

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



John Bishop & Tom Taylor on clearing above Grebe Valley

## Southland Branch NZDA News Letter

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## AGM & Trophy night

Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.30pm

### FACEBOOK:

AS YOU MAY KNOW THE CLUB HAS MOVED WITH THE TIMES AND NOW HAS ITS VERY OWN FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ON FACEBOOK. CHECK IT OUT, YOU WILL FIND HELPFUL INFO ON THERE AND IT WILL HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB INTERACTION. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMEBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT

## Club Office Bearers

**President:** S. Robinson 215 7897 **Vice President:** W. Muir

**Secretary** A Nesbit : **Treasurer** **Vacant**

**Magazine Editor:** D. Gordon 216 6383 **Immediate past President** N Dawson 235 8852

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**Executive:** N. Miller, W. Muir, R. Prinsloo, D Howden, T Smalley, T Mead, S McKelvie

### Sub Committees:

Hall S. Robinson,

Young Hunts S. Robinson, N. Dawson.

AGM S. Robinson, D. Howden.

Trophies W. Muir.

Poisons/toxins R. Phillips. Rifle/pistol  
range D. Gordon.

DOC Liaison R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Newsletter D. Gordon.

Library S. Robinson.

Club Hunts All executive members.

Guest speakers All executive members, S. Robinson

Areas of interest

S/Island/S. Coast R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Hokonuis -----

Greenstone/Caples / Blue Mountains N. Dawson.

Fiordland R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Longwoods R. Phillips.



## Presidents Report

Hi All.

This is the branches AGM month. Some positions will be vacant and will need to be filled. If you are interested in having some involvement in club matters the AGM is the time to put your hand up.

Firearm reform has created some strong views among licensed firearm holders. We need to get focused on what is on their agenda for the next round of reform. This is going to affect more of us. Remembering our hunting hasn't been taken away from us yet. Storage of your firearms at home and while on your way to and from hunting could change. If you can upgrade to a more suitable safe at home the earlier you manage this the better. Hopefully licensed owners and interested groups will have a lot more of an input regarding this new round of reform. It will require some common-sense input from individuals with experience.

The club is still in a solid condition financially. Membership is showing signs of increasing. Interest in joining has not slowed but with that increase the committee must be vigilant and vet these applicants the best we can. Our branch along with others could see a large increase in membership if firearm laws were to change in a way that to retain your license you must belong to a shooting or hunting organization such as NZDA.

Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their time and input over the past year. Doug once again for the great job he has done with the newsletter. Thanks guys.

This year I will be standing down from my position as President and acting Treasurer, this hasn't been an easy decision but it's time for someone else to come forward. I have enjoyed my time as President even though it's had its moments. Having the support of my wife Debs has been a blessing without this support behind the scenes I wouldn't have been able to do this job.

Steve Robinson.

### **Wanted**

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor.

Guest Speaker's needed, Ideas wanted, who do you want, names needed, suggestions to Executive.



## Editorial

We New Zealanders have an inherited history of free range hunting on public land with the ability to own and use firearms to do this hunting.

What is the future of Firearms ownership in New Zealand, what is the future of hunting in New Zealand? I am concerned for both, the rules for firearms ownership have changed and will have further changes. It will become harder to become a licenced firearms owner, (If the info I have on recent applications to become one are true it already has become harder, with the recent changes to getting a Firearms licence numbers are down after the changes late last year.)

Any reduction in firearms ownership flows on to reduced numbers hunting (legally), it becomes harder to justify that hunting is part of being a Kiwi if not many are left hunting. It would be a shame if hunting in New Zealand as we have known it was no more.

At times like this ones looks to organisations that promote and encourage this hunting. One such organisation is The NZDA. It is unfortunate that in this time of need this organisation appears to be in a bit of a crisis?

At National level a new membership programme has been introduced, with the annual membership renewals. So far it has no produced the results, our membership records appear a mess. The sending out of renewal notices has had major problems. This needs fixed yesterday or we will lose members at the very time we need more. If you have problems with your renewal ring 04 499 6163 and get it sorted. (I did after waiting over a month!) You have no insurance until you do, can't enter any competitions, and won't get newsletter once I get a current membership list. Currently we have only two paid staff in HQ who are trying to fix the mess. Perhaps we do need a paid manager, but such cost money, what's the cost of not having one though? If we bleed members!! Think of the unpaid who are currently the National Executive, how much time are they committing to your benefit.

At local branch level there is a shortage of volunteers to man the positions, (this is not an only Southland thing). But the branch has no treasurer, I hear our Executive member in charge or membership is pulling the pin at this month's AGM on this job. About half the current executive collect Govt. Super. Then I now hear that we will be in need of a new President.

Members, fellow hunters you have little choice but to stand up and be counted, if you desire to continue to hunt. As I see it the younger you are the more important that you become active to preserve hunting, you have more to lose. People like me have done most of their hunting. (We still hope to do a bit more you never know what's behind the next tree?)

Yes I hear you say you don't have time but how many days hunting do each of you do in a year? To continue to hunt you may have to reduce the time you hunt to put time into enabling you to hunt! How much spare time will you have if you no longer hunt due to no firearms or no access to hunting country, or being allowed to shoot the current game

animals. We may have a hunting heritage, but the right to hunt is not guaranteed in law. Don't think it won't or can't happen.

The time is now each and every one of you need to do your bit, sorry New Zealand will not wait until you have spare time.

Doug Gordon

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome them.

Aiden O'Connor, Evan Shard, Jamie McCallum, Edward Palmer, Brent Scott, Patrick Corkery, Bernard Carter, Tim Malmstrom, Norman Phillips

## **Club Hunts**

(All hunts for Southland Branch NZDA Members (with full NZDA membership) as Public liability Insurance required).

### **Tahr East side of Divide.**

Tahr hunting trip 4 days away for 1st June to 4th June weather dependant, to fly in cost. \$-400 approx tbc.

Contact Shaun 0276350490 or Tom

0278471882

Numbers limited

**Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May  
1pm at the Clubrooms**

***Heads must be clean or they may not get scored [No  
Maggots]***

Remember all heads are up for the spot prize so bring your trophy along, spikers to 18pointers, goats, sheep, pigs, thar, chamois, any wild animal that fits in the branch AHT, antler, horn and tusk lists.

REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ENTERING AN ENTRY GO INTO THE SPOT PRIZE DRAW SO BRING ALL THE HEADS YOU HAVE SHOT IN THE LAST YEAR [MAY 2017 TO MAY 2018]

Photo competition entries to Doug Gordon 254  
Centre St Invercargill 9812 by 5pm Wednesday the  
8th of May.

Photo Categories are

Game Animals: Living Deer, Chamois, Tahr, Goats and pigs

Other Wildlife: Any other living Animals

Scenic: Preferably Hunting Country

Topical: Should contain some evidence of human activity and hunting related. eg. Hunter and his kill.

Photos must be taken from land not air or boats and must be 6x4 size

A spot prize on the night for all members entering photos

**Remember you must be a financial member when you took your trophy/ photo and to enter.**

## Sponsors

Southland Branch would like to thank its regular sponsors and recommend them to its members.





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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019--2020 YEAR

**Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if  
you have not received an account as  
yet please E MAIL National Office  
[membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz) or  
phone them on 04- 4996163**

As the Branch now operates through the centralised membership system ALL new and renewal subscriptions must be made through the national office not the Branch.

Postal payments to  
NZDA PO BOX12015  
Thorndon  
WELLINGTON 6144.

## Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT

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Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

This reminder is being put out as some members have paid direct to the branch account, as the account is not now checked on a regular basis for membership renewal a time lag will occur before any incorrect payments are picked up, and then forwarded onto Wellington.

For members renewing their memberships just pay to Wellington on the invoice that they send out to you ,DO NOT fill in a new application form as this just leads to a lot of double ups

## Notice for members

**If you change your address or your contact details like email address you must notify the Branch and the National office.**

If we do not have correct contact details how can we keep you informed from the branch, and national office cannot send out membership cards or the magazines, so it is important to have correct Postal as well as Email Addresses.

The Newsletter Editor is sick of chasing people who fail to notify changes of E-mail address, there seems to be new ones most time something is mailed out!!

The Branch e-mail address is on the front page of this newsletter!

Reminder for subscription renewal for the 2019/2020 year

**Members please Contact National Office if you have not received an invoice from National Office 04 499 6163**

You should have received one in February!

When paying please quote your invoice number as well as your name and current membership number if possible, This will make it a lot easier for National Office to process your  
Renewal,

Also if making payment electronically please ensure you pay into the correct account,

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO NZDA HQ, ACCOUNT 03-0558-0139562-04,

**DO NOT PAY INTO THE BRANCH ACCOUNT**

# Young Hunts Course 2019



**This course is for anyone young or old.  
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,  
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more  
Includes 8 aprox Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and 2  
weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting rifles  
and river crossing.**

Starting July, maximum of 12  
Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063  
[nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz) or Steve  
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Book Review  
Keen as Mustard

*By Graham May*

This is yet another book to roll of the Halcyon Press. The second book by the Author Graham May. His first book being "Something To Roar About". A book that I am yet to read. This second book is pitched as a continuation of the first one.

To put it simply this book is a collection of mainly hunting stories of Graham May and friends, Covering from 1970's to about today. Most are set in the North Island. There is what is becoming a typical trip to Stewart Island included plus some sea fishing adventures, chucked in. A good read if been there did that pushes your buttons. To me it is a well written addition to my collection, but not a stand out book by any means. Would mean more if I had been a North Island hunter.

Doug Gordon

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Available at a great price to Branch Members Contact Gus  
Ronald [gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz) 03 213 0351 for a price list

# Doc Hyperlinks on Poison

[Battle for the Birds](#)

[Pesticide summaries interactive map](#)

## OSPRI Hyperlink poison

[Aerial Pest Control Operations underway or planned](#)

### Joke of the month



## Public Talk on Fiordland

Greg Wilson. is giving a talk at Invercargill public Library on May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm about the Value of wilderness and promoting his recently published guide to southern Fiordland. Fiordland Unexplored.

NZDA members or anyone interested can attend.

Greg is NZDA member and a Wapiti Foundation Member living in Tuatapere. You can find him at [fiordlandunexplored.com](http://fiordlandunexplored.com)

## Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654 email [nandc43@gmail.com](mailto:nandc43@gmail.com) or 43 Bain St Invercargill

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site. **Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.**

