

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER  
Southland Branch NZDA News Letter  
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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall  
Wednesday 16th November 8pm  
Executive Meeting 7pm

(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 16<sup>th</sup> of November at 8pm.

The agenda is as follows:

Apologies

General business.

Item 1: It is proposed to set the subscriptions for the coming 2017/2018 year starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Subscriptions as proposed have been set by the Executive and are required to be ratified by this meeting.

Item 2: To set new hut and lodge fees to start 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to allow the fees to keep pace with the increasing costs of the Huts and Lodges.

Any other business.

**Guest Speaker,**

**Roy Sloan of Fiordland Wapiti  
Foundation**

### **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.

Hard to believe another year is nearly over. This time of year can be very productive for harvesting some venison for that Xmas BBQ. The young stags being kicked off by the in fawn hinds provides an opportunity for a novice hunter who has limited skills to bag an animal. This year, there has been some good spring growth, so many animals should be in good condition.

Just remember if you are thinking of heading out for a hunt, make sure you have a current permit for the area you are hunting, if not they are easy to get just 10 mins on the DOC website and you're done. Remember you can sometimes encounter others while out in the field. Also DOCs save our birds program is well under way so keep informed with the 1080 updates.

Recent years I have noticed the hunting programmes on TV, progress from the bang flop look what I shot type of show. Now with the Redstag Hunters Club show on the scene the bar is being set higher. With some excellent filming, which is accompanied by good advice; like planning their trip, gear selection, firearm safety, Ethical hunting and behavior (things I like to see in these programmes). Explaining the hunt to viewers as they stalk in on a target animal, wind, time of day and so on. But it's not the same as out there doing it yourself, so guys and girls get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Last month's guest speaker Brent Crossan from Backcountry Cuisine gave us an update on his company's products and the direction its going. Thank you Brent for your time.

This is the last president's report for the year, thanks for all the support from all the volunteers who put in so many hours behind the scenes, these people are so very valuable to the club.

I wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a safe new year, see you in 2017.

Steve Robinson.

### **Vacancies**

#### **Vice President**

Branch is still in need of a Vice President post the AGM anybody interested please contact the President or a member of the Executive.



## Editorial

The start of November not long to Christmas. This will be the last Newsletter before this editor has a break. Perhaps he will come back refreshed with some new Ideas. The Newsletter needs them the branch needs them.

Anyway time to clean off the BBQ and get out to hunt a newly weaned deer. Kicked off by the mother in anticipation of having her next arrival. How good the eating at the BBQ will depend on how the meat is treated once the smoke dies away and the animal is secured and gutted. (Well perhaps how it was shot or gutted can have a big effect also). Bacteria spoils meat be it from the gut or the ground. Don't wash off the gut content or dirt, as though you may remove 90+% of them you have provided water (moisture) just what the remainder needed to replace those you removed plus.

By the way I don't buy that fancy tale that you don't wash deer carcasses because of the bacteria in the clear mountain water. But firmly believe the danger and damage done from washing is in the moisture added which aids the growth of the already present bacteria. Instead scrape what you can off and trim the rest off once you have some where clean to hang the meat. (So that you only have to trim once).

Don't hang the carcass for days in warm and or humid conditions, unless it's in a good chiller. You can cut it up when only say 24 hours post killing, and still get tender meat. If you put the finished product in a fridge for a few days. It ages just as well there as in the garage or shed, and at a temperature that slows bacterial growth.

Remember the three things that bacteria need to grow that you can easily control are moisture, temperature and access to the meat, food for them (Keep it clean). Changing the gas mix is harder it requires vacuum packing.

A final thought if you get it wrong and the surface develops that bacterial slime that you can scrape off with a knife. You most likely have about 1,000,000 bacteria per sq cm present. More if you get that ammonia smell.

Take care get out and have a good hunt.

Have a great Christmas

I will be back come New Year, all going to plan

Doug Gordon

### New Members

Please welcome them Geoffrey Osborne, Paul Roff. Robert Stanley, Rowan Ward

# 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 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.

### 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.

**POST the AGM UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS**

**WILL NOT RECIEVE THE NEWSLETTER or**

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## **BACK COUNTRY *Cuisine***

Still available at a great price to Branch Members

Contact Gus Ronald [gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz) 03 213 0351 for a price list

A big thanks to Yunca for their recent support



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### 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.

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

30<sup>th</sup> Nov Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

7<sup>th</sup> Dec Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

14<sup>th</sup> Dec Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

1<sup>st</sup> February Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

8<sup>th</sup> February Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

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# 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](mailto:nandc43@gmail.com) or 43 Bain St Invercargill

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

**Still weeks available over Xmas New Year Period at  
Wapiti Lodge Contact Neville for details.**

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