

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



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Southland Branch NZDA News Letter

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall
Wednesday 16th August 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

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DOC Liaison	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Newsletter	D. Gordon.
Library	S. Robinson.
Club Hunts	All executive members.
Guest speakers	All executive members, S. Robinson
Areas of interest	
S/Island/S. Coast	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Hokonuis	-----
Greenstone/Caples	N. Dawson.

Blue Mountains	N. Dawson, I. Hopper.
Fiordland	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Longwoods	R. Phillips.

Guest Speaker,

Alistair McDonald of Permolat re maintaining and restoring Huts and Tracks



Presidents Report

Hi All.

Last month I attended the NZDA 69th National Conference in Christchurch. Due to the bad weather a few branches from the North Island were unable to attend. However 22 or so branches were present which was up from the 17 the previous year. It was good to hear many branches are making head way in their endeavours. These are of interest to all of us, such as access to head waters and DOC estates. There are many ways we as a branch can be involved in a positive direction, working with other groups who also have interests in our great outdoors instead of competing with them can pay dividends for the future. Such groups like Federated Mountain Clubs and the Permolat Trust whom are set up with the ins and outs of restoring huts and tracks. We can volunteer our time towards such projects under taken. These projects when completed can only strengthen relationships and our stake for stronger access right of way.

This Month's guest speaker is Alistair MacDonald from the Permolat trust. He has been busy setting things up here in Southland and I am of the opinion that

some strong support from the southland branch would benefit both groups for sound future. So come along support the club, there could be something that interests you.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Kane Entwisle



Wanted

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor



Editorial

The old saying goes a stich in time saves nine. At the end of last month another unfortunate Firearms incident occurred. A Mother and Daughter were killed a third person injured. As the facts emerge later there were signs that should have been picked up on that things were not right, with the shooter. Then there is the question of how good are the checks in place when firearms are purchased online.

Immediately the anti-firearms lobby start beating their drums demanding further controls restrictions on firearm ownership.

But have the current rules and regulations failed regarding firearm ownership, I think not!

I think the failure is in the enforcement of the current law. Why is this failing, I believe the budgetary restrictions the government has put in place on Police spending has a lot to do with it. They now have to spend heaps investigating a crime when a small amount spent earlier, may have prevented the big spend latter.

As regarding online firearms purchase something I have never done, so have no first line experience of. I believe a lot of this depends on entering a matching name and firearms licence number. Who checks they match! How secure is ones name and firearms licence number? Perhaps not as secure as one would think! As for instance one has to enter both plus ones address to get various hunting permits from Doc.

As for Firearm registration it costs big and going by results in places like Canada, produces little in the way of a dividend. A far better dividend life wise would be to invest the money in our public health system.

Currently the country is moving toward a general election, in just over a month. I hear a lot of promises being made, including a vast increase in the amount of 1080 being laid. I am listening but have heard nothing offered to hunters for their vote. Have I missed something?

Doug Gordon

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Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office

membership@deestalkers.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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WELLINGTON 6141.

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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.

**POST the AGM UNFINANCIAL
MEMBERS
WILL NOT RECIEVE THE
NEWSLETTER or
Hunting and Wildlife**

Joke of the Month

INTERESTING OBSERVATION

1. The sport of choice for the urban poor is BASKETBALL.
1. The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is BOWLING.
1. The sport of choice for front-line workers is FOOTBALL.
1. The sport of choice for supervisors is BASEBALL.

1. The sport of choice for middle management is TENNIS.

And...

1. The sport of choice for corporate executives and officers is GOLF.

THE amazing fact is,

The higher you go in the corporate structure, the smaller your balls become.

There must be a boat load of people in Washington playing marbles.



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To all NZDA branches

4 August 2017

Consultation opens for proposed (2018) TB Free Pest Control Operations

Branches are urged to participate in the consultation process

Back ground

- OSPRI has a goal supported by government of eliminating bovine TB
- OSPRI has advised details of proposed TB FREE Pest Control Operations for 2018
- These operations involve both ground and aerial use of 1080.
- Both NZDA and GAC oppose the use of poisons when such use affects game animals.
- Both NZDA and GAC have strenuously urged OSPRI to engage in a process of consultation to
 - identify areas and game populations that are important to hunters
 - seek changes to operations to mitigate adverse effects on game populations.
- NZDA and GAC acknowledge that OSPRI has made moves to meet hunters' concerns

Moving forward

OSPRI has provided a process for consultation with the initial national consultation ending at the end of September.

NZDA branches are urged to make submissions particularly in respect to operations in their areas where the branch will have the benefit of local knowledge.

Branches are urged to provide early draft copies of submissions to National Office so that Natex is aware of local concerns.

Branch engagement in the consultation process in this early national phase will register branch interest in being consulted at regional and local phases.

Bill O'Leary

National President.

OSPRI MEDIA RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE

2 August 2017

Consultation opens for proposed 2018 TBfree pest control operations

OSPRI is now consulting on its proposed [2018 TBfree programme aerial pest control operations](#).

OSPRI's TBfree consultation process involves a range of steps, from planning and operational design to postoperative reporting. Central to this is delivering national, regional and local consultations to provide an opportunity for people and organisations to gain an overview of the proposed operations and to identify what further information they may require.

OSPRI Chief Executive Michelle Edge says 'A key step of OSPRI's TBfree consultation process is the release of this national document to ensure that parties, land owners and land users and the general community are advised of our proposed 2018 TBfree pest control operations. This is to give interested individuals and organisations time to submit feedback and comment about planned operations and possible risks or problems that may need to be managed.'

It is important to note that as part of the regional consultation process that and well before commencement of operations, land occupiers within and adjacent to operations will also receive specific notification and personal visits. Public notification includes news media notices and clear signage at access points to operational areas, and full and transparent consent applications are undertaken.

The national consultation period runs through to Friday 29 September 2017 and there are a number of ways to make a submission, including an online submission form.

The consultation document and details about how to make a submission, are available at www.tbfree.org.nz/have-your-say.aspx

About the TBfree programme

OSPRI's TBfree programme is working towards the complete eradication of bovine tuberculosis (TB) from New Zealand. The key goals of the programme are to

eradicate TB from livestock by 2026, from possums by 2040 and from all hosts of the disease across the whole of New Zealand by 2055.

For further information

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Corporate Communications Manager

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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

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

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BACK COUNTRY

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