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*SOCIAL: Allan Foot from AJ Productions - 27
November at Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms – all welcome*



“The Tines”
Rotorua Branch Newsletter Oct /Nov 2013



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

Socials **Wednesday 27th November 2013 @ 7:30pm,
Neil Hunt Park Clubrooms.**

Range Shoot **Range itinerary for 2013 in this issue:
Contact Malcolm Perry.**

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Presidents Report

Hi All,

Well I've not been around for a while it would seem, well I have but not righting the report.

So whats the goss? Well not a hell of a lot. The Department of Conservation has recently completed a round of major restructuring. To this end, the Minister of Conservation has appointed a review panel to develop and consult on options for the future of conservation boards. The Panel consists of:

- Waana Davis, North Island iwi representative
- Sandra Cook, Ngai Tahu iwi representative
- Bob Dickinson, Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board
- Hugh Logan, former Director-General of Conservation
- Michael Fitchett, recreation/tourism sector representative

Neither myself or Dennis could make it along but our trustee secretary did so hopefully at the next meeting he will be able to fill us in.

I went along to the Hunts course first night for an intro and it was great to see Mother and son both having a go as well as three guys, one a butcher so his trade will be an added bonus.

I hope you all are aware of the Range issue regarding the use of the 50m range, guys are shooting at an angle to the berm ie, not directly in front of the 50m butt and off coarse bullets can head over to the pistol club. We are in the process of altering this so this should not be a problem in the future. Also please don't try and site in your .22 at 20m out if using the 200m as this also can allow bullets ricochet over to the Pistol Range. Use the 50m but or walk down to the 100m butt and start from there. Still quiet on the lease front. Maybe by next report news may have changed.

I hear the lads and ladies had a good trip to Waikaremoana and I will expect an article for the next newsletter.

Our guest speaker this month is Allan Foot from AJ Productions. He will be at the clubrooms for a talk/presentation so come along and make him feel welcome.

Cheers

Colin

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Allan Foot from AJ Productions



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Range report October 2013

Sunday 6th 300M shoot, two regulars turned up for this event and as I had to be elsewhere I left them to it.

Sat 19th & Sun 20th was to be Central Regional Championships, but as there were only three people present it was decided to use it as a P.R.S.C. practise shoot.

COMING EVENTS:

November;

Wednesday 6th The police have the range booked.

Saturday 16th A.M. Range will be closed for a work social shoot. P.M. will be free for member use.

Sunday 17th Deer Silhouette shoot, 300, 200, 100, &50M 10 A.M. start.

Saturday 30th, change of venue for Swazi junior shoot, now being held on Woodstock farm. Directions should be forthcoming but if in doubt contact Dennis Price Ph 348 4343.

That is the last of organized shoots for 2013, next shoot will be in February, and induction courses will start then also.

Members are reminded that the 50M section of the range should not be used until earthworks in that area are completed.

DEVELOPMENT WORK:

Members are reminded that contractors on the range working or dumping fill have priority, as their work is important in getting our range up to certification standard. There is likely to be increased activity in the next two months, and there may be a working bee called for during that time as earthworks are completed.

I have seen evidence of, and had reports of incorrect use of the range facilities and the introduction of the induction courses will help to iron out this problem.

Time to reload,

Malcolm.

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Whirinaki/Urewera Hut restoration

Okui hut has been completed.

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. Please talk to a committee member if you would like to volunteer.

In the news

EXERCISE TEST FOR VOLUNTEERS BY ROBYN BURKE – ROTORUA DAILY POST (21 OCTOBER 2013)

Iroquois flew above the Ureweras as 40 search and rescue volunteers scoured the bush for three missing hunters, in a rescue co-ordinated from the Murupara police station.

Luckily it was only an annual exercise and not the real thing, but practice makes perfect and could save lives in the future.

Constable Colin Fraser said the weekend's exercise was based on a real life scenario that occurred in the South Island last year where three hunters failed to come out of the bush and the alarm was raised. The location of the exercise was a remote area between Murupara and Waihou, where people frequently get lost.

Before being winched into the Ureweras on Saturday morning the volunteers were briefed and allocated various tasks including containment, making sure no one strayed out of the search area, tracking and looking for clues. The volunteers worked in teams of four.

The teams spent all Saturday searching for clues. They camped overnight before resuming the search at first light. Luckily the hunters were found by lunchtime yesterday none the worse for their ordeal.

Mr Fraser said having an annual exercise was an invaluable opportunity for search and rescue volunteers to hone their skills in a safe controlled environment.

"There are now 40 volunteers who have a greater knowledge of the area."

This weekend the volunteers ranged in age from teenagers to people in their 60s.

"They come from all walks of life, from schoolgirls to scientists."

For anyone interested there is a 12 week induction course which gives volunteers an overview of search and rescue operations.

The annual search and rescue exercise coincides with the end of the induction programme. For people identified as potential team leaders it was an opportunity for them to step up and practice skills. Mr Fraser said there were currently 60 marine and land based volunteers in the Rotorua area.

- THE DAILY POST

POACHERS THREAT TO SAFETY BY LINDA CLARKE – BAY OF PLENTY TIMES (19 SEPTEMBER 2013)

Hunters jump farm fences to pursue prey for competition prizes.

Mid-Canterbury's high-country farmers are battling poachers shooting wild animals on private property.

Hunters are shooting from roadsides and jumping fences to make a kill. Some animals are just being left where they have fallen.

Mt Possession owner Donald Whyte said two houses on his property were within 500m of the road and he had been out at night telling spotlighters to move on.

He said poachers had always been a problem, but their numbers were growing, especially with the rise in the number of hunting competitions.

"Every time there is a hunting competition we have all sorts of problems with people jumping the fences."

Whyte, who farms deer, sheep and beef, is not against hunting and has good relationships with hunters who ask permission to come on to his property.

He said those who don't seek permission are putting him, his family and staff at risk. He and other runholders in the area operate a Neighbourhood Watch group and take note of suspicious vehicles and people and report them to police.

"I don't have a problem allowing hunters on to my land, but the ones who don't ask are breaking the law. There are hundreds of thousands of hectares of public land all around here. Why don't they go there where it is legitimate?"

Ashburton police spokesman Mark Prendergast said police were also concerned about people going on to private land and shooting deer, pigs and other wild animals, or shooting across private land.

He said it was an offence to carry firearms or shoot on private land without the permission of the landowner, and it was offence to shoot across private land.

"I am a passionate hunter and fisherman myself and I take exception to people who sully the name of good people who do the right thing.

"These clowns who are poaching are breaking the rules and doing it at night spotlighting. They are ruining the reputation of legitimate hunters and putting people at risk."

He said the high country was not only used by hunters and anglers, but by mountain-bikers, artists, trampers and photographers.

"These illegal hunters are spotlighting at night and it puts everyone at risk."

Modern farms were busy places with work taking place after dark, he said.

"Public safety is a big point. There are thousands and thousands of hectares for hunters to ply their trade. They need to stay out of other people's farms."

Prendergast said those who spotted people hunting illegally should take note of vehicle registration plates and alert police.

By Linda Clarke

TE MOEHAU 1080 DROP WILL BE MASSIVE WASTE OF MONEY, FROM ROSS GARDNER, COROMANDEL – FARMER WEEKLY NO 37 (23 SEPTEMBER 2013)

WHAT a huge waste of taxpayers' money the Te Moehau 1080 drop will prove to be.

Four individuals have trekked over Moehau covering about 90km on trap lines and saw three rat and six possum bodies. Two mountain bikers covering the Stoney Bay-Pahi area saw none.

Twice, one year apart, I told Nick Hamon, Department of Conservation's (DOC) liaison man, that if the pines were targeted when in flower they would get 80% of the possums off the mountain.

Either Nick ignored my advice or the shiny bums in Hamilton did.

A fur trapper is taking an average of 30 possums a day since the 1080 drop by knowing where they are feeding.

Possoms, wild pigs and birds all travel to where the feed is. Above 250m is not a very hospitable place after late autumn – no food, wet and cold – so the animals migrate down to the farmland and pine plantations.

I caught all the pigs I knew of before the 1080 drop but all that appear after June 6 are safe until next autumn unless they appear in front of a rifle barrel.

Using 1080 killed the wild-game trade for the country. As a single shepherd on \$55 a week I received \$80 for my best boar.

If Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Dr Jan Wright has her way and more 1080 is used in this country our meat trade will suffer the same fate. This will bankrupt our country.

During the last Whenuakite 1080 drop there was an overfly on to a property where stock were grazing.

At the same drop, a dairy farmer was promised the helicopter would stay 150m from his water supply. A DOC worker found there had been a run made across the water supply and asked his superiors what was to be done.

“Nothing,” was the reply. “He doesn't know.”

The farmer concerned and his wife, while having a cup of tea, remarked they felt tingling in the fingers.

The penny dropped and they found the 1080 in the water themselves. One cow died.

If a private citizen had done this they would have been charged with attempted murder.

In the United States, where authorities are frightened of terrorists poisoning their water with 1080, it is sometimes used to control coyotes. The 1080 is weighted into bait stations and is weighted out again after the operation.

I have spoken to two other people who have been poisoned by drinking 1080-contaminated water. One was affected so seriously he had to have morphine for the extreme pain suffered by dogs and everything else that is poisoned by it.

Then, a short time later, he suffered the heart attack that 1080 brings about. When I joined the workforce one of my first tasks was to sow DDT superphosphate by hand.

This was a marvellous product that dealt to grass grub and porina in pasture, malaria mosquito and bed bugs, which are making a comeback only now.

After spraying thistles all day with 24D I was so ill I could not drive a tractor home at the end of the day.

245T was another marvellous product for controlling brush weeds. Then its mutant Agent Orange was sprayed over my generation who volunteered for Vietnam. There has been terrible ongoing suffering for them and their families.

These products were touted as safe to use as insecticides and herbicides and were applied from the air and are now banned because of their side effects.

1080 is flown by air and is designed to kill anything that breaths oxygen.

A neighbour who has never smoked has had major surgery for throat cancer. 1080 is a possible cause because he was a former loader for aircraft. At that time no protective gear was used.

Blue duck, once plentiful in King Country rivers like Whakapapa, have almost disappeared where 1080 has been spread for about 40 years. They are still plentiful in the Ureweras, where the Tuhoe have banned 1080 use.

This is not the compound found in plants, especially in Western Australia, which has a bitter taste to deter browsing insects and animals.

The man-made product sodium monofluoroacetate is tasteless and odourless, hence its success as a killer.

I predict history will show 1080 will have even worse consequences for all oxygen-dependant organisms, because this product is designed by man to kill.

Ross Gardner
Coromandel

NO EVIDENCE TO BLAME POSSUMS, FROM JOHN VEYSEY, COROMANDEL – FARMER WEEKLY NO 37 (23 SEPTEMBER 2013)

TBFREE New Zealand said recently scientific evidence indicated possums were responsible for about 70% of new herd infections in New Zealand's Tb risk areas.

The cause of each new Tb outbreak is usually revealed quickly once stock movements have been catalogued.

Every outbreak of Tb in the Waikato region in the past 30 years has been filed as to cause and not one has been blamed on possums.

Scientifically speaking, in Waikato possums have been responsible for exactly 0% of new herd infections.

This is not an approximate figure and it is hard to understand how the Animal Health Board/TBfree would release any such measurement with an “about” before it, let alone a figure of 70% with no apparent evidence to support it.

John Veysey
Coromandel

WANTED: STOATS' BOTTOMS BY LAURA MILLS OF THE GREYMOUTH STAR – THE NEW ZEALAND HEARLD (22 OCTOBER 2013)

The Department of Conservation has put out an appeal for stoats' bottoms, which it needs as part of a trial to lure more of the pests.

Unusually, it needs the anal glands to lure other stoats.

Community relations ranger Cornelia Vervoorn said DoC had been using stoats caught in the Haast tokoeka kiwi sanctuary and the Landsborough Valley trapping networks, but had ran out of supplies.

DoC is conducting a trial of stoat anal gland extracts to try to come up with new ways to make trapping stoats more effective. It is part of a national DoC trial into the effectiveness of various lures.

The trial still has a year to go, "so we will need more stoats", Ms Vervoorn said today.

"An odd request, we know."

She said any one who was trapping stoats to protect native wildlife and had a supply of stoat carcasses, could contact her at DoC Franz Josef Glacier.

According to Wikipedia, stoats anal glands produce a strong, musky odour, which is distinct from weasels.

Stoats were introduced to New Zealand in the 1880s to control rabbits and hares. They are now considered "public enemy No 1" for New Zealand birds.

By Laura Mills of the Greymouth Star

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