

The southern hunter



May 2009
Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

General Meeting: Wednesday 20th May 7.30pm
Executive and committee members (2008-2009)

President	Jim Ridley	2159649
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Executive:

Roger Stratford	Steven Long	Brendon Bell	Ray Phillips
Murray Colson	Euan Butters		

New Members

A warm welcome to new members Richard Abbot and Kevin Watson

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.

ALL MEMBERS HAVE HAD A NOTICE EITHER SENT BY POST OR EMAIL. PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY.

(make the treasurer life a bit easier.)

May AGM

This years AGM will be May 20th so get your entries in for the Photo and Trophy Competitions.

Photo Categories are

Game Animals : Living Deer, Chamois, Tahr, Goats and pigs

Other Wildlife : Any other living Animals

Scenic : Preferably Hunting Country

Topical: Should contain some evidence of human activity and hunting related. Eg hunter and his kill.

Photos must be taken from land not air or boats

Preferably no bigger than 6 x 4 inch (150mm x 100m)

Best hunting Video. Suggested about 10 minutes.

Trophy Categories are:

Best home tanned deer skin

Best of each deer species, goat, pig tahr, chamois. Trophies must be in a clean and wholesome condition (no crawlers) and must be shot within the last 12 months.

Photos are to be in to Paul Driver 2165264 before the 15th of May, and Trophies are to be in to Gus Ronald 0274 479 593 also by 15th of May

WAPITI UP DATE

May 1st was the commencement of commercial recovery again in the Wapiti Area after the annual closure period from end of February and during the balloted periods right through to the end of April. This is to give the recreational hunter a fair chance in obtaining that elusive trophy.

The Fiordland Wapiti Foundation (FWF) is responsible for all deer control in the Wapiti Area through a partnership with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and this is sanctioned under the Wild Animal Act 1977, Part 1 Section 5 and the Fiordland National Park Management Plan 2007, Section 4.5, Implementation point 9.

Back in 2005, DOC in consultation with FWF formulated a Wild Animal Control Plan for the Wapiti Area and this document details how animal control is carried out with objectives, methods and outcomes. Each year there is a target number set of Red Deer and poor type Wapiti to be removed and to date FWF has exceeded these target numbers. For the 2008/09 season the target was set at 950, a highers target than other years the reason for this was the increase in deer numbers in the Wapiti area. Currently we are sitting on 880 with about a month to go, so things are looking good.

In some parts of the Wapiti area we have seen a large increase in the Wapiti type animals. This is great for the hunter as we can start to improve the Wapiti blood even more as we look to remove the bulls with rubbish heads and the old non breeding cow.

Any question please feel free to ask, [Roy Sloan](#)

Animal Skin Tanning Service

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What Is Heli-Hunting?:

The short explanation of it.

Hunters flying around shooting a trophy from a helicopter.

Hunters getting dropped off in the hills and helicopter chasing the animal back towards the hunters for them to shoot.

Helicopter finding trophy and then landing hunter close to it so they can shoot it.

If you don't agree with this way of hunting then you can go to the below web site and place a simple vote on the STOP GUIDED HELIHUNTING PETITION.

STOP GUIDED HELIHUNTING PETITION

www.gopetition.com/petitions/stop-guided-helicopter-hunting.html

SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS

General Committees were formed for this year.

Hall:	B. Bell, M. Colson, M. Barkman, D. Craig.
Huts:	N. Miller.
Young Hunters:	M. Colson, G. Ronald, N. Dawson.
Branch Hunts:	N. Dawson, D. Howden.
Speakers:	N. Dawson, S. Long.
AGM:	President.
Trophy Custodian:	G. Ronald.
Poisons/Toxins:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Stewart Island:	R. Phillips, J. De Lury.
Longwood/Hokonuis:	J. Ridley, R. Stratford.
South Coast:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Fiordland:	R. Sloan, E. Butters.
Caples/Mavora:	J. De Lury, N. Miller, G. Ronald.
Blue Mountains:	S. Long, M. Colson.

RATS AT MASON BAY STEWART ISLAND - HUNTING OPPORTUNITY.

Southland Branch are undertaking another season trapping rats at Homestead Block on Mason Bay Stewart Island. We have done this for the last three years. The idea is to kill as many rats as possible while the birds are nesting and fledging to give as many as possible the best chance of survival. We have about 300 traps set out on cut tracks. Each party is required to check each trap twice during their trip. So there is really two days required to check the traps and the rest of the time is yours to hunt and or explore. To achieve this five days minimum is required as you fly down and land on the beach then walk about 3/4 hour to the hut. We will be doing 6 trips this year and there is some flexibility as to the length of time you stay 5, 6 or 7 days, which can be determined by each party. The only condition is that each party must have at least one person who has been previously.

The first trip will have six people, there will be little track work to be done as we hammered it last year but some traps need replacing and there is the usual cleanup of traps to do. The December trip will leave traps set and they will be shut down later by DoC.

We have some funding and will be seeking a grant and expect that we will ask members to make a similar contribution as they did last year. The cost of a return flight for four people is \$960. I think a \$60 contribution each is fair. The only other cost is your share of food.

There is a new hunters hut available at Homestead.

Here are this years dates

8-16 august (Gus Ronald will lead this) 1 place available.

2 - 8 sept (Dave Asher) Full

18-24 sept (Deane Carson) 2 places available

6 - 12 Oct (John Hogg) 3 places available

12-18 nov (John DeLury) 1 place available

16-21 dec (Richard Cook) Full

I will hold names in reserve so if you would be available for one of the trips that is full please advise also.

If you are interested in taking part contact John email wtd243@xtra.co.nz ph 2131430 cell 0276925338

Editors Comments

*We would like to have more stories and/or photos etc. would be appreciated.
Don't necessarily have to tell where you've been ☺*

Hope you all had a great duck shooting opening weekend, the weather was fantastic and from the few stories I've heard everyone seems to have had a great day.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to take young hunters on day hunts

PLBs and GPSs

Chris Carlaw, our guest speaker last month has come up with some sharp prices following his interesting talk about PLB's and GPS's. So please support Chris and get yours at a great Deerstalkers members price details are as follows:

Please note these prices are for members only.

PLB'S

GME MT410 this is the non GPS model \$599 incl

GME MT410G GPS model \$799 incl 10 up price

As we usually order in bulk we can keep prices down, but to keep the price at this, I would need at confirmed orders

Please ph and discuss

GPS

Garmin GPSMAP60CSx with basic topo map \$599 incl

Garmin eTrex Vista HCx with basic topo map \$549 incl

Mapping software is available for both Computer and GPS

5% discount for members, Maptoaster software used

Regards Chris

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