

The southern hunter



July 2008

Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 16th July 7pm

General Meeting: Wednesday 16th July 8pm

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Dear Members

Our sincere thanks for the lovely floral arrangement that we received following the sudden death of Cyril.

As we are unable to thank everyone individually could you please convey our thanks to your members for their kind expressions of sympathy and support, which has been greatly appreciated.

A grateful thanks also for those who volunteered their time to search for Cyril at Cattle Flat.

Kind regards

Janice, Carla & Jeremy, Jolie & Campbell.

Guest Speaker :

Jeremy Piper speaking about his hunting experience in Canada / British Columbia. Come and see his awesome display of live mounts, including black and grizzly bears and a cougar. Also video footage and photos, will make for an interesting evening so make sure you and your friends get along and make the most of it.

New members

A Warm welcome to Paul Driver and Brett McEwan

New Huts at Mason Bay, Stewart Island

ARE YOU INTERESTED? Dates Set.

Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust will be building two replacement hunter huts at Mason Bay on Stewart Island during October this year. The huts at Homestead and Martins Creek will be replaced. Building will commence on Saturday 4th October next .

All materials will go down in the week previous by freight boat and be helicoptered onto the site. We expect that building will take 5 - 6 days to complete and you can stay on and hunt until Sunday 12th.

There is no cost to builders as food and transport is provided by the Trust. You will be flown from Invercargill airport to Mason Bay beach and back by fixed wing plane. You supply your time. If you think you can help with building contact John on 2131430, 0276925338 or

huntercamptrust@hotmail.com

For the information of new members the Hunter Camp Trust has built 15 huts on Stewart Island in the last seven years. This is about hunters doing something positive for their sport as well as taking care of issues like vegetation damage and rubbish. Southland Branch NZDA members have been involved in building most of the these huts.

Editors Comments

We still need people to step up to take on the monthly hunts for the club so if your interested let me know nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or 03 2358852

Ext Month: Hoping to get Graham Hawkes along to do a cooking demo with wild game.

Upcoming hunts:

Wallaby hunt, we are just sorting details will be sometime in August just waiting to hear back. If your interested please contact Nathan Dawson on 03 2358852 or Nathan.Adrienne@xtra.co.nz and we will let you know when details are available.

We would like to have more stories and/or photos etc. would be appreciated. Don't necessarily have to tell where you've been ☺

Next month we are looking at starting a hunt tip column and would appreciate any tips you experienced hunters may have. Please email to Nathan.Adrienne@xtra.co.nz

Stewart Island Rat program. A Southland Branch NZDA hunting opportunity

This is the third year Southland Branch NZDA has been managing a rat control program at Homestead Block on Mason Bay, Stewart Island (prime whitetail deer country) Our aim is control the rat numbers in the area while the native birds are nesting. The numbers of birds in the area is growing markedly as more birds survive past the egg stage with fewer rats.

We have a series of circular lines with 254 rat traps set on cut tracks. The idea is to keep these traps working as often as we can during the breeding season. We fly from Invercargill Airport and land on the beach at Mason Bay, a flight which takes about half hour. Return is the same way. There is a hunter's hut to camp in.

We need your help on this program. We have experienced people who can lead each trip if required.

The 2008 Rat control dates are as follows, 9 - 17 Aug (5 days), 12 - 16 Sept, 2 - 7 Oct, 16 -20 Oct, (15 - 20 Nov is now full), 12 - 17 Dec, 14 - 19 Jan 2009. All dates include a weekend. Ideally, each trip works best with 3 or four people.

Costs; You supply your own food (Usually one person arranges and share cost.) and if you can afford it contribute \$50 towards the airfare of \$220. We take care of the rest.

The first trip is to clear tracks, bait and set traps.
Following trips, Remove dead Rats, clean trap, rebait and set. Any traps that are not sprung are to be sprung and cleaned, wire brush around spring and pin area, rebait and set. We expect all traps will be checked twice during each trip. It usually takes one day to make a complete round of the traps. The rest of the time is your own. Several members have got a whitetail deer during their trip.

Would everyone interested in going on any of these trips please email; Jim Ridley at southlandeng@xnet.co.nz 021733129 or Murray Barkman at muzzasweetaz@hotmail.com 0274441009.

We need to know A.S.A.P. so that we can organise permits, flights and others outside the branch if necessary.

Regards Jim Ridley and Murray Barkman

BE IN QUICK!!!

These dates filled already

Sept 30th to Oct 2nd, Nov 15th to 20th, Dec 12th to 17th

Rat Control Programme Dates

Aug 9th - 13th Party Leader first

Richard (Gus) Ronald

FULL

Sept 12th - 16th Party Leader first

Deane Carson,

Simon Byrne

Christine Coy

Robyn Bradley

FULL

Sept 30th - 4th Oct Jim Ridley ?

Dave Asher

and friends

Oct 16th - 20th Brian Sheppard

Rodger Stratford

FULL

Nov 15th - 20th Party Leader first

Murray Colson

and friends

FULL

Dec 12th - 17th Party Leader first

Murray Barkman

Steve Hubber

Amy Hubber

Grant Catto

FULL

Jan 14th - 19th Party Leader first

Richard Cook

Grant Hogg

and friends