



MOUNTAIN ECHO

Newsletter of Nelson Branch NZDA July 2017

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Hi all Warren Here

Weathers been a bit bleaker, but from reports at our latest club night, there are still plenty of hunters out and about, and stags are still wearing their antlers to keep you keen.

For those of you who did not get along to the last club night, the annual head measuring and photography competition was as usual, very well attended and a good display of heads on hand.

It is always interesting to see what has been taken, and the quality and type of trophies which can vary year to year.

Last year lots of big Tahr heads, while this year only 3, and none in the same class. That said the winner was a record book size head, and nice trophy taken by David Hobson.

Red stags were the predominate species entered, with some very nice heads by Nelson standards. Again the presence of better quality genes was evident in the bey tines on a number of the animals.

It was pleasing to see some heads entered by junior hunters with a Red Fallow and Chamois in that category.

The Chamois taken by Quinn Chisholm was a particularly nice trophy and took out not only the best head by a junior and the best chamois head, but also the best head over all.

The Eddy trophy which is based on Douglas score conversion. So well done to Quinn and guide Dad! While only 3 Chamois heads were entered, it would be many years since we last had to true 10 inch bucks at the head measuring.

The Rakiura trophy for best Whitetail was taken out for the second year in a row by Barry Mcleod, who must be the most successful Whitetail buck hunter in the Nelson district. Having taken numerous very nice bucks over many years. Persistence, leaving the small ones to grow and targeting them visiting their scrapes seems to be the secret.

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Next Club Meeting

Tuesday 25th July
7.30 pm

Eric Hall Evening and
Footage of Recent
Successful Sika Deer
Hunt

Fish & Game Rooms
Champion Road

Eric Halls big 10 point Sika was a beauty, and you will be able to see just how he hunted it at the next club night July 25th.

Only two boar Jaws entered this year, but nice jaws all the same. Boars can have a huge variance in body size, and this was noticeable in the two jaws on show. The smaller being from a very old boar with most teeth either missing or worn down to the gum line, while the bigger set and jaw clearly showed signs he was still young and growing.

Helicopter activity must have reduced in recent times in the Nelson Lakes, as the 3 largest stag heads all came from that area.

So well done to Mike Grant with his 12 and 14 point stags, and Alistair Ching with his 15 pointer. All heads any hunter would be proud to hang on the wall.



Mike and his winning stag on the Tussock tops.



Mike and his 14 pointer in front of tent



Alistair and his 15 pointer taken bush stalking. A very successful hunting year for Alistair with a very nice mixed bag in the competitions, of a Bull Tahr, chamois and the Red stag.

2017 Hunting Competition Results

PEOPLES STORE TROPHY.BEST NELSON DEER HEAD.

1st Mike Grant	12 point Red 277DS
2nd Alistair Ching	15 point Red 268 4/8
3rd Mike Grant	14 point Red 252 1/8

EDDY TROPHY

Best trophy on Douglas score conversion.

1st Quinn Chisholm Chamois (334DS) equivalent

SPORTS DEPOT CUP. BEST CHAMOIS HEAD.

1st Quinn Chisholm	27 6/8
2nd James Bartlett	27
3rd A Ching	19 6/8

BOB BAIGENT CUP. BEST HEAD TAKEN BY A JUNIOR.

1st Quinn Chisholm	Chamois
2nd Brody Parkins	Fallow
3rd Clay Parkins	Red

BOB BAIGENT TROPHY (HORNED GAME OTHER THAN CHAMOIS)

1st David Hobson	Tahr 41 4/8
2nd Rob Shuttleworth	Tahr 39 4/8
3rd Alistair Ching	Tahr 30 1/8

WHITCOMBE CHALLENGE TROPHY

1st Eric Hall	Sika 10 point 173 Ds
2nd Mike Grant	Red 12 point
3rd Alistair Ching	Red 15 point

SHUTTLEWORTH FAMILY SHIELD FOR BEST RED DEER HEAD

Mike Grant

WILLIAMS CUP BEST PIG HEAD

1st David Hobson
2nd David Hobson

RAKIURA TROPHY BEST WHITETAIL

1st Barry McLeod 6 point 96 1/8DS

FOR INTEREST. FALLOW 3 ENTRIES.

1st Eric Hall	159ds,
2nd Barry McLeod	156 3/8
3rd Brody Parkins	64.75Ds (one broken antler)

OTHER RED ENTRIES.

Cory Jones	240 7/8	12 point,
Rob Shuttleworth	235 2/8,	
Brent Hartshorne	234 2/8	
Cory Jones	221 6/8,	
Mike Gane	215,	
James Bartlett	213 4/8,	
Kieran Hall	204 3/8,	
Drew Reid	195 3/8,	
James Bartlett	166 4/8,	
Clay Parkins	84 5/8	

2017 Photography Competition

TANTRUM CUP. WILD GAME ANIMALS.

1 st	Paul Peychers	Whitetail
2 nd	Richard Wells	Wallaby
3 rd	Malanie Ching	Fallow Fawn

WORSLEY CUP. STALKING COUNTRY

1 st	Richard Wells	Dobson Mountain Valley
2 nd	Paul Peychers	Greenstone Valley
3 rd	Paul Peychers	Mountain Peak Waiatoto Valley

LIVINGSTON CUP / NATIVE BIRDS.

1 st	Paul Peychers	Blue Duck With Paradise Duck
2 nd	Paul Peychers	Native Pigeon
3 rd	Paul Peychers	Female Kiwi

HUNTING MEMORIES

1 st	Warren Plum,	Hunter With Wild Boar
2 nd	Warren Plum,	Hunter Walking Towards Camp In The Moon Light
3 rd	Richard Wells.	Robin With Hunter

TEX STRATFORD /JUNIOR CUP.

No entries.

OTHER WILD LIFE MAMMALS.

1 st	Paul Peychers	Stewart Island Possum
2 nd	Paul Peychers	Sea lion
3 rd	Richard Wells	Possum

FLORA.

1 st	Paul Peychers	Fungi
2 nd	Paul Peychers	Butter Cup Flower And Fly

OTHER INSECTS AND REPTILES

1 st	Paul Peychers	Yellow Admiral Butterfly
2 nd	Paul Peychers	Locust
3 rd	Paul Peychers	Red Admiral Butterfly

WILDLIFE CUP BEST OVER ALL PHOTO

Paul Peychers	Paradise And Blue Duck Pair
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BOB BAIGENT MEMORIAL TROPHY. VIDEO / DVD FOOTAGE.

Rob Shuttleworth.

Hunting News

Bit of a story to that one in the photo below. David and I were hunting in Marlborough and just sharing a rifle for the trip, when the boar stood up out of his bed only a few meters away in front of me. Being unarmed I just pointed my walking stick at him to defend myself in need, as he appeared to be in no great hurry to depart. Fortunately David and the rifle were soon on the spot, and when Mr Pig decided perhaps he should depart at speed, a quick shot had him rolling down the bank and ending up at our feet.



For Those That Like to Eat Their Catch

PEACH AND VENISON CASSEROLE.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp plain flour
- A large pinch of dried chilli flakes
- 900g yearling venison, diced
- 6 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, sliced (or teaspoon from a jar)
- 1 butternut squash, peeled and sliced
- 300ml chicken stock
- 3 tbsp Peach Conserve (any brand will do)
- 3 tbsp freshly chopped coriander
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to 150°C

- Mix together the flour with some salt, pepper and the chilli flakes and use your fingers to rub all over the venison.
- Place half the vegetable oil in a large cast-iron casserole and brown the meat in batches over a high heat.
- Remove the meat from the pan with a slotted spoon, add the remaining oil, then fry the onion until softened. Add the garlic and continue cooking for 1 minute.
- Return the meat to the pan and add the carrots and the squash. Add the stock and bring to the boil.
- Transfer to the centre of the preheated oven for 2-2 ½ hours or until the meat is very tender.
- Remove from the oven, stir in the Peach conserve and then adjust the seasoning. Stir in the fresh coriander and serve straight away

Packers Creek Range Shoot

Please note next range shoot is **Sunday 16th July**.

Opening hours have changed for this event. Participants only will be let in at 9.30am.

Sorry access will be unavailable for general sighting in etc. this day; shooting is confined to the organized shoot participants only, all welcome.

Next Club Night

July 25th

Eric Hall evening and footage of recent successful Sika deer hunt.

Usual venue Fish and Game rooms Champion road, Richmond. 7.30pm

2017 Committee

Greg Couper **President:** terminatorproducts@xtra.co.nz

Lester Bowden **Patron**

Warren Plum **Secretary:** ph. 547 9143 plumstone@xtra.co.nz

John Noakes, Bill O’Leary, Neil Cliffe, Graeme Ching, Graeme Smith
Immo Neumann, Rob Shuttleworth, Richard Wells

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Newsletter: Any items for publication please forward to the secretary

Membership: Graeme Smith ph. 544 7138 LVHVBR@gmail.com

Hunting: John Noakes ph. 0274464413 noakesjc@gmail.com

New Members: Warren Plum ph. 547 9143 plumstone@xtra.co.nz

Red Deer Lodge

Information on costs and bookings of the Red Deer Lodge at Lake Rotoiti

Contact the Calders: info@starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz

Use the website at www.starnaudholidaycottages.co.nz

Saying you’re a member

Minutes: July Committee Meeting

NELSON NZDA MEETING MINUTES 4th July 2017

Held at Warren Plums home, 7.30pm

Apologies .Immo Neumann & Richard Wells

Present Warren Plum, Graeme Smith, Graeme Ching,, Don Harris, Greg Couper, John Noakes, Neil Cliffe

Last Minutes accepted. Moved. Warren Plum /John Noakes

Inward Mail.

Confirmation of Audit being completed, no issues or material changes and account from Auditor.

Outward Mail. Signed forms to Auditor as required and items to accountant, plus new member forms to national

Accepted. Moved Warren Plum / Greg Couper

Financial.

Payments made. \$6493.11 to Aon Insurance as approved last meeting. Waimea print \$104.00 re news letters. W Plum \$36.01 and \$10.00 reimbursement for costs re meetings. Approved and paid Auditor NMA \$1495.00. Still to complete forms for investment a/c at Westpac. Will wait until clarification of mower costs before moving funds. Approved W Plum/ John Noakes

Range. Discussions have been held with staff member from Nelson Pine Forests re licence and access. Expect follow up shortly. World bench Rest Comps, a funding application has been submitted for possible grant to be considered. Good progress with payments of entry fees from competitors, at this stage 76 entrants.

Organized shoots. Next on 16th. To simplify running and safety, range gate will only be opened at 9.30am, and range will only be available to competitors that day.

Gate duty, Warren will send out request again for volunteers coming month.

Mower. Existing mower which is 15 years old has some major mechanical issues. Agreed to look at purchasing a new one. Moved W Plum / N Cliffe, passed. Then modified to effect a group of committee could pursue options within a \$15000.00 budget. Size, suitability and transporting to be considered.

Membership. No changes this month.

Newsletter, looking for articles. Next issue out this coming week. Will include hunting comp results and some photos of members success. Next month will have items from photography comp.

Health and safety .First aid kit still at range. No issues identified

RED DEER LODGE no report. Will book a weekend if available for working bee to complete painting etc. Approx end of November beginning December 17.

Training. Last hunts course for year has now been completed.

Club nights. June 27th. Annual head measuring and photo entry night.

July 25th Eric Hall evening and footage of recent successful Sika deer hunt

August September still to clarify but possible talk on one of these by Marlborough hunter
Simon Wyatt on bush stalking Red Deer, and (circle of sound)

Conference. Had received hand book, discussed remits, including contact by Rakaia branch
regarding National magazine.

General business concluded. Meeting closed 8.55pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 1st of August.

Warren Plum. Secretary 4.7.17

Websites of Interest

National Deerstalkers' Website

<http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/>

Like the NZDA National Heritage Trust Facebook page for great historical deerstalking photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/nzdaheritagetrust?ref=bookmarks>

Department of Conservation Information

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/>

DOC maps. You can select a Topo view and to have DOC hunting areas highlighted

<http://maps.doc.govt.nz/mapviewer/index.html?viewer=dto>

DOC hunting permits can be applied for at:

<https://huntingpermits.doc.govt.nz/huntingpermits/start>

Game Animal Council

<http://www.nzgameanimalcouncil.org.nz>

Walking Access

<http://www.wams.co.nz/>

Walking Access Maps

http://www.wams.org.nz/wams_desktop/index.aspx

Walking Access Mobile Maps

http://www.wams.org.nz/wams_mobile/index.html

Kea Sightings

www.keaconservation.co.nz

South Island Kokako Sightings

www.southislandkokako.org

Wasps

<https://www.merchento.com/vespex.html>