

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

## Southland Branch NZDA



Caples Valley Airstrip Meat hunters Freezer about 1974 Gary Craig.

## News Letter October 2019

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Monthly Meeting Wednesday the 23rd of October  
at 7pm not the 16<sup>th</sup> October as would be normal.



# SOUTHERN ADVENTURE

THE IN STORE FOR THE OUTDOORS

## Tay Street Store Invercargill

Craig will have the Hunters Element Rep  
their to speak on their products.

There will be instore discounts on store products  
on the night

**I Repeat this meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
of the month the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm  
At Southern Adventure not club rooms**

## **Guest Speaker**

Hunters Element Rep

Executive meeting **ONLY**  
7pm 16<sup>th</sup> October

## **FACEBOOK:**

AS YOU MAY KNOW THE CLUB HAS MOVED WITH THE TIMES AND NOW HAS ITS VERY OWN FACEBOOK  
PAGE  
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ON FACEBOOK. CHECK IT OUT, YOU WILL FIND HELPFUL INFO ON THERE  
AND IT WILL HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB INTERACTION. WE ENCOURAGE ALL  
MEMEBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome them.

Ngawaha West, David Henderson, Ashton Davis, William Mills, John Filmer

## **Club Hunts**

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

Wallaby Hunt 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November,

Contact Tom Mead 027 847 1882 [tbmead@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tbmead@xtra.co.nz)

Tahr Hunt January 2020

Contact Shaun McKelvie, 027 635 0490 [shaun1nzda@gmail.com](mailto:shaun1nzda@gmail.com)

Mavora Area Hunt January February 2020

Contact Shaun McKelvie,

027 635 490

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## **Presidents Report**

Another month has past the grass might actually be starting to grow now it's been an anomaly wet cold month., now daylight savings is here gives us time to get out after work for a hunt heard of a few people filling the freezers, mines still empty 🐾 will find something tonight, on that note if anyone's got any photos or story's they want shared on Facebook send them into the branch via Facebook or email to the club email address and we'll get them up . There's a couple of club hunts on the calendar now these are only as

successful as we make them so keep an eye on the dates coming up, get in touch and come along meet some new people seen get amongst it.

Happy hunting see you at next meeting.

Shaun



Old big red doing the business

## **Wanted**

Stories, adds, 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.



## **Editorial**

By now you should all have read the message from Real Journeys on their requirements for Transporting Firearms over Foveaux strait to Stewart Island. No doubt motivated by concerns regarding public safety.

I remember reading about Deer Cullers NZFS or Dept. Internal Affairs, boarding NZR Busses with their rifle over their shoulder going to and from their hunting blocks. Then there was photos of North Island NZDA Branches flying NAC to the South Island for a Tahr hunt with rifles in the cabin. As for myself I remember leaving the car outside

Queenstown Police Stn. Calling in and telling the duty officer our plans then walking down the mall pack & rifle over ones shoulder to catch the ferry to Elfin Bay Stn and the Caples.

It was interesting to read in the terms that Real Journeys will take no responsibility for any damage or loss of the firearm while it's in their care. Interesting when it's in a locked container too which they have the Key. (Your locked solid wall rifle case going into a special container on the boat which is also locked *by Real Journeys one assumes.*) (Should/ must the holder of this key have a firearms licence?) Logically one would perhaps think so, then perhaps not, no such requirement regarding baggage handlers with airlines.

As for the no responsibility liability clause, how much water would it hold if the firearms were stolen? I remember an all care no responsibility clause on consignment notes issued by Transport Companies carting Stock over twenty years ago. The Judge threw that out and convicted the driver of the animal welfare issue. Hopefully no firearms will go missing to test who is responsible, the owner of the firearm, or the holder of the key to the container?

Then again Real Journeys could have just banned all firearms on their boats, they are not required to have to take them. They are just trying to cover themselves in an area of grey law.

Like it or not we are going to have further amendment to the Arms Act the bill is before Parliament as I write this. Would it be expecting too much for practical rules regarding transport of firearms to be included. The days of having them in the rear window of the ute are long gone. But if transporting your firearm by car on your own, can you leave the car to attend to the call of nature for instance, or do you have to take your firearm (carrying in public frowned on), or pee into a bottle in the car, and risk public exposure. After the 1992 amendment, smallbore shooters were advised to take their bolt (where possible) with them in their pocket when leaving their cars. But would this save them if vehicle, stolen or broken into? Not clear in the written law, all in grey interpretation. I can find no clarification regarding rules for transport of firearms in NZ in the current bill. This is being hurried through Parliament as was the 1992 Amendment that created the above situation. New law needs to take its time and be properly sorted out if it is not to create further problems, instead of solving them.

Please each and every one of you make your submission on this Bill.

It is expected that the price of one of hunters favourite foods, bacon will rise due to African Swine Fever decimating the pig population in Asia especially China. The news will be far worse for hunters if this disease reaches New Zealand. Then gets into the Wild Pig population. The mind boggles at possible measures to be taken to cull all the infected wild pigs, expect toxins to be used.

Doug G.

**FOR SALE**

Garmin Trex Tourch 25 as new cost over \$500.00 For sale \$100.00

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Phone Michael 0273301516

### **Benefits of Membership**

This is a reminder that you have to be a full member Southland Branch to get public liability insurance and all the other benefits of membership of Southland Branch NZDA. Including any branch organised event, there is now an unacceptable risk associated with having those without insurance on branch organised activities, and times have changed.

(Associate and Affiliate membership having being removed from the Branch classes of membership at the AGM)

## Sponsors

Southland Branch would like to thank its regular sponsors and recommend them to its members.



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## 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  
**Please Note with the changes to the Law NO Semi Automatics allowed.**

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

30th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

6th November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

13th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

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

4<sup>th</sup> December Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

11<sup>th</sup> December Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

18<sup>th</sup> December Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

## Doc Hyperlinks on Poison

[Battle for the Birds](#)

[Pesticide summaries interactive map](#)

## OSPRI Hyperlink poison

[Aerial Pest Control Operations underway or planned](#)

### **Branch Trophies**

This is the first of a series of articles on the branch trophies as found in the club rooms, with one other at Wapiti Lodge.



# Dr Len Butterfield Fallow Deer

Greenstone? 1960's? Douglas Score 223



Doctor Len Butterfield was President of Southland Branch for a number of years during the 1960' and was a keen hunter both in New Zealand overseas and had a specially built trophy room in his home. When he died, his wife sold off his trophies but this Fallow head was left along with the Impala and Wildebeest trophies. The Fallow was bleached and had probably been shot in late velvet and stripped. Len had a bigger Fallow which was shot in the Mararoa and it if possible this one came from there as well. In the 1960's Southland Branch had a very good relationship with Bill Metherall who was the run holder and many branch trips where held in the Mararoa with transport being by a number of old trucks. The head skin on this trophy is from a Blue Mountains Fallow and the head was stained and mounted by local taxidermist and member Dennis Collins.

# Freeze Dri



Available at a great price to Branch Members Contact Gus  
Ronald [gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz) 03 213 0351 for a price list

## Joke of the month

PADDY AND MURPHY  
ARE WORKING ON A  
BUILDING SITE.

WHEN A SLATE FALLS  
OFF THE ROOF SLICING  
PADDY'S EAR OFF.

MURPHY FINDS IT AND  
SAYS,  
"IS THIS YOURS  
PADDY?"

"NO" SAYS PADDY,  
"MINE HAD A PENCIL  
BEHIND IT!"



**It's better to walk alone,  
than with a crowd going  
in the wrong direction.**

*- Diane Grant*

**Did you know on  
the Canary Islands  
there is not one  
canary?  
And on the Virgin  
Isles?  
Same thing - not  
one canary there  
either!**

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# Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



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

[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.**

## Club Office Bearers

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