

The southern hunter



2009

Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 17th June 7.00pm

General Meeting: Wednesday 17th June 8.00pm

Executive and committee members (2008-2009)

President	Jim Ridley	2159649
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Executive:

Roger Stratford, Steven Long, Brendon Bell, Ray Phillips,
Murray Colson, Euan Butters, J. Hogg, D. Craig, G. Ronald.

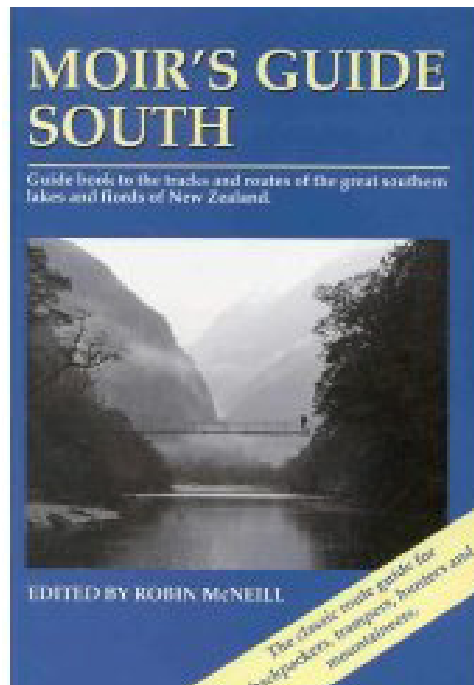
Trophies and Certificates will be handed out at this months meeting.

Guest Speaker

Robin McNeill is speaking about the Moirs Guide South book, a guide to hunting and tramping down south. So make sure you get along and have a listen to some of his experiences.

About the Editor

Robin McNeill began serious tramping and mountaineering in 1976 while studying at the university of Canterbury. After completing his degree in electrical engineering in 1980 Robin lived for 10 years in Invercargill. There he developed a passion for re-exploring the areas described in this guide book. His wife Sue shares much of his enthusiasm for Fiordland and has accompanied him on many of his trips there, sometimes with their daughter Henrietta. Robin has climbed many well known mountains in New Zealand including Mounts Cook and Tutoko, and has hunted red deer, wapiti, Thar and chamois. Robin is a member of the New Zealand Alpine Club.



Results of the Antler, horn and tusk competition.

Pig Tusks - drawn D. Hamilton DS 8 4/8
Pig Tusks - undrawn D. Hamilton DS 12
D. Dahlenburg DS 9 2/8
Fallow - R. Stratford DS 169 5/8
Goat - C. Peterson DS 99
Red Deer - R. Stratford DS 246 4/8
G. Johnstone DS 224 4/8
D. Hamilton DS 209

Weaned calves wanted.

The club is looking to continue this fundraising project. If you have a weaned calf you would like to donate please contact Roger Stratford phone 2304388. Roger has a number of properties who will then take these animals through to sale as a fundraiser. thank you.

Query

The hut committee would like to know who ordered a new fire extinguisher for Wapiti Lodge. If this was you please contact Neville 2168654.

WAPITI BALLOT RIGGED.

by Roy Sloan

In a Southern lakes news paper it had headlines reading "DEER HUNTERS UP IN ARMS" It was a story with quotes in it from a Wapiti hunter going by the name of Chris Cameron.

Now Mr Cameron said in the story that the ballot had been rigged for years and he has been trying to clean it up for years.

The funny thing about this quote is, I have been involved with the Wapiti ballot for a number of years now and this is the first time I have heard such rubbish from him.

Chris has been appointed by his club. The Central Otago deerstalkers to sit on the Wapiti area management team. Chris has sat at the table with us and agreed with most things we have been doing. That when we could get him there. He has been asked to help with the ballot but never turns up.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out how the ballot is run. Starting with the post box

- Ballot applications are pickup. Donation are bank and paper work done
- Ballot applications are numbered. First one received gets number one written on the form, second one get number two and so on. They keep that number for the whole process of the ballot.
- The day of the ballot. Committee look over ballot forms to see if they are filled out correctly.
- Ballot is drawn in at a public meeting. Forms are laid out on table in piles of 10 to 15. Members of the audience are invite to over see a pile. First person has pile 1-10, person beside them have 11 to 20 so. All this is done for transparency.
- The numbers are drawn by a system call easy draw. it is a disc that is used for lotto,bingo etc any thing that need to be very transparent.
- A local policeman does the draw. Doc are involved. The media are there filming it.

I think the story in the Queenstown Mirror was just a smoke screen. The truth behind it is a survey that the Fiordland Wapiti Foundation(FWF) done about pre rut hunting and instead of Chris being involved with the survey he has gone off half cocked and start to spread rumours to try and discredit the Foundation. Now one thing the Foundation want to make clear is this is only a survey.FWF are charged with managing the Wapiti area and they get hunters from both sides of the fence moaning about pre rut hunting and the survey was done so they could find out what the true users of the Wapiti area wanted. Nothing more.

So if anyone out there want to know anything about the ballot/survey please ask as stories like these from hunter about hunters and good for no one.

Thanks Roy Sloan. roy.sloan@woosh.co.nz 021 900 423

National Conference

The National Conference is being held this year in Oamaru and this branch has proposed that three of the executive attend the Conference. They are: J. Ridley, N. Dawson and M. Barkman. J. Ridley is to be the branch delegate and the others are to attend as observers.



Opening Day 2009

Great to see young hunters out there, pictured is Blair Ussher, who was the junior hunter in the party the rest were Stu Ussher, Grant Reid, John Reid and Doug Gordon.

Mountain Safety first aid course

Course runs from Friday 7.30pm -9.30pm, Saturday 8am - 9pm and Sunday from 8am - 4.30pm at a cost of \$25 per head, food supplied. Dates have not yet been set any inquiries to Jim Ridley 2159649

SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS

General Committees were formed for this year.

Hall:	B. Bell, M. Colson, M. Barkman, D. Craig.
Huts:	N. Miller.
Young Hunters:	M. Colson, G. Ronald, N. Dawson.
Branch Hunts:	N. Dawson, D. Howden.
Speakers:	N. Dawson, S. Long.
AGM:	President.
Trophy Custodian:	G. Ronald.
Poisons/Toxins:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Stewart Island:	R. Phillips, J. De Lury.
Longwood/Hokonuis:	J. Ridley, R. Stratford.
South Coast:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Fiordland:	R. Sloan, E. Butters.
Caples/Mavora:	J. De Lury, N. Miller, G. Ronald.
Blue Mountains:	S. Long, M. Colson.

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