

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Going, going, nearly gone, gone

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA MAY2016

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AGM Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 18th May 7pm



Presidents Report

Once again I can report that the branch has had a reasonable year. Our membership has grown slowly, even though some members have moved on they have soon been replaced by others. These are of various ages which in time gives the branch a healthy membership for the future. Despite having a reduced number on the committee, things have ticked over without too much trouble this year.

Our newsletter editor Doug once again has put in a grand effort over the past year. A big thanks to you Doug, the branch also has a Facebook page up and running and this should if used correctly give our branch and hunting some positive exposure. The HUNTS programme is working well and evolving each year. The course has great support by those who contribute their time. Nathan and myself will be running another course this year, and may well need some suitable instructors to help out at Mount Nic. If you would like to help out, contact Nathan Dawson. Financially we are in good shape. We have some great assets in the way of the Wapiti Lodge, Red stag hut and the Long bush Hall. To maintain repairs and pay for ongoing costs, which only increase which include insurance, rates etc, and even small things such as postage needs to be addressed from time to time.

In conclusion I would like to thank the committee and some past committee members for input over the year, without your help we wouldn't be able to run a smooth club.

Steve Robinson



Editorial

By the time you read this the opening of duckshooting will have come and gone for yet another year. I hope all those that got out had a good day's shooting, recovered enough ducks to get sick of plucking without going overboard (After all 20 mallards and 6 parries is a bit to pluck). But most importantly that you got home safe sound afterwards. Saving any celebrations until the guns and the vehicles

were put away for the day. Duckshooters have been letting shooters in general down by getting drunk while shooting far too often.

While strictly speaking Duck shooting has nothing to do with big game hunting (Deerstalking). What happens regarding duckshooting strategically affects other hunting especially in Southland. You only to have a look in our sponsors stores to see the amount of gear that they have and turn over every duck season. More than they turn over for the Roar I bet! How poorer would be the selection of gear stocked for other hunting (and other outdoor sports) be without the duck season. How many less licenced firearms users? We need every one we can get to keep the numbers up to counter the anti-firearms lobby.

Land use, access and other environment problems affect them as much as us. We need to work more together. We have a large number of common members. We have common goals. We also have the same problem for different reasons, a lack of involvement of the average member in the running and promotion of their sport.

The difference as I see it is that the Deerstalkers actually want their members to come to their meetings, (I don't know that Fish and Game do?).

We can show them the way though we have over 300 members, come on come to the meetings especially the AGM tell us what you want for your Sub, then work together to achieve these goals.

The message is that the Southland Branch can be far more active than it is with the large membership it has. The outfit is and has to be run by the members for the members. What we do or don't do has an affect not only on us but on shooting sports in general. If you would like to think future generations should enjoy shooting also, you need to do your bit now. Always act and behave for the good of shooting.

A big thanks to Yunca for their recent support



MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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 BOX 6514

MARION SQUARE

WELLINGTON 6141.

Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT

03-0558-0139562-04...

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.

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.

**POST the AGM UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS
WILL NOT RECIEVE THE NEWSLETTER or
*Hunting and Wildlife***

**Important Request for Detail - Tenure Reviews Resulting in Public
Access Degradation.docx (from Head Office)**

To: All NZDA Members in the South Island (and North Island Members who hunt in the South Island)

Hello All

We need YOUR help – to do your bit for public access for current and future generations of recreational hunters in New Zealand.

The Tenure Review process (of Crown Pastoral Leases):

- should offer a unique and positive opportunity to maintain or enhance (preferably free) certain and enduring practical public recreational access
- instead, is creating a disappointing legacy of poor public access outcomes (in some cases).

In some cases:

- provision for effective, practical public access (including vehicle access and the right to carry a firearm) is worse after Tenure Reviews are complete, than before
- these poor public access provisions (or lack thereof) become legally enshrined.

How can YOU help? - do YOU have specific, first-hand knowledge of poor public access outcomes, as a result of Tenure Review. We need YOU to provide this information - so we can catalogue every such example. Don't worry if you think somebody else may already know about your example – we'd sooner receive information about examples twice, rather than miss one.

How can you provide this information? - just send an email to the CRAG Joint Regional Coordinators, stewart.h@clear.net.nz and s.d.hodder@xtra.co.nz – and give us brief details of your example. Please include:

1. your contact details – name, email address, telephone number(s) and NZDA Branch (or other organisation) you belong to;
2. name of the Crown Pastoral Lease involved (eg Birchwood Station);

3. pre-existing public access (what public access was available BEFORE Tenure Review - ideal or otherwise);
4. public access opportunity (what the desirable public access outcome w/could have been - which just could be maintenance of status quo, or a suggestion for enhancement thereof);
5. actual public access outcome, AFTER Tenure Review.

Please provide specific details of public accessways for your example. Ideally, a map would be much appreciated. GPS coordinates would also be useful. Anything to enable us to narrow down and identify the specific location where public access could or should have been provided.

If for any reason you don't provide details – please submit your example anyway – or get somebody else to do it. We'll come back to you, for more details.

The following link should allow you to review the latest LINZ update of Tenure Review status - to jog your memory of affected properties:

http://www.linz.govt.nz/system/files_force/media/doc/cp-tr-status-report-201603.csv?download=1&download=1

Although we are particularly interested in public *recreational hunting* access (including vehicle access and the right to carry a firearm) – we also want to hear about other more general public access outcomes (good or bad) after Tenure Review also.

Who's asking - who are "we"? - recently, Bill O'Leary and the National Executive have commissioned a trial of a new initiative within NZDA, to better address public and recreational hunting access issues. This pilot is called the Canterbury Regional Access Group (CRAG) - and has representatives from North Canterbury, Malvern, Rakaia, Ashburton and South Canterbury Branches. We hope you will hear more about this initiative, in the future.

A key issue for recreational hunters - is poor public access (for recreational hunting) after Tenure Review. Tenure Review is a South Island High Country issue (there are no Crown Pastoral Leases in the North Island).

Using examples provided - we hope to have an article printed in the media about how Tenure Review is resulting in poor public access outcomes.

Please pass this request on to as many NZDA Members – or indeed members of the public and hunters generally - as possible. If you have an example - but don't want to put it in writing - then please explain your example to somebody else, and ask them to forward it on - so it gets captured.

PLEASE HELP – AND DO YOUR BIT FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RECREATIONAL HUNTERS IN NEW ZEALAND.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,
 Stewart Hydes ph 03 329 6292 / 021 403 927 (after hours)
 David Hodder ph 03 339 7038 / 027 616 1290
 Joint Coordinators - Canterbury Regional Access Group

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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

Situations Vacant

There are several vacancies on the Executive to be filled at the AGM, needed, a Secretary, Vice President, Hunts Convenor and other Executive members. The branch needs some good keen men (or women) to put their hands up at the AGM, the current executive has shrunk, needs fresh ideas. If interested talk to the current executive before the night. -

Young Hunts Course 2016



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Includes 8-9 Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and 2
weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting rifles
and river crossing.**

**Starting Mid July, maximum of 12
Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063
nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or
Steve Robinson 0277478109
stevelrob@gmail.com**



This Month's Hunt

Sorry I have not been advised of any hunts, to discuss further come to the AGM.

Last Month's Quiz

Match the names to the Descriptions

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| • Allan Miller | Gunsmith |
| • Allan Duncan | Deer Culler/ Helicopter Pilot |
| • Doug Jones | Venison processor |
| • Bob Hawkless | Charter Boat Operator |
| • Chaz Forsyth | National Secretary NZDA |
| • Nicholas Taylor | Firearms Lawyer |
| • JP Brooking | Hunting Guide |
| • Lloyd Vent | Early Trophy Hunter |
| • Ross Curtis | Hunting Book Author |
| • Mike Bradstock | Editor NZ Hunting and Wildlife |

For Sale

New Alloy Pontoon Dinghy on trailer, 4.2 metres, \$5,800 Contact Steve Robinson 0277478109



Branch Annual Trophy competition

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 15th 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 ENTRIES GO IN FOR THE SPOT PRIZE DRAW SO
BRING ALL THE HEADS YOU HAVE SHOT IN THE LAST YEAR [MAY 2015 TO MAY 2016]

This Month's Quiz

Match the area with the feature species you would likely go to hunt in that area. Not that hunting other species is not possible or likely in some areas.

South Kaipara	Whitetail
Pitt Island	Red Deer
Skippers	Sika
Mt Cook	Chamois
George Sound	Sambar
Galatea Plateau	Goats
Lake Tarawera	Wild Sheep
Kaimanawa Mts	Tahr
Santoft Forrest	Wapiti
Fox Glacier	Wallabys
Hunter River	Fallow Deer
Glenorchy	Rusa

Sponsors

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

Hunting and Fishing Invercargill

Southern Adventure

H&J's Outdoor World

Stewart Island Flights

New Members please welcome them

Grant McGregor, Ross Best, Gregory Smith

This issues Hunting Story

(Sorry nobody wrote one for the editor!)

So another quick Quiz what Southland peak are the following two photos of



Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora

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



email nandc43@gmail.com

43 Bain St Invercargill

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

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