

The southern hunter



2009

Southland branch
NZ deerstalkers association

Noticeboard:

Executive Meeting: Tuesday 17th November 7.00pm
General Meeting: Wednesday 18th November 8.00pm

Executive and committee members (2008-2009)

President	Jim Ridley	2159649
Vice.	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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Secretary	David Howden	2130962
Treasurer	John DeLury	2131430
Immediate	Roy Sloan	2352813
Huts	Neville Miller	216 8654
Newsletter Editor Nathan Dawson		

Executive:

Roger Stratford, Steven Long, Brendon Bell, Ray Phillips,
Murray Colson, Euan Butters, J. Hogg, D. Craig, G. Ronald.

WA (Bill) Bell - Life Member

Branch email is southlandbranchnzda@hotmail.com

Guest Speaker for November/ Xmas break up

We have arranged Scott Richardson to do a cooking demo with Venison and Blue Cod starting at 7pm. This will be our end of year Break up so partners welcome, just need a gold coin donation per person. This will be held at Boys High Cooking Campus **NOT** at the deerstalkers hall on Wednesday the 18th of November. There are still places left so let us know ASAP if you would like to come, should be a great night and good way to end the year. Will be signposted from main gate at Boys High, Herbert Street.

Contact. Nathan Dawson 03 2358852 or email nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz

Merry Christmas

Hope everyone has a great festive season will see you all next year ☺

Please note the first meeting in 2010 will be on the 17th Feb. 2010.

New Members

A warm welcome to new member Derek Murray

Wapiti Lodge

These weeks are still available for the Xmas period, for Wapiti Lodge.

If you want one of these weeks please call Neville or Carol 216 8654

20th to 27th Dec 2009

24th to 31st Jan 2010

SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS

General Committees were formed for this year.

Hall:	B. Bell, M. Colson, M. Barkman, D. Craig.
Huts:	N. Miller, J DeLury
Young Hunters:	M. Colson, G. Ronald, N. Dawson.
Branch Hunts:	N. Dawson, D. Howden.
Speakers:	N. Dawson, S. Long.
AGM:	President.
Trophy Custodian:	G. Ronald.
Poisons/Toxins:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Stewart Island:	R. Phillips, J. De Lury.
Longwood/Hokonuis:	J. Ridley, R. Stratford.
South Coast:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Fiordland:	R. Sloan, E. Butters.
Caples/Mavora:	J. De Lury, N. Miller
Blue Mountains:	S. Long, M. Colson.

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TO BE HELD SUNDAY 6TH

DECEMBER 2009

BY MOSSBURN SMALLBORE RIFLE CULB

At Dunrobin Valley Stn Mossburn.

Located off the Wreys Bush Mossburn highway on the Dunrobin Valley road. You turn west at the crossroads on the Wreys bush Mossburn road north of the Aparima river one lane bridge at Dunrobin (south of Hamilton Burn) onto the Dunrobin road. Take the first turn left this soon finds you on a gravel road. Which crosses the Aparima River to the south side turn right and follow the road up the Dunrobin valley for about 10km passing a deer farm on your left to the venue.

1 PM start Entry Fee \$10.00

30 plus targets NO .22 Magnums or .177 only .22 Long rifle.

We hope to have a few sporting clay's available so bring your shot gun.

There may be also a chance to try a black powder firearm

A BBQ will be held after bring your own food (and BBQ if desired)

There will be some BBQ's available for use.

**If weather marginal ring 03 248 6054 or 03 248 6266 for cancellation
or more information or text Doug 027-637-2206 / Tracey 027 227-6064
re cancellation**

Ballot forms and information

Wakiaia and Leithen

Applications for the roar ballot in the Wakiaia for the 2010 roar 266 applied and for the Leithan 281 applied, the most applications since the ballot draw started. Congrats o all who got in. Good luck in the roar.

Greenstone and Caples

Please find attached an application form for the Greenstone/Caples ballot for April and May 2010. Applications will be accepted by mail or in person during November and party leaders advised of the results by late January 2010.

Cheers

Melita Gizilis

Ranger, Service

Department of Conservation

Wakatipu Area Office

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RHA BALLOT APPLICATION FORM

Hunting blocks in the Greenstone or Caples Recreational Hunting Areas for 1

April to

31 May 2010 inclusive are allocated through a Ballot. Applications for this Ballot are accepted

in November 2009 for the coming season, the Ballot is drawn in December under Police supervision and party leaders are advised by late January 2010.

To enter the Ballot complete this form and return it along with a 50 cent postage stamp

to the Department of Conservation, Wakatipu Area Office, PO Box 811, Queenstown 9348,

before 1 December 2009. **NO FAXED ballot forms will be accepted.**

Only fully completed applications including the full name, address, firearms licence number and phone number of each party member will be accepted. Only

one form per party. Individual hunters are not allowed on more than one

form per ballot. All hunters found on more than one ballot form will have all applications removed from the ballot. Name changes are discouraged but may

be granted at the discretion of the Department. **ANY SPACES NOT**

COMPLETED WILL BE ALLOCATED TO ANOTHER PARTY.

NOTE: Duration of Block limited to 5 days

CHOSEN MONTH/s: *Select months by **order of preference (1-2)**, or select ALL*

APRIL / MAY / ALL Preferred date: _____

CHOSEN BLOCK/s: *Select blocks by **order of preference (1-5)**, or select ALL*

UPPER GREENSTONE / STEELE CREEK / LOWER GREENSTONE

UPPER CAPLES / LOWER CAPLES / ALL

NUMBER OF HUNTERS IN PARTY:

PARTY LEADER

NAME: ADDRESS: POSTCODE:	NAME: ADDRESS: POSTCODE:
name: address: postcode:	name: address: postcode:

Hunts /Update

There will be hunts organised over the Christmas period, notice will be sent by email so anyone who gets the newsletter posted should let us know if they want contacted. 03 2358852.

Also need more photos for newsletter so please send them through.
For any other inquiries or if you have something to put in the newsletter please contact Nathan Dawson nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz

FIRST TRIP TO THE TOPS

In 1965 Glen returned to Southland to work for the Southland Electric Power Supply as Senior Testroom Technician at Invercargill. As a teenager he lived at Monowai Power Station Village where his father was the Powerstation Superintendent. Glen and his brother went deerstalking and bought bicycles with the money they got from selling deer skins.

I was working in the Testroom and when he found out that I had started deerstalking, he invited me to go with him to the tops at Mount Cuthbert at Labour Weekend. I accepted the invitation and bought a canvas pup tend, Trapper Nelson pack and a Snowline sleeping bag.

We travelled to Lake Monowai on Saturday morning and Glen was pleasantly surprised to see that the old Musterer's track was now a good marked track to Green Lake. He still had to locate the old blazes to follow to the ridge East of Mt Cuthbert. Years before, Sunnyside Station grazed sheep on Mts Cuthbert and Cleughearn and had a musterer's hut near this ridge. Unfortunately it burnt down and so did its replacement. It took 4.5hrs to get to the open ridge (because of me) where we set up camp and had something to eat. We went stalking (well I followed Glen) and he eventually shot a deer some distance from camp. Before we could do much with it the weather turned real nasty with snow and wind.

The snow was so thick that it was whiteout conditions, something that I had never experienced before. There were no hills, mountains or skyline, just the same colour everywhere except for a few metres about us. Glen lead the way back and I followed hoping that he knew where he was going. I saw two black blobs sticking out of the sky like big eyes. When we got close enough I could see that they were rocks on the side of a snow covered hill. An eerie feeling.

We made it back to the tents and I got in with Glen who tried to get his cooker going. You had to warm the fuel tank with you hands to get some white spirits out of it to light, but our hands were too cold so we lit matches to warm it. After a hot drink and food I went to my tend and put on both my summer and winter clothes, that I had taken with me,

and got into my sleeping bag. I was still too cold to go to sleep until after 3.00am when the storm passed, and I looked out of my tent and saw stars and the street lights of Monowai Village.

Sunday was a glorious day and we had a good look around. Mr Cuthbert was the first mountain that I had stood on the top of. It is not very high at 1237m, but the views that day were fantastic, or so I thought. For days after I bored my family trying to tell them how great the views were. We also had got a full load of venison to take home.

We packed up on Monday, and it still took 4.5hrs to go down because of the extra weight we were carrying.

This was the first of many trips to the area over the years, with many different hunting friends, but most of the trips were up and back on the same day.

I want to go back soon before it is too late.

Alex Kidd.



The three musketeers Simon, Steve and Nath up Adams flat earlier this year.

