

# **THE SOUTHERN HUNTER**



**May 2014**

**Southland Branch**

**New Zealand Deerstalkers Association**

## **NOTICE BOARD**

# **AGM**

The AGM is to be held on the **21<sup>st</sup> May** at **7pm**, with everybody welcome at the club rooms. It would be great to see you all there. If you would like to get on to the executive committee it is also the place to be and make yourself heard and the opportunity to help in the running of the club.

### **Subscriptions – Please Read**

This year we have switched to a direct membership payment system managed by the National Office in Wellington. It has not been without a few teething problems. To ensure we are getting it right please advise by email to [southlandbranchnzda@hotmail.com](mailto:southlandbranchnzda@hotmail.com) if any of the following apply to you:

1. You have not received an invoice.
2. You have paid but have not received a membership card.

If 2 applies to you, when and how did you pay?

Thanks,  
John - Treasurer

### **To see the problems of aerial assisted trophy hunting**

<http://www.whaleoil.co.nz/2014/05/exclusive-helicopter-hazing-tahr-caught-camera/#more-134726>

### **DoC's Battle for the Birds**

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/restoration-projects/battle-for-our-birds-beech-mast-2014/>

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**NATHAN DAWSON**

# Presidents Report...

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Hi all, It has been another great year and the **AGM** is here again. I hope you all had a safe roar and duck shooting. Our condolences go out to the Hill family re: the tragic hunting accident in the Longwoods. I think it shocked a lot of people as it was so close to home.

We had some great **Guest Speakers** again this year, Greg Hudson talked about and showed us some photos of some of the game he use to hunt in the top part of Aussie. Also Colin Bishop along with Lindsay Wilson (Conservation Services Manager, Fiordland District) A talk about the Waitutu Restoration Programme and the work plan for 2014. One of our own Doug Gordon, and also Neil Bone re. Alpine huts he helped build. 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 Hunts** - we had some great hunts again this year with a wallaby hunt up Waimate area with some good numbers shot and some new faces on these hunts. Also had a Tahr hunt up Twizel area, a great trip, enjoyed by all, for some it was the first time chasing Tahr. Great to see people getting involved. Keep your eye out for the coming year as these hunts are great experience and a great way to meet people.

Also our Branch was nominated for DoC Award for Outstanding Conservation Initiative in July for our Gorse Control at Mason Bay. The Rat control program continues and 471 rats and 44 possums were killed by the six teams of four between August and December. Details of both projects are on the website.

We put another 12 people through the **Young Hunts** course this year also. Had great trips into Mount Nicholas and Lake Hauroko again. We shot 5 deer in Mt Nicholas and caught some great eels on the Saturday night of our bush craft weekend in Hauroko. From the feedback from the guys on the course they all gained something from it, great to see and a big thanks to Steve Robinson for his help on the running of this through the year. We are starting another course in July 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). Also a big thanks to the committee and everyone else who has helped out through the year, great work. Many thanks to **Hunting and Fishing Invercargill** for the \$250 spot prize that they have donated again this year. Also thanks to **Southern Adventure** for donating spot prizes throughout the year, please support these businesses as they support us. Cheers Guys.

**Firewood** – we had a great turnout of guys to help get the wood cut up for fundraising, this has all been sold. Just waiting of final amount we raised as it hasn't all been picked up yet. Thanks to all who helped out. We are making progress on recladding the hall, thanks to all those who turned out in the rain and cold to help get it done, we still have a bit to go.

I would also like to advise that I will be standing down as president this year as I have other commitments. The last four years have been great, as a club we have accomplished alot and this will continue in the future as we have a strong club. A big thanks to everyone for your support over the last four years.

Regards  
Nathan

# NZDA Southland

## Antler, horn, tusk & photographic competition

Open to all financial members of Southland Branch NZDA:

### Antler, Horn, Tusk:

Red Deer

Chamois

Goat

Rusa Deer

Wapiti

Tahr

Whitetail Deer

Sambar Deer

Fallow Deer

Pig Tusks

Sika Deer

Wild Sheep

Heads will be scored at the Longbush Clubrooms on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm**. If you are unable to get there please give your head to somebody who can. All welcome.

### Photographic:

**Game Animals** *Live wild animals in their natural surroundings*

**Wildlife** *Any wildlife other than game animals in their natural surroundings*

**Scenic** *Of a scenic nature relative to stalking or stalking country*

**Topical** *Containing some evidence of human activity related to hunting or hunting country*

Photo competition entries should be posted / delivered to him at 1894 Winton Lorneville Highway, RD6, Makarewa, Invercargill 9876 by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**



*Remember although this is a competition to find the best, participation is just as important for the club and club spirit. Hunting and Fishing have come on board again this year with \$250 voucher spot prize for all head and photo entries. So what you might think is good only for knife handles could score you \$250, but, you have to be in to win, all welcome on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm.*





# Mason Bay Opportunities...

## Rats

The branch will be commencing its 9th year of rat control on Homestead Block at Mason Bay on Stewart Island. 6 parties of four hunters will manage 300 plus rat traps over 14 kilometres of tracks. Our goal is to control rats over the bird nesting period between August and December. We fly by fixed wing and land on the beach and stay in the hunters hut. The duration of the trip is up to 10 days depending on the party. All traps are required to be checked at least twice but there is plenty of time to hunt Whitetail deer. Most slots are full. I am looking for a few members who would be able to be a reserve in the event of someone not being able to travel. Ideally it would suit someone who can get away at short notice. We are hoping that some transport costs will be subsidised. (last season's transport cost participants \$125) If you are interested contact:

**John DeLury 0276925338** [wtd243@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wtd243@xtra.co.nz).

Last year we killed 471 rats 43 possums and each party got at least one deer.

For a full report see:-

[http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/PDF/Mason\\_Bay\\_NZDA\\_Report\\_2013-14.pdf](http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/PDF/Mason_Bay_NZDA_Report_2013-14.pdf)

## Gorse

Looking for a couple strong branch members to make a party to cut a stand of old man gorse on Cavalier block at the south end of Mason Bay. It is expected there will be up to two full days work sawing gorse and pasting the stumps with poison. The rest of the time will be hunting. At this stage we are looking at 5-7 days between 1 - 10 November. (part) Flight costs will be subsidised. Contact John as above if you are keen.

For last years report see: -

[http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/PDF/Conservation\\_Project\\_Gorse\\_2013.pdf](http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/PDF/Conservation_Project_Gorse_2013.pdf)



# Contacts...

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## **Executive & Committee Members (2013-2014)**

<b>President</b>	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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	Sam Long	235 7035
<b>Treasurer</b>	John De Lury	213 1430
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## **Executive**

N. Miller, R. Phillips, J. Hogg, G. Ronald, K. Watson, G. Herbert  
N. Lindsay, S. Long, D. Gordon, H. Williams

## **Sub Committees for 2013-2014**

**Huts** J De Lury, N Miller, K Watson, J Hogg, S Long

**Young Hunts** N Dawson, S Long, S Robinson, D Gordon

**Club Hunts** S Long, N Dawson, G Herbert

**Guest Speakers** N Dawson, K Watson, H Williams

**Hall** K Watson, B McNaughton      **DOC Liason** N Dawson, S Long

**AGM** N Dawson, D Howden      **Trophies** G Ronald, N Dawson

**Stewart Isl.** J De Lury, R Phillips, S Long      **Newsletters** G Herbert

**Hokonuis** K Watson      **Longwoods** S Long, Sam Long

**Sth Coast** R Phillips, S Robinson      **Fiordland** B McNaughton, G Herbert

**Caples** J De Lury, N Miller      **Blue Mtns** S Long, Sam Long

**Rifle Range** D Howden, D Gordon, J Hogg      **Poisons & Toxins** R Phillips

## **Life Member(s)**

*WA (Bill) Bell (Branch)      Ray Phillips (Branch)*  
*Neville Miller (Branch)      John De Lury (Branch)*  
*Roger McNaughton (National)*