

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



*Avoiding the sweltering 35+°C heat on the hunt– Tutu Burn, Fiordland 2005.  
Bevan McNaughton.*

**October 2010**

**Southland Branch**

**NZ Deerstalkers Association**

**Noticeboard:**

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 20th October at 7.00pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 20th October at 8.00pm

**Executive and committee members (2010 - 2011):**

<b>President</b>	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
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<b>Hall</b>	D. Craig	N. Dawson	J. Ridley		
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<b>Guest Speakers</b>	R. Phillips	N. Miller	D. Howden		
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<b>Blue Mountains</b>	S. Long				
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**Executive:**

R. Stratford, S. Long, B. Bell, R. Phillips, J. Hogg,  
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**Guest speaker for October's meeting:**

Guest speaker will be club member John DeLury talking on projects the club has been involved in on Stewart Island. As chairman of the Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust - John will cover the hut building program and touch on radio tracking of whitetail deer, aging by jawbones and will include some results of trail cams on whitetail as well as a few tips on hunting over there.

The club is currently working on a rat control program at Homestead block at Mason Bay and we are looking at the feasibility of taking on a weed eradication plan at Cavalier Block. More information on this will be available at the meeting

**Welcome to new members:**

Greg, Nick & Josh Boyle, Blair & Todd Racz, Nigel Davidson, Kevin Flannery, Justin Frew, Brendon Richardson, Quintin Winsloe

### **Presidents Report For October:**

Hi There another month down. Dave Asher was last months guest speaker from South Coast Productions, with his new DVD about Jack McKenzie the Wapiti hunter. It was a great look with some good footage of Wapiti country.

Thanks very much Dave, If any one would like to purchase that DVD or another of south coast productions please contact Dave Asher at 03 234 8109 or [www.videosouth.com](http://www.videosouth.com). This would make a great Xmas present.

Spring is well on its way and weather, well – that's a whole other story! I suspect the next few months will see quite a bit of activity around taking a couple of trips into the bush to get some of our favourite summer BBQ food.

Had great club hunt last month, and there are more clubs hunts in the pipeworks so keep your eye out in the newsletter for the details.

My thoughts go out to all the farms in the club that lost stock in the big snow we had.

The 1080 is also still a talking point out there with drop in the Waitutu.

So be safe out there and keep those photos and stories coming for the newsletter

Nathan

### **Goat & Rabbit Hunt - November 12/13/14th**

Richard Ronald (Gus) has arranged a goat and rabbit hunt in the Nevis/Bannockburn area any one interested please contact Gus after the 25th of October on

[gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz) or 2130351 or email me at [nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz) and i will forward it to him.

Hunting Permits For the Greenstone and Caples close off on the 1st of December so get yours in.

Contact:

DOC Wakatipu area office for more information

03 442 7933

Have 21 .303 solid nose rounds up for grabs, first in first served, donation to club

Contact Nathan 032358852 or [nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz)

## Club Wallaby hunt

Last month we had wallaby hunt up in the Waimate area. We had 15 members go up for the weekend, and what a great group of guys we had.

there was 117 Wallabies and 2 pigs shot, and thousands of lies and stories told among us. It was good to see some new faces coming on the trip.

We will look to go back to this station early next year so keep an eye out in the newsletter for more information.



## Guest Speakers

If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in being a guest speaker at the meetings please contact

Ray Phillips, ([rkphillips@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rkphillips@xtra.co.nz))

Dave Howden ([davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davidandlorraine@xtra.co.nz))

or Neville Millar ([nandc43@xnet.co.nz](mailto:nandc43@xnet.co.nz))



## Land Search & Rescue

After a very late change with schedules I ended up attending a Tracking course in Queenstown with several others from Southland this month. This was the follow on from a Track & Clue Awareness course we did last year. In the course we looked into the real nitty-gritties of finding out how to sign cut if we lose a trail (which later on will be something I will definitely use when hunting), aging sign, identifying clues which help discriminate who we are looking for over someone else in an area and toileting behaviour (how to identify the gender of a person or clues to spot if it's from the lost party or not).

As with all courses that LandSAR/SARINZ supply we were all treated to a great venue and food.

For our sign cutting exercises we went into several different settings, from investigating a camp fire, a vehicle on a gravel road to identify how many people were in the vehicle and their direction of travel as well as looking in heavier brush and grass to find where they may have gone to. In one instance we had to search in a paddock on a hillside which we soon found out quickly got overrun by Llamas & cattle ruining our tracks which we had to follow. Although some teams took longer than others due to the damage we all got there in the end.

The aging & toileting was what I would describe as interesting. Where we had to check things such as a half-eaten apple every 12 hours or make notes on a 'piss site' with some contenders getting right up close there was a lot of comprehensive detail involved!

I know there are many who have volunteered their time in the past to SAR callouts & we are very grateful for it. Things these days as I have mentioned have become more cautious where immediate searchers have to be highly skilled to do their job. Many volunteer services these days are heading this way – from the Volunteer Fire Services to Civil Defence – we all have to be sure that our team mates are reliable and ready.

The only upside compared to other organisations is that we still do encourage that when the shit hits the fan we know that regardless of their qualifications there are still those out there (especially in the hunting community) who we can count on who have their own distinctive knowledge such as that of an area we are searching in that come in helpful.

If you are interested in being involved we have training nights every first Thursday of the month meeting at the Don St Police Station at 7:30pm

Our next exercise will be this Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) covering the *basics* of Track & Clue Awareness leaving at 7PM from the Police station.

The Southland LandSAR group AGM is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October at 7pm at the police station.

We require assistance in a number of areas including:

- Secretary
- Training co-ordination
- Running training evenings
- Participating in courses
- Organising courses
- Taking minutes
- Assisting with promotion
- Supplying photos and/or stores for our website
- Any many more.

If you have an interest / skill / area you would like to be involved in please come along or let us know, the more hands to assist the less work for everyone.

Regards.

Bevan McNaughton

Southland LandSAR Committee Member & NZDA Liaison.

E-Mail: [bevan.mcnaughton@southlandsar.org.nz](mailto:bevan.mcnaughton@southlandsar.org.nz) or phone 216 3365 after 7pm.

## **ROPE & BAGS (2)**

These days I still carry the original survival bag in my pack, but the rope has been replaced by a length of thin, strong, rot-proof nylon chord.

One night while staying at the Port Craig hut, it bucketed down with rain. Three women got washed out of their tent and joined the crowd in the hut and hung up wet clothes on the clothesline near the hot fire. 35 minutes after the rain had started a man with his four children arrived looking as wet as drowned rats. They started peeling off their wet clothes so I got my nylon chord out and strung it across the hut from window frame to door frame so they could hang their clothes on it.

The hut was now overcrowded, hot and muggy. Sleep was spasmodic as every time someone rolled over it set off a chain reaction. No separate bunks in those days.

I left that clothesline there and bought another length of chord for my survival kit.

Alex Kidd.

## **Wapiti Lodge:**

There are still 4 weeks available for the Christmas period.

So far all of December is free and only the 2nd-8th & 17th-24th January are taken.

Xmas Peak Period: 20 December to 31 January inclusive.

During Xmas peak actual charges as above with a minimum rate of \$50.00 per night. Maximum period of hire is 7 nights per booking, Monday to Sunday.

All fees quoted are per person per night. In the event of excessive demand a ballot may be required. Members wishing to obtain bookings during the Xmas peak period must lodge their intentions in writing between 15-30 September with Neville and Carol.

## **Mountain Safety Courses 2010**

Anyone interested in Mountain Safety Courses please contact:

Mountain Safety on 03 216 3555 or [southland@mountainsafety.org.nz](mailto:southland@mountainsafety.org.nz) for bookings and more info.

## **Joke for the month:**

Paddy Murphy went to the hospital as his wife was having a baby.

Upon arriving, the Nurse says 'congratulations, your wife has had quinn's - 5 big baby boys.'

Paddy says, 'I'm not surprised, I have a willie on me like a chimney.'

The nurse replies, 'You'd need to get it cleaned because the babies are all black.'

*(Sorry if it's too Paul Henry-ish for you!)*

### **The Firearm Safety Code:**

1. Treat EVERY firearm as loaded.
2. ALWAYS point firearms in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm ONLY when ready to fire.
4. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target. **IDENTIFY** your target!!!
5. Check your firing zone.
6. Store your firearms and ammunition separately and securely.
7. Alcohol impairs judgment

### **Mason Bay Ratting Update**

"The first Branch team on the rat control program have returned after their week at Mason Bay. After being delayed by the Saturday big snow they got down and cleared the tracks and reset all the traps. They caught 87 rats which is almost 3 times what they caught first trip last year, a really good effort given the weather. They boys saw five deer the first night but never shot any.

This photo turned up. Perhaps someone should tell Gus that this wasn't the kind of whitetail the boys were looking for."







With the generosity of Back Country foods we are able to source their goods at cost price – this is the same amount that retail stores buy their product in at!

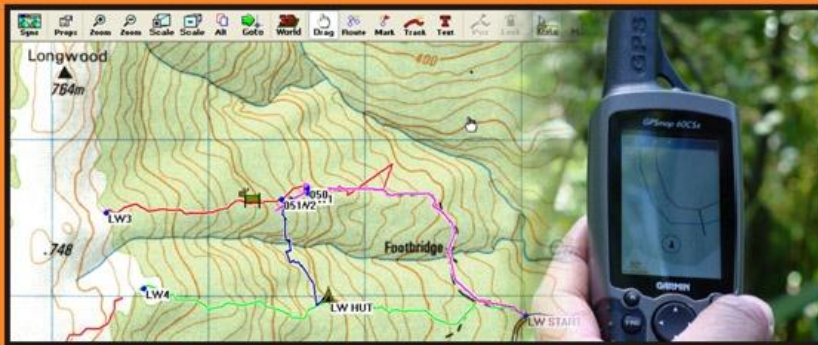
The owner of Back Country Food indicated that he would prefer to deal with only one person from each club or organisation. Gus Ronald has a current order form and he has been dealing with them for the last 15 years.

Instead of putting the form in the newsletter, anyone interested in getting any, please contact Gus & he will e-mail them a copy. It has all the prices and what is available and he is more than happy to take orders of any quantity from members or if they have friends they could also get it as well. It would also be a lot more easier to place order as quantities warranted it so if members wanted small quantities they may have to wait a short while till Gus gets enough to make a decent size order.

As a guide to the price the cost of a 2 serve which seems the most popular is only \$6.65 + G.S.T. making it \$7.65 inclusive which is about 30% cheaper than most retail outlets. The money would be payable on order as he have no intentions of running an accounting or charging system. There is no making any money out of this and Gus is only doing it to help people out.

You can contact Gus on [gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz)

Please also include your NZDA membership number where possible.



## Expert advice on Garmin GPS's to suit all your individual requirements.

Chris at Southland Electronics is an expert on Garmin GPS h/helds. With many years hunting while using a GPS, he has a wealth of knowledge.

**Contact Chris for all your GPS needs!**

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# LEITHEN & WAIKAIA ROAR BALLOT PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

Post To: **Hunting Permits  
Department of Conservation  
P O Box 743  
Invercargill 9840  
Phone: (03) 211 2400**



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

- A 60c postage stamp **must** be supplied with each application
- The application will not be processed if a stamp is not included (**no envelopes please**)
- All party members must be listed and incomplete applications may be rejected
- **ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER PARTY WILL BE ACCEPTED**

*Please note* - Except for the "ROAR", approx mid March to mid April, Waikaia Forest and Leithen Bush Scenic Reserve permits are issued up to 09 March each year (subject to periods of closure at Leithen Bush) on an open forest system (no blocks)

1. **Applications close on Friday 29 October 2010**
2. **ROAR dates Monday 21 March 2011 – Sunday 17 April 2011 inclusive**

Area for which permit is required:

☐ Waikaia Forest (ROAR)

☐ Leithen Bush Scenic Reserve (no dogs) (ROAR)

MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKEND or WEEKDAYS (circle preference)

DATES DESIRED \_\_\_\_\_ or: ANY WEEKEND  
or: up to 3 CONSECUTIVE

WEEKDAYS

WAIKAIA BLOCKS PREFERRED \_\_\_\_\_ or ANY BLOCK

LEITHEN BUSH BLOCKS PREFERRED \_\_\_\_\_ or ANY BLOCK  
(List in order of preference)

NAMES (Maximum four)	ADDRESS	Firearms Licence No

**PLEASE WRITE NEATLY – WE CANNOT PROCESS APPLICATIONS WE CANNOT READ!!**

Number of Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum four –Waikaia Bush only)

VEHICLE MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ COLOUR \_\_\_\_\_ REGN \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_