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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all, It sure has been a pleasant change of scenery for the last week with the wintery weather starting to abate, mind you I've been caught out a number of times getting a bit ahead of myself thinking Spring was here. Only last weekend I had an idea to show the kids a bit of snow so we drove up the Annie. From Te Mahunga station upwards the countryside was totally blanketed in snow. I must say though, hunting in snow certainly has some advantages. On a quick sortie up the Southern Birch after our last decent snow dump I was quite surprised to see how much fresh sign there was, with recent trails criss crossing the open tops from what I'd expect was only the night before. Still glad I wasn't a deer living up there though as it was real cold as soon as you stopped for any length of time.

For fear of sounding like a broken record, I again have not been able to keep up with our committee due to other commitments. Sorry guys. I do intend to bend a few ears at the next opportunity though as I have been talking with a few Napier guys and they too are also keen to push forward with a possible combined rifle range. Obviously the need is there, and its now more than just our branch wanting to push forward with making this a reality.

I was unfortunately unable to make the Rusa hunt the club put on last month and I have just now found that my daughters 4th birthday will fall on the weekend of the Tatarakaia trip so I will not get a crack at that either. My luck needs to break soon! I am hoping to get a good report from those of you who did make it to Galatea though as I really was keen to see this one in the flesh.

I did also look at the Walking Access Commissions website the other night and that certainly looks like a great move forward especially where the maps can be layered to overlay public land. This certainly offers more certainty as to where boundaries begin and end when planning a trip into unfamiliar territories.

This coming club nights guest speaker is Mike Spray from the NZ Mountain Safety Council and he'll be talking about firearms & the NZDA HUNTS course. Anyway that's about all I can come up with this month. I do hope we have had a reasonable good run on recent new memberships so I do hope to be able to catch up with a few of you at our next club night as well as the rest of you then. Hot barrelsJames

Events Calendar September 2011

Club Night

Wed 7th Sept. at 8.00pm

Guest Speaker -

Mike Spray from the NZ Mountain Safety Council talking on Firearms safety & the NZDA HUNTS Course.

Hastings Club Prizegiving and Dinner

Sunday 18th September -

Details on page 2 - **please note this change of date!**

Committee Meeting

Wed 21st Sept. 7.30pm.

Tatarakaia Club Trip

Fri 23rd, Sat 24th & Sun 25th

September - Contact

Mal Ingpen on 8787795.

(details on page 3)

Up Coming Events

E. Richards Shoot

October - dates and details to be advised in Sept. newsletter.

Sika Show - 15th & 16th Oct.

Details in Sept. newsletter.

Taupo Branch Prize Shoot

Saturday 5th November 2011.

EDITORS CORNER

THE CLUBS RUSA HUNT TO GALATEA WAS A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL WITH A FEW RUSA SEEN WITH THE ONLY DEER SHOT BEING A RED. THE WEEK AFTER THAT TRIP I WAS BACK UP THERE TRYING MY LUCK AGAIN WHEN I CAME ACROSS A COUPLE OF GUYS WHO HAD USED THEIR DOGS TO CATCH A RUSA. THE POOR OLD STAG HAD BEEN GIVEN A REAL ROUGH TIME AND IT WAS A SIGHT I HOPE I NEVER SEE AGAIN AS I BELIEVE THESE ANIMALS DESERVE MORE RESPECT THAN THAT!!

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE **BEN WATSON** A NEW MEMBER THIS MONTH. TRY TO MAKE IT ALONG TO THE NEXT CLUB NIGHT & I'LL SEE YOU ALL THERE!!! REMEMBER TO BE IN THE DRAW FOR THE **TRIPLE PEAK ENTERPRISES** SPONSORED FLY IN TRIP YOU NEED TO SUBMIT A STORY FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

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Hastings Prizegiving and Dinner



We would like all our members to come along on Sunday afternoon of the **18th September** for our clubs annual dinner and prizegiving. It will be held at our clubrooms at 1534 Maraekakaho Road, Hastings. Gates will open at 2.30pm and the cash bar will be operated at our usual prices. Dinner will be held at 4.30pm, followed by the main event, our prizegiving function. The fee is \$15 per head (children under

5 are free) to cover **Triple Peak Enterprises** costs to create another great dinner courtesy of chef Brad Pinker. This event is designed for the whole family to attend, so we look forward to seeing you all there. Try to get it penciled it into your family's plans today as it's on real soon!!



MENU

- *BBQ Pork cuberolls with a citrus filling.
- *Apple sauce & gravy.
- *Hot Roast vegetable combo with olive oil and garlic.
- *Ranchslaw: A purple cabbage coleslaw with honey mustard and poppy seeds.
- *Fresh greek salad with avocado and balsamic dressing.
- *Orzo salad with pesto, walnuts & chorizo.
- *A selection of fresh breads and rolls.



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of our collared stag!!!

NZDA National

Shooting Calendar 11/12

Events 16/7/11 - 25/2/12.

**NZ Mountain Safety
Council (MSC)**

List of Firearms Incidents
in 2010 (non-intentional).

**Search & Rescue
(LandSar HB)**

Application form to join.

HBRC Aerial 1080 Drop - 2011

Maps of public & private
lands that are scheduled
for poisoning.

Roydhouse Pest Control

Notice of Feratox poison
program in the
Kaweka/Mohaka area
from 7/7/11 to 31/5/12.

**NZ Mountain Safety
Council**

Submission on the Arms
Amendment Bill.

MAF Biosecurity NZ

Import health standard
for ornamental products
of animal origin.

Doc Permit Information

Below are the links to the hunting
permit site on the DOC website:

huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:44/apply
(first time applicants)

[huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:444/ search](http://huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz:444/search)
(renew permits)

If you want to hunt with a dog you
have to go into a DOC office as
they can't do this online yet!

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Tataraakina Hunting Trip

All members that are interested in going on the Tataraakina club hunt from Fri 23rd until Sun 25th of September 2011 need to contact **Malcolm Ingpen** for more details asap. Four blocks are available and the cost is around \$100 per person covering the two nights accommodation and the block fees. Max. five people per block. These groups will be arranged on a first in, first served basis, so don't delay ringing Malcolm on:
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On the day after the worst flooding in Hawke's Bay since Cyclone Bola a team of eight were heading to Stewart Island. The Montapertos had headed off in a ute carrying most of the gear including our 2 outboards while the rest flew to Invercargill, grabbed a taxi van, headed for the grocery store, the bottle store then on to Bluff Backpackers where we stayed the night with our host Lex an ex Hawke's Bay man and keen hunter.



A superb breakfast of bacon eggs and toast and a 150m walk across to our boat, a large twin hull cat driven by a young skipper Tai who gave us a lot of valuable information on the way. The boat from Auroara Charters was well set up with a Palfinger crane, large bins for gear and a couple of dingys on the roof that we had hired. I would recommend it to anyone. We had a good crossing of about 4 hours and finally arrived at the North Pegasus Hut, loaded the gear into the dingys, fired up the out boards and headed to our home for 8 days. The previous party which I had previously communicated with and shared some of the boat costs with was there and helped us unload and we helped them move out.

I had come for some peace and quiet, scenery, fishing and oh yeah, hunting. The first evening we had all got into the dingys and went fishing for cod and trumpeter and dropped the cray pot in. We got a good feed and also an introduction to a 7 ft seven gill shark, which was pretty docile really. It didn't take long to figure out who the chefs in the group were and Steve Shaw and Leigh and Paul Montaperto did some excellent cooking while the rest cleaned up afterwards. My nephew Andrew on his first proper hunting trip headed out with the experienced hunters the next day in the dingys to the far side of our large block and came back with all sorts of shiny rocks but no deer. I forgot he had a degree in geology which he used to tell us a lot of interesting stuff about the area. I stayed behind for the peace and quiet bit and did some study for my flying exams plus some more fishing. We discovered a couple of resident sea lions and also a wild cat plus the guys had started seeing and photographing kiwis. Later I got to see a kiwi myself. The deer were a bit scarce and the ones seen were quick movers and disappeared real quick. Steve eventually managed to bag one while sitting down and watching and waiting. He actually had



it walk up to him while he was blowing his nose! Peter Montaperto shot at one but lost it and found no blood trail. 9 deer were seen overall. It is very easy to get disorientated on Stewart Island and a good GPS and compass is a must especially in the leatherwood. Mine wasn't doing too well where the new Garmins were great. I wondered how accurate the compasses were as there is a lot of tin in the ground. There were a lot of

homemade trails down there too and a lot went around in circles near the camp. The weather was overcast and cloudy most days with it turning rough in the latter days of the trip. Rex Bullock, myself and nephew had headed South and called into South Pegasus on one trip while the others headed North. The weather turned rough and they ended up coming overland back to the hut. We managed to retrieve the boat on the last day in a break in the weather with 4 guys in my dingy and 4hp motor hard out. It sounded like a Harvard but never missed a beat the whole trip. I had hired a mountain radio for the trip which was absolutely necessary. We realised that we were way short on fuel for the outboards and through the phone patch we phoned Mana Charters who Peter Thompson new was coming past the next day to South Pegasus. They thankfully dropped off enough fuel for the rest of our stay. We also had PRS Handhelds between us and Steve's Rexon radios were really good. In Summary it was a good trip, it is a must do and we did it pretty well right. It cost \$1400 each for 8 people, we had a small carton of food left over for emergency, the boat was good, the people were great, we had a lot of laughs. We didn't get any shell fish or Crays and a South Pegasus diver said there are a lot of Seven Gillis down there. The scenery and wildlife down there is fantastic. I was told there are better hunting blocks which there probably are but I would be happy to go back to this one again at a later date.



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