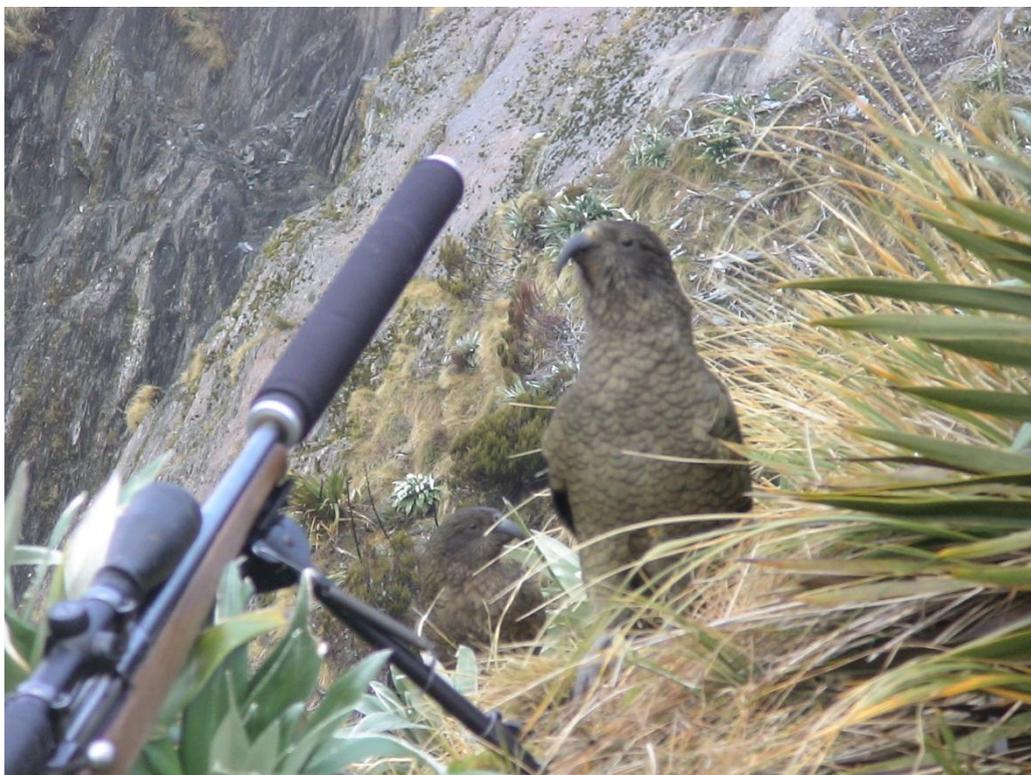


THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



A pair of Kea protecting their patch!
Nathan Dawson

August 2011
Southland Branch
NZ Deerstalkers Association

Noticeboard:

Meeting: Wednesday 17th July at 8pm

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Presidents Report For August:

The National Conference in Tuatapere was very successful, Western Southland did a great job of running this – it was the second conference I've been involved in and was a great learning experience with discussions about Heli-Hunting, 1080 and numerous other topics.

Was great to talk to some of the other clubs about what they've been doing in their own areas.

Some nice heads and photos entered in the competition. I think the weather sorted out a few of the North Islanders!!

Overall it was a great weekend.

We have Macpac coming along to this month's meeting, would be great to see a good turn out to support this, we had a good turnout at last month's meeting which was great to see, got to catch up with some new members.

Had a good response to the wallaby hunt next weekend, didn't like having to turn away the guys keen to come but it filled up fast, will look at jacking another one for next month, will flick this out on mail after its arranged, so keep an eye out for it.

(GO THE STAGS!!!)

Cheers
Nathan

Branch Life Members

Finally we can announce the final recipient of this year's Branch Life Memberships – John De Lury. After a busy few months we finally got all recipients together, although it seems that JD already knew about it after all.



John De Lury, Neville Miller & Ray Phillips – Branch Life Members

Guest Speaker for August:



We have Gareth the Manager of Macpac in Dunedin coming down to talk to us about Macpac gear and is also bringing some products down to show us what's new out on the market, so get out of your chair and come along and you may get a bargain on the night!!!

Southland Conservation Management Strategy:

At the last meeting we had DoC in to speak about the Southland CMS. This is something that can affect all hunting in Southland! It was the best turnout to a public meeting DoC had had so far on the CMS and they were impressed by the interest shown!

More info about the CMS Here:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/current/southland-cms-consultation/>

Young hunts:

The Young Hunts course for September is now full

We're still short on newsletter material – please feel free to send in photos or stories!

From the Editor:

Sorry if some of this is repeating what Nathan has already stated. Although I've been to the odd conference in the past (mainly when in Invercargill) it was a good change to have it somewhere as small as Tuatapere. The effort that the Western Southland branch did was spoken highly of! There were discussions by one branch that maybe (due to costs) that in future Conferences should be only held in the main centres. Funnily enough this same branch was one that booked their airfares and accommodation late. It was pointed out by one person from up north that at \$48/night at the pub you woke to whitebait patties for breakfast and if you were staying in the likes of Wellington you'd be paying up to \$100/night with only jam & toast! It looks like in the future that there will continue to be interest in having conferences in some smaller regions on the odd occasion in the future – especially if as successful as Tuatapere! The weather that weekend – well that's another story – but to make things better we got the Shield back to the cheering uproar announcement at the end of day summons of Conference on the Saturday!

We still need some material for the newsletter and so far only the same people seem to be sending it in – without them it would be a sad state of affairs! (Thanks again Alex ☺)

Cheers

Bevan McNaughton

NZDA Caps & Beanies

The Southland Branch has sourced a supply of caps and/or beanies that will have the Southland branch logo printed on them.

The ones available are:

Caps: Dark green with a yellow logo on the front. Peaked front to keep the rain off.

Beanies: Two types available - the standard type of beanie, and one that pulls over the ears (good for the cold days).

Both caps and beanies will have the logo printed on them.

If anyone wants them, they will need to pay up front, as the order will not be sent in until we have a reasonable number to purchase. The cost is \$15.00 for either the cap or the beanies. Cheques can be made out to Southland Branch NZDA, or cash is more than welcome.

For orders, please see R. Phillips on a meeting night, or mail to:

Southland Branch New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
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Joke for the month

Ma was in the kitchen fiddling around when she hollers out, "Pa! You need to go out and fix the outhouse!"

Pa replies, "There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse."

Ma yells back, "Yes there is, now git out there and fix it."

So Pa mosies out to the outhouse, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with the outhouse!"

"Ma replies, "Stick yur head in the hole!"

Pa yells back, "I ain't stickin my head in that hole!"

"Ma says, "Ya have to stick yur head in the hole to see what to fix."

So with that, Pa sticks his head in the hole, looks around and yells back, "Ma! There ain't nuthin wrong with this outhouse!"

Ma hollers back, "Now take your head out of the hole!"

Pa proceeds to pull his head out of the hole, then starts yelling, "Ma! Help! My beard is stuck in the cracks in the toilet seat!"

To which Ma replies, "Hurts, don't it?!"



Eyre Mountains Chamois Trip

We have been in discussion with DOC about a Chamois cull in the Eyre Mountains, it is all go now. The Date for this is Saturday the 19th of November. There will be 15 NZDA spots and 3 DOC spots for this hunt.

The chopper price has not yet been confirmed but will be around \$300 each.

If we get more than 15 people interested we will have a Ballot at the October meeting and you must be present at the time of the ballot. If you're interested please email me nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 2358852.

Details will confirmed after the Ballot to the successful hunters.

The Firearm Safety Code:

1. Treat EVERY firearm as loaded.
2. ALWAYS point firearms in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm ONLY when ready to fire.
4. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target!!!
5. Check your firing zone.
6. Store your firearms and ammunition separately and securely.
7. Alcohol impairs judgment

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 Miller (nandc43@xnet.co.nz)



With the generosity of Back Country foods we are able to source their goods at cost price – this is the same amount that retail stores buy their product in at!

The owner of Back Country Food indicated that he would prefer to deal with only one person from each club or organisation. Gus Ronald has a current order form and he has been dealing with them for the last 15 years.

Instead of putting the form in the newsletter, anyone interested in getting any, please contact Gus & he will e-mail them a copy. It has all the prices and what is available and he is more than happy to take orders of any quantity from members of if they have friends they could also get it as well. It would also be a lot more easier to place order as quantities warranted it so if members wanted small quantities they may have to wait a short while till Gus gets enough to make a decent size order.

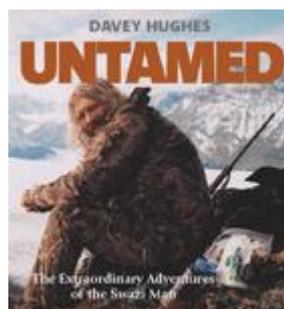
As a guide to the price the cost of a 2 serve which seems the most popular is only \$6.65 + G.S.T. making it \$7.65 inclusive which is about 30% cheaper than most retail outlets. The money would be payable on order as he have no intentions of running an accounting or charging system. There is no making any money out of this and Gus is only doing it to help people out.

You can contact Gus on gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz
Please also include your NZDA membership number where possible.

Untamed – Davey Hughes

I went to listen to Davey speak at the opening of the NZDA conference and some of the stories he spun about his adventures around the world. There was a captive audience of around 250 which heavily packed the Tuatapere RSA hall. After having a glimpse through his book later, a lot of his adventures he spoke of were repeated almost word for word from his book. It is a great read and discusses a lot of very interesting diversities of cultures and hunting around the world!

If you are a Clan Swazi member you'll even find your name mentioned at the end of the book but be prepared for a magnifying glass or good reading glasses to browse through the names though, however the print and photos are easily viewable for you older guys!



HYPOTHERMIA - One February in the early 1970's, four of us were on a pest destruction weekend in the Glenorchy area. Ian and Rex stayed at the pub while Norman and I tented at Diamond Lake. On Saturday night it turned cold and Sunday morning there was snow down below the bush-line. We stayed in bed until a group of people arrived and launched canoes on the lake. While we watched from the tent a canoeist fell into the water. We laughed, but one by one they all rolled their canoes over and ended up in the water. I no longer thought it was funny. The canoeists then struggled, because of the muddy lake-bottom, to drag the canoes to the bush-edged shore.

We got up and made breakfast. Two men took off in canoes and paddled flat out along the lake. Two girls kept coming out of the bush and looking our way. We waved and they came and told us that one of their group was shivering uncontrollably and that they had been dropped off and that the vehicles had left and the men in the canoes were going for help.

I drove the car to her. She had on a bikini and a jersey and was wrapped in a survival blanket. She was in a bad way so I got her into the Honda Civic which had no room left in it for anyone else. My idea was to drive her down the road with the car heater on to warm her up. Her condition deteriorated into a semi-conscious state as I drove, so I thought I would take her to my friend's place near Glenorchy, but when I reached the first farm I drove up to the house. I explained the problem to the farmer's wife, then I carried the girl into the lounge and lay her down in front of a heater. I removed the survival blanket and the wife dried her with a towel.

The girl went into an unconscious state. I checked her breathing and it was very shallow and slow. We did not know what to do but I had to try something. I rubbed her arms and talked to her. The farmer's daughter came in and rubbed her legs and the wife warmed her cheeks with her hands. After a time the girl regained consciousness and we were able to stand her up and walk her around and she improved so we sat her down.

The farmer's wife offered the girl a cup of hot tea and she accepted it. I was worried about this but I did not know enough to stop her from drinking it. Her condition deteriorated again, and again she became unconscious, and again we rubbed her limbs and warmed her cheeks. She regained consciousness and this time while we walked her around, the farmer's daughter ran a warm bath for her. After the bath she dressed herself in clothes supplied by the daughter. She was given some food and a warm drink.

Earlier I had parked the car out on the side of the road so people would know where we were. First the other three of our group arrived. Then some people from the camp, that these trainee Physical Education teachers were attending, arrived while the girl was in the bath. I explained to them what had happened and that I would take her back to the camp when she was fully recovered. I took her back after she had the food and drink.

Back in Invercargill I read about Hypothermia and for years I had a note in my wallet saying how to treat it and what not to do. In hindsight I should have driven the girl to the tent and got Norman to help get her into my sleeping bag with me. Then have him put his sleeping bag over us, and put a hat on the girl's head, so that she warmed up gradually to normal body temperature.

She should not have been given a hot drink. A warm sweet drink can be given to a conscious person to warm them from the inside.

Alex Kidd

National Results - Antler horn and tusk competition

Wild sheep -	Frans Laas - Otago - DS 99 1/4
Best Fiordland type head -	Tim Flower - Waikato - DS 266 3/4
Best Chamois Head -	Peter Fairbairn - Sth Canterbury DS 27
Best Tahr Head -	Matthew Black - Sth Canterbury - DS 46 1/2
Best Fallow Head -	Gary Fissenden - Marlborough - DS 236 3/8
Best Red Head -	Hayden Breakwell - Ashburton - DS 331
Best Rusa Head -	Murray Lang - Eastern Bay of Plenty - DS 167 3/4
Best Goat Head -	Les Nelson - Bay of Plenty - DS 111 1/4
Best drawn pig tusks -	Glenn Ralston - Ashburton - DS 29 1/2
Best undrawn tusk -	Glenn Ralston - Ashburton - DS 23 1/4
Best Sambar -	Roger Winslade - Auckland - DS 190 1/8
Best Sika Head -	Daniel McBeth - Te Awamutu - DS 187 3/4
Best White tail -	Grant Tipling - Taranaki - DS142 1/8

Search & Rescue

This month we had the unfortunate event of looking for a fellow who committed suicide by jumping overboard ½ way across Foveaux Strait. Sometimes we are asked to look for those who don't want to be found however we still have an ethical obligation to do so.

It was great to have so much support from local charter operators and the volunteers in the Coastguard to search for him and it's amazing how much knowledge and input is put in from people who live and breathe on those stretches of water. In the bush our movement is controlled horizontally and (if all is going well) vertically. In the sea there are a multitude of factors that can change things for a floating object such as the tides, currents and weather – especially when the last known point can be so vague!

Regards,

Bevan McNaughton

Notices:

Thanks to members who put their hands up to take part in the Branch rat control program on Stewart Island. All six trips are now full.

Lincoln University are carrying out surveys on Hunting in NZ, it would be appreciated if you could jump online and carry it out:

<http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/hunt>