

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Looking down the East coast from Mt Anglem – Stewart Island
Photo courtesy of Bevan McNaughton

May 2011

**Southland Branch
NZ Deerstalkers Association**

Noticeboard:

AGM & Competition Night: Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm

Executive and committee members (2010 - 2011):

President	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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Sub committees for year 2010-2011

Hall	D. Craig	N. Dawson	J. Ridley		
Huts	N. Miller	J. De Lury	K. Watson		
Young Hunts	R. Sloan	N. Dawson	G. Ronald	K. Watson	
Brach Hunts	N. Dawson	S. Long	K. Watson	D. Howden	S. Byrne
Guest Speakers	R. Phillips	N. Miller	D. Howden		
AGM	President.				
Trophies	G. Ronald				
Poisons/Toxins	R. Phillips	J. Ridley	D. Howden		
Stewart Island	R. Phillips	J. De Lury	S. Long		
Longwoods/Hokonui	J. Ridley	B. McNaughton			
South Coast	R. Phillips	N. Dawson	D. Howden		
Fiordland	R. Sloan				
Caples/Mavora	J. De Lury	N. Miller	R. Sloan		
Blue Mountains	S. Long				
Rifle Range	D. Craig	D. Howden	J. Ridley		

Executive:

R. Stratford, S. Long, B. Bell, R. Phillips, J. Hogg,
D. Craig, G. Ronald, S. Byrne, R. Sloan, K. Watson.

Life Member(s):

WA (Bill) Bell (*Branch*)
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Presidents Report For May:

Over the last year our club hunts committee has successfully organised 6 club hunts including rabbit shoots, wallaby hunts and goat shoots. Some of these I've been on myself and there's been a lot of new club members on them which is good to see.

These hunts are great to be involved with, to gain new skills and meet new people, we've had plenty of stories and laughs around camp.

One story that stands out is from one of the goat hunts:

One the second day I was out hunting with a new member, we covered a lot of miles to get the goats.

When we arrived back at camp he told everyone 'not to follow Nathan' and they all replied laughing "we already know that!" Great times to be had on these trips.

Congratulations to Roger McNaughton who was awarded National Life membership at the conference in Palmerston North last July, well done.

Special thanks to:

- Greg Baird for keeping the club grounds mowed year after year, Thanks Greg.
- The Community Trust for approving the grant for the new roof and to Marshall industries for putting it on.
- Thanks to Steve and Sam Long for the great job they've done of redoing the lights in the hall, looks good.
- Thanks also to Janice McLeod and her team who are again providing supper for the AGM
- Mason Bay Rat Control Program had another good year, with 87 caught on the first trip, 34 on the second, 17 on the third, 16 on the 4th trip and 28 on the fifth trip a total of 181 for the year.

These programs are getting underway again for the year soon. Parties I've talked to have had good fun over there so keep your eye out and get involved.

We've had several interesting Guest speakers over the last year, some of our own members, Roger McNaughton and John DeLury as well as Dave Asher with his DVD launch and Jack McKenzie, the Wapiti hunter.

Also Colin Bishop and Jessyca Bernard from DOC talk about the Waitutu poison drop which was a hotly debated topic over the last couple of years. They reported back to us about how successful the operation was and how smoothly it went. Colin also bought up other issues for example permits not

being returned especially for the Blue Mountains and also Hut books not being used, these are the only records they have of the huts being used to see if they are worth maintaining.

Our guest speakers have all provided us with a great night and lots of information.

This year's National conference will be held in Tuatapere in July.

A couple of things that have stood out in my year of being president has been the support and help of all the guys in the executive committee. Thank you for all your organising and help in the running of different events. After not being run for 20 years the club rifle shoot at the Invercargill rifle club range was a great success and a great day was had by all. Thanks to Steve, John and Kevin for the work they put into this day. Another highlight was the Graf Brothers DVD night we held at the Invercargill Working Mens club, it was a fantastic night and the DVD a great watch just before the roar, got everyone buzzing. This was well organized, great work team.

As well as the usual day to day running the National Office and finalising the Game Animal Council Establishment they have also dealt with the issues surrounding the tragic death of Rosemary Ives.

All in all it's been an interesting year as President, I invite any members out there interested in becoming an exec, being part of the sub committees and organising some of our events to come along to the AGM and put their name forward.

And Again a big thanks to everyone out there who helped throughout the year.

Nathan Dawson
President

NZDA Caps & Beanies

The Southland Branch has sourced a supply of caps and/or beanies that will have the Southland branch logo printed on them.

The ones available are:

Caps: Dark green with a yellow logo on the front. Peaked front to keep the rain off.

Beanies: Two types available - the standard type of beanie, and one that pulls over the ears (good for the cold days).

Both caps and beanies will have the logo printed on them.

If anyone wants them, they will need to pay up front, as the order will not be sent in until we have a reasonable number to purchase. The cost is \$15.00 for either the cap or the beanies. Cheques can be made out to Southland Branch NZDA, or cash is more than welcome.

For orders, please see R. Phillips on a meeting night, or mail to:

Southland Branch New Zealand Deerstalkers Association
P.O BOX 1588
Invercargill 9840



AGM Night:



There will be a spot prize for the antler, tusk and horn section, this is a Panasonic camera so not necessarily the biggest will win could be anyone so make sure you enter your heads, big or small.

Entries for the antler, tusk and horn comp need to be at the Longbush hall on Sunday 15th May at 1pm for judging and scoring

Photos should have been to Neville Millar by 5pm Monday the 9th May.

There is a spot prize for the photo/video competition

There will also be a spot prize for under 18's in the antler, tusk, horn comp, again won't necessarily be the best entry.

There will also be raffles on the night so come along and have a catch up and see what we've all shot out there over the year

From the Editor:

All last minute stuff this month, duckshooting took precedence it seems for many.

Hopefully those who went out had some good luck as there was some very poor tally's around Southland. A party of 6 on a pond got 1 for the weekend while some very lucky stories came through of 32 between 3. One camp got the lowest scores for the last 45 years!

Please send in photos & stories for our newsletter, we're getting short again & my good photo archive is dwindling – that and getting really boring!!

All the best for this coming weekend and we'll see you at the AGM!

Bevan McNaughton

Joke for the month

An older, white haired man walked into a jewellery store one Friday evening with a beautiful young gal at his side.

He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring and showed it to him.

The old man said, "I don't think you understand, I want something very special."

At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over.

"Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," the jeweller said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the old man stated by check. "I know you need to make sure the check is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank on Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon," he said.

Monday morning, a very teed-off jeweller phoned the old man. "There's no money in that account."

"I know", said the old man, "but can you imagine the weekend I had?"

The Firearm Safety Code:

1. Treat EVERY firearm as loaded.
2. ALWAYS point firearms in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm ONLY when ready to fire.
4. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target!!!
5. Check your firing zone.
6. Store your firearms and ammunition separately and securely.
7. Alcohol impairs judgment

Guest Speakers

If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in being a guest speaker at the meetings please contact

Ray Phillips, (rkphillips@xtra.co.nz)

Dave Howden (davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz)

or Neville Miller (nandc43@xnet.co.nz)



With the generosity of Back Country foods we are able to source their goods at cost price – this is the same amount that retail stores buy their product in at!

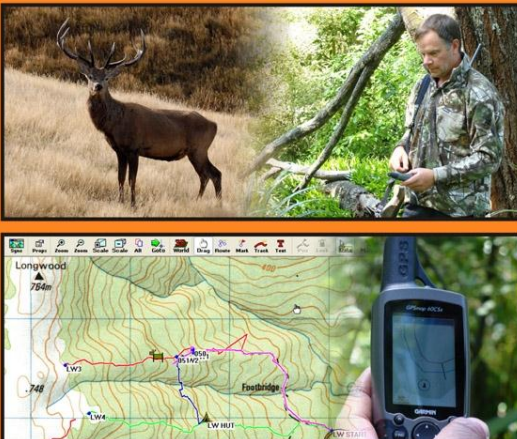
The owner of Back Country Food indicated that he would prefer to deal with only one person from each club or organisation. Gus Ronald has a current order form and he has been dealing with them for the last 15 years.

Instead of putting the form in the newsletter, anyone interested in getting any, please contact Gus & he will e-mail them a copy. It has all the prices and what is available and he is more than happy to take orders of any quantity from members or if they have friends they could also get it as well. It would also be a lot more easier to place order as quantities warranted it so if members wanted small quantities they may have to wait a short while till Gus gets enough to make a decent size order.

As a guide to the price the cost of a 2 serve which seems the most popular is only \$6.65 + G.S.T. making it \$7.65 inclusive which is about 30% cheaper than most retail outlets. The money would be payable on order as he have no intentions of running an accounting or charging system. There is no making any money out of this and Gus is only doing it to help people out.

You can contact Gus on gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz

Please also include your NZDA membership number where possible.



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Opportunities for members. Rats at Mason Bay. Stewart Island

Since 2006 our Branch has been undertaking a programme of rat control at Mason Bay Stewart Island. A total of 180 rats were killed during the bird breeding season. This was the lowest number of rats killed in the five years. This years report has now been completed and is available under [Misc Documents](#) on our website.

Three of last years parties have already committed to this years program and we are looking for people to make up the parties for the following dates in 2011.

24 Sept - 2 October

12 - 20 October

3 - 11 December.

Ideally parties are four hunters,

You can make up a party of your own or join another party. You are required to pay your own food and about \$100 return airfare. The rest is subsidised. Staying at the comfortable Hunters Hut.

We expect each party to check and reset all the rat traps at least twice during the trip and help keep the tracks open. It is not necessary to stay the full period but it is recommended that you allow at least 5 days to allow for a bit of hunting. Six deer were shot last season.

There are 5 vacancies left

If you are interested in taking part either with your own team or making up one contact John on 2131430. wtd243@xtra.co.nz

If there is not sufficient interest from Branch members after this newsletter I will be asking other Branches if they wish to participate.

Subscriptions are due.
Thanks to those who have paid, everyone else - please give
this some attention!

Spare Deer Antlers:

I am looking for deer antlers to use in making a chandelier for our lounge. Would you or any other members of your club have any to sell? What is the going price for them? I would prefer 10 - 12 point pairs. Probably after about 5 pairs.

Thanks,

John Hansen.

jch@orcon.net.nz

DOUGLAS SCORE TRAINING SEMINAR HOSTED BY UPPER CLUTHA NZDA



**A Douglas Score training seminar is being planned to take place:
At: Albert Town Tavern, 20 Alison Ave Albert Town Wanaka**

Date: Saturday June 11th 2011

From: 9.00am – 5.00pm

The course would be:

Level 1 Certificate

Introductory course to Douglas Score system

- Understanding Douglas Score measuring principles
- Attendance at a training school

Level 2 Certificate

Training Courses – Revision of Douglas Score system

- Understanding of Douglas Score measuring principles
- Attendance at a training school
- Participating in branch measuring competitions

At the completion of this course participants will have obtained their applicable standard and be eligible for a Douglas Score Practicing Certificate.

A prerequisite of the course is that all participants will have purchased and read a copy of the Douglas Scoring Handbook (available from the national office if you do not already have a copy) AND additional required reading material, which will be forwarded by the national office on registration and the payment of course fee of \$30.00

It is preferable that participants have been actively involved in measuring antler, horn and tusks at a branch level or at least attempted to gain some practical proficiency in measuring antler, horn and tusk heads.

Course participants are required to bring along the following:

1. Your Douglas Scoring Handbook and other provided required reading material – see order form
2. Measuring tape (in inches). A thin steel tape is ideal. Alternatively a standard width steel tape (in inches) plus a 1200mm long piece of fine copper wire (the core wires of standard phone cable are excellent) or a good fibreglass dress makers measuring tape (in inches) will suffice.
3. A pair of small dividers or a small compass.
4. A piece of white chalk.
5. A calculator, if you are not too good at addition.
6. Paper and pen.
7. Bring your own lunch or money to purchase lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided

Please complete and forward to: NZDA, PO Box 6514, Marion Square, Wellington 6141.

Yes, I wish to attend the Upper Clutha Douglas Score Seminar.

I am	Level 1	Yes/No	Level 2	Yes/No	Please indicate either Level 1 or Level 2
Please find enclosed: material		\$19.00			Douglas Score handbook – if you don't already have one
		\$20.00			Douglas Score measuring tape
		\$30.00			Course fee – MANDATORY – includes a large file of required reading
		\$_____			TOTAL TO PAY

Name: _____ Address: _____

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Under the terms of the Privacy Act 1993, I acknowledge that you are retaining my name and club details for the purpose of mailing further information on NZDA, Douglas Score and related matters.

Course coordinator – Ray Webb, raywebb@pccconnect.co.nz