

**THE SOUTHERN HUNTER**  
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter  
September 2023



Frist Place Wildlife Doug Gordon

**Monthly Meeting**

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 20th September at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

**Guest Speaker**

Leigh Mutton (Branch Member) to talk on Flushing Chamois in Europe.

**BRANCH FACEBOOK:**

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ON FACEBOOK, , YOU WILL FIND HELPFUL INFO ON THE PAGE . WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT <https://www.facebook.com/southlandnzda/>

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

## Wanted

Stories, ads, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor. Guest Speaker's needed, Ideas wanted, who do you want, and names needed, suggestions to Executive

## **Club Hunts**

None currently planned, have you anything to offer? Contact Executive members if you have.

All hunts for Southland Branch NZDA Members (with full NZDA membership) as Public liability Insurance required).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**New Members please welcome them.**

## **Office Bearers**

Club Office Bearers

**President:** Shaun McKelvie 027 635 0490 **Vice President:** Luke Payne

**Secretary** Andy Nesbit 021 53 8676 : **Treasurer** Tom Mead 027 847 1882

**Magazine Editor:** Doug Gordon 216 6383 **Immediate past President**

**Membership** Andy Nesbit **Huts** Neville Miller

**Executive:** Wayne Ashmore, Tony Caldwell, Gareth Coyle, Nathan Dawson, Scott Hall, Dave Howden, Jason Leishman, Jamie. McCallum, Ray Phillips, Ethan Todd.

**Life Members** ( National) John DeLury, Roger McNaughton, Ray Phillips (Branch), Doug Gordon Dave Howden, Neville Miller,

Sub committees

Rayonier Hunting Liaison

Shaun, Luke & Andy

Lodges - (Red Stag & Mavora) Neville, Shaun, Dave

Hall & Library

Luke, Jamie & Wayne

Club Hunts

Tom, Luke and Wayne

Invercargill Rifle Range Tom, Shaun & Andy Nesbit

Invercargill Pistol Club Doug

NZDA Range Officers Shaun, Tom, Wayne, Andy, Luke & Doug

DOC Liaison Ray

AGM, Trophies & Douglas Scoring Shaun, Doug, Wayne, Luke, Ray & Andy

Competition Committee Shaun, Tom, Andy

Young Hunts Coordinators Andy, Shaun, Tom, Wayne, Luke, Jamie, Nathan

Douglas Score Measurer's Coordinating Tutor, Ray, Level One Shaun, Tom, Wayne, Luke & Andy

Website manager, John Delury.



Presidents Report



Hi all August for me is a bit of a non-event in the hunting side of things cows start calving about the start of August a finish around the start of October so it's generally all work and no play, but the grass is starting to grow and it's a great time to get out over the next few months and fill up the freezer find the sunny faces and usually that's where you'll find the deer first thing in the morning. The club is ticking along really well Neville and Dave have

been working away at the kitchen in Te Anau Wapiti lodge in looking forward to getting up for a look once it's done, it's Going to look great and modernise the lodge Thanks again Neville and Dave and all the other helpers. If your interesting in staying at the lodge or the Red stag hut at Mavora get in touch with Neville, he takes all the hut bookings and is always happy to help accommodate Everyone.

We will have competed our river crossing section of the hunters course by the time your reading this which will get all our students signed off. congratulations to everyone involved students and instructors.

The national Goat hunting comp is up and running now you can take tails into Invercargill Hunting and fishing to register your tails for the competition and be in to win some great prizes.

Catch you at the meeting

Cheers Shaun

P.S.

The Wapiti lodge is operational again, the renovations finished, other than a couple of finishing touches. Thanks to Dave, Neville, Carrol, Dawson Electrical, and others who got the job done. So contact Neville for a booking. The new Kitchen looks great see below.





### **Editorial**

Next month is a general election. Whether the government changes or not there will be changes, to those who are elected. Thus it follows there will be changes as to who are Ministers both in and out of Cabinet. The current Minister of Conservation is the lowest ranked Cabinet Minister at number 18. A bit low for some one responsible for a third of our land mass.

Ever since our First Minister of Conservation Helen Clark they have been a mixed bag. Both Labour and National have been inclined to give it to someone who was you could say GREEN. Sometimes a card carrying member of Forrest & Bird. There have been exceptions, Nic Smith springs to mind. Keri Allan I liked but unfortunately she did not last. (She was a hunter from an electorate of hunters).

One is on record as hating hunters.

Who is likely to get the job be it a red or Blue Government? The leaders are not telling who they have in mind for this important job. It needs to be more than a reward for being a loyal party member.

National are talking of a Minister Hunting of Fishing, are they going to be in Cabinet, what funding. I hope no toothless tiger? How will this affect the Department of Conservation? While Conservation is the number one priority for the Department. It manages by far the largest block of publically owned recreation land in New Zealand. The Minister and the staff need to more reflect this important role, along with more of the funding going into recreation.

The people need to be able to take part in the recreations they desire and enjoy for both their physical and mental health.

It is good to see of late our large game animals missing from list of animals in need of removal about time. This can change though over night with a new Minister. Who are we

going to get? Who are you going to vote for think carefully, if you get the chance ask the candidates probing questions, they need to be aware of our concerns.

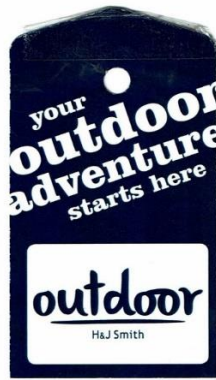
Doug Gordon

P.S Current Conservation Minister Willow-Jean Prime wants to re Write Wild Life Act

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other hangers-on.

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to contribute to hire of venue.**

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### JOKES FOR THE MONTH

Did you know you  
have the right to  
remain silent even  
when you're not  
being arrested?



Did you know that if you garden  
in your back yard naked, your  
neighbors will build you a privacy  
fence for absolutely no cost to you.



## **More politics in the shooting sports!**

Oh heck, I am sure you are thinking, enuff! (Me too, but it *is* election year – wheel!)

Well, apart from the General Election (please vote, and remember, you have *TWO* votes!) there are some more news from our police about controlling our firearms. (Yep, I know, there's enough damage been done already, but not all of the stuff which follows is bad!).

1. The Firearms Safety Authority (*Te Tari Pūreke* (TTP)) has a small team exploring the 'firearms ecosystem', meaning the firearms environment and all that plays a part in shaping the environment for their use in New Zealand. It is doing this to "inform te

Firearms System Oversight Group” and TTP’s community partnerships and co-designing”. These include rules and regulations; actors, drivers and influences of behaviors (‘stakeholders’); physical stocks; and processes.

2. This research team is looking at seven questions;
  - “From your perspective, what do good community partnerships , and good co-design, look like?
  - What do communities that you represent care about? What outcomes do they want to see?
  - What current partnerships or co-design initiatives, between the regulator and the community, do you think, or worked well?
  - What current partnerships or co-design initiatives, do you think are not working as well as they could, and (if worth investing in) what would improve them?
  - What other opportunities for partnerships, or co-design, could be considered?
  - How else could *Te Tari Pūreke* be supporting better outcomes for Māori ad vulnerable communities? Is our approach to partnerships diverse enough to meet all cultural needs of our communities?
  - How could *Te Tari Pūreke* hold themselves accountable to true partnerships and co-design opportunities with our communities? How will we know we are getting it right?” (Minutes of Firearm Community Advisory Forum meeting for 29 June 2023, pp. 2 & 3).

**My comments:** these are from the perspective of the *TTP* ‘reaching out’ and working to improve relationships with firearm owners and the wider community generally. It is a genuine effort to improve matters (which have been fractured at times).

3. TTP is working to fix some issues about firearm safety in the recently published “Firearm Safety Code” and other details arising from the implementation of changes which affect us all.

Other news: the ACT Party has released its firearm policy, with which it is difficult to find fault, although some of the new measures remain in it. Contact me for a copy, but it is available on their website.

Contact me at 027 473 8318, or (better) email me at [cihforsyth@gmail.com](mailto:cihforsyth@gmail.com).

Best, Chaz Forsyth

## **Invercargill Rifle Club** **Cobb Road Rifle Range**

As honorary members of the Invercargill Rifle Club, Southland Branch members now have the opportunity to use the Cobb Road Range for sighting in of rifles and also participating in programmed Invercargill Rifle club events.

You will need to bring

Firearms Licence and Deerstalkers membership card.

Ear and eye protection

Target capable of being stapled to the target frame

Rifle (bolt out) + ammo – Up to and including .308/7.62 calibre Bipod or other front support and rear support.

The range will be operated by a designated Rang Officer who will make themselves known at the range.

General format will be

Allocation of target frame

Validation of rifle being able to hit target at 100m

Shooting 200m and beyond after validation

**Dates: The range is not for casual use but is available for use on the following dates:**

**Currently over the Summer Range is available Sundays ( except over Xmas ) 11am to**

**1pm, 100yards to 200 yards After which there is a NRA style shoot at longer ranges Range fee is \$10.00**

**If you are interested in attending and for further details please first contact**

Andy Nesbit 0215 38676

Shaun McKelvie 027 635 0490

**NRA/F Class shooters – make sure you arrange someone to pull targets and RO, you may be the only shooter at the range.**

**We hope to have the 500 and 600 yard mounds operational by November**

**Casual user questions – Message through the FB page or you can call Ben 0272247119 or Foster 021516342**

**NZDA Members – You have affiliated membership and can shoot for \$5 per session, contact Tom 0278471882 or Andy 021538676**

## **Rifle Sighting In At Invercargill Pistol Club**

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 Bring one's own targets with staple gun or on cardboard box.

**Please Note with the changes to the Law NO Semi Automatics allowed. (Other than .22R)**

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

27<sup>th</sup> September Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

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11<sup>th</sup> October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

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1<sup>st</sup> November Andy Nesbit 021 538 676

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## Wapiti Lodge, & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Wapiti Lodge



Red Stag

Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller

Phone 03 216 8654 Cell 02108219528

e-mail [nandc43@gmail.com](mailto:nandc43@gmail.com)

or 43 Bain St Invercargill

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site. **Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.**

### **Wapiti Lodge Xmas ballot**

**Applications for this period must be in**

**writing and inbetween 15th to 30th**

**September to Neville & Carol Miller**

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