

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Winning Photo Other Wild Life Shaun McKelvie

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter July 2018

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Meeting Wednesday 18th July 8pm

Executive Meeting 7.00 pm

Guest Speaker

Adam Cowie from Animal Skins Tanning Service

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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 N. Dawson.

Blue Mountains N. Dawson,

Fiordland R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Longwoods R. Phillips.



Presidents Report

Hi all,

At the June meeting the committee decided after some discussion to put on hold the Rayonier Forest hunting permit proposal. We can revisit this at a later date. Reasons for this being is a lack of interest from members, and the set up costs. This has been an opportunity for members to get on board and support the club and the committee who run the club on behalf of you all.

The funds raised from the firewood will remain untouched until we have a direction forward on this or something hunter orientated. Thanks to the few who made the effort and time to come and chop and split the huge amount of wood, this is very much appreciated,

The Southland branch is the fourth largest branch in NZ and was the founding branch of the NZDA Association. A club to remain healthy needs the support and input from its members not just a committee. Like most people these days we are all busy with work and family commitments, but are making an effort to have the club moving forward. New ideas are welcome from members at anytime. Email your ideas to the branch or come along to a meeting and voice your idea. Get involved.

WARO

Hunting and hunter access has changed over the years and will continue to do so regardless of how much we resist it. Our game animal numbers have become high in places. Hunters cannot be blamed for this when there is an decreasing amount of access to such hunting areas. Tahr numbers seem to have exploded from the 1993 agreed 10,000 to the claimed 35,000 to date. When you have a focus on trophy animals only, plus a lack of access into the same remote areas your going to have that increase. Perhaps a spring / summer ballot could be proactive for the Tahr areas. Game management is something we as hunters play a big part in. Recreational hunters harvest more game animals every year than WARO do every year. Yet we are having less of a say and when we do we are not being listened to with the respect we deserve. We are

having an increase in access problems, reasons vary on this but are still problems regardless. The branch has offered many times to DOC that if your noticing an increase in game animals in areas let us know and we are only to happy to work with you to help. No result so far.

Now the weather is getting colder please take care on the roads if your out and about.

If your out for a hunt identify your target beyond all reasonable doubt.

Steve Robinson.

New Members Please Welcome them

Paul Howden, Jeffrey Shaw, Shaun Waddel



Editorial

Today I was thinking of what to write on the recent meetings with Doc and NZ Police, (reports on meetings in the newsletter). When I came across a report in a Doc Newsletter of Ferret Traps being damaged destroyed and thrown away in Tongariro Forrest. Who would do this?

Trapping of ferrets to protect the Kiwi is the environmentally friendly way to do it. It avoids using Poison, and especially aerial sowed poison. The obvious choice of candidate to do this activity is some hunting type disgruntled with Doc. I pray that this is not the case. Sadly this is who the green and politically correct will finger point at. Other possibility's spring to mind. Animal welfare extremists who are anti any form of trapping and believe all animals should not be harmed in any way by humans. (While animals killing animals is OK even if they are endangered). Then there is the pro poison lobby who want to poison to protect. Its cheaper to do and will/ may have a by kill of what they consider undesirable animals (Deer etc.) The news for them that poison is not selective and the by kill may not be as expected or desired.

Who remembers the movie Sleeping Dogs or Hitler's attempts to say that Poland tried to invade Germany in 1939. Damage can be staged to enable some ones outcome to be subvertly achieved. I just hope no hunters are found to be involved. Now more than ever what one hunter (or Firearm owner) does or doesn't do affects all.

Wanted

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

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

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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 2018/2019 year
Members please wait until you receive an invoice from National Office and then pay on that, these will come out in early February,

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Roar 2018 part 2

With a stag already hung up for the roar the pressure was off the freezer was getting full so if anything else was going to get in the way of the trusty 308 it was going to have to be something pretty good. I had 2 new spots to have a look over before the roar finished so one Saturday morning I pointed the Navarra up the well-worn forestry track and parked well out the back. Intending on doing a big loop around a large part of the block just to get a decent look over most of it more than anything , There was a fickle breeze blowing thankfully in my favour , so I set off following an old disused track along some semi open country that looked like I should be chasing the deer off the edges of the clearings by the hundreds , but someone must have already done that for me because I seem a grand total of 0 deer , I entered the bush and stalked along for a hour or so

seeing some nice open bush and not much else , so I pulled the pin headed back with the wind to the truck calling it a day. I figured it was kind of on the way only a slight detour. What's an hour on a Saturday morning (I still had 2 spare before milking) that I may well swing past the other block I wanted to have a walk around see where to start at least for next time, driving up the gravel road I was greeted with another Ute already parked up at the gate, not really sure if that was a good sign or a bad one obviously I'm not the only one that's hunting there maybe that means it's an good spot? I had to wait until next weekend to find out.

Another early morning seen me pulling into the gate at spot b, figuring I should park my truck out of the way In case someone else wanted to come looking for a deer, although I hoped that wouldn't be the case. Parking the truck up and getting my gear out fumbling around in the dark not being to carefully as I'd just turned the Ute off and if anyone knows my Navarra it's no stealth machine , shutting the door, it was almost daylight , I could see maybe 30 meters ahead at most, I figured I'd be walking a while before I encountered game but as I set off about 4 steps away from the Ute crashing across the track went a deer of some description large and brown was about all I could tell you , it was presumably a good sign at least a knew there was one deer here. I started off again half expecting the same to happen again at any time but it didn't , it was beautifully open bush for a start but the further in I got the thicker it got , I ambled away for a couple of hours seeing plenty of sign but hearing no roars I was starting to lose hope , when I heard a faint roar from somewhere to my right sounded a long way off but I thought if nothing else ill work my way closer, cutting back over towards the roar I never heard another sound so I just worked my way quietly down the track when that smell the pungent stench of a fitting stag filled the air, quietly thinking to myself I'm either standing in his piss or there's a stag real close! 2 more steps and crash a large bodied stag with the best rack I'd come across no more than 4 meters away bounded out onto and off the track with a hind in tow he was gone as fast as he appeared , hoping he hadn't smelt me and would maybe not go too far I quickened my pace in a last resort attempt to try get closer again without pushing him further away, 2 or 300 meters further down there he was nudging his hind out over the track she looked up , I froze not seeming to sense danger she took a few steps and disappeared over the track as the stag took a cautious step forward only showing his head and neck , it was clear he was allot better than the 8 pointer hanging on my lounge wall, I quickly lifted the rifle up and took aim at his neck and squeezed the trigger off .The stag collapsed at the shot, the hind crashed away and silence took over. I walked up to the stag with great excitement counting. 11 points "you ripper" not bad for a wee look around a new block. Since he was right on the track I gutted him planning on trying to drive up to him and get the whole animal out, there was no way I was carrying this guy while anywhere. I cut the head off and carried the head back to the truck, the grin member wore off.

Shaun McKelvie

Joke of the Month

DUNEDIN'S LADS

FOUR ENTERPRISING YOUNG DUNEDIN LADS RECENTLY GOT THEIR OWN BACK ON A SPEED CAMERA.

A TRAFFIC OFFICER WAS SITTING IN HIS VEHICLE AS HIS SPEED CAMERA FLASHED AWAY CATCHING THE UNWARY.

THE FOUR LADS STOPPED AND GOT CHATTING TO THE TRAFFIC OFFICER AND SHOWED A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE EQUIPMENT.

THE FRIENDLY OFFICER ADMIRERED THEIR INTEREST AND WENT TO CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE TO SHOW THEM HOW IT ALL WORKED.

SO WHILE THREE OF THE LADS KEPT UP THEIR INTEREST IN THE WORKINGS AND KEPT THE OFFICER TALKING,

THE FOURTH LAD QUIETLY REMOVED THE NUMBER PLATE FROM THE BACK OF THE OFFICERS VEHICLE.

POLITELY THANKING THE OFFICER FOR SHOWING THEM HIS EQUIPMENT, THE LADS THEN WENT HOME AND FASTENED THE NUMBER PLATE

TO THEIR OWN CAR AND DROVE IT AT HIGH SPEED PAST THE SPEED CAMERA 17 TIMES.

THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT COMPUTER SYSTEM THEN AUTOMATICALLY SENT OUT 17 SPEEDING VIOLATIONS TO THEMSELVES.

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Waro meeting report

The following is a report of the Waro meeting i attended on Tuesday 26th.

As all the exc. members will have seen the email sent out showing all the Waro areas and their status you will have noted the only change for Murihiku was Mid Dome changing from Not Permitted to Restricted ,so not really much change for Southland .

I asked what the small additions are and was told mostly small areas off scenic reserve type lands, one area was acutely the Clifden Suspension Bridge.

The Waro operators had a meeting with DOC before the public meeting, and DOC stated that the operators would be happy to have the closed period [roar time] extended out for another week.

I asked about access for hunters into DOC estate areas and was informed they are working on areas to gain better access for hunters.

Maurice Rodway asked why Waro did not do the Longwood's, Doc replied they are happy with what hunters are doing in the Longwood's. [a positive for hunters]

I agreed with a statement made that Helicopters are needed to help with animal control.

I recorded myself as a Rec. Hunter with NZDA after my name, even though i had the ok from the branch to be a branch delegate i did not speak for or on behalf of the branch as i had no reason to.

A feeling i got was that DOC could be receptive to an approach from the branch with possible access into Conservation Land which is at present proves to be slightly awkward in some areas.

Thanks Ray

Meeting with Acting Superintendent Mike McIlraith on Firearms Project Community Discussion

On Thursday 28th June

About 50 people attended mainly Restricted firearms owners and dealers going by the questions raised.

Points raised included

- There are to be no changes to the Act
- Moving to providing more services online
- Mike McIlraith recognises not all services meeting shooters needs and not always provided as they should be.
- Concerns expressed regarding access for new licences, Practical is a simple test, looking at better coverage for the likes of TeAnau once up and running.

- Concerns about importing problems also online sales security .

Doug Gordon

PS.

It was disturbing to hear that members of one group of firearms users did not attend,as this meeting did no concern them.

Remember “United we stand, divided we fall”!

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Red Stag lodge after a good frost

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