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Another peak with no name in our wonderful back country – looking up Greenstone Valley from the NZDA hut

Next Club Night



Past big game hunting guide Wille MacDonald presents.

Club Night - Wednesday 7 pm 30th October

Editorial

The National Goat Competition is well underway and DOC have reported 1355 tails and 6 heads entered as at the end of August. This is pretty good as many clubs are waiting till later in the competition before holding their open days. We at Nelson are waiting till the very end as that's when most people came to get their tails tallied up and heads measured last year. Check the information below and make sure that if you have a head it needs to come to Nelson Open Day to be measured. Keep your tails and heads in freezer (or boil heads). Any questions or difficulties you can email me richardw@nzdanelson.co.nz



The annual schedule of shooting events at our Packers Creek Range and other ranges around the country is set out below. Have a good look so that you know when the range is unavailable for sighting in and also be sure to touch base with Graeme if you would like an introduction to these events and help to get started in competitive shooting!

Recently on our Facebook page there was a query about inductions for access to the Blue Mountains in Otago during weekdays. If enough members wish to be inducted, I can run another course locally so that you are then registered with the Otago Branch. More information below and if interested you will have to email me.

Talking of Facebook, members are increasingly asking about getting things posted on our page. The way it was set up way back in the day prevents members posting but we are keen to have a members only chat group for you all to have chance to communicate on all things hunting (as Southern Lakes have done so successfully) However, we need help setting it up by someone really Facebook and WhatsApp savvy. Please, if you can help this would be really useful – talk to me!



And speaking of communications, we send out quite a lot of emails with information and opportunities etc., as does the National Office. It is important to read these thoroughly. We do our best to explain everything and if we haven't then touch base but increasingly we are getting calls about things already well laid out in our comms...so please read carefully first then contact if still uncertain. Emails are best.

See you are Club Night!

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

DOC - NZDA National Goat Hunt – Heads or Tails?



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!



The DOC NZDA National Goat Competition is on again, with even more great prizes from a range of supporters and sponsors. Read all about it in the weblink below. More to come!

Website: [2024 Wild Goat Hunt Competition](#)

Date: 1st August – 26th November. Entries close at midnight on 26 November 2024.

Location: Nationwide – on both public and private land.

Entry locations: NZDA branches, DOC offices, and Hunting & Fishing NZ Ltd. stores.

Competition categories: Large national prizes, spot prizes, and NZDA branch prizes.

Category	Criteria
Got Your Goat	Enter just one wild goat tail or head and go in the draw to win prizes.
Great Goat Round Up	The more wild goat tails entered the more chances to win.
NZDA's G.O.A.T (Greatest of all Time)	Wild goat head with the largest Douglas Score.
Junior Goat Round Up	18 years or under more wild goat tails entered, the more chances to win
Junior G.O.A.T.	18 years or under wild goat head with largest Douglas Score
Monthly Spot Prizes	Enter just one wild goat tail or head and be in to win

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](#)

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 lvhvbr@gmail.com

Summer Series Benchrest Outdoor Rimfire Event Results – 15th Sept

Carina Jackson	246.07	237.09	483.16
Greg Couper	240.10	241.09	481.19
Graeme Smith	238.05	239.05	477.10
Anne Marie Kidson	237.07	233.05	470.12
Michael Kidson	233.04	217.03	450.07
Jan Newton	218.03	225.00	443.03
John Ronaldson	220.03	216.01	436.04
Simon Cotton	211.01	211.04	422.05

Points

Carina Jackson	8
Greg Couper	7
Graeme Smith	6
AM Kidson	5
Michael Kidson	4
Jan Newton	3
John Ronaldson	2
Simon Cotton	1

Next shoot 13 October Nelson 5x Hunter Target 50m



Benchrest – Summer Outdoor Program 2024-2025

Sunday 15 September 2024	1pm	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Nelson
Sunday 13 October 2024	1pm	(RF)	5 x 50m Hunter Targets	Nelson
26-28 October 2024	NZDA	(CF)	South Island Benchrest Championship	Nelson
Sunday 10 November 2024	11 am	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Murchison
Saturday / Sunday 8 – 9 December 2024	(RF)	Canterbury Champs	McLeans Island	
Sunday 15 December 2024	1pm	(RF)	5 x 50m Group Targets	Nelson
Sunday 14 January 2024	1pm	(RF)	5 x 100yd Hunter Class Targets	Nelson
25-27 January 2025	NZDA (CF)	North Island Benchrest Championship	Tokoroa	
Sunday 9 February 2025	11 am	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Murchison
16 – 22 February 2025		(RF)	TSNZ Nationals	Tokoroa
Sunday 9 March 2025	1pm	(RF)	5 x 100 yd Group Targets	Nelson
15-16 March 2025	(RF)	South Island Outdoor Champs	McLeans Island	
Sunday 13 April 2025	1pm	(RF)	2 x 50m Targets	Nelson
18 April – 21 April 2025	NZDA (CF + RF)	Nationals	(Monday Rimfire Champs)	Nelson
11 May 2025	1pm	(RF)	Novelty Shoot / Windup	Nelson
31 May -2 June 2025	NZDA	(CF)	Zuppa Shoot	Nelson
20-22 June 2025	(RF)	Matariki Challenge weekend		Nelson
CF = Centrefire	RF = Rimfire			

Mid - Greenstone Hut and Traps R&M - *by R Wells*



In the last week of September, I joined a crew of Southern Lakes and other branch members to help do repairs and maintenance on the mid Greenstone hut (ex DOC hut but now in the care of SLNZDA). Also, we were to check and refresh the AI Auto traps and standard DOC 200 traps in their comprehensive trapline system in the area including up Steele Creek. Takahe have been released in the Valley and trapping is a key part of supporting their success. Southern Lakes are very organised on this front and testing the latest trap technology from NZ Auto Traps [Weblink NZ A Traps](#)

People and gear rotated through the two-week period rain or shine (mostly rain and wind) bringing their skills and enthusiasm. It was a great way to see NZDA conservation and care for the back country, its biological and physical assets (birds and huts) as well as meet people from other branches.

We replaced decking, guttering, woodshed covers, solar panels, and shelving. Firewood was cut and gathered, new paint applied and waterproofing undertaken. The trap tech team revitalized auto traps that had been in the field for a year unattended (these are satellite linked to home base and automatically reset and rebait themselves as well as recording kills!).

Great work SLNZDA and special thanks to Sharon and Dave for your support to get me involved.



No more wet wood! Sam and Paul repaired the woodshed.



New guttering for the weather side of NZDA Mid-Greenstone Hut

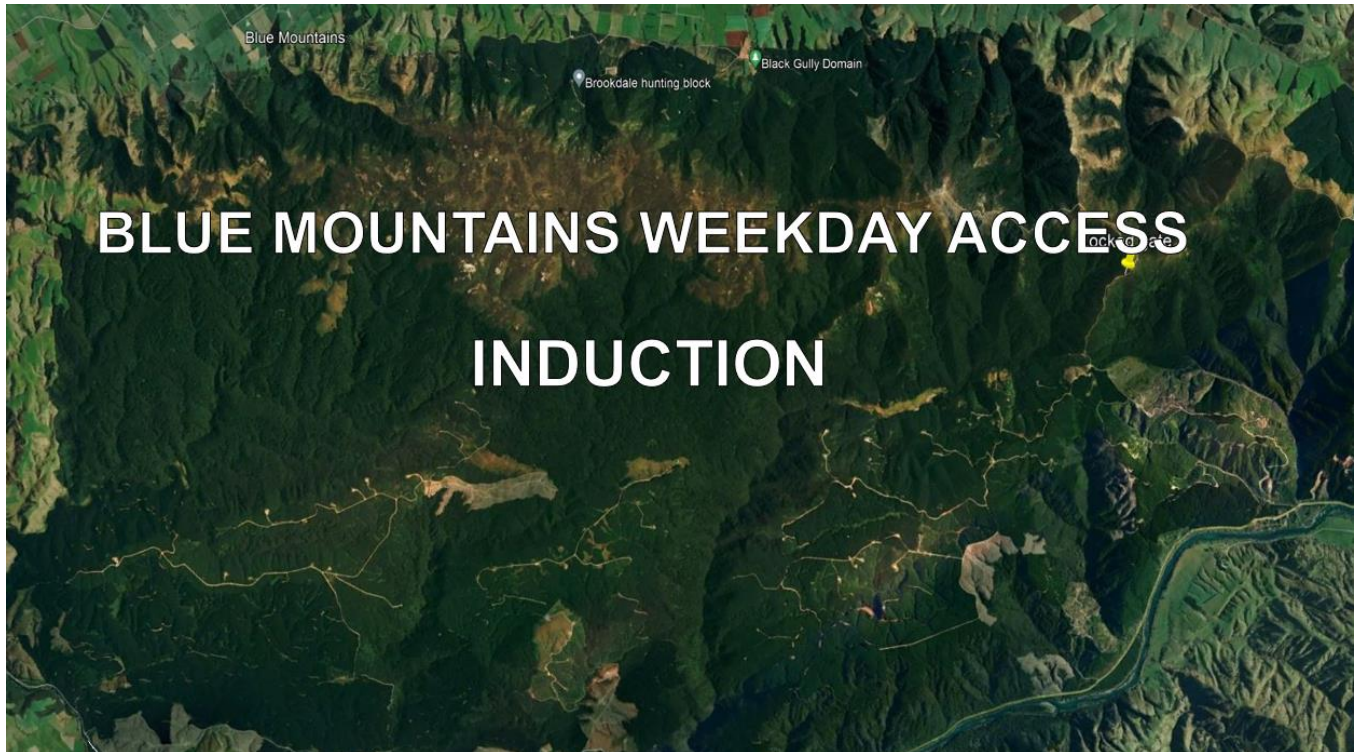


All work and no play....working bee participants were permitted to allow some hunting – I didn't get anything but a buck gave me a chance..... which I fumbled.



The first of the refurbished AI traps is reinstalled (yet to get its lid). Lauren shows off the phone app which connects to the trap, along with Hamish and Jono (the trap tech guy).

Blue Mountains RHA Weekday Access Induction



HOW DO I HUNT DURING THE WEEK.

The Otago branch of NZDA has worked closely with both the Department of Conservation (Doc) and Ernslaw One to find a feasible solution to regain access for hunting during weekdays.

There are two parts to this:

1. Obtain a hunting permit from Doc.
2. Obtain the gate code for access from NZDA coordinator.

Whilst obtaining a hunting permit has not changed, access is very different.

Otago Branch has extended to all branches the option to induct their members to be able to access the Blue Mountains during weekdays.

Richard Wells has agreed to run these for Nelson Branch members with approval from Mark Hastie (Otago President) and Greg Couper (our President). Richard has hunted the area to a limited degree and knows the area including accommodation options and etc. He has already been inducted as an affiliate member of Otago.

The presentation is about 30 slides and then those who have been inducted will be required to fill out their details and sign an acknowledgement form which is to be returned to Otago Branch who maintain the direct oversight of issuing gate codes for weekday access.

There will also be the opportunity to ask questions about the area.

When & where: Fish and Game rooms Champion Road Richmond – weekday evening 7 - 8.30 pm

Date to be advised

Please contact Richard by email of interest to attend richardw@nzdanelson.co.nz



Last Club Night and Next



Greg Monahan of Whistling Frog Media ([WFM Website](#)) gives the lowdown on better photography



OUT OF AFRICA

Willie MacDonald is now a local hop farmer based in Waimea. In a previous life Willie guided the rich and famous as they hunted big game in Africa.

Enjoy an evening of rollicking yarns and adventure stories from southern Africa.

Listen to Willie as he recounts his adventures and experiences as a hunting guide to the rich and famous.

Learn some of the context to guided hunts and the funding that it channels into conservation and anti-poaching efforts to safe guard endangered species.



Where and When: Saxton Field TSN Smallbore Range: 7 - 9 pm
Wednesday 30th October.

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

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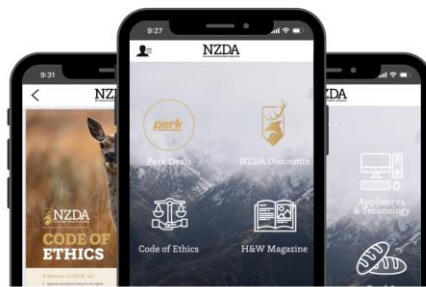
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Important links

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](#)
- 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](#)
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