

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



February's Club rifle shoot at the rifle range.
Photo courtesy of Bevan McNaughton

March 2011
Southland Branch
NZ Deerstalkers Association

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 16th March at 8.00pm

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Guest Speakers	R. Phillips	N. Miller	D. Howden		
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Presidents Report For February:

Our thoughts are with all those in Christchurch after the Quake.

Yes we are into March and the downhill run to the roar and duck shooting is just about here.

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hope you have got your hunting blocks sorted for the roar and the weather too.

Remember that the AGM is here in May so get those heads along to go into the draw for the prize.
(Big, small, 2points or 14point - everyone is in.)

Just had weekend on the East coast hunting Thar and had 4 seasons in 2 days, yes we got snow!

We had a nice hut to stay in but the smell from the hut was not very nice.

As hunters some individuals let every other hunter down as a group. There was half of a thar within 5 meters of the hut door. Say No more!!!!

This hut is used by lots of different groups and i believe this sort of thing is not a good look on us as a group of hunters.

Had a great weekend shooting all the same and had good company as well.

BE SAFE OVER THE ROAR BE SEEN CHECK YOUR TARGET BEFORE FIRING.

Cheers

Nathan Dawson

Guest Speaker for March:

Colin Bishop and his team from DOC will be talking to us about the 1080 in the Waitutu area and give us an update on the area. And also an update on what's been happening in the south with different areas of late.

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)

Dave Howden (davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz)

or Neville Miller (nandc43@xnet.co.nz)

Graf Boys

The Graf Boys are coming to town so get along and support them and the club.

Will be a great night so see you there!

(See end of newsletter for more info)

AGM Night:

The AGM is here in May and we have some spot prizes for anyone who enters a head of any shape or form, big or small, and one for the photo competition too.

We will have details of where and when you need to have your heads and photos in by in the next newsletter so make sure you take note.

Coronet Peak Club Goat Hunt

We had 12 guys fly into Coronet station on the 12th and 13th of February for a goat hunt.

Was great two days hunting with 358 goats shot for the weekend and sore legs and feet after the two days on the hills for some.

Was good to meet some more members and see new faces.

These hunts are good fun, so keep an eye out for them and get your name down to go and meet some new people.



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

Club Rifle Shoot

The club held a rifle shoot at the Invercargill rifle range on the 19th of February. this also was a good day.

The cup had not been shoot since 1991, 20 years!!

There was good turn out of new members and old members,

With everyone fighting for the top spot right up until the last shooter.

But there could only be one and the best shooter for 2011 Was Steve Long well done Steve.

Big thanks goes to Bob and his team from the rifle range who helped with the scoring all day

Thanks to Kelvin and John for the BQQ and the pig on the spit was yummy.

Also to Steve and the team for making this day happen.

Watch Out Steve we will all be gunning for the top prize next year buddy.

We used Barnaul ammo for the shoot and it went well so check out his site and prices on line.

www.barnaul.co.nz

Joke for the month

The Cardiologist's funeral:

A famous cardiologist died, and everyone was gathered at his funeral. His coffin was displayed in front of a huge model heart.

When the minister finished his sermon and everyone said their goodbyes, the heart was opened, the coffin rolled inside, and the heart closed. Just at that moment, one of the mourners started laughing.

The guy next to him asked: "Why are you laughing?"

The mourner said: "Well, I was just thinking about my own funeral."

The man asked: "Well, what's so funny about that?"

And the mourner said: "I'm a gynecologist."



SURVIVAL BLANKETS

When survival blankets came on the market I bought one and added it to my survival kit that I carried in my pikau.

Bruce and I were hunting in the Longwood Forest one weekend and had followed three different roaring stags as well as climbing to the open tops. On our way down the clouds rolled in and it started to rain and got darker. We came across an old logging road and decided to walk on it, but the head-high young growth in some places made us wetter than back in the bush where it was now dark. We walked into a creek and decided to walk down it, but after a few stumbles I told Bruce that I did not mind staying the night out in the bush. Better than breaking my neck, leg or something.

We built a lean-to shelter from branches and ferns. We wrapped our survival blankets around us and lay down with our top halves under the shelter, which soon dripped water on us. I shivered until Bruce backed up against me then I got some sleep. In the morning the condensation inside the blankets was unreal. Fortunately our feet were down hill and a lot of the water had run out. We were only 200mtrs above a logging road that took us back to the van.

Luckily our families had not been worrying about us as the plan had been to camp overnight at the van. I bought a second survival blanket so that the next time I would have a waterproof shelter.

Alex Kidd

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



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!

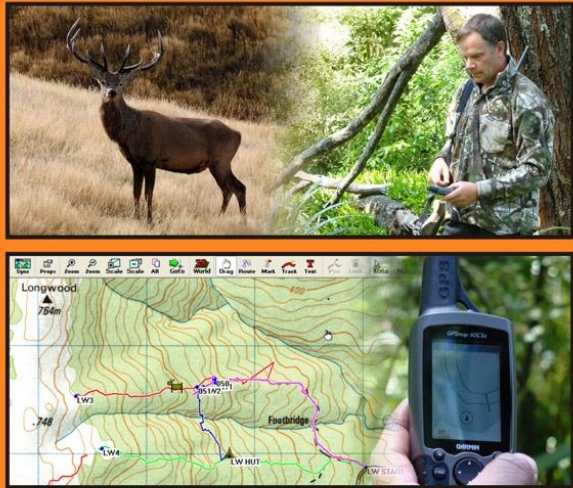
The owner of Back Country Food indicated that he would prefer to deal with only one person from each club or organisation. Gus Ronald has a current order form and he has been dealing with them for the last 15 years.

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 or 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

Please also include your NZDA membership number where possible.



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LandSAR Update:

The Christchurch Earthquake goes without saying that it is one of the most devastating events in New Zealand's history.

On the 27th of February LandSAR was asked to set up an operation to go door to door around districts of Christchurch in Operation West. This was to check on the welfare of people in some of the worst hit residential areas and offer assistance where possible.

Civil Defence seen this as a 2 week operation to go around & check the assigned neighbourhoods. It was completed within 4 days!

I was called on the Sunday to go however couldn't leave until a day or 2 later. By this time the initial 150 asked LandSAR volunteers had swelled to near on 300 and at it's peak was almost hitting around the 500 mark so several of us were asked to be on standby if it was to drag out or we were to be re-assigned.

Below is a report from one of the Southland members in the field:

SOUTHLAND LANDSAR VOLUNTEERS JOIN IN ON OPERATION WEST

A total of 23 Southland LandSAR volunteers recently went to Christchurch to join over 500 LandSAR volunteers from throughout New Zealand for Operation West. The Southland volunteers included 3 from Stewart Island, 5 from Fiordland, 8 from Southland (Invercargill) and from 7 Eastern Southland.

Operation West was the LandSAR contribution to the Christchurch earthquake relief. It is the name used to identify the direct support of the people of Christchurch given by LandSAR volunteers over the last week or so.

Directed from the Civil Defence (CD), the LandSAR management co-ordinated our efforts with the focus being on door knocking on every door in the western, southern and Banks Peninsula suburbs checking on the welfare of the residents and reporting any major damage or emergency situations. This involved a lot of walking, hot feet, sore knuckles but most importantly listening to the hundreds of stories that the residents wished to share with us. It was amazing to see the community spirit that the Christchurch community has, with whole neighbourhoods working together and seeing so much strength and spirit when there is so much heartache and destruction around. Every member will remember several stories of strength or heartache and by the LandSAR members being there and listening, we know that we made a small difference in that persons day.

We all camped up at Halswell Domain with tent city being our home for the week. Volunteers came from the length of the country, from Stewart Island to as far north as Tauranga. The incident management team (IMT) did an incredible job keeping us all on task, fed, watered and organised. It was a great opportunity to meet other teams from through-out the country, see how big events are organised and most importantly contribute to the Christchurch earthquake recovery.

With so many volunteers turning up we achieved our task quicker than initially estimated and all teams finished on Thursday the 3rd March. Approximately 60,000 homes were checked, in over 13,000 personnel hours. The CD were impressed by our professionalism and effectiveness. Other agencies have been doing the other suburbs in Christchurch and have not been able to compete with the organisation of the LandSAR volunteers. We only hope and wish the other agencies all the best to meet there targets as soon as possible as many residents of Christchurch are still to be visited by them.

It was very humbling to be involved with the largest-ever event that LandSAR has ever run and to help the residents of Christchurch.

Jolie Hazley



*LandSAR members ranging from Stewart Island to Northland assisting in Operation West as part of the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake.
Photo Courtesy of LandSAR.*

Regards.

Bevan McNaughton

Southland LandSAR Committee Member & NZDA Liaison.

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The Graf Boys

Roarin' in REDS



The Graf Boys are holding a pre-roar film night to introduce their new DVD “Roarin’ in Reds.”

After spending the last few years producing Anti-1080 DVD’s, they have now completed this informative film that shows how to, where to and what not to do when Roarin’ in Reds.

Entry Fee: \$15 DVD’s for sale on the night.

Where: Invercargill Workingmen’s Club

When: 7pm, 22nd March 2011

For further details contact Nathan Dawson on: 027 602 1821

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