

The southern hunter



2010

Southland branch  
NZ deerstalkers association

**Noticeboard:**

AGM Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Supper Provided

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**AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm, would be great to see  
as many people there as possible**

If your interested in helping run the club please put your  
name forward for the execs, be great to have some fresh  
ideas

Competitions,  
Photo's and Video's should be already in as cut off was 12<sup>th</sup>  
May as advertised in last months newsletter

Antler, Horn and Tusks, Measuring and Official Scoring will  
be carried out at the Club Rooms on Sunday 16th May  
before 1.00pm by Euan Butters and Ray Phillips.

Election of Office Bearers,

Those who won trophies last year please return to,  
Richard Ronald, C/o Gilbarco (nz) Ltd, 59 Bond st  
Invercargill. 0274479593

## **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, J DeLury
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
Blue Mountains:	S. Long, M. Colson.

# Presidents Report 2010

I have pleasure in writing this Report for 2010.

Over the last year your Club Hunts committee has successfully organised 5 club hunts, and according to those I have spoken to that participated, they really enjoyed themselves. One member known as “The Great White Hunter” shot 40 goats in 20 minutes!”

We have had several very interesting guest speakers over the past 12 months. To name just a couple there was, Steve and Greg Gamble speaking and showing photo’s about there eradication of goats on the Galapogos Islands. Also Scott Richardson’s Master Chef talents in demonstrating to ourselves and our partners how different Game should taste and be presented at the table for us to eat, ( even through my wife thought Scott was a fraud, after her attempt didn’t resemble his out put in any way ) .

I believe the Waimumu Field Days “ Lets Go Hunting “ site was very well run and a great effort was contributed by DoC and their team in making the success it was. I believe the only draw backs with it were, the unfortunate site position ( way down the back ) and advertising of the site. Both these issues will be covered next time.

I would like also to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with the refurbishment of the Thicket Burn Hut. This job was supported not only by our branch members but also Western Southland Branch members. It was unreal how everyone not only gave their time, but the equipment and tools you arrived with made the whole job flow. Good effort and thanks.

Mason Bay Rat Control Programme was another success this past season with good numbers being taken out and results as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> party setting all the traps and catching 32 rats.

2<sup>nd</sup> “ 102 rats.

3<sup>rd</sup> “ 99 “.

4<sup>th</sup> “ 150 “.

5<sup>th</sup> “ 203 “

6<sup>th</sup> “ 70 “.

Total 656 Dead Rats

Special thanks to Greg Baird, who keeps the Clubroom grounds up to scratch year after year.

And also Janice McLeod and her team who does a great job with the AGM supper.

Last but definitely not least. A huge thank you to Nathan Dawson for his help during my terms and his and his wife Adrienne efforts into the monthly newsletter.

Wapiti Hunters; You now have better chances to get a block; At the March meeting it was

approved that the 2011 hunting season will work as follows.  
Applications available from August 2010, Ballot drawn 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010, Instead of the 2 - 14 day periods, there will now be 3 - 10 day periods with party sizes of 2,4 or 6 members.

The renewal of WARO ( Wild Animal Recovery Operations ) Licences are still working their way through.  
Also, our opposition along with others to Heli-hunting is still being taken into consideration.

Our National Office has and are still having a stressful year. With a number of issues on going, ie The replacing of the Associations National Advocate and the Associations funds invested in St Laurence, but they ( NATEX ) are working through these issues on your behalf.

SAR's ( Search And Rescue ) are needing volunteers to help in searches for the missing. Remember !! If you or one of your friends or family were missing, how many searchers would you want out there?

If you are confident with YOUR ability in the bush PLEASE forward your name to Jenny Sinclair

E-mail Address; jen.sinc@yahoo.co.nz

You may not be available every time there is a search and that is understandable, but the time you do make it may save someone's life.

This is my last year as President, so it would be really good to see as many of you at the AGM as possible on the 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

The branch executive needs new members and idea's, please put your name forward as a volunteer for one of the sub-committees that interest you.

President  
Jim Ridley

### **Douglas Score Training Seminar**

The training seminar is on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 5.15pm, held at the Gore & Districts NZDA Clubrooms, Main Rd, McNab. Please email Ray Webb if your interested on raywebb@pccconnect.co.nz



## **Coast Hunting Trip - Jim Ridley**

### **New Members**

A Warm welcome to new members Stephen McDonald, Steve Thompson, Alistair Wilson, Christopher and Timothy Russell and Brian Winsloe

### **Animal Skin Tanning Service**

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## **The Great White Hunter just below coronet peak - Gus Ronald**

### **ROPE AND BAGS (1) Alex Kidd**

Back in the 1960's I used to carry a length of thin rope and cotton flour bags in my pikau. The rope was there just in case it was needed. The bags were used to put food and venison in. When the plastic revolution happened, plastic bags were added to the pikau. Then a large orange plastic survival bag with instructions on it was put in it. One day my friend and I were climbing a ridge to the tops of the mountain that is north of the Electric River at Lake Monowai. We came to a near vertical short section that was dangerous. I decided to try to climb it, taking only the rope with me, and with some pushing from my friend below got above the obstacle. I lowered the rope five times and pulled up our pikaus and rifles, then my friend. On the tops it was very cold and blowing a gale. Soon I was shivering, so took out the survival bag and cut holes in it for my arms and head then put it on. In a short time I was warm again but we did not stay up there very long and went down another way. I bought another survival bag.

## This months Joke...

An 80 year old man is having his annual check up. The doctor says

"How are you feeling?"

"I've never felt better," he replies.

"I've got an nineteen year old bride who's pregnant with my child. What do you think about that?"

The doctor thinks for a moment and says, "Let me tell you a story. I know a guy who's an avid hunter. He never misses a season but one day he's in a bit of a hurry and accidentally grabs his umbrella instead of his gun. So, he's walking in the woods near a creek and suddenly spots a beaver in some brush in front of him. He raises his umbrella, points it at the beaver, squeezes the handle, and BAM! the beaver drops dead in front of him." "That's impossible," said the old man in disbelief,

"... Someone else must have shot that beaver!"

"Exactly", said the doctor.

## **Editors Comment**

Another Roar has been and gone hope you all had a safe and successful hunt. The deer were very cunning as per usual, managed to shoot a couple with the video camera this year, up close and personal was quite exciting.

Also managed to get one of our group members to shoot his first deer, what a buzz that was. Not only were the deer cunning but mother nature wasn't kind to a lot of us with rain hail and snow around.

The duck season is here and what a wet start It was with quite a few mai mai's underwater, feel sorry for those people and hope they found somewhere to shoot!!

Had a great shoot myself but heard of some mixed results out there, hope you all went well.

I'm still chasing the feathery creatures when I can get away. This will be our last newsletter so will let you know who to send all your stories and photos to next month, see you at the AGM

Cheers Nathan

