

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 20th July 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

Guest Speaker Gerald & Bradley From Hunting & Fishing on New Products.

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Presidents Report

Hi All

Earlier this month I was invited to attend the FWF (Wapiti Foundation) management meeting which was held in Winton. It gave me an insight into just how much goes into this. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed by open minded hunters. However the FWF still has ongoing challenges ahead within the Wapiti area. With experience gained from the past 10 or so years, I am sure they are heading in a positive direction. One could say that the FWF have taken the first steps towards game management in New Zealand. This has been noticed and talked about by many hunters who have witnessed their efforts first hand. It is also pleasing to hear that hunters are increasing their own knowledge on how to identify a mature Bull and refrain from shooting the younger bulls which we all know is the future trophy. The Game Animal council is in the very early stages of representing game animals and hunters, let's hope they could use what has been achieved by FWF. As many of us seasoned hunters know deer numbers have been high, been reduced to slim picking and have now increased to a more enjoyable level. In the future we will be faced with a change again, let's hope that those involved with Game management whether that be trophy hunting, and or, subsistence hunting be made with realistic compromises so our animals are reinstated as game and keep that status for the future. They had that once so why not again.

Steve Robinson



Editorial

Well its that time of the month when I put pen to paper and write something more for the newsletter! Wishing some more members would also write something to make the newsletter more interesting.

We Kiwis would like to think we were a forward looking society but. Half of New Zealand wants housing prices the way they were. (The other half is riding the housing rollercoaster hoping to continue to make money). The Dept of Conservation wants the country side the way it was, but is not sure what year in history to aim for. So has been getting ready to again save the birds. I can remember when it was the trees that needed saving. I am told deer were originally culled to save the grass (so that sheep could eat it).

Interestingly none of the poison is going into the Wapiti Block. A change from when the deer had to be removed from the Glaisnock to make way for Takahe. Where are those Takahe now?

This last week I attended a conference for work where we were asked to find a better way in the things we do.

Hell for our land mass the population is not large. (More sparse yet again if you discount Auckland) We need to stop fighting each other over what we have and look at finding a better way for all in a way that we ALL can enjoy. Without being exploited by those who want to make a quick buck out of us. The best hunting should not be only for those who are prepared to pay extra. How would our newly developed cycle trails go if they were privatised for the landowners benefit?

A big thanks to Yunca for their recent support



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Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

This reminder is being put out as some members have paid direct to the branch account, as the account is not now checked on a regular basis for membership renewal a time lag will occur before any incorrect payments are picked up, and then forwarded onto Wellington.

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.

**POST the AGM UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS
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*Hunting and Wildlife***

- This Months Quiz

1. Who wrote "Hunter by Profession"
2. In relation to target shooting what is a "Bug Hole"?
3. What is a MOA
4. When reloading where would you find an "Anvil"
5. Which heats quicker a new billy or a fire blackened one and why?

Vacancy

Branch is still in need of a Vice President post the AGM anybody interest please contact the president or a member of the Executive.

Wanted to Acquire

We need 3 twelve foot gates one to replace one at Red Stag Lodge two for Wapiti Lodge. Prefer wooden. Any donations will be appraised to confirm suitability Phone Neville 03 216 8654. If you have some that you can spare.

Douglas Score Training

Expressions of interest in Douglas Score training are asked for, from members.

Now's the chance to learn Douglas scoring.

Learn how to score that trophy.

If interested Please contact Ray at 03 216 3751

Wallaby hunt

July ::2016

Dates :: Friday 22nd / Saturday 23th /Sunday 24th

Hunt at :: Neville Powell's farm

Accommodation :: Cottage and wool shed

Contact :: Murray Allen

Email :: anneallen@outlook.co.nz

Phone :: 03 218 9409

If you would like to go on this can you please email Murray so he can put you on the list....
More details out closer to time for those who are going

Fiordland Lake hunt this has been put off at present due to current lack of interest.

.Book Review

Hunting Fallow Deer in New Zealand

By Howard Egan

Howard Egan has produced a good and useful guide and reference to the hunting of Fallow Deer in this country. Some of the information contained in the book would have been very useful to me when I was hunting the Blue Mts Fallow on a regular basis all of thirty something plus years ago. Especially at the start of my time hunting there.

It contains useful information on the Fallow Deer with hunting good advice, plus information on the various scattered herds that go from Southland to North of Auckland.

There is a lot more information in this book than one finds in the normal one chapter devoted to Fallow in the average NZ Hunting Guide type book. I found the book a good read, not dry and boring. Well worth purchasing or borrowing, if you are intent on hunting Fallow Deer in NZ.

Especially as these days there seem to be more and more small herds of fallow out there to hunt.

Doug Gordon

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Rankle Burn	Blue Mts
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Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora

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



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Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site.