



NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

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Photo Credit: John Lumsden, Napier, Game Animals, 2021 National Photographic Competition

Happy Holidays from NZDA

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2021. We're wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the NZDA Team.

We hope you enjoy the break and we will see you in the New Year!

Office Hours: The National Office is officially shut for the holiday period from Friday 17th of December reopening on Monday 17th of January.

Craig Benbow on Behalf of the Board



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As we head into the holiday season and reflect on a busy year, I am already thinking about the coming year and what must be achieved as we advocate for recreational hunters and shooters.

To all those who have contributed throughout the year, on behalf of the NZDA Board, I wish to acknowledge your significant input to furthering the hunting and shooting community's cause.

NZDA has continued to make big improvements this year. Our membership has significantly grown. Our voice is louder.

The challenges will continue into the new year. Particularly in relation to tahr and deer management. We will also see our HUNTS program expand. As recently announced, and covered in more detail below, Ministerial initiatives in Conservation Law reform have started. Furthermore, firearms matters continue to be a theme of concern and our branches will all need to comply with the clubs and ranges law and regulations coming into effect mid-2022.

In the face of all of this, NZDA will continue to advocate and be the voice of hunters and shooters.

But we need all hunters to join NZDA because we are stronger together.

As you enjoy your break over summer and the festive season that is upon us, please tell those around you all the work NZDA has done this year and what challenges we will face next year.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

Farewell Sue, National Office Manager

As 2021 draws to a close, we farewell our long standing Officer Manager, Sue.

Sue has been a committed team member since her arrival in 2013, ensuring things got done with the limited resources at the Association's disposal. Sue can proudly say she's been a key part of the transformation at the national office and leaves us heading in a positive direction and on a positive note.

The National Board and staff all wish Sue the very best in the future.

Sue's last day is this Friday 17th, if you wanted to call or write.



Obituary - Trevor Dyke

National Past President, Heritage Trust Trustee

We farewell National Past President Trevor. The NZDA wishes his family sincere condolences. Trevor was an NZDA stalwart who's contribution spanned many years. A full obituary will be included in the Autumn Hunting & Wildlife magazine issue #216.

Here are a couple of photos from the National Archives when he was active in NZDA.



Trevor Dyke left, Bob Badland (National Life Member) right



Trevor Dyke right, mans an early Heritage Trust stand to preserve our hunting and shooting heritage. His work lives on in the National Museum in Wellington.

Obituary - Hugh Barr

Long Time Wellington Branch Member, National NZDA Advocate

This month we also say farewell to Hugh. Hugh contributed to NZDA and in particular advocacy where his work was reported in our Hunting & Wildlife magazine on many occasions.

Some of his work is still relevant today and reflects the ongoing advocacy issues of access and government policy. We have scanned a couple of his articles which can be read by clicking on the following links:

[Don't Fence Us In](#)

[Public Access to the Countryside: Still Some Way to Go](#)

Why aren't Forest Parks for Hunting?



Hugh Barr, pictured.

NZDA Swazi Pro Deal

Don't forget to take advantage of the generous Swazi pro deal discount available to all NZDA members - **Click [here](#) or the image below to apply now.**



We highly recommend the new merino range!

2022 A Big Year for Hunters as Conservation Law Review Announced by Minister



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

**THE MINISTER OF CONSERVATION HAS ANNOUNCED
CONSERVATION LAW REFORM, SEEKING TO MODERNISE IN
REFLECTION OF 'TODAY'S THINKING'.**

In the wake of the onset of 'Deermageddon' this month, NZDA advocated and saw success with a quick turn around from The Department of Conservation. Hunters are now facing what will be the biggest challenge of 2022.

The laws surrounding our valued game animals and hunting are being reviewed.

If you're thinking about joining, now is the time. Our voice is stronger together, help us have a say and an influence as decisions are being made. NZDA will continue to raise awareness and do the hard yards behind the scenes.

[Read more here.](#)



Photo Credit: Dave Keen, South Canterbury, 2021 National Photographic Competition

Hunter Led Management: Sam's First Sika Deer, a Short Film by NZ Chronicles

NZDA Wellington branch member, Sam, recently hunted Sika deer as part of a Sika Foundation management hunt. Our CEO Gwyn Thurlow was one of those hunters. Sam, who's video is linked below, joined the team.

Sam has been one of the part-time university student helpers working at the National Office during the past year. Some of you may have heard from Sam, as he worked on membership queries and correspondence.

When we hired Sam to help, little did we know he was a mad keen hunter and videographer. Sam takes pride in filming his hunting adventures, and you can watch what happened on his Sika management hunt. Enjoy the emotional ride as he shares with you an all access video of his first successful Sika deer hunt.



[Click the picture above to watch the full video on youtube.](#)

Calling All Hunting Book Collectors

If you are after a particular book, the NZDA Heritage Trust may be able to help complete your set.

For all enquires contact John Riley, Heritage Trust Librarian, on:

museum@deerstalkers.org.nz

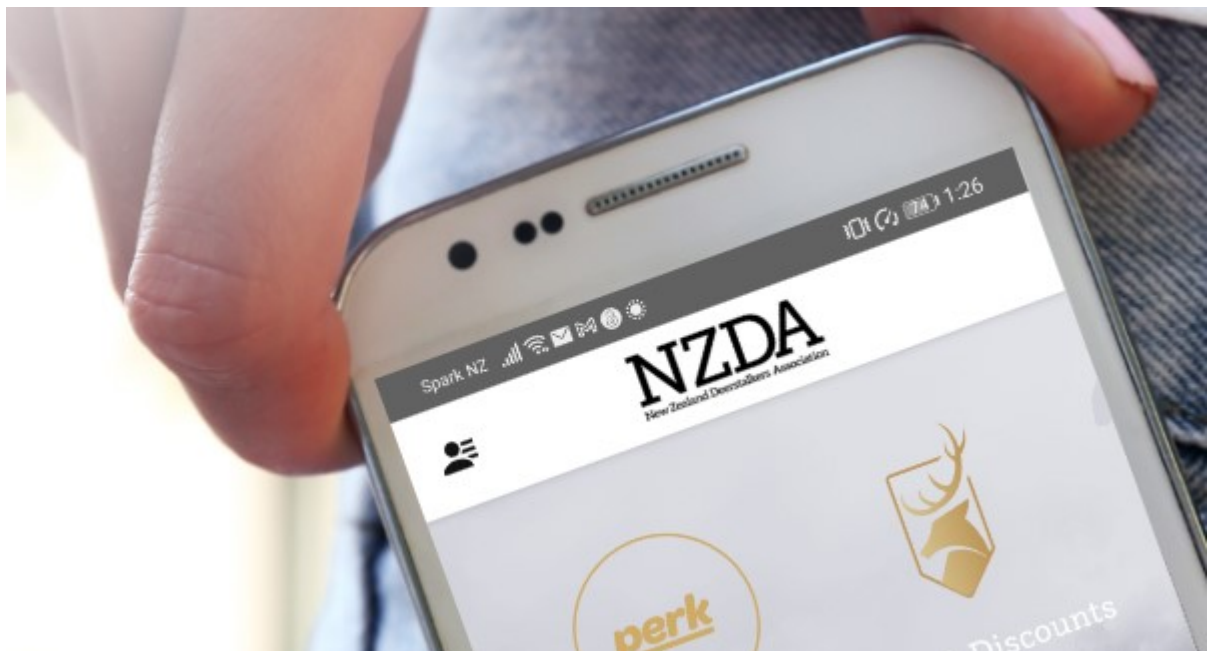
Last Chance: Swazi 'Refer a Friend' Promotion

Sign up your mate to go in the draw to win!

If you refer a friend to NZDA and they join up between 1 October 2021 and 31 December 2021 you both go into the draw to win a [Swazi Tahr XP Anorak Jacket](#).

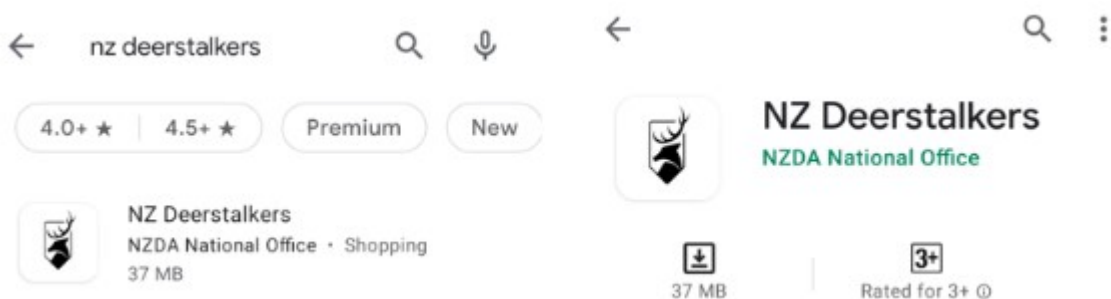
Prize draw open to full NZDA membership types only upon joining (Senior, Junior, Student and Superannuant).

How to get the NZDA Membership App



How to download the app

1) Go to Google play or the Apple store and search for **NZ Deerstalkers**. Select **Install** or **GET**.



2) Once installed, either open via the app or click open. Once in the app, you will need to register - Click **Register Here**.

3) Enter your membership details into the fields and click **Create**. You will then be able to access the App and the Member discounts. Enjoy!

Key Information

The app will only permit access to financial members.

- Please contact membership@deerstalkers.org.nz if you have any invoice or payment queries.

Your membership number is required when registering.

- The easiest way to locate this is by checking your NZDA issued membership card.

If you are a Bay of Plenty member, please place a hashtag before entering your membership number. For example:

- If your number is 12345, please enter this as **#12345**.

Where to download the app

The app is live now on both the Apple Store and the Android Google Play Store.

- If you have an Iphone or Apple device, use the App Store:



- If you have an Android device, use the Google Play Store:



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