

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



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Southland Branch NZDA News Letter April 2018

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Wednesday 18th April 8pm
Executive Meeting 7pm

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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.

Guest Speaker,

Geoff Jukes on my experience at Scott Base



Presidents Report

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Hi all.

Well the hunting season is upon us now. But with one hunter being fatally shot, it is once again a reminder to all of us. I haven't heard how this incident has happened. Having read some of the comments made by the experts on social media making some stupid statements about this incident and past ones makes me wonder if they have ever bothered to make an effort to read some facts regarding accidental shootings at all. Whether you're wearing blaze orange, blue or birthday suit camo none of these are bullet proof. When we are out hunting we can encounter risks, it's up to each individual to keep him or herself safe. By wearing some blaze colour can and does help but you should never rely on that colour to do all the work for you. You yourself need to play a big part all the time.

There has been some great looking trophy heads taken this year, I've seen some good ones shot by our club members, so here's hoping they enter them in the competition this year.

We live in a great country. We can and do enjoy our great outdoors at a price that suites our budgets. There has been some vehicles broken into. Lock it or lost it, if you don't need it don't take it.

Remember the firearms code when hunting.

Identify beyond all doubt.

If you don't know the gender of the animal have you really identified it.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Jesse Chaloner, Brent De Ruyster, Anthony Goodwright, Enrico Hoover, Christopher Thrupp, Charles Baker, Christopher Frisby, James Overton, and Rachel Rule.



Editorial

April and the Roar, Hunting is in the News. Not all good with one death from a hunting accident reported. This is sad, something we must all try harder to avoid.

The good news is that this is not the only hunting story or TV programme out there. Of late we have been treated to another series of NZ Hunter Adventures, with two more episodes to come post Roar. Then tonight (Thursday 5th April) on TV One mention of research into Buck fever.

It is great to have hunting feature in the main stream news as long as it is for the right reasons. The rest of New Zealand needs to be reminded that Hunting (&Fishing) are not small sports partaken by a few, but recreational activities undertaken by many.

Rebel Sports claims to be the number one sports store in NZ. Has anyone taken a tape measure to the Invercargill store and the neighbouring Hunting & Fishing store to see who is bigger? Remember Hunting and Fishing claims only to feature two sports (guess which). While Rebel claims all sports though doesn't do hunting!

While it is good advice for hunters to be seen while hunting especially during the Roar. They need to be seen to be hunters when not hunting. Hunters need to be seen as normal Kiwis, with normal kiwi needs, like access to crown land for there sport, just like tamperers and mountain bikers. We need to be standing up and being counted as regards issues that affect hunters. How many of you took the time to do the online survey sent out in Consultation draft: South Island High Country Access Report. Document? Were you too busy to do the survey? The good people who read the results of the survey will most likely take it that you don't care about access (or Hunting) or are too busy to need access(to go hunting) anyway.

It's about too late now if you haven't submissions close on the 10th April. Make time next time.

Doug Gordon

AGM & Trophy night

This will be held at the Club Rooms on Wednesday the 16th of May at 7.30pm.

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 13th 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
9th 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.

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.

Sponsors

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

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017--2018 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 attention Kirstie 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.

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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 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,

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,

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Letter to Newsletter

Regarding the letter from John Bonn in March newsletter commenting on golden toothed sheep I have often seen teeth of whitetail deer from Stewart Island covered in some substance which has a "golden" appearance but even my limited knowledge would lead me to conclude it may be some kind of mica or a type of fools gold. Anyway I have never been tempted to begin collecting it. John Bonn probably got his information from a website called Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz> and he is correct I have spent some time searching for information there. One interesting story I found was this one. *"Southland Times" 24 March 1905 'Lord Ennismore, who had been deerstalking in the Martinborough District has written to the head of the Tourist Department to the effect that he stayed in one camp for a week, during which time he got only one shot. There were, he goes on to say, three rifles with two guides, which he describes as a most unsatisfactory state of things. He asks why the Department does not provide stalking camps in deer districts. The department could then issue tickets to applicants at so much a day "thereby avoiding all present private interests' complications and irresponsibility's."* It took another 60 years before NZ Forest Service built a hut at Christmas Village on Stewart Island for hunters and trampers. DOC built a new hut for trampers about 20 years ago. Late 2017 the old hut used by hunters had reached the

end of its useful life and was replaced by a new hut built by hunter volunteers funded by Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust to go with the other twenty huts the Trust has constructed for hunters on Stewart Island.

Regards

John DeLury, Chairman, Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust. Life member Southland NZDA

Firewood for Sale

This is a Club Fund raiser

Chunky log burner cut Dry pine
firewood at \$50.00 a thrown Cu
Metre contact Steve.

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Young Hunts Course 2018



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
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and river crossing.**

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Joke of the Month

Subject: Fw: Australia's Got Idiots too..... ???

Number One.

"I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control centre in Brisbane. Today, this woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down and, at the end of the conversation, happened to mention that she had given her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter into the emergency room right away".

Number Two.

Some Boeing employees on the airfield in Sydney decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they noticed a Westpac Rescue Helicopter coming towards them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon that activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing.

Number Three.

A man, wanting to rob a Bank of Queensland, walked into the Branch and wrote 'Put all ya munny in this beeg.' While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank and crossed the street to the NAB Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Queensland deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to Bank of Queensland. Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, 'OK' and left.

He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Queensland.

Happened in Brisbane.

Number Four.

A guy walked into a little corner store in Cairns with a shotgun and demanded all of the cash from the cash drawer. After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of Scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but the cashier refused and said, 'Because I don't believe you are over 21.'

The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because she didn't believe him. At this point, the robber took his driver's licence out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk.

The clerk looked it over and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and she put the Scotch in the bag.. The robber then ran from the store with his loot.

The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that she got off the licence.

They arrested the robber two hours later.

Number Five.

A pair of robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers.

The first one shouted, 'Nobody move !'

When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

Happened in Adelaide

Number Six.

A guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a brick through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run.

So he lifted the brick and heaved it over his head at the window.

The brick bounced back knocking him unconscious.

It seems the liquor store window was made of Flexi-Glass... The whole event was caught on videotape.

Happened in Perth WA .

Number seven.

My daughter went to a local McDonalds and ordered a burger. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'

He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg."

Happened in Surfer's Paradise.

Number eight.

"I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'"

To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?"

He smiled knowingly and nodded. "That's why we ask."

Happened in Melbourne ..

Number nine.

"When my husband and I arrived at a car dealer to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open !'
His reply, 'I know - I already done that side.'

Happened at the FORD dealership in Dubbo.

And they live and breed amongst us!

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Red Stag lodge after a good frost

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

email nandc43@gmail.com or 43 Bain St Invercargill

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

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site.

Book Review

Blokes Book of Short Stories

David M Johns

I found this book in the hunting section of Paper Plus, bought it thinking it was a hunting book. Well there is some hunting stories but there are a lot of other short stories in it too. It is a collection of short stories about the life of David M Johns. But a hunting book it is not.

For all that I found it an enjoyable read. The stories are designed to be a good length for one to read at night before going to sleep. In this they hit the mark. The stories are of the life of (what we hope is) a typical Kiwi man.

Doug Gordon

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