

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Young Hunts Crew at Mt Nicholas:

Back Row: Steve Robinson / Alan McDonald / Mitchell Lawson / Darcy Hamlin /  
Andy Nesbit / Barry McGbney / Mike Schuurmans / Sam Burgess / Tim Smalley / Neville Miller Front  
row Doug Gordon/ Ivan Hopper/ Peter Hopper / Josh Willis / Flynn Gullick / Nathan Dawson

## SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

### October 2015

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Branch website <http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/>

Next Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

**Wed 21st October 7.00pm** Note Time Change Guest

Speaker

ANGE VAN DER LAAN

Regional field advisor – Southland/Queenstown and Lakes  
District

**New Zealand Walking Access Commission** | Ara Hikoi  
Aotearoa

**Executive Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm**

**We have \$50 of product from BACK COUNTRY *Cuisine*  
up for grabs**

**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**

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## Presidents Report

Hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year.

Over the past few years the Southland Branch has had an upsurge in enquiries regarding NZDA in general, with a pleasing slight increase in membership. Social media forums and the National HUNTS program have contributed to this.

However we still need to see a bigger attendance at the monthly meetings.

Game animal council is making its presence felt, and we need to support them as this may well be the very beginning of a new future in hunting in New Zealand.

On the hunting scene, some members are making the most of their spare time and getting out and about in search of trophies. Hope to see more of these in the trophy competition next year.

Guest speaker this month from Walking Access NZ. Us hunters do have common interests with many groups that require access to enjoy their interests. Your attendance could well provide the information you need.

**With better weather ☀ upon us take care if you are heading into the bush.**

Steve Robinson.



## Editorial

If you are as sick of the current winds as me that makes two of us. Not much good for fishing either.

I just happened to catch on the lunch time news (a short day at work) an item on a tramping bridge failure at Lake Waikaremoana. Yes it is in the North Island, and what has it got to do with us. Well most likely a great lot. Sounds as though something happened to a guy wire.

Remember Cave Creek and the fallout from that as to how it affected, tracks bridges and other Doc structures. This mishap can have just as much affect, especially now with the current law on Health and Safety. Sure the tramper's were only injured (and they happened to be French).

Info gleaned later from a Hawkes Bay NZDA Newsletter, points to a chain failure, due to faulty chain. They believe no chain from this batch was used on other bridges. Let's hope it is confirmed as an isolated problem, due to a manufacturing fault in just the one length of chain. But having said that, will all chain need testing /certification in the future. If so what cost? Doc have already been doing inspections of the other bridges in the area.

Hopefully there is good records of what was used where these days (post Cave Creek) so that it can be confirmed that only one bridge is affected. Whatever such incidents may one sit up and take notice. Things need to be safe out there, without hopefully pricing them out of being there.

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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

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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.

28<sup>th</sup> Oct Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

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

11<sup>th</sup> Nov Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

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

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

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

## OSPRI TBfree 2015/16 programme update

### GROUND CONTROL OPERATIONS: 2015 /16

CONTRACTOR	OPERATIONS (VCZ)	
	Southland	Otago
<b>Contract Wild Animal Control Ltd</b> Adrian Gutsell 03 2497374 027 431 9906 adrian.gutsell@xtra.co.nz	Ben Bolt Gowan Hill Mokoreta Opio Sharpridge	Berwick Horn Range West Outram Horsehoof
<b>Knapp Contracting</b> Clayton Knapp 021 685 116 cbknapp5@xtra.co.nz	Repeater Retreat Wairio Woodlaw	

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<b>Otago Pest Services Limited</b> Jim Hughes 03 445 0310 hughesjb.m@xtra.co.nz		Beaumont Blue Mtns – Raes Junction Ettrick Hawea Neck Roxburgh Timaburn Wanaka Hawea
<b>Predator Contracting Ltd</b> Duane Trafford 0800 773328 duane@predatorcontracting.co.nz		Lawrence A Mahinerangi Millers Flat Bridge Buffer Mount Stalker
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<b>Pestbusters Dunedin Ltd</b> Don Hayes  03 488 2921 pestbusters@xtra.co.nz		North Taieri Hills Taieri Hindon  Tokomairiro River
<b>Tomau Holdings Ltd</b> Ray Munn 027 344 8839 ray_munn@windowsslive.com		Maungatua
<b>High Country Contracting</b> Khan Adam 021 422 947 khan@highcountrycontracting.co.nz		
<b>Mainland Vector Contracting Ltd</b> Simon bee 0274 174 666 simon@mainlandvector.co.nz		



## *Rakiura water taxi (Stewart Island)*



Free Phone 0800 725 487

[www.rakiurawatertaxi.co.nz](http://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.

### **New Members please welcome them**

Trevor Flannery Invercargill

Craig North Invercargill

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### **Last Month's Quiz**

1. Who is Simon Gibson? **Editor of Rod & Rifle magazine**
2. What year was the first legal trophy Moose shot in New Zealand? **1929**
3. Who wrote "Hell For Leather"? **Charlie Janes**
4. Alexto was the brand name for what company? **Alex Thompson and Co of Dunedin**  
**Manufactured tents , packs etc**
5. Where is GD O'Rourke & Sons located and what is their business? **At Pleasant Point, they are taxidermists, and hunting guides**

IT WAS AN ISOLATED HUT AND HE WASN'T SURPRISED TO FIND IT EMPTY. AS HE WAS ABOUT TO LIGHT THE FIRE HE HEARD LAUGHTER RISE ABOVE THE WIND AND RAIN OUTSIDE. THE LAUGHTER DROPPED AWAY WHEN THE DOOR SWUNG OPEN.

"Oh – hello," said a Tartar-eyed young woman, unburdening herself of her pack as she entered. "Hello," echoed her companion close behind, a tall boy with a wispy beard. Introductions all round, then the usual exchange about the weather, distances tramped, tricky river crossings and so forth. European accents – tourists – seem like nice kids – about the same age as my two, he thought. Once the meal was out of the way, he built up the fire and the three of them settled to enjoy its warm dance. The young couple was subdued. He felt responsible for their happiness. → His kids were over there now, walking the worn cobbles of the Old World. The least he could do was help these two enjoy this corner of the global village. He asked where they were from. Budapest, she replied. Buda or Pest he enquired, just to show them he knew a thing or two → But his conversation gambits all foundered. Running out of ideas, he horrified himself by asking the couple what they thought of New Zealand. We love the coastline, the boy replied. I like that there are no people, said the girl, staring into the fire. In a final bid to lighten the tone, he produced his whisky flask. He offered it to the boy who took it and said, I should tell you something. It's Anna's birthday today. That's wonderful! Happy birthday! She smiled, and took a healthy swig from the flask. Singing happy birthday crossed his mind, but he thought better of it. The flask did several rounds. The girl moved closer to the boy. She started tracing patterns with a finger on his raised knee → The older man stood up and reached for his parka. Looks like that rain's stopped, he said at the door. Think I'll take the torch and see if the river's dropping – maybe check that swing-bridge. Be back in about an hour.

### **This Month's Quiz**

1. Who wrote "Big Game Hunting in New Zealand?"
2. Where would you find Fred's Camp?
3. What are ( were ) Tricounis
4. How many shots in a distress signal?
5. Where was the home of Winchester Arms?



## South West Arm

A Thursday in late September found me at Invercargill Airport, along with two members of the Rakiura Hunters Camp Trust, Ray Phillips and Dave Howden. We were on the early commercial flight to Oban. Where we joined up with our heavier supplies. From here Matt from Rakiura Water Taxi took us across Patterson's to South West Arm Hunters hut. Leaving us there with his new dingy to try out.

We were there to do some maintenance on the Hunters hut. (An ongoing job for the Hunters Hut Trust with 17 huts to maintain) The main items of this job were a new stove and a paint job. With the weather being fine, by the time a quick break was taken for lunch the stove was out and several panels of the hut were painted. By tea the stove was ready for a fire, and the back was broken of the painting.



Friday saw us take a quick trip to Abrahams Bosom Hut, where a panel was painted, and hut checked, before catching some Blue Cod for lunch, and a visit to Fred's camp.

From then on Ray and Dave chased fish when the sea permitted, and yours truly chased a deer. With some further maintenance in between cleaning up the hut, and surrounds. Though we managed a feed of fish each to take home the venison was more elusive, and is still there somewhere. For all that it was good to look at some new country, and see a couple of Kiwis

All too soon we were off home leaving another Hut ready for further hunting parties. With Matt picking us up on time for the return Journey, via Oban.

Doug Gordon



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## **Southland Deerstalkers Assn.**



**Guest Speaker: Ange Van der Laan**  
**Regional field Advisor**  
**( Southland/Queenstown)**

**Location: Longbush Hall, McKerchar.**

**Time: 7pm**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

**All Welcome**

**\$2 Raffle at door.**

# Invercargill Pistol Club are inviting our members to Kilwell Sports Demonstration

Kilwell Sports are holding a demonstration of their rifles and pistols at the Invercargill club.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October start time 10.30ish.

Kilwell Sports are supplying rifles, pistols and ammo.

There will be a BBQ lunch for those that want it.

## Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Still some parcels of time available at the Wapiti Lodge over summer from 10<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

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

email [nandc43@gmail.com](mailto:nandc43@gmail.com)

43 Bain St Invercargill

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

### Club Office Bearers

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**Treasurer** T Smalley **Magazine Editor:** D. Gordon 216 6383

**Immediate past President** N Dawson 235 8852

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