

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Smoky Beach Stewart Island

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Monthly Meeting Club Rooms Long Bush Hall

Wednesday 18th October 8pm

Executive Meeting 7pm

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Huts	N. Miller
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AGM	S. Robinson, D. Howden.
Trophies	W. Muir.
Poisons/toxins	R. Phillips.
Rifle/pistol range	D. Gordon.
DOC Liaison	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Newsletter	D. Gordon.
Library	S. Robinson.
Club Hunts	All executive members.
Guest speakers	All executive members, S. Robinson
Areas of interest	
S/Island/S. Coast	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Hokonuis	-----
Greenstone/Caples	N. Dawson.
Blue Mountains	N. Dawson, I. Hopper.
Fiordland	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Longwoods	R. Phillips.

Guest Speaker,

Not as yet confirmed will advise by Flyer prior to the night



Presidents Report

Hi All,

Last month's meeting went well with a good turn out for a change. The gender regarding Rayonier proposal was discussed at the meeting, with some good points been mentioned by members. Most of those points have been mentioned in discussions with Rayonier and myself. Input from those attending the meeting was positive. A unanimous decision was reached. The committee will move forward on this as quickly as possible. A number of things need to be consider before accepting this, cost to the branch and above all committee member's time.

Stewart Island Rat program has this year had a funding boost from Hunting and Fishing Invercargill. A big thanks to Gerald & Mike for their generosity. I would ask all members to support H & F Invers as much as possible. H & F have supported the branch each year at the AGM and this has been very much appreciated by the branch. Remember anything is only as good as the support it gets from you the members.

Earlier this year we had a working bee. The branch under took the felling of around 23 pine trees. Some of this was split and sold from the property. the remainder I have relied on some contacts plus myself to remove the remaining logs to my place ready for a working bee later this year. This is a great opportunity for the branch to bring in some revenue which does help to keep your subs down. Keep a eye out for the date. Your help can make a difference.

Spring is upon us now and the opportunity to get out for a hunt. With day light saving giving us a longer evening to get out after work. Make the most of it but safely. Those young spiker's are always good on the BBQ over Christmas.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

D.Carr, J.deVries, S. Jones, S. Entwisle, A. Murch, , J. Anderson, S. Blackie, M. Bayliss, M Tempelman, G.Taylor, S. Mason, A Davidson, B. Thomas, E. Madden



Editorial

Spring has sprung going by the weather of late. Time to think of that young, dumb, but tasty deer for the summer BBQ. Remember to take good care of the meat once you shoot it. Its good to get out there away from the hussle and bussle of work.

Time also to think of the roar or other trophy hunt next year as its ballot time around the country.

It may also be time yet again to stand up and be counted on the constant firearms debate yet again. I see the issue back in the headlines after the recent and latest incident in America. This issue won't go away, they are persistent, I wish they complained and campaigned against P and other drugs as much! The gangs would have less use for the firearms without the drugs!

Going by the write up on the opening of fishing season and its economic benefits to the community. Perhaps the movers and shakers can see some benefit in hunting after all! There must be some money change hands for gear each Roar & Duck shooting. There is heaps of goodies in the catalogues. The shops sell most things for the hunt except I believe a decent cape to put on your back when you carry your kill home. This year's young hunters were happy to borrow mine again.

Doug G.



Wanted

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017--2018 YEAR

Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office

membership@deerstalkers.org.nz attention Kirstie or phone them on 04-4996163

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.

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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.

For members renewing their memberships just pay to Wellington on the invoice that they send out to you ,DO NOT fill in a new application form as this just leads to a lot of double ups

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.

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.

25th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

1st November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 after 4pm

8th November Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

Joke of the Month



Caples /Greenstone Ballot

Applications for the **April/May 2018** ballot will be accepted online from 1 November to 1 December 2017. Information about the application form and process will be made available closer to the time.

Tahr Ballot

Information and online applications for the 2018 ballot will be available after 2 October 2017

Freeze Dri

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

Predator Control in the Eglinton Valley

After 9th October 2017, the Department of Conservation intends to control rat numbers using hand-laid poison in bait stations over the following area of the Fiordland National Park to control rodents for the protection of forest ecosystems.

Description of the Area

The treatment area is approximately 5000 in size encompassing either side of the Eglinton Valley and forest areas immediately adjacent to State Highway 94.

Method of control

Plastic bait stations will be filled with cereal baits containing the rodent pesticide Pindone. These bait stations are laid out in a grid pattern through the forest. Baits are cereal pellets about 3cm long, cylinder shaped and dyed green.

This pesticide is poisonous to humans and domestic animals including dogs. Poisoning can occur through eating baits or poisoned animals. These risks can be eliminated by following these simple rules:

- **DO NOT** touch baits or bait stations
- **WATCH CHILDREN** at all times
- **DO NOT EAT** animals from this area or from within a 2km buffer zone outside the operational area boundary while warning signs are in place
- **DO NOT** allow **DOGS** access to animal carcasses. Dogs are not permitted in the National Park.

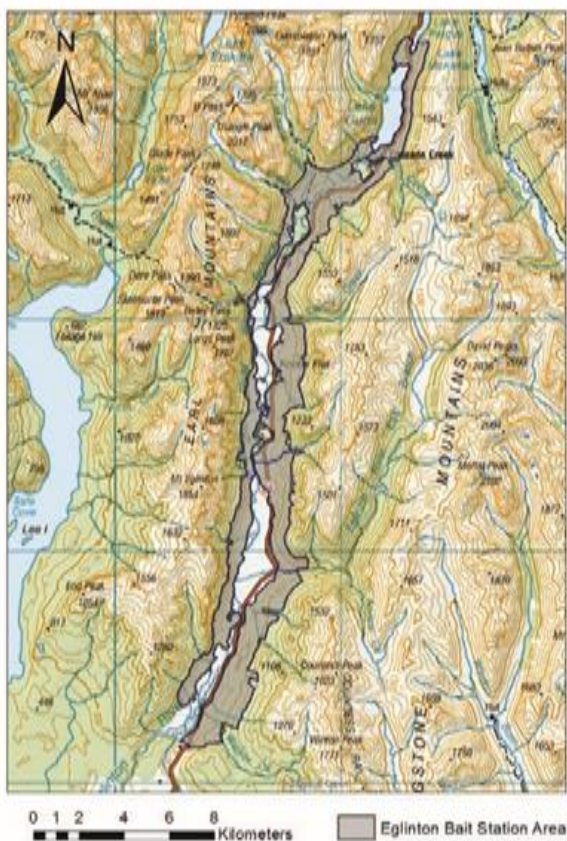
Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs about pesticides placed at the public access ways in the above areas.

For further information, please call

Lindsay Wilson at the Department of Conservation Fiordland District Office, (03) 249 0200 or visit the Fiordland

National Park Visitor Centre (03) 249 7924.

A detailed map of treatment areas may be viewed at the Fiordland National Park Visitor Centre (open 8.30am to 4.30 pm daily.)



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The Sunday Hunt (Young Hunts 2017)

Sunday breakfast like the Saturdays before it was bacon and eggs, with toast & tea. Eaten well before day light, at the Red Stag lodge. I would enjoy the life on an Instructor more if it wasn't for the stiff limbs from yesterday's hunt. Still before dawn two vehicles carrying the six unsuccessful hunters from yesterday and their three instructors were on their way back to Mt Nic for a second go at getting them a Fallow Doe.

It was to be a morning only hunt followed by their river crossing training and Invercargill for tea. For today's effort, I was on a different block flatter down on the terraces overlooking the lake. I had two new hunters as well Travis and Wayne. They had, had a rough day of it on Saturday and had failed to see any deer.

It had been decided that Wayne was to have first chance, as he had never shot a deer. We started up the terraces keeping close to the lake with the wind, quartering from behind our left shoulder. Not great but we had to make the far end of the block before we could put some serious effort, coming back into the wind. The first paddock to our left was a right off full of sheep, but we were soon past this. The countryside we hunted was grass land with scattered scrub bushes in various degrees of thickness over it. Something one could quietly drift through making little noise.

We had not got far when we disturbed two deer off to our left, I glimpsed a good buck and another Fallow deer departing the scene, quietly in no panic but they had been disturbed. We continued on, Travis was next to disturb some more fallow deer when he ventured to look down from the terraces towards the lake shore. Hard to prevent this when the wind was blowing our scent directly to where the deer spooked from.

In due course a strip of beach forest next a creek was reached, we followed this inland a short way to an old hut. Disturbing two more deer in some thick cover which were unsighted. Looking inland over a couple of paddocks one open with no cover the other full of cattle. We could make out Neville and party making their way to the faces inland and above them, on the other side of this.

We were now inland of our route with the wind, hopefully there would be a deer or two somewhere in front of us. The progress was slow as we studied the country for deer stopping whenever we got a half decent view to see if a deer would expose themselves to our vision. The main problem was the odd passing pair of paradise ducks, they as always told the world about what they were seeing.

Presently Travis whispers that he can smell deer. We all peer more intently into the scrub bushes and move more slowly. In about twenty metres we come across the complete carcass of what turns out to be a sixteen point buck, lying there dead for some days if not weeks.

A couple of photos taken we move on. Progressing slowly across the block. In time we come across a track that goes to our right. It has some high ground on it not too far away. Wayne as usual is leading. Me next and Travis to one side and a bit behind. As we climb the short rise Wayne followed by me, I see a doe about twenty metres away, (side on). Wayne's rifle comes up the bolt closes, then after what seems for ever (though only seconds not minutes) the shot. The Deer collapses, I get Travis to cover us as we walk down to the fallen deer. Once there and the throat cut, I signal that all is well, and rifles chambers are unloaded.



A photo session follows, after all one can only shoot their first deer once. Followed by the normal gutting lesson. Then with Travis now leading and a smiling Wayne deer on shoulders at the rear we move off. The track and the vehicles, which are located at the end of the block, appear all to soon without more game being found.

After a wait for the hunting parties on the other blocks, it is off back to Mavora and the boys date with River crossing training.

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Wallaby Hunt

Branch Hunt 8th 9th and 10th of December at Neville Powell's farm in the back of Waimate

14 places available.

Anyone wanting to go email Ant Stirling at antstirling@gmail.com

More info to those going later on.

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 or 43 Bain St Invercargil

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

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