

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



The Gut Mason Bay (John Delury)

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter March 2018

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall
Wednesday 21st March 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

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Newsletter	D. Gordon.
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Guest speakers	All executive members, S. Robinson
Areas of interest	
S/Island/S. Coast	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Hokonuis	-----
Greenstone/Caples	N. Dawson.
Blue Mountains	N. Dawson, I. Hopper.
Fiordland	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Longwoods	R. Phillips.

Guest Speaker,

The Guest Speaker not confirmed at time of going to print. Will send out a flyer once confirmed.



Presidents Report

Hi All,

The roar is only weeks away now and we hope this years hunting season will pass without any incidents. This would include a wide range of things not just accidental shooting, but trespass and poaching. You must get permission to cross or hunt on privately owned land/forests, just because your hunting and deer are at this stage classed as pests doesn't give you the right to pursue them there.

Lately there has been some talk in the media about the tenure review process. This process has led to the formation of high country parks, all this is great but with limited access into these areas to pursue our recreational interests for a lot of folk, one needs to ask is it working the way it was intended. Limited access only puts strain on the use of other public land. Land locked public land is a failure of the system to clearly recognize the overall need for access rights (or is this now called general public privilege right of way.) Queen Victoria wanted New Zealand to be a place that had better access to its rivers and lakes by the way of the Queens chain. Seems there has been some missing links in the process of getting this job done which is still continuing today.

Firearms in Schools was in the news this week, there is a few for and against on this one. Teaching firearm safety and respect to younger citizens that have a interest in hunting or firearm sports can only have a positive outcome. New Zealand has target shooters that are the representing NZL at Olympic and Commonwealth level who got a start from getting evolved at school. We have had interest coming from school pupils entering the Hunts program.

Remember to keep it safe out there.

100% Identified target is a safe target.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Bradley Baker, Peter Van Dam, Ross Corsan, Neville Foster, Shane Maguire, Abraham Berkelaar, Harrison Chapman, Lachie Wood, Gary Summers, and Wallace Nelson.



Editorial

As those who have followed Game of Thrones know “Winter is coming”. Going by the weather of late it could be mild or stormy, but whatever, coming it is! The Roar is under a month away, (Some stag’s livers are showing changes already.) For those going for a hunt good luck be careful and make that shot count!

The branch membership continues to increase, this is good but what do these and the older members want from the branch we see few of them at meetings and fewer at working bees. There is even a poor response to any organised or advertised hunts.

While the current executive would like to improve the branch we can’t do it on our own, there is few of us we have other commitments, we need more members to step up. We need fresh ideas and people to carry them out. Nearly half the executive is the wrong side of 60. I know I am one of them. Do you want a news letter? How about a new editor with fresh Ideas, all things with time come stale. How long does the average sports coach last? Most of them in time become stale in their relationship with their players.

Then what about our branch huts it would be sad if you could not use them because no one was available to let them too you.

The branch is run by volunteers that means you, if no hands go up there will be no branch!!!

When you have time during the roar, (under the tent fly in pouring rain is a good time). Think of and discuss with your fellow hunters how the Deerstalkers can be better. Then come along to the meetings or write to the editor and do something about it!

We need your contribution!

Doug Gordon

Wanted

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor.

Guest Speaker's needed for next year, Ideas wanted, who do you want, names needed, suggestions to Executive.

Letter to the Editor

Golden Teeth

Is is quite clear that JD of our branch must have spent many an hour trawling through old newspapers looking for historical references to whitetail deer in NZ. Well, the question must be asked - did he stumble across the story below, and hit upon the idea of encouraging hunters to send in deer jawbones for "aging and research", when in reality he was scraping up a fortune ...

Patea Mail, 25 Jan 1892:

"Australia: A remarkable discovery was recently quite accidentally made at Freemantle, consisting of a portion of a sheep's jaw, the teeth of which are encrusted with pure gold. The head had been purchased for soup from a local butcher by Mrs Kemp, who rents premises occupied as a boardinghouse. The landlord chanced to drop in for dinner and whilst partaking of the soup noticed the unusual appearance of the teeth in the jawbone on his plate. A cursory inspection led him to bring the specimen into Perth, where it was submitted to a careful examination by the local chemist, Mr Binghay, and other experts, who after applying the usual nitric acid and other tests are thoroughly satisfied that the marvellous incrustation of pure gold on the tartar of the teeth is the growth of many years. Unfortunately there are only five of the molars intact in a portion of the lower jaw; with some detached molars similarly coated, the incisors being missing. The unusual length of some of the tusks, which have grinding surfaces thinly gilt while others are worn low and ungilded, indicated that the animal was probably 12 to 15 years old, and had lost nearly all its upper teeth. It is supposed to have come from the Murchison district. The teeth in the jaw of a much younger animal from the same flock are all slightly gilded, the constant

John Bonn

friction of the tongue having burnished the gold on the inner surface of the front molars."

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

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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.

The Newsletter Editor is sick of chasing people who fail to notify changes of E-mail address, there seems to be new ones most time something is mailed out!!

The Branch e-mail address is on the front page of this newsletter!

Reminder for subscription renewal for the 2018/2019 year

Members please wait until you receive an invoice from National Office and then pay on that, these will come out in early February ,

When paying please quote your invoice number as well as your name and current membership number if possible,

This will make it a lot easier for National Office to process your renewal,

Also if making payment Electronically please ensure you pay into the correct account,

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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.

Changed Range Officer

28th March Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

Freeze Dri

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

The Parking Ticket

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example, the other day, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a Policeman writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him an asshole . He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires.

So Barb called him a shit head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first.

Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home. We weren't too concerned about the vehicle's owner because of the sticker on the back window, "I support Donald Trump".

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

Firewood for Sale

This is a Club Fund raiser

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Book Review

FORGOTTEN YEARS

Helicopters and Hunting Stories

Brian Conroy & Friends

This book is another well written and interesting book on the early days of Helicopter Venison recovery. While Brian's first book (Helicopters and Venison) deals with the Story of Graham Stewart's. This book tells stories of what the rest were up to in the south Island in the period from 1962 up to about 1975. Before German requirements brought some controls into the industry. It reveals differences of opinion as to who did what first in some cases. For those who are interested in the history of venison recovery in New Zealand it is definitely a worthwhile read.

Remember history is normally written by its winners and survivors. In some cases this book offers differing opinions as to what happened.

For me it brings back memories of people that I knew and others that I had only heard of by name and reputation. Those were interesting times. Those who took part are no longer young (if still with us). It is good that their stories have been written down. Well some of the stories written down I think there is yet more to be told out there.

Doug Gordon



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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.