

# DECEMBER 2014

The official newsletter of the North Auckland Deerstalkers

# Presidents Message

The highlight of the month has to be the completion of the 2014 HUNTS course, graduating 10 hunters. Congratulations to Frank Ferguson and his team of six trainee HUNTS instructors. Even better was their success in the final weekend of hunting, with one deer shot. Of interest also was the pack of blaze clothing that Stoney Creek generously donates to each HUNTS trainee. This year it included a blue hi-viz beanie. Reports are that this colour was difficult to see in low light and when wet.

On the home front Tony Coleman and his team completed a marathon of works on the property – a new water tank, a new 200m shed, spraying and mowing. The spring growth totally defeated the wee ride-on mower, so the Branch is grateful to Brent Bailey for bringing along his big mower.

The Christmas shoot is shaping up to be a lot of fun (14 Dec). For the first time we are making the competitions all .22LR (with the exception of the one-shot King of the Hill in the afternoon). Details in the newsletter. I would like to thank Swazi and Westgate Hunting & Fishing for their generosity.

From 14 December until 11 Jan 2015 there is no shooting on the property. This is an ideal time to bring your family out for a stroll, a picnic or just to soak up some peace after the Christmas rush. It's an ideal place to teach the youngsters to ride their new bike (no motor bikes please), give the dog a run, or blob out in the sun. For the access code and conditions, give me a call.

Attached to the email that brought you this newsletter was a pdf copy of the 2015 events calendar. Please remember that any additions and changes will be reflected on the web site, along with other notices, shooting scores and items of interest.

Your next newsletter will be in February, by which time the Branch will have competed in the Northern Regional Championship Trophy (which the branch currently holds), this year being held in Northland.

Finally, on behalf of the committee, I would like thank all those who have supported the branch over the year, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a successful summer hunting season.

Regards, Bob McMillan, President

# Calendar

3 Dec:

Viewing evening for firearms offered for sale by tender – see details elsewhere in the newsletter.

7 Dec: Shooting. am, 100m, general practice, registration from 9:00am.

12:00- 12:30pm, new event: .22 F-Class. Any .22LR rifle, any support system except sleds, 100m, 7 shots in 20 minutes, best 5 shots to count.

pm, 50m, rimfire only, RF silhouette

pm, 50m, Sporting Rifle Interclub novelty event hosted by North Auckland Branch (starts approx 2:30pm)

10 Dec:

Members night, pot luck dinner. Raffles and announcement of the winning tenders for the sale of firearms

14 Dec:

Shooting. Christmas gala event, juniors shoot first, then seniors (.22LR only). Open to all members, family and their guests.

Early pm, King of the Hill, members only, centre fire, one shot standing. Prizegiving and BBQ.

11 Jan 2015:

Shooting. am: 100m general practice, registration opens at 9:00am. 25m open 9:30am until 12:00pm.

pm: 100m, general practice

18 Jan:

Shooting. am: 100m general practice, registration opens at 9:00am. 25m open 9:30am until 12:00pm. 11:30am, hunters competition; 8 shots, 4-P, 2 shots per P in 2 minutes.

pm: 100m, general practice. 1:00pm 100m CF aggregate #3, 3-P, 5 shots per P

Three competition categories: target, sporting and open sights, Three grades: mens, ladies and juniors.

15 Jan:

Northern Regional Championship (target shooting) – Northland. North Auckland currently holds the trophy. Let's try to keep it in the cabinet!

# Christmas Shoot

The Christmas shoot is designed for juniors, intermediates and seniors, with a special emphasis on enjoyable, simple and cheap competition. Please bring along your family, friends and neighbours. There will be a BBQ after the prize giving, about 2:00pm or earlier.

A simple range fee applies to all seniors (\$10 each) and juniors shoot free.

Swazi has once again generously provided prizes for the Juniors (under 14 yrs of age). The Branch is providing prizes for Intermediates, seniors and ladies. Westgate Hunting and Fishing has donated a prize for King of the Hill.

If you have not shot King of the Hill before, this is the year to give it a go. It's centre fire, one shot, standing, from the 100m, onto a special target made in Bavaria and provided by Jersey Seipel. On the scene is a special spot, which everyone gets to see before the target is put up at 100m. Each person has one shot, each shot is marked and named, and the closest to the spot is named King of the Hill for 2015. Lots of fun. Have a look in the club rooms for previous year's winners – their targets are hanging on the ceiling beams.

The main shoot/competition is for .22LR, regardless of age. The shoot is being kept under wraps by Paul Carmine – a surprise on the day. So bring along your .22 and plenty of ammunition.



## **Members Night 10 Dec**

The last members' night for the year is a simple social gathering – no theme, just a pot luck supper. Please bring along any family or friends you wish, contribute something basic for the supper, BYO beverages, and wait for the announcement of the winning tenderers. There will be the odd raffle, so bring some coin.

## **The Anderton Estate Tender**

The viewing evening and auction of minor items of the Anderton Estate is on Wed 3 Dec, starting at 7:30pm. The tenders open at 9:30 that night and close 7:30pm Wed 10 Dec. The winning tenders will be announced at the members' night, and notified individually by email, phone or post. If this is news to you – if you did not get the global email or the mailed copy of the tender notice - ring Bob McMillan or Bruce Turner for details.

## **Begging Bowl**

From time to time the Branch asks for donations to keep costs down. This month the Branch would appreciate some outdoor chairs (those resin ones that blow over in the wind) for the deck. Thanks.

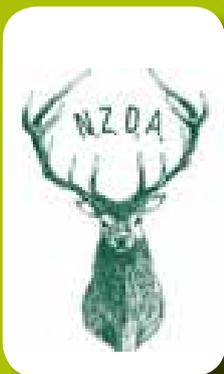
## Balnagown Hunting

Not only trophy, but plenty of meat animals for hunting. Day hunt or overnight.

Richard can guide and also dress the animal if required.

Prices start at \$450 for a meat animal and go to \$1500 for the best trophy bucks. Some older bucks at \$450. Lots in between as well.

Book through the site -  
[www.balnagownhunting.co.nz](http://www.balnagownhunting.co.nz)  
or phone Richard on 0274 442 057.



### Send in your content!

The newsletter is for the members, so send in your news, trip reports or just brag about your latest hunt! Get in touch!

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