

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



*Western beach at North Tikotatahi block, Bevan McNaughton.*

**September 2010**  
**Southland Branch**  
**NZ Deerstalkers Association**

### **Noticeboard:**

Executive Meeting: Wednesday 15th September at 7.00pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 15th September 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>Young Hunts</b>	R. Sloan	N. Dawson	G. Ronald	K. Watson	
<b>Brach Hunts</b>	N. Dawson	S. Long	K. Watson	D. Howden	S. Byrne
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	R. Phillips	N. Miller	D. Howden		
<b>AGM</b>	President.				
<b>Trophies</b>	G. Ronald				
<b>Poisons/Toxins</b>	R. Phillips	J. Ridley	D. Howden		
<b>Stewart Island</b>	R. Phillips	J. De Lury	S. Long		
<b>Longwoods/Hokonui</b>	J. Ridley	B. McNaughton			
<b>South Coast</b>	R. Phillips	N. Dawson	D. Howden		
<b>Fiordland</b>	R. Sloan				
<b>Caples/Mavora</b>	J. De Lury	N. Miller	R. Sloan		
<b>Blue Mountains</b>	S. Long				
<b>Rifle Range</b>	D. Craig	D. Howden	J. Ridley		

**Executive:**

R. Stratford, S. Long, B. Bell, R. Phillips, J. Hogg,  
D. Craig, G. Ronald, S. Byrne, R. Sloan, K. Watson.

**Life Member(s):**

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**Guest speaker for September's meeting:**

South Coast Promotions - Dave Asher will speak with the **official** launch of their latest DVD:  
Jack McKenzie - Wapiti Hunter.  
This will be a good time to let other branches know.

The more people we get the better. DVDs will be on sale.

**Presidents Report For September:**

Last month's Guest Speaker Nick Frances was very entertaining and well worth listening to. He spoke about his guiding experiences in Canada.

He told us a story about one of his client being attacked by a bear and the interesting times that during and after the attack.

Thanks Nick for your Time

Good to see some new and old faces at the meeting too.

Would like to see some more new faces at the meeting don't be scared to come along.

We are trying to get more hunts organised as we move into spring and summer, so keep your eye on the newsletter for the details.

The club rooms have undergone a bit of a facelift lately having been reroofed and recladded. A big thanks to the Community Trust for their Grant which helped us achieve this.

Christmas is just round the corner (again) it's been a busy year which has just flown by. I dear say you're all looking forward to a break and some good weather for fishing and hunting.

We're thinking of anyone with family and friends in Christchurch after the recent disaster. What a mess and lucky no-one was killed.

My brother's house is still standing but he has lots of milking sheds to try and get up and running after the rotary's fell off their tracks.

Has been a great talking point at the smoko table.

Hope you're still getting out and about. Please if you have any photos or stories send them to our editor Bevan.....

Nathan Dawson.

## Sika Show 2010

Up and coming Sika show for 2010 is on the 25th/26th September 9am-4pm at the Taupo event centre, great show to go to and lots of new toys to spend your money on.

[www.sikashow.co.nz](http://www.sikashow.co.nz)

## Longwoods update:

On Friday the 20th of August I attended a conservation board meeting in Invercargill mainly to find out what was behind a proposal to make the Longwoods into a conservation estate, one board member Robin McNeill was the person behind this proposal. He has tabled a motion for DOC to investigate the possibility of this, the motion is to stay on the table until after the board members have had a walk in some areas of the Longwoods and DOC have got to look into the possibility of the proposal going further, if any members wish to they can contact me for any further info.. Ray

## 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))

## Gimmick Guide

### Solar Battery charger:

I purchased a similar one about 5 years ago now and the times I have used it in the bush it's been great. Being able to charge up to 4x AA batteries at a time came in quite handy. All I had to do was take up to 4-8 AA batteries away with me hunting & switch them over daily to charge up while I was away. At least this way I always came back to fresh batteries for my GPS/torch/camera and didn't have to carry packs of batteries in for the longer trips. With the rechargeable batteries (mainly Ni-MH) many cameras & GPS's work better on rechargeables now as they give a consistent power output for longer. With your standard dry-cells they die out from voltage loss. Your standard Alkaline AA will drop from 1.5V to below 1.0V and things start to die out for your equipment. With a rechargeable it could stay at 1.2V for the same period before it drops off. JayCar/Gracetek in Invercargill can supply these and at a cost of less than \$30. Rechargeable batteries are extra but considering that 1 pack of batteries has lasted me well over 3 years, it's cheaper than several packs of darrer Alkalines in comparison. I'm yet to find a solar charger that does AAA's however...



Click [HERE](#) for a link to the product (internet users only) or visit Gracetek in Dee St to enquire.

*Bevan McNaughton*

### **GPS Training day (UPDATE)**

Thank you to Kevin Watson for organising the GPS training day on the 21st August, there were a few members there that picked up a few tips which was great!

A big thanks to Chris from Southland Electronics for his time.

For any of your Electronic needs, contact Chris at Southland Electronics on 2182456 or email on [admin@nextsouth.co.nz](mailto:admin@nextsouth.co.nz), he will do a deal for NZDA members on GPS, EPERBS, & Mapping CD-ROMS of the South Island.

Check out their website [www.nextsouth.co.nz](http://www.nextsouth.co.nz)

### **Land Search & Rescue**

Last month I attended a Team Leadership course hosted by the CoastGuard with training via SARINZ at Tautuku Camp. For many it could seem like something where you go about how to become a real bossy bastard or to sitting round a fire singing Kum-By-Ya but it was nothing of the sort! Apart from the late nights of classwork and the gruelling yet enjoyable hours of practical exercises - it was a real eye-opener. Not only did we cover how to enforce stability in a team but how to cater to the needs of each member and ensure that both physically and mentally all were kept content. With the psychological aspects covered in the ways of dealing with teams needs, analysing Critical Incident Stress and keeping up morale – the physical nature of team members were also critical in tough situations ensuring that the weaker members of a team were realised and still utilised without injury or isolation.

One such task was carrying an ‘injured’ team member through a shitty creek in a gut on a F.W stretcher (orange plastic rescue stretcher) through overgrowth, lawyer, windfalls and sludge & deep holes, through a culvert under a road and down through more crap, ensuring the whole time that everyone worked together and felt positive that what we were doing was well worth it. Our team being the first got about 400m from the sea / initial finish line before being told that that was it and that the terrain was obviously worse than what the tutors had initially planned. The next teams finished much shorter than what we had to but apparently Jim Ridley who also attended (being the injured person in for his team this scenario) had a tutor who thought it’d be just as fun for their party to carry Jim through the culvert with fully laden packs on also... Interestingly enough their tutor for that series of practicals was an ex Royal Marine Commando and thought it was quite funny...

Other tasks we had to carry out were a lot of rope exercises from guiding a stretcher and all team members down a flying fox with limited rope supplies, belaying down a steep face to do a rescue for a trumper with a broken leg, building a raft (for us in the dark) to get across a river and finding a lost 3 year old boy in a picnic area. Some earlier team building scenarios could have been accidents waiting to happen as members were told to act up to make assigned jobs near on impossible. At times some members near on faced getting a good smack in the head as they were either informed by tutors to act like arrogant pricks, bossy bastards, nervous as hell or to think that they always knew best. It was quite interesting with such behaviour to see how closely knit the other team members got to defend the decisions of a team leader and to work together to avoid a team falling apart while co-managing the black sheep at the same time.

The people who attended were from all sorts of areas in life but mainly represented air/sea Coastguard, LandSAR & Red Cross while ages ranged from a high school student to some with retirement around the corner.

Some of the courses we have available will be published in the newsletter as they arise to members and all you have to do to join them is be on our call list as a member for LandSAR if ever the need arise.

Regards.

Bevan McNaughton

Southland LandSAR Committee Member & NZDA Liaison.

## **Fees at the Wapiti Lodge:**

Rates at the Wapiti Lodge have been increased to:-

**Members:** Minimum night rate \$40 (up to 2 adults)

*Note: If one person wants to stay it is still \$40*

**Additional adults:** \$20 each.

**All children still at school:** \$10 each

**Non members:** Minimum night rate \$80 (up to 2 adults)

**Additional adults:** \$20 each

**Children:** \$10 each

**Christmas period:** Minimum nightly rate \$50

Before you go shock horror - the price of a tent site (without power) for two people at our neighbours Te Anau Lakeview Motorcamp is \$32/night. Yes that's right! \$32 for a tent site. Makes \$40 still pretty damn cheap!

**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:**

A very nervous man, accompanied by his nagging wife, was examined by a doctor. After checking the chart and listening to the wife's ceaseless chatter, he nodded and wrote the man a prescription for a powerful tranquilizer.

The man asked: "How often do I take these?"

"Let's start with once every six hours. But they're not for you," replied the doctor: "They're for your wife!"

## **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



*This photo was supplied from the Waikato NZDA Newsletter.*

Dr Hugh McCabe was on a boat heading towards Waikawa Marina in the Queen Charlotte Sound when he spotted the deer about a kilometre from shore at the entrance to Curious Cove on Sunday, August 15.

The boat followed the deer until it reached the shore.

“It was a good swimmer, it was making good speed,” Mr McCabe said.

The deer was exhausted when it reached land and took about five minutes to recover before heading into the bush.

In a similar event – Southland Fish & Game while doing work on Lake Manapouri several years ago seen a Chamois swimming into the South Arm of the lake. Needless to say – it didn’t quite make it.... (Apart from onto the dinner table)!

Bevan



## 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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