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**“The Tines”  
Rotorua Branch Newsletter August 2018**

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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
Working Bees	2nd Saturday 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 and Trophy Shoots. For extra range shoots and 300m shoots please refer to Yearly Range Calendar.*

**Inductions will be completed only during range shoots**

*\*\*Some party Hunts may be on different dates, see programme.*

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## President's report July 2018

Hi all

So Mark Slade and I went down to conference so the following is a report of what we heard and learned

On the Friday night we had three guest speakers, Mr Greg O Conner labour minister, Don Hammond GAC and Eugene Saige Minister of Conservation.

The speaker of most interest was of course the Minister for Conservation, she talked about the Tahr problem in the south, typically the accepted level was 10,000 animals but the number has grown to over 35000

She was not terribly happy as numbers this high are damaging the environment which one cannot argue about

This growth could be attributed to the loss off public access, as when the new land tenure reviews are completed if no group has submitted for public access through the new land lease or farms to the DOC area. This DOC area becomes land locked with only access by chopper, also some of the areas, access is granted for walking only no firearms to be carried unless another permit is applied for.

Also having professional guides has posed another problem with the station /land owners not allowing public hunting due to the guides requesting no other hunters on the land.

I asked her the question, The Sika Foundation had spoken to her about the plan to have Sika deer classed as a of Herd of National Significance and that she replied, so we were told was that she did not like deer or hunters, she replied to my question that she would not have said that, but she had no plans to make any deer breed a Herd of National Significance.

So, things that were brought up at Conference

NOM2018/05

Capitation is to be increased as NATEX (National Executive) are looking to employ a CEO, as with the work load at national office has increased and the business is currently run by volunteers, placing a large strain and back log on the people currently there.

NOM2018/07

Member Anniversary Date Subscriptions (Renewals)

Was proposed a fixed term membership, based on the joining date of the member, rather than 1<sup>st</sup> March each year. Each member 's annual renewal would occur on anniversary date of the member joining.

This was discussed and was put on hold for the new CEO etc to investigate, not a bad idea but it would require us to have electronic range access with swipe cards instead of changing the lock with each year's paid subscription.

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Remit 2018/05:

Wellington That NZDA national executive adopt a much more proactive public profile by way of press releases. Explanation: NZDA needs to raise its public profile in order to attract new and more members. This should involve more forthright advocacy. NZDA Natex has been low key in press releases and it seems has placed too much faith in the Game Animal Council. Hunters are looking for an organisation that stands up and is counted on any matters relating to deer management or mismanagement, public lands, firearms etc., NZDA needs to inspire in order to capture new members.

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These above remits were quite scathing of Natex as they have been very quiet on some of our major issues and the Wellington and Hutt branches have held to good fight and really this should be done at the National level, so these were all passed so let's hope when the new COE is appointed we see more action for Natex in the public eye

Something to checkout an idea from Ian Brabbs, North Canterbury Branch President is the NZDA Farmers Assist program, basically a farmer has a pest problem he can go to this web site and log on, hunters can meet up and work out to control the pest issues. Check it out on [www.farmersassist.co.nz](http://www.farmersassist.co.nz)

**So**, the really big news is that the two heads Logan Smith entered won his red was biggest scoring 348 this scored silver in the record book and also the goat over 100 scoring bronze. Well done let's see who can produce the goods next year.

So the new team at NATEX is

President	Trevor Chapple
Vic Pres	James Steans
Treasure	Rob Howey
North Island Exe	Dave Hudson
North Island Exe	Tim Watson
South Island Exe	Snow Hewetson
South Island Exe	Ian Owen

While down there meet Laurie Cain from the Rakaia Branch, top bloke ,we had a few cold ones along with Mark and amongst the conversations, the subject of the Kea losses was discussed and the reckoning from DOC was they were dying from lead poison, due to the buck shot from pest control , what ever !!

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Also he was telling us that the some of WARO operators were shooting stags, cutting off the velvet and flying off leaving the carcass behind!!

In all it was a great experience to listen the issues that we as a Branch don't really focus on and I feel we should try to communicate with others branches more to understand the bigger picture, of say Tenure review, WARO etc. as these events are not in our back hard so to speak, but we like other Branches have our own things going on.

I will endeavour to get one of our North island reps to come to a committee meeting to keep us in the political loop as it were.

So thanks to the committee for the opportunity to get to conference

The next Conference will be hosted by the Waikato Branch so that's a lot closer to home

So from the local news front

I picked up the last bits of the Toilet from DOC Hq in Murupara, these parts have now been fitted into the second loo, with only the flue to be connected

While there Haden Spencer asked if we were interested in doing up some more huts, yep no worries so.

Hi Colin, here is a brief description of the three tasks I spoke to you about last week

Hopefully we can get things moving for late spring, when the days are longer and warmer and deer are moving around

I am thinking these trips could be similar to previous trips: helicopter in on Friday and coming out on Sunday

### **Minginui Kiwi Hut**

- Painting of the hut exterior

- Removal of trap lines

- Other hut maintenance tasks (some are simple; some will require a bit of building nous)

The painting is exterior only, so the hut can be used as accommodation for 3 while the work occurs, there is flat ground on the helipad where tents can be pitched as well. Minginui Kiwi Hut is a 3 bunk staff hut approx. 3 hours walk from Sanctuary Road near Minginui

This hut was inside the last 1080 aerial operation area (spring 2017) but was in an area where deer repellent was used

### **Mangamate Kiwi Hut**

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Managamate is 2 hours walk from Minginui and as there is less to do here maybe a smaller team could go here the same weekend as the Minginui work

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### **Rogers whio hut**

- Installation and sign off of a fire box by a licensed practitioner

Rogers is a 3 bunk staff hut approx. 3.5 hours walk from the Okahu valley road end, this hut is just outside the boundary of the last 1080 aerial operation area (spring 2017)

I need somebody how can sign off the installation of a small fire for this hut (and a mate). This could be a bit of a junket trip for the right person as my colleague Jacob is an experienced hammer hand and is willing and able to do most of the work, meaning the builder / plumber will only have to monitor the quality of the work and will be otherwise free to explore the area.

Jacob a keen hunter himself and is a very easy going and witty person and I can vouch he will be excellent company

So folks I will keep you posted and will look for some people to fill the spots so best you get out to a few working bees YOU THINK

Cheers

Colin



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## Rotorua Branch Range Report for July 2018.

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club day.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 300M target shoot. I was not available, Dennis stood in for me. Some scores for the day have been handed to me as follows;

Sara 33.

Patrick 31.

Amy 30.

Tony 30.

Aaron attended I believe but no scores given for him. Thanks guys hope you had a good day.

Sat. Sun. 14/15<sup>th</sup> Service rifle team practise.

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> was to have been Deer target shoot but a 100, 200M 3p Shoot was held instead due to wet condition of 300M range. Ten shooters started out on the 100M shoot but due to various circumstances only six completed the 200M stage. The weather did not look promising for the day but cleared enough for us to get through the program. Scores are as follows:

Name	Prone	Sit/Kneel	Stand	Total/Comment
Arend O.	45	-----	-----	45 did not complete.
Sharon P	32	26	24	82
Ian R	0	16	5	21
Aaron W	39	22	19	80
Mike M	25	4	0	29 New member/Ind.
Mel M	39	----	----	39/borrowed rifle
Peter O	-----	-----	-----	Rifle problems
Dennis P	36	34	21	91
Colin P	46.1	32	17	95.1
Paige M	-----	-----	-----	New Member Induction
200M	Prone	Sit	Stand	Total/G, Total/comment
Sharon P	39	9	23	71/153
Dennis P	39	42	27	91/199 Good hunter
Colin P	42.1	22	7	71.1/166.2
Ian R	37	4	3	44/65 more practise
Mel M	41.1	6	9	56.1/95.1 borrowed rifle
Aaron W	37	29	12	78/158

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There were a few problems on the day, one member learnt a valuable lesson, don't forget ammo. There was a bit of cross firing in one match that we could not resolve so that cost a few points.

Dennis did very well to come out top score, well done Dennis. We do have some trophies in the clubrooms for this type of shooting so if you are keen can do lots more of it.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

AUGUST;

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club shoot

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 300M target shoot. (May be option for change).

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Regular working be. Anticipated jobs to be notified.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Tauranga A.O.S. May be on range.

SEPTEMBER;

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service rifle club day.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 300M target shoot.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Deer target shoot or 100, 200M 3P target shoot or both, make a day of it.

OCTOBER;

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> C.N.I.G.C. Service Rifle Rapids Championship shoot.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 300M target shoot.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

Time to reload, Malcolm P.

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N.Z.D.A Rotorua is online

Check Out <https://www.nzdarotorua.org.nz/>

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## **For Sale.**

Cartridge brass:

.308 Federal 1x fired 150 available \$15 -00 per 100.

>222 P.M.C. 1x fired 400 available \$10-00 per 100.

Live ammo:

.308 military F.M.J. M.F. head stamp 90 rounds \$75-00 per 100 = \$67-50

Rifle scopes:

Tasco 4x40 wide field \$75-00.

Eagle 4x32 \$45-00

Loading Dies:

Lee .303 2 die set incl shell holder and instructions and storage drum, \$65-00

**Malcolm Perry 027 625 9608.**

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## **Rotorua N.Z.D.A Provisional Calendar for 2018**

### **August:**

Saturday 4th: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day

Sunday 5th: D.A. 300M target shoot

Sunday 19th: 22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

### **September:**

Saturday 1st: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day

Sunday 2nd: D.A. 300M target shoot

Sunday 16th: Deer Target shoot 300, 200, 100 & 50M

### **October:**

Saturday 6th/ Sunday 7th: C.N.I.G.C service rifle rapids shoot

Sunday 14th: 300M target shoot

Sunday 28th: .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

### **November:**

Saturday 3rd: C.N.I.G.C Service rifle club day

Sunday 4th: D.A. 300M target shoot

Sunday 18th: .22 Metallic Silhouette shoot

### **December:**

Saturday 1st: C.N.I.G.C service rifle club day

Sunday 2nd: Swazi Junior shoot and Christmas BBQ

**Please Note: Inductions will only be done on NZDA range shoots**

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**Shane, Josh and Malcolm removing the concrete bench, at the Working Bee on Saturday (cover photo)**

#### **Positions Available**

We require a person to look after clubrooms and take bookings etc.  
If you are interested contact Mark Slade on 07 349 5630 or 027 4988 911.  
Someone in this position would be highly appreciated and a huge help for our club.

#### **Range rules**

Entering the Range: The gate on Mead Road should be kept closed; this is to keep out stray members of the public. The range gate should be kept locked unless there is a club shoot in progress in which case it will be secured open. When shooting is to take place, the red warning flag next to the gate must be raised. The flag next to the 200mtr mound should be raised if that range is to be used. Raise the flag by the 300mtr mound if that range is to be used. The lanyards are to be secured to prevent them becoming tangled by the wind. Enter your name(s) in one of the log books located in the 200mtr and 300mtr mounds.

Range Layout: There are four shooting distances available at the range, 50mtr, 100mtr, 200mtr and 300mtr. There is a backstop and target placement area for each distance. Target frames are provided but shooters may use their own. Targets must only be sited between the red marker posts and immediately in front of the backstops. Targets must not be placed mid range, if it is necessary to shoot at a non standard distance then the target must still be sited immediately in front of one of the backstops and the shooter must move closer to the target.

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The backstops are there to confine shots to the range area. All shooting must be directly downrange, shooting at an angle to the line of the range is strictly not permitted as it carries the risk of shots leaving the range area and entering the adjacent club's land. Some changes to these arrangements may be permitted for certain occasions and by prearrangement.

Range Operation: Generally there will not be a range officer present. Any rifle that is not in use must have a chamber flag fitted. Shooters must not handle any rifle when other shooters are out on the range. Shooters must work together to make sure that it is safe before anyone enters a range and make sure that everyone has a clear understanding when the range is closed and when it is open. The 200mtr and 300mtr ranges are provided with a hand held red flag. When shooters are using the range and people may be down range (setting targets or using one of the shorter distances), to make the status clear, the flag must be displayed by placing the handle in the socket in the ground located just in front of the firing line. Magazines must not be loaded until immediately before use. The 200mtr and 300mtr ranges can be operated independently. Shooters must not leave any rifle unattended. Unattended means not under the close supervision of a firearms licence holder.

Range Standing Orders: The range standing orders give an overview of the range operation and include the steps to be taken in the event of a serious accident. The standing orders are issued with each range key and are also displayed in the 200mtr covered mound. Supervision of Minors and Unlicensed Shooters: The law states that all unlicensed shooters must be under close supervision by the licence holder. This means that the license holder will not be shooting and the license holder will only be supervising one non licence holder at any time.

Toilets: There are two 'long drop' toilets; please keep the doors closed when not in use to avoid the weather getting at the toilet rolls.

Keep the Range Clean: There is no litter collection at the range; please take your rubbish away with you.

Mead Road: Members are reminded that Mead Road is maintained largely by the Rotorua NZDA. To keep wear and tear to a minimum the road has a speed limit of 25 KPH if you witness any driver speeding then speak to the offender or report the incident to a committee member.

Take Note: Members are privileged to have unrestricted use of a range such as ours, please make sure you respect this privilege, if you witness any behaviour that you think is unsafe or inappropriate then speak to the offender and if necessary report the incident to a committee member.

## New Visitor procedure

# The Rotorua Branch of the NZDA



## Visitors to the Rifle Range

A reminder to members.

In order to shoot, visitors must either:

1. For casual visitors. Pay the \$10 range fee, and enter his or her name in the sign in book and fill in name, address and contact details on one of the 'Day Membership' slips, this gives the visitor day membership of the Rotorua Branch of the NZDA. The fee and completed slip should be put into the secure cash box on the door of the right hand container
2. For those participating in NZDA committee authorised events run by other groups at the Rotorua Branch range (for instance, CNIGC shoots), the individual(s) must be a member of the group running the shoot

Visitors (*ie.* Persons who are not members of the Rotorua Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association) are otherwise **not allowed to shoot** at the Rotorua Branch rifle range.

Colin Peterson, President:

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### ***Wanted***

*Stories for newsletters.*

*Any interesting articles.*

*Any photos of your hunting trips.*

*Anything to buy or sell?*

*Send to editor at [amynattrass@gmail.com](mailto:amynattrass@gmail.com)*

## **In the News:**

26 July 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DEERSTALKERS SUPPORT FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO HUNTER VALLEY.

All New Zealanders should have free access to publicly owned land, says a spokesman for the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association, Bill O'Leary.

Owing to a missed opportunity during the OIO process, public access to conservation land in the Hunter Valley remains as only by grace and favour of the managers of the Hunter Station. This should never have happened and needs to be set right.

The proposal to retrospectively provide an easement across nearly 40 kilometres of pastoral lease would be supported by many recreationalists including trampers, climbers, hunters and fishers.

"However, NZDA recognises that the vehicle track would require some upgrading and ongoing maintenance and believe this should not be a charge on the station owner. The fact that he is a foreigner is irrelevant to this case, it's just a matter of setting the matter of free access that was intended at the start but somehow overlooked. So public money should pay for improved access, including any realignment of the track to preserve the manager's privacy," said Mr O'Leary.

He added that one proposal to manage an increase in vehicle traffic on the track was for the Department of Conservation to operate a booking system. "This is common on other tracks around the country and recreationalists would put up with the minor inconvenience."

***For further information contact Bill O'Leary 027 430 5008***

## **Dumped 1080 - NZDA horrified at irresponsible 1080 dumping**

Here is a post I have just done, thanks to this letter John Veysey has just sent me :

RE THE 75KGS 1080 POISON DUMPED ON STEWART ISLAND - PLENTY MORE OF THAT GOING ON !

Long-time anti-1080 campaigner, John Veysey, of Coromandel writes :

"This ( Stewart Island ) is just one of numerous dumpings of 1080. No excess 1080 has ever been returned to the factory and official landfills have received dumped 1080 all over the country. These dumpings should have council permissions and should therefore be easily checked up on.

Please look at the attached report to see that 600kgs of waste 1080 was shipped to an Auckland landfill site on 21st Feb this year. James Baldwin of Chem Waste will be able to tell you which landfill received the toxin.

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The first time the toxin 1080 was found in ground water the source was traced to an official landfill site. The 1080 had been buried in the landfill and, over years, the toxin had leached out of the baits and seeped down into the ground water where it remained as toxic as the day it was dumped. No breakdown whatsoever over in all that time.

You will easily be able to trace the number of official dumpings but there will be plenty more unofficial ones like the one on Stewart Island to be found.

Ask some questions.

John Veysey"

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As well as the document John has provided here, ( attached ), I have a document from the NZ Journal of Ecology that describes a dump of 12 tonnes of 1080 baits in a landfill in Winton, Southland, in 1999 - an experiment "to monitor the containment and natural breakdown of approximately 12 000 kg of toxic vertebrate pest bait, containing compound 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate)".

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When the first aerial 1080 poison drop on Makarora, Mt Aspiring National Park failed to go ahead in 2015, due to winter closing in, 60 tonnes of past-use-by-date 1080 baits were later shipped back to the North Island and dumped in a landfill in the Manawatu-Wanganui region, according to a response to an OIA request... the actual landfill was never specified, but word of mouth had it as Marton.

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For those who missed it, here is the recent story of the dumping of 75 kgs 1080 baits in a swamp on Stewart Island, by an unscrupulous DoC contractor :

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2018/07/exclusive-1080-dumpsite-uncovered-in-stewart-island-national-park.html>

### **Donations**

Any donations to the Rotorua Deerstalkers would be highly appreciated and can be paid into the bank account 01-0414-0016731-00

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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 Hunting and Fishing, Hamills, Outdoorsman HQ or Serious Shooters. You must have completed the range induction protocol. 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** (Rotorua Branch)

Senior = \$110 (full benefits at local and national branch level)

Associate = \$70 (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), \$10 partner or spouse.

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