



# MOUNTAIN ECHO

Newsletter of Nelson Branch NZDA July 2021



Mist-ified about .22 benchrest shooting?! Greg thinks... "I am today!"  
The Matariki Weekend .22 Rimfire Challenge was well named!



AHT Competition was a great night!

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# Editorial

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Hi All,

A pretty wet June behind us and I am sure the snowfalls set some challenges for those in the tahr blocks down south.

Speaking of challenges, its great to report on the development of a new shooting event led by Graeme Smith for Matariki Weekend...I hope that this gets support and momentum to become a regular feature in our calendar!



Our AGM was held without fuss thanks to diligent work by our Secretary/Treasurer and a vote of thanks to those who attended and engaged. The following AHT Competition night presented some better than usual trophies across the spectrum (except whitetail!). Well done the winners (but every entry is a win!) and great to see a young hunter taking out top honours in the “grown-ups” section as well as other places!). Next Echo will feature the results of the photo competition.

While National Office circulate their newsletter and include the Game Animal Council news, I have deliberately reproduced some stories this month as they are important and very relevant to where hunting is heading in NZ and how management is being undertaken with game animals having a true value proposition. Those who are opposed to such management are being vocal and it is good to see GAC responding in a strong and considered way. The report on Lake Sumner deer control mirrors in many ways the efforts undertaken in our own Lakes National Park. Anybody who has the mind that ungulate (e.g. deer, chamois, goat) numbers will be allowed to rise unchecked in places especially such as National Parks are deluding themselves. It is not in anyone’s interest that numbers get to the point where the environment and animal quality suffer. Management by “shoot to waste” MUST be a last resort. By using managed control where appropriate, value can be gained from the animals removed and costs reduced. See the Nelson Lakes report at end of Echo. Please also take the time to fill out the DOC online survey on Molesworth recently circulated via email by National Office.

We recently met with our fellow branches (Marlborough and Golden Bay) for a day at St Arnaud and discussed regional issues, successes and failures in our activities and areas where we can support each other. Access to hunting, training, range rules and engagement with DOC as well as OSPRI and other matters were covered. I hope we have more of these in future and also arrange more joint activities.....I am hoping we can convince Golden Bay to “bring it” with their classic .303 shoot event, expanded to include Nelson and Marlborough for a big fun social

I have taken the liberty to promote a small knife making course (with approval of organiser) which caught my eye in local newspaper.....why?..... because some young people are having a go and doing it in the neat village of Tapawera. Young people and rural communities need all the encouragement they can get! Check it out and see if you or your kids are interested!

The National Conference is looming at the end of July (in Hamilton). Greg our President and yours truly are attending again, the Conference theme is Hunter Training. I should note to readers that I have been nominated for the National Board as Upper South Island representative on the National Board...more to come on this if confirmed at the National AGM!

In the meantime, get out hunting on the good days and if going alpine check the avalanche warnings!

Good Hunting & Safe Shooting - **Richard Wells**

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# Game Animal Council News – Some Important Messages

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## Introducing Te Ara ki Mua

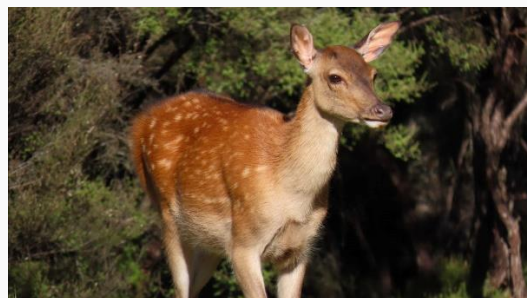
A new adaptive framework for managing game animals (deer, chamois, tahr and wild pigs) and controlling wild goats has been released this week. The framework, titled [Te Ara ki Mua](#), supports the implementation of [Te Mana o te Taiao Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020 \(ANZBS\)](#), and was developed by DOC working with the Game Animal Council.

The ANZBS recognises game animals (deer, tahr, chamois and wild pigs) as valued introduced species and balances the need to manage them to improve conservation outcomes with the recreational, cultural and economic resource benefits these animals provide. Te Ara ki Mua ensures that a realistic and progressive approach underpinned by sound science is to be implemented to achieve this goal.

Management solutions will involve stakeholders, including the hunting sector, and local communities with implementation focused on regional and site-based plans. Better monitoring and analysis will underpin our understanding of game animals in the New Zealand context and hunter-led management will be utilised where applicable.

The Game Animal Council looks forward to working with the hunting sector and other stakeholders on implementing this framework and creating enduring solutions that ensure positive outcomes for conservation and the sustainability of game animal herds and hunting in NZ.

The Te Ara ki Mua framework is available [here](#).



Everyday hunters are playing a role in game animal management and even where formal management programmes do not exist hunters can have a positive impact in achieving good management and conservation outcomes.

[Looking After Our Game Animals](#) is an online resource that explains the fundamental principles behind good game animal management in NZ and describes how hunters can apply those while out hunting. These include; how a healthy ecosystem is the foundation of the hunting resource; the different role males and females have in the herd and their impact on the environment; and most importantly, how by targeting more females and leaving younger males hunters can help achieve better quality and lower-density game animal herds in a healthier ecosystem.

## **NZ Game Animal Council Media Statement**

28 June 2022



### **Forest & Bird misrepresent Te Ara ki Mua**

The wild animal management strategy, Te Ara ki Mua, represents a significant opportunity to create enduring management solutions for game animals (deer, tahr, chamois and wild pigs) that will bring major conservation benefits for New Zealand despite the misrepresentations from Forest & Bird, says the Game Animal Council.

“It is incredibly disappointing to see Forest & Bird distort what Te Ara ki Mua is about and the potential it has for delivering significant conservation and game animal management benefits,” says Game Animal Council General Manager Tim Gale.

“Te Ara ki Mua rightly recognises that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to game animal management in New Zealand. Different populations in different places require different strategies and these must be underpinned by science and involve collaboration with local communities.”

“This challenge should not be characterised as being about conservation interests versus hunting interests. Hunters and hunting organisations care deeply about the health of the ecosystem and do more to help manage game animal populations than anybody else.”

“Simple ecology and experience tell us that by better managing, and where required, reducing game animal numbers, will also improve the quality of the hunting resource. This represents a win-win.”

Te Ara ki Mua also applies to goats, which are not a game animal. Goats are a major issue and the Game Animal Council understands and supports the significant effort that DOC is planning to put into goat control to reduce numbers.

“It is incredibly frustrating that rather than collaborating on better management, Forest & Bird are more focused on throwing rocks from the sidelines,” says Gale. “This is disappointing because [www.nzdanelson.co.nz](http://www.nzdanelson.co.nz)

there are a lot of people working extremely hard to achieve outcomes that can benefit all New Zealanders.”

“It is also unfortunate that Forest & Bird continue to focus on the impact of deer on carbon storage in forests when that issue is still very difficult to calculate, uncertain and [highly contested](#).”

“The Game Animal Council, DOC and all those interested in improving conservation and game animal management need to work together. If we do that, we can achieve some really good outcomes for New Zealand.”

## **NZ Game Animal Council Media Statement 1 June 2022**

### **Lake Sumner deer management programme a success**

A pilot management programme undertaken by the Game Animal Council, in collaboration with the Department of Conservation, New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (NZDA) and local landowners has successfully removed 126 breeding hinds from the Lake Sumner Recreational Hunting Area (RHA).

“We knew from anecdotal reports that the red deer population in the RHA was beyond the desired level for recreational hunting and if left unchecked could have adverse impacts on native biodiversity,” says Game Animal Council General Manager Tim Gale. “We therefore decided to trial a targeted hunter-led management operation in order to reduce the population and limit the short-to-medium term breeding capacity of the herd.” “Removing 126 hinds will have a positive future impact on the population while a longer-term management approach for the RHA is developed.”

“The 30 experienced hunters who undertook the operation all worked extremely hard over the four days of the operation and did a fantastic job. “An important aspect of the project was the removal of the jaw and uterus from the animals harvested. These will be analysed to determine the condition and reproductive status of the animals, which will provide important data on the health of the herd and the health of the environment. This will further inform development of the longer-term management plan.”

“We want to thank DOC, NZDA (particularly the North Canterbury branch), landowners and the recreational hunters who participated.” “This operation is what game animal management is all about and will improve the quality of the hunting resource in the RHA while helping to protect native vegetation. It really is a ‘win-win’,” says Gale. The NZ Game Animal Council is a statutory organisation responsible for the sustainable management of game animals and hunting for recreation, commerce and conservation.

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# Range Matters – Matariki Weekend Rimfire Challenge

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Some time back we took the opportunity to seize on the new public holiday to explore the idea to establish a Rimfire Benchrest Match involving both our NZDA Members and Shooters from the Target Shooting Nelson Indoor “Benchrest Club”. In addition, it was thought we may well also attract some out-of-town shooters.

It is always satisfying when a plan come to fruition and over the Matariki Weekend the Inaugural “Matariki – The Rimfire Challenge” was held. It was a little unfortunate we lost 5 entries at the last minute due to Covid, Flu and Family health issues but we still had 15 starters (3 from Christchurch, 2 Auckland).



**Great to attract Auckland shooters to Nelson!**

The weekend was broken into 3 sections, all Rimfire Benchrest but different disciplines so that a different type of challenge was evident. Results were by a points system, based on how many shooters you beat, not total scores. This gave extra importance to where you finished each match.

Friday Afternoon / Evening was dedicated to an Indoor Match at the Saxton Field Range. We shot a 10 and 20 shot match for a possible score of 300.30. You know things are getting tough when Club Member Bev Inwood (Nelson) came home with a 300.20 score followed by Dougall Cameron (Auckland) 300.17. Young Elliott Cameron from Auckland with a 297.09 showed the old fellas how it was done.



**Day one – the indoor range component shooting underway in inaugural Matariki Weekend .22 benchrest at the TSN Saxton Field Smallbore range.**

Saturday morning dawned wet, but with little wind, which proved beneficial in that the Range was not frozen, but muddy. 5 Hunter Class scoring targets at 50m was the order of the day. Warren Smith (Christchurch) mastered the conditions finishing with a 50.5 possible on his final target to take the match on 250.15. Close behind was Tony Titheridge (Christchurch) on 250.13 and Greg Couper (Nelson) On 249.11. Not a bad effort by Warren seeing he also cooked the Barbeque for lunch.



**Day two and the outdoor component underway at our Packers Creek range.**

At the end of Day 2 it was anyone's race. On our points system Warren 21.5 points, Tony 20.5 points and Graeme Smith (Nelson) 20 points was cause for bragging rights but in reality, Sunday would determine everything.



**Tony Titheridge at work.**

Sunday brought a complete change of weather – Sunny and virtually no wind (which on the Packers Range can be dynamite). Mind you the sun soon disappeared behind the hill.

The 2 x The International 25 Bull Target was the order of the day. Graeme Smith was leading the way after the 1<sup>st</sup> Target on 243.10 -his wheels soon fell off, followed by Greg Couper on 243.08 and Graeme Oakley (Christchurch) 241.11.

Target 2 resolved the situation with Greg Couper on 244.13, Dougall Cameron (Auckland) 244.08 and Warren on 243.09. On the Day Greg Couper topped the charts followed by Dougall and Warren.





**Winners! Left to right – Dougall, Warren and Tony**

While the shooters enjoyed a Soup Lunch, we totalled the scores and points with Warren Smith being awarded the inaugural Matariki Trophy on 29 points, Tony 27 and Dougall 26.5.

### All The Scores

<b>Matariki - The Rimfire Challenge Nelson 24-26 June 2022</b>										
		Indoor	50m Hunter	50m International			Points	Points	Points	Total
					Indoor	Hunter	50m			
Warren Smith	ChCh	300.14	250.15	484.19	11.5	10	7.5	29		
Dougall Cameron	Auck	300.17	247.04	485.12	14	4	9	27		
Tony Titheridge	ChCh	300.14	250.13	477.12	11.5	9	6	26.5		
Graeme Smith	Nelson	300.15	249.07	476.14	13	7	5	25		
Greg Couper	Nelson	298.09	249.11	487.21	6.5	8	10	24.5		
Graeme Oakley	ChCh	300.12	248.05	484.19	10	5	7.5	22.5		
Bev Inwood	Nelson	300.20			15			15		
Rob McDonald	Nelson	298.08	248.09	470.14	5	6	1.5	12.5		
Anne Marie Kidson	Nelson	298.13	240.04	470.14	9	1	1.5	11.5		
Michael Kidson	Nelson	298.10	244.07	429.07	8	2	1	11		
Elliot Cameron	Auck	297.09	246.04	473.12	3	3	4	10		
John Mann	Nelson	298.09			6.5			6.5		
Carina Jackson	Nelson	297.12			4			4		
Ian Inwood	Nelson	296.10			2			2		
Rex Charlesworth	Nelson	294.07			1			1		



**Sponsor and Winner – Mr (G) Smith congratulates Mr (W) Smith...”Don’t I recognise you from somewhere?” .....**

So, we were done for year 1, where we go from here is up to the response from the shooters. I think we have a workable concept, but their responses will determine our future direction.

*Graeme Smith*

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A shout out and big thanks to Fulton Hogan for delivering crushed glass for the bullet stops at our Packers Creek range!!



## AHT Competition Night

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**Warren Plum runs the tape over another trophy. As always - a big thanks to our accredited Douglas scorers for their work.**



**Possible captions...**

"Nah mate.... I'm SURE mine's bigger....."

or

"I saw one as big as this but left it for another year....."



**Our Treasurer and the family silver.....another thanks, this time to Aaron for the organisation of this special evening and getting our photo competition into an online entry system!**

## **Antler, Horn and Tusk Competition Winners**

### **Comments on this year's entries.**

Not as many Red stags as last year, but generally of higher quality. Good number of Chamois, with few entries last year. Overall quality of winning heads - the Goat, top 2 Chamois, the best Tahr and Ram and top 3 Fallow and top 2 Reds all met record book status under Douglas score. And junior hunters taking 1st Place in Red deer and 3rd in the Chamois.

*Warren Plum*

### **Peoples Store Trophy best Nelson deer head**

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Karl Puklowski** Fallow 212 6/8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Brody Parkins** Fallow 158 2/8
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Eric Hall** Red 219 1/8

### **Sports Depot Cup - best chamois head**

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Mark MacDonald** 27 2/8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Cory Jones** 27
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Finn Dallas** 25 4/8

**Bob Baigent Cup** - best head taken by a junior

1<sup>st</sup> **Brody Parkins** Red 12 point 306

2<sup>nd</sup> **Finn Dallas** Chamois 25 4/8

3<sup>rd</sup> **Brody Parkins** Fallow 158 2/8

**Bob Baigent Trophy** - horned game other than chamois

1<sup>st</sup> **Hamish Salmond** Tahr 44 2/8

2<sup>nd</sup> **Karl Puklowski** Goat 107 1/8

3<sup>rd</sup> **Eric Hall** Tahr 39 6/8

**Whitcombe Challenge Trophy** - best NZ Deer Head on Douglas score

1<sup>st</sup> **Brendon Cosmatos** Fallow 232 7/8

2<sup>nd</sup> **Karl Puklowski** Fallow 212 6/8

3<sup>rd</sup> **Brody Parkins** Red 306

**Rakiura Trophy** - best whitetail deer

No entries

**Williams Cup** - pig tusks

1<sup>st</sup> **Karl Puklowski** 18 6/8 undrawn

2<sup>nd</sup> **Carl McAllansmith** 23 drawn

3<sup>rd</sup> **Mike DeGray** 14 undrawn

**Eddy Trophy** - best trophy on Douglas score conversion

1<sup>st</sup> **Brendon Cosmatos** Fallow 232 7/8

2<sup>nd</sup> **Hamish Salmond** Tahr 44 2/8

3<sup>rd</sup> **Mark MacDonald** Chamois 27 2/8

**Shuttleworth Trophy** - best red deer head

1<sup>st</sup> **Brody Parkins** 12 point 306 (also Bob Baigent Cup & 3<sup>rd</sup> Whitcombe Challenge!)

2<sup>nd</sup> **Cory Jones** 15 point 303 4/8

3<sup>rd</sup> **James Bartlett** 15 point 291 2/8

**Other Entries:**

**Red**

David Hobson 12 point 269

Mark MacDonald 11 point 258 1/8

Peter Downing 8 point 238 2/8

James Bartlett 13 point 228 1/8

Carl McAllansmith 11 point 225 1/8

Ian Goldschmidt 10 point 223 2/8

## Tahr

Dave Hobson Tahr 39 4/8

Peter Downing Tahr 36 4/8

## Wild Ram

Cory Jones 75 6/8

Alistair Ching 68 4/8

## Fallow

Aaron Shields 206

Aaron Shields 196 6/8

Warren Plum 177 2/8

Eric Hall 170 4/8

Lisa Thurlow 163 2/8

Hamish Salmond 159 7/8

## Chamois

Mike DeGray 24 6/8

Peter Downing 24 6/8

Dave Hobson 24

Eric Hall 24

Mike DeGray 23 2/8

## Pigs

Warren Plum – 12 3/8 undrawn



# A Winner's Tale – Shuttleworth Trophy and Bob Baigent Cup - Brody Parkin

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**Note from Reece (his proud Dad):**

*Brody's stag head is proudly displayed in our lounge. And pic on the hill on the day.*

*Well it all started off with a sparrow fart heading into the hills, deer spotted so stalk was planned.*

*Unsure of quality but looked good, huge stalk done rifle was 308 with 155gr Amax stalked within 79 yards shot taken and pole axed the stag. Then the real work began. Took all meat we could carry, quite a mission. Was beautiful eating..... who would have thought.*

*Was a nerve racking stalk as a huge effort to get height then hoping he still there, would normally take a video be too tense to do that.*

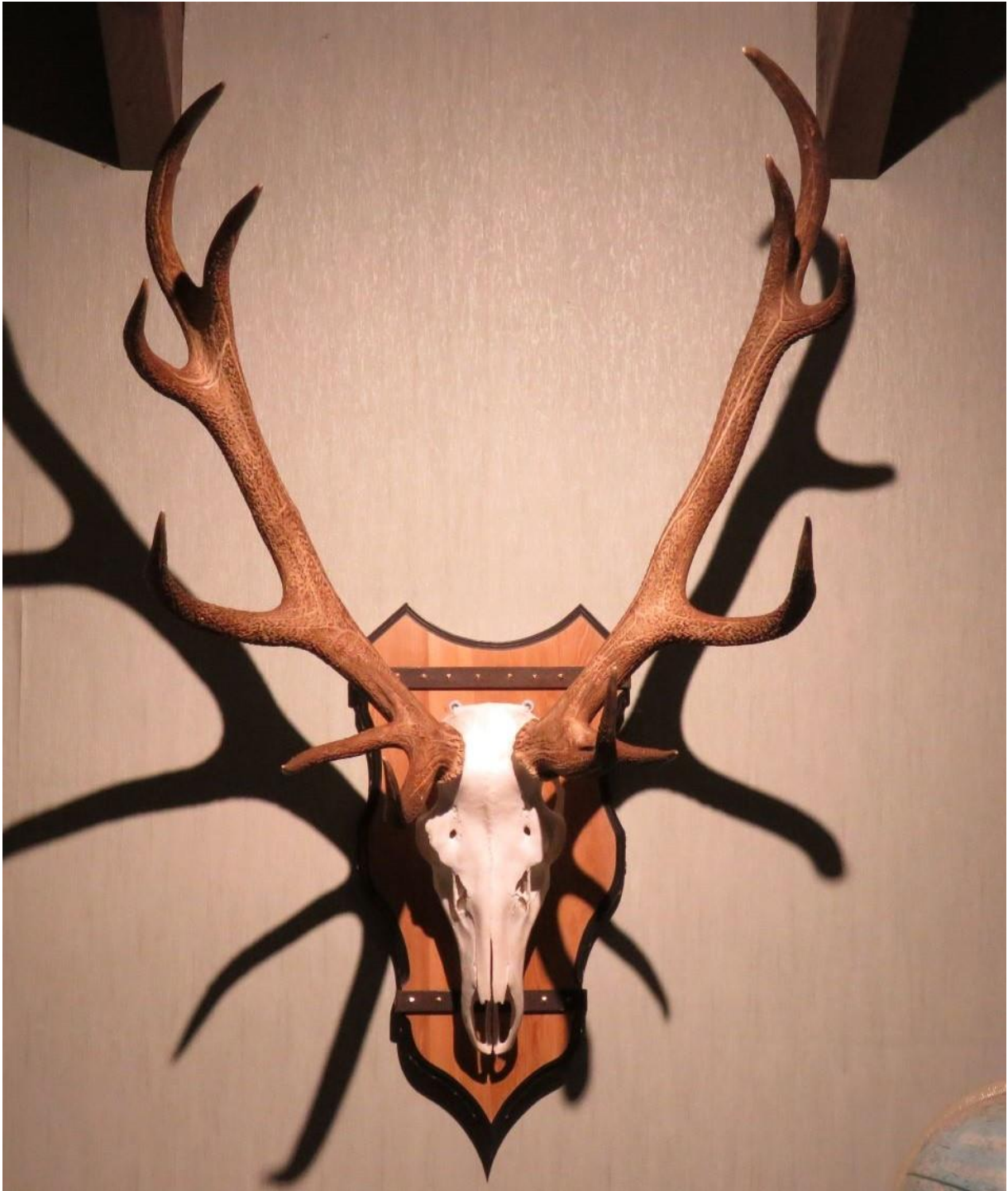
*Best deserved stag for Brody ever had all the best true blue attributes about the hunt....*

*Dad proud.*



**Brody and his winning stag....on the hill.....**





**and on the wall.....awesome!**

# Ungulate Control Programme Nelson Lakes Nat Park

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Kia ora

Hope you are all doing well and surviving this horrendous weather – we have snow in St Arnaud Village today which is a change from torrential rain.

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who took part in the first Nelson Lakes Ungulate Control program. I think we can call it a success!

I have summarised the data from the April blocks below.

Going forward we would like to run this again. We will likely look at the timings of the open period and see if this is appropriate i.e. to get the best part of the roar we will probably need to be earlier in April.

We will also look at the time each group is allocated - maybe 5 days would be better. Going forward we can assess when pick up/drop off days are and make it as efficient as possible for all.

Health and Safety: I only received one incident of note and this was handled as well as could be expected. Everyone was well prepared for the conditions and took appropriate precautions for emergency situations.

Fauna Sightings: 5 falcon, 1 kākā and 2 kea sightings were reported. The fauna data collected is useful to compare year on year as this program is run and at a coarse level we can get an indication of how our management of species is affecting the wider populations in Nelson Lakes. To contribute to more citizen science and be involved in mapping species distribution load any fauna or flora observations while you are out hunting or tramping to: [A Community for Naturalists - iNaturalist NZ](#). The Kea Conservation Trust also has a database where you can input kea sighting to help researchers understand the dispersal of kea across Te Waipounamu: [Kea Database](#).

## YOUR DATA:

	Deer Chamois Total		
<b>Seen</b>	249	88	337
<b>Shot</b>	52	23	75

Other species shot: 1x possum, 1x Canada Goose

### Sex ratio:

44% of deer shot were female (56% males)

65% of Chamois shot were female (35% male)

A total of 16 hunting parties took part in the management. The third time period (21-24 April) was cancelled due to bad weather and others were unable to fill their blocks due to COVID or trouble with ferry cancellations.

Top groups:

13-16 April Block 5 (Bobs Hut Block) – 14 animals shot (8 deer, 6 chamois)

13-16 April Block 6 (Upper Glenroy Block) – 13 animals shot (9 deer, 4 chamois)

13-16 April Block 2 (upper D'Urville Block) - 9 animals shot (all deer)

25-28 April Block 1 (North Ella) – 9 animals shot (4 deer, 5 chamois)

Highest numbers seen

17-22 April Block 7 (Burn Creek) – saw 23 deer and 29 chamois

13-16 April Block 7 – Saw 27 deer and 12 chamois

13-16 April Block 8 (Nardoo) – saw 29 deer

Any questions please get in touch.

Thank you all once again for being involved and keep an eye on the DOC Nelson Lakes hunting pages for further opportunities.

Ngā mihi nui

Melissa

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Below are some great pics from Warren Plum (again!!) of some of our members taking part in the DOC programme.





# Knife Making Course - Tapawera

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The Editor saw an article in the Waimea Weekly about two young people stepping up and doing a course on knife making. In the interest of supporting keen young people doing cool stuff please see the information about this below.



For those interested in the knife making course please confirm with Sophie brown (contact below) if you would like to come along, we need minimum 25 participants for the course to go ahead.

Just to remind everyone:

- The course is \$100 per person making a knife,
- Supervising only parents do not need to pay .
- All children under 12 must have supervision by their parent or another adult.
- Children must be 5 and above to do the course.
- Adults are welcome!!

You will have the option to make a hatchet, hunting or pocketknife. This workshop is taught by two industrious 15-year-olds. Please be aware this workshop does not include forging but everything else that goes into making a knife. You will learn the process of shaping blades, shaping and designing handles and all that goes into knife assembly through to a finished, polished personalised piece. Gain confidence with hand tools and power tools and walk away with a personalised keepsake and crafting memory you can be proud of.

Participants must supply their own ear and eye protection.

The venue has been confirmed and will be at the Rugby Clubrooms in Tapawera.

Date for the course is the **17<sup>th</sup> July** and runs from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm.

For more information or book please contact Sophie Browning [endersbyfam@gmail.com](mailto:endersbyfam@gmail.com)

# For a laugh....

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## Déjà Vu

Two hunters hired a bush pilot to take them far into the Canadian wilderness for a caribou hunt. The two had hunted the same area the year before and been quite successful, with three bulls apiece. Their second trip was equally enjoyable, and when the pilot returned, he found three bulls per man.

As they began loading the plane, the pilot remarked, "I can only fit four of the racks in the plane after you and all your gear. You're going to have to pick two racks to leave behind." "Nonsense!" the two hunters scoffed in unison. One explained: "We had the exact same amount of cargo last year, and that pilot let us take back three bulls each. We're going to take everything with us, all in this load."

The pilot was concerned, but not wanting to be outdone by a competing pilot, he shrugged and began pushing and pulling gear to make room for the excess racks. Soon the gear was loaded, barely, and the plane was making its way up and out of the backcountry.

They hadn't made it far from the primitive runway when the plane began its nosedive. The pilot put the bird down as gently as he could, and though the plane and most of its cargo was destroyed, the three men were able to climb from the wreckage unscathed.

Looking around themselves in a daze, one hunter asked the other hunter if he knew where they were.

"I think so," the one responded. "I think we're close to where we crashed last year."



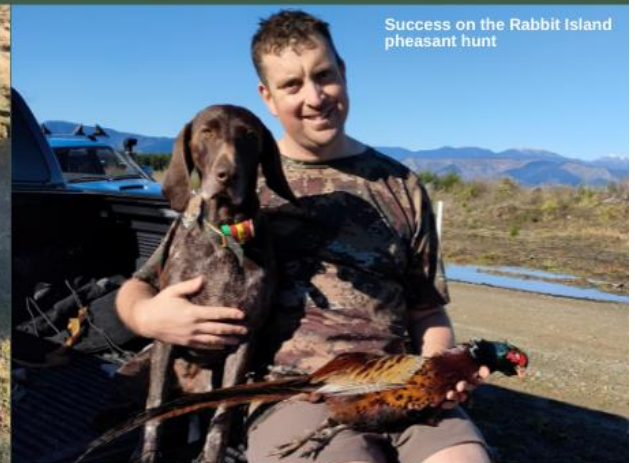
# Fish and Game News

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## NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH & GAME REPORT



- **MAIMAI MATTERS:** Significant staff time has occurred over the past month (including mediation) over an appeal point that Fish & Game sought in the Marlborough Environment Plan in relation to permitted activity status of maimai. Currently only temporary maimai are permitted within the Marlborough Planning region, meaning all permanent maimai theoretically require a resource consent. The manager has successfully sought additional funding from the Fish & Game legal fund to progress this appeal point formally through Court if necessary.
- **ORGANISED HUNTS:** Fish & Game have been active over the game season, facilitating hunting for game licence holders. A number of upland game hunts have been run, along with a swan/pukeko shoot at Bells Island, and our annual pukeko drive at Wakapuaka.
- **GAME BIRD MEAT GOING TO A GOOD CAUSE:** The proceeds from the annual pukeko hunt will also be converted into small goods and provided to 'Meat the Need' charity - thanks to the good work from F&G Councillor and NZDA member, David Haynes. Fish & Game have also been asking hunters to supply game bird carcasses (once dressed out) to the Marlborough Falcon Trust. The Trust was at one point having to buy farmed quail at quite a cost, however with the help of hunters, the Trust won't be worrying about their food stocks for quite some time.
- **SPAWNING SEASON:** Staff have been active over the past month surveying spawning streams for trout and salmon. There was a record count of salmon in the Rainbow Side stream this May.



## Member Benefits – Don't Miss Out

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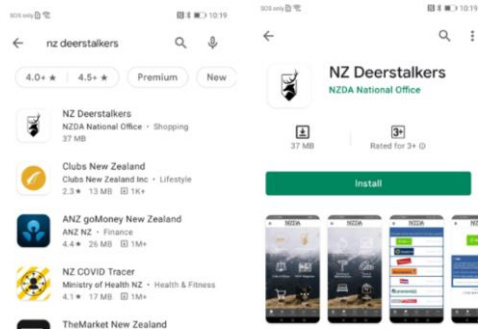
Available Now!



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**.



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- [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
- Hunting with [Huntahr Guiding](#), 10% discount
- 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
- 10% discount of Department of Conservation annual [Backcountry Hut Pass](#) or 'Hut Pass'. [See the DOC website for more details](#)

## And we luv...



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# Club Night – Get Your Trophy Right – Correct Head-skinning Techniques

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You've done the hard yards....don't ruin it at the end!

Our very own taxidermy expert Warren Plum shows how to ensure your trophy headskin will be suitable to make that great wall mount..... plus caring for green skins for tanning!

**Time and Date:** 7.30 pm Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup>

**Venue:** [Target Shooting Nelson's Smallbore Range Saxton Field, Stoke \(TSN Website \)](#)



# Red Deer Lodge

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Information on costs and bookings of the Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti [Red Deer Lodge](#)

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

## 2022 Branch Committee, Information & Contacts

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

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## Other Key Links - click on the blue

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DOC Hunting Portal [Hunting Conservation Land](#)

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Mountain Safety Council [MSC](#)

MSC Videos on everything safety and hunting [Watch Videos](#)

Avalanche Advisory [Avalanche Advisory Site](#)

NZ Police (Firearms Law) [Firearms](#)

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

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