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Editorial

Hi All,

This month it is with sadness that we mark the passing of one of our long standing members and ex-committee member Ted Boorer with an obituary by Bruce Curran.

Our second attempt at a working bee at the club hut on Kapakapanui was canned due to the weather being a bit damp. Thanks to Big Ron and Jason again for this months contributions.

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Last Meeting

Mike's Nichols Roar trip report

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This Month

Brian Falkner—hunting in Africa



Some recent wet weather damage—North Manakau road—might be a while before this mess is cleared up!

Presidents Monthly Report

by John Trask

Hi All

Well we have had another AGM and survived to tell the tale and with a great turnout to boot, now that was a surprise, usually we stay away in our droves worried we might be asked to do something out of our comfort zone or worse be voted in as president, well surprise surprise everyone who stuck their hand up last AGM stuck their hand up again and not because nobody else wanted to do it but because they all enjoyed the hell out of last year and feel they have something else to offer this year.

I have enjoyed my first year as president working alongside the likes of Willy, Ron, Anton, Tim, Tony Neil, Brian and Rob, we all want what is best for the club and the inclusion of Mike to the committee keeps us up to date with what's happening on the range and has been a valuable inclusion. The year has been a new learning curve for me anyway and I'm looking forward to what next year holds, the turnouts we are getting speaks volumes and it's great to see plenty of familiar faces each Wed meet.

Some prime 6.5ed venison



The roar is well and truly over and if you either blinked or farted you would have missed it. A good roar by all accounts and the guys who got out there had some great success, Animal numbers are looking pretty good and the family in my house anyway has been well fed with Venison.

Presidents Monthly Report

by John Trask

June as I have said before is a very good time to hunt as long as the weather holds. Most stags are shagged to death and need to put on condition for the winter so venture out onto slips and clearings both to enjoy some sun and get some good tucker. If the sign is fresh then the deer won't be far away, so if you missed out over April you still have a month or two to get one for the freezer or for the wall.

Big Ron has been flat out hounding the good suppliers for gear for the next Auction and has been getting some very good results so save a few pennies and bring them along, Willy has helped out again with a place for the new hunts eager beavers to learn the ropes and hopefully get hooked on a lifetime of hunting and become keen as like the rest of us.

Junes entertainment is Brian Falkner talking about his time in Africa and his passion for reloading. See you there.

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2015 Roar hunt—by Jason Searle

It was a pretty quiet trip to Fiordland this year with no Wapiti trophies seen and after getting a good dumping of snow we ending up coming out a day early and returning to the North Island as Tahr was out of the question as the lower half of the country was still covered in the white stuff.



Heath and I decided that as we still had a few days annual leave we would head into the Tararuas and chase some local heads . A day to clean up the gear and we were away again. The grind up the hill across the farmland to the bush was just the start to what was going to be a long walk , it was about 2 hours in that we heard the first roars for the trip , 3 stags were going to town . We dropped down the side and attempted a stalk but the wind was against us and they moved off , not to worry we had a long walk and had to carry on anyway. 4 hours later we stopped off at the hut for a quick bite of lunch before we swung the packs again and started the climb to the tussock , Not long after we break out into the open we made our way back into the leatherwood as stags were singing away , we found a good wallow that had only just been used and spend the next 4 or so hours chasing stags roaring and generally wondering why with so much local action we had gone down south , it was after a nine hour haul that we finally drop the packs and set up camp just inside the bush edge , good day with over a dozen different stags heard but nothing sighted.



Traveling lite and fly camping allows us to be on the spot nice and early the next morning and we soon dropping down a spur to check out some moaners , sign was plentiful and we were soon putting the sneak on one boy , once we were in a position above him in the creek we split and I stay on the face roaring as Heath climbs around into the gut , abit of excitement had me dropping the camera as I could see the animal moving about the face and he makes the fatal mistake of walking out onto a slip giving Heath a perfect shot and a nice Tararua 8 does a backflip into the abyss .



After boning out the meat and removing the head we climb back to the ridgetop and drop the meat to call as we carry on looking for a stag for me , we drop into a different valley and only a couple of hundred meters down we get a reply beside another freshly used wallow , sitting ourselves down we swap replies with the stag and soon he decided that we weren't welcome and he was coming to move us on , unfortunately as he appears I take a shot at his neck only to miss and move him off instead seeing him once more as he heads over the ridge , oh well there's plenty more going to town.

Back up to collect the meat from Heath's stag and we head back to camp for a break before heading out for a final evening stalk , another spur and more roaring stags , this time we are chasing 'Camp' stag named after hanging around camp during the night roaring , we had been roaring as we moved down and soon I was indicating that I could hear an animal moving in , not long after a stag gives a solid grunt from behind some pepperwood and we have a little stand off for a bit as we exchange roars , Heath got a glimpse of antler before he got bored and moving off , not wanting to disturb him too much as he hadn't winded us we retreat to camp to make plans to hit him again in the morning.

We packed up the gear in the morning and shouldered the packs as we were going to drop down the spur camp stag was on and into the river to hunt the flats and camp in the valley on the way out . Camp stag must have had a hard night as he was mysteriously quiet and we carry on down the spur , half way down we start getting replies and drop the packs for a break , it was soon obvious that this guy wanted to play and was making his way up to us , I crept around the side of the hill as Heath kept him roaring , it took awhile but soon I could hear him moving around above me and had his antlers in the scope as he searched down the face looking for me , a head presents a shot and I squeeze off , he spins and bounds up hill , I climb up and get a second crack at him as he wobbles away sending one away Texas heart style , he spins and crashes down the face past Heath taking one in the ribs before coming to a halt , a small 9pt stag , more field dressing and the packs were starting to strain under the load .



As we came to the bottom of the spur we had another encounter with a roaring stag but the wind got the better off us and he made off before we got a crack at him , just as well I dont think we really wanted more meat to carry out anyway , at least my shoulders didnt. A few weary hours later we drop the packs and sit back for a break and wasnt long before Aaron comes around the end of the flat and joins us having walked in to see what all the fuss was about. A soild walk out the next day loaded with meat and heads and our 2015 Tararua roar was over.

Aprils club shoot was the 200m Hunter class shoot which unfortunately coincided with the opening of duck shooting which also is a good weekend to hunt stags as the hills are empty with a lot of hunters chasing the feathers not the fur. A bit of prompting and the shoot finshed nice and early and Heath and I decided to fit in an afternoon hunt to see if the stags were out amd about feeding up after the roar. We arrived at our hunting area a couple of hours later and were soon climbing the hill to a lookout over the valley , We spot a couple of spikers taking a nap in the sun but decided to leave them as we knew there were bigger stags in the area , reaching the top we drop into the next valley where we head around to a spot I found the weekend before where we could see down into the creek where there were some nice grass areas , I was busy watching the scrub face opposite us when Heath calls that he had spotted a stag on the flat , I look down and F**k was he a goodie , I have been chasing a good 12pt stag for a couple of years now and the boys know that their lives arent worth shooting him from under me , Heath quietly asks me if I want to take him but we also have a rule that the spotter gets first choice at shooting the deer and I decline . As we were getting closer for the shot he looks in our direction , dropping to his elbows Heath sends the Berger 270yds down to him and the stag drops on the spot , as he does a good 8pt stag and 2 hinds appear from the face we are on and make off .



To say Heath had a smile on his hache when he rolled the solid 13pt head out of the grass would be an understatement . Man was this guy big and must say I was relieved when I saw him up close as it didn't look like the head I have been chasing but it still didnt stop me giving Heath shit for shooting him. Care was taken to not damage the cape any further as he skined him for a mount and we were soon climbing back over the top and making our way back to the ute , As we decended Heath spots a couple of hinds on the opposite face , it was getting dark and I rush to get into a shooting position spooking them and the move off up the face 2 turning into 4 , before they reach the top the stop and look back , taking a seat in the long grass I send another berger 350yds over the valley and a hind rolls into the scrub , it was going to be a long night before we got home , loaded again with lots of meat and a head most would be stoked with.

Ron's Ramblings—by Big Ron

I have been away hunting with the Champion brothers and I was in lighting them on hut educate surrounding hut clothes. No problem you say. Maybe to the Nichols Hut uninitiated. They both suggested that I write a story for the newsletter.

It's a little like a Dr Seuss poem, indoor clothes outdoor, outdoor clothes indoor. Indoor outdoor in.

So where is the confusion? You have clothes that you wear inside and clothes that you wear on the outside?

Ok, so you get up in the morning to go hunting! 5.30am (which we did, thank you Mr Mike) but it's raining (which it was). Do you;

A/ get into my hut indoor clothes, kick around the hut, waiting out the rain and get into your hunting outdoor clothes later? Or

B/ get ready for hunting which includes putting on your hunting outdoor clothes now and sit out the shit weather?



Paul in his indoor hut clothes



Big boy Ron in his outdoor hunting clothes

Can you, and when can you wear indoor clothes outdoor. Well, never really. Running out to the long drop in your indoor clothes is ok. Getting firewood in your indoor clothes while it's raining is a definite no no.

Getting back to our scenario B/ get ready for hunting which includes putting on your hunting outdoor clothes now! This includes wearing your outdoor hunting clothes indoors. This is ok, we can live with this. So you can see, you can have outdoor clothes indoor, but never indoor clothes, outdoors!!

Another scenario for you to think about. You have been out hunting, get back wet. Do you get into your dry indoor hut clothes first? No. You go back out and cut some leatherwood for firewood first, no point both of us getting wet, anyway I'm in my dry indoor hut clothes, and as already stated, can not be worn outdoors other than going to the long drop.

Big boy Ron in his indoor/outdoor gay bar loitering suit, no clothes, no getting wet!



it's 5.30am, bucketing down. You get up and you have no intension of going hunting! Do you get into your indoor hut clothes? No. You go back to bed and get Mr Mike to make one of his big boy cooked breakfast and coffee and then at a more sensencable hour get up.

You maybe asking yourself what is the point in all of this? Unless you are going to take heaps of clothes, a clean dry set for everyday, you are going to have to have a set for hunting and a set for the hut. If you mix them up and wear indoor dry hut clothes out hunting, you are in trouble. Very soon you are going to have two sets of wet clothes which are not going to keep you warm. You have to be disciplined about this. It's not a nice feeling having to put on wet outdoor hunting clothes at 5.30am, i know, but it's real nice getting out of very wet clothes and into dry indoor hut clothes.

Obituary—Edward ‘Ted’ Boorer

16th October 1945—1st May 2015

by Bruce Curran



Ted was a long time member of Kapiti NZDA, well over 20 years. He was a valued committee member for a number of years.

Ted loved his range shooting and the company of his fellow shooting friends and he was a good shot too. Ted and the regular range shooters had many happy hours at the 'range' at Te Horo and interclub shoots of yesteryear.

Ted and I went for a couple of hunts together, one to the Oamaru, Kaimanawas walking in from Poronui Station and one to the 'footy field' head waters of the Mohaka River, flying in with Air Charter Taupo.

Ted enjoyed his trips and was always good company. In latter years Ted and his family enjoyed travelling NZ in their motorhome.

A good bloke, taken too soon.

Bruce Curran

Range Day - March 2015

Sunday 3rd May 2015

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Hunter Class 200m C/F Prone. 4 x 5 shots.

Wx fine but wind coming and going Range nice and dry.

10 shooters turned up to compete.

Results

Gillan Jones	35	45	39	44.1	163.1
Keith Graham	47.2	48	47.1	47	189.3
Bluce Curran	37	37	37	38	149
Heath Johnson	40.1	45	45	46	176.1
Jason Seade	47.2	45	46.1	47.1	185.4
Mike Champion	38	46.1	45	47.2	176.3
Mathew Williams	38	39	41	45	163
Richard Williams	33	36	37	39	145
Bluce Davis	41	42	43.1	44	170.1
Blant Goodwin	01	09	19	32	61 open sights

Winner was Keith Graham.

A good competition.

Unfortunately this year some shoots have fallen on long weekend etc. Next year some shoots may be on the second Sundays.

Next Shoot. Sunday June 7th Range Day.

Heard some wet stories connected with the roar. Murphy's law. Have a dry time until you want to go shooting.

L. JONES

2015 Shooting Calendar

JANUARY	No shoot.
FEBRUARY	Sunday 1st - Ian Bowering Cup 100m C/F, 4 Position, 50m R/F Saturday 28th - Bush Branch Prize Shoot C/F or R/F
MARCH	Sunday 15th - Annenson Shield Kapiti vs Horo Hunting Club, CF + R/F at Levin Range.
APRIL	Sunday 5th - 200m C/F (Hunting rifles .243 or bigger) Deer Silhouettes + 50m R/F Sunday 26th - Pre Duck Season Shotgun Shoot.
MAY	Sunday 3rd - Hunter Class 200m C/F Prone.
JUNE	Sunday 7th - Range Day C/F & R/F
JULY	Sunday 5th - Brian Butler Cup 50m R/F, 4 Position.
AUGUST	Sunday 2nd - Cobb Trophy 200m C/F 4 Position, 100m R/F.
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 6th - Kapiti Cup 100m R/F 4 Position.
OCTOBER	Sunday 4th - Range Day C/F & R/F
NOVEMBER	Saturday 7th - Taupo Prize Shoot. R/F or C/F. Sunday 15th - Alan Hildreth Shotgun Shoot.
DECEMBER	Sunday 6th - Hautere Shield 300m C/F Prone.

Range Rules

- > Contact Alan Jones on (06) 364-8796 to check that Range is open.
- > 10.00am to 2.30pm Saturday & Sunday only.
- > It's not up to Branch Members to police range access.
- > Landowner may at times, due to ground conditions close the farm to all vehicles. Please respect this.
- > You must have your Membership Card with you while using the Range.
- > Do not place targets on the fence.
- > Please take your rubbish home with you, this includes used targets.
- > Respect the fact you are on private land.

CLUB RIFLES AVAILABLE FOR USE

(Contact Anton on (04) 904 1118 to book one)

Any cancellations, shoot will be the next Sunday. \$2.00 Range Fee.

Kapiti NZDA Calendar

Club Night (2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm except for January & April when no meeting occurs)

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Committee Meeting	4/2/15	4/3/15	No Meeting	6/5/15	3/6/15	1/7/15	5/8/15	2/9/15	7/10/15	4/11/15	2/12/15
General meeting	11/2/15 19:30	11/3/15	No Meeting	13/5/15	10/6/15	7.30 PM	12/8/15	9/9/15	14/10/15	11/11/15	9/12/15
Responsibility for entertainment	Committee	Committee	No Meeting	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee
Contact Phone			No Meeting								
Entertainment for the month	Tim Ransby	John—taxidermy		Nichol's rtip report—Mike	Quiz night	'HUNTS' Course Committee Presentation on 2014 Course	Ron Canham - Hunting DVD	Hunting kit auction			BBQ + Heads & Photos Competition.
AGM											
Other events	Clubs subs due	Clubs subs due Accounts to Companies Office									

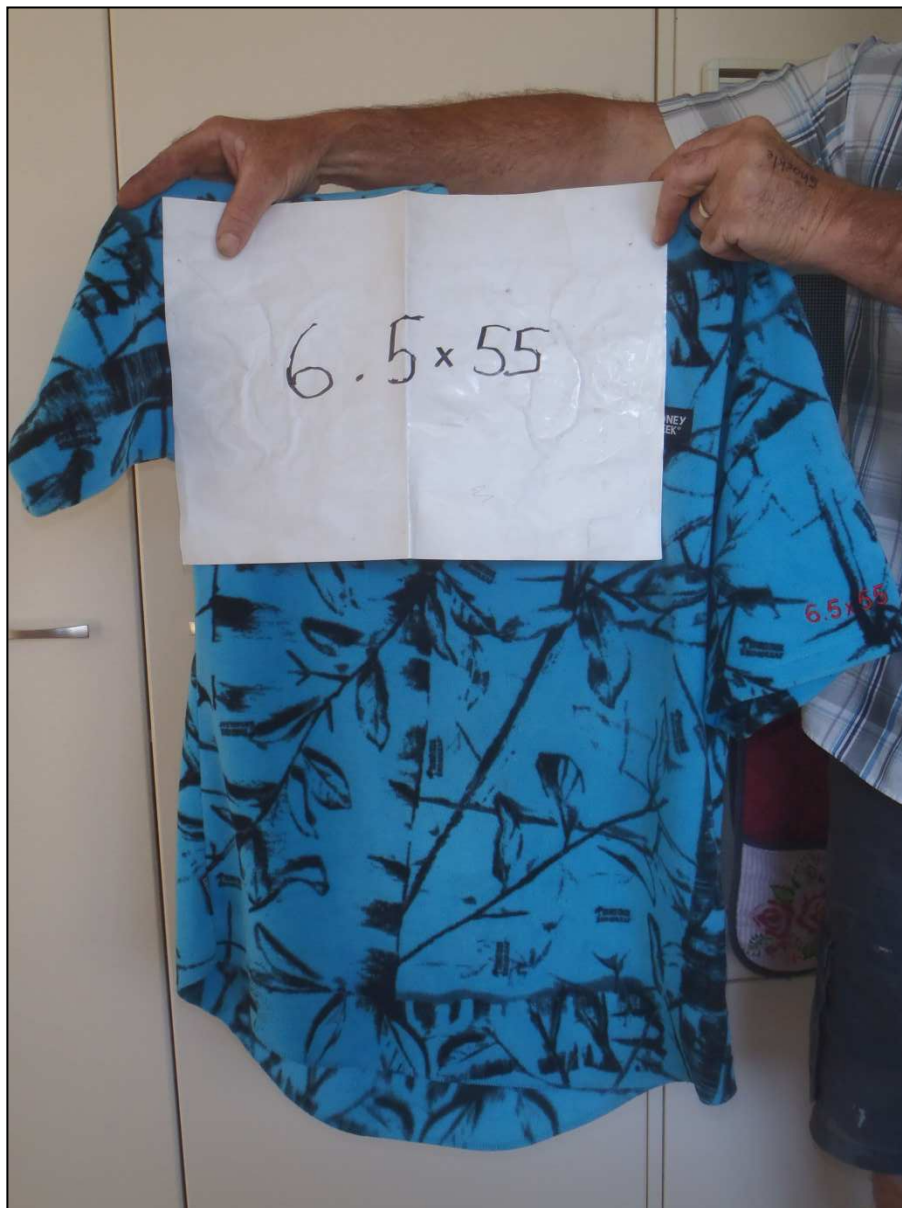
Club Hunting / Hut Maintenance Trips

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Location					Taupo Fly Fishing		Mangahao Dams		Taupo fishing & hunting	Orongorongo's	
Date											
Trip Convenor					Anton Williams		Mike Champion		Anton Williams	Anton Williams Ron Canham	
Contact number					049051118	1	063643020		0272486906	049051118	

Just a reminder, help support the club.

We have these tops for sale from Stoney Creek at every meeting with the Kapiti Deerstalker logo on them.
Most sizes available, from small to extra large.

See Anton.



Club GPS for Hire



Fast Find 210 - standard model w/ GPS
for extra fast position location

Announcing the amazing new McMurdo FastFind Satellite Personal Locator Beacon (PLB): the most compact, waterproof and versatile 406 MHz emergency location beacon available on the market.

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