

The southern hunter



June 2008

Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 18th June 7pm

General Meeting: Wednesday 18th June 8pm

Executive and committee members (2007-2008)

	President	Jim Ridley	
Vice.	Nathan Dawson	235 8852	
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Roger Stratford	Steven Long	Brendon Bell	Ray Phillips
	Wayne Cook	Murray Colson	
	Euan Butters		

Results of 2008 Photo competition.

Game Animal; 1st 2nd & 3rd Rodger Stratford.

Topical; 1st, Ralph Youngman. 2nd, Euan Butters. 3rd, Rodger Stratford.

Wildlife; 1st 2nd & 3rd, Euan Butters.

Scenic; 1st, Ralph Youngman. 2nd, Euan Butters. 3rd, Rodger Stratford.

THIS YEARS ENTRIES WOULD HAVE TO BE THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTERED.

New members

A Warm welcome to new members Gary Phillips, Gus Ronald, Simon Byrne, Wayne Ashmore, and Dean Dahlenburg

New Huts at Mason Bay, Stewart Island

ARE YOU INTERESTED? Dates Set.

Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust will be building two replacement hunter huts at Mason Bay on Stewart Island during October this year. The huts at Homestead and Martins Creek will be replaced. Building will commence on Saturday 4th October next .

All materials will go down in the week previous by freight boat and be helicoptered onto the site. We expect that building will take 5 - 6 days to complete and you can stay on and hunt until Sunday 12th.

There is no cost to builders as food and transport is provided by the Trust. You will be flown from Invercargill airport to Mason Bay beach and back by fixed wing plane. You supply your time. If you think you can help with building contact John on 2131430, 0276925338 or huntercamptrust@hotmail.com

For the information of new members the Hunter Camp Trust has built 15 huts on Stewart Island in the last seven years. This is about hunters doing something positive for their sport as well as taking care of issues like vegetation damage and rubbish. Southland Branch NZDA members have been involved in building most of the these huts.

Entries for the N.Z.D.A. National Photographic Competition closes Wednesday the 25th/6/2008

On behalf of all the Southland Branch Members I would like to thank Roy Sloan for an extremely good job he has done as President in the past.

During his time at the helm serious political issue's have been over come and the communication between parties with differing views has been improved and always kept open.

Roy has been the driving force behind several Young Hunts programmes, Duke of Edinburgh Award courses, the Fiordland Wapiti Management Plan and the promotion of the Wapiti around the country.

He has been a tireless worker with a positive can do attitude which is reflected in how the Southland Branch is leading the country in liaising with DOC.

Your going to be a hard act to follow Roy, so in a nutshell it's going to be all down hill from now on. Hopefully your support will minimise that.

Jim Ridley

We would like to congratulate Nathan and Adrienne on producing another hunter for the club, I'm told mum and Toby are well but dads STRESSED

JimR

Editors Comments

We still need people to step up to take on the monthly hunts for the club so if your interested let me know nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or 03 2358852

Subscriptions

Gentle reminder to those members who have not paid yet, subs are overdue.

SOUTHLAND BRANCH UP AND COMING HUNTING EVENTS

<p>Subscriptions Gentle reminder to those members who have not paid yet, subs are overdue.</p> <p>May 2008 Organiser: Wayne Cook Phone No: 0272 232 049 Destination: Mystery tour. Give Wayne a ring.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 10th and 11th</p>	<p>June 2008 Organiser: Jim Ridley Phone No: 021 733129 Destination: Mystery Trip</p> <p>Date: Weekend of 14th 15th</p>	<p>July 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>August 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>September 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>October 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>November 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>December 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>

CONFERENCE 2008

- > Enclosed in the mail to the branches, available electronically on request
- > and on www.deerstalkers.org.nz
- > (i) REGISTRATION FORM NZDA 60th Annual Conference, Rotorua 18th - 20th
- > July
- > 2008.
- > EARLY BIRD PRIZE - all registrations received with payment by 22 May 2008
- > will go into a lucky draw for a 15-minute scenic flight for three courtesy
- > of Lakeland Helicopters. Final date for registration is 14th June
- > REGISTRATION SECRETARY - Meredith Walker, 5 Wanna Street, Okere Falls,
- > Rotorua
- > (ii) ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM - Novotel Hotel, Lake End Tutanekai
- > Street,
- > Rotorua

Stewart Island Rat program. A Southland Branch NZDA hunting opportunity

This is the third year Southland Branch NZDA has been managing a rat control program at Homestead Block on Mason Bay, Stewart Island (prime whitetail deer country) Our aim is control the rat numbers in the area while the native birds are nesting. The numbers of birds in the area is growing markedly as more birds survive past the egg stage with fewer rats.

We have a series of circular lines with 254 rat traps set on cut tracks. The idea is to keep these traps working as often as we can during the breeding season. We fly from Invercargill Airport and land on the beach at Mason Bay, a flight which takes about half hour. Return is the same way. There is a hunter's hut to camp in.

We need your help on this program. We have experienced people who can lead each trip if required.

The 2008 Rat control dates are as follows, 9 - 17 Aug (5 days), 12 - 16 Sept, 2 - 7 Oct, 16 -20 Oct, (15 - 20 Nov is now full), 12 - 17 Dec, 14 - 19 Jan 2009. All dates include a weekend. Ideally, each trip works best with 3 or four people.

Costs; You supply your own food (Usually one person arranges and

share cost.) and if you can afford it contribute \$50 towards the airfare of \$220. We take care of the rest.

The first trip is to clear tracks, bait and set traps.

Following trips, Remove dead Ratus, clean trap, rebait and set. Any traps that are not sprung are to be sprung and cleaned, wire brush around spring and pin area, rebait and set. We expect all traps will be checked twice during each trip. It usually takes one day to make a complete round of the traps. The rest of the time is your own. Several members have got a whitetail deer during their trip.

Would everyone interested in going on any of these trips please email; Jim Ridley at southlandeng@xnet.co.nz 021733129 or Murray Barkman at muzzasweetaz@hotmail.com 0274441009.

We need to know A.S.A.P. so that we can organise permits, flights and others outside the branch if necessary.

Regards Jim Ridley and Murray Barkman

BE IN QUICK!!!

These dates filled already

Sept 30th to Oct 2nd, Nov 15th to 20th, Dec 12th to 17th

Rat Control Programme Dates

Aug 9th - 13th Party Leader first

Richard (Gus) Ronald

FULL

Sept 12th - 16th Party Leader first

Deane Carson,

Simon Byrne

Christine Coy

Robyn Bradley

FULL

Sept 30th - 4th Oct Jim Ridley ?

Dave Asher

and friends

Oct 16th - 20th Brian Sheppard

Rodger Stratford

FULL

Nov 15th - 20th Party Leader first

Murray Colson

and friends

FULL

Dec 12th - 17th Party Leader first

Murray Barkman

Steve Hubber

Amy Hubber

Grant Catto

FULL

Jan 14th - 19th Party Leader first

Richard Cook

Grant Hogg

and friends

