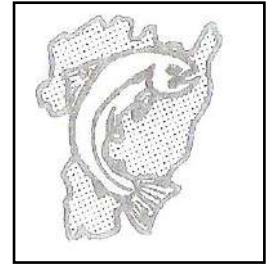




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NZDA Taupo Branch stand at the Sika Show

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Please Note: no calls after 9pm – we do need some time to plan for our next hunting trip...

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS JUNIOR SHOOTING

TAUPO DEERSTALKERS HALL

Starts 6.00pm
\$2 Range Fee

.22 ammo is available for purchase \$8.00 a box of 50

Bill Seal ph 07 378 9630

UP AND COMING EVENTS 2018

OCTOBER

Sun 21st Range Day – Centre Fire, Field Running boar

Thur 25th Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER

Sat 3rd Taupo November Prize Shoot

Sun 21st Range Day – Centrefire, Running Boar

Thur 29th Committee Meeting

Two PLB's for the exclusive use of our Taupo Branch NZDA members.

Hire Costs are;

\$4.00 per day,

minimum hire \$12.00

\$25.00 for 7 days.

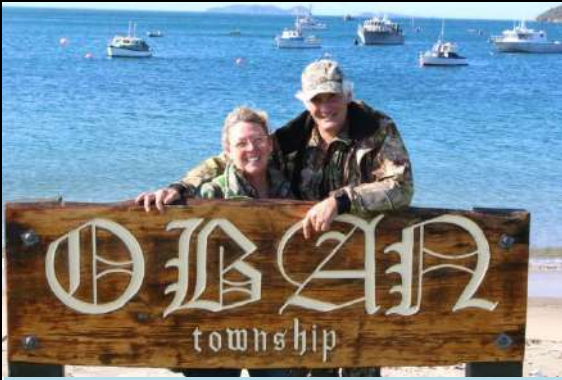
\$2 per day thereafter

Plus any Courier Charges.



TO MAKE A BOOKING:- Email

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone,

The Sika Show is once again behind us for another year. Well done to Mark Bridgeman and his team for again organising a great show. The weather was kind with a beautiful day on Saturday and slightly cooler on Sunday with good numbers of visitors to the booths. Grateful thanks to Garry, Cheryl, Mike, Karen, Paul, Kris and myself for giving the time to answer questions and spend

their day talking to people. Also thanks to Sam and Josh from Good Nature Traps, between the two groups we had an attractive and interesting stand. I attended two meetings, one on Friday involving Bill O'Leary, Trevor Chappell and interested parties including the NZ Tahr Foundation where ideas were discussed to take forward to the Christchurch meeting on Monday the 1st October. Also a similar team met with DOC regarding next year's proposed poisoning drops.

Because the NZDA believe hunting in general is at threat, and the proposed Tahr cull was unreasonable, at our branch committee meeting held 27th September, on behalf of Taupo members, your committee passed a pledge of \$2,000 to go towards any legal proceedings that may result.

Lee Garrick president@nzdataupo.org.nz

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JOKES

I think most would agree with me that this Freudian slip most definitely qualifies as the joke of the year !!!

It was a normal morning on *Breakfast* this week when all of sudden our Conservation Minister dropped the worst possible word on live television at 6.51am.

The sweet and unassuming Eugenie Sage, dressed in her red neck scarf and matching crimson spectacles, dropped the 'C bomb' whilst describing how 6,000 Himalayan Tahr need to be culled from NZ's high country.

"Our alpine plants are really distinctive, they are only found here in Aotearoa, nowhere else in the world and tahr are browsers, so they are having quite a major problem," explained Sage.

"There will be control work done between now and mid-November. Further meetings of the tahr liaison group and the c**ters (hunters) too have committed to doing a big educational effort so that they shoot the female tahr, not just the bulls. It's a more collaborative process going forward."

Mark Poots

Editors Report

Hi everyone,

November Prize Shoot coming up next month, first Saturday the 3rd. Come along and support your club and have a ton of fun in the process, its always a good day. Lee, Shania & I along with a mate went for a fallow hunt a couple of weekends back, nice to enjoy lovely weather in the hills of Wanganui. Had an awesome trip shooting 6 deer in total. Lee decided not to shoot this trip and instead took the camera, unfortunately upon investigation, once home, I discover very little footage on the video and camera, I think next time he will be more productive with a rifle in hand. ☺ However, now have lots of steak and sausages, thanks to Taupo Farm and Game Meat Processors for our Summer BBQ's.

Cheers
Kris



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Where We Preserve Your Hunt

RUNNING BOAR OPEN

Thanks to Curly and his helpers the maintenance on the Running Boar range has been finished and the range is once again open to shooters.

Thank you for your patience and compliance with this, we now hope it will pass inspection for the range certification.



Taupo NZDA Spring Hunt `Chopper Trip' Urewera's 19th-23rd Oct

Flying with **Heli Resources Murapara**

Heli pad @ Golf Rd approx. 1 mile out of Murapara heading to Waikaremoana

No Dogs allowed in park unless they have Kiwi Aversion training and also be identifiable by tattoo

Safe vehicle parking at Heli pad

Shuttle available to transport hunters to fly in/drop off point at end of road

420kg max per chopper trip (Bell Ranger)

Pay Cash or eftpos @Heli Resources on Day of flight. DOC Landing Fee included in prices

Non NZDA Members \$30 extra pp

Safety Brief at Heli Pad prior departure: All groups to Have at least 1 Epirb or other communication, 2

available for Hire from Taupo NZDA. **Obtain Permits' online prior to trip through Te Urewera Hunting**

{www.ngaituhoe.iwi.nz}

Hunting Blocks

Northern Blocks \$250 pp trips

Right branch Manuohou hut (38 25 42.08, 176 55 06.59) Red deer, Rusa deer, pigs

Ngaherimai hut (38 29 32.21, 176 58 39.53) Red deer, Rusa deer, pigs

Hanamihahi camp site (38 27 39.54, 176 57 36.72) Red deer Rusa deer, pigs

Duckville hut (38 21 45.71, 176 52 43.99) Red deer, Rusa deer, pigs

Takarua hut (38 28 49.45, 177 00 25.03) Red deer, pigs

Casino hut (38 18 50.7, 176 54 31.72) Red deer, pigs

Southern blocks \$300 pp trips

Te Totara hut (38 43 52.73, 176 52 25.43) Red deer, pigs

Central Waiau hut (38 46 05.25, 176 50 49.25) Red deer, pigs, trout

Tewaiotukapiti hut (38 48 36.88, 176 51 22.02) Red deer, pigs, trout

Parahaki campsite (38 44 42.01, 176 51 15.31) Red deer, pigs, trout

Sids campsite (38 49 31.55, 176 51 27.49) Red deer, pigs, trout

Blue slip campsite (38 47 29.33, 176 50 02.91) Red deer, pigs, trout

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COMING EVENTS

Keep an eye on the newsletter for the organized Summer Hunt

This will be into the Ahimanawa/Kaweka area with Chris Crosse – East Kaweka Helicopters

**Kaimanawa Hunter Liaison Group Update From Gary Harwood And Mike Main,
NZDA Taupo Representatives.**

TAUPO BRANCH PRIZE SHOOT

**Saturday 3rd NOV
2018**



**JACK DILLON
MOUNTAIN**

OFF NAPIER / TAUPO HIGHWAY AT THE FOOT OF MT TAUHARA

**MEMORIAL RANGE,
ROAD, TAUPO**

**REGISTRATIONS: 8.30AM UNTIL LAST DETAIL ON MOUND.
SHOOT COMMENCES 9.30AM**

**INCLUDING: TAUPO GRADED SHOOT
TAUPO" BIG BALLS HUNTER CLASS"**

**ENTRY FEES: PER EVENT
\$30.00 SENIOR**

**\$15.00 JUNIOR [UNDER 18]
PLEASE NOTE NEW PRICES**

**FORMAT: PRIZE SHOOT;
100 METRE CENTREFIRE OR RIMFIRE,
FOUR POSITIONS, 20 SHOTS, GRADED A TO D
THREE MINUTES UNLIMITED SIGHTERS**

**BIG BALLS HUNTER CLASS;
SEE ATTACHED DETAILS.**

**RULES: GRADED SHOOT:
AND
BIG BALLS HUNTER CLASS
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**CAMPING; FREE ON RANGE. NO CAMP SITE POWER POINTS
PLENTY OF ROOM WITH KITCHEN AND TOILET FACILITIES
NO DOGS
FREE MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA
FREE HOT PORK, VENISON, OR HOGGET SANDWICHES AFTER SHOOT**

TAUPO BRANCH PRIZESHOOT

BIG BALLS HUNTER CLASS RULES

HIGHEST SCORES

\$50 1ST,

\$30 2ND,

\$20 3RD,

COURTESY OF GREAT LAKE TANNERY

PLUS PRIZE TABLE FOR ALL ENTRIES

5 SHOTS, 4 POSITIONS:

SHOOTER CAN ELECT TO SHOOT A LESS STABLE POSITION IF DESIRED.

NON- GRADED:

NO SIGHTERS:

MAX RIFLE WEIGHT: 9LB / 4K

**HUNTING RIFLES WITH FACTORY OR SIMILAR BARREL PROFILES
NOT VARMINT PROFILES**

SCOPE SET TO A MAXIMUM POWER OF 9X

MIN MUZZLE ENERGY : 1940 FTLB : IE 243, 100GR, 3000FPS

TAUPO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TEST LOADS

**NO TARGET EQUIPMENT : IE, JACKETS, ELBOW PADS,
SHOOTING HATS GLOVES ETC**

NO RESTS OR BI-PODS

NO SINGLE POINT SLINGS, 2 POINT SLINGS O K :

IF USED MUST BE ATTACHED IN POSITIONS

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Kaimanawa Hunter Liaison Group Update From Gary Harwood And Mike Main, NZDA Taupo Representatives.

Kaimanawa Predator Control Project Update:

On Wednesday 19 September a team of five went in and checked the traps on the Kaipo River. Brohn Torckler, Kerri – anne Torckler Page, Mike Main & Lee Garrick were flown in to the Kaipo swing bridge by Helisika free of charge and split into two teams with Brohn & Kerri – anne taking the true left and Mike & Lee taking the true right. Gary Harwood drove in through Poronui so he could drive everyone back out and made his way up the true right to meet up with Mike & Lee, we were back at the Oamaru hut by around 1.30. Brohn & Kerri – Anne had the most difficult task on the true left, getting back about 5.30, a big day on the river. Next time we will take an extra team to start from the bottom end and work up the true left to meet up with the team coming down to make this side more manageable.

108 traps were installed on the 18 August, in just 32 days the following are the results from checking the counters on 19 September.

True left 95 hits

True right 88 hits

Total 183

One stoat and a number of rats and mice were seen on the ground by some of the traps but it is essential to have counters on all traps as most of the traps had the kills removed by other wildlife. Without counters we would have had no idea how effective the traps were.

We also found some counters had been attacked by animals, probably possums by the look of the claw marks, so we carried out some general maintenance while in there.

Also found one comment in the hut book from a group of trampers saying they had seen dead rats at most of the traps that were visible from the track.

A very satisfying day to find 183 predators have been killed in just 32 days.

We will enter this information on a spread sheet so we can track the performance of each trap and add to the information each time we check the traps, about every two months.

A big thanks to the team for their work and also Helisika for flying them in and Poronui for allowing vehicle access for this project.

We are now raising funds for the Oamaru River, we hope to have enough funding to install the traps in the next couple of months. Go to our web site and check the projects page to find out more and view our list of sponsors.

Please support our sponsors, without their generous support we would not have a project.

If you wish to sponsor stage two of this project, the Oamaru River, call Gary or Mike

Photo of dead stoat supplied by Mike Main.

Any questions regarding this project call Gary 027 487 2304 or Mike 027 241 8593

Cheers Gary & Mike

The Political Scene from Gary Harwood



Tahrmageddon!

Most of you will be aware by now that the Minister of Conservation has Himalayan tahr well and truly in her sights. Make no mistake, if she has her way, it will be the end of tahr hunting as we know it! She has instructed her department to cull 17,500 tahr on top of the almost 3000 already culled in the last couple of months, and also she intends to reduce the tahr density in Mt Cook and Westland National Parks to zero. She wants her department to cull around 25,000 to 30,000 tahr by the middle of next year, out of what they are saying is an estimated population of 35,000 (and this estimate by their own admission could be way out either way – what do we have left if there is only 25,000 to begin with?) - and they intend to shoot the bulls too. This is without a doubt the destruction of the tahr hunting resource.

See below the outcome of the pressure that was applied to the minister by hunting groups which has resulted in the Game Animal Council's tahr management plan being agreed.

Press Release – New Zealand Game Animal Council

New Tactical Plan for Tahr Management Agreed

A new tactical plan for reducing the overall number of tahr in the Southern Alps was agreed at the meeting of the Tahr Liaison Group meeting in Christchurch yesterday.

The Minister of Conservation, Hon Eugenie Sage, had asked the Game Animal Council to work with the Department of Conservation and key hunting sector groups to develop a plan to support DOC in reducing the number of tahr on public conservation land in the Southern Alps.

The GAC consulted widely within the hunting sector and presented a draft plan to DOC last week as the basis for further consultation. The GAC plan and key principles developed by DOC formed the basis for discussion by the Tahr Liaison Group. The Tahr Liaison Group, including Conservation Boards, Ngai Tahu, Forest and Bird, farming interests and hunters all agreed the plan provided a path forward.

“The whole hunting sector has come together and worked constructively to develop an operational plan that will reduce tahr numbers whilst still providing sustainable hunting opportunities for recreational hunters, hunting guides and tahr meat recovery operators” said Don Hammond, Chair of the Game Animal Council.

The Tahr Liaison Group agreed to the following key points going forward:

1. A staged, adaptive approach entailing an initial reduction of 6000 female tahr utilising a combination of DOC culls, commercial meat recovery and Aerial Assisted Trophy Hunting (AATH) offsets. DOC will focus initially on National Parks and difficult areas of the West Coast. Ongoing consultation will efficiently coordinate these operations, ensuring use of the most appropriate approach in each location.
2. No recognisable male tahr will be culled.
3. Recreational hunters, hunting guides, AATH operators and tahr meat recovery will account for another 4000 tahr prior to Spring 2019.
4. Progress against objectives will be reviewed regularly.
5. Further scientific information will be gathered to inform future decisions on tahr management.

“The Game Animal Council recognises the contribution and cooperation from all parties including the Minister and DOC and this has resulted in an outcome that leads to lower tahr numbers while ensuring ongoing hunting opportunities” said Don Hammond



Trout and angling under threat

Trout and salmon are facing one of the most serious threats posed to them as a result of new legislation just introduced to Parliament.

The Indigenous Freshwater Fish Amendment Bill aims to provide better protection for indigenous fish such as galaxids, whitebait, eels, bullies, torrent fish, mudfish and other species.

But the Bill also poses a serious threat to trout and angling.

It allows trout and salmon to be removed from particular rivers and lakes, even if they are significant trout and salmon fisheries.

It could see trout being part of Treaty of Waitangi settlements with iwi.

The Bill also opens the possibility of allowing the sale of trout.

What can anglers do?

Fish & Game was not consulted on this Bill and it is vital anglers make their feelings known about it.

Write to the Prime Minister, other party leaders and your MP to tell them the Bill's attack on trout is unacceptable.

Visit your MP and tell them what you think.

And above all, make a submission to the select committee now considering the Bill.

The deadline for making a submission is October 25.

Anglers need to act now to stop the threat in its tracks.

What can you do?

We invite all anglers to write to their local MP and express their concern.

Click on the sections below for more information along with advice on lobbying MPs, and political chiefs.

The threat to trout posed by the Bill

What are the threats to trout and angling in the Indigenous Freshwater Amendment Bill?

The Bill seeks to provide better protection for indigenous freshwater fish.

These fish species include whitebait, also known as galaxids, eels, bullies, torrent fish, mud fish and others.

Fish & Game supports efforts to provide better protection for indigenous freshwater fish.

However, that should not be at the expense of trout and other freshwater sports fish, nor the more than hundred thousand anglers who value these fish for the recreational, cultural and economic benefits they provide.

The Amendment Bill as it is now written contains several aspects which pose a threat to trout fishing in New Zealand.

Clause 5:

- Clause 5 gives DoC's freshwater fisheries management plans priority over Fish & Game's fish and game management plans.
- Clause 5 allows the Minister to adopt a national freshwater fisheries management plan which prevails over Fish & Game management plans.
- This is despite both plans having the same legal status under the Act.
- Clause 5 would allow DoC to remove all trout and salmon from particular rivers or lakes, even if those waterways have been identified as significant trout and salmon habitat. This is likely to result in catchments where DoC, Iwi and regional councils can establish management regimes which exclude trout.
- The Bill reduces Fish & Game's right to be consulted as managers of sports fish to the same level as any member of the public.

Clause 6:

- Clause 6 exempts anyone authorised under Treaty settlement legislation from restrictions on taking, possessing or selling sportsfish.
- Clause 6 allows the Crown and iwi to set aside present rules as part of a treaty settlement.
- Clause 6 allows the removal of present bans on the sale of fishing rights.
- Clause 6 allows the removal of present bans on the sale of sports fish.
- Clause 6 removes the requirement for occupiers of land to comply with trout fishing rules and regulations, although they would still need a licence.
- Clause 6 opens up the potential for direct conflict between Treaty settlement legislation and sports fishing.

Clause 17:

- Clause 17 revokes several existing regulations allowing Fish & Game to manage trout and other sports fish.
- In particular, Clause 17 would no longer require a Fish & Game region's consent for the release of fish or ova, or transfer of sports fish and ova between the North and South Islands.
- The Bill reduces Fish & Game's right to be consulted as managers of sports fish to the same level as any member of the public.

If you are concerned about any of the above developments write to your local MP and the Minister of Conservation.

Cheers
Gary Harwood

Clarification of who is covered by our public liability insurance

As you will all appreciate our public liability cover is one of the key benefits of being a member of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association. We have received several questions recently about our public liability insurance and which membership types are included in the cover. We have approached our insurers and clarified the situation to remove any doubt. Our constitution caters for 3 classes of Membership; Members Associates Supporters Only full members are included in our Public Liability insurance, for clarity they are listed below: Senior Superannuant Student Junior Family Members Endowment members Branch and National Life members Branch Honorary Members Associate Membership does not qualify.

