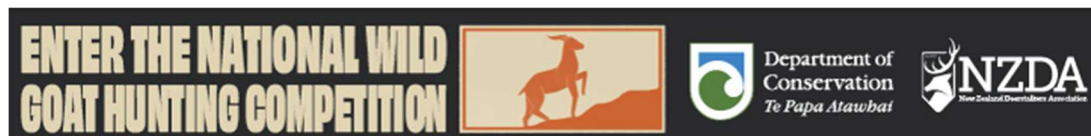


August 2025



Hunt - Eat - Win.....what could be simpler or better?

Everything you need to know here:

[NZDA Goat Competition Info Link](#) or [DOC Goat Competition Link](#)

Great Prizes (\$70k worth!) again this year from generous sponsors around New Zealand. Watch the Echo, your email and our Facebook page for more information. Final Open Day to measure heads and tails will be at **Fish and Game Champion Road on November 23rd**. More to come.....!



THIS MONTH

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Goat Comp
Round 3!**

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**7 pm Weds
27th Aug**

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Guest Editorial – Conference Report - Carina Jackson



This year's 77th NZDA National Conference\AGM was hosted by Southland Branch in Invercargill, they did an outstanding job, everything was taken care of and ran smoothly - unlike a lot of connecting flights delayed by Air NZ resulting in long stays in airports.

Saturday kicked off with the usual warm welcome, introductions and housekeeping, Gwyn gave his President's report, Gwyn has been our NZDA national CEO for 5 years and is very proud of how far we have come as a organisation, Gwyn thanked the board members for their tireless work mostly behind the scenes that most don't realise what goes on, a special thanks to Alex for all her hard work as she is the first point of contact for our 12,500 members- Thank you Alex

Here are a few achievements below over the last year

1. 27 Advocacy alerts raised to members and stakeholders.
2. 15 Press releases to media and public resulting in many radio and podcast interviews.
3. 159 New articles and posts published via website, Facebook, emails.
4. 12 Major substantive submissions on topics including our land management, game management, WARO reform, OSPRI and DOC 1080 operations as well as the new online hunting permit systems

COMMUNICATION:

Focused on better communication between branches, clubs - supporting other branches by attending club nights, hunts or competitions. Better communication from National and branches via social media, Insta, more posts has increased and the NZDA is getting noticed.

NZDA APP:

Alex has been working hard on updating the NZDA APP and updates will be rolling out soon, some of the improvements are access for self-help and contacting National office, membership cards on the app for range use, more discounts and a new Go Fuel - money off at the pump intuitive, more improvements to come so keep an eye out for more information over the coming months.

FUNDRAISING:

You will have seen emails and in newsletters the amazing offer that the National office has made possible for just \$25.00 a ticket you can go in the draw to win a fully kitted out Mitsubishi Triton ute. Click on this link to take you to the NZDA shop with some amazing offers [New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Shop – NZ Deerstalkers Online Shop](#)

DOC PERMIT SYSTEM:

You have all heard Richard talk about this and why you should go online and register, the permit is now for 12 months, if you hunt DOC land you NEED to have a permit, these are FREE and don't get in the mindset that "I have never had DOC ask me for a permit" - don't leave it to chance you have a lot to lose, also the more people getting a permit gives us more clout when it comes to 1080 and deer repellent, go and have a look on their site [Hunting permit: Permits and licences](#)

GAC - aka Game Animal Council

GAC gave a talk on a few topics one being the Wapiti Herd of special of Interest aka HOSI, you will have most likely seen posts on Facebook, Insta and Tik Tok asking for individual or clubs to do a submissions to make Wapiti a Herd of Special of interest and stop the complete eradication of this valued game animal from Fiordland National Park.

GAC also touched on the subject of CWD aka Chronic Waste Disease, what it is, how its spread and where it has been found and what we can do to keep it out of NZ, please check out their website for more info [Chronic wasting disease | NZ Game Animal Council](#) worth a look at what this organisation does.

Saturday night was awards night celebrating our members and all the wonderful achievements for AHT, photography. competitions and so on please head to the national NZDA website for results. Congratulations to all our winning members, Nelson Branch are proud to have had 4 of our members win trophies or certificates for their achievements.

Sunday was the usual voting day and giving praise to the outgoing board members for their hard work over the last year and welcoming the new. All of this info was in the latest Nation newsletter just sent out.

All up, another great conference in an amazing part of the country will definitely be going back down to explore this amazing region in the warmer months, if you are planning a trip and need some place to stay, I highly recommend Ascot Park Hotel, great service, great staff, and great place to stay.

Happy and Safe Hunting - **Carina Jackson**

Editor's Note:

A special mention to **Demelza Drake** who was awarded a **Certificate of Appreciation** for her sterling work and support on the National Access Committee. It's a family affair with Alan in support on the NAC too but Demelza has really delivered on drafting submissions, setting up our Sharepoint document system and engaging in and on many access related matters local and further afield. Earned not Given. Thanks Demelza.

Our National AHT Winner – Karl Puklowski

A.12 PUTARURU BRANCH TROPHY – Undrawn Pig Tusks - Total entries:

1st Place	K Puklowski	Nelson	Nelson	20 1/8
2nd Place	S Gibson	Hutt Valley	Canterbury	19 5/8
3rd Place	B Riggs	Wairarapa	Wairarapa	19 3/8



Well done, Karl! and expect to see you as usual at the Goat Competition with another horny beast!

All National Competition Results available here: [National NZDA Competition Results 2025](#)

Our National Shooting Winners – Carina Jackson and Greg Couper

BENCHREST

Kevin Duckworth Award	Light Varmint	1st	Ian Owen	0.2386	South Canterbury
Don Harris Award	Heavy Varmint	1st	Carina Jackson	0.2359	Nelson
Ian Owen Award	Two Gun	1st	Ian Owen	0.2771	South Canterbury
Harvey Westland Cup	Rimfire	1st	Greg Couper	733.28	Nelson
Graeme Smith Trophy	Three Gun	1st	Carina Jackson	280	Nelson
	Benchrest Shooter of the Year	1st	Ian Owen	210	South Canterbury
National Record	Factory Class Benchrest	1st	Greg Couper	716.17	Nelson

Well done Carina and Greg (and Ian too!) for sweeping the field in the benchrest divisions.



Range Matters – Events, Rules and Reminder

Nelson Benchrest – Summer Outdoor Program 2025-26

Sunday 14 September 2025	1pm	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Nelson
Friday 10 October 2025			Marlborough Outdoor Champs (TSNZ)	Blenheim
Sunday 19 October 2025	1pm	(RF)	5 x 50m Hunter Targets	Nelson
25-27 October 2025	NZDA	(CF)	South Island Championships	Nelson
Sunday 16 November 2025	1pm	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Nelson
Saturday- Sunday 13-14 December 2025			Canterbury Champs	McLeans Island
Sunday 21 December 2025	1pm	(RF)	5 x 50m Group Targets	Nelson
Sunday 18 January 2026	1pm	(RF)	5 x 100yd Hunter Class	Nelson
24-26 January 2026	NZDA	(CF)	North Island Championship	Tokoroa
Sunday 8 February 2026	11 am	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Nelson
14 – 21 February 2026		(RF)	TSNZ Nationals	McLeans Island
Sunday 8 March 2026	1pm	(RF)	5 x 100 yd Group Targets	Nelson
14-15 March 2026	(RF)		South Island Outdoor Champs	McLeans Island
3 April – 6 April 2025	NZDA (CF + RF)		Nationals (Monday Rimfire)	Nelson

Sunday 19 April 2026	1pm	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Nelson
10 May 2026	1pm	(RF)	Novelty Shoot / Windup	Nelson
30 May -1 June 2026	NZDA	(CF)	Zuppa Shoot	Nelson
10 – 12 July 2026	(RF)	Matariki Challenge weekend		Nelson
CF	Centrefire	RF	Rimfire	

If interested in using the Range always check the calendar on our website: [Nelson NZDA Range Info](#)

Always be aware of and comply with our **Ranges' Standing Orders** – they are posted at the Ranges, but you should refresh yourself from our website:

Packers Creek – [Standing Orders](#)

Range Use Etiquette - [Etiquette and Golden Rules Click Here](#)

Murchison Community Range - [Standing Orders](#)

Packers Creek Range Access Reminder:

1. Check website for opening days and hours
2. Be at gate **before** 0900 hrs not after
3. All vehicles **must have** headlights on and conform to convoy (i.e. **follow** the duty officer in and out on Sharlands Road – these rules are set by landowner/operator and are compulsory
4. Ensure you have your membership card and hiviz & hearing protection
5. Its wet up there, avoid driving on the grass

Any competition and event queries please:

call Graeme Smith - 03 5447138 or email lvhvbr@gmail.com

Make Sure You Comply When Coming to the Range (and at all other times of course)

Link to All Rules Here: [NZDA - Te Pureke Firearms Rules - Transport and Storage](#)



**Secure storage and
transportation guide for
firearms and ammunition**

Section 3

Travelling with Firearms and Ammunition



3.1 Storage of Firearms in Vehicles During Transportation (r19B)

3.1.1 Overview

1. Regulation 19B requires firearms licence holders that are transporting firearms or ammunition in a vehicle on a road or public access way, unless otherwise permitted by a member of the Police, to meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Firearms and ammunition must be concealed from view from outside the vehicle.
 - (b) Firearms must be made inoperable if readily possible by removing the bolt or other vital part. The part should be kept on the licence holder's person or stored out of sight separately from the firearms. If this is not possible (e.g. the firearm is a lever action or semi-automatic or single shot firearm), then the firearms must be fitted with a trigger lock or travel in a locked case or carry bag.
 - (c) Firearms must not be loaded with ammunition in the breach, barrel, chamber or magazine.
 - (d) Ammunition must be stored separately from any firearms and be in a locked glovebox or similar storage area where practicable.

3.1.2 Unattended Vehicles

1. Any firearms or ammunition may only be left unattended in a vehicle during a break in a journey for up to 60 minutes provided:
 - (a) The licence holder remains in the immediate area or vicinity of the vehicle.
 - (b) The firearms or ammunition are still secured and out of sight.
 - (c) If possible, vital parts of the firearms remain in the licence holder's possession.
 - (d) The vehicle is locked, windows are closed and keys remain in the licence holder's possession.

Our Photo - Competition Winners 2025



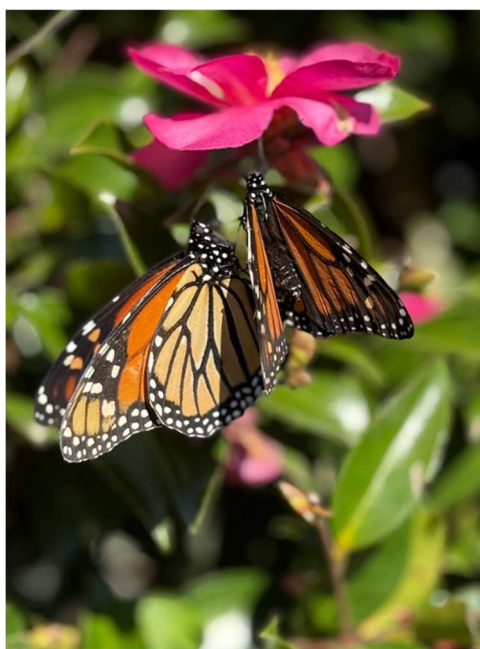
Supreme Winner (Wildlife Cup) and Hunting Memories Category – Aaron Shields



Worsley (Stalking Country) – Richard Wells



Tantrum Cup (Wildlife - Game Animals) – Aaron Shields



Other Wildlife (Insects & Reptiles) – Aaron Shields



Livingstone Cup (Native Birds) – Aaron Shields



Other Wildlife (Mammals) – Paul Peychers



Flora – Carina Jackson



Tex Stratford Cup (Best Under 18 YO) – Finn Dallas.

Unfortunately, our portrait page doesn't do real justice to this great photo!

Club Night – 7 pm Wednesday 27th August

SAXTON FIELD SMALLBORE RANGE

Listen to Richard Wells explain the intricacies of the DOC ballot system

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Important links

Red Deer Lodge

- Information on costs and bookings of the Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti [Red Deer Lodge](#)
- Contact for Accom: info@rotoitibaches.co.nz
- **Always remember to advise you are a Nelson member.**

2025 Branch Committee, Information & Contacts

- All details can be found on our refreshed website: [Nelson Branch Committee](#)
- Website [Nelson Branch NZDA](#)
- Facebook [Facebook Nelson NZDA](#)

Other Key Links - **click on the orange.**

Advocacy and Access

- NZDA National Association [NZDA](#)
- DOC Hunting Portal [Hunting Conservation Land](#)
- Fiordland Wapiti Foundation [Wapiti](#)
- Game Animal Council [GAC](#)
- Outdoor Access Commission [OAC](#)
- Walking Access NZ [WAMS Maps](#)
- LINZ Basemaps [MAPS Link](#)
- 141 Forest Access Information [141 Access and Permit Info](#)

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