

The southern hunter



April 2008

Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday 16th 7pm

Next General meeting: Wednesday 16th 8pm

Guest Speaker to be finalized

Executive and committee members (2006-2007)

President	Roy Sloan	235 2813
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Sad News

It is with much sadness we record the death of Cyril Rodger McLeod, of Invercargill. Cyril died on Sunday 5th April doing what he loved. Cyril was hunting roaring stags at Cattle Flat and died as the result of a fall.

Cyril was aged 60 years and had been a hunter all his life. He had been a member of Southland Branch NZDA for many years and served on our executive. Cyril enjoyed taking new members and young hunters into the bush and many of our members have shared a night or two with Cyril in his hut which he built in the Hokonui Hills. In fact Cyril loved everything outdoors, he attended fishing camp at Waituna opening each year. In earlier years he had his own deer pens and trapped possums in the works off season.

A master at improvisation, his interests ranged from building and flying his own micro light airplane to visiting garage sales. One of his hunting mates referred to him as an original; a rough diamond. That he was, but with a genuine interest in people. Cyril was an active member of Search and Rescue and since 1993 was a base operator for Southland Field Radio Service. He will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife Janice and daughters Carla and Jolie.

Cyril McLeod
1947 – 2008

The hunting people of New Zealand will all be saddened by the loss of Cyril whose life in the wilds of NZ was a legend.

Working most of his life in the meat works meant that he required something to do in the 'off season'. Many years of possum hunting in the West Coast gave Cyril an intimate knowledge and love of the Southern Alps where he returned time and time again to go after possums and to hunt Chamois and Tahr.

But it was the local Hokonuis that he spent most of his spare time and with a great little hut built on private property he was able to hunt and have somewhere to enjoy his time with family and friends.

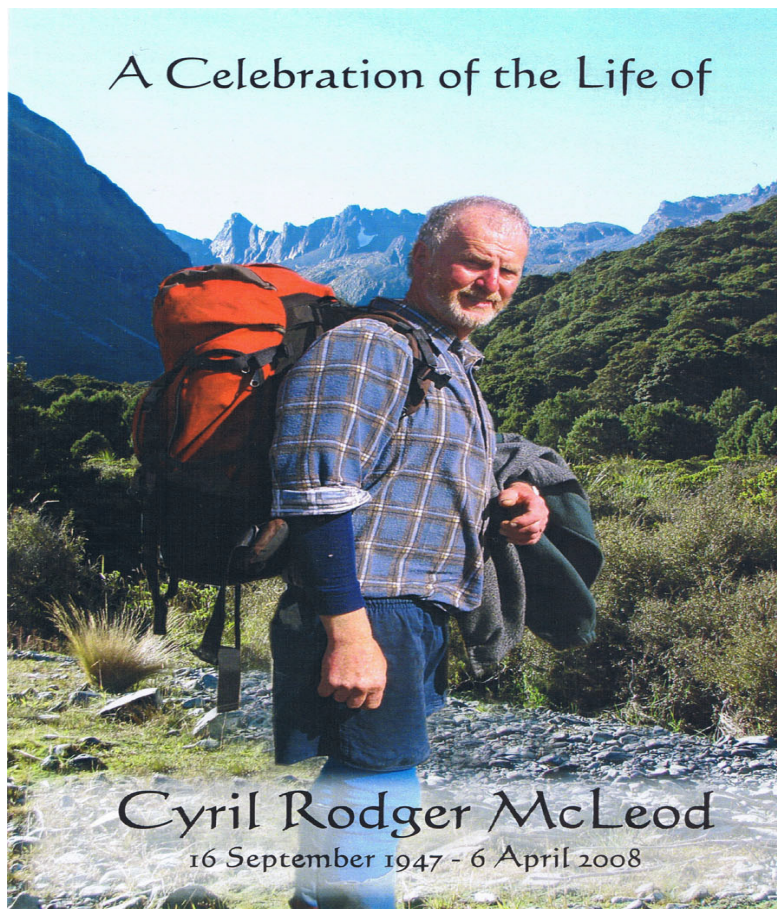
Cyril was well known for his hard grip on his wallet and to hunt out a bargain.

It has been said that Cyril was a 'MacGyver with a beard' as he could turn his hand to any project.

NZDA members have all benefited one way or another to Cyril's years of work in the Southland Branch. Many a young hunter had their first trip with Cyril.

Southland Mountain Radio and Search and Rescue were also where Cyril's experience and knowledge came into play.

Cyril's life will be celebrated for many years to come as stories and memories are told and retold.



SOUTHLAND BRANCH UP AND COMING HUNTING EVENTS

<p>January 2008 Organiser: Roy Sloan Phone No: 03 2352 813 Destination: Hunts weekend Bush craft, River crossing. All done fly camping in red deer, fallow and Chamois country?.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 12th 13th</p>	<p>February 2008 Organiser: John De Lury Phone No: 03 21 75 890 Destination: Lake Houroko. Accommodation Thicket Burn Hut. Some of our best red deer hunting is in this area.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 16th 17th</p>	<p>March 2008 Organiser: Murray Barkman Phone No: 03 236 2730 Destination: Borland. Some very good open tops hunting. Good red deer country.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 1st and 2nd.</p>	<p>April 2008 Organiser: Alex Kidd Phone No: 03 217 4638 Destination: Longwood's, some very good hunting if you know the area and Alex knows the area. And to top it of the Stags will be rutting.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 5th 6th</p>
<p>May 2008 Organiser: Wayne Cook Phone No: 0272 232 049 Destination: Mystery tour. Give Wayne a ring.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 10th and 11th</p> <p>:</p>	<p>June 2008 Organiser: Jim Ridley Phone No: 021 733129 Destination: Mystery Trip</p> <p>Date: Weekend of 14th 15th</p>	<p>July 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>August 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>

Link for Department of Conservations Operation Ark
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Reminder

Head scoring for trophy night will be done on Sunday 18th of May at the clubrooms at one o'clock allowing more time on the trophy night, for more information phone Ray or John prior to the 18th. Photos to Jim Ridley by Sunday 18th May at the latest All Trophies from last year to be returned to the clubrooms by 18th May. **AGM and Trophy night is on the 21st of May.**

Jonesy's deer culling days

By Colin Jones.

This book is exactly what it says it is. The story of Colin Jones deer culling days. (With a bit on Compulsory Military Training chucked in on the side).

Colin Jones was a Deer Culler firstly in the Urewera's then on the upper West Coast in the 1950's. This is his story of the hunting and hardships of hunting in those days. During this time he worked with Alan Duncan "Dunc" one of our more famous professional hunters. A person who never changed he was still short of socks when I first met him (at a Christmas party now also many years ago)

Colin rubbed shoulders with the one and only Barry Crump while deer culling. He also is fortunate to have been involved with one of New Zealand's true greats Colin Meads.

Sorry if you want to find the details please read the book.

I did find the book an interesting read, so it only took a few nights for me to have gone through it. A good story though nothing that I can put my finger on to make it stand out from other like books. Just more tales on the history of deer hunting, in New Zealand.

Doc

New Members

A Warm welcome to new members:

Senior: Ross Taylor and Alex Watts

Associate Members: Cliff, Jason and Laurence Erskine

Editors Comments

We are going to miss such a valuable member of the deerstalkers with the death of Cyril McLeod, I'm sure you will all have good memories of hunting with him.

Hope you all managed to bag a stag or two with the roar, I managed a week away and we got a couple. Just remember to keep safe out there.

Next thing is duck shooting, not too far away now, I'm sure everyone is on the go with tidying up mai mai's etc. Good Luck for opening weekend.

How to Tell the Sex of a Fly?

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**A woman walked into the kitchen to find her?
husband stalking around with a fly swatter?**

'What are you doing?'
She asked.?

'Hunting Flies?'
He responded.?

'Oh. ! Killing any?'
She asked.?

'Yep, 3 males, 2 Females,' he replied.?

Intrigued, she asked.?

'How can you tell them apart?'

He responded,?
'3 were on a beer can,?
2 were on the phone. '

