



# MOUNTAIN ECHO

Newsletter of Nelson Branch NZDA August 2021



“You shoot ‘em, you carry ‘em!” Annemieke Lewis after successful pukeko drive as part of this year’s Nelson NZDA & Fish and Game HUNTS course (more in next Echo!).

**Club Night Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm**

**Another Information Night:** South Island Deer Ballots – “Be in to Win!” with DOC ballots & “Are We There Yet?” – getting the best from Smartphone GPS

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**Target Shooting Nelson Smallbore Range**

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**Stoke**

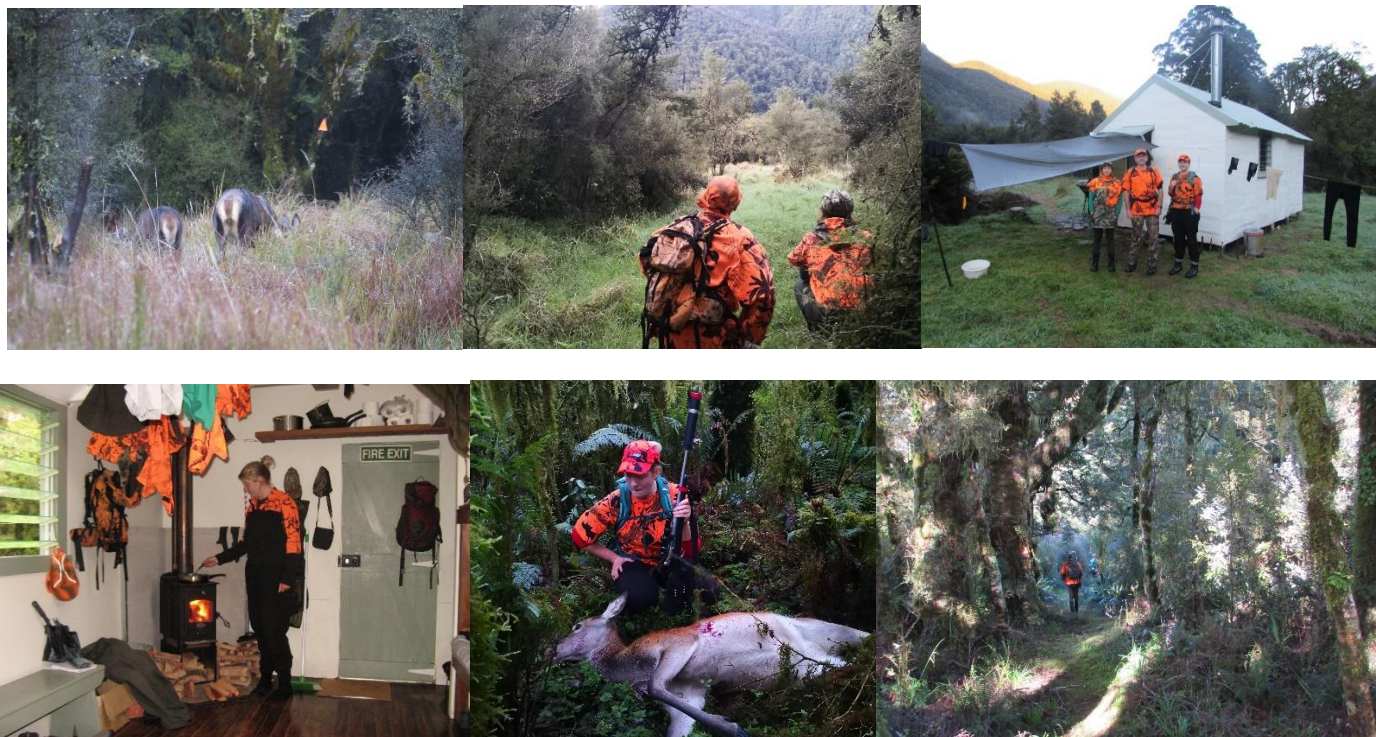
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# Editorial – Leading from the Back

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Train a young hunter (or two)...it is the best fun and best way to protect the future of our sport

Ensuring our future means supporting up and coming hunters and shooters, who not only enjoy the sport but the whole experience. This month's editorial is underlining this simple proposition, mostly by way of pics from my April hunt this year. My hunting companions' enthusiasm for all and every aspect of the hunting experience reminded me what it's really about.

Many of the entrants and winners of our competitions this year have been from our "up and comers" and gives huge meaning to the Club, the Association and all we stand for. We see increasing numbers of younger people at our Club Nights....we need to and will strive to make these of interest and use to them.

NZDA and Fish and Game combine to deliver the HUNTS training course – a great starter kit for young and keen to be hunters and shooters – next Echo will lead with stories from our latest course.

So be ready to lead and guide but walk behind when you can! By continuing to make space for the next generations we can all be more assured of a great future.

Safe and enjoyable hunting and shooting - Richard Wells



# Range Matters-Care for Our Target Frames

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It is important to take care setting up your targets, the frames have all been built with donated materials and labour and it is no small task to build and therefore replace. We are VERY keen for the frames we have to last as long as possible and them being needlessly shot to bits isn't supporting that plan.



Please do not place targets in front of the target frames as above circled in blue, please attach them to the replaceable MDF or Plywood backers only



This is the result from the target above, irreparable damage to the frame from the projectiles exiting.



Here is another with multiple shot damage very close to ground level

**It is an absolute that bullets must stay within the foot-print of the range.**

**To this end the target frames are placed with target facings at a height so that all bullets are captured by the bullet stops.**

**Any alternate placement of targets that induces ricochets compromises the safety of the range and its certification.**

Most of the frames are nearly 11 years old, hopefully and with your help and care they will last at least another 11...

# Photographic Competition – and the Winners Are.....

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The photographs that were entered were great this year and if anything shows we do not promote this aspect of our annual activities strongly or soon enough (note to Editors!).



Well, here it is again and given this outstanding photo by Tom Cliffe took top spot in all categories it more than deserves a re-run.

**Category Best Overall Photograph: Wildlife Cup.**

Tom Cliffe - Morning Tent Site (above).

**Category: Hunting Memories.**

1st. Tom Cliffe - Morning Tent Site

2nd Lisa Vass - Roaring Stag Down

3rd Lisa Vass - First views of Fiordland



Lisa Vass' second place photo - "Roaring Stag Down"



Lisa Vass' place getting photo - "First Views of Fiordland"

## Category: Junior - Tex Stratford Junior Cup.

1. Tom Cliffe - Morning tent site
2. Clay Parkins - Kea on Bush
3. Clay Parkins - With his Fallow trophy buck



Clay Parkins took second spot with this great picture of a kea, his other third place getter was in last month's Echo and a double because the trophy in the picture won a place in AHT!

## Prizegiving!

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Club night in July provided the opportunity to hand out trophies.



### **“The Family Silver”!**

These trophies have been provided over the years by many passionate hunters and organisations with a “who’s who” of Nelson NZDA’s finest engraved thereon.



Our brand-new Patron, Neil Cliffe awards successful young hunter and photographer – Tom Cliffe (who just happens to be Grandson!) and watched by proud dad.....we love generational stories.



“Please sir, can I have some more?” We love the classics.....and seeing Corey Jones back for seconds....Chamois, pigs or red stags....Corey walks the talk with great shooting and hunting skills.



# Information Night – A Success – More to Come?

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Club Night in July was a bit different, firstly we made use of the wonderful Wood Club Smallbore range building at Saxton Fields to have a bit more space. We feel this was a good idea and thanks to Wood Club for making available. Second, it was developed to be more interactive and inclusive; we think it hit the mark but welcome feedback from attendees so we can plan “more and better” if this is a format that works. Email any thoughts to our keen Secretary [aarons@nzdanelson.co.nz](mailto:aarons@nzdanelson.co.nz)



Hunting the elusive whitetail on Stewart Island – John “Noksee” Noakes has been there many times and finally fesses up...”the big bucks are right here.....” – see further below about an opportunity to take a trip there he has arranged.



Few handle and measure as many antlers, horns and tusks as our very own in-house Douglas Score expert Warren Plum; here he talks on measuring drawn tusks.



Gear talk led by Mark MacDonald attracted plenty of questions and no doubt opinions. Buying gear can be expensive and some first-hand feedback can be very useful.

# Member Benefits – Don't Miss Out

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It's easy to forget!! Remind yourself of NZDA member benefits and supplier discounts by clicking here: [Benefits and Discounts](#)

**And now!!** Our local Hunting and Fishing stores (Nelson and Richmond) are offering Nelson NZDA members 10% discount on many items as well as to be in the draw for a PLB – see below b

**MEMBERS DISCOUNT  
10% OFF**

**BONUS!!!**  
Every purchase made by NZDA members goes into an annual draw to win an ACR Resqlink 400 PLB. Prize drawn 28th February 2022.

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**Hunting & Fishing**  
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OUT THERE DOING IT

Present your NZDA Nelson membership card at either Nelson or Richmond Hunting & Fishing to receive a 10% discount!

NZDA Nelson membership discount is only redeemable at Nelson & Richmond branches. Excludes all sale & clearance items, Garmin, firearms, & ammunition. Electric reels and thermal imagers are limited to a 5% discount.  
Terms & conditions apply. Offer valid until 31/03/2022.

**HOT DEAL**

## Hunting Opportunity! Stewart Island – Feb 2022

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John Noakes has personally has the following expedition to Stewart Island already arranged and says”

“I have Kelly's [Block Info Here](#) is booked for Stewart Island **6th to 15th February, 2022.**

Will take up to **8 people**. I'm unable to go but would put it together for whoever wants to go. Depending on numbers the cost could be \$1200 each but will confirm with final numbers.

If interested, you can either ring me **0274 464 413** or email [noakesjc@gmail.com](mailto:noakesjc@gmail.com).

Cheers Noksee”

# Club Night – Deer Ballots and GPS

**Time and Date:** 7.30 pm Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>

**Venue:** Target Shooting Nelson Small Bore Club Range, Saxton Field

Please park in Football Club carpark as grounds around building very waterlogged

Get the best from DOC information and how to use the Ballot System for next year's roar. This session will include a short presentation on what to consider when planning a ballot application then live look through DOC Hunting website – Richard Wells

## Haast roar block ballot system

Find out about the Haast roar block system for hunting red deer in the Haast area.


On this page:

- [Updates for roar 2022](#)
- [Dates](#)
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This ballot is to ensure hunters have access to an area, with the knowledge that only one hunting party will be in each of the blocks for a seven-day period.

Hunters using a firearm must abide by the New Zealand Police Arms Code and the Arms Act 1983 and have a valid firearms licence.

**Followed by:** How to maximise the use of GPS on your smartphone – Mike DeGray



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# Fish and Game News

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## NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH & GAME REPORT



- **JULY FLOOD:** The July 2021 flood swept across nearly the entire Nelson Marlborough Fish & Game region. There is no doubt this event would have had a significant adverse effect on the trout population in nearly all of our rivers. Staff will be undertaking drift dives this coming season to assess the damage to the fish populations. Our native fish are even more vulnerable to large flood events and will also take time to recover. Trout, especially brown trout, are a very successful species and have evolved with flood events so they will recover eventually.
- **CHEF WOWED CROWD AT GAME FOOD NIGHT COMING UP:** Phil Hazeldine put on a spectacular game food evening on Sunday creating more than a dozen incredible game dishes which was served up to a crowd of 80 hunters and families. We are very fortunate to have Phil, a keen game bird hunter himself, who puts in a huge amount of time to make the night possible. It's a real highlight for game bird hunters in this region who are lucky enough to attend, and a great way to see the season off in style.
- **ANGLERS HELPING THE FLOOD CLEAN-UP:** Fish & Game sent out a call to anglers and hunters asking for volunteers to help with the flood clean-up. There has been a great response from the Nelson Trout Fishing Club and a few other anglers, and to date we have held a number of working bee's on various farms in the region, with more days planned in the coming weeks. We want hunters to get involved too, and you can do so by contacting Jacob Lucas (jlucas@fishandgame.org.nz). As hunters and anglers we are often reliant on the generosity of farmers for hunting and fishing access, and now is a great time to repay the favour.

Delicious game bird entrees served up at the game food night.



F&G and the Nelson Trout Fishing Club helping out farmers with the clean-up.

Website: [Fish and Game Nelson](https://fishandgame.org.nz)

## Red Deer Lodge

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Information on costs and bookings of the Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti [Red Deer Lodge](https://fishandgame.org.nz/red-deer-lodge)

Contact for Accom: [info@starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz](mailto:info@starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz)

**Always remember to advise you are a Nelson member.**

## 2021 Branch Committee, Information & Contacts

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All details can be found on our refreshed website: [Nelson Branch Committee](https://fishandgame.org.nz/nelson-branch-committee)

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