

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Southland Branch NZDA

News Letter

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AGM & Trophy Night Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm

MULTI DRAW RAFFLE WILL BE HELD AT THE MEETING

DONT FORGET TO BRING ALONG SOME \$2.00 COINS GOT TO BE IN TO WIN

Club Office Bearers

President: S. Robinson 215 7897 **Vice President:** (vacant)

Secretary: D Howden 213 0962 **Treasurer** T Smalley 03 236 9960

Magazine Editor: D. Gordon 216 6383 **Immediate past President** N Dawson 235 8852

Executive: N. Miller (Huts) R. Phillips (Membership) 216 3751 A. Nesbit, W. Muir.



Presidents Report

Hi All,

Well what can we say about this years roar. Some areas were running hot with rutting stag others were average, and that is normal. I have noticed on social media some very nice trophies taken and then there's the not so trophy looking as well. What ever the case, good to see hunters out enjoying them selves in the great outdoors. Although poaching seems to be posing a few issues for land owners and police, long term this persistent behavior may reflect on hunting in general. So we need to support land owners and police as much as possible. Poaching laws have changed and penalties are severe when you read them. Makes you wonder why taking a animal some where you shouldn't be worth the risk when they are abundant in most places.

Very pleasing not to here of any fatal accidents this far into the hunting season. We must keep promoting safe hunting practices at all times. This can be practiced among us older generation to keep us in check and also roll play for those young / new members of the hunting community. A lot of new hunters are introduced to hunting through duck hunting. The Maimai can be a controlled environment to teach responsible gun handling.

This past year has been much like others. Very few members have made an effort to support our branch at monthly meeting. The committee and myself have volunteered a lot of our time to the running of the club. Some appreciation in respect to this can be made with a little effort.

The firewood working bee raised a little money for the branch. Thank you to those that attended, other working bees will be held later in the year.

Our branch is in sound financial shape. With on going running costs only to slowly increase over time. We will need to pass this cost on. But for the time being things do look settled in this

regard. The branch does have two great assets, Wapiti Lodge and Redstag Hut please support these if you can. They are both reasonably priced accommodation in great locations.

Membership has been slowly increasing, this increase does put us in a very sound position for the future.

Newsletter, Doug Gordon has made a very grand job with this over this year his effort and patience with me to send a report to him on time, deserves a public thank you from me. Thanks Doug.

A big thanks to the rest of the branch committee members

Secretary Dave Howden, Treasurer Tim Smalley, Membership Ray Philips, Huts and Lodges Neville Miller, Hunts Course Nathan Dawson. Other committee members Willie Muir, Andy Nesbit and Doug Gordon.

Job well done chaps.

Steve Robinson



Editorial

Well Members it's May and that means Duck shooting. There is another event though that should be pencilled in in red ink on the Southland NZDA Branch Members calendar. It is the branch AGM. This is the meeting to attend, where we celebrate our members successes in the hunting field over the last twelve months. Those who have had success need to be at the club rooms the Sunday before to have their head measured.

It is also where we review the last year, a chance to plan for the future, where we elect the executive that is going to lead us into the future. To go forward and progress the executive needs a constant supply of new members to bring in the new ideas, that will advance the club.

I know the supply of guest speakers has been a bit thin, but we need different people with new ideas and contacts to get us new speakers. The same goes for club hunts, some have been tried, several have not succeeded, Some properties we had access too has been lost due to changed ownership, we need far more hunts (should have one a month).

The newsletter needs hunting stories, I would like to have one or more in each newsletter. It's a good place for those who aspire to writing for a national magazine, to learn their craft, before moving on to bigger things. How about a letter to the editor, if you have something to say, or disagree with the editor's opinion of the world and hunting or anybody else's for that matter.

If you want you can put your hand up and become the newsletter editor, or the secretary, how about the vice president!!

This branch runs on and by volunteers it is only as good as the effort the members put in. The best way to improve things is to put one's hand up and help the improvement. This needs to start now at the AGM be there.

Doug Gordon

JUDGING DAY FOR ALL HEADS FOR THE 2017 BRANCH COMPETITION

**WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MAY 14TH AT 1 PM
AT THE CLUBROOMS**

*Heads must be clean or they may not get scored [No
Maggots]*

Remember all heads are up for the spot prize so bring your trophy along, spikers to 18pointers, goats, sheep, pigs, thar, chamois, any wild animal that fits in the branch AHT, antler, horn and tusk lists.

REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ENTERING AN ENTRY GO INTO THE SPOT PRIZE DRAW SO BRING ALL THE HEADS YOU HAVE SHOT IN THE LAST YEAR [MAY 2016 TO MAY 2017]

**.Photo competition entries to Doug Gordon 254
Centre St Invercargill 9812 by 5pm Wednesday the
10th of May.**

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 and must be 6x4 size

A spot prize on the night for all members entering photos

Remember you must be a financial member when you took your trophy/ photo and to enter.

Last Year's Trophy winners, all trophies to be returned to the Executive ASP they are now over due.

Vacancies

Vice President

Branch is still in need of a Vice President post the AGM anybody interest please contact the President or a member of the Executive. *One is needed too much is being left to two few.*

Wanted

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor.

Sponsors

Southland Branch would like to thank its regular sponsors and recommend them to its members.

Hunting and Fishing Invercargill

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Stewart Island Flights

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017--2018 YEAR

Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office

membership@deestalkers.org.nz attention Kirstie or phone them on 04-4996163

As the Branch now operates through the centralised membership system ALL new and renewal subscriptions must be made through the national office not the Branch.

Postal payments to NZDA PO BOX 6514

MARION SQUARE

WELLINGTON 6141.

Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT 03-0558-0139562-04...

Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

This reminder is being put out as some members have paid direct to the branch account, as the account is not now checked on a regular basis for membership renewal a time lag will occur before any incorrect payments are picked up, and then forwarded onto Wellington.

For members renewing their memberships just pay to Wellington on the invoice that they send out to you ,DO NOT fill in a new application form as this just leads to a lot of double ups

Notice for members

If you change your address or your contact details like e-mail address you must notify the branch and the national office.

If we do not have correct contact details how can we keep you informed from the branch, and national office cannot send out membership cards or the magazines, so it is important to have correct Postal as well as Email Addresses.

**POST the AGM UNFINANCIAL
MEMBERS
WILL NOT RECIEVE THE
NEWSLETTER or
Hunting and Wildlife**

New Members Please Welcome them

Michael Tuffin, Conner Helms,

Freeze Dri

BACK COUNTRY *Cuisine*

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Contact Gus Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351 for a price list

From Southland Conservation Board up date

“DOC Community Fund Successful Applicants

Three Conservation groups from Stewart Island will receive close to \$140,000 in funding from the Department of Conservation’s DOC Community Fund this year. The Stewart Island/Rakiura Community and Environment Trust, the Rakiura Māori Lands Trust, and the Southland Branch New Zealand Deerstalkers Association will receive funding for their pest control and restoration projects.”

For Sale

. 2016 pontoon Boat. 4.7metres. 2003 90hp O/B 100hours. On new trailer Ideal boat for hunting and fishing. Just add water and mates. \$23500. Contact Steve. 0277478109



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Report of the Inquiry into Illegal firearms in the New Zealand Community

The government recently held an inquiry into illegal firearms in the community. A select committee, comprised of members from political parties which make up our Parliament, investigated the matter. It called for submissions from the public, receiving 105, making 20 recommendations to place before the Government. NZDA submitted on this under its connection with COLFO.

Three factors need to be remembered:

- (a) these are recommendations, and will not necessarily form or become government policy;
- (b) they are NOT the law, but may lead to changes in the law;
- (c) Any law change will have to undergo due process, that is (unless urgency is taken by Parliament) undergo three readings, select committee processing (to hear public input) before being passed into law. Timeline for this may be as long as two to three years.

The Select Committee recommendations are listed under six subheadings:

Sale and supply of firearms and ammunition

Definition of military-style semi-automatics

Effectiveness of licensing, training, and registering firearms

Criminal offending with firearms

Reducing the number of grey firearms

Importing firearms into New Zealand

Many of the recommendations suggest changes which are already in effect, or which already exist under the Crimes Act (1961, and subsequent amendments), the Arms Act (1983, and subsequent amendments) and the Arms Regulations (1992, and subsequent amendments).

The entire report and its recommendations may be found at:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/reports/document/SCR_72851/inquiry-into-issues-relating-to-the-illegal-possession

COLFO has prepared a response which is available from its website, www.colfo.org.nz, and from its facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/colfonz/>

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc

18 April 2017

Select Committee failed to identify the target

The Parliamentary Select Committee set up to address illegal possession of firearms has fired at the wrong target, says Bill O'Leary, President of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association.

"The committee report has made recommendations that will impact on lawful firearm licence holders but is virtually silent on strategies to target criminals and punish firearm misuse," he said.

"It is hard to understand how a committee of intelligent politicians have been so blinded by Police Association policy that it has shown practically no regard for the submissions presented by groups as diverse as rural women, target shooters, deerstalkers and retailers."

He said that the minority report produced by New Zealand First, and the reaction of groups such as Rural Women, highlighted the failings of the select committee inquiry and noted very clearly that lawful firearm owners would be penalised financially. "Lawful firearm owners will suffer increased bureaucracy without having any faith in many of the strategies supposedly targeting criminals and gangs."

The committee's report would reinforce a commonly held belief that firearm ownership was under threat and create the potential for reduced confidence in our police among firearm users particularly in rural New Zealand, he concluded.

For further information contact Bill O'Leary 0274 305008

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Red Stag lodge after a good frost

Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654

email nandc43@gmail.com or 43 Bain St Invercargill

Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site.

Young Hunts Course 2017



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Includes 8-9 Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and 2
weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting rifles
and river crossing.**

**Starting Mid July, maximum of 12
Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063
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