

November 2024



It's A & P Show Time - Sat 23rd November!

Please Call in to our Stand this Year!

Be a part of something good!

We need a couple of members to do a stint at the stand so that it's not an all dayer for just a few supporters. We might be able to wangle a free pass for those helping!

It's a great way to fly the flag for NZDA and meet some interesting people. Contact: richardw@nzdanelson.co.nz



THIS MONTH

Show Time - Please support!

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Goat Competition

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Kea Off to a Great Start

CLUB NIGHT

**End of Year Social @ McCashins
Thursday 28th Nov**

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Editorial

Good news! Greg has advised that after a lot of work the Murchison Community Range has received its Police Certificate after inspections and the new Standing Orders will soon be posted at the Murchison Range and are now on our website (see links below). **If you use this Range please refresh yourself with the latest SOs.**

We are spending more time in very useful conversations with local tramping club leaders and Outdoor Access Commission Herenga a Nuku with regard local access issues especially into Mount Richmond Forest Park. These matters are reflected in other areas across New Zealand so are important at a national scale too. Ensuring that existing public access rights are not eroded is important work; the NZDA National Access Committee submitted on the principles at stake in terms of proposed removal of some PAEs in the Hira Forest area. If you have a problem where legal access to public land is problematic, then get in touch. Have some facts at the ready.....not just a grizzle please!



There is plenty of information on the National Goat Competition below so stay alert, shoot more goats and keep your tails ready! It's a great result nationally already, and many clubs like us are waiting till the end to tally up, so there should be a good rush at the end!

Shout out to David Haynes who has done the letter writing and received for his work confirmation of a grant to continue our community foodbank donations. The money covers the professional processing of the carcasses. There will be more information on the conditions of donating soon, but great work David!

And talking of great work.....the Dept of Conservation has released the names of all those newly accepted to regional Conservation Boards and firstly well done Bill O'Leary for being appointed to Nelson Marlborough region! But wait there's more!!:

Tim Taylor – Board and BOP member – Bay of Plenty

Mark Elliotte – Board and Upper Clutha President – Otago

Sharon Salmons - Secretary Southern Lakes branch – Southland (to be appointed 2026)

Great to see our interests in hunting, outdoor recreation and conservation able to be included in these important forums across New Zealand.

Finally, I managed to get my last meat deer for the year into fridge the other day and was pleased to do so, especially because I was able to get all the peripherals – heart liver kidneys plus all the bones for soups and stews; there was not much left for the hawks! Love to fill a fridge with one animal.

See you at our year end social! **Please note it's a Thursday and get in your diary!!**

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

DOC - NZDA National Goat Hunt – Results to Date



2023 vs 2024

Entries

- 2024 = 438
- 2023 = 367

Tails

- 2024 = 5574
- 203 = 3445



Photo: NZDA

Entry Update

As of 24 October:

- 438 entries
- 5,574 tails
- Hunting & Fishing stores most popular entry location

Top Three Regions:

- Whanganui: 851 tails
- North Taranaki: 444 tails
- North Otago: 312 tails



Digital Campaign Overview

- Our adverts have reached 1,481,570 people
- Over 59,000 people have clicked on them
- Auckland, Canterbury, and Waikato are the top regions for advert engagement
- The highest clicks to our website come from men aged 45-54, followed by those aged 35-44. 85% of the clicks are from men.



Photo: The Red Stag Timber Hunters Club

DOC Organic

2 organic FB posts since last meeting:

- Goat impact: 221 likes, 107 comments, 31 shares
- Goat location: 25 likes, 2 comments, 6 shares

Some recent negative email feedback:

- Not promoting the Animal Welfare Act enough on socials, and messaging encouraging inhumane hunting

Plan:

- Incorporate ethical/humane key messaging into social posts
- Double check “pest” references
- Meet with NZ Animal Law Association



Sika Show

- Entry stall in Foyer & general promo at DOC stall
- Category spot prizes from Huntech and Firearms Safety Authority, and merch giveaways from InfiRay.
- QR code competition at DOC stall: “Guess how many wild goats were removed last year and be in to win a \$250 voucher from Huntech”
- Lunchtime cooking demo from Cazador
- NZ Hunter video launch of last year's winners



Photo: Prime National Wild Goat Hunting Competition position at the 2023 Sika Show entry door.

Open Days to get your Tails & Heads Recorded

Murchison

When: **Saturday 23rd November 11am - 1pm**

Where: Old DOC Field Base 116/120 Fairfax Street Murchison (before the Fire Station)

Who: DOC Nelson Lakes staff (Melissa & John)

What: Tail entries only

Motueka

When: **Saturday 23rd November 11am - 1pm**

Where: DOC Office 406 High Street Motueka

Who: DOC Motueka staff (Chris & Ian)

What: Tail entries only

Richmond

When: **Sunday 24th November 10am - 2pm**

Where: Fish and Game Rooms 74 Champion Road Richmond

Who: NZDA Richard, Warren & Eric

What: Tails **and Heads**

If you are in the regions and need a head measured or will not be able to make these open days for tails contact Richard by email richardw@nzdanelson.co.nz and we will try and arrange something

[Link to DOC NZDA Goat Competition](#)

Please keep your goat tails in freezer for Open Days in November!



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](#)

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

Blast from the Past

Deer stalkers meet



The annual meeting of the Nelson branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association was very well attended. Pix taken at meeting included:-

Above: Mr Newton McConochie, patron of the New Zealand body and New Zealand and Nelson life member.

Top left: Pre-meeting chat for Ross Sice, Des Illsley and Allan Strand.

Left: Talking about the ones that didn't get away were Ken Curtis, Bill Nicholls and Moss Ching.

Centre left: Top officers: Roger Sowman (treasurer), Clarrie Andrews (secretary) and Max Curtis (president).

Picked up this clipping from local history Facebook page. Some tall timber from the past here (Photo News dated 29th June 1968)

Kea In Nelson Lakes

Kea chicks a great start to breeding season in Nelson Lakes



Three kea chicks have hatched in the Nelson Lakes National Park area. DOC / SUPPLIED

The hatching of three kea chicks near St Arnaud and a lack of predators are positive signs for this year's kea breeding season in the top of the south, the Department of Conservation (DOC) says.

Melissa Griffin, senior biodiversity ranger for Nelson Lakes, said their monitoring showed no signs of rats, stoats or feral cats in the area, after an aerial 1080 operation conducted by OSPRI for bovine tuberculosis (TB) possum control in May.

"We know from experience, when predators visit nests, the adults will abandon their eggs or chicks, which then get eaten. Often there's no second attempt made to raise chicks for the season," Griffin said.

"The feral cats recorded on our cameras have dropped from 36 before the 1080 operation to nil after, with rats and stoats similarly down to nothing."

Griffin said the results so far were positive, but it wouldn't be until the end of summer that they'd know just how successful the kea breeding season had been, as only long-term monitoring could show if kea numbers were "trending back upwards".



Kea spotted on St Arnaud Range in September 2023 VIDEO CREDIT: MARK WILSON/DOC

Large peaks in stoat and feral cat numbers occurred after beech seed fall or masts in forests, and Griffin said predators such as stoats and feral cats killed adult kea, as the parrots spend a lot of time foraging on the ground.

The [kea population](#) in the area surrounding the national park had diminished since the late 1990s, and Griffin said they needed to protect adult kea and their nests for the population to grow.

Since 2021, extra funding from the Kea Conservation Trust, World Parrot Trust, New Zealand Parrot Trust, and Nelson Ski Club had gone towards purchasing more traps and monitoring equipment around nests.



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But as there were still relatively low numbers of kea being recorded and predators being detected in the wider area year-round, Griffin said it was important for people to do their bit.



Female kea Scuffle, right, with her three chicks during the 2022 breeding season at Nelson Lakes National Park. DOC / SUPPLIED

“Kea have been seen on the Rainbow Ski Area this winter for the first time in years, and everyone there has been doing the right thing – basically ignoring the birds, and not leaving food around that would encourage them to scrounge,” Griffin said.

“If we can get our community on board with that and continue using all the tools we have available, including regular, well-timed and landscape-wide predator control, there’s every reason to believe kea numbers will go from strength to strength in Nelson Lakes National Park and surrounds in the future.”

Matthew Hampson **September 27, 2024** *Marlborough Express*

Last Club Night and Next



Where were you when the elephant charged??!

Willie MacDonald did a great session to a small audience; those of us that missed it, me included, missed a pretty special evening and I for one really hope Willie will come back and give us a second chance because I want to see the mauling leopard and charging elephant videos!



End of Year - Member's Social Night

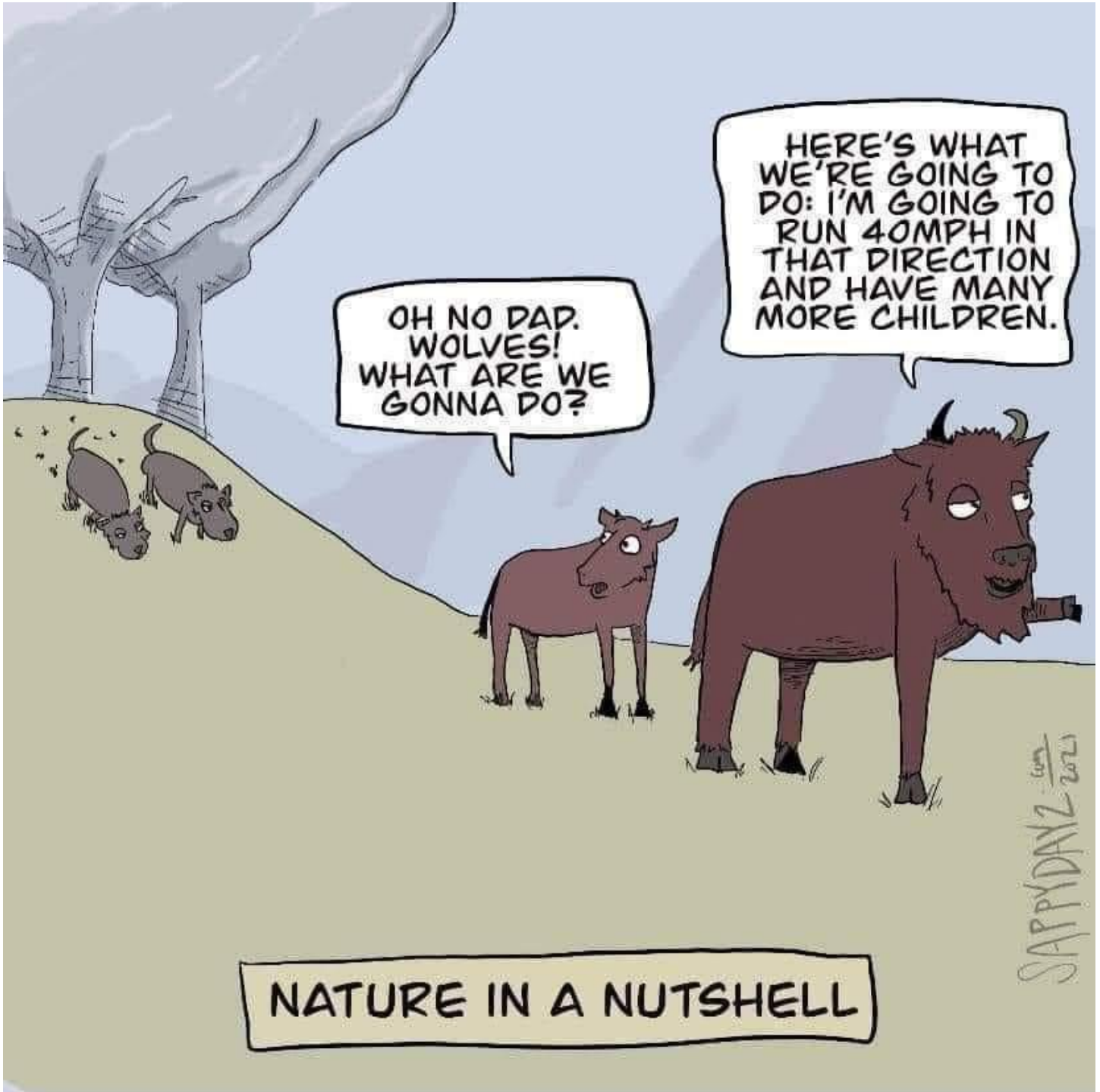


Where and When: McCashins Alehouse, Stoke: 7 - 9 pm
Thursday 28th November.

Pizza and Chips provided – bring the family!



Lighten Up



Trapped!



When there's a mouse in the house, there's a meal in the house! But it may be your last supper!

Conservationist and trapper Cam Speedy talked about how weasels particularly target mice and so having them in your trap box will help draw weasels. And so it does!.....as per Greg's pic from one of our Range traps.

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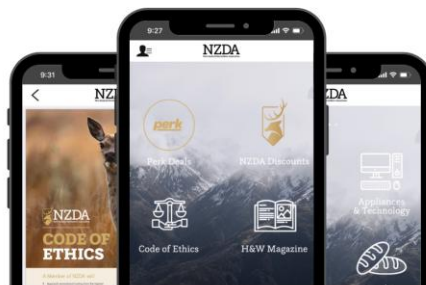
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Important links

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.**

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.**

Advocacy and Access

- NZDA National Association [NZDA](#)
- DOC Hunting Portal [Hunting Conservation Land](#)
- Fiordland Wapiti Foundation [Wapiti](#)
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- 141 Forest Access Information [141 Access and Permit Info](#)

Ballots

- [Haast Ballot](#)
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