



NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Photo Credit: Brad Ramsay, Taupo branch

Welcome to 2022

Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope your holidays went well and that you are set for another exciting year of hunting, shooting and getting involved in NZDA activities.

'Refer a Friend' Swazi Tahr Anorak Jacket Winners Drawn!

Congratulations to:

Darren Woods, North Canterbury branch

Ryan Orr, Bay of Plenty branch

Darren and Ryan have scored themselves an awesome Tahr Anorak Jacket thanks to our friends over at Swazi.

Darren joined the North Canterbury branch late December 2021 and was referred by Ryan Orr of the Bay of Plenty branch.



Centralised Membership Renewal Update

With the current 2021/22 membership year drawing to an end, it's important to remember to the following:

- **Wait for your invoice before making payment,**
- **Disable automatic payments.**

Paying without an invoice number as reference will only delay getting a membership card out to you, this is because we have to manually locate your payment and load this to your account.

Automatic payments will most likely be an incorrect amount, further delaying the membership cards.

Centralised membership renewal invoices will be emailed and posted out to all members on the 1st of March.

Permit Renewals

For those looking to renew access into hunting blocks such as Southwood or Rayonier, please use your current membership card. Your current membership card should be valid until the end of May, and this should be sufficient to renew your permits early, for the roar period.

Moved address or have a new phone number?

It is important we have your most up-to-date contact information. If you have recently changed your email or postal address now is the time to tell us, please either use the App function or email: membership@deerstalkers.org.nz to let us know.

National Board Report



Craig Benbow National President
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I trust you all enjoyed welcoming in the new year and some time was spent hunting, gathering and socialising over the summer break.

It is a shame to see large events having to cancel or postpone and I feel for the organisers who have put blood, sweat and tears into organising those events.

For our sport and the promotion of it, the Sika Show is the best vehicle we have and we will be looking at what we can do to replace some of what was to occur in February, now that the Sika Show is postponed to October.

NZDA is continuing to grow and attract new members - I welcome you all and thank you for joining. It's the members that make the NZDA a great association to belong to.

Financially the Association is also performing well. I am excited by the renewal of interest and positive comments about what NZDA has to offer. I'm also hearing solid support from our long serving members.

Together we are stronger and through that unity our voices are heard clearer - 2022 is going to be a big year on the advocacy front.

As we approach membership renewals in March, I trust we have yet again earned your support and you are keen to get behind our Association once more, while enjoying your branch activities and supporting our national hunting community.

For our hunting future we must have the ability to communicate our thoughts and wishes to government and other organisations. NZDA plays a big role in doing this and we are one of few organisations prepared to fight hard to keep our long standing hunting heritage alive.

I am really looking forward to this year. I want to see the adventures and the trophies taken shared with your fellow hunters. I want to see new hunters coming through our HUNTS courses and getting out there enjoying what the country has to offer. Most of all I look forward to our first branch activities kicking off and catching up with fellow hunters as we look to make 2022 a great year for hunting.

Happy hunting in 2022.

A Word from our Chief Executive, Gwyn Thurlow

2022 is shaping up to be an exciting year for hunters. The backcountry and bush edges are calling and we're free to travel and gather despite ongoing Covid



concerns.

Welcome New Members

I welcome all our new members to the Deerstalkers. Events and activities will be kicking off now across the country - get involved.

The office team kept working remotely over the break to ensure applications were processed and joining was possible. We're all back now and available from 8.30pm to 5.00pm weekdays.

HUNTS Manual Competition

We're running a special photographic competition to find the perfect cover image for our refreshed HUNTS manual. Our aim is to launch the updated manual at Conference in July. Full details below.

Conference 2022

On the subject of our AGM, the annual NZDA National Conference will be held on the 29th, 30th and 31st of July in Hamilton, hosted by the Waikato Branch, so make sure to save the date! Full details will be sent to branch committees soon.

Promoting NZDA Conservation Efforts

I've been seeing amazing adventures and stories posted to social media over the break and we've been re-sharing amazing efforts by members and branches. Make sure you take time to look at the website blog and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. I'm keen to keep highlighting the positive work hunters, and particularly our NZDA members, do in our backcountry.

New NZDA Merch: Online Shop

NZDA merchandise on the Online Shop has been added to - we have big game animal prints, badges and chamber flags available for purchase. Check them out and why not buy a subscription to our magazine or an NZDA T-Shirt.

Summer Hunting, a Westland & Nelson Lakes Wander

I took a decent break over the holidays and spent 12 days solo backpack hunting in Westland and Nelson Lakes National Parks to do some alpine

exploration.

I wrote an article in the recent summer issue of NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine about making the most of the good weather and long days of summer and it sure panned out well for me.

It doesn't always go to plan but a mature bull tahr fell to my rifle along with some lovey summer cape buck chamois.

It was just one of those magical trips when everything aligned.

I had a safety principle re-affirmed to me too - leave intentions, sign hut books, and carry personal locator devices. On my trip I'd left clear intentions, taken a Garmin InReach as well as a Personal Locator Beacon. It turned out that my InReach wasn't sending my usual 'safe at camp' messages and my family got anxious. I knew that would be the case and after 4 days walked to the nearest hut and wrote a note. That was eventually picked up and communicated out to my emergency contacts, to their relief. It highlighted the importance to me of taking the recommended steps, especially when solo in rough country, which are:

1. Always carry a registered PLB.
2. Leave clear written intentions.
3. Write in hut books to leave updated intentions.
4. InReaches are amazing devices but don't work everywhere or can send delayed messages, so cannot be relied on solely.





Some images from Gwyn Thurlow's summer alpine hunt. Bull tahr and chamois were the target species. Gwyn gave the new Swazi merino top a run after signing up to the NZDA-Swazi Pro Deal and was pleased with its comfort and performance.

SWAZI Pro-Deal: Remember to Sign Up Now!

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!

New Date Set for Sika Show

29th - 30th October 2022

SIKA SHOW

NZ HUNTING AND OUTDOOR EXPO

29th & 30th October 2022
Mystery Creek Events Centre
Hamilton

NEW DATES!

Go in the draw to **WIN THIS** amazing LVB Jet Boat
Door Prize valued at \$35,000!!!



www.sikashow.co.nz

Stories From Our Branches

We publish epic stories from our branches on a weekly basis on our blog. Have a read, get inspired and see what other Deerstalkers around the country are getting up to! - [The Latest News](#)



Elliott from Thames Valley hunting at Woodhill Forest, he's paving the way for hunters with disabilities in New Zealand.

[Read The Latest Stories](#)

Special Photographic Competition

WIN!

- NZDA T-Shirt & cap
- NZDA Bumper Sticker
- Your image on the cover of our new HUNTS manual
- Free copy of the updated manual

A black t-shirt with the NZDA logo and text 'NZDA' and 'New Zealand Deerstalkers Association' on it. Below the t-shirt is an orange cap with the NZDA logo on the front.

New cover image for our HUNTS Training Manual!

The NZDA HUNTS team are working to refresh the look of our HUNTS resources and need the help of our NZDA members to find the perfect cover photo.

If you have a digital image that captures what it means to be a safe, ethical hunter, demonstrating safety and wearing blaze - please enter!

Ideally photographs should:

- Be in high, printable quality digital format
- In portrait orientation
- Demonstrate good hunting ethics
- Include 1 or more hunters

Click [here](#) to access the entry form.



Please submit your image/s, along with an entry form by email to:

Erin Hewetson

National HUNTS Coordinator

E: erin.hewetson@deerstalkers.org.nz

Entries close 5pm, Friday 11th March

**HUNTS COURSE: Central Otago Branch,
Alexandra, Register Now, Starts February**

2022 HUNTS COURSE - Spots Available!

Central Otago (Alexandra) branch are holding a HUNTS course starting the weekend of February 26th/27th.

Anyone interested can email kelseyqare@hotmail.com for more information.

There will be more courses held across the North Island and South Island this year, so be sure to keep connected with your local branch to secure a spot!



Picture: Waikato branch HUNTS trainees.

Can You Light a Fire?

Fire and Emergency NZ are campaigning for added awareness this summer when lighting fires. There's already been a few large bush fires and summer is shaping up to be long and hot.

Check out these tips for minimising risk at a campsite and using gas cooker in the hills: <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/reduce-your-risk/hunting-hiking>

Use the 3-step tool to see if you can light a fire or if you need a permit. <https://www.checkitsalright.nz/can-i-light-a-fire>



NZDA Merchandise - NEW PRODUCTS AVAILABLE - Order Yours Now!

NZDA T-shirts and stickers can now be purchased at our online [shop](#).

There are two T-shirt versions available, black or white, in mens and womens sizes. More options to come. The price is \$45.00 (including domestic shipping).

We also have high quality NZDA bumper stickers for sale at \$15.00 (including domestic shipping).

Men's and Women's T-Shirts

Cotton T Shirt - Black or White with new NZDA logo on the front.

Crew neck, mid weight, 180 GSM,
100% combed cotton (marles 15% viscose)



[Shop T-Shirts](#)

****NEW** Chamber Flags!**

NZDA branded chamber safety flag.

Centre-fire model designed for .223 cal and above.



[Shop Chamber Flags](#)

****NEW** NZDA Logo Badges!**

Ready and available to purchase by NZDA members today!

Two models are available, each offered in antique gold or silver/black enamel.

1. Classic model - Stag's Head
2. Lapel model - NZDA

The badges are made of high quality and durable metal and enamel.



Shop Badges

2022 NZDA Annual Conference, Waikato



The upcoming AGM will be hosted by Waikato branch on 29th to 31th of July 2022. The event will be held at the Novotel, Hamilton.

More details soon.

Schedule

Friday Night

Opening night includes nibbles and drinks, opening speeches, and an opportunity to socialise.

Saturday

8:00am to 5pm - AGM

7:00pm - Gala Dinner and awards (Venue TBC)

Partners and Guests are invited.

Sunday

9:00am - AGM Continues and NZDA workshops (details coming soon)

3.00pm - End of conference

New Zealand **Hunting** & Wildlife

[Click here to read the latest Summer Edition!](#)



Printed editions also available

You can still order your printed copy of NZ Hunting and Wildlife Magazine and have it delivered to your home address.

\$10 a copy

or

\$29 for 4 x editions

As we've now completed the move back to the Collina Terrace office, we've found the back issues of the magazine which are now available for purchase.

[Order your printed editions here!](#)



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Goat Culler Roles - DOC Hokitika

The Department of Conservation are looking for experienced hunters to join our team based in Hokitika. The roles are primarily ungulate hunting roles.

The roles are regional and cover the area of the West Coast from north of Karamea to the area south of Haast as required. The main work program is controlling goats in several areas on the West Coast, South Island.

Doc are looking for keen hunters who are able to work with indicating and/or bailing dogs. There is a mix of front country and backcountry fieldwork that mostly entails working independently as part of a dog team made up of a hunter and 1 or 2 dogs. Backcountry trips can last up to 10 days where we usually have a team of hunters based in the same camp.

Applications can be made through Department of Conservation's Career Centre, or through [Jobs.govt.nz](https://www.jobs.govt.nz).

Click [here](#) to access the DOC Career Centre advertisement.

OR

Click [here](#) for the link to the [jobs.govt](https://www.jobs.govt.nz) link.

If you have any questions please contact David Soper on 0275711403 or dsoper@doc.govt.nz.

The skills Doc are after are listed in the advert, but they are mainly looking for keen hunters with a good amount of backcountry experience and experience and/or willingness to own and train indicating and/or bailing dogs.



Collaborative Deer Management Project For Fiordland

A deer management project jointly developed by the Department of Conservation, Fiordland Wapiti Foundation (FWF) and the Game Animal Council is about to get underway in Fiordland National Park.

Designed to supplement existing management programmes, such as that annually undertaken by the FWF, this new project is intended to partially address the gap left by the reduction in wild animal recovery operations (WARO) due to depressed wild venison prices.

Read the media release [here](#).

GAC Welcomes Two New Councilors Appointed By Minister of Conservation, Kiri Allan.

Eugene Rewi and Kevin Eastwood are passionate about hunting and the environment - we look forward to their contributions on the Council.

Keep up to date with what the GAC is doing: [GAC Website](#)



3x Headlines From COLFO Highlight Concerns For

Fit and Proper Firearms Owners

Punishment Of Licensed Firearms Owners Will Not Help Lower Crime Rates, Says COLFO: [Read more here.](#)

The Real Story Behind Firearms Misinformation: [Read more here.](#)

2021 Firearm Crime Shows New Zealand Is Not Getting Safer: [Read more here.](#)

Mike Loder, vocal advocator for firearms rights, has passed away at age 50.

"Mike Loder, passed away from a heart attack on Tuesday while in hospital. For many years Mike has been a passionate campaigner for the rights of licensed firearms owners. Often outspoken he has been relentless in his search for facts to debunk the propaganda of politicians and police. Mike regularly shared his thoughts and knowledge to the firearm community in his **Kiwi Gun Blog**. He has also steadfastly campaigned for tougher sentences for the most serious violent repeat offenders. His efforts will be missed by his followers and many in the firearm community."



National aerial pest control operations - Find out about aerial control operations in your area

Aerial Operations

OsPRI releases TB information for hunters: <https://www.ospri.co.nz/tb-and-pest-control/hunters/>

TB information for deer and pig hunters



If you're hunting this summer, it's important to know how to recognise TB in wild pigs or deer to stop the disease spreading.

Click the image above or [here](#) to watch Osprey's educational video on TB.

@NZDA on Instagram and Facebook

This monthly section showcases our members' content posted on social media.

For your chance to be featured, follow [@NZDANational](#) and [@nzdeerstalkersassociation](#) and just tag your photo to either of the pages.



Facebook - @NZDAWellington



Instagram - @ryanoconnornz



Instagram - @rybackridgebutcher

Upcoming Shooting Competitions



Scoped Rifle National Championship

4th - 7th March 2022

Tokoroa Range

Contact: Malcolm Perry (mpmalcolmperry@gmail.com)

Sporting Rifle National Championship

26th - 27th March 2022

Tokoroa Range

Contact: Paul Carmine (paulcarmine2000@gmail.com)

Benchrest National Championship

Centrefire & Rimfire

15th - 18th April 2022

Nelson Range

Contact: Graeme Smith (lvhvbr@gmail.com)

InterIslander Ferry - NZDA 'Group Booking'

Discount



NZDA are pleased to offer financial members a discount when using the InterIslander Ferry.

Enter the code **FA5474** under the "Book using a group code" tab on the website. For more info, please [click here](#).

Go Native Discount For NZDA Members

Remember to visit Go Native and use the NZDA member discount code to get 25% off your next order thanks to the team at [Go Native World](#).

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