

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Looking down Kays ck (Caples) from Hut.

Southland Branch NZDA

News Letter

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 15th March 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

Guest Speaker,

Southland Fish & Game on the coming duck shooting season, the current fishing season etc.

Club Office Bearers

President: S. Robinson 215 7897 **Vice President:** (vacant)

Secretary: D Howden 213 0962 **Treasurer** T Smalley 03 236 9960

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Executive: N. Miller (Huts) R. Phillips (Membership) 216 3751 A. Nesbit, W. Muir.



Presidents Report

Hi All.

On Saturday we had the first of two working bees. This went well, and around 15 or so meters of firewood was cut and split. This was managed by a small number of 8 members. We are not half way yet. This Sunday 12th is another opportunity to help with some fund raising, even if only for 4hours. The reason for this working bee is to bring in some funds to help with some of the costs the branch is faced with each year. I would like to thank those that did come along, your effort was much appreciated. Thank you.

Hunting blocks.

Rayonier's are currently working on a proposal for permitting some if not all of their forestry blocks. This will be new for many of us. But we must remember that these blocks are on private land in many cases so in real terms they call the shots. Some points that have been disgust are, (radios in vehicle, fire extinguisher, lights on when driving, no spot lighting, vehicle must pass an inspection, must be a current member for insurance.) so for some people such things may be too much to handle at first. This is for safety and security.

Steve Robinson

Vacancies

Vice President

Branch is still in need of a Vice President post the AGM anybody interest please contact the President or a member of the Executive.



Editorial

Hi all I write this after attending the first of two working bees that have been arranged at shortish notice to cut firewood as a club fund raiser. My apologies to those keen members who do not have internet thus did not receive the flyer. You can still contribute this coming Sunday the 12th March (see add for details)

A total of eight members turned out over half from the executive, with this few staff we are still not two far from half way. It is a pity we did not have a few more as we could have broken the back of it. We need a bigger effort this next time.



As for why we try to do such fund raising, well it's for the obvious to keep down the members subs. Yes they have risen in recent years but this is Head Office driven, with little more coming to the branch out of these increases. So if you want further increases to bring

Southland Subs up to on a par with other branches (who all happen to be north of us,) well stay away but don't complain.



As for other matters I see the government is making noises about making more rivers swimmable by fencing them all off from stock. Even if it works I don't think a lot of people will be swimming in some, from what I have experienced trying to go fishing in places that used to have good access with no jungle and are now a fight to get to the river after fencing off. Who wants to fight through a jungle in a bathing suit to get to the water!

I see the Hunter Valley Station at the head of Lake Hawea has had the lease sold to an acquaintance of Donald Trump. With some deal to improve access (which has been a problem). Don't hold your breath if you hope for better access for hunters, we seem to be the last to be considered when it comes to improved access. Though they say interested parties have been consulted.

Regarding access in general in the Last decade Doc seems to have acquired a lot of land in tenure reviews with Station owners, but little has been gained in the way of ready access for Hunters from what I have seen.

Sponsors

Southland Branch would like to thank its regular sponsors and recommend them to its members.

Hunting and Fishing Invercargill

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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017--2018 YEAR

Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office

membership@deestalkers.org.nz attention Kirstie or phone them on 04-4996163

As the Branch now operates through the centralised membership system ALL new and renewal subscriptions must be made through the national office not the Branch.

Postal payments to NZDA PO BOX 6514

MARION SQUARE

WELLINGTON 6141.

Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT 03-0558-0139562-04...

Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

This reminder is being put out as some members have paid direct to the branch account, as the account is not now checked on a regular basis for membership renewal a time lag will occur before any incorrect payments are picked up, and then forwarded onto Wellington.

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.

**POST the AGM UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS
WILL NOT RECIEVE THE NEWSLETTER or
Hunting and Wildlife**

New Members Please Welcome them

J Bythell, J McDonagh, M Hartstonge, & G Hegan

Rifle Sighting In

With the start of daylight saving the Invercargill pistol Club range will be again available to Financial Members for the sighting in of Rifles on Wednesday nights from 5.30 pm finishing 7pm. At the cost of \$10 per person. Ear & Eye protection required

To use this facility you MUST contact the roistered person in charge **no later** than the previous Sunday night.

22nd March Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

29th March Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

BOOK REVIEW

STAG DOO

By “**Big Al**” Lester.

This is yet another collection of hunting yarns and tall stories from the pen of Big Al Lester. This is his eighth book of such tales. There is some good yarns in the book if you like good yarns. But I would not bet on much being exactly true. The use of real locations adds some realism to the stories. An enjoyable read. I have read a few of the previous books he has written, and will most likely read some more. This book is not stories of great trophies shot, good advice on hunting, or a biography of New Zealand's hunting history. It is something written to amuse and entertain hunters and those who like to read such humour.

If you liked his previous stories there is no reason why you won't also like this lot. Buy it and enjoy the read.

Doug Gordon

BRANCH HUNT AT STEWART ISLAND

Two blocks have been booked in Patterson's Inlet for a branch hunt
The blocks are Abrahams and Hapatuna and have been booked for the following dates,

June Saturday 24th to Sunday July 2nd and also for July Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th July

Depending on the numbers wishing to go all the booked dates may not be used

Costs involved will be transport to and from the block using the Ferry from Bluff to Stewart Island then Water Taxi to the blocks, also food cost to be split amongst people going

By booking blocks in the inlet if anybody wished to stay for a shorter time, it is easy to get the Water Taxi to pick up and catch the Ferry.

As the blocks must be confirmed with D O C. we must have names of people wishing to go as soon as possible, so any body wishing to go or make any enquires please contact.

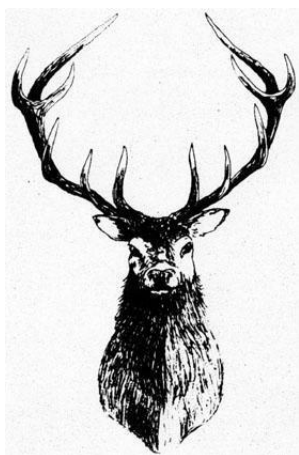
Ray Phillips 03-2163751 or Steve Robinson 027 7478109 or 03 2157897

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BACK COUNTRY *Cuisine*

Still available at a great price to Branch Members

Contact Gus Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351 for a price list



Working Bee
Southland Branch NZDA
Cutting Firewood for club funds

At 208 West Plains School Road
Off West Plains Road.

9am Sunday the 12th March

Lunch provided

All bringing and using Chainsaws
must have protective Chaps, Steel
toed boots, Hearing protection,
Eye protection and Gloves, Plus
hard hat if felling trees.

More Info contact Steve 027 747 8109

Firewood for Sale

Chunky log burner cut

Any members wanting to stock up on Green pine firewood at \$40.00 a thrown Cu Metre contact Steve.

027 747 8109

Or know anybody wanting firewood get them to contact
Steve also.



Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Red Stag lodge after a good frost

Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654

email nandc43@gmail.com or 43 Bain St Invercargill

Hut Fees will increase as per the agreement reached at the Special AGM held in November as from the start of the financial year.

Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site.