



All girl team back to defend title

The 'No Nuts' all woman team will be back to avenge its title and compete for a share of the \$80,000 worth of prizes in the Polaris Big Four hunting and fishing competition run by the Quarry Community Sports Club in June.

One of the event organisers Ken Griffin says the win gave the women the right to enter this year and their success has spurred on other women to take part too.

"We think there will be at least four or five women's teams this time," he says.

The No Nuts team of Rachael Blackie, manager, Stacey Rust, vet nurse, Bryar Bakalich, accountant and Paula Roberts, hotel manager, gained national and international attention when they beat off 77 other teams to win a \$16,000 Polaris Ranger 500 by achieving the closest to average weight across the stag, boar, cock pheasant and trout they entered.

This year they will be up against as many as 99 other teams in the contest which runs from Tuesday June 25 to Saturday June 29.

"Once people have registered and attended the briefing they can go hunting and fishing where ever they chose, so long as they are back by weigh-in time.

"It's a great event for people of all ages and a number of teams include children who can fish for a trout," says Ken.



Rachael Blackie, Tauranga; Stacey Rust, Whakatane; Bryar Bakalich, Opotiki; and Paula Roberts, Whakatane; more than held their own at the Polaris Big Four competition in June.

The aim for each team is to bag a stag, boar, trout and pheasant, with team prizes based on average and individual prizes for the heaviest animals and fish and the best trout, best antlers and tusks, and best pheasant.

The annual event is growing in popularity and this year Australian teams are also expected to take part. The Discovery Channel will be filming competitors, and former All Black Richard Loe will MC the prize giving at the Top Shot Pub at Te Puna.

The \$80,000 in prizes include a Polaris Ranger 500, a free 12 month lease of a new Toyota Hilux, and a 2001 4X4 Mazda Bounty donated by Pacific Toyota as a spot prize for all entrants present at the weigh-in. The weigh-in is popular with spectators numbering 800 to 1000 people, including competitors, expected to watch the prize giving.

MC on prize giving day RICHARD LOE (ex All Black)
LATE WEIGH - IN'S WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
ENTRY FEE \$260 per team of four (limited to 100 teams)

MAJOR TEAM PRIZES - based on average
OTHER PRIZES FOR: • heaviest stag • heaviest boar
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BEST ANTLERS & BEST TUSKS

BRIEFING:
Saturday 22nd June 2013

COMPETITION STARTS:
Wednesday 25th June 2013 with final weigh-in from 12pm - 3pm.
Weigh-in Thursday 27th June for Trout and Pheasants 2 - 4pm
@ The Top Shop Bar Te Puna

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There are two classifications for permits; open area hunting permits and restricted area hunting permits and the DOC website and offices have maps outlying which areas fall into each category.

Special conditions may apply in some open hunting areas and the permit is only valid within the boundaries of the open hunting area. In some areas the special conditions will require a separate dog permit.

With an open area permit hunters can hunt pigs, goats, deer,

wallabies, chamois and tahr.

If the area is on public conservation lands, but isn't one of the open hunting areas, then it will either be a restricted or prohibited area.

Restricted areas will have extra requirements for hunting within them and include blocks that must be booked all year (e.g. Stewart Island coastal blocks).

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