

BRANCH NEWS

North Eastern England Branch

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This is a short newsletter but it contains some matters of importance for the Branch. We will be holding our Branch AGM in January 2018. The date will be confirmed to you. This is much earlier than last year's Branch AGM. We are doing this to enable all Branches to ratify and submit their accounts to HQ in line with the latter's financial year end. At the Branch AGM, I shall be setting out my thoughts on the state of the Branch and the wider situation for the BDS and the deer management sector. I have some plans in mind. I shall want to hear what the members think about it. It is sufficient now for me to say that 2018 is likely to be a critical year for the Branch. So look out for the Branch AGM calling notice and do your best to communicate with us by whatever means are open to you. We shall have a 'fallow' month in December to allow for administrative work but you can expect to hear from us again soon.

Christopher Roy-Toole Branch Chairman

Deformations in Deer Heads

Tuesday 28th November 2017

Peter Gray, our resident Veterinarian, will present a lecture and lead a discussion on the causes of deformations seen in Deer, specifically in their heads and their antlers. This will take place at **7.30pm** at the **Kirkley Hall Campus** near Ponteland. Please bring your own deer heads and antlers for comparison, whether they be trophy, 'medal' or cull heads. Staff and students of Northumberland College and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Tracking with Dogs

Watch out for activities in 2018 that will be themed around tracking with dogs. The Committee has had a productive meeting with the local representative of the UK Bavarian Mountain Hound Society to discuss the establishment of a local register for tracking dogs to assist in the follow-up of wounded deer. The first step is likely to be a practical demonstration at a date to be confirmed to you. Thanks go to Derek Dixon for facilitating our recent meeting.



BASC SCOTLAND Invite you to their **Scott Country INTERNATIONAL**

Thermal and Night Vision Demo Evening

Friday 8th December - 6pm till 9pm - Free Entry
BASC Scotland Centre - Trochry, Dunkeld, Perthshire, PH8 0DY

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