

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



*Green Lake – taken by Doug Newman*

**July 2010**

**Southland Branch  
NZ Deerstalkers Association**

**Noticeboard:**

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 21st July 7.00pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 21st July at 8.00pm

**Executive and committee members (2008-2009):**

<b>President</b>	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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<b>Hall</b>	D. Craig	N. Dawson	J. Ridley		
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<b>Brach Hunts</b>	N. Dawson	S. Long	K. Watson	D. Howden	S. Byrne
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	R. Phillips	N. Miller	D. Howden		
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<b>Blue Mountains</b>	S. Long				
<b>Rifle Range</b>	D. Craig	D. Howden	J. Ridley		

**Executive:**

Roger Stratford, Steven Long, Brendon Bell, Ray Phillips, Murray Colson, Euan Butters, J. Hogg,  
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**Life Member(s):**

WA (Bill) Bell (*Branch*)

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**Guest speaker for July's meeting:**

Roger McNaughton will be giving his presentation that he gave at Conference  
on the successes of Conservation projects in Southland.

**Presidents Report For July:**

National Conference was held in Palmerston North on the 10th/11th of July. We sent two  
delegates up Ray Philips and Roy Sloan so look forward to hearing their report at the meeting.

Hope everyone is enjoying the winter and has had a great duck hunting season as it draws to a  
close in a few weeks. Hope your all managing to get out for a shot when you can.

I've just been away for a week on the west coast Tahr hunting, had a brilliant week with lovely  
clear days making for a great hunt.

The helihunting issue is a hot topic at the moment, the NZDA have set up a sub committee of  
members in the south consisting of David Hodder from North Canterbury, Shaun Moloney from  
Southern Lakes,

Tim McCarthy from South Canterbury and Snow Hewetson from Marlborough.

For those who don't know the Southland Branch has a great library with many different hunting  
books and dvds that are available for you to borrow if your interested in borrowing an item  
please let me know.

If anyone has any ideas or concerns re. the club please let me know.

Safe Hunting

Regards

Nathan Dawson  
President

## **From the Editor**

Hi All.

A few things to note from the last newsletter. With the transition of editors there were a few mistakes. Apologies for the wrong date (17<sup>th</sup> instead of 16<sup>th</sup>) and time as well as delays getting it out.

The e-mail I sent around about Sunday showing the Heli-Hunting article ended up being delayed until the following Sunday due to a late breaking article they introduced. TVNZ made no listings on their website to state the change and it has since been televised on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. You should be able to view it on the TVNZ website if you have broadband access.

(<http://tvnz.co.nz/sunday-news/sport-slaughter-3600750>)

Another article of interest that Nathan pointed out to me was the “Pepsi (or soda can) Cooker”. You can see a good example here (again sorry – broadband only)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRt8mNOP2b0> (the Coke Can version). I will try to publish a How To in the next newsletter if I get enough time but be a bit more resourceful – after all most will find a Speights can more available ☺

## **2010 National Conference**

Congratulations to Roger McNaughton who was awarded with a National Life Membership at Conference this month.

Next year National Conference will be held in Tuatapere.

**Welcome to our new members:** Allan, Douglas & Ross Corsan as well as Cory McDowall

## **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 Millar (nandc43@xnet.co.nz)

## **Land Search & Rescue - Courses**

Thank you to those who published their intentions in joining LandSAR. Over the years things have transitioned greatly nationally. With issues with liability and OSH the old days of just having competent hunters going into the bush is now being somewhat frowned upon. However as always if we feel there are the right people out there for a search in an area who are available we will never turn them down!

The Southland (Invercargill) group have increasing numbers from those mainly from the Police, DoC, NZDA & the Tramping Club as well as some members with backgrounds St Johns & MSC.

The biggest change this decade has been the introduction of formalised qualifications in different areas for Search & Rescue – especially in the field. This has always been around with management and specialised people who deal with certain incidents, etc, but SARINZ in conjunction with the Tai Poutini Polytechnic now have courses for LandSAR members to further their skills free of charge.

In no way does it upstart those with years of experience in the bush but it does broaden your horizons into what you can miss in the field. I have so far done multiple courses from Alzheimers (not something you'd really need in deep Fiordland) to Track and Clue Awareness. The Track & Clue Awareness course and the more advanced spin offs of these are of great resource to hone your skills to searching for lost persons (or even animals). As a hunter going into this course you are at an advantage as some of the basic hunting skills open up your tuning instincts. Things that are covered are how to look for “Lighthouses” – disturbed plants in the bush, disturbed leaf litter and how to use torches to pick these up.

For a searcher two light sources are mandatory: Both a good headlight torch to see where you are going at night and also a well powered handheld torch to bring up different light patterns under the canopy, even in daylight.

A moistened stone or brushed against ferns reflect light differently due to a change in moisture or dust which you can't see from downward light but with a torch can pick up easily from the right angle.

The Southland group has training nights once a month at the Don St Police Station at 7:30 (excluding December & January). We run practical exercises either there or in the field. Feel free to pop along or contact me for more info.

Regards.

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## **Mountain Safety Courses 2010**

### Alpine Courses

Avalanche awareness Lecture and Field Day - Cost to be confirmed

Alpine - Intro 31 July- 1 August Remarkables

\$150 plus gear hire, food, Accomodation and transport

### Alpine Basics

14-15 August Remarkables

\$150 plus gear hire, food, Accomodation and transport

### Alpine Shelters

28-29th August Remarkables

\$150 plus gear hire, food, Accomodation and transport

Contact Mountain Safety on 03 216 3555 or [southland@mountainsafety.org.nz](mailto:southland@mountainsafety.org.nz) for bookings and more info



*Nathan Dawson with his Bull Tahr. Shelter Hollow - West Coast 2010.*