

The southern hunter



MARCH 2007

Southland branch  
NZ deerstalkers association

**Noticeboard:**

Next meeting

Wednesday: 21<sup>st</sup> March

Executive: 7pm

General: 8pm

# **ROAR**

## **Red Deer Roaring Demonstration and Competition.**

One of Southland master deer imitators will give demonstrations on how to roar like a Red Deer stag. Get yourself tuned in for the coming roar. After the demonstration there will be a practice session followed by a competition. Some good prizes have been arranged.

Bring your hunting buddies to this evening and make it a good night.

## Executive and committee members (2006-2007)

President	Roy Sloan	235 2813		
Vice.	Nathan Dawson	235 8852		
Secretary	David Howden	2130962		
Treasurer	John DeLury	217 5890		
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Executive:				
	Jim Ridley	John Patton	Roger Stratford	Steven Long
	Brendon Bell	Davey Craig	Murray Barkman	

## CONFERENCE 2007

Will be hosted by the Southern Lakes branch in Queenstown the weekend of **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>/ Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007**. Start planning now !!!

## Book reviews

### PIKAU & RIFLE

By Daryl Marshall

This book is written by a Southlander Daryl Marshall (a Veterinarian in Western Southland) and printed by Craig Printing, a Southland firm. So it will come as no surprise that this book contains hunting stories of hunting in Southland. There is also hunting stories from Daryl's student days when he was part of the Graeme Caughley, and Ken Tuskin Forestry Research Team. These stories are typical hunting stories well written that will appeal especially to the Southland hunter. As there are stories of Southland, so cover's ground familiar to Southland hunters.

What I would like to have seen included from a person of Daryl's knowledge, experience, and standing. Was some opinion as to what should be done with our game animals be it conservation or extermination or some ground in between. Perhaps this is the subject of a future book.

The book is a quality publication in hard back; this unfortunately has raised the cost. But still worth considering buying if a Southland hunter, when compared to other current books that are cheaper but cover hunting in areas not as familiar to us Southlanders.

Doc

## **GRAB your RIFLE**

By Lindsay Willis

This book contains stories of mainly Meat Hunting in the Central North Island from the 1960's onwards. Some I found interesting some boring, and on occasions I found my self laughing at the stories being told. There are no great trophies shot, the south island is visited on occasion. The book tells how it was to be a part time commercial meat hunter, when venison recovery was in it's heyday.

Worth a read but it won't tell you where it is good hunting if you venture north. In the last chapter there is some good advice for the young hunter, but I would not call it a hunting guide.

It can be summed up as a book that was interesting while I was reading, but contained nothing really memorable.

Doc

## **BACKSTEAKS and BACKACHE**

By Peter Lester

This book is a well written collection of stories of a weekend (some times longer) meat hunter (ground shooter). Who hunted the central North Island, in the era when meat hunting was in its heyday. The time when only carcasses, (no attached viscera& head) or part carcasses were accepted at the local Game Depot. Whether they were fresh or half rotten no questions asked.

Peter is a good story teller I found the stories interesting, and had more that the odd chuckle. The book was quickly read. Though that may have more to do with filling in time, while recovering from my own hunting injuries.

What was puzzling was a photo of the 1960's Forrest Service Caples valley tent camp which was located above bowling green flat. Appearing both in the book and on the cover when there is no story of hunting in the Caples in the book.

Overall a good collection of hunting stories set in the meat hunting era, worth a read I enjoyed it. Though nothing really memorable in the book. Typical of the current crop of hunting books.

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## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to members who have already paid their subscription. We remind members subs are due and ask you to consider payment as soon as possible

**Annual Hunters Ball**

Please note that the Annual Hunters Ball is on the 12th of May at Fiordland Lodge. Accommodation specials are available at the Lodge on 03 249 7832. This is a fund raiser for the Foundation with the Lodge facilities made available at cost. A lot of work goes into this event behind the scenes so we ask members to support this great night out.  
More details later.  
It slipped my mind with the last newsletter. Tickets are \$100 each, contact me for them.  
Cheers,  
Paul

## **Humour of the Month**

### **The Top Ten Reasons Men Prefer Guns Over Women**

10. You can trade an old 44 for a new 22.

#9. You can keep one gun at home and have another for when you're on the road.

#8. If you admire a friend's gun and tell him so, he will probably let you try it out a few times.

#7. Your primary gun doesn't mind if you keep another gun for a backup.

#6. Your gun will stay with you even if you run out of ammo.

#5. A gun doesn't take up a lot of closet space.

#4. Guns function normally every day of the month.

#3. A gun doesn't ask , "Do these new grips make me look fat?"

#2. A gun doesn't mind if you go to sleep after you use it.

And the number one reason a gun is favoured over a woman....

#1. YOU CAN BUY A SILENCER FOR A GUN

**Want to sight your rifle in but don't know where**

## to go?

The Southland branch is able to use the Pistol Club 100 metre range at Otatara for it's members. For further details please phone Dave Howden, 2130962.  
If there is a demand, we will arrange for a suitable time on a Saturday or Sunday, date to be advised. The cost to use the range will be \$5.00 per person and is available to members only.



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**NEWSLETTER TO BRANCHES AND MEMBERS,**  
9th 2007

March

Dear Branch executive, branch newsletter editors and members,

Hi this is the first newsletter for a couple of weeks due to my being on leave and then away sick.

**I WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** while I attend an NZDA shooting development committee meeting and the NZDA national shooting week in Tokoroa. Tara, our membership office will be working part time on these days and can still be contacted by phoning the office and leaving a message on our voice mail, or by emailing [deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz](mailto:deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz) For URGENT matters I can be reached on 027 688 1736

### **HOT OFF THE PRESS**

**1. WILD VALUED WILD ANIMAL CONSULTATION** (Enclosed in hard copy to the branches and available electronically on request from the national office)

(I) Press release Gordon Copeland 27 February 2007, '**Wildlife consultation panel approved**', announcing that the Government has agreed to a consultation panel to look at recreational and environmental issues surrounding deer, chamois, tahr and pigs.

(II) Press release, NZDA '**Deerstalkers welcome valued wild animals consultation**', 27 February in which the association welcomes the review stating that these animals have all been present in New Zealand for more than 100 years and have become an important part of our biodiversity and that it is time to recognize the very high recreational and community value that these species have and details how they can be managed to recognize and maximise their benefits and minimize any downsides.

**2. CONSERVATION BOARD NOMINATIONS 2007** The Minister of Conservation is

calling for nominations for suitable people for appointment to New Zealand's 14 regional conservation boards. Appointments will generally be for a three-year term commencing on 1 September 2007.

As well as suitable personal or professional qualifications and conservation experience, appointees need to have the time and energy to commit to the role. The next three years will see many conservation boards reviewing conservation management strategies or national park management plans. This work involves a lot of reading and public consultation and so it would be usefully in those putting their names forward are comfortable working in such an environment.

**Further information and application forms** can be obtained through [kedwards@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kedwards@doc.govt.nz) or by calling Katrina Edwards on 04 471 3289 or check out [www.conservationboards.org.nz](http://www.conservationboards.org.nz)

**The closing dates for nominations is 2 April 2007.**

**ENDOWMENT MEMBERSHIP** – Do you want membership for life? – Or does the branch want to take out this form of option for its branch life members?

As per the association's rules the fee for Endowment membership for the 2007/8-year was set at the February meeting. It is now \$787.50 for a lump payment or five (5) payments of \$190.

See the enclosed application form, which is also available electronically on request.

## **POISONS AND TOXINS**

**1. ERMA REVIEW OF 1080** - The national executive has made a submission, which covered some subjects of particular interest to members. This will be available on the website in due course. The submission included:

- 1 Outlining who NZDA is and how it works for the ERMA panel
- 2 The various values of big game, (with extensive supporting quality and quantity data),
- 3 Extensive criticism of DOC and AHB's cost benefit analysis and methodology,
- 4 Risks of 1080 to humans and non-target species
- 5 A discussion and generic advocacy position on deer repellent and 1080
- 6 A comprehensive section on the decisions NZDA seeks from ERMA

**2. ERMA NEW ZEALAND SETS 1080 HEARING DATES AND VENUES** - ERMA New Zealand's decision-making committee will hold two weeks of hearings on the reassessment of the pesticide 1080 at six venues around the country.

ERMA New Zealand Chief Executive, Rob Forlong, said the hearings would be held in Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, North Auckland, Hamilton, and Wellington. Timing is expected to be over two weeks from 15-25th May, with exact dates and venues yet to be confirmed.

Mr Forlong said a last minute rush in submissions meant that ERMA New Zealand received around 1400 submissions. They included five petitions, totalling approximately 10,300 signatures, on the reassessment application from the Department of Conservation and the Animal Health Board. Around 260 submitters indicated they wished to speak at the hearings in support of their written submissions.

The hearings would be open to the public, although only those submitters who had indicated they would like to present their submission in front of the hearing committee would be able to participate Mr Forlong said. The venues were selected on the basis of being close to the majority of submitters who wished to be heard in person.

Everyone who indicated they would like to appear before the committee will shortly receive a letter outlining the times, date and venues where they can attend the hearing. The decision-making committee is made up of four ERMA New Zealand Authority members and two outside experts.

**Further information on 1080** and the submission and hearing process is available on the ERMA New Zealand website [www.ermanz.co.nz](http://www.ermanz.co.nz)

### **Additional information for those wishing to make presentations at hearings**

You can apply to the Authority for teleconference arrangements should it be difficult for you to travel to a hearing venue. Media contact: Eleanor Roy, Acting Manager, Communications, ERMA New Zealand Telephone +64 4 918 4835 Facsimile +64 4 914 0433 Website: [www.ermanz.govt.nz](http://www.ermanz.govt.nz)  
Email: [info@ermanz.govt.nz](mailto:info@ermanz.govt.nz)

### **3. SUBMISSION - POMONA ISLAND APPLICATION FOR A RESOURCE CONSENT FROM POMONA ISLAND CHARITABLE TRUST, MANAPOURI, DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION P151-001**

ie, to discharge cereal baits containing the toxin brodifacoum to land from the air, in circumstances where baits may enter water - Assessment of environmental effects for the eradication of rats and mice on Pomona Island and Mice on Rona Island January 2007. (Enclosed in hard copy to the branches and available electronically on request from the national office). The association's submission opposes the indiscriminate application of poisons, affecting non-target species which form a large part of our food for the plate. Our opposition is based around the dangers of sub lethally affected deer swimming to the mainland being taken by hunters and therefore exposing those hunters to the toxin.

**4. OPERATION ARC UPDATES** - Operation Arc was announced by the Minister of Conservation in September 2003 and aims to preserve sustainable populations of four key species on the mainland South Island. Ten sites containing these species are monitored or actively managed.

A full copy of the report is available from the national office either electronically or in hard copy. This report includes information on:

- 1 The site, primary predator control and target protected species
- 2 2006 beech mast and rat plague
- 3 Research programme
- 4 Site updates on Hawdon, Poulter and South Branch Hurunui as well as the Dart-Caples, Englington, Caitlins, Blue Mountains, Wangapeka/Fyfe, Oparara, Landsborough, and Clinton Arthur Cleddau
- 5 Operation Arc Budget 2006/7

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### **SUBMISSION KAWATIRI/BULLER HERITAGE CONSERVATION PARK**

**CONSULTATION 2 March 2007** – hard copy enclosed and available also electronically on request from the national office

NZDA supports the proposed areas as a conservation park but wants its name changed to Mohikinui Forest Park to more accurately reflect the main feature of the park and its forest nature.

Other comments made in the association's submissions included: -

- 1 The value of forming the identified land into a conservation park
- 2 Value of managing the area for recreational and heritage
- 3 Historic connection with the defunct West Coast beech scheme
- 4 Historic sites

**OTHER MATTERS WHICH YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN** **STAG AND BOAR COMPETITIONS**, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Tokomaru Bay **For further information and entry forms-** contact John Wylie 021 381 156

Regards Dianne Brown, **CEO**