

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Panoramic Views:  
Roger Sutton Walkway, Invercargill.  
Southern end of Lake Te Anau  
Murray's Beach – Stewart Island

Photos courtesy of Bevan McNaughton

**June 2011**

# Southland Branch NZ Deerstalkers Association

## Noticeboard:

Meeting: Wednesday 15th June at 8pm

## **Executive and committee members (2010 - 2011):**

<b>President</b>	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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## **Sub committees for year 2011-2012**

TBA

### **Executive:**

N. Miller, B. Bell, R. Phillips, J. Hogg, S Robinson,  
D. Craig, G. Ronald, S. Byrne, R. Sloan, K. Watson.

### **Life Member(s):**

WA (Bill) Bell (*Branch*)

Ray Phillips (*Branch*)

Neville Miller (*Branch*)

Roger McNaughton (*National*)

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### **Presidents Report For June:**

Hi guys, I've recently gained my outdoor leader qualification through mountain safety, looking to kick the young hunts program underway in September. This course is for young and old that haven't done a lot of hunting to learn hunting and safety skills for the outdoors.

A big thank you goes out to Outdoor World for sponsoring a Stoney Creek top for the photo comp for the AGM, which was won by Bevan McNaughton.

Also a big thank you to Panasonic NZ for sponsoring a digital camera for the heads comp which was won by Roger Stratford. We look forward to seeing some more entries in the AGM next year as there are great chances to win a prize.

Big Thanks to Jolie and her team for the catering at the AGM, wonderful job and much appreciated.

Congratulations to Ray Phillips and Neville Miller for receiving life memberships for the branch, we look forward to hearing their history of the branch in the next newsletter.

The 63rd National Deerstalkers Conference will be held in Tuatapere on the 22nd-24th of July, feel free to come over and look through their displays etc.

Cheers  
Nathan

### **From the Editor.**

Phew – what a busy month. I'm only rattling through this now before I head off. Nath & Steve are already away in the hills after Thar!

Thanks to Alex for keeping us up with stories, we are also very short on photos & my image bin is getting empty! Please feel free to e-mail in stories and photos.

Yes – I did promise to throw in a blurb about our trip to Stewart Island but I'm sure it wasn't as successful as others!

Also if you are interested in joining the Executive we have 2 places available. Just speak to one of the Executives at the meeting.

Big congratulations too to Neville Miller & Ray Phillips in being awarded as the latest Branch Life Members!

Catch you next month.  
Bevan McNaughton

### **Guest Speaker for June:**

As of publishing we are still waiting to hear back from a speaker. If no luck I'm sure we can rustle up a good hunting DVD for all to watch.

## **NZDA Caps & Beanies**

The Southland Branch has sourced a supply of caps and/or beanies that will have the Southland branch logo printed on them.

The ones available are:

Caps: Dark green with a yellow logo on the front. Peaked front to keep the rain off.

Beanies: Two types available - the standard type of beanie, and one that pulls over the ears (good for the cold days).

Both caps and beanies will have the logo printed on them.

If anyone wants them, they will need to pay up front, as the order will not be sent in until we have a reasonable number to purchase. The cost is \$15.00 for either the cap or the beanies. Cheques can be made out to Southland Branch NZDA, or cash is more than welcome.

For orders, please see R. Phillips on a meeting night, or mail to:

Southland Branch New Zealand Deerstalkers Association  
P.O BOX 1588  
Invercargill 9840



## **AGM Competition results:**

### **Head competition:**

#### **Fallow:**

1<sup>st</sup> Penny Stratford 63 6/8

#### **Reds:**

1<sup>st</sup> Theo White 256 7/8

2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Stratford

3<sup>rd</sup> Steve McDonald

#### **Tahr:**

1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Dawson 41 6

### **Photos (Preliminary)**

#### **Topical**

1<sup>st</sup> Roger Stratford

2<sup>nd</sup> Bevan McNaughton

#### **Game Animals**

1<sup>st</sup> Roger Stratford

2<sup>nd</sup> John De Lury

3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Stratford

#### **Wildlife**

1<sup>st</sup> Roger Stratford

2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Stratford

3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Stratford

### **Joke for the month**

An Italian, an Irishman and a Chinese fellow are hired at a construction site. The manager points out a huge pile of sand and says to the Italian, "You're in charge of sweeping". To the Irishman, "You're in charge of shovelling" To the Chinese guy, "And you're in charge of supplies". "Now, I have to leave for a little while. I expect you guys to make a dent in that pile."

So the manager goes away for a couple of hours. And when he returns, the pile of sand is untouched. He says to the Italian, "Why didn't you sweep any of it?"

The Italian guy replies, "I didn't have a broom. You said the Chinese guy was in charge of the supplies, but he disappeared and I couldn't find him" So then the manager turns to the Irishman and asks why he didn't shovel.

The Irishman replies, "I couldn't get myself a shovel. You left the Chinese guy in charge of supplies and I couldn't find him." The manager is really pissed now, and storms off toward the pile of Sand looking for the Chinese guy.

Just then, the Chinese guy springs out from behind the pile of sand and yells, "SUPPLIES!"

### **The Firearm Safety Code:**

1. Treat EVERY firearm as loaded.
2. ALWAYS point firearms in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm ONLY when ready to fire.
4. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target!!!
5. Check your firing zone.
6. Store your firearms and ammunition separately and securely.
7. Alcohol impairs judgment

### **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](mailto:rkphillips@xtra.co.nz))

Dave Howden ([davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz))

or Neville Miller ([nandc43@xnet.co.nz](mailto:nandc43@xnet.co.nz))



With the generosity of Back Country foods we are able to source their goods at cost price – this is the same amount that retail stores buy their product in at!

The owner of Back Country Food indicated that he would prefer to deal with only one person from each club or organisation. Gus Ronald has a current order form and he has been dealing with them for the last 15 years.

Instead of putting the form in the newsletter, anyone interested in getting any, please contact Gus & he will e-mail them a copy. It has all the prices and what is available and he is more than happy to take orders of any quantity from members of if they have friends they could also get it as well. It would also be a lot more easier to place order as quantities warranted it so if members wanted small quantities they may have to wait a short while till Gus gets enough to make a decent size order.

As a guide to the price the cost of a 2 serve which seems the most popular is only \$6.65 + G.S.T. making it \$7.65 inclusive which is about 30% cheaper than most retail outlets. The money would be payable on order as he have no intentions of running an accounting or charging system. There is no making any money out of this and Gus is only doing it to help people out.

You can contact Gus on [gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz)

Please also include your NZDA membership number where possible.

**WHAT'S IN MY BUM BAG** - In the early 1990's most of my deerstalking was being done in the bush. I was carrying my canvas pikau but it was quite noisy in the scrubby places where the deer like to lie down during the day; I needed a quieter bag.

One day while window shopping I saw a Huntech bum bag in camouflage colours. It was quite large and was made from a stretchy, fluffy material except for the back piece. It had a long zip which went right across it that could be opened from either end and inside it was a folded up canvas pikau with wide webbing shoulder straps. Just what I needed so I bought it and it has proved to be very quiet and can hold all I need for a day stalk.

When in use it would have in it:- the pikau, a nylon parka, a large plastic bag, four cotton flourbags, first aid kit, two survival blankets, gloves, nylon cord, torch, folding knife, pull-through, spare ammunition, gas lighter, a piece of rubber, toilet paper, water filter, compass, (map, permit and spare hanky in a plastic bag), block of chocolate, four fruit and nut bars, lunch, water and cell phone. Depending on where I am going I may also take a GPS, PLB and a camera. The 250g block of chocolate is for emergency use only.

When I shoot a deer I bone out the meat onto the plastic bag then put it into the cotton bags. I then turn the plastic bag inside out so that the clean side is out and I put the cotton bags of meat in it. The plastic bag is put in the bottom of the pikau and the bum bag on top, then the pikau tied shut and put on my back. If I have a very full pikau I leave the bum bag out and wear it around my front where it is easy to get food etc. out of it.

I now see more deer since I started carrying this quieter bag.

Alex Kidd.

## **Notices:**

Thanks to members who put there hands up to take part in the Branch rat control program on Stewart Island. All six trips are now full.

### **Young Hunts:**

We are looking at starting up the young hunts program in September, maximum of 10 people for a start please let me know if your keen Nathan Dawson -

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Phone: 032358852 or 0276021821

Lincoln University are carrying out surveys on Hunting in NZ, it would be appreciated if you could jump online and carry it out:

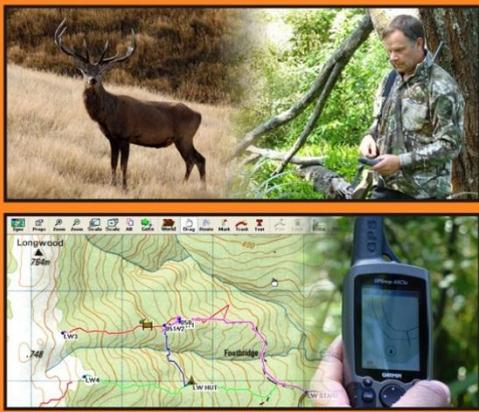
<http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/hunt>

### **The Swazi Tour:**

They will be touring round the country fom the 8th July to the 23rd July, they will be in Waimumu/Gore on Friday 22nd July. Evening Presentation for his new book Untamed: The Extraordinary Adventures of the Swazi Man.

## **Subscriptions are overdue.**

**Thanks to those who have paid, everyone else - please give this some attention!**



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