

The southern hunter



May 2008

Southland branch

NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

AGM Wednesday 21st May: 7.30pm

Executive and committee members (2006-2007)

President	Roy Sloan	235 2813
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Reminder

Head scoring for trophy night will be done on Sunday 18th of May at the clubrooms at one o'clock allowing more time on the trophy night, for more information phone Ray or John prior to the 18th. Photos to Jim Ridley by Sunday 18th May at the latest All Trophies from last year to be returned to the clubrooms by 18th May. **AGM and Trophy night is on the 21st of May.**

APRIL BRANCH HUNT

I was up at 0600 on Saturday 5 April. The stars were shining when I collected the paper in which the forecast was good with favourable winds. Left at 0645 to pick up new member and first-time deerstalker, Alex Watts, from his home at Isla Bank. Into the Longwoods bush at 0800 with just enough light to see clearly. (Summer time).

On the way there I had told Alex that if he could hear himself walking in the bush, then the deer could also hear him and that he would have to do something about it, like stalking slower and picking quiet spots to place his feet. He took this on board and was a quick learner, stopping frequently and looking about for animals and to me following behind for instructions.

Alex was carrying, with the bolt open, a borrowed .303 rifle with scope, which he had previously sighted in. He saw three pigs and one deer, and shot a prime boar with small tusks and lots of fat. I showed him how to bone out the meat and he proudly carried it out in my pikau. He was over the moon and I feel that he will be a hunter for life.

I had a very pleasant, relaxed but fulfilling trip following Alex in the bush and I recommend that other experienced hunters put their names forward for branch hunts.

Alex Kidd.

Link for Department of Conservations Operation Ark

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/templates/MultiPageDocumentTOC.aspx?id=45095>

New Member

Welcome to new member Zane Wardle

ARE YOU INTERESTED? Free trip to Stewart Island.

Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust will be building two replacement hunter huts at Mason Bay on Stewart Island during September/October this year. The huts at Homestead and Martins Creek will be replaced. At this stage it is impossible to confirm exact dates. We have a window from 19th Sept - 19th Oct. This is because the materials need to go by boat and the sea needs to be calm enough to allow helicopter to unload and position. We expect that building will take 5 - 6 days to complete. There is no cost to builders as food and transport is provided by the Trust. You supply your time. If you think you can help with building contact John on 2131430 or huntercamptrust@hotmail.com

SOUTHLAND BRANCH UP AND COMING HUNTING EVENTS

<p>May 2008 Organiser: Wayne Cook Phone No: 0272 232 049 Destination: Mystery tour. Give Wayne a ring.</p> <p>Date: Weekend of the 10th and 11th</p>	<p>June 2008 Organiser: Jim Ridley Phone No: 021 733129 Destination: Mystery Trip</p> <p>Date: Weekend of 14th 15th</p>	<p>July 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>August 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>
<p>September 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>October 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>November 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>December 2008 Organiser: Phone No: Destination:</p> <p>SOME ONE NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD!</p> <p>Date:</p>

Notice of Motion. Amendment to rule 8.

That the words superannuitant, student, family be inserted after the word junior in Branch Rule #8

Explanation. Our current rule does not allow for these types of membership which have been available in the national rules for some years.

CONFERENCE 2008

- > Enclosed in the mail to the branches, available electronically on request
- > and on www.deerstalkers.org.nz
- > (i) REGISTRATION FORM NZDA 60th Annual Conference, Rotorua 18th - 20th
- > July
- > 2008.
- > EARLY BIRD PRIZE - all registrations received with payment by 22 May 2008
- > will go into a lucky draw for a 15-minute scenic flight for three courtesy
- > of Lakeland Helicopters. Final date for registration is 14th June
- > REGISTRATION SECRETARY - Meredith Walker, 5 Wanna Street, Okere Falls,
- > Rotorua
- > (ii) ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM - Novotel Hotel, Lake End Tutaneikai
- > Street,
- > Rotorua

Editors Comments

Well another opening weekend over hope everyone had a fun weekend!

Don't forget to have your trophies etc. sorted for this weekend (see reminder above) and we'll see you next Wednesday for the prize giving.

We still need people to step up to take on the monthly hunts for the club so if your interested let me know nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or 03 2358852

