

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Gus Ronald – Blue Pool

MAY 2013

SOUTHLAND BRANCH

NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE BOARD

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15th May at 7pm – **All Welcome**

(Clubrooms – Longbush Hall, McKerchar Road, Just off SH1 between Woodlands & Kennington)

Welcome to our newest members...

Nathan Smith, David Veitch, Chris Withers & Justin VandeSandt

FISHING TRIP

A Fishing trip with Catlins Marine Charters has been booked on the 19th of May \$125 a head if you wish to go please email Roedie lprinsloo@clear.net.nz (or ring Nathan if you can't email Roedie, 0272358063) maximum of 8 people so first in best dressed. Have been on this boat before and is a good day

YOUNG HUNTS

The new Young Hunts course will start in June so if you know of anyone who is keen?
You must be over 16 for this and the course is limited to 12 people.

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NATHAN DAWSON

PRESIDENTS REPORT...

What a busy year another AGM here, I hope you all had a safe roar and duck shooting. Wasn't the weather nice on opening day again!

We had some great guest speakers again this year, with Dean from Stoney Creek talking to us about the latest products out, Jessyca and her team at DoC keeping us up to date with what's going on there and around the place. Adam Cowie talking to us about the tanning of skins and he makes a great job of them too. These are just some that we had through the year and I extend a huge thanks to all of them for coming along and talking to us.

Club Rifle Shoot - we had a great day for shooting again and all who were there had their ups and downs. Thanks to the Invercargill rifle range for giving up their time to come and help for the day also.

Club Hunts - we had some great hunts again this year wallaby and goats and also the tahr survey/hunt. This one for me was great because we had 10 people from the club on this trip and everyone I talked to had a great time and came out with some cool stories of their 4 days on the West Coast.

The rat program was run again this year with some good numbers caught 250 Rats were caught this season by 4 teams from Southland and one each from Gore and Wanaka. Also the gorse control programme was done this year in the Kilbride area of Masons Bay on Stewart Island. A big congratulations to all who were involved in this too, as we got nominated for the DoC award for Outstanding New Conservation Initiative. The winner of this will be announced on the 3rd of July so fingers crossed.

The Branch completed the second year of gorse control on Cavalier block at Mason Bay. We are undertaking a program to spray and cut & paste gorse before it takes over this popular hunting block.

Twelve branch members also assisted Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust & DoC in digging toilet holes and erecting Norski toilets on six popular blocks on Stewart Island which did not have huts. We are sure this will be appreciated by hunters using these blocks.

We put another 8 through the young hunts course this year also. Had great trips into Mount Nicholas and Lake Hauroko again. Big thanks to Steve Robinson for his help on the running of this through the year too. We are starting another course in June so if you would like to get on this contact us .

Big thanks to Janice McLeod and her team for the supper again it is the highlight of the night (food). Big thanks to the committee and everyone else who has helped out through the year, great work.

Regards
Nathan.

ALEX KIDD

JACK ASPINALLS STAG...

On 22 March 2013, while on a touring holiday of the North Island, Allison and I stopped at Te Kuiti for ice creams. While eating them we wandered along the main street and looked in shop windows.

In the Dalziel's Sports and 100% Shop there was a Red stag head on the wall. We went in for a look.

It was an impressive, even 14 point head, and the plaque below it stated that it was shot on 7th March 1934 in the Matukituki Valley by Jack Aspinall and flown out to Pembroke by D.H. Whitaker on 8th March 1934. Jack was the owner of Mount Aspiring Station and grandfather of Julia Aspinall who we know through the Southland Tramping Club.

We were intrigued by how it got to Te Kuiti so asked a staff member who then referred us to the shop manager. He told us that it was his grandfather who flew the head out to Pembroke (called Wanaka after 1 September 1940) and it had been in his family ever since.

I assume that Jack had a reason for giving the head away, perhaps he had a more impressive head and it is hanging up somewhere, or maybe he could not afford to have it mounted for himself.

Alex Kidd.



CONTACTS...

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