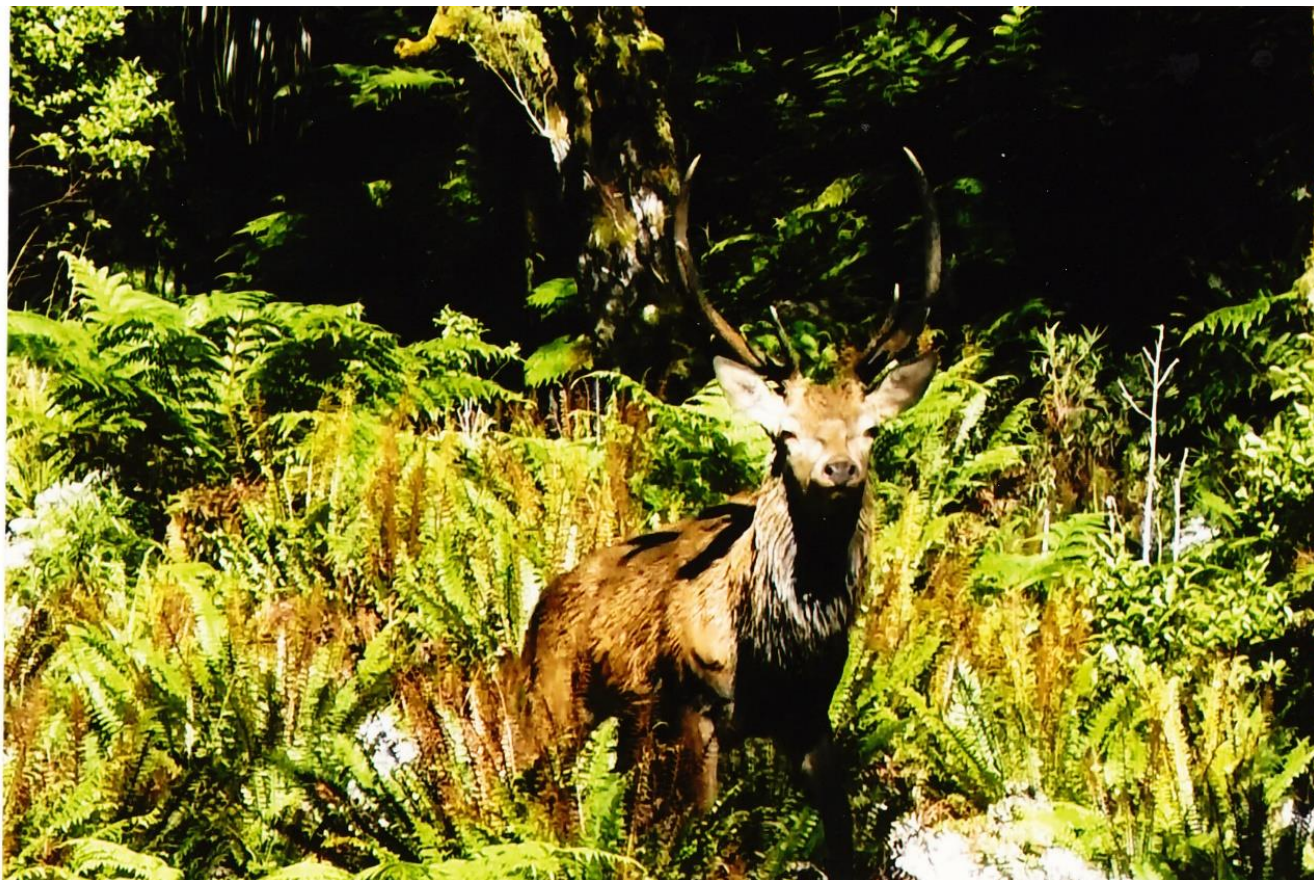


THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Winning Photo Branch Competitions "Game Animal", Brian Winsloe

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter

June 2017

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 21st June 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

Guest Speaker,

We hope to have someone from NZ Police to speak on Firearms

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Presidents Report

Hi All.

In May the branch held 2017-2018 AGM. We seem to have miss calculated the number of members that would turn up, there for we had an abundance of seats. However we have a committee with two new members stepping forward. Welcome aboard Ivan & Roedie. The past year was relatively uneventful. This coming year I/we would like to see a upsurge in members willing to participate in any club activities, working bee, club hunts, even a meeting or two would be appreciated.

2017 Hunts course will be getting under way in July. This is open to all members as well so if you think you may benefit from it feel free to register your interest.

I didn't get out for a hunt this year, but managed to have a weekend trip away to top of Lake Hauroko with some friends, very cool weather, lake was calm. One deer shot, many stories shared with both boats running trouble free, was a short but great trip.

Steve Robinson.

Young Hunts Course 2017



**This course is for anyone young or old.
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Starting Mid July, maximum of 12

Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063

nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or Steve

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Editorial

In the big world out there, there are a few statements that are long lasting truths. One such is that “**Biology is not an exact science**”. That explains a lot including how life evolves and changes.

There are also some common statements that should not be said and are untruths one is “**I know how you feel**” . While one has a good idea how one may feel in given circumstances from their own experiences. We all take things at least slightly differently. You only have to look at the way people react to the death of a close relative or friend to see this.

Unfortunately we are inclined at times to respect less those who don't react as we expect of them, and even demand that people react as we do. This is some knowledge that needs to be taught at schools, I wish I had been taught it at an earlier age, and at times could remember it better, that we are different in how we act and react!

This last week the press have got hold of a story about the Army having firearms at a school as a part of some leadership training. Personally I would like all to be taught how to handle firearms safely. I have seen people who think they will go off if one only looks at them too hard.

What upset me in the media frenzy was the comments of a school principal. He indicated that firearms would not be allowed in any circumstances near his school, as he had numbers of refugees as pupils. It would traumatise them!

How does he know this, it's his opinion. Remember even with the best intentions one doesn't know exactly how someone else feels!

Unfortunately such ill-informed comments are taken as facts that form the basis for action.

Others have commented firearms have a place in schools, a lot of school pupils partake in various forms of target shooting, while at school. Some go on to shoot for New Zealand teams, some schools rejoice in and advertise this success. Of this I have personal knowledge and agree that Firearms and shooting have a place.

In closing there is another great saying that my Mother taught me “ ***Every body is queer but thee & me. Sometimes thee is a bit queer too***” (Which I am told much later originated from one Robbie Burns).

When you think about it in respect of humans it says much the same as “ ***Biology is not an exact science***”

Doug Gordon

Wanted

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

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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

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day, the kids came back and, one by one, began to tell their stories.

There were all the regular types of stuff: Spilled milk and pennies saved. But then the teacher realized, that only Janie was left.

"Janie, do you have a story to share?"

'Yes ma'am. My daddy told me a story about my Mommy. She was a Marine pilot in Desert Storm, and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol, and a survival knife.

She drank the whiskey on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break, and then she parachuted right into the middle of 20 Iraqi troops.

She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke, and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

"Good Heavens, 'said the horrified teacher. What did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this horrible story'?"

"Don't F*** with Mommy when she's been drinking."

I love these touching stories !!

Results Branch Trophy Competition

Red Deer 1st Timo Bierlin D/S 265 1/2

2nd Timo Bierlin D/S 252 1/2

3rd Graham Carter D/S 218 3/4

Fallow 1st Timo Bierlin

2nd Ross Mawdsley D/S 190 1/8

Chamois 1st Timo Bierlin D/S 24 3/4

2nd Ross Mawdsley D/S 24 1/4

Results Branch Photo Competition

GAME ANIMALS

1st Brian Winsloe, 2nd John Delury, 3rd Neville Miller

SCENIC

1st Neville Miller, 2nd John Delury, 3rd Doug Gordon

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1st Willie Muir, 2nd Doug Gordon,

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