

The southern hunter



2009

Southland branch  
NZ deerstalkers association

**Noticeboard:**

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7.00pm

General Meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 8.00pm

Executive and committee members (2008-2009)

President	Jim Ridley	2159649
Vice.	Nathan Dawson	235 8852
Jnr. Vice	Murray Barkman	2362730
Secretary	David Howden	2130962
Treasurer	John DeLury	2131430
Immediate	Roy Sloan	2352813
Huts	Neville Miller	216 8654
Newsletter Editor Nathan Dawson		

**Executive:**

Roger Stratford, Steven Long, Brendon Bell, Ray Phillips,  
Murray Colson, Euan Butters, J. Hogg, D. Craig, G. Ronald.

WA (Bill) Bell - Life Member

Branch email is [southlandbranchnzda@hotmail.com](mailto:southlandbranchnzda@hotmail.com)

**Guest Speaker for October:**

Nelson List will be talking and demonstrating knife sharpening and butchering techniques so if you need a brush up or are just starting out come along for a listen



### **Congratulations Roger McNaughton.**

On 17th September Roger McNaughton was recognised at DoC Conservation week awards by being named Conservation Champion. DoC said "Rogers ongoing interest in and commitment to conservation is extensive and far reaching. He brings a hunting and fishing perspective to conservation, and with a deep understanding of balanced recreational opportunities and conservation values. Through the Rakiura Pest Group meetings and his involvement in the Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust, Roger promotes outdoor recreational opportunities without over development. In doing so he creates strong links between hunters and conservation managers, protecting New Zealand's natural heritage and encouraging recreation."

Roger has been a member of Southland Branch for over 25 years. He has been a Branch President and served on the National Executive for a number of years. He served on the Conservation Board for nine years and was Chairman for five.

Congratulations Roger, you have done hunters and fishermen proud!

### **New Members**

A warm welcome to new members Tyler Herdman, Hamish Thomson and Steve Walker



## Have your say on the Future of Hunting and Game Animals in New Zealand

### Invercargill

The Establishment Committee for the New Game Animal Council is holding a series of public meetings to inform and seek feedback on the formation of the new Game Animal Council.

This is the most significant development in hunting for over 50 years so provide your feedback on the proposed new Council by going to the meeting nearest to you:

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October - 7.00pm*

*Workingman's Club  
154 Esk Street  
Invercargill*

The discussion document can be obtained from:

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc

E: [deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz](mailto:deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz)

P: 04 801 7367

W: [www.gameanimalcouncil.org.nz](http://www.gameanimalcouncil.org.nz)



We all need to get along to this meeting, to make sure we have  
our say, take anyone who will go with you the more the better  
Gold coin donation

## **November Meeting / End of year break up**

We have arranged Scott Richardson to do a cooking demo with Venison and Blue Cod starting at 7pm. This will be our end of year Break up as well so partners welcome, just need a gold coin donation per person.

This will be held at Boys High Cooking Campus NOT at the deerstalkers hall on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

We do need to know numbers as soon as possible so anyone wanting to go please let us know, should be a great night and good way to end the year.

Contact. Nathan Dawson 03 2358852 or email [nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz)

Exact details of location will be in next months newsletter

## **Wapiti Lodge**

These weeks are still available for the Xmas period, for Wapiti Lodge.  
If you want one of these weeks please call Neville or Carol 216 8654  
20th to 27th Dec 2009  
10th to 17th Jan 2010  
24th to 31st Jan 2010

## **SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS**

General Committees were formed for this year.

Hall:	B. Bell, M. Colson, M. Barkman, D. Craig.
Huts:	N. Miller, J DeLury
Young Hunters:	M. Colson, G. Ronald, N. Dawson.
Branch Hunts:	N. Dawson, D. Howden.
Speakers:	N. Dawson, S. Long.
AGM:	President.
Trophy Custodian:	G. Ronald.
Poisons/Toxins:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Stewart Island:	R. Phillips, J. De Lury.
Longwood/Hokonuis:	J. Ridley, R. Stratford.
South Coast:	R. Phillips, D. Howden.
Fiordland:	R. Sloan, E. Butters.
Caples/Mavora:	J. De Lury, N. Miller
Blue Mountains:	S. Long, M. Colson.

## **Animal Skin Tanning Service**

Adam Cowie

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E-mail [ajcowie@woosh.co.nz](mailto:ajcowie@woosh.co.nz)

### **Branch Rat Eradication at Mason Bay**

This is the fourth year Southland Branch has been involved in a program to kill rats at Mason Bay on Stewart Island. We have a area centred on the seaward side of the Hunters Hut on Homestead block which is about 300 hectares. We about 14kms on tracks cut through the bush. We started with 241 traps along these tracks but this number has now been increased to 292 traps. We send regular parties down over the four months September to December to clean and reset the traps. The aim is to kill as many rats as possible to give the native birds the best chance to breed and fledge without being predated on by rats Last year seven parties killed 294rats. So far this year the first four parties have 392 rats. Rats are bad over most of the island this year. So far a number of deer have been seen but only one whitetail and one red have been shot.

### **Woodlaw Forestry Block**

Please be advised that from July 2009 the Woodlaw forestry block will be harvested between the hours of 7am and 5pm, outside of these hours the gates will be locked. If you currently hunt this block please contact Murray Mills at Lindsay & Dixon Ltd.

re. permission and access

03 2266059

021 226 6058

[murray@lindix.co.nz](mailto:murray@lindix.co.nz)

### **Hunts Update**

Hoping to get back onto Coronet after the spring muster will let you all know dates shortly, anyone getting newsletter by mail can register interest by phoning Nathan on 03 2358852

For any other inquiries or if you have something to put in the newsletter please contact Nathan Dawson [nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz)

**TO BE HELD SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DECEMBER 2009**

**BY MOSSBURN SMALLBORE RIFLE CULB**  
**At Dunrobin Valley Stn Mossburn.**

**Located off the Wreys Bush Mossburn highway on the Dunrobin Valley road. You turn west at the crossroads on the Wreys bush Mossburn road north of the Aparima river one lane bridge at Dunrobin ( south of Hamilton Burn) onto the Dunrobin road. Take the first turn left this soon finds you on a gravel road. Which crosses the Aparima River to the south side turn right and follow the road up the Dunrobin valley for about 10km passing a deer farm on your left to the venue.**

**1 PM start Entry Fee \$10.00**

**30 plus targets NO .22 Magnums or .177 only .22 Long rifle.**

**We hope to have a few sporting clay's available so bring your shot gun.**

**There may be also a chance to try a black powder firearm**

**A BBQ will be held after bring your own food (and BBQ if desired)**

**There will be some BBQ's available for use.**

**If weather marginal ring 03 248 6054 or 03 248 6266 for cancellation  
or more information or text Doug 027-637-2206 / Tracey 027 227-6064  
re cancellation**

**Ballot forms and information**

**Wakiai and Leithen**

Ballot for Wakiai and Leithen closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, application form are on the website, cut and paste them and get them in or get a form from DOC in Invercargill office.

**Greenstone and Caples**

Please find attached an application form for the Greenstone/Caples ballot for April and May 2010. Applications will be accepted by mail or in person during November and party leaders advised of the results by late January 2010.

Cheers

**Melita Gizilis**

Ranger, Service

**Department of Conservation**

Wakatipu Area Office

PO Box 811 Queenstown 9348

Ph: 03 442 7933 Fax: 03 442 7932



## **RHA BALLOT APPLICATION FORM**

Hunting blocks in the Greenstone or Caples Recreational Hunting Areas for **1 April to**

**31 May 2010** inclusive are allocated through a Ballot. Applications for this Ballot are accepted

in November 2009 for the coming season, the Ballot is drawn in December under Police supervision and party leaders are advised by late January 2010.

To enter the Ballot complete this form and return it along with a 50 cent postage stamp

to the Department of Conservation, Wakatipu Area Office, PO Box 811, Queenstown 9348,

before 1 December 2009. **NO FAXED ballot forms will be accepted.**

Only fully completed applications including the full name, address, firearms licence number and phone number of each party member will be accepted. Only

**one form per party. Individual hunters are not allowed on more than one**

**form per ballot.** All hunters found on more than one ballot form will have all applications removed from the ballot. Name changes are discouraged but may

be granted at the discretion of the Department. **ANY SPACES NOT**

**COMPLETED WILL BE ALLOCATED TO ANOTHER PARTY.**

**NOTE:** Duration of Block limited to 5 days

**CHOSEN MONTH/s:** *Select months by **order of preference (1-2)**, or select ALL*  
APRIL / MAY / ALL Preferred date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOSEN BLOCK/s:** *Select blocks by **order of preference (1-5)**, or select ALL*  
UPPER GREENSTONE / STEELE CREEK / LOWER GREENSTONE  
UPPER CAPLES / LOWER CAPLES / ALL

**NUMBER OF HUNTERS IN PARTY:**

### **PARTY LEADER**

<b>NAME:</b> <b>ADDRESS:</b>  <b>POSTCODE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b> <b>ADDRESS:</b>  <b>POSTCODE:</b>
<b>name:</b> <b>address:</b>  <b>postcode:</b>	<b>name:</b> <b>address:</b>  <b>postcode:</b>

**Waitutu Possum Control Operation Proposal** is available on website for viewing, sorry was just too big for newsletter  
[www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz](http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz)

### **Haast Roar Ballots**

Applications – final date 4pm Friday 6 November 2009

Roar Ballot Draw- Tuesday 10 November 2009

Confirmations – Final Date 4pm Tuesday 12 January 2010

Unsuccessful Applicants- Phone only from 9 am Friday 15 – 19 January 2010 to 4pm.

20 January 2010 Wednesday from 9am any remaining blocks available to all Hunters who did not enter the draw.

1 February 2010 – Hunters who already have an existing booking can apply for other blocks.

If you need any more information please go to our website which is [www.doc.govt.nz/-parks](http://www.doc.govt.nz/-parks) and recreation –activities finder-hunting- Haast Roar .





Why Male Elk Have Long Antlers .....



'It's a guy thing, regardless of Species.'