

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Winning Photo Branch Competitions "Scenic", Neville Miller

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 19th July 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

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Guest speakers	All executive members, S. Robinson
Areas of interest	
S/Island/S. Coast	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Hokonuis	-----
Greenstone/Caples	N. Dawson.
Blue Mountains	N. Dawson, I. Hopper.
Fiordland	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Guest Speaker,

Colin Bishop from DOC will be this month's guess speaker telling us about the departments Waitutu battle for our birds program.



Presidents Report

Hi All,

Well the shortest day has passed now and the days will be getting longer, but it seems we haven't had a winter yet. With most of our lakes and rivers at low levels we need to have our average rain fall plus some. Recently I received a phone call from Newstalk ZB regarding the shooting of a goat in the Rowallan area along with some other dodgy goings on. These types of muppets who continually conduct themselves in this way are only on borrowed time which is reflecting on all of us. Zero tolerance to this behaviour by all of us responsible hunters is my opinion. I can think of better things to be doing with my time than chatting to the media about this kind stuff. Later this month another hunts course will get under way, this is open to members as well, young and not so young. Contact Nathan D first or myself. Info can be found on the branch website. In the coming months we hope to arrange some club hunts so keep an eye on things if you would like to join in on a wallaby or tahr trip.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Dean Friend, Stephen Smith, Tane Simeon, Wayne Lemin,& Craig Picard

Wanted

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor

Young Hunts Course 2017



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid,
Bushcraft,**

**Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Includes 8-9 Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and 2
weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting
rifles and river crossing.**

Starting Mid July, maximum of 12

Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063

nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or Steve

Robinson 0277478109 stevelrob@gmail.com



Editorial

A couple of weeks or so ago I happened to notice an article on Stuff & Co about, a possum hunting fund raiser at Dury School (south of Auckland). The children had been advised to drown any joeys found in the females' pouches.

The writer considered this inhumane and indicated that Children should not be taught such methods of killing. Instead they recommended something more humane like **poison** to deal with possums.

Very few poisons if any that I know of would be any more humane than drowning. Some of course are highly dangerous to the applicator.

What this person was trying to say I believe is that hands on killing is personal and may affect the person doing the killing. While the remote lay poison and leave, not to see the death caused is OK

Their mind set can be likened to some land owners who will not allow recreational hunters to target the likes of wild goats on their properties as they will get some enjoyment out of the killing. But hire a helicopter operator to hunt their property extensively from the air. This crew being professional will in their mind set get no enjoyment out of the killing.

A few months ago some with the same mind set objected to the Central Otago Easter Bunny Hunt. As it broke up the rabbits families by the unprofessional killing, of perhaps only part of a family group.

We live in a society that want rid of what they consider undesirable animals, but want this killing to be kept out of their sight, out of mind.

Just the same as we hear of and ignore the Killing currently going on in the Middle East, because it is remote from our lives.

To my way of thinking it is perhaps good that the Kids of Dury School got out and found something about the reality of the world. Killing is part of it, if one wants to eat meat, or have carnivores for pets. How would your pet dog or cat go on a vegetarian diet? Then what is it you would have the endangered species like Tigers live on!

Doug G

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For members renewing their memberships just pay to Wellington on the invoice that they send out to you ,DO NOT fill in a new application form as this just leads to a lot of double ups

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.

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Joke of the Month

Larry the Fighter Pilot

A teacher asks the kids in her 3rd grade class: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Little Larry says: "I wanna start out as a Fighter Pilot, then be a Billionaire, go to the most expensive clubs, find me the finest whore, give her a Ferrari worth over a million bucks, an apartment in Copacabana, a mansion in Paris, a jet to travel throughout Europe, an Infinite Visa Card, and all the while banging her like a loose screen door in a hurricane."

The teacher, shocked and not knowing what to do with this outrageous response from little Larry, decides not to acknowledge what he said and simply tries to continue with the lesson."

And how about you, Sarah?"

"I wanna be Larry's whore!"



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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.