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Link to buy your tickets here! [NZDA Shop - Raffle Tickets](#)



Great Prizes (\$70k worth!) again this year from generous sponsors around New Zealand. Watch the Echo, your email and our Facebook page for more information. Final Open Day to measure heads and tails will be at **Fish and Game Champion Road on November 23rd**.

[NZDA Goat Competition Info Link](#) or [DOC Goat Competition Link](#)

THIS MONTH

Be in to Win
– Utes and Goats

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7 pm Weds
24th Sept

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Editorial

Hullo Hunters and Shooters,

Spring is doing its springy stuff and the wild weather needs a close watch if you're planning a hunt, especially in the high country.

Please note that Ian Cox has given some information on got whereabouts further below but noted to me that many roads and tracks are either closed or marginal. So check! DOC website and Council road warnings etc. Also, the recent wet weather events have affected stability in the hills, particularly he said on recent trip into Kahurangi he could hear rocks etc deciding to "come on down" as gravity overcomes friction in waterlogged conditions. So please be alert.

For the latest top of the South news, Trevor Dibben, your new Upper South Island rep has given a good report in the National Newsletter, check it out (**your email inbox**) and I won't have to repeat it here!

Please give the raffle for Triton Ute a go! Not only are the odds good to win a great ute, it supports NZDA as all proceeds go to our cause.... after the ute has been paid for of course!! , Mitsubishi provided a great deal to maximize our share.

Our Committee member Patrick is into the National Goat Competition and has rounded up some great spot prizes for our final Open Day in November (see below). If you have any queries general go to the NZDA website [NZDA Goat Competition Information](#) or contact our Branch [NZDA Nelson Contact Form](#)

Thank you to Matt Vincent of MTN Gear for donating neat and appreciated prizes for our Competitions, I have been putting off buying one of these gadgets and therefore very pleased to have won one in the PhotoComps! Thanks Matt!

Don't miss the chance to catch up and talk hunting and Shooting at Club Night social!

Happy and Safe Hunting – **Richard Wells**



More great meat donations (162kg) to Nelson Community Foodbank – thanks Greg & Meat Solutions

25 Year Membership Medals – by **Carina Jackson**

If you attended our prize giving night at last month's the club night, you would have been told about the 25-year continuous NZDA membership badges that had been awarded this year. We all join the NZDA for different reasons, some it is for the advocacy, some the insurance, some it is the social side and finding out the good hunting spots and for some to take part in National shooting competition but for whatever reason you joined we here at Nelson branch are proud to have each and every one of you as a member.

This led me to asking for a few words from this year's 25-year members on why they joined etc.



Huge congratulations to the following:

Ian Brown

Greg Glossop

Greg Couper

Ian Brown

"Wow, I had no idea it'd been that long, yes, my wife and I will endeavor to come along. To the committee, and everyone else involved in the organization of Nelson NZDA, my wife and I are both members of Search and Rescue which takes up a lot of our spare time, so apologies I've not been the most active member, I suppose I've not been a drain on resources either, but I'd like to say a huge thanks for the behind scenes work you do on behalf of us hunters to be our voice and the organized events etc.

As long as I'm financially able I'll continue to support what you do."

Greg Glossop

"Much appreciated I have received. Bit shocked how many years have gone by. Joined NZDA as they provide support and advocacy for hunting community. Plus, range facilities, insurance and a good organisation to state you belong to when reregistering firearms.

Think NZDA doing a fantastic job with HUNTS program as well."

Greg Couper

"The main reason I joined was for advocacy to hopefully ensure my daughter & possible future grandkids could still go hunting with firearms if they wanted to, back then it seemed like a pretty unlikely scenario, looking back over the last few years it doesn't seem so unlikely now. Using the range was a close second as I plummeted down the rabbit hole of reloading ins & outs.

Doesn't really seem that long ago to be fair."

Goat Competition Update – *Patrick Savill*

Alongside the national prizes ([over \\$70k up for grabs](#)) we have the good fortune of Real Meals donating 14 freeze dried meals for spot prizes, and the Committee has fronted a soft H&F Gun bag and \$65 dollar H&F voucher.

These spot prizes will be awarded as spot prizes at the open day, **Sunday 23rd of November, 11-2pm**, at the Fish and Game meeting room on Champion Road.

Go bag some goats and then bag some great prizes.



Range Matters – R. O. Training Day



Bill O'Leary is running a **Range Officer's Training Day on Sunday 21st Sept.** A great chance to get trained and certified to help support our wonderful Range at Packers Creek.

Contact Bill for more details - b.f.oleary@xtra.co.nz or Ph. 0274305008

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:

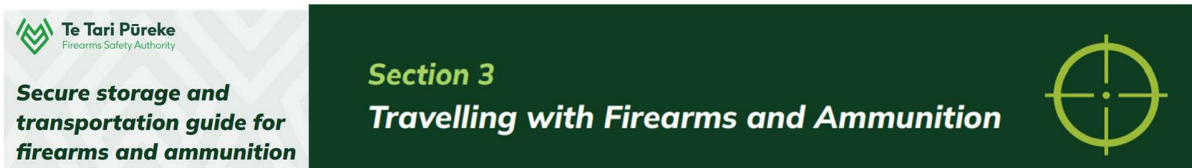
1. Check website for opening days and hours
2. Be at gate **before** 0900 hrs not after
3. All vehicles **must have** headlights on and conform to convoy (i.e. **follow** the duty officer in and out on Sharlands Road – these rules are set by landowner/operator and are compulsory
4. Ensure you have your 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](#)



3.1 Storage of Firearms in Vehicles During Transportation (r19B)

3.1.1 Overview

1. Regulation 19B requires firearms licence holders that are transporting firearms or ammunition in a vehicle on a road or public access way, unless otherwise permitted by a member of the Police, to meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Firearms and ammunition must be concealed from view from outside the vehicle.
 - (b) Firearms must be made inoperable if readily possible by removing the bolt or other vital part. The part should be kept on the licence holder's person or stored out of sight separately from the firearms. If this is not possible (e.g. the firearm is a lever action or semi-automatic or single shot firearm), then the firearms must be fitted with a trigger lock or travel in a locked case or carry bag.
 - (c) Firearms must not be loaded with ammunition in the breach, barrel, chamber or magazine.
 - (d) Ammunition must be stored separately from any firearms and be in a locked glovebox or similar storage area where practicable.

3.1.2 Unattended Vehicles

1. Any firearms or ammunition may only be left unattended in a vehicle during a break in a journey for up to 60 minutes provided:
 - (a) The licence holder remains in the immediate area or vicinity of the vehicle.
 - (b) The firearms or ammunition are still secured and out of sight.
 - (c) If possible, vital parts of the firearms remain in the licence holder's possession.
 - (d) The vehicle is locked, windows are closed and keys remain in the licence holder's possession.

Meat From the “Big Chiller” – *Richard Wells*

After an escapade last year into the Leaderdale area in Molesworth, we decided to repeat the dose but with brave intentions to spend more time in there and come out more heavily laden with venison (and pork?). Once again, the plan was to fit in with our mates John and Lee, who have horses and mules (and the necessary permits) to get us across the Clarence and transport meat out. Best laid plans and all, but for a while the snow looked like it might stop us getting over Jacks Pass let alone up the gully. In the end it melted off enough, so we got going but with a revised plan to day hunt only.



Crossing the Clarence while keeping the legs and feet dry is a damn good thing on a morning that is as chilly as this looks, and was! John, Ros and Bruno across.

After two water crossings, with a horse a bit twitchy about our pack straps tickling its rear and manuka sticks tapping its ears while climbing aboard (bloody greenhorns!), we then trekked up gully on foot with the going easy, but bloody noisy, on a solid but crunchy snow crust.

The usual symphony from geese and parries echoed all around too, felt like the whole valley was in an uproar. Little could we guess that a brisk but decisive engagement was looming just over the spur.....



Luck was on our side as a mob situation (more than one deer) developed and in a brief salvo all three of us managed to drop a deer (2 hinds and a spiker) with Ros sighting and shooting the first one as it stepped from the small patch of beech, the last not quite making the pine tree on the ridge. A yearling got over the spur, educated.



A milestone for me as despite many successful and enjoyable trips into Molesworth this is my first deer there! I had to jettison fogged up glasses and managed the shot from the ridge in background so pretty happy with that (ecstatic actually...). The 22-250 is a good round in this open country The other two succumbed to Ros' super trusty 7mm-08 and Dorje's .223. They're all good!



Well flies weren't an issue! And it was only 9 am, so we really took our time and did the fully monty extraction of hearts, livers and eye steaks as well as the legs and back steaks. Left the necks which was a bit regrettable as they make epic curries & stews (looked heavy). The hooves are just posing.



We got 12 legs and all the bits and bobs down and over first creek and had an early lunch before the next heave to valley floor. Still not a fly in sight....after radio call in, John wanted us to get everything well down the hill as the deeper and thawing snow is a bit treacherous for the 4-legged friends.

We "manned up" to a heavy load each so that we didn't have to do two trips.....this is about the time the manuka stick comes in handy doing the downhill under load, the rest of the time it's a pain in the bum really – but it's a worse pain in the hip not having it. The sunnies were mission critical too.



Waiting for our friend Bruno the Hero.....and here he is, John and Lee riding behind. He took it all (12 legs plus bits) in one lift. Bruno knows and loves his job - so can travel "by remote"



Bloody awesome two days. Hunting rocks, Molesworth rocks!

Coxy's Corner – Notes for Hunters from DOC Motueka District Office



NZDA hunters,

I hope all are fit and well and have been getting out there...

I'd like to give you all a heads up regarding the **goat control** our DOC Office is planning on delivering from now this year through to June 2026.

Ground Goat Control Kahurangi National Park

We will have 12 contract goat hunters and 1 staff hunter all with dogs operating in the Mt Arthur Tableland, Wangapeka valley, Mt Owen, Fyfe river, South Branch Wangapeka river, Grecian River, Flora Valley, Anatoki /Devil Ranges, Haupiri Range including the Snow river, Brown river, Flanagan's creek (Aorere valley), upper Big river, upper Turimawivi, Leslie/Karamea Valleys, and Riwaka South Branch. This ground hunting is mostly planned from November through to mid - December. A notice will be issued on the DOC Hunting Website.

Aerial Goat Control

Arthur Range, South Branch Riwaka, Leslie/Karamea Valleys, Mt Owen, Hoaryhead. This aerial control may commence in September and will be completed by the end of June 2026.

Goat Hunting Competition

Recommended areas to fill your goat tail lines are, Lower Aorere River, Gordons Knob via Inwoods Lookout, the Te Araroa Trail between Mt Starveall and Hunters Hut, Ben Nevis via Left Branch Wairoa, Left Branch Wairoa river via Wairoa MTB Park, Mt Duppa, Pearse valley, Browning - Roebuck track area.

Hot barrels!



Contact me by email for more info. icox@doc.govt.nz

Cheers Coxy!

Club Night – Last

Good to see the seasoned and newcomers to the roar ballot scene at last club night – Warren deep in thought (been there done that??!!)




Club Night – Next.....

Social Night at McCashins – some pizza and fries provided, buy your own beverages. Enjoy the company!




Where & When: McCashins Main Rd Stoke Weds 7pm 24th Sept



Hunting and Fishing **HOT** September Deals





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Lighten Up



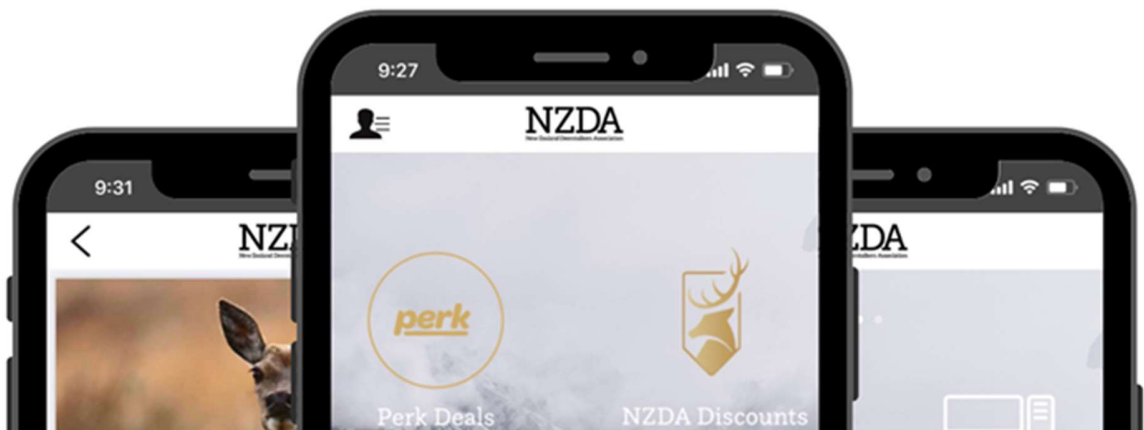
"See how the vegetation has been trampled flat here, Jimmy? That tells me where a deer bedded down for the night. After a while, you'll develop an eye for these things yourself."

Member Benefits – Know & Get Your Share!



New App Update

Download or Update the NZDA Member App to Access Your Digital Membership Card



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SUPPORTERS OF NELSON NZDA HUNTS COURSES AND KAI RESCUE MORE INFO HERE:

[MEAT SOLUTIONS](#)

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](#)

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- [Haast Ballot](#)
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Firearms and Safety

- COLFO [COLFO](#)
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