

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Shelter Hollow: Thar walking across the snow – taken by Nick White

August 2010

**Southland Branch
NZ Deerstalkers Association**

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 18th August at 7.00pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 18th August at 8.00pm

Executive and committee members (2008-2009):

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Guest speaker for August's meeting:

Nick France will speak about his time in Canada.

Presidents Report For August:

Hi all

Another month and another duck season gone. I hope all you duck hunters had a good one. 9 months to go before opening day again.

The Leith Contractors Ltd have dropped us a line about some possum control that they will be doing in the Waikawa area. Start date is the 7th of August.

For any further information you can call Tony or Judy Leith on 03 246 8745 or 027 229 7168.

1080 is a hot subject at the moment with the Waitutu Possum operation happening. For any more information on getting access to the area please call the DOC office First and ask to speak to
Saelyn Guyton 2112413.

But to look on the brighter side we have 3 hunts coming up so if you can or would like to go get in quick. They are great fun and a great way to meet others in the hunting field and talk about all those secret spots out there.

I hope you are still getting out for a shot and are not just work, work, work.

Until next time be safe out there and hope to see you at the meeting.

GO THE STAGS

For Sale:

Browning Bar .243 with muzzle brake.
Scoped /40 rounds.
Just been serviced by Gunsmith.
Contact Jeff
021 685 103

Club hunts

There is a Wallaby hunt for the 11th and 12th of September in the Waimate area. Station owner Neville said that we can stay in his woolshed and shoot as many wallabies as we can.
If you would like to go can you let me know, and will let you know more details soon

Nathan 027 602 1821 or 03 235 8852
or by email nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz

Blue mountains hunt

The weekend of the 18th and 19th of September, two blocks have been booked.
If you would like to go can you let Steve Long or myself (Nathan Dawson) know so that we can get the names on the permit and back to DOC before the end of August. Thanks

Rabbit Shoot

Shooting Bunny's with the possibility of some Goats at Cloudy Peak Station (15 minutes from Cromwell). Driving up on the 15th of October and returning the 17th. Limited to the first twelve shooters that confirm; David the owner of the station has stated that depending on numbers there may be the opportunity to separate into smaller groups and shoot some nearby properties. Free accommodation in the luxurious and very well appointed wool shed has been offered. Any questions or to book a space ring Simon on 2189292 or Nathan on 2358852

Guest Speakers

If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in being a guest speaker at the meetings please contact
Ray Phillips, (rkphillips@xtra.co.nz)
Dave Howden (davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz)
or Neville Millar (nandc43@xnet.co.nz)

GPS Training day

Kevin Watson will be hosting a GPS training exercise with Chris from Southland Electronics on the 21st of August. This is a good time to brush up on your skills & ask questions as well as

getting to know the basics of your GPS.

The course will start at 10am.

854 Wilsons Crossing Road near the Central Pirates rugby grounds.

Phone Kevin on 221 7191.

Land Search & Rescue

So far we have had only a few callouts this year and most seem to be due to hunters with lack of experience or not carrying the right tools. This is a timely reminder that being ill-prepared and in a hurry to hit the bush can lead to those without adequate experience ending up with a cold night out or worse!

Below is a extract from the press release of the latest event from the police:

“9th August 2010

Missing Hunter Longwood Forest

A 20 year old male was reported overdue by family after he failed to return from a day hunting trip in the Longwood Forest on Saturday 31 July 2010.

The missing mans family contacted Police on Saturday evening. Riverton and Otautau Police located the missing mans car on Cascade Road in the South East area of the Longwood Forest just before midnight.

A team of searchers including Land SAR volunteers and Police search and rescue squad members began searching early on Sunday morning.

At approximately 1:00pm on Sunday 1st August the missing man contacted Police advising them he had made his way out of the bush. He had walked out of the southern end of the Longwood Forest and went to a farm house it call family and Police.

When spoken to by Police the man said he got disorientated after following some deer sign and was unable to find his way back to his vehicle.

He was ill-equipped for the hunt and did not have a map, compass or GPS with him and had left his cell phone in his car. He was also not prepared for spending a night in the bush and was fortunate the weather overnight remained mild with little rain.

Any one going into bush should leave clear instructions with family or friends and take sufficient equipment, clothing and food to spend a night in the bush. They should also have with them a map and compass and the knowledge to use them. A GPS and locator beacon would also be highly recommended. A light source such as torch is invaluable for signalling a Night Vision equipped helicopter.”

Regards.

Bevan McNaughton

Southland LandSAR Committee Member & NZDA Liaison.

Mountain Safety Courses 2010

Alpine Courses

Avalanche awareness Lecture and Field Day - Cost to be confirmed

Alpine - Intro 31 July- 1 August Remarkables

\$150 plus gear hire, food, Accommodation and transport

Alpine Basics

14-15 August Remarkables

\$150 plus gear hire, food, Accommodation and transport

Alpine Shelters

28-29th August Remarkables

\$150 plus gear hire, food, Accommodation and transport

Contact Mountain Safety on 03 216 3555 or southland@mountainsafety.org.nz for bookings and more info



Nathan Dawson with his Bull Tahr. Shelter Hollow - West Coast 2010.