

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Photo of the Young Hunts crew at Mt Nicholas Station

February 2012
Southland Branch
NZ Deerstalkers Association

Noticeboard:

Meeting: Wednesday 15th February at 8pm
 Executive Meeting: Wednesday 15th February at 7pm

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Hall:	N. Dawson, J. Hogg
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Hokonuis:	K. Watson.
Longwoods:	S. Long.
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Fiordland:	B. McNaughton.
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Rifle range:	D. Howden.
Newsletters:	B. McNaughton.
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Executive:

N. Miller, B. Bell, R. Phillips, J. Hogg, S Robinson,
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Life Member(s):

WA (Bill) Bell (*Branch*)
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Presidents Report For February:

Hi All, hope you had a great holiday break and welcome back to a new year, can't believe its February already!

Hope you're all putting pen to paper to protest about the Dart tunnel and the Monorail proposals. These are some great hunting/wilderness areas, we need to be heard to try and stop this before we lose more beautiful hunting country.

On a brighter note, our Chamois hunt finally went ahead, we ended up having 16 hunters go in, including 3 DOC staff. A great opportunity to have a look at the Eyre Mountain scenery and shoot some animals, total of 13 chamois shot and 3 deer. There were some great stories after the shoot and a lot of firsts for people, e.g. chopper flights and some steep terrain and people shooting their first chamois.

The feedback I've had from Colin Bishop has been positive. He is looking at doing a report on the weekend and will get back to us once he has processed the data.

Young Hunts- Finished up the course with our hunt weekend at Mt Nicholas Station at the end of January. This was a great weekend had by all. 3 Chamois shot and 2 Fallow, 1st animals shot for the majority.

Got to put the skills learnt on the course into practice. Big thanks to Robert and Linda Butson and team for allowing access for the young hunts course. Great opportunity for the young guys to see and study animals and sharpen their hunting skills up for the future.

Also a big thanks to Steve Robinson, Steve Long and Nick White for all their help over the weekend.

This years course is looking to be late July start date, so keep your eye out for details in a few months.

Congratulations to Wapiti Foundation for their achievement of taking over sole management of the Wapiti Herd in the Fiordland National Park.

If anyone knows of any Guest Speakers for the monthly meetings please let me or Bevan know via email nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 235 8852

Will see you all at the rifle shoot on the 3rd of March

Cheers

Nathan

Speaker for February's Meeting

This month's speakers will be some of the guys from Hamills Sports showing their wares.



AGM May 16th

It seems a long way off at the moment, but it will be here before we know it. I've seen some good heads and some good photos (Chamois and Tahr Heads - I know who you are) It would be good to see them along at the AGM this year, there will be some great prizes again this year.

Horns, tusks and antlers can be all shapes and sizes to enter so don't be put off if you shoot something that you don't think will win as there is a spot prize as well. Make sure you mark it on your calendar. More details will come available closer to the date.



Eyre Mountain Chamois Hunt Crew

Southland Deerstalkers Rifle Range Shoot

LOCATION: Southland rifle range club. (Which is on the airport straight on the way to Otatara)
Will be marked with balloons on the gate.

DATE: 3rd March

START: 10am

COST: \$20 per person (which covers ammo and lunch)

DETAILS OF SHOOT: 2-rounds of 15. 5 at 300m 5 at 200 5 at 100 different shooting position at each range. Bring ear protection

GUNS: There are 4x .223 club rifle to be used only.

BBQ: BBQ and tea and coffee there.

PRIZES: There will be some spot prizes there for best shooters and a cup for the best club member.

This will be a great club day so bring a mate and meet some new members of the branch and see if you can't out shoot them.

For any other detail please contact: Steve Long 235 7035 Kevin Watson 221 7191

John Hogg's 230 4692

SEE YOU THERE FOR A GREAT DAY SHOOTING AND TO BE CROWNED THE BEST NZDA SOUTHLAND SHOOTER.

DO NOT MISS IT OR THE TARGET!!!

Steve Reckons he needs more competition this year, hahaha.

Ammo sourced from: www.barnaul.co.nz



Gus, our Back Country Food broker is putting in an order for the Roar, if you wish to get some bulk deals on food, contact him on gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz

Thicket Burn Hut:

Working Bee on the 26 Feb. to replace building paper on roof.
This is not a 5 minute job so the more members to help the better.
Please contact Kevin on 032217191.

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:

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Joke for the month

A Cowboy rides into town and stops at a saloon for a drink. When he finishes his drink, he finds his horse has been stolen. He goes back into the bar, handily flips his gun into the air, catches it above his head without looking and fires a shot into the ceiling.

“Which one of you sidewinders stole my hoss?” he yells. No one answers.

“Alright, I’m gonna have anotha beer, and if my hoss ain’t back outside by the time I finish, I’m gonna do what I done in Texas! And I don’t like to have to do what I done in Texas!”

He has another beer, walks outside, and his horse is back. He saddles up and gets ready to ride out of town.

Before he leaves, the bartender wanders out of the bar and asks, “Say partner, before you go... What happened in Texas?”

The cowboy turns back and says, “I had to walk home.”

Monorail Proposal

A public meeting is being held by Riverstone Holdings who are proposing to build a monorail from Mararoa River to Te Anau Downs. This will cut through a lot of your hunting country.

The meeting will be at 4pm Thursday 23rd February at the Kelvin Hotel.

See <http://www.fiordlandlink.com> for more info.

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)

Chairs:

We have to give away a number of stacka chairs, pipe frame wooden seat and back the same as the ones at the clubrooms. These are surplus to our needs at the hunter camp trust, could be ideal for duckshooters mai mais, enquires to Ray Phillips.

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

From the Treasurer.

Another year ticks around and subscriptions are due once again on 1st March. An account for all members is attached to this newsletter.

Your early payment as soon as possible after 1 March would be appreciated.



INVOICE 2012/13

Due 1 March 2012

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SENIOR MEMBERS:	\$90
JUNIOR MEMBERS:	\$30 (UNDER 18 YEARS)
STUDENT & SUPERANNUITANT	\$65
ASSOCIATE MEMBER:	\$50
FAMILY MEMBERS:	\$5
<small>(Family member = wife/partner, children under 16)</small>	
Associate Members (full member of another branch)	\$10

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Where does your subscription money go: (Seniors)

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| • NZDA national Capitation | \$50 |
| • Colfo (Coalition of Firearms Owners) | \$3 |
| • Game research fund | \$2 |
| • National library levy | \$3 |

What do you get: Amongst other things.

- A national organisation that represents your interests
- A local branch looking after your rights
- Public liability insurance cover of \$10million including \$1 million for the Rural Fires Act. Can you afford to be without this cover?
- 4 copies Hunting & Wildlife Magazine (\$30 retail)
- Access to branch huts at TeAnau, Mavora & Hauroko and access to huts and lodges owned by other branches.

Associate members will:

- be able to enter Branch competitions & receive the Branch newsletter
- be able to enjoy all Branch facilities and privileges (huts & lodges, trips etc)
- be covered by public liability insurance

Associate members will not get a copy of Hunting & Wildlife magazine and will not be able to enter National Competitions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT