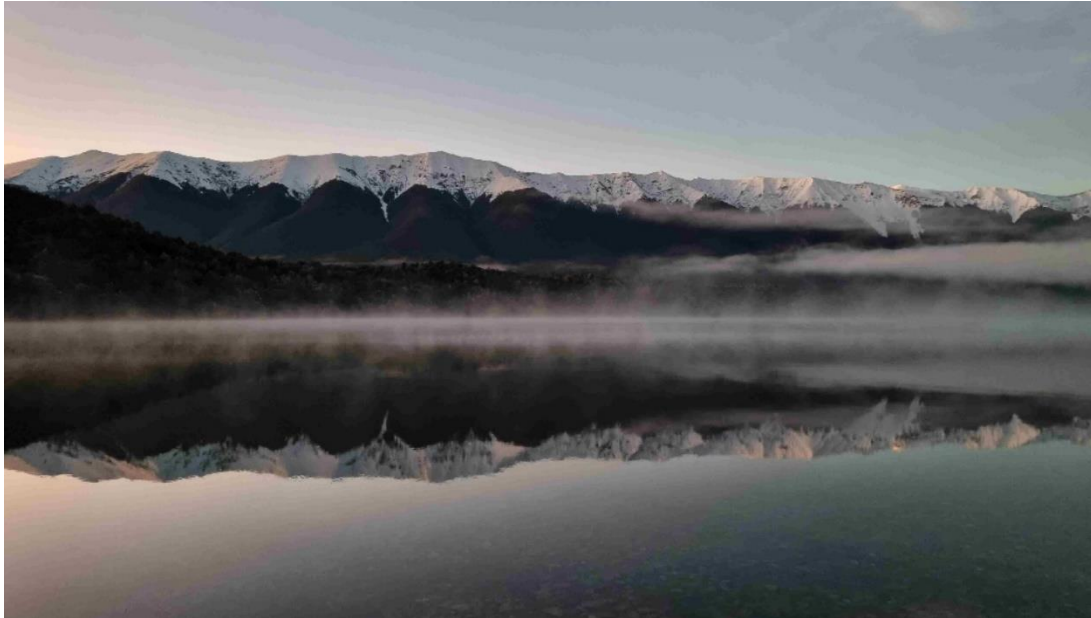


May 2024



**Photographic Competition – Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Get your best pics out and get your entries in! Above is Cory Jones' landscape winner from last year.



**Competition Night Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May** – AHT - measure up your 2024 trophies.

If you have a trophy, please try and get it measured before the night. Email Warren for an appointment: **Warren Plum** [plumstone@xtra.co.nz](mailto:plumstone@xtra.co.nz)

**@ McCashins Brewery Main Road Stoke from 6.30 pm**

## THIS MONTH

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# Editorial

Winter bites a bit at last with what finally looks like some prolonged colder weather rather than just the odd icy blast.

May is our Competition Night **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May!** so please look at the information in this Echo, including the rules, for how to enter and when to come along and see the great entries. This is a social occasion as well as competition and a great chance to mingle and exchange truth and lies. Of course, also look at entering some photos into the National Competition where great prizes are up for grabs [NZDA National Competition Weblink](#)



Great to see a couple of good hunting stories this month and that our hunters are stretching far and wide and advising a few lessons as well. More please! remember you will be in the draw for a hand-crafted knife.

Suddenly, it seems, the National Conference is just over the horizon...its going to be a beauty with an Expo and prizes well above the routine. This annual get-together of the Branches holds our collective wisdom, passion and common purpose together so is really important given how isolated clubs can be through the year.

Take note of Coxy's Corner this month, some direct information about chamois buck areas in the region; never hesitate to email Ian if you want to get some advice.

Our HUNTS team will be starting up on this year's course soon, an integral part of NZDA and often passing un-noticed and unsung, it's a huge commitment by the team (led by Bill) who deliver the course here, but also all the HUNTS crew across NZ. #We usually have between 10-15 participants and wish them well in the course

A bit of trapping news this time with astounding results at our Packers Creek Range, we are attending the local Trapping Hui in May where many like-minded people will be talking about how and where to trap our unwanted predators. Cam Speedy is in attendance and I look forward to seeing him again and talking about the Sika Project that NZDA is supporting. If you want to help in any local trapping work there are groups all around Nelson (and so likely near you) where help is always welcome. Great chance to introduce the kids to the outdoors and the basic hunting skills of trapping and animal behaviors. Good chance for us to wave the flag.

Final learnings from me – I finally managed to shoot a stag this year but late...24<sup>th</sup> April. He was a “wrung out dishcloth” from his previous month of nuptial exertions so not particularly appealing from a gastronomic perspective but I was loathe to only walk away with his horns.....so retrieved all the legs and backsteaks and asked James at Meat Solutions to weave his magic with mincer and heavy hand with added beef fat. The result? 32 kg of lovely mince and we are enjoying it in curries etc. So even the rough ones can go in the freezer if treated right and used in appropriate recipes. We have a winter's worth from one crusty stag!



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

# Range Matters

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

**Murchison Community Range** - [Standing Orders Click Here](#)

## Summer Series Rimfire Competition Final Results

The Summer Series is over for another year with the final event in April. Graeme Smith shows that consistency is everything in taking out this year's competition.

	17-Sep	16-Oct	12-Nov	18-Dec	15-Jan	11-Feb	12-Mar	14-Apr	Total
Graeme Smith	8	6	8	7	7	9	8	3	56
Greg Couper	10		10		11	7			38
Carina Jackson	9		9		10	8			36
Anne Marie Kidson	3	5	6	6	5	4	5	1	35
Graeme Vallance	7	1	7		8		6	4	33
John Ronaldson	2	2	3	2	6	3	7	5	30
Michael Kidson	4	4	1	4	3	6	2	2	26
Terry Farnham	6		2		9		4		21
Chris Turner			4	5	2	5			16
Simon Cotton	4			3	4		1		12
Aiden Brown		3	5	1		1			10
Craig de Winnaar	5								5
Tony Carter					1		3		4
Judith Peacock						2			
2023-24 Summer Outdoor Series - Points awarded									

2023 / 24 Nelson Outdoor Summer Series April 14 2024

		International Target 50m		Total
		T1	T2	
1	John Ronaldson	239.07	245.08	484.15
2	Graeme Vallance	234.09	246.10	480.19
3	Graeme Smith	237.06	243.08	480.14
4	Michael Kidson	237.07	237.10	474.17
5	Anne Marie Kidson	238.08	235.04	473.12

# BENCHREST



## Matariki 2024 Invitation

The 2024 Multi event will be conducted at the Saxton indoor range and Packers Creek outdoor range the weekend of 28, 29, 30 June. This event is open to all who wish to participate from either NZDA or TSNZ.

The proposed events are:

Friday 28 June	(2pm onwards at Saxton)	1 x Single, 1 x Double Card
Saturday 29 June	(Gate at 9am at Packers)	5 x 50m Hunter Class (Score) Targets.
Saturday 29 June	(pm)	5 X 50m Group Targets
Sunday 30 June	(Gate at 9am at Packers)	2 x 50m International 25 Bull Targets.

The Matariki Trophy will be awarded on placings in each event as all events scoring is not compatible.

Entry Fees	Friday only	\$20.00
	All 3 days	\$45.00

Payment on the day or Direct Credit to a/c 020704 0448567 00 Please show name

Please indicate your participation to Graeme Smith [lvhvbr@gmail.com](mailto:lvhvbr@gmail.com) or 03 5447138 for setting up shoot details.

Food	Friday evening	light supper will be provided.
	Saturday	Soup and rolls will be provided for lunch
	Sunday	We will have a Cuppa and a sandwich at the completion of the shoot while placings are determined.

# The Benchrest Club



# Roar 2024 Rookie Mistakes – by *Paul Shuker*

I grew up in the Far North, so hunted mostly small game (rabbits, opossum, goats, ducks and occasionally a pig) until I moved to Nelson 18 years ago where the opportunity to hunt bigger game became possible.

I have been a member of the Nelson NZDA for 17 years, within the first couple of years of joining the NZDA, I completed the “HUNTS” course run by Bill and Lawson. I found the course extremely valuable in teaching me skills to make me safer when I ventured into the Bush and High Country that we are blessed with in the South Island. I had grown up doing a lot of tramping, but never really ventured off the marked trail until I moved to the Nelson Region with my wife and 3 daughters.

I’m extremely lucky to have a wife who enjoys hunting as much as I do; I call her “my seeing eye dog” as she can spot game animals faster than I can. Helen dispatches me to collect her “prey” while she stays high on the ridge line, giving regular updates of their movements. Once the animal is dispatched, she guides me to their last known position, then depending on the day and the exit point, she’ll come down and help me carry out the gear and meat.



Helen with a hind and our 2 GPS dogs

Until late last year, I had only hunted deer, pigs and goats; but in November I had the opportunity to go after some Tahr and Chamois with a friend from work. I was most keen to secure a Chamois as my daughter had beaten me to a Tahr a couple years prior!



12.5 inch bull Tahr taken at 100 yards- it's about 9 years old



One horned Chamois – Unfortunately I broke a horn retrieving it, so taped it on for the photo!

Roar 2024 was going to be a bit of a quiet one as we had booked an overseas trip for mid-March which is generally prime time for the stags in the Nelson Region.

January and February saw us out doing a few scouting trips to see what was about; a few nice velvety stags seen and plenty of hinds and fawns.



On one occasion we left home at 3am, shot two deer (seen 200m from carpark) and carried them out whole, skinned and in my chiller by 11am. Hunting doesn't always go to plan, but it's always a pleasure when things fall in your favour.

Another trip the weekend before my overseas trip saw me out with a couple of mates from work, We were hoping to catch the deer starting to mob up and maybe the odd moan or two, however when got to our location, another hunting party was already there and their plan was to head along the same ridge we had planned to hunt - bugger, but that's Public Land Hunting for you! So, our party split up and hunted the front country.



I managed to get this spiker at 350 yards TBR with my 7mm Rem Mag

The weekend after we arrived home from our overseas trip was Easter weekend. I chose wisely where we would hunt over the roar, as lot of people with “Buck Fever” tend to be out. With it still being so hot and plenty of meat in the freezer, we decided to hunt one of our local spots. We arrived just on daylight and were excited to hear a couple of stags moaning in the gullies. I left Helen to glass a face while I looked into another, I could hear a stag roaring and smashing the odd tree on the face opposite me, but the bush it was held up in was too tight to get a shot off and any attempt to stalk in would have been fruitless.

I headed back up to the ridge that Helen was on and she gave me the signal she had spotted a stag. I set up the rifle and ranged the stag at 452 yards, dialed in the scope, got comfortable & lost sight of stag! Helen found the stag again further down the ridge, I ranged it at 265 yards & dialed the scope in. The stag was doing its rounds, hardly stopping for a rest, roaring and grunting as it walked about. I managed to get it in the scope then it was gone again. I dialed the scope back further from 15 power to 6 power and managed to pick up the movement below its last position. I put the scope power back up, breathed in, half out, held and squeezed trigger. Helen was watching through bino’s and let me know it was a solid hit. Roaring Stag down!



A 7 pointer was taken down at 170 yards TBR. It was lucky I got it as the scope was dialed into 265 yards & it hit just below the spine. It was too steep to carry out whole, so I broke it down and loaded up my pack. The easiest way out for me was to head down the gully and meet Helen at the bottom of the hill.

I broke out of the gully and had a river to cross to meet up with Helen and the vehicle. Having had a successful day in the hills, we said maybe we should go out again the next day for another look. As I crossed the last part of the river, I thought I'd try and keep my boots dry. I rock hopped most of the way across, then took one last step before the river's edge.

I fell down like a sack of potatoes, landing on my wrist! The pack was probably 50 kg full of meat and gear.

My wife drove me home where we unloaded the meat into the chiller and locked away the gear.

The next trip we made was straight to the hospital A&E department!



After my visit to A&E – a broken wrist and out of action for the next 6 weeks minimum.

## **Rookie Mistakes:**

- **NEVER** plan an overseas trip to coincide with the Roar (Extremely poor planning on my part!)
- **CHECK** your shooting distance prior to taking the shot (Really just fluked it!)
- **WET BOOTS** dry quicker than a **BROKEN WRIST!**

## **LESSON LEARNT!**

# Fallow Hunt - by *Carina Jackson*

At the end of April, I was lucky enough to be invited to a Fallow Deer hunt in the North Island. I was quick to say yes as I have never seen a Fallow before, I have heard a lot of stories about how beautiful they are and how yummy they taste so this opportunity was a must do.

My first day at the hunting spot was amazing, we got out on the quads and side by sides and went for a scout. What an amazing bush, very different to South Island bush. Few hours passed without seeing anything so we headed home but always with one eye on the bush line, suddenly I was saying to Greg, Deer, Deer, Deer, there he was my first buck, he was parked up under a punga without a care in the world until I shot him from the other hillside at 168 yards with a lightweight Howa 30 Grendel. We quickly raced down the hill and over to the next gully where he was. On the way the side by side in front got bellied in a swampy grass trap. I left the boys to sort out that mess and off I went to find my deer, cleaned him out and dragged him down to the STILL stuck boys lol. He was a wee 7 pointer, and his hide is amazing and currently in my bathtub tanning.



My beginners luck didn't stop there, on returning from a great day hunting and passing the same spot from the first day. I was keeping an eager eye out as if there was one, surely there would be more- I was right. As we all stopped to look at one of our hunting party on the skyline on the opposite hill singing of our attention I spotted DEER, there was a good buck just on the verge of the bush, quickly I grabbed another hunters rifle as we knew mine was not shooting straight (probably all the bouncing on the quad earlier) he had one bullet left so I couldn't balls this up. He was at 279 yards, boom smoked him with a Custom 260AI.



Very tired after getting this boy from the X marks the spot above, he did roll 1½ way down TBF.

# Coxy's Corner



## Notes for Hunters from the Department of Conservation Motueka District Office

Greetings NZDA members,

I hope all are well and have been successful during the roar...

Here are the results to date of DOC Motueka's wild animal control in Kahurangi National Park this financial year.

### Ground control results.

Tasman Wilderness Area (Roaring Lion and Spey Valley): **159** goats

Cobb Valley: **52** goats, **1** chamois.

Devil Anatoki Ranges, Waingaro Valley: **116** goats **1** deer, **1** pig.

Flora Valley, Mt Arthur Tablelands: **70** goats

Mt Owen, Wangapeka and Fyfe rivers: **37** goats

Two companies delivered this animal control - Backcountry Contracting Ltd and Kahurangi Contracting Ltd.

### Aerial Control Results.

Arthur Range, Mt Owen, Karamea Valley, South Branch Riwaka, Cobb Valley, and Devil - Anatoki Ranges **484** goats.

Mt Owen **10** female and juvenile chamois (**3 bucks sighted**), South Branch Wangapeka Valley **6** female and juvenile chamois, Arthur Range **7** female and juvenile chamois (**3 bucks sighted**), Karamea Headwaters **29** female and juvenile chamois (**9 bucks sighted**).

**Hot spots for chamois:** Mt Owen, Herbert Range, Mt Kendall, Cobb valley, Arthur Range from Mt Arthur south to Mt Patriarch including the upper Skeet Valley.



Domett Range Kahurangi National Park Dec 2023

Contact me by email for more info. [icox@doc.govt.nz](mailto:icox@doc.govt.nz)

Cheers, Coxy!

# What Lives Here? – by *David Haynes*

For the next few months, we'll be publishing photos of new hunting areas explored by Hannibal Haynes and invite you to determine what animals you think he encountered and why you came to that conclusion. Use your knowledge, skills and experience to determine what and why game animals occupy some habitats and perhaps not others.

Here's the second one: Here's another new hunting area explored by Hannibal Haynes and again we invite you to determine what animals you think he encountered and why you came to that conclusion. Use your knowledge, skills and experience to determine what and why game animals occupy some habitats and perhaps not others.

**Location:** Nelson Lakes.

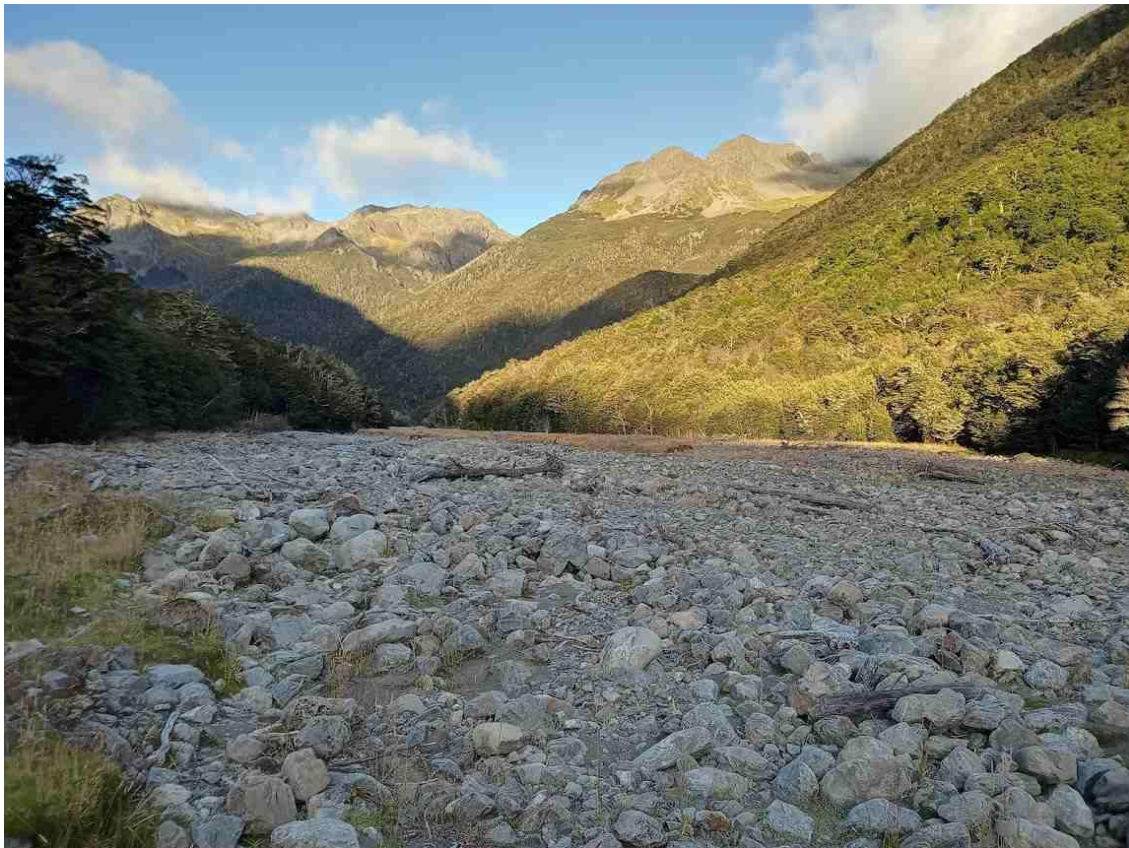
**Orientation:** Valley runs west to east.

**Vegetation & Bush:** grassy clearings, red beech, pepperwood, crown fern

**Water:** main stream valley.

**Hunting pressure:** Low

**Aerial 1080 & WARO:** None



I spent an overnigher exploring upstream along the river flats until gorged out.

Email me at [david@solumconsulting.co.nz](mailto:david@solumconsulting.co.nz) to let me know what game animals you think were spotted and why.

# Next Club Night is – **Competition Night**



Note!

## Requirements:

- Trophies need to be well cleaned and fit to be presented
- Late entries may not be accepted
- **Must be presented on the Competition to win a trophy**
- **All Rules and Forms Here:** [Nelson NZDA Competitions](#)

**When and Where:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm @ McCashins Brewery – Main Rd Stoke





**AHT Trophy Competition Entry Form 2024**

Name, Signature & Date:.....

Membership number and email contact:.....

**Use table below to select category – a separate form is required for each entry**

Code	Trophy	Category	Tick
<b>A</b>	Sports Depot Cup	Best Chamois	
<b>B</b>	Bob Baigent Cup	Best trophy by a junior (under 18 years age)	
<b>C</b>	Bob Baigent Trophy	Horned Game excluding Chamois	
<b>D</b>	Whitcombe Challenge Trophy	Best NZ Deer	
<b>E</b>	People's Store Trophy	Best <u>Nelson</u> Deer	
<b>F</b>	Williams Cup	Best Pig Tusks	
<b>G</b>	Rakiura Cup	Best Whitetail	
<b>H</b>	Shuttleworth Trophy	Best Red Deer	

Note:

- The **Eddy Trophy** will be awarded on Douglas score Conversion from all categories with all entries automatically eligible
- The **Women's Trophy** is the same criteria as above but for female entries
- Entries to have been taken in period since the last event (25<sup>th</sup> July, 2023)
- By signing you are accepting the rules and requirements further below

**Details of trophy:**

Date taken.....

Locality.....

Brief account of stalk and taking of the trophy.....

.....

**For Branch Use:**

Douglas Score: ..... Measured By: .....

Assisted by: .....

**Trophy Competition Rules** are based on the National Rules [National-Competition-Rules-2020.pdf](#) and Ethics

**Rules:**

All Trophies will be taken by fully financial (i.e. paid up) members and in accordance with National rules of Ethics and Fair Chase [NZDA Ethics and Fair Chase Rules](#)

**NATIONAL ANTLER HORN TUSK, COMPETITION RULES**

**GENERAL RULES - applying to all entries**

- 1. (i) Trophies obtained by a non-member or unfinancial member as determined by the Branch Constitution will not be eligible for entry.
- (ii) The competitions are open to all national life and full financial branch life, senior, junior, superannuant, student, endowment members of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Incorporated.
- (iii) Registered eligible family members of the above are also eligible to enter.
- (iv) Entries must have been taken in accordance with the national competition rules.
- 1.2 Members must be fully financial at the time the entry was taken and at the time of the entry into the competition.
- 1.3 All entries must have been taken by the entrant in New Zealand during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May.

2 A (i) Definition of wild game animal: -

Entries for all categories of Antler Horn and Tusk competitions be accepted from all feral self sustaining populations of game animals, whether these be from the acknowledged existing feral ranges of the animals or from new or satellite herds which have developed from natural spread, liberations or escapes.

Escapees and animals taken with ear tags or evidence of previous ear tags or other identification markings are not eligible for entry into the Antler Horn and Tusk competition.

2 A (ii) Definition of Fair Chase: - Fair chase is the ethical, legal and sportsman-like taking of any free-ranging feral animal that has an unimpeded avenue of escape on both private and public lands.

2 A (iii) Eligibility for National Antler, Horn and Tusk Competitions in relation to Fair Chase:

Entries will not be eligible if A TROPHY FEE HAS BEEN PAID.

Entries will also not be eligible for entry if any of the following methods of taking a trophy(s) are used: The animal: -

- Must not have been taken in an enclosed area ie, behind deer wire or any such fence or fixture that impedes the animal's unrestricted chance of escape
- Must not have been restrained ie, in a snare, trap, fence etc
- Must not have been taken with the aid of a spotlight or use of night vision equipment
- Must not have been taken with the help of a rifle mounted thermal imaging or night vision sight
- Must not have been taken from an aircraft, powered vehicle or vessel
- Must not have been coursed by dogs (with the exception of wild pigs).
- Must not have been taken in a manner where animal behaviour has been intentionally influenced by the use of a powered craft

### **Requirements:**

- Trophies need to be well cleaned and fit to be presented
- Late entries may not be accepted
- **Must be presented on the Competition to win a trophy**

# Who Gives a Rats?



This classy “still life” taken by Greg at our Packer’s Creek Range recently as an example of his and Carina’s unrelenting campaign of terror on pest animals there.

Their amazing total kill record since September 2021 with only 11 DOC 150 traps, a few mouse traps and possum kill and cage traps is as follows:

Rats **360**  
Mice 349  
Possum **100**  
Ferrets **7**  
Weasels **31**  
Stoat **4**  
Feral Cat **11**  
Hedgehog **2**

Lost 3 DOC 150s in the flooding & landslides in the 2022 floods. Conservation begins at home - epic work.



The Editor had the pleasure of another walk around Will's Gully, Richmond Hills, with Will himself recently checking traplines there. Will is a long term and honored (NZOM) campaigner in the conservation space [Stuff News Story on Will](#) as well as a long time member of NZDA. Perfect combination and leading by example. The Wills Gully Group and Nelson NZDA will be at the May Trapping Hui run by Predator Free NZ.

# Fish and Game News

## NELSON MARLBOROUGH FISH & GAME REPORT



**OPENING DAY OF THE GAME SEASON:** The opening of the game season recently commenced. The day dawned fine, with some areas clear and other parts of the region foggy. We had two teams undertaking compliance - one in the Rai/Pelorus area and the other in Maruia. Our recent mallard counts showed numbers to be down across most areas, and this certainly mirrored hunter harvest. What was apparent was the low number of hunters in some areas, which made it even more difficult as there were not enough hunters to keep birds moving. The game season is a long one though, and we hope hunters make the most of the full season to maximise its value.

**ANGLERS ASSIST WITH BATON TRAP LINE:** The Nelson Trout Fishing Club are now running a trap line in the Baton Valley. The line was installed by conservation group Farmers 4 Whio, who have a growing network of traps in the Motueka Valley, with the aim to bring back whio to these areas.

**MALLARD COUNTS COMPLETED:** Annual mallard counts were completed in late March at 60 sites across the region. Overall, numbers were down as expected due to dry conditions over Spring/Summer.

**EEL SALVAGE IN MOUTERE:** Recently Fish & Game assisted DOC, iwi, and Tasman Bay Guardians with an eel salvage in the Moutere catchment. The drought conditions over summer saw tributaries of the Moutere dry up, leaving many stranded eels. It was muddy work to find and recover eels, however the team did a great job and many of the taonga species were rescued and relocated.

Lawson Davey checking licences of a couple of compliant hunters.



Releasing eels into a safe environment.

# Lighten Up



# Member Benefits – Know & Get Your Share!



A special insurance package has been developed by NZDA for members\*.

As a NZDA member you and your family can feel safe knowing you are personally covered in a hunting related accident or while undertaking NZDA activities.

Insurance only covers financial members, and is often a requirement when hunting on forestry blocks, so with our insurance cover you can access more hunting opportunities.

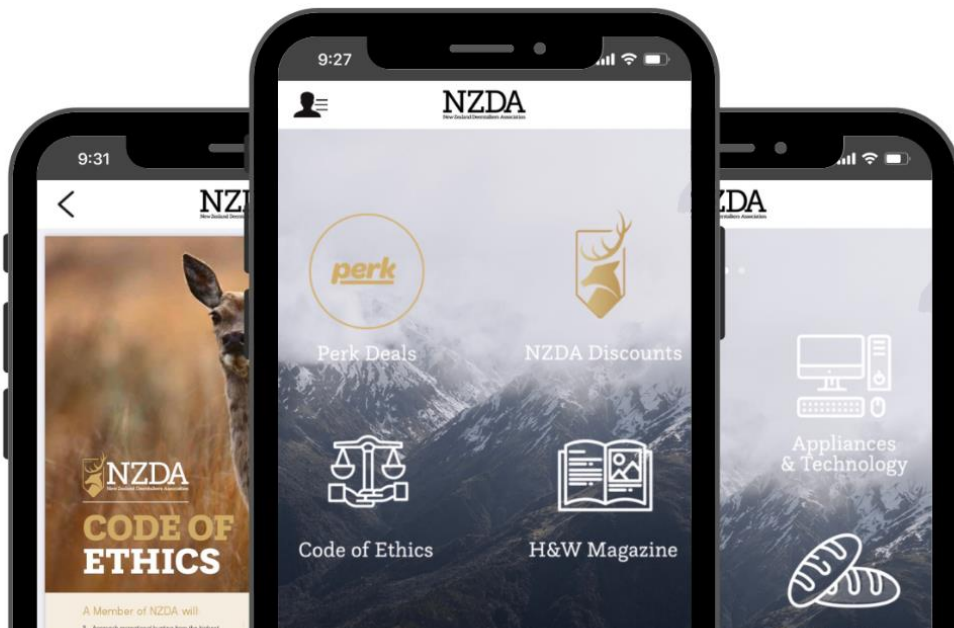
NZDA and all our members are covered by [AIG Insurance New Zealand Limited](#) insurance when hunting and undertaking NZDA activities.

The insurance indemnity cover includes:

- \$10,000,000 for General Liability
- \$10,000,000 for Products Hazard Liability
- \$500,000 for Statutory Liability

\*Excludes Associate Membership

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## NZDA APP Discounts and More



Membership with the NZDA comes with a number of benefits:

- [Membership App](#) with discounts at major retailers.
- Regular [newsletters](#), advice and information directly to your inbox, both at your local Branch level and on nationally significant level. We inform our members about events and changes in the laws affecting hunting and shooting. We will also be the first to tell our members about current lobbying issues.
- Exclusive NZDA discounts:
  - Interisland Ferry group booking discount (contact us for the code)
  - [Go Native](#) outdoor meals and snacks, 25% discount
  - [Ridgeline Clothing](#) - functional, purpose designed hunting gear, 10% discount + exclusive discounts for HUNTS Instructors and graduates
  - [SWAZI Pro Deal](#), sign-up with your valid NZDA membership
  - [AJ Productions](#) - electronic game caller and trail cameras, 10% 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
  - 30% discount of Department of Conservation annual [Backcountry Hut Pass](#) or 'Hut Pass'. [See the DoC website for more details](#)
  - [Bush Life NZ](#), 20% discount on web orders
  - 10% discount at all good sporting, shooting and hunter retailers on request
- Public Liability [Insurance](#) when hunting and undertaking NZDA activities
- Quarterly Member Magazine: [NZ Hunting & Wildlife](#) - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
- Branch club nights and guest speakers
- Conference and events
- [Competitions](#)
- Access to rifle ranges
- Networks of facilities, accommodation and huts
- [HUNTS training program](#) – training courses & certification for HUNTS Instructors
- Head measuring – access to [Douglas score](#) measurers
- [Research grants](#)

SUPPORTERS OF NELSON NZDA HUNTS COURSES AND KAI RESCUE [MORE INFO HERE:](#)

## [MEAT SOLUTIONS](#)

### Red Deer Lodge

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

### 2024 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.](#)

- NZDA National Association [NZDA](#)
- DOC Hunting Portal [Hunting Conservation Land](#)
- Fiordland Wapiti Foundation [Wapiti](#)
- Game Animal Council [GAC](#)
- Walking Access NZ [WAMS Maps](#)
- LINZ Basemaps [MAPS Link](#)

#### Ballots

- [Haast Ballot](#)
- [Wanaka Ballot](#)
- Southland [Waikaia](#) [Leithen Bush](#) [Wainakarua](#) [Catlins](#)
- Fiordland [Wapiti Foundation Ballot](#)
  
- COLFO [COLFO](#)
- Mountain Safety Council [MSC](#)
- MSC Videos on [everything](#) safety and hunting [Watch Videos](#)
- Avalanche Advisory [Avalanche Advisory Site](#)
- NZ Police (Firearms Law) [Firearms](#)
- Police Firearms Safety Videos [FSA Safety Videos](#)

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