

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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Next Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wed 18th November 8.00pm

(There will be a meeting at 8pm as per notice below)

Notice of general meeting incorporating a special Annual General meeting

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th of November at 8pm.

The agenda is as follows:

Apologies

General business.

Item 1: It is proposed to set the subscriptions for the coming 2016/2017 year starting 1st March 2016. Subscriptions as proposed have been set by the Executive and are required to be ratified by this meeting.

Item 2: The position of Treasurer has been vacant since the AGM in May. T. Smalley has put his name forward for the position and this requires approval from the meeting.

Item 3: Nominations for Secretary

Any other business.

Executive Meeting at 7.00pm

Raffle

We have a clothing pack from RED STAG TIMBER who is the main sponsor from the hit

TV series Red Stag hunters club.

at this month's meeting \$2 ticket as you walk in the door, great prize to get your hands on.

Thanks for your amazing support



A Guest Speaker is yet to be confirmed for the
November meeting



Presidents Report

This year has had some highs and lows. With much debate over firearm safety, and hunting in general. Hunting forums have had a lot of opinions from all types of experts on this subject. I am very glad laws are not made from these alone. Make no mistake these forums are being watched and read by people who are not hunters, but are only looking for senseless info to use for an anti-campaign against hunting and the use of firearms. So when on these forums please keep things real, clean and within the law.

This year we have managed again to have guest speakers each month, but are open to any new contacts that the committee could approach. Any branch members that might know of someone to come and speak at the monthly meetings please contact one of the committee members, these speakers do not need to be hunting orientated.

A big thank you to Ange Van Der Laan from walking access NZ for giving up her time and speaking at last month's meeting. This is a very useful website for both hunters and fishermen to inform themselves of legal right of access.

With this being the last Presidents Report for the year, I would like to thank all those that have given up their time and energy throughout the year.

Steve Robinson.



Editorial

Well we are in November, the year is fast running out. This will be the last newsletter until the New Year. Time starts to run out with all one has to do in the rush up to Christmas. Something I haven't been thinking too much about as I followed the rugby world cup, and started getting organised for a Rat Patrol.

Thus the early newsletter, but I will be back for the meeting, are you going to be there? Membership is continuing to grow, see the new members listed in the newsletter. I have had difficulties getting these all in the newsletter due to technical problems with centralised membership. My appologies to the new members who haven't been listed. But this increased membership is not reflected in the numbers attending meetings. Can you tell us what you want that will make you come?

About mid month I will have to start looking seriously at the Christmas period, and start making dreams for the New Year. Hope you all have a *Merry Christmas* and can look forward to a Happy New Year.

Doug Gordon

p.s.

If you are short of something to do while enjoying the break, and article or two for the newsletter would be good. This editor is becoming stale and needs some help.

A big thanks to Yunca for their recent support



MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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 ACCOUNT 03-0558-0139562-00 ..

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.

Notice for members

If you change your address or your contact details like email 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.

Sponsors

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

Hunting and Fishing Invercargill

Southern Adventure

H&J's Outdoor World

Stewart Island Flights

2016 Wapiti Ballot.

The draw was held on the 24th October resulting in 128 parties drawn over 25 blocks for 3 beats.

Congratulations to the parties who got in.

Results available at: <https://fwf.net.nz/ballot/drawentryPublic.php>

Rifle Sighting In

With the start of daylight saving the Invercargill pistol Club range will be again available to Financial Members for the sighting in of Rifles on Wednesday nights from 5.30 pm finishing 7pm. At the cost of \$10 per person. Ear & Eye protection required

To use this facility you MUST contact the roistered person in charge **no later** than the previous Sunday night.

28th Oct Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

4rd Nov Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

11th Nov Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

25th Nov Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

2nd Dec Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

9th Dec Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

16th Dec Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

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BACK COUNTRY *Cuisine*

Still available at a great price to Branch Members

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

rakiura water taxi (Stewart Island)



Free Phone 0800 725 487

www.rakiurawatertaxi.co.nz

For Transport, dingy's and hunting gear (cookers, plates billys). Inquire as to what they have and save yourself the hassle of freighting your gear over.

Access Queries

Following on from Ange van der Lann's talk last meeting. She can be reached regarding any access queries at Ange.vanderLann@walkingaccess.govt.nz 027-4844-677

New Members please welcome them

Owen Miller, Trevor Jackson, Stewart Vaughan, Samuel Lewis, Michael Thompson, Nigel Renton

Flynn's Deer

It was nearly 3pm when we set off back up the looking for a deer for Flynn. We had, had a mixed Saturday at Mt Nic hunting deer for the young hunters. The country was open with patches of scrub of various thicknesses. Flynn had already dropped a deer only to have it gain cover when we to the animal, from the firing point. An extensive search of the scrub found nothing much. There was only a small pool of blood where it first dropped. I now suspect a front leg wound. The game we were allowed to shoot was does or young Fallow deer only.

No long after the tables turned and Mitch had success from close range on young Fallow. His game was now at the gateway where we had lunch at the bottom of the hill.

The climb up the track where we had seen several Fallow and a few red in the morning produces nothing. Through a gate way a stray sheep on seeing us went bush in the gut in front of us. Flushing out a Fallow that soon was gone, damm. We flowed the track on and up, Flynn had brief sightings of two more Fallow but they too were gone into the scrub.

A bit over half an hour of slow stalking and viewing found us at the bush edge and the edge of our block. Working on the assumption that one is always better above looking down, we climbed up and out from the bush edge a bit and sat down for a while. Presently a Fallow Deer doe showed is self about 300m away below us and the track.



Flynn and I managed to sneak back to the track lowering the distance to under 200m. Flynn took a rest with his bipod and squeezed of a shot. The Deer did a high leap off all four feet then took of around the bush out of site followed by one of its mates. After Mitch joined us to give directions once to the late location of the deer. Flynn and I followed up, and had a good look for the animal and or blood, nothing.

Things were not looking good though there was still plenty of daylight we were getting short of fresh hunting territory. So I took them back up

and around in the direction of Flynn's morning failure and Mitch's success. Intent on reaching the bush edge at the far side of the block in time for evening.

We took our time moving slowly as we climbed and sidled. After we had gone at the most 400m, a group of three fallow does and young were seen grazing across our path going uphill and under 100m away. I soon had Flynn in a shooting position, the distance was down to more like 50m. We waited, and waited, eventually one presented a good clean shot. Flynn was instructed to take it. Then I waited for a time, then came the shot. The deer was over but no time for congratulations, as the others disappeared. We quickly approached rifles carried with a half closed bolt in case we had a repeat of the morning's performance.

The deer had moved but was soon seen still down a few metres further on. I soon had its throat cut, and the rifles were unloaded for the last time. Photos of a happy Flynn and deer followed. Then another field gutting lesson, which was messy as the shot had angled back from the chest into the abdomen.

From there it was just a matter of Flynn carrying his deer back off the hill, no doubt happy and relieved to have finally nailed his deer.

Doug Gordon

FOR SALE

3.8 Metre Stabi Craft Dinghy D Shape Pontoon

Has a 15HP Mercury out board motor both dinghy and motor are 2002 models

Dinghy comes with a trailer but has no WOF or Redg.
contact Dale Chittenden on 2191223 in the evenings

This Month's Quiz

1. Who wrote Stags in the Mist?
2. When would you find caribou in New Zealand?
3. Where is the Henry Saddle?
4. Where do the roads Land's End and John O'Groats meet?
5. How come the 303 British has a bigger bore than the 308 Winchester?

Last Month's Quiz

1. Who write "Big Game Hunting in New Zealand? **Garry Joll**
2. Where would you find Fred's Camp? **At the head of Paterson's Inlet Stewart Island**
3. What are (were) Tricounis **Metal grips that were put around the edge of the soles of boots**
4. How many shots in a distress signal? **Three**
5. Where was the home of Winchester Arms? **Newhaven Connecticut**

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



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

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

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