

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



The president with another high country prize.

March 2012
Southland Branch
NZ Deerstalkers Association

Noticeboard:

Meeting: Wednesday 21st March at 8pm
 Executive Meeting: Wednesday 21st March at 7pm

Executive and committee members (2011 - 2012):

President	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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Sub committees for year 2011-2012

Hall:	N. Dawson, J. Hogg
Huts:	J. De Lury, N. Miller, K. Watson.
Young Hunts:	N. Dawson, S. Long, S. Robinson.
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AGM:	N. Dawson.
Trophies:	G. Ronald.
Poisons&toxins:	R. Phillips.
Stewart Island:	J. De Lury, R. Phillips.
Hokonuis:	K. Watson.
Longwoods:	S. Long.
South Coast:	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Fiordland:	B. McNaughton.
Caples:	J. De Lury, N. Miller.
Blue Mts:	S. Long.
Rifle range:	D. Howden.
Newsletters:	B. McNaughton.
DOC liaison:	N. Dawson.

Executive:

N. Miller, B. Bell, R. Phillips, J. Hogg, S Robinson,
 D. Craig, G. Ronald, S. Byrne, R. Sloan, K. Watson.

Life Member(s):

WA (Bill) Bell (*Branch*)
 Ray Phillips (*Branch*)
 Neville Miller (*Branch*)
 John De Lury (*Branch*)
 Roger McNaughton (*National*)

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Presidents Report

Hi All, last months meeting was great we had Gerald MacRae from the new Hamills store in Invercargill talking to us about his hunting background and how he got into the Hamills franchise.

He has some really good ideas and stock in store. He is keen to support us southland hunters so if you have any ideas about products you would like to see in store, go have a talk to him, have a look round or have a big buy up!

A big thanks to Kevin Valli and the team at Marshall Industries for supplying the iron for the cladding of the deerstalkers hall, we will be having a working bee at some stage to put this up, would be great to have you along to help if available watch out for the dates

A couple of important topics that need your urgent attention if you have not already done so are..

1. Fiordland Monorail Proposal
2. Heli Hunting (now known as AATH - Aerially-assisted trophy hunting)

These issues need your submissions, show them we are interested in preserving our hunting environment Numbers count

Good luck to everyone in the roar this year as it is fast approaching, hope the weather holds for your trips.

Remember all those photos you take can be entered in the AGM competitions as well as any heads, big or small.

REMEMBER BE SAFE OUT THERE, IF YOUR UNSURE DON'T SHOOT, THERES ALWAYS ANOTHER DAY AND ANOTHER DEER, SO BE SAFE OUT THERE AND HAVE FUN.

Guest Speaker

This month is Roy Sloan speaking about the Wapiti Foundation and where it's at, and also talking to us regarding the Game Animal Council Bill. The Game Animal council is an important issue so come along and ask Roy some questions and get yourself more familiar with it. So get along and bring a mate as well.

Welcome new Members:

Tom Holder
Greg Hudson
Jeffrey Nelson

AGM May 16th

It seems a long way off at the moment, but it will be here before we know it. I've seen some good heads and some good photos (Chamois and Tahr Heads - I know who you are) It would be good to see them along at the AGM this year, there will be some great prizes again this year. Horns, tusks and antlers can be all shapes and sizes to enter so don't be put off if you shoot something that you don't think will win as there is a spot prize as well. Make sure you mark it on your calendar. More details will come available closer to the date. Between myself and Hamills we are arranging a spot prize, got to be in to win



Southland Deerstalkers Rifle Range Shoot

LOCATION: Southland rifle range club.(Which is on the airport straight on the way to Otatara) Will be marked with balloons on the gate.

DATE: 17th March

START: 10am

COST: \$20 per person (which covers ammo and lunch)

DETAILS OF SHOOT: 2-rounds of 15. 5 at 300m 5 at 200 5 at 100 different shooting position at each range. Bring ear protection

GUNS: There are 4x .223 club rifle to be used only.

BBQ: BBQ and tea and coffee there.

PRIZES: There will be some spot prizes there for best shooters and a cup for the best club member.

This will be a great club day so bring a mate and meet some new members of the branch and see if you can't out shoot them.

For any other detail please contact:

Steve Long 235 7035,

Kevin Watson 221 7191 or

John Hogg 230 4692

SEE YOU THERE FOR A GREAT DAY SHOOTING AND TO BE CROWNED THE BEST NZDA SOUTHLAND SHOOTER. DO NOT MISS IT OR THE TARGET!!!

Steve Reckons he needs more competition this year, hahaha.

Ammo sourced from: www.barnaul.co.nz

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
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Invercargill 9840



Joke for the month

While suturing up a cut on the hand of a 75 year old farmer, whose hand had been caught in the gate while working his cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man. Eventually the topic got around to Hone Hawariwa and how he got to be an MP.

The old farmer said, "Well, ya know, Hone is just a Post Tortoise."

Now not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked,

What's a "Post Tortoise?"

The old farmer said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a Tortoise balanced on top, that's a post Tortoise."

The old farmer saw the puzzled look on the doctor's face so he continued to explain. "You know he didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he's up there, he sure as hell isn't goin' anywhere, and you just wonder what prick put him there in the first place."

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

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)

RUGBY TOGS

We had been hunting on the tops above Green Lake and were heading back to the track when we saw something strange just above the bush. We went down and investigated and found what looked like parts of an aeroplane. I found a number on a part and I wrote it down in my notebook. Doing this had used up time and what had been a fine day had turned nasty and it started to snow. By the time we got to the Monowai-Greenlake track there was 50mm of snow on the ground.

About half an hour down the track we met a hunter walking slowly up it. He was wearing rugby shorts and jersey which were made of cotton in those days. He had a rifle and a knife and a small pouch on a belt. We asked him what he was doing and he explained where he had been hunting and that he was now walking out. We politely told him to turn around and follow us because it was snowing where he was heading for. We gave him some food and we were out just before dark. I shudder to think what could have happened if we had not met up with him. Possibly another Fiordland statistic.

The number I had written down proved that what we found were parts of a helicopter that had crashed there some years before.

Alex Kidd.



Gus, our Back Country Food broker is putting in an order for the Roar, if you wish to get some bulk deals on food, contact him on gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz

Thanks to those members who have paid their subscription. In case you missed the invoice that was with the February newsletter here are the short payment details.

SENIOR MEMBERS:	\$90
JUNIOR MEMBERS:	\$30 (UNDER 18 YEARS)
STUDENT & SUPERANNUITANT	\$65
ASSOCIATE MEMBER:	\$50
FAMILY MEMBERS:	\$5
<small>(Family member = wife/partner, children under 16)</small>	
Associate Members (full member of another branch)	\$10

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