

# THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

NZDA AUCKLAND BRANCH (EST. 1951)



DECEMBER 2016

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Greetings to all.*

It seems my comments in last month's newsletter regarding MSSAs upset a few people and I have been accused by some members of trying to divide the club. I apologise if some people have taken it that way. My intention was to promote COLFO and the work that they do on behalf of us all (including myself as an MSSA firearm owner) against the anti-gun lobby and PC brigade who see these guns as weapons more than hunting rifles. I hope this is enough said on the matter and that we can all move on.

Last month there was a tragic loss of life down in the Tararua Ranges when a couple of trampers died from hypothermia while out on a basic walk. This is a good reminder to us all that the weather in New Zealand – especially the mountains, ranges and bush – can change in an instant and if you are not prepared it can be extremely dangerous. I someone who always carries a heavy day pack, so if it all turns pear-shaped I feel confident spending a night in the bush. We also actively promote safety in the bush with our Hunter's Basic Skills Course.

Some information has come to light over the last year in regard to the NZDA insurance policy for search and rescue, fire in the forest and any other costs that a recreational hunter may face due to a mishap or accident. For the first time in the history of the club's policy it has recently been claimed against by a member of our club to cover legal costs due to a hunting incident last year.

- Firstly this insurance can only be claimed if you are a fully paid up member and are engaging in recreational hunting (Guiding and hunting for reward are not covered under the policy).

- There is a \$2000.00 excess on this policy, so if you are claiming less than that, it is not worth the effort.
- The branch is under no obligation to pay the excess of any member's claim unless under exceptional circumstances, and then it must be voted on and approved by the committee.

The National office is in a bit of turmoil at the moment as the street they are on has been closed due to an earthquake-damaged building in close proximity to them. Their building is in good shape but the other building will need to be demolished. Please have a little patience with them if you are waiting for information or a reply to a query, as they are currently working out of a staff member's home.

Don't forget that there is free food for the last club night of the year and we hope to have Brent Neville demonstrating how to put a head skin on to a head mould. It should be very interesting.

This will be my last year as club president, as growing work commitments and travel are making it hard for me to do the job as well as it should be done. It is time for you all to consider what you can do for the club and whether you could make the commitment to take the helm. You will have plenty of support and will not be dropped in the deep end.

Next year we hope to organise a river crossing training course early in the year and a club hunt in Otago (I will keep you informed of possible dates and details).

Finally, there will be NO club night in January. The first meeting of 2017 will be on the second Tuesday in February. If I do not see you at the next meeting have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Regards  
David Nicol  
Club President

# RANGE

## REPORT:

The end of the year is almost upon us and has been another successful one for the range and the club. I would like to thank all the club members who have visited the range and made use of the facilities. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and we look forward in seeing you next year.

## RIMFIRE AGGREGATE SHOOT 6TH NOVEMBER

We had plenty of wind plus some rain for our afternoon rimfire aggregate shoot. It was good to see seven members who braved the elements to turn up. Your support is much appreciated.

The results are as follows.

Name	Prone	Sit	Kneel	Standing	Total
Darin Grenz	88	78	82	79	327
Harold Cox	86	64	71	47	268
Graeme Bruton	66	62	70	78	256
Paul Allan	59	59	65	59	242
Arthur Winterton	57	87	63	34	241
Jim Allan	63	63	48	24	198
John Bennett	42	42	35	17	136

## AUCKLAND BRANCH TROPHY SHOOT

We were fortunate to have a good turn out for those wishing to compete in our first trophy shoot. Fine conditions, with a light breeze prevailed in the morning with breezy conditions in the afternoon. Those that shot had a good time.

### PRESIDENTS CUP

Mike Shipley	100.6
Harold Cox	90
George Tan	89.2
Mark Allmon	88
Dennis Regan	85.1
Graham Holloway	75
Richard Berger	70.1
Bruce Purdie	53

### BRYCO RANGE COMPONENT

Dennis Regan	57
George Tan	55
Harold Cox	36
Richard Berger	36
Graham Holloway	33
Bruce Purdie	17

### IRON SIGHTS

	Prone	Sit	Kneel	Standing	Total
Mark Allmon	41	31	46	35	153
George Tan	44	39	37	33	153
Dennis Regan	22	31	35	21	109

### TISDALL CUP (SHOTGUN)

1st Kurt Briggs
2nd George Tan.
3rd Craig Hogg

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### BENCHREST & LOAD DEVELOPMENT SHOOT 10TH DECEMBER

As of this date Auckland Branch members who wish to do some practice shooting will be allowed to come along to the morning session just to do that type of shooting. There will be a 200m afternoon shoot.

This opportunity is for Auckland members only, including family members to do some extra practice shooting. Please do not bring along anyone who is not a member.

The Benchrest shooters will have priority on that day.

### END OF YEAR SHOOT 18TH DECEMBER

This is the last shoot for the year so if you have not been to the range, do bring along some of your favourite rifles and have a blast. There will be a BBQ on about lunch time.

# NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPS

DATE: Sunday 29th. January 2017

VENUE: Oromahoe range, Northland approximately 1 hour from Whangarei.

TIME: From 8.30am

PROGRAMME: Format, 4 Position x 10 shots per position plus sighters

Range: 100m

Novelty Rapid fire: details to be announced on the day.

RANGE FEES: \$10.00 for senior members. Juniors \$5.00

LATE ENTRIES: Entries will close when the last prone detail is called to the mound.

TARGETS: NZDA Official 100m

## NEW RULES

No slings, shooting jackets, pants, boots, gloves, or palm rests, to be used.

If you are interested in coming along please contact Arthur on 09 846 1946 to arrange car pooling. We need to have a minimum team of six shooters to make it worthwhile.

Camping is available on the range site.

## INTER-CLUB MILITARY SHOOT (200M)

DATE: Sunday 12th February 2017

VENUE: NZDA North Auckland Branch range – Riverhead

TIME: 9.00 sign in, 9.30 start

This inter-club military shoot challenge will be between the Auckland, North Auckland, South Auckland NZDA branches and the Antique Arms [Auckland Branch].

There will be a series of shoots held over the year using the Auckland and North Auckland ranges.

The intention is to make this a social fun shoot using military bolt action rifles fully wooded with as issued sights.

## AUCKLAND BRANCH ANNUAL RANGE DAY

DATE: 19th FEBRUARY 2017

TIME: 9.30 am

This range day is for the whole family with the following trophies to be competed for:

### BARRY CUP

Open to all financial members, CF, 4P x 5 shot plus sighters @ 100m. All shooting gear can be used.

### BAILEY CUP

Open to wives and daughters of financial members and female members of the Branch. CF, 4P x 5 shot plus sighters @ 100m. All shooting gear can be used.

### BATES CUP

Under 21 years, daughters and sons of financial members. CF, 4P @100m. [Participants 15 years and under are permitted to use .22 RF]

### BAILEY CUP

15 years or under, daughters and sons of financial members, .22 RF, 4P x 5 shot plus sighters. Shot at 50m.

### CLUB TROPHY

Under 13 years, daughters and sons of financial members. .22RF 10 shot @ 50m.

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# RANGE CALENDAR



## IMPORTANT

- PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP ON DAYS WHEN WE HAVE SPECIAL SHOOTS ON THE RANGE AND EXPECT TO DO A GENERAL PRACTICE SHOOT. YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY
- MAKE SURE YOU READ THE PROGRAMME PROPERLY
- YOUR GATE ENTRY TIMES ARE EARLIER THAN THE RANGE STARTING TIMES
- RANGE CONTACT: ARTHUR 09 846 1946. EMAIL: RANGE@DEERSTALKERS.CO.NZ

**GATE ENTRY TIMES: IN 8.45AM - 9.00AM  
IN/OUT 12.45PM - 1.00PM**

### DECEMBER 2016

DAY	SESSION	GATE ENTRY	EVENT	RANGE	EXIT
Sat 03	AM	9:00	OMNI Pistol club shoot	100m, 25m	
Sat 03	PM	12:00	OMNI Pistol club shoot	100m, 25m	
Sun 04	AM	8:45 - 9:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	12:45
Sun 04	PM	12:45 - 1:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	4:30
Sat 10	AM	8:45 - 9:00	Benchrest and load development practice shoot. NZDA Auckland members only	100m	12:45
Sat 10	PM	12:45 - 1:00	200m Practice. NZDA Auckland members only	200m	4:30
Sun 11	AM	8:45 - 9:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	12:45
Sun 11	PM	12:45 - 1:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	4:30
Sat 17	AM	9:00	OMNI Pistol club shoot	100m, 25m	
Sat 17	PM	12:00	OMNI Pistol club shoot	100m, 25m	
Sun 18	AM	8:45 - 9:00	General Practice. Barbecue at 12:00	100m, 25m	12:45
Sun 18	PM	12:45 - 1:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	4:30

### JANUARY 2017

DAY	SESSION	GATE ENTRY	EVENT	RANGE	EXIT
Sat 14	AM	9:00	OMNI Pistol club shoot	100m, 25m	
Sat 14	PM	12:00	OMNI Pistol club shoot	100m, 25m	
Sun 15	AM	8:45 - 9:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	12:45
Sun 15	PM	12:45 - 1:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	4:30
Sun 22	AM	8:45 - 9:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	12:45
Sun 22	PM	12:45 - 1:00	General Practice	100m, 25m	4:30
Sun 29	AM		Northern Regionals		

# CLUB NIGHTS

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 13TH**

7 Target Street, Point Chevalier, 7.30pm

# WAPITI BLOCK

**IF ANYONE HAS EVER HUNTED OR HAS ANY INFORMATION ON BALLOT BLOCK LARGE BURN IN FIORDLAND, COULD THEY PLEASE CONTACT BEN ON 027 446 0600. ANY INFORMATION WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.**

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NZ Hunting & Shooting Forum:	<a href="http://www.nzhuntingandshooting.co.nz">www.nzhuntingandshooting.co.nz</a>
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COMPETITION.**

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# ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**DON'T FORGET TO SNAP SOME GREAT PHOTOS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.**

**CATEGORIES:**

Best colour photo of wild game

Best colour photo of small game

Best colour photo of wild bird life

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Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm  
(except January).

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BUSH TELEGRAPH  
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New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc

# National Championships

3-4 and 9-12 March 2017

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex  
Newell Road, Tokoroa



**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> PRSC Rimifre 120 Shot @ 50m**

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> PRSC Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100m**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m (am)**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 60 Shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m (pm)**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Rimfire 60 Shot @ 50 & 100m**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Centrefire 60 Shot @ 100 & 200m**

**Entry Fee:**

**\$35 per match**

**Closing date:**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Refreshments:**

Coffee, Tea & Biscuits supplied

**Camping on Site:**

\$5 per person per night

Registration Forms

available on request or found on the  
website at: [www.deerstalkers.org.nz](http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz)

**Start Planning Now!**

**We look forward  
to seeing you**



**Thu 9<sup>th</sup>**

**80 Shot Metallic  
Silhouette (Rimfire)**

**Entry Fee: \$30.00**



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New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc.

# 2017 National Shooting

3-4 & 9-12 March 2017

Held at

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex

Newell Road, Tokoroa



<b>March</b>	<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	50m NRA 3P Rimfire (PRSC format)	\$35.00
	<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	100m 3P Centrefire (PRSC format)	\$35.00
	<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup></b>	80 Shot Rimfire Silhouette	\$30.00
	<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	60 Shot Prone C/Fire @ 200m	\$35.00
	<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	60 shot Prone R/Fire @ 100m	\$35.00
	<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Rimfire 60 Shot 3P @ 50 & 100m	\$35.00
	<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Centrefire 60 Shot 4P @ 100 & 200m	\$35.00

**Entry forms in by:** 26 February 2017

**Please Note:** All Welcome, Trophies and Medals only awarded to financial NZDA members

**Refreshments:** Coffee, Tea & Biscuits supplied

**Camping on Site:** \$5 per person per night

**Start Planning Your Week Now!**

**We look forward to seeing you**

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# 2017 Entry Form

Name: ..... Branch: ..... Mem No.: .....  
 Address: ..... Ph: (0 ) .....  
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 email: ..... Please indicate: Right / Left hand Shooter

## NZDA National Shooting 3-4 & 9-12 March 2011

held at Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Tokoroa

March 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sat)	1	National 120 Shot Rimfire 3P @ 50m (PRSC format)	\$35.00	\$
March 4 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	2	National 60 Shot Centrefire 3p @ 100m (PRSC format)	\$35.00	\$

March 9 <sup>th</sup> (Thu)	3	National 80 Shot Rimfire Metallic Silhouette	\$30.00	\$
March 10 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	4	National 60 Shots Prone Centrefire @ 200m (AM)	\$35.00	\$
March 10 <sup>th</sup> (Fri)	5	National 60 Shots Prone Rimfire @ 100m (PM)	\$35.00	\$
March 11 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	6	National 60 Shot Rimfire Match 3P @ 50 and 100m	\$35.00	\$
March 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	7	National 60 Shot Centrefire Match 4P @ 100 and 200m	\$35.00	\$
Camping on Site		(\$5 per person per night)		\$
		<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>		<b>\$</b>

<b>Grade:</b>	A	B	C	D	<b>Sharing Equipment:</b>	Yes	No	<b>With:</b>
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<b>Class:</b>	Open	Ladies	Veteran	Junior	<b>Date of Birth (Junior):</b>	
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<b>Do you hold a current Firearms Licence?</b>	Yes	No	<b>F/Lic No:</b>
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**Entry forms in by: Monday 26 February 2017**

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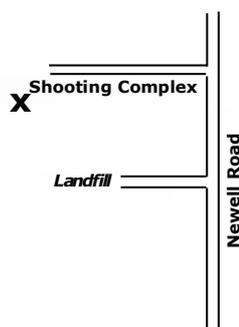
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# NZDA National Shooting Week

(Information Sheet)

- Date:** 3-4 & 9-12 March 2017
- Venue:** Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, Newell Road, Tokoroa
- Briefing:** 9.30 am for matches held on 3-4 March and 10-12 March  
12.30pm for match held on 9 March
- Start:** 10.00 am for matches held on 3-4 March and 10-12 March  
1.00pm for match held on 9 March
- Juniors:** A Junior is defined as a competitor under the age of twenty-one (21) years on the 31st of December in the year of the Championship.
- Veterans:** A Veteran is defined as a Competitor who is aged fifty-five (55) years or more on the day of commencement of Competition.
- Note:** A Competitor, who is eligible to enter any of the above Classes, may elect not to do so.
- Security:** Firearm owners are reminded that they are responsible for the security of their firearms at all times as laid down in the Firearms Regulations 1992, in particular Section 19 Clauses (1), (a), (b), (i), (ii), (c) and (2), (c). With the present atmosphere in regard to firearms, it is in your interest to ensure that security is paramount.
- Entries:** Please ensure entries are in by the closing date as some events may be cancelled if not sufficient entries.
- Medals:** Additional to the usual Medals there will be Gold Medals for the winners of B, C, D, Grade. (Medals only awarded if 10 or more entries in each match.) Certificates will be issued and sent out to all competitors.
- Champion of Champions:** Shooters are reminded that to qualify for this award you must enter a minimum of 5 events of the 11 including Bench Rest.
- Meeting:** A Shooters Meeting will be held on Saturday (5<sup>th</sup>) following the Rimfire event.
- Camping:** Complex facilities are available \$5 per person per night per day.
- Refreshments:** Coffee, Tea & Biscuits supplied



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