

The southern hunter



November 2008
Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 19th November 7pm

General Meeting: Wednesday 19th November 8pm

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GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

WAPITI DVD Night

Part 1: The Trophy Hunters

This is the story of the early years of the unique New Zealand Wapiti herd set in the wild and mysterious mountains of Fiordland.

It is the story of hunters willing to pit their skills against the magnificent Wapiti and to physically tackle the unexplored and intimidating interior of Fiordland.

Superb aerial footage takes the viewer into the home of the Wapiti and to the stories of those dedicated early hunters

Obituary

It is with regret I inform those who don't know that, Wayne Cook past away on an organised hunt into Looking Glass Bay Fiordland, on Sunday 26th October.

Wayne was a valued Executive Member of the Southland Branch of N.Z.D.A. with a lot of idea's to take the branch forward to a new level.

Wayne accomplished a lot in his life, some of which were N.Z's Rookie Bull Rider of the year, Southland Dairy Farmer of the Year, N.Z's Dairy Farmer of the Year, Astute Businessman and an outstanding motivator. There is a lot more that could be said about Wayne as when he did anything it was to the best of his ability,

To some up Wayne Cook (41 years) would be to say he was "A GENUINE GOOD BASTARD"

Wayne is survived by his wife Elaine and 3 daughters Emma, Abby and Hayley

You will be missed Wayne !

Jim Ridley

HUTS

These dates are still available at the Wapiti Lodge for the Christmas period.

25th - 31st January is still available get in fast

they could either ring us on 2168654 or email us at nandc43@xnet.co.nz with their intentions.

Neville Miller

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NZ Deerstalkers Assn Southland Branch.

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Wapiti Ballots

**PREFERRED OPTION FOR PLACING A WAPITI
BALLOT APPLICATION:**

1: apply on line. www.fiordlandwapititrust.org.nz

Stewart island Huts

In October two of the older hunter huts at Mason Bay were replaced. Two new huts now stand at Homestead and Martins Creek blocks. I thought that I would take a little space and outline the procedure. We began looking this project in 2007 and decided that as the two huts were close together and needed to be taken to Masons by the Freight boat and then lifted ashore by helicopter it would make sense to do both huts at the same time with separate crews. With material costs estimated at about \$24000 each, The Hunter Camp Trust did not have sufficient funds in hand so we made an application to Community Trust of Southland for additional funds. When the Hunter hut project began nine years ago the Community Trust was very supportive and for the Mason's project the Community Trust of Southland gave us a grant of \$23000. Both huts at one time were then possible. In June we put in for building consent. The true workhorse of this Trust is Ray Phillips who does all the ordering of materials and provides storage and workshop facilities at his home

for all preparation work. Without Ray's input the Hunter Camp project would not be where it is today.

Four weekends out 12 sheets of floor ply received four coats of polythene. Following weekend 48 sheets of interior ply were given two coats of polyurethane. Next weekend all plates, studs, dwangs, well the entire huts really were precut, stropped together and colour coded to ensure they went to the right site. Each day we worked, Rays wife Karene, arrived at the key times with lunches and morning and afternoon teas. A big thanks Karene.

The following Friday we hired a truck and took all the materials to the Ferry storage at Bluff. A further trip was necessary to ensure everything was in the right place. By this time Ray and I were getting pretty sick of moving those 92 sheets of ply. We figured by the time each sheet was nailed on the hut it had been handled at least 12 times. Prior to sailing the winds were atrocious and sailing was delayed a day. Thanks to the crew on the Freight boat who made a special trip and overnighted behind Codfish Island to be at Mason Bay early in the morning. Four hours helicopter time saw everything ashore and with one minor exception everything in the right place. On the first Saturday in October two crews of seven builders flew to Mason Bay and began construction. The day the roofs went on was relatively calm and sunny but the rest of the time it blew like it can at it's best on the island. Few deer were seen and none were shot but the end result was that the two huts are now complete. Both these huts are four bunks. Due to the fact we needed two crews to build I circulated some contacts for assistance. The first fourteen replies got the nod and I was overrun with offers to help. Bill & Kathy Duncan came from Morrinsville, Hacky Sims from Greymouth, Robyn Bradley from Oamaru, and Nigel Hodge, Brian Robinson, Alex Kidd, Kerry Butson, Steve Long, Deane Carson, Bevan McNaughton, Ray and I from Southland Branch NZDA. Thanks to those guys and a special thanks to Cameron Sports with their sponsorship of some Ridgeline products for the builders.



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Wild Food Safety

Check out the new wild food safety DVD by going to www.nzfsa.co.nz and requesting a copy or phone 0800 693 721. Also available with Spring edition of Hunting & Fishing

Editors Comments

This is the last newsletter for this year hope you all enjoy your Christmas break.

We would love to see as many as possible at the end of year break up on the 23rd Nov. If you haven't received a flyer in the next few days give nath a ring on 03 2358852 ☺

We still need people to step up to take on the monthly hunts for the club so if your interested let me know nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or 03 2358852

***We would like to have more stories and/or photos etc. would be appreciated.
Don't necessarily have to tell where you've been ☺***

November Hunting Tips:

Be safe out there over the Christmas period. ☺