

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



April 2014

Southland Branch

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

NOTICE BOARD

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm

General Meeting: Wednesday 16th April at 8pm – **All Welcome**

Guest Speaker

We will be watching a hunting DVD this month and having a general catch up

A Warm Welcome to our New Members

LYNN SLOAN, DESS CHAMBERS, RICKI EGERTON, COURTNEY MORRISON, SHANNAN, TRUDI & AIDAN EVANS, VAUGHAN MARSHALL, DAVID VAN PELS, RUSSELL MCGAMMON, REGAN KOLLAT, DAVID BATT, CONNOR MCDERMOTT, JOSHUA WEBB, BRUCE BEST, DUNCAN REVITT, BRYCE STUPPLES. KFN SINCLAIR

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES COMING UP

16th May – Photo Competition entries close 6pm

11th May – Head Measuring Day at clubrooms 1pm

21st May - AGM at the clubrooms 7pm

All trophies need returned before the AGM please

Subscriptions – Please Read

This year we have switched to a direct membership payment system managed by the National Office in Wellington. It has not been without a few teething problems. To ensure we are getting it right please advise by email to southlandbranchnzda@hotmail.com if any of the following apply to you:

1. You have not received an invoice.
2. You have paid but have not received a membership card.

If 2 applies to you, when and how did you pay?

Thanks,

John - Treasurer

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NATHAN DAWSON

Presidents Report...

Well the roar is now upon us and I hope you all got out, or will get out for a shot before our great summer comes to an end. I did not get away for my week this year due to other commitments, but certainly hope to get out for a look before opening morning.

A big thanks to Vic Thompson from Mossburn Enterprises for talking to us about the eel fishing industry and his business at Kennington at last months' meeting, I hear that it was very interesting.

We have the **AGM**, this is coming up on the 21st May at 7pm, if anybody is wanting to stand for committee please put your name forward before or at the AGM as we are looking for new applicants so please don't be shy. This is a great night to tell all those hunting lies that happen over the roar.

The Douglas scoring day for the club trophies is on the 11th of May at 1pm at the Southland NZDA hall. All heads, big or small, should be entered to be in with a chance to win the \$250 spot prize and you must be financial member when you shot it and when you enter it.

All cups must be back on this day too thank you. Photos for the club competition are to printed in 6x4 and either posted or delivered to Nathan Dawson, 1894 Winton – Lorneville Highway, RD6, Invercargill 9876

We still have **firewood** for sale at \$40 per cubic meter All proceeds go back into the club, so please support this cause.

Hunts Course for 2014 is starting up in mid-July. Contact Steve Robinson or Nathan Dawson

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As always we are looking for contributions to the newsletter, especially photos and/or stories, this helps make the newsletter our own so don't be afraid to put pen to paper. Any contributions or ideas for guest speakers can be sent to our newsletter editor Greg Herbert (gregandsonya@woosh.co.nz). Keep your eye on the newsletter as we will be having hunts over the winter months.

Cheers

Nathan

Ben Ohau - Tahr...

Hi All.

On the 13-16 of March 4 club members. Took the time to Hunt In the Ben Ohau Hunting Block for Tahr. The weather was wet on the first evening but cleared the next morning for the next 2 days. We had a good climb up to where the Tahr like to be. (this was hot work) We glassed about for some animals, David and father Bryan shot 2 for meat. Next day clear and looking good, set a plan for the day and headed out from hut, mid afternoon we got into Tahr country glassed around we seen a mob up high, I decided to climb up and hoped to get a shot at one. After about 45- 50 mins of easy climbing, (ha ha) Dave called me on RT and said If I don't shoot one up there, there are 3 young bulls walking towards them on the valley floor.(SHIT) I shot a bull, but it is still hang up on a rock face. Dave and Bryan got 2 young bulls. Tim was back at the hut by now and had the beers in bucket which later that night turned out to be a great idea. All four of us had a great trip and look forward to the next one.

Steve Robinson



Contacts...

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Sub Committees for 2013-2014

Huts	J De Lury, N Miller, K Watson, J Hogg, S Long		
Young Hunts	N Dawson, S Long, S Robinson, D Gordon		
Club Hunts	S Long, N Dawson, G Herbert		
Guest Speakers	N Dawson, K Watson, H Williams		
Hall	K Watson, B McNaughton	DOC Liason	N Dawson, S Long
AGM	N Dawson, D Howden	Trophies	G Ronald, N Dawson
Stewart Isl.	J De Lury, R Phillips, S Long	Newsletters	G Herbert
Hokonuis	K Watson	Longwoods	S Long, Sam Long
Sth Coast	R Phillips, S Robinson	Fiordland	B McNaughton, G Herbert
Caples	J De Lury, N Miller	Blue Mtns	S Long, Sam Long
Rifle Range	D Howden, D Gordon, J Hogg	Poisons & Toxins	R Phillips

Life Member(s)

WA (Bill) Bell (Branch) Ray Phillips (Branch)
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