

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Winning Photo Game Animal (Neville Miler)

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 15th June 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

Guest Speaker replacement being arranged an apology from the one we hoped to have. (gone hunting)

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Presidents Report

Hi all,

The 2016 roar is behind us now. The general consensus of many hunters I spoke with this year said in their view the roar was very quiet. Others have had some great hunts with some red skins hitting the deck. But as we should always view our hunting success, by the way we conduct ourselves while out hunting.

Ospri are planning on acting with their programme of poisoning this month in the eastern Kawekas and the Kaimanawas sometime in winter. These I know are in NZ second largest Island. But the mainland is not immune to this.

The Game Animal Council, the NZ Deerstalkers' Association, and the Department of Conservation have been consulting to identify effects on game herds and potential mitigation. We have identified that the most at risk and most highly valued game herds are Wakatipu white tailed deer, fallow deer in the Wakatipu, Blue Mountains and North-West Nelson areas, and Ruahine Ranges red deer. We are seeking hunter input to help us to prioritise areas for mitigation, including areas we have not already identified. Please visit this website <http://nzgameanimalcouncil.org.nz/battle-our-birds-2016-mitigation-survey> to notify us of your highest priority. They welcome input from all recreational and commercial hunters.

On a brighter note. Congratulations to those who took part in the branch photo and trophy competition. A Big thanks to this years sponsors. Hunting & Fishing Invercargill, Southern Adventure, please support them when you can. Also thank you to those members who helped out with measuring at the Hall.

Steve Robinson



Editorial

The Roar is over as is the opening of Duckshooting and the AGM. (I hope more of you enjoyed the first two than came to the AGM). The first snow storm of the year has arrived and caught some unwary 4x4 enthusiasts on the tops above the Waikaia Valley, at least they got out alive. Time to wrap up and keep warm!

Doc are out there telling us they have to save the birds, and 1080 is the way to go. They are after rats and mice. That will starve the ferrets and stoats? If deer happen to die! So what they are introduced. If birds also die let's keep it quiet. 1080 isn't fussy what it kills, but at least it's not as long lasting in the environment, as some other poisons. But still it's not nice and it isn't quick.

There is some talk of codes of practice for hunting to try and prevent any shot and only injured deer suffering a slow lingering death. What is the difference between this unfortunate event when it unfortunately occurs and what 1080 does to all game animals it kills? (No clean quick death with 1080!)

Doug Gordon

A big thanks to Yunca for their recent support



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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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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
WILL NOT RECIEVE THE NEWSLETTER or
*Hunting and Wildlife***

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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

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.

Young Hunts Course 2016



**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**



Still vacancy's get your name in.

Club Hunts

Wallaby hunt hopefully early July if interested contact Steve 0277478109 or Nathan 0272358063

Fiordland Lake hunt (by Boat) Late July more info at June meeting if interested.

Tahr Block

From 19th June West Coast for a week (Bicycle country) If interested Phone Nathan 0272358063

Photo Competition Results

Game Animals 1st Neville Miller 2nd Nathan Dawson 3rd Doug Gordon

Wildlife 1st Nathan Dawson 2nd Doug Gordon 3rd Lachie Wood

Topical 1st Nathan Dawson 2nd Nathan Dawson 3rd Doug Gordon

Scenic 1st Doug Gordon 2nd Nathan Dawson 3rd Nathan Dawson

Trophy Competition Results

Red deer Lackie Wood

Tahr Lackie Wood.

Sika Lackie Wood.

Fallow Roger Stratford

Female. Penny Stratford.

(no other classes entered)

.Book Review

Helicopters and Venison

By Brian Conroy & friends

Printed by The Copy Press Nelson

In a recent Rod & Rifle I saw a book review for Helicopters and Venison. The story being of interest I got online and purchased a book after finding it not available in the local book stores. The book when it arrived was interesting, it turned out to be a collection of the stories of the staff who worked for Graham Stewart & co Ltd. One of the early pioneer Helicopter Venison recovery operators who in the short years from 1965 to 1968 were a leader in the development of venison recovery by helicopter. What worked and didn't work being often

discovered by trial and error. The errors often cost it men, gear, and wasted deer. In 1968 they were taken over by Edmonds Game (in a rough deal). Edmonds remained one of the big three in the industry along with Consolidated Traders and Wilson Neil right through to the 1980's when further changes to Edmonds ownership and declining kill saw them drop out, along with Consolidated Traders (due to personal reasons) and in time Wilson Neil. The book has numerous good photos spread throughout it which relate to the story being told

Though Graham Stewart predates my personal involvement in the venison Industry, it was a name I often came across in my early days in the industry. This book helped to fill in the gaps. It will no doubt in time become yet another reference for those who want to study the history of the NZ Venison industry, something that is now over 50 years old. I enjoyed the book as should anyone interested in the industries history. Worth a read and adding to ones collection if you are.

Doug Gordon

For Sale

New Alloy Pontoon Dinghy on trailer, 4.2 metres, \$5,800 Contact Steve Robinson 0277478109



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This Month's Quiz

Match Burns to locations

Kiwi Burn	Thomson Mts
Forrest Burn	Stuart Mts
Hindley Burn	Hunter Mts
Tunnel Burn	Princess Mts
Lugar Burn	Rowallan Forrest
Rankle Burn	Kepler Mts
Grove Burn	Snowden Forrest
Borland Burn	Dean Forrest
Rata Burn	Blue Mts
Hut Burn	Murchison Mts

Last Month's Quiz

Match the area with the feature species you would likely go to hunt in that area. Not that hunting other species is not possible or likely in some areas.

South Kaipara	Fallow Deer
Pitt Island	Wild Sheep
Skippers	Goats
Mt Cook	Tahr
George Sound	Wapiti
Galatea Plateau	Rusa
Lake Tarawera	Wallaby
Kaimanawa Mts	Sika
Santoft Forrest	Sambar
Fox Glacier	Chamois
Hunter River	Red Deer
Glenorchy	Whitetail

New Members please welcome them

G.King, J. Keil, E.Francis, and A. Dewar.

2nd last month's Quiz

So another quick Quiz what Southland peak are the following two photos of answer follows



WEST DOME

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.