

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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Next Meeting Wed 17th February 7.30pm

Guest Speaker
February 18th 2015
Southland Branch NZDA

Stuart Geal from Greystone Guns in Christchurch is coming to talk to us about:

Silencers
Gun Smithing
Cerakote
Gun Repairs

Also Whats new in the States as he is heading there early February



GREYSTONE GUNS
WWW.GREYSTONEGUNS.CO.NZ



Phone: 03 324 3210 - Email: stuart@greystoneguns.co.nz

This is one meeting not to Miss. Bring your mate, your neighbour and your neighbours neighbour!!

All Welcome

Be at the Clubrooms at 7.30pm. Longbush Hall, McKerchar Road.

There will be a raffle so bring a couple of dollars, to be in with a chance to win

Tea and Coffee served after.

Check website before coming for details and liase with Stuart before the meeting so you can bring your firearm in if you think this is for you.

DON'T MISS OUT!!



Presidents Report

Hi All

Well it's a new year and with it brings new seasons for hunting, new opportunities to secure a trophy head or just a bloody good hunting trip like last year. Congratulations to those members that were fortunate to be drawn hunting ballot blocks for this year's roar and also tahr blocks.

Members please remember to update yourselves on the 1080 drop areas if you plan to hunt any of these places. The Waitutu 1080 drop has been completed and results are out to view if you wish so.

Club Hunts

We have just had a wallaby hunt with 18 members taking part this was a good result. If you are interested in taking part of any of the club hunts then contact whom is organising it. These will be advertised in the newsletter in advance. Some will be limited to numbers but will be advertised as such.

It has come to my attention of some burglaries taking place and firearms stolen. Firearm security and safety is your responsibility, make sure they are secure at all times possible. Let's keep it safe at home and in the field. Remember safety code, identify that target, perhaps if you don't know the sex of the animal "should you be firing at it".

Steve Robinson

Branch Hunts

Goats A shoot is being organised at the Branches Station Late February? Fly in by helicopter, so places are limited.(no half loads for the chopper) For more info and to get your name on the list contact Steve Long (03) 217 4035 or 0272450754

Tahr (Thar) Weekend of 21st March Fly in by Helicopter spaces again limited be quick. For more info and a place contact Steve Robinson 027 747 8109.

SUBS etc.

You should have your account for this year's sub by now. These need to be paid before you shoot that trophy or take that photo. The trophy evening is in May time is flying, all entries must comply with branch rules.

All cup holders (last Years) please return trophies by the April meeting

Editorial



The New Year is already a month old. So to use that phrase from The Game of Thrones “winter is coming”. Before then we need to be out there doing it. The Branch has a few activities being organised, get involved and enjoy them, and get more value for that sub that you should be getting a loan or raising a mortgage to pay at this time if you have not already paid it. It would be a pity to shoot that trophy of a life time, and not be able to enter it in the branch and national competitions. It would be a bigger pity if you have an accident with matches in the current weather and were not covered by insurance!

From what I have seen the more you put into the club the more you are likely to get out, so be active, do things, winter is coming the days are getting shorter, hopefully the stags will roar, be there!

Club Wallaby Hunt

First club hunt for 2015, 18 club members made up of mixed ages and abilities. The weather was hot to very hot.

The first full days hunt was split into two groups and moving into two very large gullies and forming a drive line. These gullies like most in this type of country are full of thick tussock and Spaniard grass. Moving through this is not as bad as one thinks once you’ve done this a few times you learn very quickly. Wallaby’s were being flushed out and shot at on a regular basis with shotguns and rifles breaking the silence. From close to medium ranges most of the day.

The evening was an easier time as they are moving out into the open areas to feed. These animals were easily taken with rifles as produced clear shots. A night shoot was to follow but thick fog rolled in very quickly so we aborted staying out. We then headed back to camp which was either the old farm house or the wool shed. To cook up evening meal and swap some of the days stories.



Second day, Saturday morning back out for another day at them with most of us choosing some different spots and shooting some more of these tussock rats off Nevil's farm for him. Saturday evening turned out to be a nice clear evening with most of us getting onto a good number of wallabies. Some like the more experienced individuals getting well into double figures. At night fall we all regrouped back at the vehicles, we decided a night shoot was off as most of us had had enough and headed back to camp to cook up a much needed meal. After a final count the number of wallabies taken off this property was 242. In reflection this would have only been around half of the animals that were seen.



All in all it was a great weekend with some great guys I must thank Nathan for his part in helping me organise the club hunt.

Steve Robinson

January Wallaby hunt

Friday morning saw us set out for the hills. 5 hours later we arrived at the station. We sorted our kit out and headed away into the hills to catch up with the other guys. They all looked knackered after hot morning hunting. We all headed back to the yards for a bite of lunch and a rest, then back up the hills for an evening shot. Plenty of Roos shot and some good stories told. The fog rolled in so we headed back in just on dark. At this time, the wallaby count was added to by the Polaris (we ran one over on the road on the way back)

Some light "refreshments" were consumed and the sleeping bag beckoned.

The next morning saw us away again. A group of keen, fit hunters started at the back of the hills and walked a line flushing Skippy over the ridges and down the valley, some good shooting was had.

Early evening, back up the hill for early evening shooting. Lots of Roos were shot.

By the end of the hunt, 242 Roos had been shot. Everyone that went a long shot a few (some shot a lot!)

The last evening saw the rest of the "refreshments" consumed, even Skippy stopped in at the wool shed for a few quiet ones!

Great hunt, great people, great memories.

Cheers

Tim Smalley

Sighting in Rifles

With the start of daylight saving the Invercargill pistol Club range will be again available to Financial Members for the sighting in of Rifles on Wednesday nights from 5.30 pm finishing 7pm. At the cost of \$10 per person. Ear & Eye protection required

To use this facility you MUST contact the roistered person in charge **no later** than the previous Sunday night.

Feb25th Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

March 4th Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 After 4pm

March 11th Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

March 25th Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

Range Shoot

Silhouette Shoot

To be held Saturday 28th February at the Invercargill pistol Club Range.

Pit Road North Sandy Point

For Club members only

Start 11am sharp. Entry fee \$15.00

This is a .22R only shoot you will require 40 rounds of ammo (plus practice)

Shooting is at metal targets at ranges from 25 to 100 metres.

You will need to bring your own lunch, a camp or deck chair could be useful.

All persons must sign in at the Pistol Club's club room and park vehicles in the car park there.

All firearms unloaded actions open when not on the actual range and shooting (that is from when you leave your vehicle.)

The wearing of hearing protection and safety glasses is compulsory.

As it the obeying of the pistol club's range rules (which are on the wall were you sign in) and are not to wander around the other club ranges unsupervised.

All inquiries to Doug Gordon 2166383 or Dave Howden 2130962 (including those for a possible cancellation for rough weather.)

This months Quiz

Match the huts to the Southland Rivers

Becketts	Oreti
The Mansion	Grebe
The Islands	Greenstone
Back Valley	Gow Burn
Thomsons	Waterloo
Clarks (Clarkes)	Windley
Lincoln Bivy	Irthing
Flaxy	Mararoa
Boundary	Garnock Burn
Slip Flat	Wapiti River

November Quiz

Match the Ammo brands with the countries of (normal) manufacture

Norma	Sweden
Sellier& Bellot	Czech Republic
Federal	USA
Eley	England
Rio	Spain
Fiocchi	Italy
Scorpio	Australia
Mirage	Italy
Aguila	Mexico
CAC	New Zealand
Falcon	New Zealand
Prvi Partizan	Serbia
Highland	South Africa

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BACK COUNTRY

Cuisine

Still available at a great price to Branch Members

Contact Gus Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351

For a price list

Wapiti Lodge & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654

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43 Bain St Invercargill

Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.

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