

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

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Next Meeting 17th September

Silent Auction see add in Newsletter

Items to hand for Auction include

Several Items including 2 women's 2XL Six packs kindly Donated by

Southern Adventure

Other items to hand include 2 packs and 3 bayonets

No Executive Meeting this Month due to Auction

Executive to be there at 7pm to organise Auction

Please Advise Steve Robinson If anything needs attention this month.

(He will Contact Executive as required)



Presidents Report

Hi Members,

The first of spring has only just passed and we may well be looking at some long awaited fine weather to get out for a hunt. With the added bonus of daylight saving only weeks away, getting out after work is a possibility as well.

The Game Animal Council is now up and running. We hope to be able to get as much info coming in as possible so we keep our members informed of the direction it's moving in.

Young Hunts We have just had a great weekend into Mount Nicholas on the 5th, 6th, 7th Sept. We decided to include the river crossing in with the weekend so this was done on the Sunday. There was mixed success this year with some shooting their First deer and others at least having the opportunity. A full report and photos in the next newsletter.

New Firearms licence Remember to check your licence now to see when it expires.

A big thank you to Greg from Outdoor World for coming along and speaking at last month's meeting, very interesting to hear about his outback trips and see the many photos he had taken. We can only hope he would organise a club hunt over there for us. Cheers Greg.

Remember everyone keep it safe.

Steve Robinson

HUNTING BALLOTS

<http://www.fwf.net.nz/index.php/2015-wapiti-ballot>

Caples and Greenstone—November for applications



Editorial

Things seem to be happening a bit at present. There is 1080 being laid every other place. The branch is organising a silent auction. There is an election on not that many of the parties seem interested in the votes of hunters and shooters. The grass is even growing, so spring is in the air. Time to get up go out and get moving.

When I started this job of newsletter editor I decided to try a few things and see how they were liked. I started with a quiz, for which I have had next to no feedback. Like past editors I knew getting stories out of the members was hard but at least I have got two from the Exec. There are some noises about the odd branch hunt before or after Christmas. I will be targeting a story from each and every one of these.

I would like to publish the odd letter to the editor, but first someone has to write these. We have found a couple of guest speakers but need more. The more hands that go up to do things the easier it is to get things done and the better the club is likely to be.

So I am asking you all to give a hand here and there and get the club moving again. Its Spring!

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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

Dam Deer Doug Gordon

Friday evening 7th March found me heading for Glenary Stn at Waikaia. I had a permit for the Dam block. Which I was now going to hunt with Dave Howden, I would meet him at the camp site.

Arriving first I sorted out a flattish area at the start of the track down to the bottom clearings parked the Suzuki and waited. Presently Dave turned up having come via Gore from Invercargill. Soon the camp was shipshape and we were off exploring a track we had not been on for the evening shot. This turns out to be a bit of a fizzer. As the track is discovered to have been put in to get water. For the stock water scheme that had its tanks just above the camp site.

The next morning found us off at seven am which was just about light enough for us to shoot in. We went down through the clearings to the side creek. Then on up the track to where Dave had shot a young Fallow doe the year before. We found three cattle which multiplied into eight by the time we had climbed above them.

By now we had decided to go around the head of the side creek that ran up into the middle of the bottom end of the block. While the view into the basin at the head of this looked good no game. So we cut across the top of the ridge to look again into Dome Burn. While this showed us the limit of our explorations last trip again we drew a blank.

So we cut around to look into a saddle we were going to have to go down and through to reach the ridge and fence line that would take us back to the camp.

I was just loosening a stone dog to push off the rock out crop we were now on when. Dave told me not to make any noise as there below us on the face below the ridge the other side of the saddle were two deer. Binoculars confirm that the deer aren't the expected Reds but two Spanish type fallow bucks. We carefully move back out of sight.

Then it was a quick trip down into the saddle so as to sidle out above and out of sight of the deer. This achieved we were now in position to stalk down onto the hopefully still feeding deer.

I glimpse the deer a bit under two hundred metres below. Duck down and lead Dave too a rock out crop that is handy and should give us a clear shot. This reached we again view the deer, it having been agreed that we take the animal on our sides. I get into position, and as Dave also gets set the Buck on his side gets nervous and drifts off quickly out of sight into the gully on our left. I urge Dave to take the remaining animal. I will back him up.

His shot is followed by mine the buck staggers hit. The other buck now appears downhill running for the trees out over three hundred metres away and extending. Several shots go after this animal but all is to no avail and it reaches cover still running freely somewhere over six hundred metres away.

Down to the fallen buck we go, finding it was a problem for a few minutes. This is soon sorted. Dave has a 17 point Buck a good head except for its spread, the animal is young but has produced a good head due to the lush feed. That head looked a lot better side on the view we has of the animal at the time of shooting it.

After butchering the long slow climb begins, we stagger back to the top about an hour and a half later. Then reach the deer fence after lunch. From here it takes us the best part of three hours to reach the camp exhausted but happy.

For the second year in a row the dam block has produced the goods for Dave.

September Quiz

1. How much bile in a red deer's gall bladder?
2. Why do fly fishermen like to use deer hair in fishing fly's.?
3. Pick the odd one out Worsley, Doon, Stillwater, Wapiti?
4. Who painted " Monarch of the Glen"?
5. Why do projectiles in commercially loaded 30-30 ammo have flat tips?

Last Month's Quiz

1. Where and when were Wapiti released in Fiordland? **1905 George Sound**
 2. 7.62 Nato is also called? **.308 Winchester**
 3. Who wrote Eye of the Hunter? **John A Anderson (late Patron NZDA)**
 4. From what does 12 gauge get its name? **The diameter of 12 balls of lead made out of 1 Lb of lead. Thus the gauges of all shot guns relate to the size of the lead balls made out of a 1lb of lead.**
 5. Who is the largest Deer Farmer in New Zealand? **Land Corp 109,000 deer.**
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Sighting in Rifles

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

To use this facility you MUST contact the roistered person in charge no later than the previous Sunday night.

Roster Oct 1st Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

Oct 8th Doug Gordon 03 216 6383 /027 637 2206 After 4pm

Oct 22nd Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

Oct 29th Steve Robertson 027 747 8109

Nov 5th Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206 After 4pm

Nov 12th Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

Another Hyper link of possible interest.

<http://blog.doc.govt.nz/2014/08/16/great-white-sharks-nz/>



Volunteers are needed to help conduct a carcass search operation (including target and non-target species) following the pending aerial 1080 drop in the Dart valley, Paradise, Otago.

When:

Thursday 18th, Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of September
Saturday 4th and Sunday the 5th of October

Volunteers are asked to help on at least one full day as a small amount of training must be given before searches commence.

Where:

Dart Valley and surrounds, Paradise, Otago NZ. Locations to be surveyed have been selected by site accessibility and confirmation of residing white-tailed deer.

Who:

A moderate to high level of fitness is required in alpine terrain. Volunteers are preferred to have some tramping, hunting or other outdoor experience. You will need to have your own outdoor gear. If you know how to work a GPS, even better!

Why:

This research is part of a Lincoln University PhD study assessing factors which may impact the white-tailed deer in the Wakatipu. Information obtained during the searches will be used to assess the impact of the aerial dispersal of 1080 cereal pellets on white-tailed deer. This control operation is part of the 'The battle for our birds' Dart Valley initiative.

This is a collaborative research project involving the Department of Conservation, the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association and the Game Animal Council. Research findings will be used to help develop a management plan for white-tailed deer in the area.

CAN YOU HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please contact:

Kaylyn McBrearty

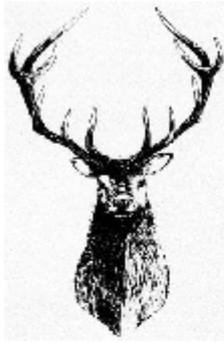
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These surveys are to be conducted as part of a PhD by Kaylyn McBrearty at Lincoln University, Department of Ecology and Life sciences, advised by Landcare Research Ecologists. In collaboration with The Game Animal Council, The New Zealand Deer Stalkers Association and The Department of Conservation





Silent Auction

Hunting, Camping, Fishing Gear

NZDA Clubrooms,
McKerchar Road, Longbush

Wednesday 17th September 2014 at 8pm

Look out your old hunting magazines, old or unwanted hunting books etc!

Bring along your surplus gear and sell it on the night. Tables will be available from 7.30pm to display your items.

The auctions will start at 8pm and bids will finish at 9pm.

On completion, the highest offers will be put to the sellers for confirmation. Payment is required on the night.

Donations of items to the Branch for sale will be gratefully received.

Rules

All sales will attract a 10% selling fee paid to the Southland Branch NZDA.

Firearms or ammunition for sale will require the seller and buyer to produce their firearms licence on the night, or the sale cannot be completed.

Larger or more expensive items may attract a reserve. At the end of the auction, any of these items that have not reached their reserve may be referred to the buyer and seller for further negotiation.

Red Stag Lodge



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

email nandc43@gmail.com

43 Bain St Invercargill

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

Wapiti Lodge Xmas Ballot

20th December 2014 TO 31ST January 2015

Intensions for your bookings (period 7 nights only)

Bookings for this period to be in writing from 15th to 30th September 2014 to the above address

Deposit is required to confirm your bookings

Minimum Xmas daily rate per night applies

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