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# **NZDA Member Newsletter 30th April 2020**

Dear Members

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[Link to live stream for Epidemic Response Committee](#)

## Farewell Chaz



### Resignation Letter 22/04/20

I hereby tender my resignation from the appointed position of National Secretary of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association (Inc). I suggest the effective date is at the conclusion of business of the Association's Annual General Meeting/Conference scheduled to be held over 24-26 July 2020.

My involvement in official positions within NZDA extends back for many years and I have enjoyed the collegiality of the great people who have made up the executive team of our association. My decision to step down is therefore in accord with the theme of this year's conference!

Yours faithfully,

C I H Forsyth  
National Secretary

## National President Report



## Trevor Chappell

I have received and accepted a letter of resignation from our National Secretary Chaz Forsyth. It is with sadness that I accept but understand his reasons for doing so.

He will now be able to put all his energies into completing his Ph.D studies to achieve his doctorate.

Chaz and I first met when we joined the National Executive in 1992, when Ian Wright was elected president for the second time. I found Chaz to be particularly passionate about NZDA and to his credit, that passion still remains today. His knowledge of the National Rules and Policies and an ability to remember/recall past events has been a real bonus, particularly for past executive officers.

Here is a brief outline of some of his achievements:

- Joined Otago branch NZDA in 1967
- Joined National Shooting Committee in 1975
- Warranted Firearms Officer with MSC from 1976 to 2015
- Otago branch Secretary 1977
- Author of "Firearms in NZ" 1978
- NZDA rep. on MSC committee 1979
- Revised "Firearms in NZ" 1985
- Foundation President NZPSI - 1983
- Elected President SSANZ 1990
- NZDA COLFO rep. 1996
- Author of "NZ Firearms" 2013

- Vice President SSANZ 2010 to 2020
  
- Appointed National Secretary 2013 to 2020

This is truly an outstanding contribution to not only NZDA but also other Firearms/Shooting organisations. At all times, he has remained a true professional.

Chaz - on behalf of NZDA, I thank you for your selfless contribution these past 53 years.

## Monthly Report

This month's activities in the field have certainly been curtailed under Level 4 and then Level 3 lockdown conditions.

Whilst hunting over the roar period was denied to most NZDA members, I am looking forward to Level 2 being reached soon so that we can all get out, stretch the legs and hopefully come home with meat for the family.

The possibility of getting a trophy for our AHT competitions is still very real also.

There have been a number of "Zoom" meetings taking place during this lockdown period, with NZDA, GAC, F&G, MSC and DOC being involved in lengthy discussions on likely scenarios when a return to hunting, duck shooting season, possible Tahr ballot postponements etc occur.

DOC will be making an announcement soon on the Tahr hunting season.

The Zoom meeting of some 21 Branches and representatives on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> April was successful on two counts:

- That it is possible to host a large meeting of branch representatives from across the country using this method and,
- The financial concerns by those branches originally seeking a Special General Meeting were answered.

Thanks to Treasurer Rob Howey for hosting this meeting and working with our Association Accountant, Joseph Howell to explain the current status of our finances.

Thank you to all those members who have already sent in their entries to our "Lockdown Photo Competition"- with over \$1300 worth of prizes being offered it must certainly be an incentive to get involved. So please send in your 'pics' as soon as possible.

A reminder also of the various membership discounts now available – this information is available in our Hunting and Wildlife magazine.

Again, welcome to our new business recruit NZ Taxidermy who are based in Christchurch and Wanaka offering 10% discount on mounts.

It appears that restrictions on hunting may be lifted in the next two to three weeks when we move to Alert Level 2. When this occurs there will be a large number of hunters heading to the Conservation Estate for possible trophy hunting and sourcing food for the table.

PLEASE ensure that no risks are taken, appropriate high viz gear is worn if possible, and remember to follow any hunting guidelines that may be set down by Government. Of particular importance is totally identifying your target. We DO NOT want any shooting accidents to occur at this time.

Regards

Trevor Chappell  
*National President*

## National Treasurer



### Rob Howey

Happy in my lock down bubble, no hunting unfortunately.

Work continues on the Membership system with Sharon continuing to make and find areas for improvement.

The all branch question and answer session was held via zoom mid month and went well considering it was our first attempt at running an association wide Video conference. 23

branches were present on the call including all the NATEX representatives.

An audio recording of the Meeting is available the link is published published along with the branch Q&A List also shared below:

The Financial statement for the Year ended 28 Feb 2019 were finalised and Audited.

Work with the Accountant to finalise the accounts for the Financial Year 2019/20 are progressing and should be ready to send out with the Conference handbook this year.

Audio recording of meeting

Question & Answers from meeting

## National Secretary



### Chaz Forsyth

- Preparing minutes of National executive Zoom meetings of late March and mid April.
- Preparing job description for national secretary position.
- Assisting with agenda preparation for National Association Zoom meeting of 19 April, and the minutes thereof.
- Liaison over correspondence and related matters with CEO-designate and fellow executive members. Condolence letter drafted for family of former National Patron of NZDA.
- Initiating 2020 Conference handbook, seeking reports for same.
- Privately, letter writing to politicians about forthcoming Arms Legislation Bill.
- Carrying on with research about news media bibliometrics before and after the events of

Christchurch in March 2019.

## Lower North Island Representative



**Tim Watson**

Hi NZDA members,

My activities as follows:

- Deerstalker House building project management
- Natex finance online meeting with branches
- FCAF members online meeting
- Assisting branches with Social media advice and logos
- NZDA Lockdown photo comp flyer

My best regards go out to all our members and their families over this difficult time. Look after each other and think of how you can help those who may be in less fortunate situations.

## Upper South Island Representative



**Snow Hewetson**

Hi all,

I have been in regular contact with the GAC regarding the tahr ballot blocks and the impact of the lock down.

We are working with all effected parties to try and find a fair

solution for all ballot holders who are unable to access their blocks due to the lock down regulations.

The Tahr Foundation have been calling for the creation of more landing sites since before the impact of Covid 19 and have stepped up that effort of late. We are seeking to have every option of increasing tahr hunting opportunities to be explored for this winter and what will remain of the the tahr rut once we reach level two.

## Lower South Island Representative



Ian Owen

Hi all,

Prior to the lockdown I had organised and helped run a combined branches Wilkinson Postal shoot, this involved branches from Otago through to Rakia and was held on the North Otago Range.

This month I have attended a Natex Zoom meeting on the 15th and the financial zoom meeting on the 19th.

With conference approaching I have completed my bio and have collated the shooting reports that I have received and written.

Next on the agenda is to organise a Regional meeting to engage with the branches regarding the upcoming conference.

## Reminder - Lockdown Photo Competition



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# LOCKDOWN PHOTO COMP

**SENIOR + JUNIOR CLASSES**  
**\$1300 PRIZES**

**PROUDLY SPONSORED BY**

**OPEN TO ALL NZDA MEMBERS**



## Special 'Lockdown' Photo Competition Reminder - Dont forget to submit your photos!

There are three competition sections, each related to 'hunting around your home'. There are two categories of entry for each section:

1. Adult
2. Kids (under 15 years of age)

### Sections

**A. Hunting related activities** – use your imagination, but this could include setting up a pup tent in your backyard, kids cooking sausages over a burner, sharpening a knife or cleaning a rifle.

**B. Humorous/human interest** – an opportunity to use your imagination to create funny situations, incidents and activities that bring a smile to our faces.

**C. Flora and Fauna** – birds, plants, flowers, insects, etc

## Prizes by Hamills

Hamills has kindly sponsored \$1300 worth of prizes. In particular we need to thank the following Hamills shops located in Tauranga (Stacey Whiteman), Taupo (Sarun Tepavac), Rotorua (Brad Hills) and Te Awamutu (Dave Hudson - an NZDA Executive Member), all who have pledged to donate prizes valued at \$1300.

Entrant	Section A	Section B	Section C
Adult 1st place	1st - Hunting knife	1st - Hunting knife	1st - Led Lenser MH5 re-chargeable head lamp
Kids 1st place for each Section	1st - Led Lenser MH5 re-chargeable head lamp		
Adults & Kids 2nd and 3rd	2nd - \$70 Hamills voucher 3rd - Sol Sport utility blanket		

## Terms and conditions

Send entries to [competition@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:competition@deerstalkers.org.nz), stating your Full Name, Branch and, if possible, NZDA Membership Number.

Each member can submit one photo per section, and you must state at the time of entry which section(s) they are entering. Parents can submit kids' entries for them.

The competition commences on the date of this email and closes at 5:00pm, Friday 15th May.

Photos taken must have been taken following the Government's COVID-19 lockdown rules applicable at the time and must be taken in the spirit of usual NZDA competition rules and ethics.

All entries may be used in NZDA publications and the entrant grants the NZDA all applicable rights (but the photographer maintains copyright of their image).

Judges will select the top three entries for each category and those will be posted on NZDA Facebook so

members and public can vote. Entries will be judged not necessarily on technical standards but on subject matter, content, composition, and x-factor.

Entrants must be current 'financial members' of NZDA.

The submission of an entry will be deemed as acceptance of these rules.

National Photographic Competitions will be held in July as usual, and these photos can be entered into that competition.

By submitting a photo you confirm you agree with, and consent to, the terms of this competition.

## Reminder - Conference

Branch committees have been sent the Conference papers 1 & 2 email recently.

A reminder that the requested due date for remits, motions and branch reports is 15th May 2020.

(Although we will be accepting submissions up to the 63rd day before conference.)

## Hunting and Wildlife Magazine



### Printed editions now available

There is still the ability to order your printed copy of **NZ Hunting and Wildlife Magazine** and have it delivered to your home address. Please note that due to current circumstances with COVID-19, there is a delay in orders received during lockdown, these should arrive in the next week.

\$10 a copy

or

\$29 for 4 x editions

## ONLY 50 printed copies left for issue 208

[Click here to read the latest edition online](#)

Some branches ordered copies to sell at the branch meetings. However, not everyone can get to meetings - under current circumstances this is definitely not an option.

## Order your printed copy now!

Simply click the button below, order online and pay by credit card or debit card.

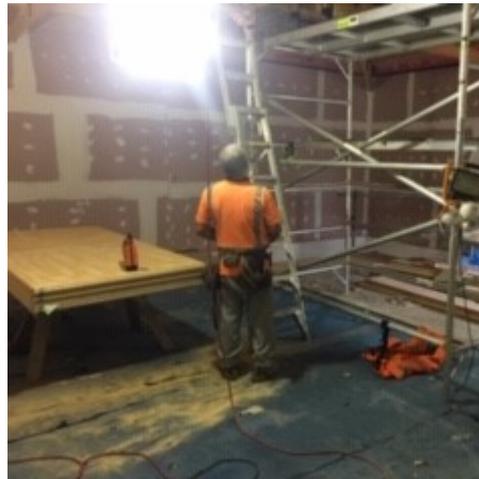
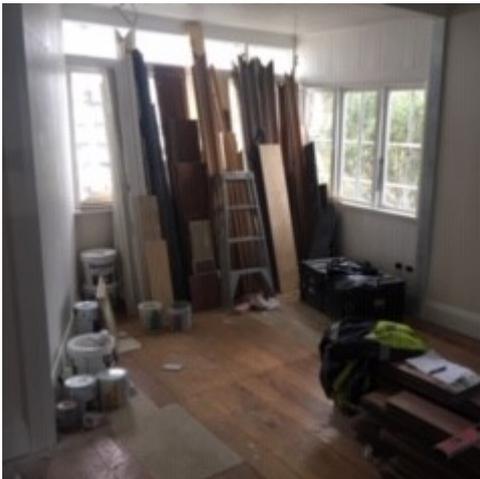
## Contributions needed for NZ Hunting and Magazine

Please send contributions to the editor Simon Gibson at: [editor@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:editor@deerstalkers.org.nz) or mail on a memory stick to NZDA, PO Box 12015, Wellington 6144.

[Order your printed editions here!](#)

## Deerstalkers' House Update

Building work has resumed under level 3 and is still on track to be finished by end of July.

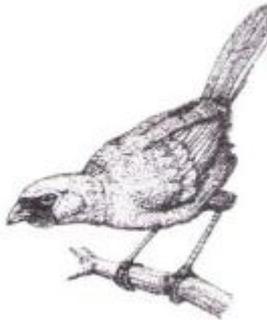


## Sponsors Advert

### South Island Taxidermist

We are particularly fortunate in having one of New Zealand's up and coming taxidermists becoming one of NZDA sponsors. Based in the South Island, Daniel Van Bijon, as have our two North Island taxidermists, been a consistent winner in the NZ Taxidermy competitions in recent years.

We welcome Daniel, and look forward to the great service he will provide to our NZDA members.



### South Island Kokako Charitable Trust

Open letter to hunters from the South Island Kokako Charitable Trust

[Read here](#)

### Colfo Update

This is a copy of the email sent from Nicole McKee.



## **Court for firearms owners this Monday**

Next week the rubber hits the road: on Monday we're in Court against the Minister of Police, and I'm emailing you today to ask you for your support so we can make the best possible showing and mount pressure on the Government in the lead up to year's election.

Our lawyers have managed to prevent COVID-19 from delaying our Judicial Review on behalf of firearms owners. It had been rescheduled for July hearing, but we've recovered the original date.

We're seeking a ruling that the Government cannot confiscate the property of licenced firearms owners without fair compensation. Our case is focused at the ammo prohibition as that's where the government is most vulnerable (no compensation was paid at all, despite much of the newly banned ammo having been sold by the Government itself as army surplus).

If we win, it will make it politically harder for the Government to pass new laws targeting lawful owners of firearms like you and me. It would likely force the Government to relook at the compensation arrangements under the previous law changes.

We will be in the Wellington High Court for two days starting 10am Monday.

## **How to follow the action**

When we launched this case we expected our supporters to pack the public gallery to show support. But under Alert 3 Level, there will be some changes to how the hearing will run – with very limited numbers allowed in the court room.

Our lawyers will ask the Court to approve a live stream link so you can watch the proceedings. We'll let you know how they get on. In any case, we'll update you by email from the court room next week.

## **What we're arguing for –**

The Arms (Prohibited Arms, Parts, and Magazines) Amendment Act 2019 was passed under urgency in response to the 15 March 2019 attack. Like most Acts passed under urgency, sloppy drafting led to a confusing piece of legislation that is difficult to understand and onerous to comply with.

The Act made it an immediate offence to possess, sell or supply prohibited ammunition – turning many of you who were using the new ‘prohibited ammunition’ into criminals. The Minister of Police then made an Order that defined ‘prohibited ammunition’. It did not show any concern about how it would make New Zealand safer.

Unlike for prohibited firearms, the Government ruled out paying compensation for prohibited ammunition.

So we’re asking the Court to declare that the Minister of Police’s decisions on what is ‘prohibited ammunition’ was unlawful and that licenced firearm owners are entitled to fair compensation for their ammunition. That would put us in a much stronger position as the government try to broaden the scope of their bans.

## **What the government is arguing –**

That the Minister of Police applied the right test for the definition – that there is no legitimate civilian use for the ammunition that they banned. They argue that the Minister couldn’t provide compensation because Parliament didn’t expressly authorise it.

## **But we can’t do this on our own**

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association, I know a lot has happened over the last 12 months, but now is the critical time for this campaign fighting for firearms owners like you. We need to put our best foot forward in this case if we are to fend off Stuart Nash and Jacinda Ardern’s next ambush on our property rights and lifestyle.

That’s why I’m asking for your financial support for this legal action.

I know a lot of people have said they’ll chip-in “once we’re in court”. That time is now. We’ve done our part, and with the COVID-19 crisis we’ve had to double our efforts. With the oral hearings going ahead next week, the Government can’t now kick back these issues until after the election.

With your support, we can hold Stuart Nash and this Government to account.

Nicole

# "Safe domestic travel should be considered at Level 2"

A press release went out today from the Game Animal Council and the New Zealand Professional Hunting Guides Association

[Read here](#)

## General Notices From Staff at National Office

### National Office Premises - Level 3

Now that we are in level 3 we are all still working from home and the office in Wellington remains closed.

The landline has been redirected so we are still able to function for most of the work. However email is the best and most efficient form of contact at the moment.

If the matter is urgent, please contact 04-499-6163.

### Your Membership Invoice Update

2020/21 Renewal invoices are almost complete.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their membership invoice recently, we appreciate it is a frustrating time not being able to hunt extensively during the Covid-19 period, however your capitations fees go towards the running of the Association and the advocacy work to continue to protect our hunting rights in New Zealand during Covid-19.

The National Office Staff have been busy reconciling all these payments and dealing with the many queries and new memberships.

So just a quick thanks to everyone that has referenced their payment correctly, it was a huge improvement on last year and it is very much appreciated as it makes it so much easier.

If you haven't received your invoice yet, this may be because of a couple of reasons:

1. We have an incorrect email address for you.
2. It went to your spam folder, please check; it will be from [nationaloffice@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:nationaloffice@deerstalkers.org.nz)
3. You don't have an email address, and you normally receive your reminder by post.

The printers were closed during level 4 so these are a little behind in being printed and sent so should be with you soon.

If you still haven't received your invoice (either by email or in the post) by the end May, please contact [membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz)

## **Credit and Debit card payments**

We have been alerted that there are a small number of people that the below credit card facility is not working for them.

This is due to an older computer or browser not supporting the strict security it needs. If you forward the invoice and email link to a smart phone or another family member, it should work there.

Alternatively you can pay via bank transfer or phone the office to pay over the phone. Just don't forget to include the correct references and invoice number.

 **DOWNLOAD**

Amount payable

**\$100.00**

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Card number

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**Pay**

## Membership Cards

The first batch of membership cards should be sent later this week. The current level 3 Covid19 situation has caused several delays to our printing partner's ability to operate and caused a few delays.

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