

The southern hunter



February 2008
Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday 20th 7pm

Next General meeting: Wednesday 20th 8pm

First meeting will be a general catch up / chat after holidays.

Executive and committee members (2006-2007)

President	Roy Sloan	235 2813
Vice.	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
Secretary	David Howden	2130962
Treasurer	John DeLury	217 5890
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Huts	Neville Miller	216 8654

Executive:

Jim Ridley Roger Stratford Steven Long
Brendon Bell Davey Craig Murray Barkman Wayne Cook Murray
Colson
Euan Butters

New Members

A warm welcome to all new members who have joined since the last newsletter, for those of you who don't know, meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at the Longbush hall. (Except Dec/Jan)

Working Bee

Time for a spruce up at our hall. We need at least two water blasters and two paint sprayers (more if we can get them) a well as ladders and scaffold. Aiming at Sunday 2nd March. If you can help with gear and/or on the day please Contact John 2131430 or Neville 2168654. We would like to get the hall done with two coats of paint and still have time for a couple of beers.

SOUTHLAND BRANCH UP AND

COMING HUNTING EVENTS

<p>September 2007 Organiser: Jim Ridley Phone No: 021 733 129 Destination: Wapiti 101. Fiordland. Lake Te Anau end. A good opportunity to get a look at some Wapiti country.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 29th and 30th</p>	<p>October 2007 Organiser: John DeLury Phone No: 03 21 75 890 Destination: Trout fishing Mavora Lakes. Help will be given to member wishing to master the art of fly-fishing. Accommodation Red Stag Hut.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 24th&25th</p>	<p>November 2007 Organiser: Steve Long Phone No: 03 217 8508 Destination: Blue Mountains. If you haven't hunted Fallow deer, then there is no better place to cut your teeth on the animals.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 24th/25th</p>	<p>December 2007 Organiser: Nathan Dawson Phone No: 03 2358 852 Destination: Deer hunt in at Monowai</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 8th and 9th</p>
<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>

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Book Reviews

THE LAND OF DOING WITHOUT

By Julia Bradshaw

The book is a biography of the life and times of Davey Gunn of the Hollyford. His story is well told by Julia Bradshaw. Who makes his life interesting to me as a reader. She has used a lot of interesting photos that have survived of Davey in the Hollyford. Also as indicated in the acknowledgements she has consulted widely to source her information on Davey Gunn.

The book was an enjoyable read for me in the post Christmas period, closely related to the hunting books I often read but different. It is likely to appeal to a wider group of readers than a hunting yarn. This book is likely to become a historical reference on Davey Gunn and the period that he was the uncrowned king of Martins Bay and the Lower Hollyford. A book that could be worth considering reading before tripping into that area, to give you a feel for the history of where you are going. Or if you like to read of Kiwis and New Zealand the way we used to be.

Doc

Editors Comments

Welcome to the new year everyone hope you all had a great break and made good use of the warm weather.

We are looking at having the goat shoot in early march so anyone interested contact Nathan Dawson Nathan.Adrienne@xtra.co.nz

AN ERA GONE

By Dave Ratecliffe

The Era that Dave Ratecliffe covers in his book is the boom years of the venison industry from the late 1960's to the mid 70's. The era of the great venison rush. It was also the time that the last of our Native Forests in the North Island available for felling were being felled. Dave took part in both often at the same time. The book is his autobiography in respect of that Era.

For me it brought back memories of that era and the people that I came to know in the venison industry. Many of whom as the book states are no longer with us. It also filled in some of the gaps as to what went on prior to my becoming involved in the industry. Dave spent most of his time around Taumarunui, in the central North Island and the Pike River area of Northern Fiordland. Thus these are the areas that feature most in the book. The NZDA even gets a mention in respect of Wapiti. What he says if correct does it not reflect well on the NZDA members involved. Unfortunately I have heard like stories from others (inc some mentioned in the book) in respect of what some members did at that time. This is something all members must remember. Our actions must be above board at all times as the whole organisation's reputation can easily be damaged by a few bad apples.

As for his opinion that the Parks Board staff weren't too keen on catching Tony Paul and associates most likely has some truth in it. As every body knew where the Wapiti Carcasses were going to be processed.

His comments on Meat Inspection were about what I have come to expect from some meat hunters. Blaming the Inspector for finding the maggots. As against realising that they had taken a gambol on where, when, and how many deer they shot. Betting that the carcasses would remain marketable. It should be noted that there was only circuit inspection of game plants in the early 1970's. What standard was maintained between these visits by the plant management?!

Overall Dave's story shows the healthy disrespect for authority and regulation that typified the meat hunter of that era. Who would leave a rifle and ammo in an unlocked hut while they visited civilisation now? Well I saw one meat hunter's rifle unattended in an unlocked Ute in a very public place even after the law tightened late last century. Of course shooting the odd trout and parry were taken as the norm.

Though interesting the story at times became repetitive, and I found myself skim reading to get to something more interesting in the book. For me it was worth the read, as for you it depends on what your tastes are in hunting books.

Doc.

...KAKA POINT NETBALL CLUB...
presents

"ANTLERS, HORNS & TUSKS"



HUNTING COMPETITION

1ST MARCH - 8TH JUNE 08

Adults: Red, Fallow & Tusks \$20.00
Juniors (under 17yrs) Red, Fallow, Tusks & Horns \$15.00

ENTRY & FEES TO BE IN BY THE 29TH FEB 08

Prize givings held 8th of June 08 at "The Point Cafe & Bar"
Kaka point

Judges are approved Douglas Scorers
Rules & conditions are posted with entry forms

(WILD ONLY)

For entries or enquires
Phone: DEBBIE 03 4182841 or 0274 139385
tav@clear.net.nz

Antlers, Horns and Tusks Hunting Competitions Rules and Conditions.

Competition starts :1st March - 8th June 2008

Prize giving:8th June 2008 at "The Point cafe and bar" Kaka Point. Judging from 11am onwards.

(Please note all heads must be in for judging by 1pm)

Heads & jaws can be scored prior to prize giving day by ringing LANCE BURGESS (03) 4181109 or PIP MARTIN (03)4158084

*Sections: Juniors: RED , FALLOW , TUSK & HORN (goat)
Adults: RED , FALLOW & TUSK*

*Antlers & Horns must be attached to a clean skull (prefer brains to be removed)
Tusks must be left in the jaw and boiled clean*

*Placing's of 1st ,2nd ,3rd in each section excluding Tusks as this will be a mixed (Adult & Junior)1st , 2nd & 3rd placing section
One prize for BEST OVER ALL
A limit of 3 heads/jaws per entry.*

MUST BE FAIR CHASE i.e. No spotlighting , wild only etc

3 approved Douglas Scorers will be judging.

JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL!!

Entry and fees must be in by the 29th Feb 2008

**Cheques made out to "KAKA POINT NETBALL CLUB" and sent to: T
ANDERSON,759 TAUMATA ROAD,RD2,CLINTON**

ENTRY FORM

(Please cut entry form off

and post with payment)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Receipt: Yes / No

**(if you require a receipt please enclose stamped, self
addressed envelope)**

Section: Junior: RED FALLOW TUSK HORN(goat)

\$15.00 (under 17 years)

Adults: RED FALLOW TUSK

\$20.00