

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

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## OCTOBER 2012

SOUTHLAND BRANCH

NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION

## NOTICE BOARD

**Club Executive Meeting:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

**Club General Meeting:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm – **All Welcome**

(Clubrooms – Longbush Hall, McKerchar Road, Just off SH1 between Woodlands & Kennington)

**Guest Speaker** this month is Dean Capstick from Stoney Creek. Dean will be speaking to us about some of the latest products available and also the fabrics and gear they have on the market. Get along and grab yourself a bargain as there will be the opportunity to buy products on the night.

Welcome to our newest members...

**Travis Fraser, Hayden Taylor, James Te Pairi and Kieran Anderson**

The Southland branch now boasts 195 financial members along with an additional 31 family members!

### **REMINDER...**

Xmas / Summer bookings for the Wapiti Lodge are to be made with Neville Miller (03 216 8654) by the end of September. This is a popular time running from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and a maximum booking of 7 nights can be made with any one booking.

**Be in quick!**

### **Blue Mountains – FYI**

Due to Forestry Operations there is **NO VEHICLE ACCESS** to **Long Gully, Carsons** and **Dish** blocks in the Blue Mountains between now and the New Year (2013)

You can still access these blocks reasonably on foot however.

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NATHAN DAWSON

# PRESIDENTS REPORT...

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Hi Guys,

A big thanks to Simon Byrne for organising the torch display last meeting, was great to compare the different torches and to see what is out there on the market, thanks Simon. This month we have Stoney creek coming along to show us their new products.

Good luck to all the goat hunters away this weekend, hope you have a safe and successful weekend. I have seen a few good fish and heard a few fishy stories since the fishing season opened just recently, also some of the young hunters have been bagging a few animals which is great to hear, keep up the good work guys.

We had our bush craft weekend for the young hunts into Hauroko, we had great weather and great time had by all, especially watching people trying to keep their feet dry across a small stream, won't mention any names Mr Robinson.... great weekend had by all.

Some dates that have come through from National office that may be of interest to people:

- **2013 Haast Roar** Block Applications must be received by Haast - Awarua field centre office no later than 4pm Friday 2nd November 2012 contact Haast visitor centre for more info, 03 750809
- **Leithen & Waikaia Roar** Blocks Applications close 31st of October 2012 Contact DOC Invercargill for more info
- **Greenstone/Caples** Recreational Hunting area Ballot Applications are accepted in November 2012 and February 2013 for the respective ballot periods. Contact DOC wakatipu for more info 03 4427933
- **Wapiti Ballots** close 14th October 2012 so get in quick
- **Hooker/Landsborough and Adams Tahr Ballot 2013** info packs available after the 1st December (no packs given out before this date) for more info contact DOC Haast 03 7500809

**Tahr Hunt Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park:** This cull will take place in November and December. With an additional new campsite/heli-hunting site at the head of the Murchison there are now four sites available which should provide full access to the Murchison/Tasman Valley. Bookings must be made by emailing Mark Beardsley [tahr@doc.govt.nz](mailto:tahr@doc.govt.nz)

A great opportunity to get involved in some Tahr shooting and see what it's all about.

Hope to see you all at the meeting

Regards

*Nathan.*

ALEX KIDD

# SEARCH & RESCUE

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On Saturday 22 August 1992 I got the phone call. A hunter was missing in the Woodburn area of the Mararoa River catchment, and was I available to search? I confirmed that I was and put my gear into my pikau and drove to the Invercargill Police Station where other volunteers were gathering.

We left the Station at 4.00pm and were transported to the search headquarters set up in a vacant Landcorp house. We were briefed on the search. The hunter had ridden his horse to the hunting area but had not returned, and the horse was found in the area that he normally left it. We searched the Mararoa River until dark and found no sign of him. Back at search HQ we were fed, then transported to Burwood Station shearing quarters for the night.

On Sunday morning we were transported to the Country Café on SH94 (now a house) for breakfast at 7.00am and then to search HQ at 8.00am. I had my first ride in a helicopter, an Iriquois, which took each team to their search area. The hunter was not found by a ground search team, but a searcher in the helicopter spotted something in the scrub in the Whitestone River watershed at 10.30am. The helicopter flew over the area and there he was, crouching down in the scrub. With the helicopter hovering above him he looked up and gave a wave.

His whanau were pleased to have him back. I was told that he was due to appear in court on Monday.

*Alex.*

## **DON'T FORGET**

Stoney Creek will be at the October meeting

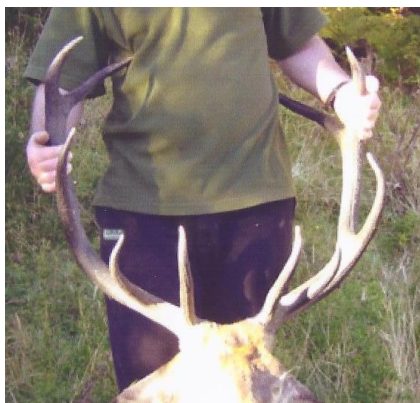
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm, Longbush Clubrooms



# HAVE YOU SEEN THESE?

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In early September several deer heads were stolen from Hayden and Rachel Taylors property on Oteramika Road. They are quite distinctive and would been known if they were seen. If anybody has any information please contact the Hayden or Rachel on 03 216 1976



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