

November 2025



Last month of the goat comp
Entries on Sunday 23rd Nov

Where: Fish and Game Offices

When: Sunday 23rd Nov. 11-2 pm

**Spot prizes will be awarded, horns measured and tails counted
at the open day, at the Fish and Game meeting room on
Champion Road.**

**THIS
MONTH**

**Goat
Competition**

EDITORIAL

**What a Load
of Bull**

**Range
Matters -
Summer
Series**

SI Champs

**Our Local
USA Medal
Winner**

Trapped

CLUB NIGHT

End of Year

Social Night

@McCashins

**6.30 pm
Weds 26th**

**MEMBER
BENEFITS**

**IMPORTANT
LINKS**

**All Results:
SI Champs**

Editorial

Hullo Hunters and Shooters,

This month's Echo has a lot of competitive shooting news and highlights some of the amazing shooting expertise we have right here in Nelson (plus a top-level range to shoot on). Anybody who wishes to check out the discipline of marksmanship, and see if it is something they want to start into, are welcome to contact Graeme Smith (contacts below) and see how to get a start. Plenty of pics of our winning shooters plus all results at the end of the Echo.

The Goat Competition draws to a close this month and NZDA will be at the Fish and Game meeting room on Champion Road on Sunday 23rd to measure any trophy horns and account for your tails too. There will be spot prizes as well as all the good things for category winners local and national. This national initiative is in its third year and demonstrating an ability to work constructively with DOC where clear common goals are apparent. Any questions ask our great goat guy **Patrick Savill** patrick@nzdanelson.co.nz

DOC have just released their annual report on managing introduced wild game animals and it's a "must read" for hunters. Link here: [DOC Annual Report on Game Animals 2025](#)

Once we hit December we go into the summer silly season.....silly hinds walking around with their new babies....a time to leave them alone and focus on dopey spikers and yearlings – choose carefully. Also, a time when the number of people in the great outdoors increases a lot so remain aware that you are sharing the public land with other uses and put their safety and your own front of mind. Don't forget to ensure you are up to date with your permit [Hunting Permits](#) and have your hut tickets (huts will be more likely to have other guests too).

Nearly last, but not least, what a load of bull from Greg (and co)! This story began several months ago when our National President, Callum was cooling his heels in Murchison waiting for the Nelson Lakes Mgt Hunt. That never happened, but he did make contact with an acquaintance and this led to him advising me that the property he was on had some semi-feral cattle that needed reducing in numbers. Greg and I contacted the landowner and after a reconnoitre in winter (when it was very wet and difficult to get around) finally a team went up and after one false start all came good last weekend with a hefty bull on the deck for the Community Foodbank. Thanks to the volunteers and landowner for this contribution.

Next month's edition will have a report on the Marlborough NZDA organised, Molesworth eastern blocks Goat Cull.....stay tuned!

This month's Hunting and Fishing VIP Specials will be advised by email and on our Facebook page soon.

Happy and Safe Hunting – **Richard Wells**



What a Load of Bull



Ryan, Carina and Ronny



A big task for shooter and gutters! However, all the carcass except skin and offal was retrieved off the hill, 110 metres to the ute...Greg says,"my legs still hurt!". Prior warning to James at Meat Solutions meant he had the capacity to process it in quick time!



A mountain of mince.....216 kgs to be exact.....and a great boost to the chiller at Community Foodbank. Neville (centre of pic) advises they have never had so much demand (no surprises there) so this load was well received. I was just pleased to get in the pic after having done none of the work!

Special thanks to the landowners for thinking outside the square and Greg, Carina, Ronny and Ryan for the shooting and heavy lifting.

meat Solutions From the **Farm** to the **Freezer**

Range Matters – Summer Series, SI Championship and USA Gold!

Results of the second Summer Series Rimfire Benchrest shoot.

		5 x Hunterclass 50m 19-Oct-25 Targets					
		T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	Total
1	Greg Couper	47.00	49.01	48.00	50.02	49.00	243.03
2	G Smith	47.01	49.01	49.02	49.02	47.00	241.06
3	C Jackson	47.01	48.01	47.00	50.01	49.00	241.03
4	S Cotton	46.01	47.01	49.01	48.00	49.02	239.05
5	Graeme Vallance	48.00	49.02	47.00	47.00	48.00	239.02
6	Michael Kidson	46.00	47.01	46.00	49.00	49.00	237.01
7	John Ronaldson	45.00	47.03	47.01	47.00	44.00	230.04
8	David Hill	46.00	44.00	46.00	45.00	47.02	228.02
9	Ian Harper	44.00	47.01	45.01	43.01	48.01	227.04
10	Anne Marie Kidson	36.00	45.00	47.01	49.01	44.00	221.02
11	David Quick	43.00	33.00	44.00	47.01	39.00	206.01

Series Points

Warren Smith	7		7
Graeme Smith	6	10	16
John Ronaldson	5	5	10
Ian Harper	4	3	7
Michael Kidson	3	6	9
Anne Marie Kidson	2	2	4
Chris Turner	1		1
Greg Couper		11	11
Carina Jackson		9	9
David Quick		1	1
David Hill		4	4
Graeme Vallance		7	7
Simon Cotton		8	8

Winners of the South Island Championship Benchrest shoot – Labour Weekend. Results at end of The Echo



Graeme Smith happy in his work



Winners



Left: Winners Light Varmint Class: L-R Baden Prentice – Second, Ian Owen - First, Greg Couper – Third

Right: Winners Heavy Varmint Class: L-R Greg Couper – Second, Carina Jackson – First, Grant Hammond - Third



Winners Two Gun Competition: L-R Carina Jackson - Second, Greg Couper - First, Ian Owen – Third



Greg's national record, 5 shot 200 yard group during the competition – awesome! Graeme congratulates Greg after formal confirmation of the record!



Carina won the Graeme Smith 3 Gun Trophy at the Nationals on Labour Weekend

NZDA Benchrest Team Represents New Zealand in America, Bringing Home a Medal! Part 2 - Pictures and captions by Steve Williams



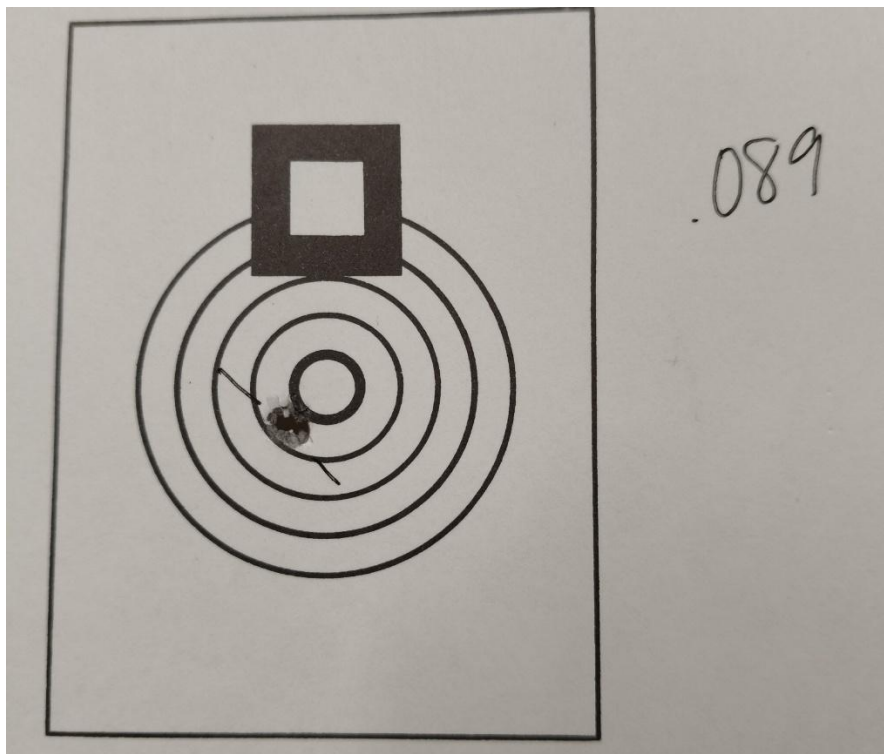
The range had 5 separate ranges and the range we shot at had 60 benches so awesome.



The NZ NZDA team in the St Louis bench rest club rooms. Amazing facility ... L-R Dougal Cameron , Eliot Cameron, Ian Owen and Steve Williams.



At the bench just after I shot the small group, pretty happy after pulling off that group amongst that level of competitors, and the medal!



This is the group that won me the medal for the smallest group Heavy Varmint 100 yards

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 hiviz & 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

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!



Great results from Greg and Carina's trapping campaign at our **Packers Creek Range**, that's got to be making a difference!

Catch for October, 2025 and total since September 2021 (**in brackets**)

1 Weasel (**41**)

5 Rats (**468**)

14 Mice (**566**)

14 Possums (**236**)

1 Cat (**13**)

Club Night – Last Time – Intro to Garmin Technology at Hunting & Fishing



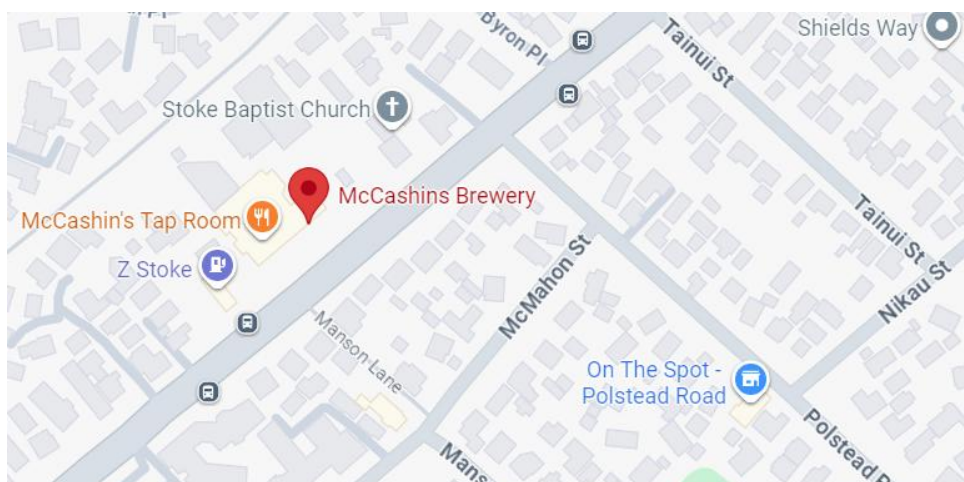
A good night out and thanks H&F for venue and evening

Club Night – Next Time: End of Year Social

Catch up with your hunting mates and have pizza or fries (or both!) at McCashins



Where & When: McCashins Weds 6.30 pm 26th November

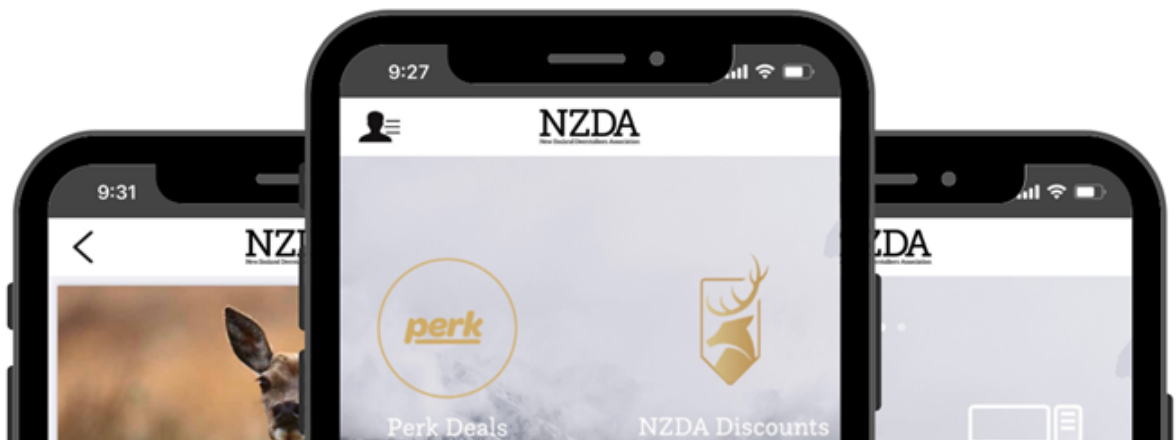


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New App Update

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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
- **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](#)

SI Centrefire Championship Benchrest Results

Date : 25/10/2025						Title: 2025 SI Championship				
Range: Nelson			S.I.			Class: Light Benchrest - I				
Name			W	A	B	C	D	E	Agg	C
Ian Owen	S.I. 100			.306	.388	.305	.294	.271	.3128	3
	2004 200			.356	.488	.951	.675	.860	.3330	5
Baden Prentice	N.I. 100			.249	.296	.432	.213	.289	.2958	1
	1018 200			.477	.801	1.184	.688	.365	.3515	7
Greg Couper	S.I. 100			.399	.424	.398	.302	.248	.3542	7
	1001 200			.429	.584	.693	.381	.928	.3015	2
Tony Titheridge	S.I. 100			.210	.230	.491	.346	.357	.3268	4
	2012 200			.851	.666	.451	.455	.930	.3353	6
Graeme Smith	S.I. 100			.309	.348	.480	.284	.363	.3568	9
	2013 200			.673	.721	.721	.437	.577	.3129	3
Steve Bell	N.I. 100			.368	.208	.321	.217	.389	.3006	2
	1020 200			.602	.768	.749	.663	.989	.3771	9
Grant Hammond	N.I. 100			.347	.295	.331	.303	.467	.3486	6
	1019 200			.792	.758	.653	.506	.616	.3325	4
Carina Jackson	S.I. 100			.379	.321	.303	.287	.487	.3554	8
	2103 200			.608	.573	.630	.532	1.277	.3620	8
	N.I. 100			.399	.381	.630	.394	.485	.4578	11
	1014 200			.508	.498	.573	.393	.732	.2704	1
Steve Williams	S.I. 100			.363	.264	.256	.402	.425	.3420	5
	2014 200			1.127	.732	.724	.757	.675	.4015	10
Helen Owen	S.I. 100			.414	.302	.282	.577	.268	.3686	10
	2005 200			.806	.606	.921	1.060	.930	.4323	11
Michael Kidson	S.I. 100			.488	.521	1.207	.621	.345	.6364	12
	2106 200			.687	.647	1.008	1.215	1.167	.4724	12
Best Scores 100					Best Scores 200					
A	T Titheridge			.210		A	I Owen		.356	
B	S Bell			.208		B	I Owen		.488	
C	S Williams			.256		C	T Titheridge		.451	
D	B Prentice			.213		D	G Couper		.381	
E	G Couper			.248		E	B Prentice		.365	
SG	S Bell			.208	(Rec .065)	SG	I Owen		.356	(Rec
Agg	B Prentice			.2958	(Rec .1812)	Agg	S Gavin		.2704	(Rec
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Light Varmint

Date : 25/10/2026

Range: Nelson

S.I.

Title: 2025 SI Championshi
Class: Heavy Benchrest - I

Name		W	A	B	C	D	E	Agg	GAgg	PN
Carina Jackson	S.I. 100 2103 200		.169 .939	.103 .275	.308 .595	.236 .419	.196 .743	.2024 1 .2971 3		.2498 1
Greg Couper	S.I. 100 1001 200		.275 .818	.331 .184	.258 .476	.287 .541	.121 .622	.2544 3 .2641 1		.2592 2
Grant Hammond	N.I. 100 1019 200		.301 .651	.443 .740	.197 1.013	.270 .604	.204 .486	.2830 7 .3494 4		.3162 3
Ian Owen	S.I. 100 2004 200		.282 .700	.321 1.170	.243 .922	.214 .320	.358 .494	.2836 8 .3606 5		.3221 4
	N.I. 100 1014 200		.282 .654	.387 .846	.236 1.072	.312 .451	.156 .673	.2746 6 .3696 6		.3221 5
Steve Bell	N.I. 100 1020 200		.143 1.126	.250 .610	.288 .461	.262 .888	.341 .880	.2568 4 .3965 8		.3266 6
Tony Titheridge	S.I. 100 2012 200		.303 .506	.169 1.443	.143 .704	.246 .883	.397 .888	.2516 2 .4424 10		.3470 7
Graeme Smith	S.I. 100 2013 200		.248 .793	.315 .991	.200 1.293	.285 .815	.289 .808	.2674 5 .4700 11		.3687 8
Baden Prentice	N.I. 100 1018 200		.280 .680	.180 .735	.289 .417	1.197 .441	.348 .657	.4588 12 .2930 2		.3759 9
Steve Williams	S.I. 100 2014 200		.271 .784	.378 .873	.514 .577	.610 .733	.379 .743	.4304 11 .3710 7		.4007 10
Helen Owen	S.I. 100 2005 200		.297 1.191	.617 .512	.224 1.170	.420 .835	.447 .515	.4010 9 .4223 9		.4117 11
Michael Kidson	S.I. 100 2106 200		.415 1.127	.577 1.449	.340 .995	.282 .706	.450 .530	.4128 10 .4807 12		.4467 12
Best Scores 100					Best Scores 200					
A	S Bell		.143		A	T Titheridge		.506		
B	C Jackson		.103		B	G Couper		.184		
C	T Titheridge		.143		C	B Prentice		.417		
D	I Owen		.214		D	I Owen		.320		
E	G Couper		.121		E	G Hammond		.486		
SG	C Jackson		.103 (Rec .068)		SG	G Couper		.184 (Rec .203)		
Agg	C Jackson		.2024 (Rec .1622)		Agg	G Couper		.2641 (Rec .1819)		

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Heavy Varmint

MULTI GUN RESULTS (Group) - NZDA South Island Champs

		25/10/25	25/10/26	2 Gun
		LBI	HBI	
1	Greg Couper	0.3278	0.2592	0.2935
2	Carina Jackson	0.3587	0.2497	0.3042
3	Ian Owen	0.3229	0.3221	0.3225
4	Grant Hammond	0.3406	0.3162	0.3284
5	Steve Bell	0.3388	0.3266	0.3327
6	Tony Titheridge	0.3311	0.3470	0.3390
		0.3641	0.3221	0.3431
8	Baden Prentice	0.3236	0.3759	0.3498
9	Graeme Smith	0.3348	0.3687	0.3518
10	Steve Williams	0.3718	0.4007	0.3862
11	Helen Owen	0.4004	0.4117	0.4061
12	Michael Kidson	0.5544	0.4467	0.5006

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Two Gun