

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



(Winning Photo Wildlife Section)

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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Next Meeting Club Rooms

Wed 15th July 8.00pm

Guest Speaker Andy Johnston of Bluff Coast Gard

Executive Meeting 7.pm



Presidents Report

2015 National Conference was hosted by the Upper Clutha branch in Wanaka on the 26th – 28th June. This was a well run event and I had an opportunity to speak to other branch delegates about their clubs activities. The theme for the conference was. “**BACKING THE FUTURE**”

We as NZDA members must stand united and be proud of our involvement in recreational hunting. To back the future of hunting we should be more involved with our branch and other branches. This being family events, (who are our future members) working with, NOT against other branches. There is more funding available this year for projects, such as hut repairs and rebuilds. We should be active in this area.

Our branch assets: Wapiti Lodge, Red stag and Thicket Burn huts are in need of some work. First being; Red stag which will need to get underway very soon. Volunteers are a major source in getting things done so please if you are able to help with this please let the committee know.

Club Trips: Members, we all have a responsibility to develop the club. If there is a trip or event you would like the club to undertake please raise it by talking to one of the committee members. Club hunts are supported by the committee and should also be supported by you as members.

Be safe if you are heading out into the bush, wear your blaze gear, remember to identify your target.

Steve Robinson



Editorial

What's happened to hunting, fishing and for that matter sport in New Zealand? I was recently in the local Hunting and Fishing store, having a look at some of those specials they had on sale. Yes I bought a couple of things that I think I need. But looking back on my visit, it hit me about half the store is clothing. Over half the sale catalogue is clothing. Camo clothing is worn by people everywhere these days, how times have changed. There is even urban camo sleepwear!

Forty years ago camo clothing of any sort was hard to come by. Something one got from the army surplus store. (I still have my first camo jacket in cotton denim). This change is not confined to hunting and fishing. Go into a Rebel Sports Store. The one that has more sports gear than anybody else! It's more a sport clothing store that a store for the actual gear used for sport. Not too much of any use to a hunter there! Don't think you can buy a fishing licence? Not that much for the serious sports person either, unless you partake in the few sports catered for in any depth.

I can remember when sports shops didn't sell rugby jerseys, let alone Allblack ones!

You may have been able to purchase a parka, but not much else, clothing was sold in clothing stores.

Are we more interested in looking the part than living the part? There has to be a demand or they would not stock so much of it. Or are we just more affluent? As for me I am going to have to do more hunting to wear the gear I have out, so that I can join the rush to get all this new stuff and look fancy.

How about some of you who like wearing, hunting in and be seen in this fancy gear. Take a photo of yourself, hunting in it (a selfie would do) add a story of the hunt and send it in to me. I need those stories for the new letter!!

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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

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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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Sponsors

Southland Branch would like to thank its regular sponsors and recommend them to its members.

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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 .

New Members Please Welcome Them

Grant Gerrard Invercargill David & Toby Jenkins Invercargill

Book Review

Been There Done That.

By Charlie Jones.

This book is an Autobiography of the life and times of one Charlie Jones. Who has been out there doing it for most of his life. From hunting for meat or trophies to commercial venison recovery. Charlie was in the thick of it. He was one of Rex Giles right hand men in getting Consolidated Traders into the Game industry. Running an early processing factory in the process. Then becoming involved in the early days of Deer Farming.

At another earlier time he was President of The Central King Country branch of the NZDA. He had wins in NZDA Trophy competitions. Charlie fished both fresh and salt water, hunted possums, ducks, and even went white baiting. Like where he lived his life most of this book is about the North Island, but there are stories of South Island and even Stewart Island.

I found this book an interesting read, taking me back into the history of hunting in this country, and filling in some of the gaps of my knowledge of this as I read it. Whether you agree with his ethics and morals or not, this is a story of what happened and how it happened. It is our history something we need to know about.

To me this book was an above average read as this type of hunting book go. Well worth purchasing.

Doug Gordon

This Month's Quiz

- (1) Is Chamois a type of goat?
- (2) What are the two main differences between the 30-06 Springfield and 308 Winchester?
- (3) Who wrote Hunt the Wild Blue Yonder
- (4) The Wild Natives River flow's into?
- (5) Both Lakes Monowai and Manapouri have Shallow Bays True/False

LAST Month's Quiz

Match the huts to the locations Southland Otago

The Shepard's	Eyre Creek
Army	Upekerora River
Rodger Inlet	Monowai
Cavalier	Masons Bay
Green gates	Deep Creek
Kintail	Seaforth River
Hankinson	Wapiti River
The Rats Nest	The Greenstone
Kerry's (Carrey's)	North Mavora
The Junction	Gow Burn

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BACK COUNTRY

Cuisine

Still available at a great price to Branch Members

Contact Gus Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351

For a price list

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



.Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654

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