

**December 2025**



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# Editorial

Hullo Hunters and Shooters,

Well, it's the festive season but a few weeks away. As usual we wish you all a good break (and good job too, to all those who have to work through to keep the country and our services ticking). As always, play safe as the roads, oceans and forests become busier and therefore a bit riskier.

Talking of near misses.....the recent and totally left field announcements from MPI on a “whole new plan” to manage game animals, developed behind closed doors (to the hunting sector at least) shows how our world can be rattled....

Tuesday, 02 December 2025 09:55

## MPI launches industry-wide project to manage feral deer

Written by Peter Burke

An industry-wide project led by Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is underway to deal with the rising number of feral pests, in particular, browsing pests such as deer and pigs.

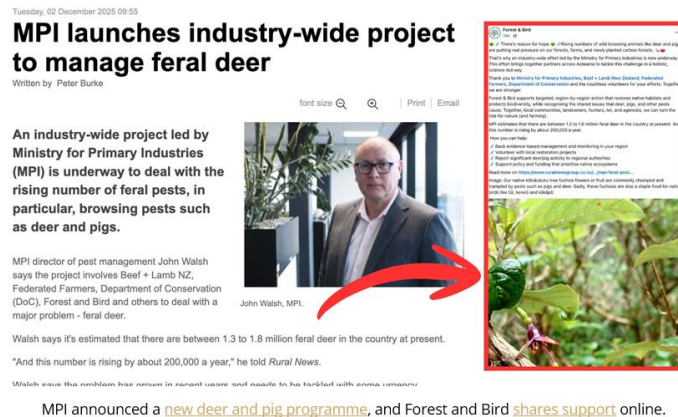
MPI director of pest management John Walsh says the project involves Beef + Lamb NZ, Federated Farmers, Department of Conservation (DoC), Forest and Bird and others to deal with a major problem - feral deer.

Walsh says it's estimated that there are between 1.3 to 1.8 million feral deer in the country at present.

"And this number is rising by about 200,000 a year," he told Rural News.

Walsh says the problem has risen in recent years and says he has trouble with some comments.

MPI announced a [new deer and pig programme](#), and Forest and Bird [shares support](#) online.



If any hunter has any misunderstanding as to the changeable nature of policy & politics towards our sport now is the time to see things clarified!

Now fortunately there seems to have been a handbrake hauled on to this new “process” with Minister Meager’s full pronouncement further below (my yellow highlight). But it all shows how quickly we can be ‘thrown under the bus’ by being ignored in discussions despite specific forums being set for all stakeholders to engage on improved game (and pest) animal management. Frankly all a bit more than naughty, and a poor way to end the year after great collaborative initiatives such as National Goat Competition, Molesworth ‘over a thousand’ goat cull, Ruahine and Nelson Lakes Mgt hunts and etc. I’ll leave it at that for the moment but if ever you wonder what NZDA is all about, and why it’s a great investment for hunters to support advocacy, this is it. We are the “to go” to organisation even if there was an attempt to sideline us!



James Meager MP

4 December at 16:56 · 🌐

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE HUNTING COMMUNITY PLEASE SHARE 📢📢

A few things to clarify from this article in Rural News this week

(<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/.../safe.../residues-in-wild-animals>) and some of the anti-hunter sentiment that has since been generated online.

**Goat Competition** -Thanks Patrick, Warren and others for your work, and all entrants in the Goat Competition – results below!

Please enjoy the great stories below and have a good Christmas.

Happy and Safe Hunting – **Richard Wells**

### [Minister of Hunting and Fishing James Meager – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Social Media Post:](#)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE HUNTING COMMUNITY PLEASE SHARE  

A few things to clarify from this article in Rural News this week ([link](#)) and some of the anti-hunter sentiment that has since been generated online.

1. Both Minister Hoggard (MPI) and I (Hunting and Fishing) have directed MPI to involve the NZ Game Animal Council, **New Zealand Deerstalkers Association Inc and the community foundations (like Fiordland Wapiti Foundation and Sika Foundation)** in this programme. Hunters know high deer numbers can result in poor hunting outcomes (skinny deer, poor quality trophies) and we all agree that sustainable animal management is the way to go.

2. A cross industry approach is needed, with landowners, farmers, foresters, hunters and agencies all working together to tackle the "cross-tenure" problem of managing wild animals across a range of private forests, farms and conservation land. I know NZDA are ready to go to support farmers with Landowner Assist and Farmer Assist programmes, providing landowners with access to responsible and skilled hunters to help manage deer and goats. For the hunters it means more and new opportunities to pursue their sport. For farmers NZDA provides comprehensive liability insurance coverage for full branch members while they are on a landowner's property, as well as assurances these aren't cowboys operating on their land. My office is also talking with Fed Farmers about how to align everyone on this. The key is access.

3. A previous version of the article (since corrected) suggested the use of poisons to control game animals. We do not support targeting game animals with poison, particularly brodi which can accumulate in an animal and taint the meat. Poisons are an effective tool for possums and rodents when used well, and we recognise there will sometimes be by-catch, but tools and management practices can limit this (such as deer repellent and timing).

4. Successive governments have recognised the concept of "valued introduced species", including deer, tahr, sports fish and game birds, which provide recreational, economic, environmental or

cultural benefits to society. The previous government enshrined this concept in the 2020 Biodiversity Strategy, and we are going to continue to build on this concept as we promised during the 2023 campaign (see <https://www.doc.govt.nz/.../biodiversity/anzbs-2020.pdf>).

### **KEY MESSAGE**

The Government is committed to hunter-led conservation as a key tool in managing wild animals and our valued introduced species. Hunters spend their lives in the outdoors and cherish our natural environment just as much as diehard urbanists. We want to better utilise hunters and the work they do on the ground in our wild animal management system and will continue to make improvements (such as the Public Access Charter and the Herds of Special Interest initiatives) to do this.



# Goat Competition Results for Nelson – *Patrick Savill*

NZDA G.O.A.T (best head) - Bailey Whitnall. 86 4/8

Got your Goat - Jessie Terrill

Great goat round up - Michelle Feenstra

Junior goat round up - James Cain

Junior best head - no entries

## And the final tally from DOC for our region:

Nelson NZDA – 254 tails – 1 head

Nelson DOC – 20 tails

Nelson Hunting & Fishing – 323 tails



Bailey's winning trophy



# Late Starter (but onto it now!) *by Gary Wills*



Mauser M18 308, 22" barrel, Bushnell 3x9 and DPT suppressor

Hi, my name is Gary, and I decided to take up hunting in my mid to late 50's, there I have confessed my sin. I decided joining the Nelson branch of Deerstalkers was a good idea as I did not grow up in a hunting family (in fact I grew up in England) so did not have anybody to mentor me in my hunting journey. I belonged to a crew of what is known as beaters doing game bird driving for the 'rich man's guns' as a teenager to earn pocket money though.

I initially started hunting while living in Hanmer Springs for a few years before moving back up to Nelson, I picked up work 3 days a week, initially Friday through Sunday but recently changed to Saturday through Monday. Unfortunately, this means joining the HUNTS course is not possible and neither is using the range.





My thoughts on joining NZDA were to put some funds back into the organisation that looks out for the hunters' interest, try and find a hunting partner (not so easy when you work every weekend), hopefully gain some pointers from long time hunters and lastly for the insurance. I know I'm not the only new member there are several of us who joined around the same time although I'm the oldest by a bit.

I have been at most of the meetings since joining and so far have shot a couple of deer in St James, goats in Hanmer and Nelson areas, chamois down South last year and wallabies on the same trip. I'm a meat and pest hunter. I get out armed tramping as I call it as often as I can trying to figure out what I'm doing. I also hand load for my rifles with help from a neighbour.

I try and talk to members at meetings, but if you're retired or semi-retired like me and you need a hand to carry animals and wish to pass on your knowledge (but not your spot X) come and find me I don't bite, I'm the short, quieter one and fully house/camp trained

Cheers and happy hunting.

Gary





# Hunting 2025 (Part 1) *by Eric Hall*

A call from my hunting mate Lee Webster in Alexandra early December 2024 had us confirming our hunting trip dates and locations for 2025.

- Red Stags ,Canterbury High Country late Feb
- Chamois hunt late March on the Westcoast
- Fallow Hunt, Lake Wakatipu late April
- Thar Hunt, mid May on the Westcoast.

Even after 50 years plus of hunting I still get a buzz planning hunting trips and the anticipation of how it's going to work out and what animals we will find and shoot if all the stars align up.

## Canterbury High Country. February 2025

At 1.00pm we both arrived at the turn-off at Windwhistle after a 6 hour drive from Nelson and Lee from Alexandra. By 2.00pm we had made the road end. With a mixed weather forecast we patiently waited for the chopper to pick us up. I wasn't very keen on the Robinson 44 fly in so when the Hughes 500 landed beside the utes I was very upbeat. We only had a pack each as we intended to get dropped off up high and spend a few days there and then hunt back down to the main river to a prearranged pick- up location. The parting words from the pilot said, see you in seven days and there could be some high winds tonight. Those words from the pilot were to haunt us later that night. After setting up camp and spending some time to put some large rocks on top of our tent pegs beside a small tarn we had good feed and enjoyed the views of the country I had read about in my first hunting book I bought when I was seventeen, of an era gone in Bruce Banwell's book, "Red Stags of the Rakaia".





As the sun dipped down over the main divide the first evening, we were in position to glass a heap of great looking deer country. Over next couple of hours we spotted about a dozen deer, two chamois and a thar. Among the deer there were two stags one 10 ptr and 12 ptr only 200m from us. They were well below the standard we had set our sights on. The chamois were young animals, so we left them happily browsing in the scrub below us. By the time we got back to camp and had good feed the wind was picking up. Around 11.00pm the wind was screaming. The small hollow we were in at 1600m was not giving us much protection. All night we were seriously battered, and it rained in bucket loads. Goodness knows how my Huntech Bivvy stayed up. Lees one man tent had very bent poles and my Huntech bivvy was no better. By 8.00am the sun was up and all was well. A quick breakfast and a sort out of the camp and gear we were off climbing high along the main ridge. By the time we got back to camp in the late evening we had seen a good number of deer up high and in the grass and tussock clearings between the high mountain scrub on the steeper faces overlooking the creeks and main valley way below us but no shooters. The next day with fine warm weather we ventured further afield looking for that elusive big stag. We spotted many hinds along with some smaller stags four to eight pointers. One thing that was quite noticeable was the large body size of the deer in this area, no doubt a trait of the early bloodlines of the Rakaia herd compared to other areas I had hunted over the last 50 odd years.



Over dinner that evening we decided to move camp to the main riverbed and our chopper pick up location. I had glassed a what looked to be viable route down the day before, so we didn't have to bash our way through the very thick monkey scrub that covered most of steep areas above the river.



The first hour was straight forward making good time down the steep tussock ridges. 5 big hinds were spotted below us as we made our way down. Three hours later we finally reached the main river and our camping spot for the rest of the trip. I was pleased with our effort as our route down was very steep and rocky even though we were a little worse for wear.



The next day Lee and I split up with Lee heading up towards the head of the valley and I proceed to hunt the side creek just above our camp site. We both arrive back at camp just on dark. Lee glassed about fifteen reds, two thar plus he had good look at a group of chamois we spotted the day before but only being nannies and kids, they were left alone. Like the previous day, there were plenty of reds but no good stags. None of them were no more than ten points. I shot a nice yearling red not far from camp for meat to take home as it ventured out of the scrub in front of me as the sun dipped low over the main divide.

The next morning, right on time our chopper picked us up and before we knew it we were back in civilisation. The chopper flight out was great as I could see the valleys and river flats where some of New Zealand's big historic stags were taken in those golden years of hunting in the Rakaia River area.

Yes, we are booked for a Roar Hunt in the same river shed for 2026. We believe that there has to be a really good stag in this area with the numbers we saw.





### **West Coast Chamois Hunt April 2025.**

My mate Lee was real keen to see if we could find and shoot a really good buck chamois big and good enough to get my mate Warren Plum to mount. Warren had recently mounted a big bull Thar and an excellent fallow buck for Lee so a 10-inch chamois was our target species for a week's hunting on the tops. From my experience most good size chamois bucks are shot while hunters are hunting reds and tahr. For this trip they were our target species.

From our tahr hunting location that we had hunted from over the last five years we had spent a lot of time glassing across the main river valley at what looked like a great looking chamois spot. With rolling tussock tops dropping off into steep bluffs and heavy bush below this area just might hold a trophy chamois buck. The area a few kms away had produced a lot chamois over the last 50 years.

After arriving at Franz Joseph and sorting out our flight time with Heliservices for a 1.00pm flight we had a good feed and sorted out our gear. Arriving back at the office at 12.30pm Lee and I were asked if we could delay our flight as two Canadians wanted to do a flight over the glaciers. The deal was we could fly with them for our troubles. Without further ado two camouflaged hunters jumped into the back of the 500 for a free sightseeing trip. The weather was perfect; the trip was awesome, landing on the snow field high above the glaciers and flying low above both Franz and Fox Glaciers.





The Canadian couple were great company, and he had just retired from the Wildlife Service so we had a great yarn about our big game animals while we took in the surroundings standing beside the chopper on the glaciers. A great distraction to our chamois hunt but a real cool chopper flight.

By mid-afternoon we were landing on a sweet-looking campsite as a buck chamois was doing its best to put some distance between us and itself.

Soon as the chopper was gone we glassed for that chamois, but it couldn't be seen only to bump into it later that evening. I had spent a lot of time looking at Google Earth and Topo maps before the hunt so had good picture in my mind of the surrounding country. Making the most of the beautiful weather we were off. We headed up a narrow rock chute that led to the main ridge and the boundary of Wilderness zone. Three chamois were disturbed as they hide in the shadows of the steep bluffs above us probably trying to stay cool in the late February sun. Two hours later we finally climbed up onto the main ridge, giving us some awesome views of the Whataroa and tahr ballot blocks.

We glassed late into the evening spotting around 20 chamois. Most were nanny and kids but a couple warranted further inspection tomorrow. The problem was unless we could find a route down the very steep bluffs they were safe from us. When we were only 10mins from camp that evening when a chamois buck leaped up from a tussock gut not far from us. With a well-placed shot from Lee the chamois disappeared into the tussock 250m above us. We decided to retrieve the buck tomorrow.





Day two started off with heavy fog. This is not unusual on the coastal areas of the Westcoat. It usually burns off by 10.30am. By the time we made it up onto main the ridge where we were last evening the day was clear and fine. Directly below us four buck chamois could be seen. Through the spotter 2 looked to be shooters but the thought getting down through the steep bluffs made my backside tighten up. Thirty years ago I might of risked it but with age comes more common sense apparently. I thought we would have seen a few tahr but none were seen yet below us was prime tahr country and a ballot block camp site. By late afternoon we had had hunted back towards camp spotting a few more chamois all being nannies and kids.

We passed some very cool looking mountain tarns that looked like they set in a lunar landscape. Signs of old campsites were visible. Some great looking chamois country could be seen from our lofty perch to the south so that's where we were headed tomorrow. The tent could be seen way below us. Rather than have to walk back where had come hours earlier we managed to find a game trail down through the bluffs. Lee took the opportunity to retrieve his chamois buck after a grueling climb down and then back up to where I was waiting and glassing. The game trail was well used and a lot of deer signs were evident. By the size of the hoof marks it would have to be a red stag. This was confirmed by the chopper pilot on the way out. He had seen a few stags earlier in the season way out on the tussock plateau where we were camped on.

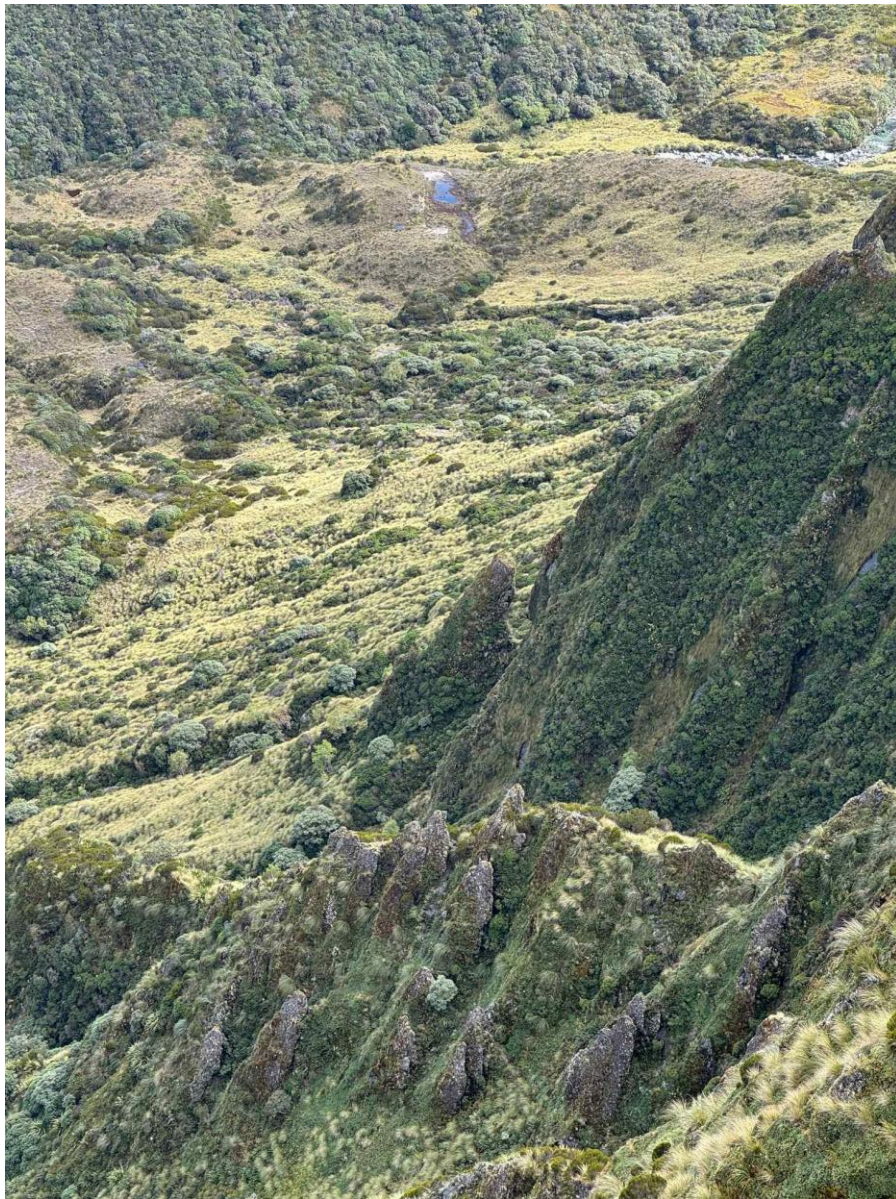




For day three we decided to do a big mission to hunt as much country as we could. Walking around the first big tarn an hour from camp a lot deer was evident and some less than a week old. We were supposed to be on a chamois hunt so the sign gave us added excitement today. Around 9.00am I spotted a chamois in the bluffs 400m away. We decided to split up for the day with Lee heading to some good chamois country to the south. In the meantime, I was after the chamois in the bluffs. An easy walk across the tussock flats brought me to the steep bluffs. From my last observation of the chamois I knew it was a buck, just how big it was hard to tell as it was tucked up in a very shady gut. 20 mins later near the top of a very steep ridge I knew the buck would be very close, probably 15 - 20m away. As I very slowly stalked onto a knob the chamois sensed me and climbed on to rock face opposite me. You only get one chance in these situations. As the shot of the 270 faded away the chamois crumpled and dropped off the rock face falling way below. I love experiencing these close encounters when I have a rifle in hand. I would now have to climb all the back down and come on from the bottom as was far too steep to get down in the gut. Half and later I had my hands on the nice Buck. Not a monster but just rewards for putting in the effort.

Around midday I was up high glassing and having lunch when I was sure I heard a rifle shot in the distance. I wondered how Lee was getting on. I spotted a few more chamois over next couple of hours but all nannies and kids. With the sun getting low as I was heading towards camp when I spotted a tahr high above camp. It looked like a big nanny. I don't mind eating tahr meat so I was keen to knock it over if I had enough time before it got too dark. 45 mins later I was in camp emptying anything I didn't need to carry out of my day pack including my chamois trophy. Not having heard or seen Lee all day I slipped my orange rain cover over my pack to make me more visible. The climb up to the tahr was going to be steep and a bit tricky.





I was about 200m from the tahr when my Garmin Rhino crackled. I answered Lee. Before I could get a word out Lee had great delight telling me that he had shot a nice red stag at 410m straight downhill. The stag was lying down on a gravel strip beside a creek on the edge of the scrub. The stag didn't even get up, it died on the spot. The climb down the bluff was going to be challenge so we would retrieve it tomorrow. Lee was 2 kms away but could see me as the orange pack cover stood out like the proverbial. You had better get going Lee said and he would get dinner underway when he got to the tent. The tahr are right out in the open on that tussock knob, get going was his last words spoken. Up I climbed and then a mature nannies head could be seen sticking out of the high tussock 75m away. I was going try and head shoot it. I gained another 25m before the nanny must of got wind of me. It stood up, the 270 echoed across the basin and the tahr disappeared over the edge of the steep ridge. Carefully peering over the edge I spotted the tahr 100m below me. I radioed Lee who was now in camp telling him all good Thar hunters get back to camp in late evening. Just on dark I arrived back at camp after retrieving some meat off the big nanny. After a cold beer and a good feed two happy hunters hit the sack. Tomorrow we would retrieve the head off the stag, a big day was ahead of us with the promise of more great weather.



I was real keen to see the stag Lee had nailed so we were off at daybreak. By the time we were at the location Lee had fired from we had seen a dozen chamois some very close but no shooters. Looking down below us the stag could be seen. I commented it could be a reasonable 10 ptr. Getting down through the bluffs below us was going to be challenge I commented as a stag roared in the distance. They continued to roar all day but too far from our position to go after them. We decided that I would stay up high and glass while Lee would drop down and recover the stag's head. Four hours later I climbed down to Lee to help carry the head up through the last of the bluffs and on to the ridge.





The stags were still roaring when I meet Lee. I managed to spotted 6 small chamois out in the tussock and 5 red hinds under the bluffs only 150m away from the dead stag. Lee's stag was a 9 pointer and reasonably heavy. This was an unexpected bonus to our chamois hunt and not what one sees very often in country more notable for chamois and tahr. By the time we arrived back in camp late that afternoon we decided to send an Inreach message to Heliservices to get picked up in next morning.

Early next morning we were back in Franz and had a big breakfast and a real coffee at the Snakebit Cafe. Life was good. Then we both headed off for our respective homes. I would be catching up with Lee in Queenstown for a fallow hunt in late April.

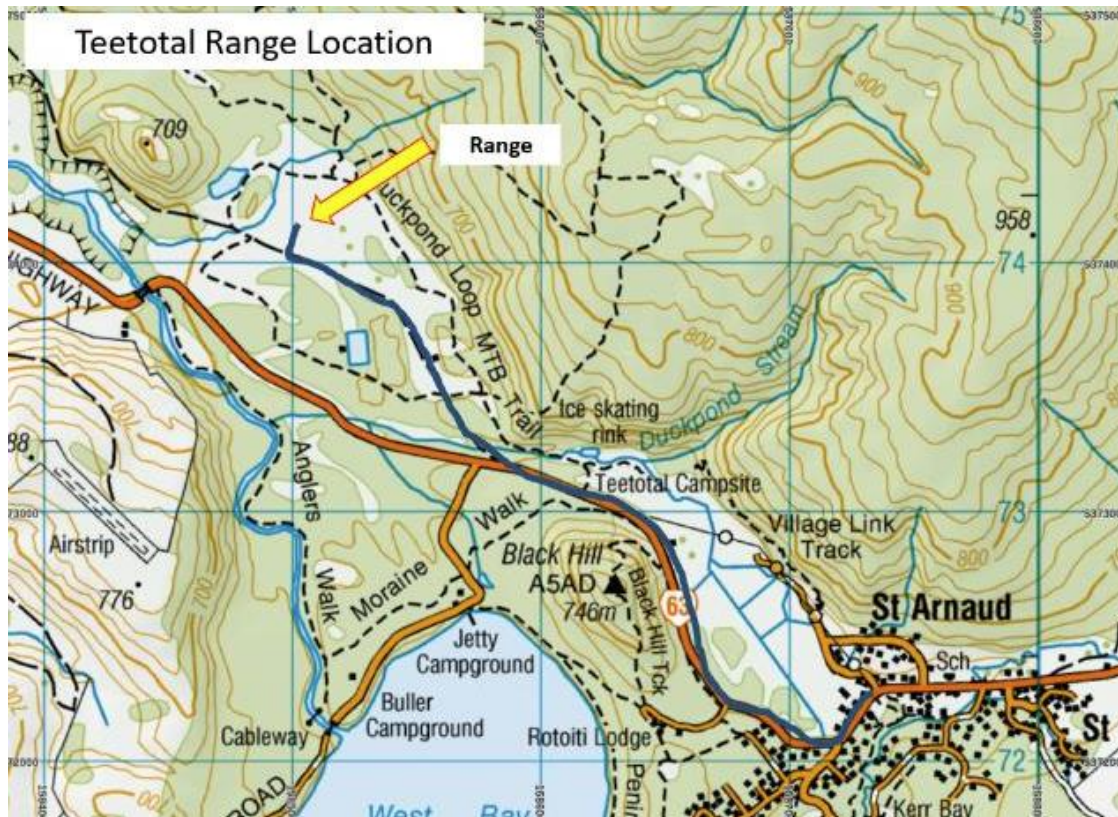




# Range Matters – Teetotal & Summer Series

## Teetotal Sighting Range – by John Wothersoon – DOC Nelson Lakes National Park

The Teetotal sighting-in range is DOCs only official range providing an excellent facility for hunters to sight-in their rifles before heading into the nearby Nelson Lakes National Park or other conservation lands to hunt deer, chamois etc. It is located in the Teetotal Recreation Area just a couple kilometres west of St Arnaud.



The range was developed from an informal range as required by changes to the Arms Act that came in in July 2023. Bill O’Leary was instrumental in getting this across the line with and the local hunting community held several working bees to assist the local DOC office build the target board and surrounds.

In order to use the Teetotal sighting-in range you must have a permit that makes you a Range Officer, or be under the supervision of a Range Officer.

In order to become a Range Officer, you’ll need to:

- hold a Teetotal sighting-in range permit
- be a licenced firearms holder
- hold a standard DOC hunting permit
- acknowledge and sign the responsibilities under the range standing orders.

This is all easy to obtain but must be done **in person** from the DOC Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre in St Arnaud. More details in the link.



### Teetotal sighting-in range permit: Permits and licences

The range has been popular with firing positions at 25m and 100m. It is open for use of firearms up to 8mm calibre including rimfires. No shotguns, bows or crossbows permitted.

Since the range opened mid 2023 there have been almost 500 permits issued, initially for 6 months but now extended to 12month in line with the DOC hunting permits, so if the use stays the same there will be less permits overall.

- 2023 48 permits
- 2024 165 permits
- 2025 161 permits which expired in 2025 and there are currently 81 valid permits (242 permits issued for 2025)

The range can't be booked – one party at a time, so you might have to wait your turn on a busier day.



**The Editor Says:** Thanks John, for this update and yourself and the other volunteers for keeping this great asset in good order and available!

Don't forget!! you can also sight in at the **Murchison Community Range** on your way south of if hunting in the general Murchison area. The Standing Orders are posted online and link further below.



## Results of the Fourth Summer Series Rimfire Benchrest shoot.

### 25-26 Outdoor Summer Series

16-Nov-25		2 x International Targets		
		T1	T2	Total
1	Graeme Smith	230.07	224.01	454.08
2	Graeme Vallance	222.03	231.06	453.09
3	John Ronaldson	231.03	218.02	449.05
4	David Hill	224.02	222.05	446.07
5	Simon Cotton	216.03	222.03	438.06
	Anne Marie			
6	Kidson	215.05	220.03	435.08
7	Michael Kidson	216.01	218.01	434.02
8	Ian Harper	216.04	215.03	431.07
9	John Mitchell	226.05		226.05

### Series Points

				Series Total YTD
Warren Smith	7			7
Graeme Smith	6	10	9	25
John Ronaldson	5	5	7	17
Ian Harper	4	3	2	9
Michael Kidson	3	6	3	12
Anne Marie				
Kidson	2	2	4	8
Chris Turner	1			1
Greg Couper		11		11
Carina Jackson		9		9
David Quick		1		1
David Hill		4	6	10
Graeme Vallance		7	8	15
Simon Cotton		8	5	13
John Mitchell			1	1



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 hviz & 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](mailto: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](#)**



# Trapped!



As we know, sometimes the old possums decide its just a great night to be out....and last weekend no exception when Greg scored his first **hat-trick** at our Packers Creek Range. All caught in [Trapinator](#) traps



# Lighten Up



For all of you tech fiends out there (myself included)!

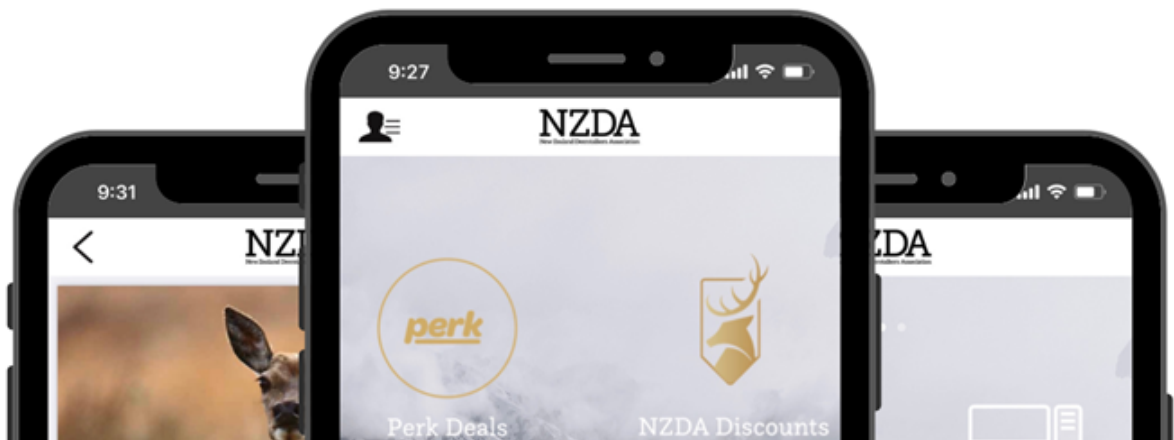


# Member Benefits – Know & Get Your Share!



## New App Update

**Download or Update the NZDA Member App to Access Your Digital Membership Card**



**Save your membership fee by using the NZDA discounts - click here:**

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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](mailto: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](#)

### *Ballots*

- [Haast Ballot](#)
- [Wanaka Ballot](#)
- Southland [Waikaia](#) [Leithen Bush](#) [Wainakarua](#) [Catlins](#)
- Fiordland [Wapiti Foundation Ballot](#)
- Caples & Greenstone [RHA Ballot](#)

### *Firearms and Safety*

- COLFO [COLFO](#)
- NZ Firearms Safety Authority [Te Pureke](#)
- Mountain Safety Council [MSC](#)
- MSC Videos on [everything](#) safety and hunting [Watch Videos](#)
- Avalanche Advisory [Avalanche Advisory Site](#)