In the news

GRANDFATHER SENTENCED OVER FATAL SHOOTING OF 11-YEAR-OLD – STUFF.CO.NZ (24 DECEMBER 2015)

A man who accidentally shot and killed his grandson says he was already serving a life sentence before he was convicted in the Taupo District Court.

"I wish it was me," Brian Phillips said in a statement read to the court on Tuesday morning.

"I was meant to go before my grandchildren. It is a heavy burden I carry every day. It is a life sentence."

Judge Tony Snell convicted and sentenced the 67-year-old Reporoa resident to four months' community detention.

He previously pleaded guilty to careless use of a firearm causing the death of his grandson Connor Phillips in a hunting incident in the Kaingaroa Forest, near Taupo, earlier this year.

Connor, 11, was one of four brothers and one of Phillips' 10 grandchildren.

Connor had gone with the group of adults and other youngsters for a hunt in a remote part of the Kaingaroa Forest - less than 20km from his home in the small settlement of Reporoa, on October 11.

It was the last day of school holidays and as the hunt came to an end, Phillips was unloading a firearm when the gun went off, according to police.

Emergency services rushed to the scene off Western Boundary Rd, but it was too late and Connor died at the scene.

Phillips' lawyer, Denise Johnston, applied for a discharge without conviction for her client.

But Judge Snell "wasn't satisfied that the direct and indirect consequence outweighed all proportion to the gravity of the offence", Johnston said.

"The offending falls in the lower middle range ... the key rule of using firearms is they must always be pointed in a safe direction. With five children in the area, extra care should have been taken."

He convicted and sentenced Phillips to four months' community detention.

In an affidavit read by Johnston in court, Phillips said "no punishment could measure to the grief and guilt I impose on myself every day".

Phillips was struggling to live with what had happened to such an "awesome" young boy.

"He had a great future ahead of him ... He was a junior hunter following in my steps and would have taken over leading the pack."

Connor's parents, Justin and Olivia Phillips, were not present at the sentencing but in a statement read in court said they had forgiven Phillips.

"Brian is a kind, caring grandfather, father, father-in-law and brother who always put others first, especially his pride and joy - his 10 grandchildren."

Connor's mother said afterwards that her there was nothing she could say to bring him back and she did not want to comment further.

- Stuff

HUNTER DIES IN SOUTHLAND HUT FIRE BY GEORGINA CAMPBELL – STUFF.CO.NZ (5 DECEMBER 2015)

A hunter is dead after the Southland hut he was sleeping in went up in flames.

Fire crews were called to the remote hunters hut off Papatotara Coast Rd, Tuatapere at about 1.45am on Saturday, North and Central Otago fire area commander Keith McIntosh said.

"A man rung emergency services when he had got out of the hut, but his mate was still inside."

McIntosh said the man who was trapped in the small hut had died.

Two pumps, a tanker, and a four wheel drive were sent to the remote location which took about an hour to get to, he said.

A "skeleton crew" stayed over night.

"They were putting the fire out very delicately to make sure any evidence is preserved," McIntosh said.

Two fire investigators were at the scene working with police on Saturday morning to try and determine the cause of the fire which was still unknown.

Police believed they knew the identity of the man who died, and were currently speaking with his family.

- Stuff

MAST YEAR BRINGS PESTS TO NATIVE BIRDS – 3 NEWS (4 JANUARY 2016)

Around 700,000 hectares of land were targeted in last year's 1080 aerial drop, mostly in the South Island.

While it appears to have won the battle this time, Department of Conservation (DOC) workers aren't certain they'll win the war.

Pollen glows above the beech trees, and come autumn, the forest giants will be producing another bonanza of seeds for rats, mice and stoats.

DOC says helicopter-borne 1080 drops killed of more than 90 percent of rats and stoats last winter; now it looks like they'll have to do it again this winter.

Pest numbers explode in a heavy seed or mast year, but when the seeds run out, the rats and stoats start on the birds.

Mast years don't happen every year, but the amount of pollen in the air indicates another one is on the way.

But not everyone agrees with carpet bombing the bush with 1080. Peter Salters has been hunting for years and says there has been a huge decline in native birds.

"They may blame that on predators, but when there is a poison drop and keas and moreporks almost disappear virtually overnight, you can't blame that on predators."

But it's a battle DOC says it's losing in the long run, and with more beech trees expected to flower next year, it's likely another 1080 dump will go ahead regardless of the by-kill.

3 News

CHINA'S ANIMAL CLONING FACTORY – 3 NEWS (25 NOVEMBER 2015)

The world's largest animal cloning factory is under construction in China, with plans to churn out dogs, horses and up to a million beef cattle a year.

The 200-million-yuan (NZ\$47 million) facility will include cloning laboratories and a gene bank, the official Xinhua news agency reports. It's being set up by Chinese biotechnology firm Boyalife and South Korea's Sooam Biotech - whose founder was embroiled in controversy a decade ago over claims to have cloned human embryos - along with two Chinese research institutions. It will develop animals such as pet and police dogs, racehorses and cows, to be sold on the open market on an industrial scale. The factory in the northern port of Tianjin is set to start production next year, with initial capacity of 100,000 cattle embryos a year, growing to one million, Xinhua cited Boyalife chairman Xu Xiaochun as saying.

"Chinese farmers are struggling to produce enough beef cattle to meet market demand," he said.

Boyalife reposted Xinhua's report on its website on Tuesday.

But social media users expressed scepticism over consumer appetite for cloned meat, pointing out that the plant will be close to the site of deadly chemical explosions that killed at least 165 people in August, and that China is plagued with food safety scandals.

"Is this meat going to be sold in South Korea or China? If in China, please make our leaders eat it first," said one user.

Another commenter wrote sarcastically: "This beef definitely must first be saved just for the central government leaders; only after they and their families have eaten it for 10 years should they deign to give it to us, the people! Really can't wait!"

Many worried about the ethics of the venture.

"Is cloning even legal?" asked one.

"Insane. There are already enough stray dogs at the moment, so many that the unclaimed ones are euthanised. What will be done with so many more?" wondered another.

Sooam is run by Hwang Woo-suk, who claimed in 2004 to have derived stem-cell lines from cloned human embryos, a world first, and was lauded as a national hero in South Korea before it emerged that his research was fraudulent and riddled with ethical lapses.

Sooam's website lists instructions for what potential customers should do if they want to clone a dead pet dog.

A joint venture between Sooam and Boyalife started China's commercial cloning market last year, Xinhua said, cloning three pure-blooded Tibetan mastiff puppies.

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