



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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National Executive Report

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It seems to be a pretty typical Kiwi spring with high winds, warm days and now snow to low levels with quite cold conditions so I hope all our members are picking the good bits and getting out into our wonderful backyard.



I am sure our Auckland based folk are relieved to have reached Level 2 on the Covid-19 scale and can escape to the bush for a change of scenery. I understand a significant Auckland branch hunt just took place and that is great to see. Hopefully some people new to hunting got a great experience and were able to take in a bit of our culture as well.

The executive has met three times via Microsoft Teams this month to further our strategic planning and we are now in the final phase of that development. Looking forward, that will form the basis of what NZDA pursues as an organisation and will guide our CEO's planning and delivery. You will have also just received the latest NZ Hunting & Wildlife magazine with information on what political parties can offer in terms of policies around firearms and hunting resources.

Several items have come past us in the past month and we will work towards solutions with other parties to ensure the best outcomes are reached for recreational hunters. Everything from legislation around ranges and firearms ownership, game management, regional views and performance of DOC has been raised.

Specifically we are going to be approaching all branches and asking for two people from each branch to be involved in a national program of information gathering and reporting on the state of deer herds and their habitats. Further information will be provided as to how this will all work but some of you will be aware that Minister Sage has expressed her desire to see deer herds culled to protect forests. It is also one of our policies to participate in management of wild animals to ensure the habitat is adequately conserved. We cannot be remiss and ignore what we have signed up to. The failures of all parties with regard to management of our Tahr herd must not be repeated with our deer herds and while parts of the country are not suffering from too many animals, there are other parts where either deer numbers are high or there are other species in residence that are making it look like deer are responsible for degradation of forest environments. If we look to the Wapiti or Sika Foundation we can see what solutions look like but they are formed by local knowledge, experience, scientific guidance, cooperation and a willingness to do the work even if it means the hunting is a bit more challenging.

Silly spiker month is coming, get out and fill up the freezer with something good.

Carolyn Heffernan Treasurer

Te-Awamutu branch

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Things are going well and we continue to make improvements.

It has been a very busy first few months as Treasurer but I did get to take a weekend off to go hunting, so that was great.



I have been beavering away, initially, getting the Quarter 2 invoicing and payments calculated for the current financial year 2021. Gwyn and his team then sent out the invoices and payments to branches. We've also calculated last financial year's wash-ups and have calculated monies owed to the centralised branches and I am about to work out the money due to the National Association for capitation taken by our non-centralised branches. All signs indicate a strong up-tick in membership for most branches which is great to see.

In the next week or so we'll start formulating a plan to provide the reporting that was requested at conference. We have a board meeting coming up on 17th October so the idea is to present the reports then and have them go out.

Take care everyone and good luck bagging a beast or two!

National Secretary Appointed

Dan Friedman National Secretary

Auckland branch

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Please allow me to e-introduce myself. As a member of Auckland branch, I have been fortunate to meet and develop friendships with many hunting mentors, business



leaders and inspiring advocates in our Association throughout New Zealand.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Chaz, our outgoing National Secretary, and thank him for all his efforts over the years.

It is humbling to be appointed National Secretary and I look forward to applying myself to our Association.

National AHT Conference Competition Results

Here are the 2020 AHT Competition results. The spring edition of Hunting & Wildlife showcases some pictures and winning heads.

[Updated AHT Results 2020](#)



2020 Conference Photo Competition - John Lumsden, Napier branch

A Word from our Chief Executive

During September we had a lot of new and renewing members so I warmly welcome you all and hope you made new hunting connections at club nights and local events.

I'm also excited to welcome onboard our recently appointed National Secretary, Dan Friedman from Auckland branch. I look forward to working closely with Dan on making NZDA a great association.

A major project that is now underway is building a new NZDA website that will be more informative, professional and modern. My aim is for it to 'go live' in the coming months however in the meantime our current website was given a facelift using the new colours and branding.

On the topic of branding, branches will be sent samples shortly of NZDA bumper stickers and T-shirts. We're keen to showcase the new logo and



make it available to members. Keep an eye out at club nights as your branch committee will be sent samples.

I've been hard at work negotiating exclusive membership discounts and have planned something exciting for the year ahead, but in the meantime I encourage you to take up the offer below by [Go Native](#) for their meals. They have generously offered NZDA members 25% off orders. If you are in the Nelson Lakes and Kahurangi region, [Murchison Heli Tours](#) now offer NZDA members 10% off flights, which adds to the discount offered by Heli Sika.

Spring is here and so many of us will be out hunting and shooting. Be safe and enjoy. Remember it is your ethical duty to check your rifle is sighted in. Why not share your skills and knowledge by taking a new person with you - we need more hunters and shooters.

Deer are a favourite target for our members but are they now in DOC's sights? I did an interview with NZ Farming Weekly on the subject recently that you can read [here](#).

Lastly, the General Election is on Saturday the 17th and it is important for our members to get out and exercise the democratic right to vote. I certainly will make sure my vote counts.



As part of the focus on costs and efficiency, we said "good bye" to the old photocopier recently.

John Crone receives his National Life Membership Certificate and Badge



John Crone (left) receiving his certificate from Nelson branch President Greg Couper

NZDA hosts Game Animal Council's meeting in Wellington

The Game Animal Council counsellors' meeting was held at Deerstalkers House on Monday 28th, September. NZDA CEO Gwyn Thurlow said "It was a pleasure to host GAC", "we say farewell to Don and welcome Grant as their new chair."

NZDA has worked closely with GAC over the tahr cull issue and we have come to appreciate their measured approach and advice that they give to DOC and the Minister.



Grant Dodson (left), and Don Hammond



Our meeting hall set up in board room configuration for the GAC councillors' meeting

NZDA Long Service Badges



Gwyn Thurlow CEO (left) and Mark Dunajtschik, long serving member

Mark Dunajtschik popped into the office and Gwyn presented him with his 50 year service badge. Mark is the current NZDA Patron, a National Life Member, a Wellington branch Life Member and a Trustee of the National Heritage Trust. For all his year's of effort, he certainly deserves the token.



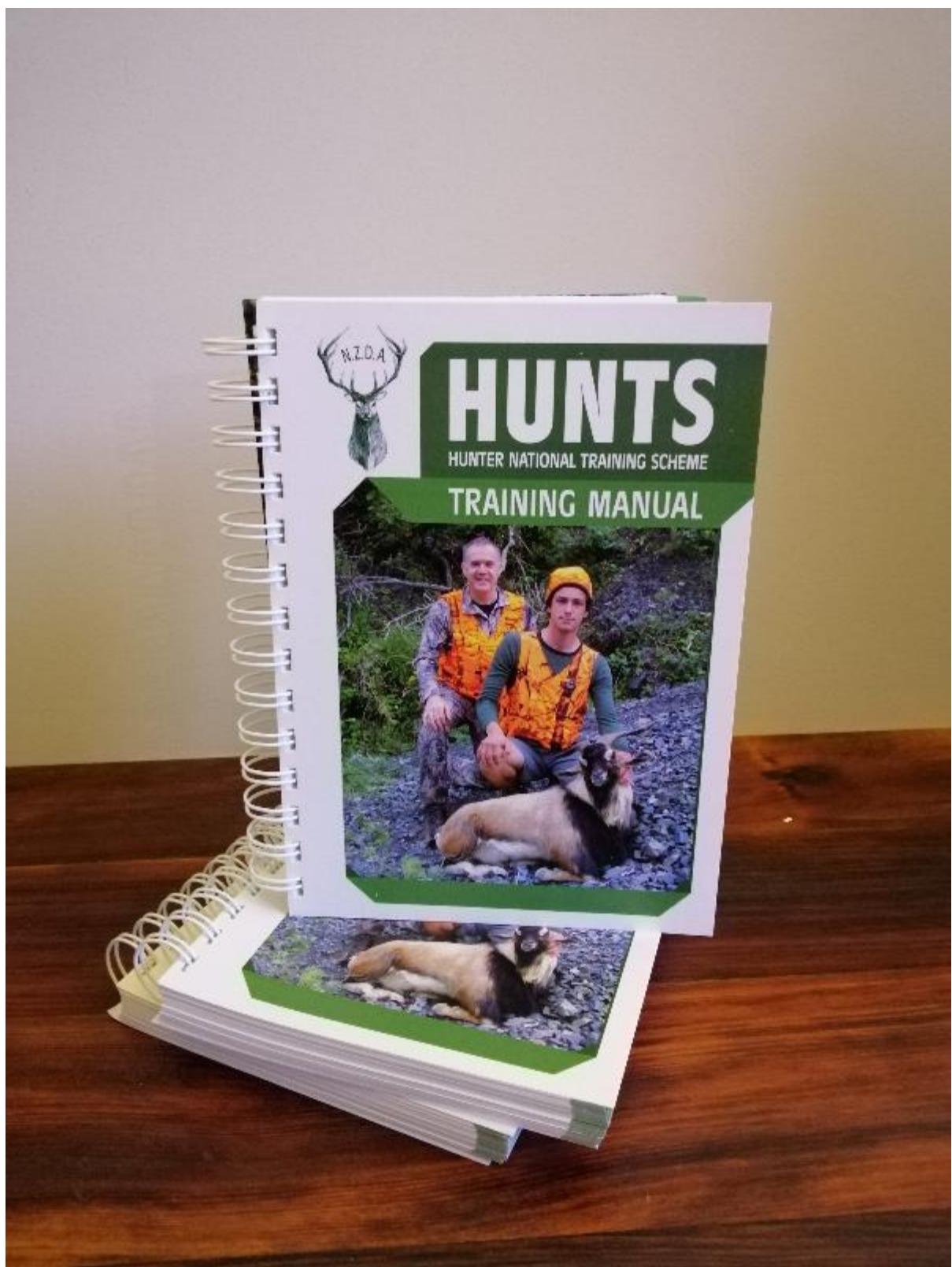
Long Service Badges can be ordered by branches for their members

The National Office team have re-located the long service badges during our move back into Deerstalkers House. There are three variations of the service badge available: 25, 50 and 60 years respectively.

If you believe you are entitled to one of these badges, please contact your branch. Branches will then be able to order these through the National Office.

HUNTS Manuals

The new HUNTS Manuals are on sale (\$35.00 + GST + pp). Please contact National Office to arrange orders. We only have 500 copies, so preference will be given to qualified HUNTS Instructors orders.



NZ Police Update - Change of Address

As a firearms licence holder, you are required to notify the Police of any change to address or contact details in writing within 30 days.

Please remember to do so as this is a requirement by law.

- Follow the link <https://forms.police.govt.nz/notification-change> which will send you directly to Police website and change of address form or you can click on the links beneath the signature block.
- Call 105 the Police Non-Emergency line at any time or between the hours of 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday to speak with a member of the Firearms National Support Team. They will assist you.
- If you do not wish to use the link, the online change of address form is found on the Police website:
 1. Go on the Police website and search for Change of address
 2. Choose Change of address and firearms issues
 3. Select Change of address
 4. Click on "Update your details online" element in blue
 5. Complete the form.

(Don't forget to let NZDA National Office know too!)

Fiordland Wapiti meat update



We have had two further donations made by the Southland branch and Rakaia branch which takes the total donated by NZDA up to \$3,310 by:

- Southland
- Rakaia
- Waikato
- Hutt Valley
- Taupo
- Bay of Plenty
- Marlborough
- Wellington
- National Office (on behalf of all members)

[Check out the website for more on the project.](#)



2020 Conference Photo Competition - Warren Hall, North Canterbury branch

NZ Hunting & Wildlife Magazine

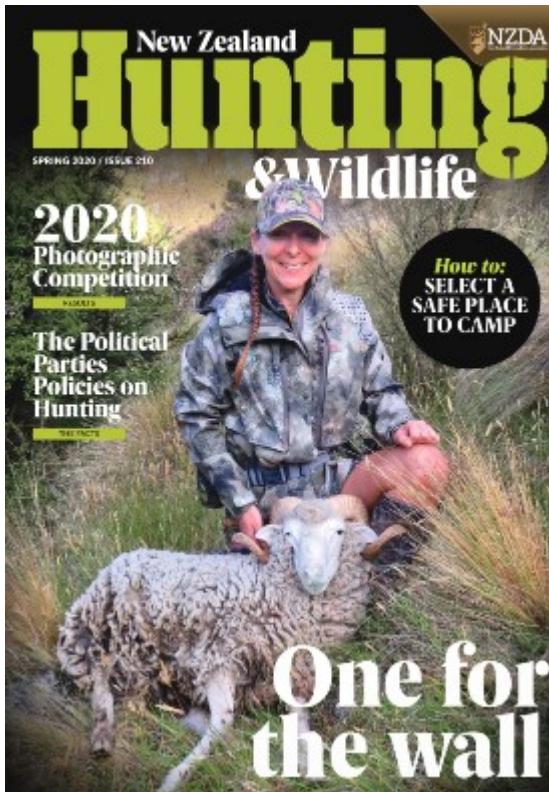
[Click here to read the latest Spring Edition!](#)

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!](#)

Douglas Training Seminar - Waikato

The Douglas score course that was originally going to be held in September has now been rescheduled for Saturday 7th November 2020. As before, it will still be hosted by the Waikato Branch.

This is only a one day course, so a great opportunity for those of you interested in learning or enhancing your measuring skills.

This will cater those wishing to attain Level 1 standard and those already at Level 1 wishing to progress to Level 2.

The course will be run by Len Cubitt of Thames Valley Branch (National Judge) and Mark Nobile of North Auckland Branch (National Judge and Assistant Chief Judge - North Island). These two members will be running the course as part of their own progress in NZDA DS system to achieve their Co-Ordinating Tutor levels.

Mark Sarjeant, DS custodian, NZDA National AHT Convenor and Co-Ordinating Tutor will administer and supervise proceedings on the day.

A registration form is [attached](#) and needs to be completed and emailed to info@deerstalkers.org.nz by the 31st of October. This is so that merchandise and the required reading material can be sent out before the course commences.

[Download Registration Form Here](#)

Upcoming North Island Competitions

Scoped Rifle North Island Championships

28th & 29th November 2020



NZDA

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

Venue:
Tokoroa Shooting
Sports Complex
205 Newell Road
Tokoroa

Start Time
Range Opens:
8.30am - Saturday & Sunday

Briefing:
9.30am - Saturday & 9.00am - Sunday

Shooting:
9.45am - Saturday & 9.15am - Sunday

Refreshments:
Coffee & Tea provided



All Welcome

Graded, All Equipment

Hunter Class (Rifle must be a factory hunter style, trigger weight no lighter than 1.5 pounds. No scope restrictions. No target gear, eg shooting jacket, pants, shoes, gloves, etc.)

www.nzda.org.nz

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Registration:

Names to be with
Malcolm Perry
by Friday
20 November
2020



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.

Fri 5th 80 Shot Metallic Silhouette
(Rimfire)

Entry Fees
\$30

Sat 6th Rimfire 60 Shot @ 50 & 100m \$35 per event

Sun 7th Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100 & 200m

Mon 8th 60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m (am)

Mon 8th 60 Shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m (pm)

Registrations by:
Friday 26 February 2021

Refreshments:
Coffee & Tea supplied

Camping on Site:
\$5 per person per night

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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](#)

Alain Jorian - Grand Slam NZDA Member

Well known and long standing NZDA member Alain Jorian was recently featured on an article in the Gisborne Herald.

Alain is a passionate Deerstalker and is believed to be the first New Zealander to have captured the double "Grand Slam" of both game fishing and big game hunting.

Click [here](#) or the photo below to read more.



Marlborough Sounds - Mass Cull

To manage the goat numbers in the Marlborough Sounds region, the Resident Association teamed up with the Deerstalkers Association. About 10 volunteers from the Marlborough branch went to Whatamango Bay to carry out the cull.

Click [here](#) or the picture below to read more.



Rotorua Branch host Public Debate, 5th October

CHANGE YOUR FUTURE BUS TOUR
PUBLIC MEETING – ROTORUA

ROTORUA EVENTS CENTRE
Queens Drive,
Rotorua

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER
7:00pm

PARTY VOTE act/

Nicole McKee
Firearms Spokesperson
#3 on ACT Party List

Brooke Van Velden
Deputy Leader
#2 on ACT Party List

Authorised by D Smith, 27 Cities Ave Newmarket Auckland 1023

Go Native - NZDA 25% Discount Offer



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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