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Editorial

Hi All,

This month thanks to Jason for our feature story. Looks like club members have been knocking over a good few animals over the Roar—see our members photo page and our branch facebook page for more. Should be some competition for the end of years heads contest.

Working bee coming up weekend of 16/17 May at the club hut on Kapakapanui—volunteers needed for installing a new toilet. Contact Jason Searle for more info.

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Last Meeting

John's taxidermy

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This Month

Mike's Nichols Roar trip report



Come and visit the clubs luxury hillside retreat (Kapakapanui hut) on 16/17 May which needs a new long drop! See editorial.

Photo by Aaron Jack

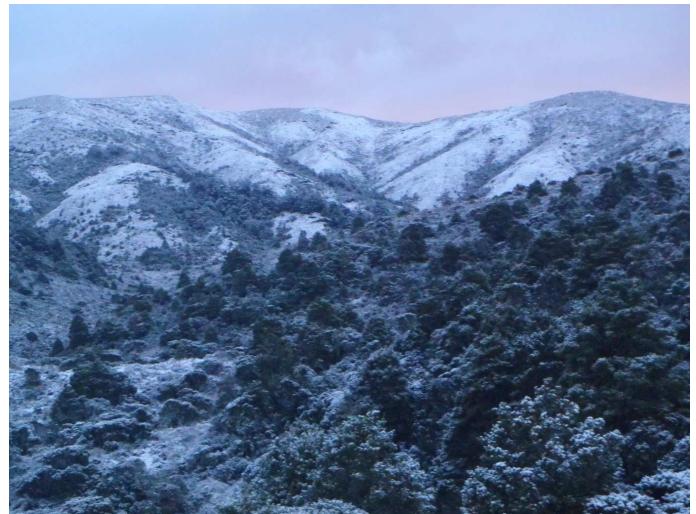
Presidents Monthly Report

by John Trask

Hi Everyone.

Well it seems a long time between coffees and it will be good to catch up at the next meet to chew the fat over the Roar. There will be tales of woe no doubt and tales of all go, mixed with lies and bullshit and a sprinkling of the truth .

My place of choice was the Waipuk river where the thunderbolt joins in the mid valley section. I had planned a trip to the Rangitikei but gave up after red tape and tossers made a return not worth the hassle. The first few days were campbound with heavy rain and then snow cold enough to give the brass monkey a run for his money.



Where that brass monkey lives

The day the snow cleared was the day they roared Sika and Reds. The first stag heard roaring from the tent was roared up around midday and shot about twenty minutes above camp. A tidy 6 pointer that charged up to myself and my mate Anthony Gilmore and was shot by Ant from only 3 meters; an awesome sight.



While we dressed the animal, three other stags continued to roar and Dave Gilmore and his son Danny, the other two members of the party, stalked another stag on a face directly across the valley where Danny took his first Sika stag. The fact that it had a slightly deformed set of antlers mattered not one bit and the port flowed freely that night with dinner.

Port Day

Over the next few days we all saw deer but refrained from shooting any more meat. Dave shot another small stag after an exciting hunt with Danny - just another attempt to have a few more ports I reckon. Around midday, towards the end of the week I sat sunning myself on a clearing by the river while giving a few he haw calls every few minutes just for the fun of it, when a hind snuck down the face opposite me and walked right out onto the clearing I was on. It must have been love or the fact that I hadn't washed for a week, well that's what I told myself, and when our eyes met I knew there would be no romance for I can't have looked that flash as she reeled around and headed for the hills. Maybe if I had shaved?????

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Anthony had two hinds walk up to him in a nice basin while he was having lunch; just another cool day in paradise and goes to show if you are prepared to put in the hard yards there are still plenty of places on public land to find a few animals. The frosts every morning started to wear thin after a while especially the frozen sox , boots and putties, it was quicker to put them in the river first than wait for them to thaw out..

Dave on the tops.



The Swazi shoot will hopefully happen in May so if you have young family members see myself or Allen and Loma about dates and times, the more the merrier..

Don't let the fact that the next meet is the AGM keep you away. Come along and have your say and a bit of fun as well.

Sneaked out for a dive with Solly over Anzac weekend and managed a feed of crays , just shows you what a great country we live in , thank goodness DOC havn't found a way to 1080 them as well,

See you there.

JT

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Member's photo page—photos by Heath, Jason & Aaron) - see our facebook page



Feature story—by Jason Searle

We Failed

Heath rang and asked if his nephew could join us for the weekend , he was keen to secure his first deer with his new rifle , Sure why not , We were heading over to the block I hunt as I am still chasing a nice stag and had seen him the weekend before but ran out of time to get closer for a shot.

It was Waitangi weekend so we were away after work on thursday followed by the rain as we crossed the hill to the east coast , luckily the summer had been dry and the track into the hut was still rock hard and the stream low even thou it was raining , the ground was just soaking it up. The down side was we werent keen on an evening hunt getting wet so we settled in for a coffee and chin wag , The young guy Connor sat back and quietly listened to the boys normal BS before we settled in for the night.

It was a later than normal start the next morning but we were still away at a reasonable time . We climbed the first hill to a lookout togeather and soon spotted a couple of stags across the valley feeding out in the open , plans changed and we were soon stalking through the trees to a vantage point 200m across from them but arrived as they moved back into the scrub.



It was a while before we saw the animals moving about but they only found a nice sunny shealtered spot to bed down not giving a clear shot which wasnt a problem really as we were hopeing to see if it was the same group we saw the week before with the two big boys so we settled in till they decided to feed out again , time about 9am.

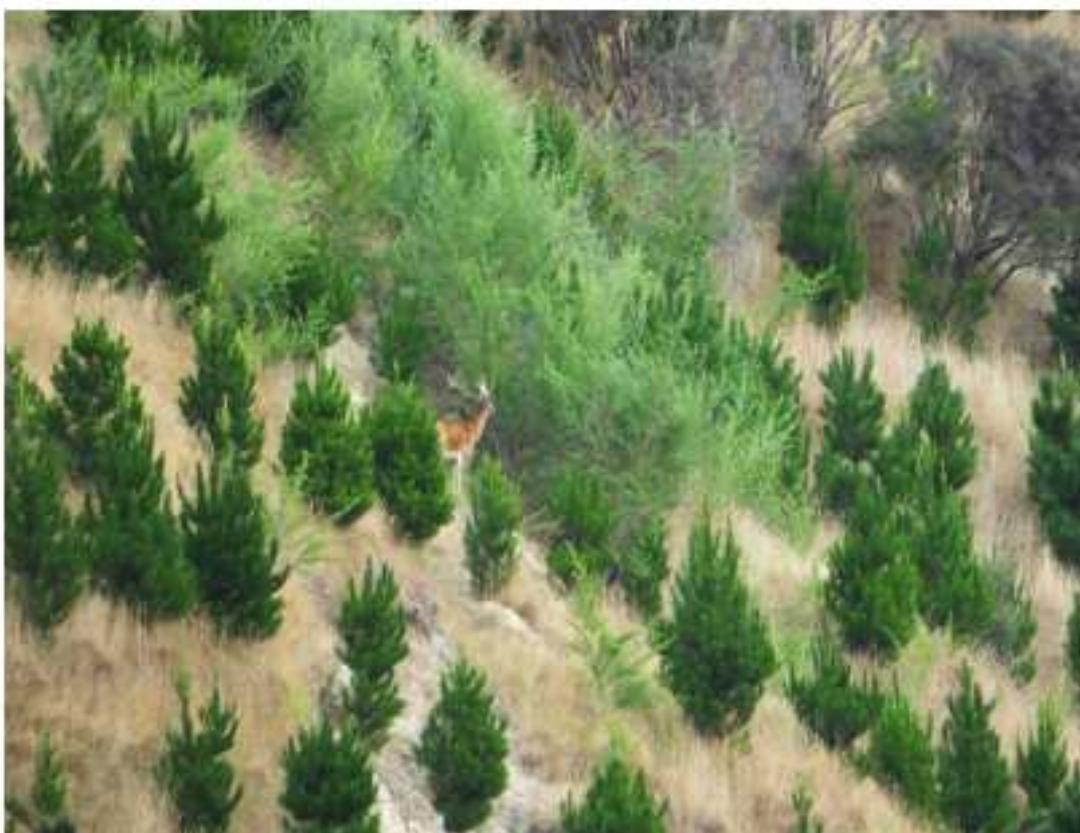


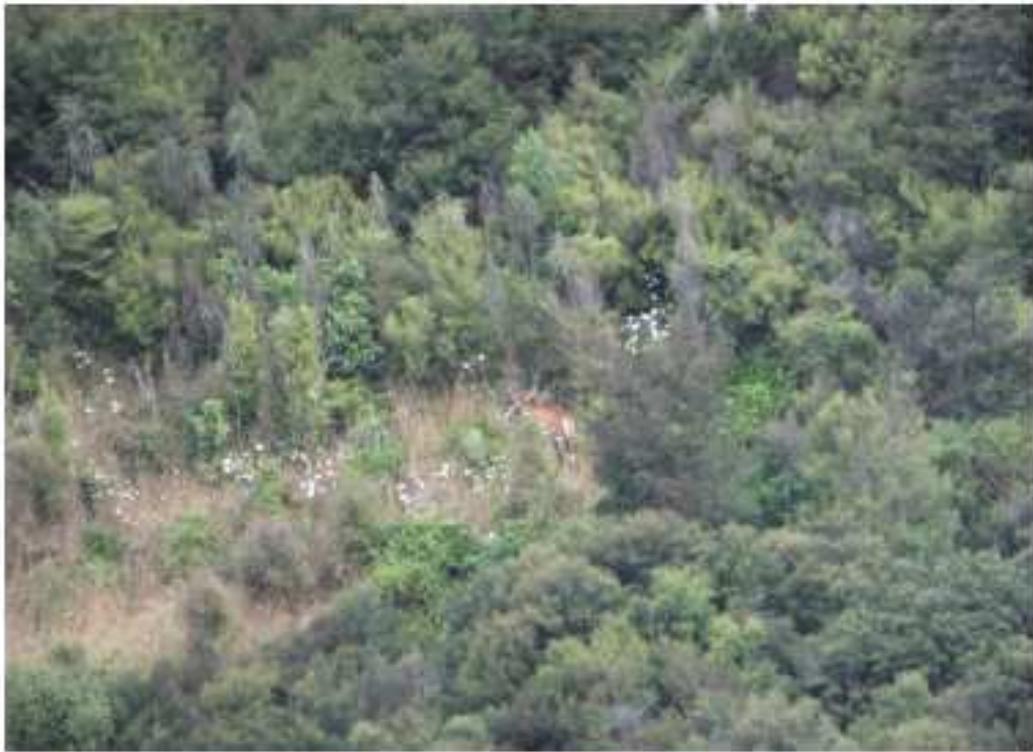
While watching the dozing stags we glassed further up the valley and spot another two stags feeding out in the open , soon joined by a spiker , they werent moving fast as they were enjoying the sun and slowly fed down into a gut . Once they dissapeared down into it they must have disturbed two chestnut fallow spikers which ran over the top towards us and disappeared up the valley , looked like

the same ones Dave and I had photographed the weekend before.



By lunchtime we were getting restless and Heath and Connor decided to head back over the top and check out the next valley while Dave and I kept watch on the stags , I flicked Heath a radio so we could stay in contact . While they we were away Dave spotted another two fallow , a nice dark Buck and a black spiker mucking around in the scrub , giving Heath a call we tell him it could be a good stalk for him and Conner , unfortunately the deer didnt co-operate as something spooked them and ran off before the boys got within range.





After rejoining us the Stags across finally decided to move and we set up to take the shot , the plan was to wait for them both to be in a shooting position and shoot togeather but as luck had it there was never a time where both were standing right and before long the settled back down for another rest , man these things were lazier than a teenage boy.

By 2.30pm I could take no more waiting around and decided to head up the valley to where we had seen the other stags and see if the big boys were with them leaving the others to wait it out.

Across the valley I settled in to glass and wait for the evening feed to start , just after 4pm I hear a distant pop and radio Dave to see if they had shot ' one down' came the reply ' the other is standing around not knowing what to do' shoot it was my reply and a few seconds later another pop and Heath and Dave had a deer each .



After crossing over and dealing to the animals the boys headed back to the hut for a late lunch before climbing the hill to our main lookout for the evening.

Having radios helps and soon I get a call that the boys could see the two stags feeding a couple of guts up the valley from me , I decided to put in a stalk and climbed the ridge to the top to cut around and drop in on the deer from above Dave giving me a rough idea where they were amount the trees , unfortunately things didnt work out , I had snuck around but came apon the stags earlier than expected , I was sneaking tree to tree trying to get a shot but never had a clean aiming point amount the trees , Dave in the mean time had been tracking my progress around the face and had lost sight of me , when he did he got on the radio advising me so , unfortunately the deer heard the radio as well and heads came bolt upright seconds before they bound off , bugger.

It was getting late and I headed back to camp , on the way I spot a spiker feeding in a clearing and call the boys who decided to stalk in , this also wasnt to be and he walked off before the boys could locate him in the scrub. It was a late dinner and bed that night buggered after we retrieved the stags across the valley.

Next morning Dave and I head over the back valley while Heath and Connor hunt the front stream. Unfortunately there was a radio malfunction and the boys could hear us when we advised them of a couple of spikers sleeping off their breakfast on our side , so not wanting to miss out we head down to find a position closer to shoot from , just over 200 I could still see over the scrub and was just clearing some grass from in front of the rifle when they spot me , both dropped on the spot and the real work begins.



When we get back to the hut the others have already started boning out the stags from the night before so after lunch we give Connor a butchery lesson and discuss the last days plan. Having enough meat we decide to hit another valley prior to sun up and look for the big boys and try to get Connor his first deer , It was a cracker the next morning and the full moon gave us enough light to climb the ridge before light , No stags were seen in the first but as we sat and glassed the next we started spotting deer out feeding , we split up deciding to glass different ends of the valley and it wasnt long before we called the others back after spotting a couple of stags beeded across the valley , Heath was able to get Connor to a couple of hundred meters across from the deer while Dave and I

sat back and watched the hunt , Unfortunately the first shot wasnt a hit but a bedded deer doesnt present a very big target for a new shooter , after the shot it gets up and runs around the face but as it pauses his second shot drops it on the spot . They had a tough climb down across the gut but it wasnt long before they had the boned out animal back up to our side and we head back to the hut.

You couldnt get a happier chap on the walk back and with the heat of the sun he certainly earned that stag . Nothing left than to pack up and head home , another successful weekend.

And the We Failed? Well set set out to turn a young fella into a hunter , but as he can shoot over 50yds it turns out he will make a better shooter



**THE GENERAL MEETING, KAPITI NZDA – WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2015
HELD AT REIKORANGI COMMUNITY HALL, WAIKANAE.**

The meeting commenced at 7.33pm.

PRESENT

31.

APOLOGIES

Jock and Bruce Curran.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Read and confirmed. Moved by Loama and seconded by Brent.

NEW MEMBERS

Adrian, Ben and Peter.

CORRESPONDENCE

New Zealand Post account for PO Box

NZDA Newsletter from Hugh Barr

ARAC Waiotauru letter for Application for Waiotauru Hut New Building

NZDA Newsletter to Branches 26 February.

Wellington NZDA Club Newsletter

Horowhenua Hunting Club Newsletter.

GENERAL

Working bee needs to be organised for Kapanui Hut new toilet – a date is pencilled in for Sat/Sun 18 May.

Anyone not receiving their newsletter, please see Anton.

Aaron and Connor brought along their stag antlers they shot.

Hunts course instructors meetings underway, anyone wanting to do the course is to see John or Anton.

Ron has purchased an urn for the club meetings.

Jason is to email his winning photo for Ron to put on wall at club.

Ron has purchased a heater for the clubrooms.

RANGE DAY

Bush branch shoot was held.

Swazi shoot is 22nd March, if postponed it will be the following Sunday.

15th Sunday shoot against Horowhenua Hunting Club at their range.

RAFFLE

Venison – won by Scott Gardner (No 30).

ENTERTAINMENT

John on Taxidermy.

Meeting finished at 8.02pm.

**THE COMMITTEE MEETING, KAPITI NZDA – Wednesday 4th March 2015
HELD AT 277 MAZENGARB ROAD, PARAPARAUMU.**

The meeting commenced at 7.37pm.

PRESENT

Mike, Brian, John, Neil, Tim, Rob, Tony, Ron, and Anton.

APOLOGIES

None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Read and confirmed. Moved by Rob and seconded by John.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ron has purchased an Urn for the Clubrooms \$219.00.

John has dropped off the club cups for engraving.

FINANCES

Committee moves a resolution to give David Clutter permission to apply for funding for hunts course moved by Tim and Seconded by Mike.

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GENERAL

Hunts course guys putting a Brochure together on the Hunts Course.

Brian to put an add in the paper for AGM in May.

Swazi shoot 22nd March.

Ron to sort out winning photos from last year's competition.

New toilet has been donated by DOC for Kapanui Hut, working bee will need to be organised to dig a new hole.

Club will buy a new pick handle & bar for making the new hole at Kapanui Huts new toilet.

Meeting finished at 9.02pm.

Range Day - March 2015

Sunday 15th March 2015 Anniston Shield 905588

Kopiti & Holo Hunting Club at Levin

Wx was fine but very windy

Holo H C had 9 shooters Kopiti only had 4

Rundown was first 6s there was unequal numbers in the teams the overall scores were divided by the number of shooters in each team.

$$\text{Holo } 1840 \div 9 = 204 \quad \text{Kopiti } 893 \div 4 = 223$$

Kopiti had a lead of 19

After lunch the centrefire shoot was held

Holo 90% Kopiti 120

Kopiti came in the winners again 343 Holo 294

A good day was had by all Battling the wind was quite tiring

Well done: Allan J Mike C Case B and Jason S

Sunday 5th April Deer Silhouettes 300m C/F PRONE

8 shooters turned up. Unfortunately it was Easter so some people were otherwise occupied. Wx perfect for the shoot.
Results

Allan Jones 26 ✓ Aaron Jack 26 Adrian Regnault 23

Bruce Davis 22 Case Bonavuer 19 Mike Champion 17

Dick Vandenoever 15 Sean Vandenoever 13

Allan and Aaron tossed for the winner Allan winning toss

After lunch they had a 4 position 30m +22 shoot.

Some had to leave early.

Allan Jones 389 Case Bonavuer 235 2

Aaron Jack 263 2 Bruce Davis 274

Unfortunately the Junior Swazi Shoot was cancelled because of the weather hope to have it sometime in May

Hope all the hunters have a good roar Murphys last after all the lovely weather it will probably rain + blow Best of luck

Next shoots Sunday 26th Apr 1

L. Jones

Pie Duck Shooting Shotgun shoot

Collins MSO DR NCR Sunday 2nd Hunter Class 300m C/F PRONE

2015 Shooting Calendar

JANUARY	No shoot.
FEBRUARY	Sunday 1st - Ian Bowering Cup 100m C/F, 4 Position, 50m R/F Saturday 28th - Bush Branch Prize Shoot C/F or R/F
MARCH	Sunday 15th - Annenson Shield Kapiti vs Horo Hunting Club, CF + R/F at Levin Range.
APRIL	Sunday 5th - 200m C/F (Hunting rifles .243 or bigger) Deer Silhouettes + 50m R/F Sunday 26th - Pre Duck Season Shotgun Shoot.
MAY	Sunday 3rd - Hunter Class 200m C/F Prone.
JUNE	Sunday 7th - Range Day C/F & R/F
JULY	Sunday 5th - Brian Butler Cup 50m R/F, 4 Position.
AUGUST	Sunday 2nd - Cobb Trophy 200m C/F 4 Position, 100m R/F.
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 6th - Kapiti Cup 100m R/F 4 Position.
OCTOBER	Sunday 4th - Range Day C/F & R/F
NOVEMBER	Saturday 7th - Taupo Prize Shoot. R/F or C/F. Sunday 15th - Alan Hildreth Shotgun Shoot.
DECEMBER	Sunday 6th - Hautere Shield 300m C/F Prone.

Range Rules

- > Contact Alan Jones on (06) 364-8796 to check that Range is open.
- > 10.00am to 2.30pm Saturday & Sunday only.
- > It's not up to Branch Members to police range access.
- > Landowner may at times, due to ground conditions close the farm to all vehicles. Please respect this.
- > You must have your Membership Card with you while using the Range.
- > Do not place targets on the fence.
- > Please take your rubbish home with you, this includes used targets.
- > Respect the fact you are on private land.

CLUB RIFLES AVAILABLE FOR USE
(Contact Anton on (04) 904 1118 to book one)

Any cancellations, shoot will be the next Sunday. \$2.00 Range Fee.

Kapiti NZDA Calendar

Club Night (2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm except for January & April when no meeting occurs)

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Committee Meeting	4/2/15	4/3/15	No Meeting	6/5/15	3/6/15	1/7/15	5/8/15	2/9/15	7/10/15	4/11/15	2/12/15
General meeting	11/2/15 19:30	11/3/15	No Meeting	13/5/15	10/6/15	7.30 PM	12/8/15	9/9/15	14/10/15	11/11/15	9/12/15
Responsibility for entertainment	Committee	Committee	No Meeting	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee
Contact Phone			No Meeting								
Entertainment for the month	Tim Ransby	John—taxidermy		Nichol's rtip report—Mike	Quiz night	'HUNTS' Course Committee Presentation on 2014 Course	Ron Canham - Hunting DVD	Hunting kit auction			BBQ + Heads & Photos Competition.
AGM											
Other events	Clubs subs due	Clubs subs due Accounts to Companies Office									

Club Hunting / Hut Maintenance Trips

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Location					Taupo Fly Fishing		Mangahao Dams		Taupo fishing & hunting	Orongorongo's	
Date											
Trip Convenor					Anton Williams		Mike Champion		Anton Williams	Anton Williams Ron Canham	
Contact number					049051118	1	063643020		0272486906	049051118	

Just a reminder, help support the club.

We have these tops for sale from Stoney Creek at every meeting
with the Kapiti Deerstalker logo on them.
Most sizes available, from small to extra large.

See Anton.



Club GPS for Hire



Fast Find 210 - standard model w/ GPS
for extra fast position location

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McMurdo FastFind PLB is an essential piece of life-saving equipment, weighing in at just 5.3 oz (150g) and having the size of an average mobile telephone (actual dimensions being 1.34"/34mm x 1.85"/47mm x L 4.17"/106mm) it will slip into the smallest pocket or backpack compartment. The user can activate it in the most remote locations around the world: on land, at sea or in the air, and can be confident of being able to contact the world's professional search and rescue services directly if they are to encounter a possibly life-threatening situation.

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