



New Zealand Deer Farmers' Association

CENTRAL REGIONS BRANCH

March 2010 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **18th to 20th March – Central District Field Days Venison Burger Stand**
Volunteers required for our major annual fundraiser
Names to Wilt Turner – 06 328 4771
- **11th May – CRDFA AGM**
7pm, Rangitikei Club, Feilding
Annual report
Election of officers
Don't be shy – put your name forward to join our hard working committee
- **Suggestions for Branch trips in 2010/2011**
 - Overnight fishing trip to Hawkes Bay
 - Mid Winter Dinner
 - Branch trip to South Island January 2011
 - Other suggestions?

Chairman's Chat

Hi deer farming folk,

I had a dream ... I was covered in plum sauce, squeezed between two giant sesame seed buns with a huge image of Craig Hocken's jaw about to chomp down on me. I was screaming loudly "It wasn't me, it was my dog, I promise I won't let it happen again!!"

With a nightmare like that it must be burger time. Yes that's right folks it's time to all get together and help out at the burger stand, sell a few thousand burgers, work together with fellow deer farmers, have a few laughs, count the loot, and if all goes well we are off to the South Island in early January. I know it's a long way off but this is where it all starts, at the Central Regions burger stand. Dates to remember are 18th, 19th and 20th of March. Don't hide, don't be shy, stand up and be counted, come along and join in and work with one of the most dynamic branches within the DFA organisation. I know it's a big mission but many hands make light work and just think about what it will be like screaming down the Shotover in a twin V8 powered jet boat, wind and water, and the cliff face speeding by just inches away; burgers will just be a distant memory and that huge boulder lying just ahead will be your immediate focus.

There are two stand out achievements amongst our fold this year. Firstly Peter Adlam who came second in the National Hard Antler category in Invercargill; and Craig Hocken who came second recently in the Rising Stars 2yr Hard Antler category in Hamilton, even though my German Shepard managed to chew a couple of inches off one side - sorry Craig.

Central Regions is fortunate to be able to announce the formation of a Deer discussion group in our area. This is like a miniature focus farm venture except we will be shifting around deer farms in our region and focusing on problems that we all encounter. Pania Flint our local Massey University deer vet will be the convener, with visits from outside quest speakers relevant to the specific issues we may encounter along the way hopefully coming along to answer our questions. These discussion group days will of course end up in a booze up with the normal free feed chucked in, which has now become the norm with any Central Regions events. There may be a small cover charge to help with the cost of running these group meetings. The format is still being put together but we will keep you posted.

If you would like to become part of this group and are interested in hosting a farm visit to help solve a problem that is specific to your area, then please contact me. I can guarantee that Pania and her students will improve the performance and bottom line of your deer farm. I have personally been working closely with Pania for two years now and her input and support has made a significant difference to my farm performance and I am indeed very grateful, and now it's your chance to share in this knowledge.

Well that's all from me now, so please come and join us at the burger stand, help with our yearly fundraiser, make it happen for the branch.

- Chairman Wilton Turner

**Results of Combined
Central Regions and Taihape Branch
3yr, 2yr and spiker Hard Antler and Velvet Comp**

A great turn out and great day had by all
Thanks to Hocken family for their superb hospitality

- **2 Year Old Velvet**

Neil Harre' & R Gaskin

Robbie Bruce

Craig Hocken

- **3 Year Old Velvet**

Robbie Bruce

Alex McIntyre

Alex McIntyre

- **Longest Spikes**

Steve Rowe

Steve Rowe

John Bruce

- **2 Year Old Hard Antler**

Craig Hocken

Peter Adlam

Andy Jarden

- **3 Year Old Hard Antler**

Andy Jarden

Craig Hocken

Steve Rowe

- **Best Spiker Head**

Peter Adlam

John Bruce

Neil Harre' & R Gaskin

*Thanks to our Velvet Judge Gordon Harrington
Hard Antler judges Peter Adlam and Craig Hocken.*

**PAT ROWE AND THE ONE THAT
DIDN'T GET AWAY**



A man kills a deer and takes it home to cook for dinner.

Both he and his wife decide that they won't tell the kids what kind of meat it is, but will give them a clue and let them guess.

The kids were eager to know what the meat was on their plates, so they begged their dad for a clue.

"Well" the father said, "It's what mummy calls me sometimes."

The little girl screams

"Don't eat it.... it's a f#@king ar\$ehole!!"