



MOUNTAIN ECHO



Newsletter of Nelson Branch NZDA Dec 2022



Summer hunts! Mt Technical in Lewis Pass.....epic country at our back door!



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Editorial



Merry Christmas.....nearly!

Another year gone and most will be looking forward to a break amongst family and friends. It's also a great time to start getting fit for all the autumn hunts – it's great to feel ready to roll when the days start to shorten again. My kids have roar plans for me and I know I need to be a lot fitter than I am now to get the best out of it (and no chopper this year!!).

And on roar matters....I take the opportunity to give a shout out and big thank you to Rachel Black from Haast DOC centre who left in November. She has been a great help to me, so I will presume all other hunters too! regarding ballots and south Westland hunting information generally.

Something else is leaving us.....the Canterbury Mountain Radio Service, after 55 years of keeping those in the bush in touch with the outside world and incoming weather, are closing down next June, 2023. So if you are still a user, this roar etc their sets will be available as usual, but that's it. Another service overtaken by newer technology. See the next edition of NZDA Hunting and Wildlife for more on this.

Seeing out the old year means a big thank you to all the members for being a part of a great Branch and organisation; and particularly the Committee who get cracking and make stuff happen, most of this edition is about interesting activities - all led and organised by members in their own time for the good of all who wish to take part. It is a lot of work, and takes commitment, but the results are great!

So, from range opening to A&P shows, managing our finances to organising goat culls, BBQs and Club Nights, and all the rest that it takes.....Thanks to the Nelson NZDA team of over 350 for 2022! And also thanks to those businesses and agencies that have supported us!



Ode to the Lewis

*I'd never been-a
For a look up the Nina.....
Big fat hind....you shudda seena!
But if you'd like-a
BBQ spiker.....
The Shenandoah....
Just might be a goer!*

Have a great festive season, play hard, play safe, see you in the New Year - **Richard Wells**

PS No Echo for January sorry! Back in Feb.

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Nelson NZDA @ A and P Show in November!



NZDA Nelson outstanding! at the **A&P Show in Richmond** this year!

Our great stand thanks to huge effort from Carina, ably supported by Greg and other contributors. We learned a lot at the Show talking to folks who came in to look and see what we are all about...it was a bit wet and soggy but I am sure we will be back next year. Being right behind the whitebait sandwiches stand was a great idea!



HUNTS – Pete Henderson – South Island Assessor, Does the Rounds



Pete at Red Deer Lodge - "What a place for training....." says Pete!

Pete Henderson from Otago is the NZDA HUNTS Assessor for the South Island.

Pete visited Marlborough, Nelson and Golden Bay branches giving his presentation. Nelson has three qualified HUNTS instructors ably led by Bill O'Leary – assessed and signed off Pete when he completed his training! The NZDA's goal is to increase the numbers of instructors available across the top of the south to support existing instructors and create more options for additional HUNTS courses - which are indeed in demand as we found out at the A&P Show stand!

For those interested in taking the steps to becoming a qualified instructor and missed Pete's presentation then contact him: Pete Henderson pete.henderson@deerstalkers.org.nz for base information

But.....

If you feel ready to make the next step Aaron has the paper forms and information documents Aaron Shields aarons@nzdanelson.co.nz.

HUNTS is a key way to futureproof our sport and organisation, and the funding has a limited lifespan.

See more on HUNTS here [NZDA HUNTS Information Centre](#) and [HUNTS Survey Report](#)

Range Matters – School & Summer Series Rimfire + Ken Horner Shoot

All Packers Creek Range users note that this Range is once again open as usual but always check our website and your email for important updates plus shooting events schedule [Nelson Ranges - Information and Updates](#)

Be sure you refresh and know the Standing Orders and Rules for our Packers Creek and Murchison Ranges.



So you can teach an “experienced hound” new tricks!.....never too smart not to learn more at the “Benchrest School” held by Graeme at Saxton Smallbore Range facility.

There will be another Benchrest School so if interested see and use Graeme’s contacts below.

Results Summer Series Rimfire Hunter Class 100m Shoot

If you wish to be tested, shoot .22 at 100m!

Nelson 13 November 2022

Hunter Class 100m

	Target 1	Target 2	Target 3	Target 4	Target 5	TOTAL
Greg Couper	50.02	50.01	48.00	49.01	50.01	247.05
Carina Jackson	50.03	49.00	47.00	47.01	47.01	240.05
Rex Charlesworth	48.00	47.00	49.02	46.00	47.00	237.02
Graeme Vallance	47.00	50.00	47.00	47.01	45.00	236.01
Graeme Smith	47.01	46.00	48.00	48.00	43.00	232.01
John Ronaldson	48.00	46.00	43.00	49.01	42.00	228.01
Anne Marie Kidson	45.00	45.01	43.00	44.00	47.01	224.02
Michael Kidson	44.00	46.00	45.00	45.00	39.00	219.00

Greg flirts with danger pipping Carina for first place this week but is it enough to take the overall lead....? No! see table below

Standings after Round 3

	11- Sep	16- Oct	13- Nov	18- Dec	15- Jan	12- Feb	12- Mar	16- Apr	7- May	Total
Carina Jackson	7	6	7							20
Greg Couper	6	5	8							19
Graeme Smith	5	4	3							12
John Ronaldson	3.5	3	4							10.5
Rex Charlesworth			6							6
Anne Marie Kidson	1	2	2							5
Graeme Vallance			5							5
Michael Kidson	2	1	1							4
Jude Peacock	3.5									3.5

If anybody out there is interested to try our sport you will be made most welcome. Give us a message on lvhvbr@gmail.com Graeme Smith

Ken Horner Memorial Shoot @ Murchison Community Range

The annual Ken Horner Shoot at the Murchison Range took place this month (first Sunday of December). Fantastic weather made for a great turnout with 19 competitors attending from Nelson, Murchison and the West Coast.

We shot both deer silhouettes and metric targets at 200m and then finished with a 100m standing metric target. Always a challenging but enjoyable shoot, exercising alternative ways of shooting if you are out hunting and do not have a rest available.

Big congrats to Cory Jones who took out both trophies for overall highest score (120.2) and best standing (32). Trophies presented by Ian Horner.

It was a great day spent catching up with our friends over the hill, lots of banter and a great way to finish the year. Hope to see more people join in next year and to establish a similar style shoot in Nelson.



Best Standing Trophy and Best Overall Trophy presented by Ian Horner to Cory Jones. Great effort!

Written by Malanie Bartlett.



Ken Horner Shoot Results – 4th Dec 2022

	200m Prone - Metric	200m Prone - Deer	200m Sitting - Deer	100m Standing - Metric	Total
Gabriel	27	17.1	11	17	72.1
Lynley	42	21	11	28	102
Alex (jnr)	46	21.1	9	35	111.1
Jason	38	18	14	18	88
Mitchell	45	22	23	7	97
Alec	42	21.2	21.1	25	109.3
Harry	23	18	10	20	71
Lloyd				18	18
Josh	32	13	16	25	86
Graeme	46.2	25.4	19	8	98.6
Mal	35	20.2	21	8	84.2
Damien	36.1	25.2	12.1	12	85.4
Ros	41	16	3	16	76
Simon	35	22.1	20	9	86.1
Callum	30	22.1	5	14	71.1
Ian	40	20.1	24.1	17	101.2
Ben	35	12	10	18	75
Matt	31	23.2	16	18	88.2
Cory	42	23.1	23.1	32	120.2

Yay! Golden Bay....



NZDA Golden Bay's great range "over the hill". Recently I had the chance to see this great range as Bill and local Roger Price went through the process of rechecking its key specifications and parameters for the registration and certification processes now required to be completed by June 2023.

Golden Bay 303 Shoot



This event raised nearly \$1000 for rescue helicopter so what a grand way to have fun, venerate classic firearms and support a great cause! Great work Golden Bay!



27 participants made the day a good one!



Shooters in the kneeling position under watchful eye of Roger Price – NZDA Golden Bay Range Officer. Having visited there recently I understand why the preference for gumboots!

Rakiura Calling



Get off that phone and relax! The usual calm waters of Foveaux Strait allow for a great trip to Rakiura.



Camp life



Meet the locals.....from a distance - male sea lion – don't touch, hassle or get too near.



Here comes Mr Whippy! Sun umbrellas are a must down there.



Ohhh yeah...and a nice whitetail or two....

November Club Night – Crowded House!

No not the band! But a big turnout to the only available venue at Fish and Game put pressure on available oxygen....



Pete Henderson on life, HUNTS and the universe



Mark McDonald hands out this month's winner's great Sitka lite-weight tee to Mike Marren! Happy Days!

If you put your name down on the night you are in the draw for following Club Night!
Plenty more to be won!

End of Year BBQ!!



Last sossie from our chef!



Just desserts!

Thanks to those who put this together especially Carina (look at those cakes! which were just a part of her contribution) and all the others who helped out!

Thanks BBQ Chill for supporting our event!

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EVENTS

- Work Functions
- Birthdays
- Sport Events
- Family Beach Day

FEATURES

- New Trailer
- 6 Burner BBQ
- Massive Chilly Bin
- Bluetooth Sound System



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and James who processed meat donated by Greg into beauty patties and sossies



Supporters of Nelson NZDA HUNTS Courses and Kai Rescue **More info here:** [Meat Solutions](#)

Trapped

Had a great night listening to Cam Speedy who is also Secretary of Sika Foundation click here for more - [Cam Speedy and Sika](#)



Cam says "Kill 'em all.....don't just be a 'trap setter', be a pest Ninja!"

For those that missed it but want to trap pests then read on..... and especially see the webinar which is basically Cam's presentation by video.

After Event Message from the Organisers: Kia ora koutou, Thanks for coming along to our talk on fine tuning your predator control with Cam Speedy; we hope you found it useful. We really enjoyed meeting lots of people passionate about protecting our taonga.

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If you want a reminder of what Cam covered [watch his webinar](#) on 'Expert Trapping Tips'.

Here are some of Cam's key points on improving predator interaction with your traps:

- Well maintained traps help reduce non-lethal encounters (which create trap shy animals)
- Fold the mesh at the entrance
- Scuff around the trap to create interest
- Pre feed 'Hansel and Gretel trails' of raw mutton fat - smear it on and around your trap. 1/3 in the trap, 1/3 on and around the trap, and 1/3 scattered further away from the trap
- Promote your traps with scented flour blazing using this [recipe](#)
- [Create a 'possum nightclub'](#) by pre-feeding and luring during mating season (March/April and September/October)
- Keep your lures seasonal, freshly caught animals make great lures
- Drag your stoat/rabbit paunch around your trapping lines to create a scent trail
- If it isn't working change your approach - overused tools become ineffective and blunt.
- Cam recommends Connovation [Smooth blue](#) lure and [Salmon Lure It](#)
- [AJ Productions](#) sell a selection of Browning trail cameras and provide \$50 - \$100 off if you tell them you've been to a 'Cam Speedy talk'. You need to call them to redeem this price.
- We've got a whole bunch of tips from Cam and others on our site. There are tips on [maintaining traps](#), [trap placement](#) and [lures](#), as well as a [series of videos from Cam](#) on different tips.

Some of you may find our [Starter's Guide to predator control on farms](#) and '[Predator control on Lifestyle Blocks](#)' useful. We have also developed this useful [predator control calendar](#) which you can download for free.

Hopefully your improved trapping techniques are going well. Please stay in touch and let us know how you get on. As Cam would say, there's no IP in Predator Free - we are all in this together.

Make sure you are [signed up to our Newsletter](#) and [Facebook](#) page to get the latest news on Predator Free NZ.

Special thanks to [Tasman Environmental Trust](#) and [Nelson City Council](#) for being such wonderful co-hosts.

Happy trapping,

Cam, Jessi, Janine, and the team at Predator Free NZ Trust

Club Night – Feb 28th 2023

Time and Date: 6.30 pm doors open 28th Feb

Venue: To be confirmed

Fish and Game News

NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH & GAME REPORT



PLANTING DAY AT EVES VALLEY: Mahana School recently visited the new Eves Valley wetland for a planting day. Over 900 native plants were put into the ground - an outstanding effort from the students, who ranged in age from 5-13. Fish & Game staff were hugely impressed with the great work ethic shown by the students (plus teachers/parents). Massive thanks to the team from Mahana School.

COMPLIANCE: Fish & Game staff have been active undertaking compliance and angler use data collection on some of our backcountry fisheries. The purpose (besides compliance) is to get a handle on non-resident use of some of our wilderness waters to better inform us for future fisheries management.

DRIFT DIVES COMMENCE: Most weeks from now until April you'll find Fish & Game staff floating rivers once or twice a week. Recently the Motupiko, Goulter, Lee & Waimea Rivers were dived - painting a picture of how the trout population is compared with historical records. Drift dives are also a great way to see the general health of the rivers.

GAME FARE DONATED TO CHARITY: In November, the proceeds from a goose hunt were created into ready-to-eat casserole meals and given to families in need. The meat, supplied by game bird hunters, was turned into delicious meals at the Club Waimea commercial kitchen, under the excellent guidance of chef/hunter Phil Hazeldine. Thank you to all that assisted with the food preparation and bagging up, and to NZDA for supplying the metal detector which was used for steel shot removal.



Planting Day at Eves Valley with Mahana School



Some of the team who helped prepare and cook meals for charity

Member Benefits – Don't Miss Out

Remind yourself of NZDA membership benefits and supplier discounts by clicking here: [Benefits and Discounts](#) and NZDA Benefits APP as per email from NZDA HQ on 17 Se

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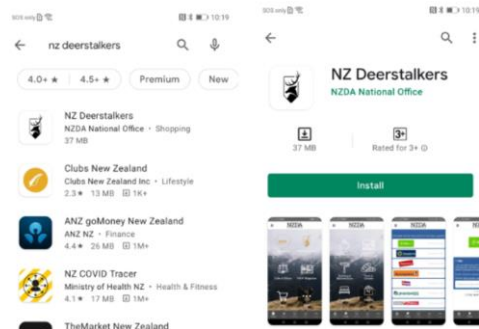
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We are excited to announce the NZDA Membership App is now live and can be downloaded today!

How to download the app

1) Go to Google play or the Apple store and search for **NZ Deerstalkers**. Select **Install** or **GET**.



Exclusive NZDA discounts:

- Interisland Ferry group booking discount (contact us for the code)
- [Go Native](#) outdoor meals and snacks, 25% discount
- [SWAZI Pro Deal](#), sign-up with your valid NZDA membership
- [Napier of London](#) shooting and hunting goods, 15% discount
- [AJ Productions](#) - electronic game caller and trail cameras, 15% discount
- [Kilwell Sports](#) hunting supplies, 15% discounts on website orders
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- Heli Sika, 10% discount on helicopter flights to hunting blocks
- [Murchison Heli Tours](#), 10% off your flights
- [NZ Taxidermy Ltd](#), 10% discount on mounts
- [Bullivant Taxidermy](#), 10% discount on mounts
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- 10% discount of Department of Conservation annual [Backcountry Hut Pass](#) or 'Hut Pass'. [See the DOC website for more details](#)



Red Deer Lodge

Information on Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti [Red Deer Lodge](#)

Contact for Accom: info@starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz

15% discount for NZDA members - off season!!

Always remember to advise you are a Nelson member and have your number to hand.

2022 Branch Committee, Information & Contacts

All details can be found on our website: [Nelson Branch Committee](#)

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Also see here for firearms storage and carriage: [NZ Police Guide to Lawful Storage and Carriage of Firearms](#)

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