



NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Photo Credit: Tom McCowan, Wellington branch

Welcome to 2021

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.

Centralised Membership Renewal Update

With the current 2020/21 membership year drawing to an end on the 28th February, 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 email: membership@deerstalkers.org.nz to let us know.

We know there are heaps of keen NZDA members who want to renew ASAP but please wait for your invoice to make payment (do not set up automatic payments or pay for your subscriptions in advance). We kindly ask this because it helps streamline the busy membership renewal period for our office team and allows us track your payment in order to get your new card in your hands quicker.

More info to come.

National Executive Report



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Wow, it's the end of January already and as I write this I wonder where the time goes. Some of us will have had a good break and others, like me, would have worked right through, but either way I hope you found some time to head for the hills.

On behalf of the NZDA National Executive and all our members I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our CEO, Gwyn, and his partner, Ellen, on the safe arrival of their second child, Lillian, a little sister for Freddie. It is too easy to get tied up in the machinations of work and fail to take in the human side of our connections. Gwyn tells me that Lillian is our newest NZDA Family Member at Wellington branch! Those members who are parents and caregivers know the joy of introducing the next generation to hunting and the outdoors and we get great enjoyment and happiness raising our little ones.

As some of you will know further parts of the amended Arms Act are coming into effect and additional regulations are being put in place by Police. Please make yourself conversant with these changes because ignorance is no excuse and your licence is at risk. There will be communications from the National Office reminding you of what has changed. We are yet to see the form of some further changes being

developed by Police but they are more restrictive and require a higher standard of compliance than ever before. The operation of our ranges is a crucial area we are focusing on and we are working on updating our documentation and standards for NZDA run ranges. We also continue to re-certify NZDA range officers across the country. NZDA are also directly working with Police as part of a range working group, so NZDA is advocating for our members and making sure we convey our views and knowledge.

I personally welcome the New Year - 2021 is going to be great. As NZDA members we all need to make sure we take the time to do the sport we love but also pitch in with a bit of advocacy or volunteer support at our branches.

The roar and rut are just around the corner so for some of us training for forays into the mountains must start shortly! Remember to take care and ease into it. Before you know it the cramps and gasping for air will happen less and your muscles won't hurt so much getting beyond that next river's bend.

A Word from our Chief Executive, Gwyn Thurlow



Like our National President, Craig, I'm optimistic and super pumped for this year.

Branch club nights and events will soon swing into gear and we will each be planning our annual roar and rut trips (if you haven't already spent hours looking over maps during the holidays).

I'm hopeful our members achieved their own hunting goals over the holidays. I usually like to do a big alpine traverse or two over summer but this year I just managed a short, but successful, trip after chamois.

We've been posting members' competition photos to Facebook and Instagram. Have you noticed? If you want to see the amazing images our talented members capture, make sure you follow us. I'll be posting one or two images each week from now on and I hope they inspire more people to enter both branch and national competitions.

The annual NZDA National Conference will be held on the 11th, 12th and

13th of June in Queenstown so make sure to save the date! Full details will be sent to branch committees soon.

NZDA merchandise is back in stock and will be shipped out this coming week. The positive response and huge number of orders has been amazing but also overwhelming. It has been great to see all the images posted to Facebook and Instagram of our members out there doing it. We will be looking to expand our selection in due course so make sure to keep your eyes peeled. I want to thank everyone for their patience while waiting to get orders filled - you should receive orders soon.

Whether you are new to NZDA or you are a seasoned veteran, NZDA offers wonderful opportunities to get involved. For example, the first ever annual National Women's Hunt was recently launched with a weekend away packed with plenty of hunting, food and fun for 22 ladies. More info on this event can be found below.

Alongside our ladies hunt we also have two National Shooting Competitions coming up - a two day shoot on the 27th & 28th, February and a five day shoot on the 5th to 8th of March. Both events will be hosted at the Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex. Details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

Got an idea for an event? Get in touch or tell your branch committee, I love to chat with members and get inspired by your passion for hunting and NZDA. Together we make NZDA an amazing association to be part of.



I was fortunate to bag a pair of good buck chamois over the break. For me the trip was a great reset. Being in the alpine, far away from the stresses and struggles of 2020, is what it's all about.



I photographed this nice red stag in velvet as I made my way to the tops.

WHY (I am a hunter) by @HuntingSpirit

Check out this inspiring short film about the 'why' of hunting. Here's what the creator has to say:

"Hunting is not a sport not a game not a hobby, it is a lifestyle... I have decided to stop apologizing for being who I am. I am a hunter and I'm

proud of it. I want to show the world how beneficial hunting can be. I make a real effort to get my food and I know where it comes from. I'm taking you on a chamois hunt."

Link: <https://youtu.be/JhLkPxIINW0>



DOC is Supporting Communities and Organisations with Jobs for Nature



Photo Credit: DOC, Karlene Taylor

The Conservation Minister has announced further funding for jobs for nature. We encourage all of our branches and members to think whether your conservation projects need government funding to take them to the next level. Click on the links below to read more.

- [Jobs for Nature - Mahi mō te Taiao](#)
- [Jobs for Nature - Community Conservation Fund](#)
- [Jobs for Nature - Private Land Biodiversity Fund](#)

NZDA Womens Hunt

Ladies, we have organised the first-ever national women's group hunt! This is one not to be missed. Tell your friends, daughters, nieces, granddaughters, aunts and sisters! This is open to any women who are NZDA members near or far. Hunting, food, guest speakers, prizes, & more. What's on the menu? Sika 🦌

For more information and to register
visit: <https://deerstalkers.co.nz/event-4127669>

Womens Hunt
Clements Mill Road

Hunting, Guest speakers, prizes & more
● The first annual national womens hunt. Open to any female NZDA members. This is one not to be missed. Limited space. ●

February 12th - 14th
● Camping and socialising together for 2 nights. NZDA t-shirt and goodie bag for every attendee. ●

More announcements coming soon
● Email courtney@deerstalkers.co.nz for more info ●

register online at
www.deerstalkers.co.nz/event-4127669

NZDA Merchandise - 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).



2021 NZDA Annual Conference, Queenstown



The upcoming AGM will be hosted by Southern Lakes branch on 11th to 13th of June 2021. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Queenstown.

For more details, visit the Southern Lakes Website [here](#).

Schedule

Friday Night

Opening night includes a BBQ and beers, opening speeches, and an opportunity to look round the local hunting shop.

Saturday

8:00am - AGM

10:00am - Morning Tea

12:30pm - Conclusion of AGM/Lunch

1:30pm - Results of AGM

2:00pm - Guest speaker

3:00pm - Afternoon tea

5:00pm - End of day one

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

Partners and Guests are invited.

Sunday

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

10:30am - Morning Tea

1:00pm - Lunch

3.00pm - End of conference

Firearms - COLFO Update

The next steps in the Government's ambitious firearms reform programme includes a three-month buy-back announced over the holidays by Police Minister, Poto Williams.

Poto Williams says, "The last buy-back and amnesty was unprecedented for New Zealand and was successful in collecting 60,297 firearms, modifying a further 5,630 firearms, and collecting 299,837 prohibited parts and magazines. We are resolute in ensuring our firearms reform programme is stopping firearms falling into the wrong hands."

"This next amnesty and buy-back is about removing further firearms and arms items that were prohibited and restricted through the Arms Legislation Act 2020 which passed in June 2020.

"Once this group of firearms came to the Government's attention, it was clear we had to act again to ensure all the good work done to keep our communities safe last year was not compromised.

"The Government has allocated \$15.5 million for compensation and administrative costs, noting that this buy-back is on a much smaller scale than 2019.

"This year's buy-back will look very different to the one in 2019 as there

will be no large-scale collection events. Police will be managing the smaller buy-back through appointments at Police stations."

The central elements of the scheme are:

- The amnesty is in place for six months until 1 August 2021.
- The buy-back compensation period will start on 1 February and end on 1 May.
- Standard compensation must be applied for within those 90 days.
- Applications for compensation for unique specified items must be made within 60 days.
- The buy-back price will reflect the brand, make, and model of the prohibited firearm; its base price; and its condition.
- A price list will be published today by Police.
- The compensation for newly prohibited firearms and pistol carbine conversion kits will be 95 per cent of base price for those in new or near-new condition; 70 per cent of base price for those in used condition; and 25 per cent of base price for those in poor condition.
- The compensation for parts of these items will be 70 per cent of base price for those in near new or used condition; and 25 per cent of base price for those in poor condition.
- Compensation for newly prohibited firearms will only be paid to those with a valid firearms licence.
- Dealers and manufacturers will be compensated for stock. Applications must be made within 60 days (and supporting evidence then provided within 20 days).
- Hand ins will take place at Police stations by appointment - given the much smaller number of firearms expected this time.
- Applications for endorsements to possess and use prohibited firearms and pistol carbine conversion kits can be submitted now and must be submitted within 60 days (by 2 April 2021) of the start of the buy-back.
- There will be no modifications allowed for this group of prohibited firearms.

Price list and other details have been posted on the NZ Police website, [click here to view](#).

"Having a firearms licence is a privilege, not a right. I know most of our firearms community are responsible law-abiding citizens who have only good intent. However, our laws need to be robust enough to prevent firearms getting into the wrong hands" says Poto Williams.

NZDA Event: Presentation by Karl Bridges, 18th

February, Wellington: "Failure-to-identify hunting incidents"



NZDA is pleased to host Dr Karl Bridges (*BSc (Hons.) MSc PhD (Psych) CNZHFE C.ErgHF FCIEHF*) at NZDA Head Office, Wellington to present his PhD thesis on the evening of 18th February.

The event will be hosted at Deerstalkers House but will be available for public attendance by live streamed through Zoom as well as in person. Please email membership@deerstalkers.org.nz to register your attendance.

Background

Karl recently obtained his PhD studying failure-to-identify hunting incidents at the University of Auckland for the past four years. In his spare time, Karl also runs a consultancy investigating the human factor in the workplace, especially concerning work environments, performance and safety. Drawing on his professional expertise and some new techniques while studying, he can produce research-based findings on why hunters mistake people for game. Karl will be presenting a summary of his findings in an understandable way for hunters to reflect on their practice and professionalism as they go out during this year's roar.

Douglas Score Training Seminars

Southland branch: A Douglas Score course will be held by Southland branch on Saturday, 15th of February 2021. Contact the branch directly [here](#) for further details and forms.



NZ Hunting & Wildlife Magazine - Summer Issue

Click here to read the latest Summer Edition!



Printed editions also 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.

\$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!

@NZDA on Instagram and Facebook

We've introduced a new section to the monthly newsletter where we showcase 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.



Instagram - @nzhunting



Instagram - @hashtag.dan



Instagram - @clarkeboyshuntingnz



Photo credit - Jamie Fairbairn, 2020 National Photo Competition Entry

Upcoming Shooting Competitions



WIN!
SOME GREAT
PRIZES

NATIONAL SPORTING RIFLE SHOOT 2021

27 & 28 FEBRUARY

ANNOUNCING THE THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL SPORTING RIFLE SHOOT TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY AT THE TOKOROA SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX 205 NEWELL RD KINLEITH TOKOROA.

SPORTING rifle is the new shooting discipline in NZDA designed to benefit hunters to be able to make better use of rifles enabling unsupported shots and faster response and follow up shots where the use of bipods etc. is not possible. Last years shoot was well attended and branches are keenly taking on this new discipline. Medals are issued for the top 3 places each day and prizes are awarded on a draw. Everyone gets a prize. This event is suitable for all hunting and sporting rifles and all levels of shooters as the shoot is graded on the day. Coaching will be available.

Strictly no gear shoot only street or hunting clothing but a kneeling roll may be used.

DAY 1 - 27 FEBRUARY - \$60 ENTRY

- Rimfire Registration from 8am.
- Shooting starts 9.30.
- 50 meter 10 shots prone 10 shots sitting 10 shot standing 4 minutes each 5 shot 4 seconds each standing snap.
- 100 meter 10 shot prone 4 minutes 5 shot rapid prone 20 seconds 10 shot kneel 10 shot stand 4 minutes per position.
- Prize giving after that 10 shots running boar optional.

DAY 2 - 28 FEBRUARY - \$60 ENTRY

- Centrefire registration from 8am.
- Shooting starts 9.30.
- Same format as rimfire day one except at 100 and 200 meters and 5 shots all positions.

FOR ENTRIES EMAIL: paulcarmine2000@gmail.com

You will be sent a copy of the rules & the bank details for online payment.

Go to the Facebook page for more info: [facebook.com/NZDANSRS](https://www.facebook.com/NZDANSRS)





Scoped Rifle Nationals

5-8 March 2021

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex

205 Newell Road, Tokoroa



Hunter Class Rules

- Rifle must be a factory hunter style non heavy barrel type, hunter type stock. May have an aftermarket barrel (eg Trueflite) as long as it is a hunting profile not heavy (Bull)
- Trigger weight no lighter than 1.5 pounds
- No scope restrictions
- No target gear, eg shooting jacket, pants, shoes, gloves, etc. Only a shooting matt.

	Entry Fees	
Fri 5 th 80 Shot Metallic Silhouette (Rimfire)	\$30	Registrations by: Friday 26 February 2021 Refreshments: Coffee & Tea supplied Camping on Site: \$5 per person per night
Sat 6 th Rimfire 60 Shot @ 50 & 100m	\$35 per event	
Sun 7 th Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100 & 200m		
Mon 8 th 60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m (am)		
Mon 8 th 60 Shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m (pm)		

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Registration Forms available on request or found on the website at: www.deerstalkers.org.nz

Download 20/21 Competition Entry Form Here



Photo credit - John Sanders, 2020 National Photo Competition Entry

Go Native - NZDA 25% Discount Offer

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](#).

Visit www.gonativeworld.com today!



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](#).

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