

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Who said all Mallard Drakes born equal, this trophy Drake was missed opening weekend.

## Southland Branch NZDA News Letter June 2020

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### **AGM**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7pm  
At the Longbush Clubrooms

### **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**

**New Members please welcome them**

Anthony Irwin, Luke Irwin

## **Club Hunts**

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

**Wallaby Hunt** Late June 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Normal place.

This is now confirmed since we are at level 2

Contact Tom 027 847 1882 or Shaun 027 635 0490 if interested

Places may be limited so get in early

## **Southland NZDA Kids Hunt**

July 12/7/2020 Weigh in at The Long bush hall 12-3pm BBQ lunch provided

**Prizes For**

**Heaviest Hare**

**Heaviest Possum**

**Overall winner**

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Registration to [enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz) Name & Phone number or you can Turn up on the day with your catch and Membership card

Weigh in to be held at [Longbush](#) Hall 24 Mckerchar Road 12 - 2pm Sunday 12 July

Final weigh in time 2pm. Animals to be presented or in the queue before 2pm deadline  
Points will be worked out from the weight of the Rabbit/Hare or Possum. The heaviest of each Rabbit/Hare or Possum will be allocated 100 points (each), the second heaviest Rabbit/Hare or Possum will be given 99 points, third 98 points and so on.



### Rules

- Children to be 16 years or younger
- Children's Rabbit/Hare and Possums do not need to be gutted
- Children must be a NZDA member or accompanied by an adult NZDA Member
- One Hare Rabbit Possum per hunter to be entered
- All Firearms regulations must be obeyed.
- All Firearms must be secured and stowed in accordance with the [Firearms regulations](#) when not being used.
- Necessary permits, licenses, and landowner's permission must be obtained
- Hunting may commence 5.00pm on Friday 10/7/2020 . NO hunting is permitted before this time.

Catchment area is Southland region

Event Organiser Shaun Mckelvie 0276350490

## 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.

## **INVOICES for SUBS**

It was recently brought to the Executives attention that a Member has failed to receive an Invoice for this year's Sub. If you have received this e-mail message and have failed to receive an Invoice.

Please

Contact National Office phone 04 499 6163 or e-mail [membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz) for an Invoice.

Could you also Please e-mail Tom Mead (Branch Membership Controller)

At [enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz)

So that he can get an idea of the extent of the problem

**Presidents Report      May 2020**



Well it's been bloody great to be able to get back out in to the hills chasing deer and ducks around the last half of the month I hope everyone's had a chance to get out stretch the legs or sit in the blind or maimai calling a few ducks in.

Myself My eldest daughter Ellie and father Jim got out nice and early duck shooting morning and managed to bag 36 for opening day considering we hadn't been to the pond like all like allot this year we were really happy with almost getting out limit. Ellie did most of the calling for us she's staying to get the hang of it now. Duck shooting is one of those family and friends bonding time the hunting in general provides and a great way to introduce youth to shooting and firearms safety. I haven't missed a duck shooting with Dad since I was probably 10years old now nearly 25 years and have no plans of out changing for the next 25. 😊🦆

We are making plans to set up our own membership system as we are well aware the national centralised membership system just isn't doing the job unfortunately, please be patient as we want to set a system up that is going to work well for us now and in the future time taken now to set the right system up will ensure we get it right.

As you will all be aware now we are holding the AGM this June instead of May and the heads competition has had to be cancelled. If you do have a head you would like Douglas scored please let us no and we can arrange it for you.

We have managed organised a Kids Rabbit and Possum hunt (flier to follow) with Hunting and Fishing and Dawson electrical being our main sponsors so please make the effort get your kids grandkids borrow the neighbours kids ☐ it is a great chance to introduce some

new going faces to the hunting scene and to the club, we will have a BBQ on weigh in day and social prize giving it would be great to see some new faces along. What better excuse to get out after lock down and you might get the kids a prize. See you all at the meeting

Cheers Shaun Mckelvie Southland NZDA



Mavora pre lock down one of my favour places to hunt ☐



### **Editorial**

Last week you should have received the National Newsletter from National Office. This is definitely a step in the right direction doing this. We have a CEO appointed **Gwyn** Thurlow (good). Which is something that came out of last year's National Conference. I see he has a list of problems to concentrate on several of which have a 1 priority. That number is too big for me, I would have one on priority one, that being membership, the debacle with this has gone on for far too long. Without Members we have no NZDA, thus the rest become irrelevant! End of story. I hope and pray it can come right and fast. This item is definitely on the agenda at the Branch AGM.

This year COVID-19 stuffed the Roar for those who pulled their weight for team 5,000,000. I have heard that some hunters up north of us did not, which made for disappointing hunting for those who thought they would be able to hunt some undisturbed deer on Doc land once the restrictions lifted. I hope they are not NZDA Members, if so they need to become NZDA Members

On a brighter note in the current situation, the delay in the opening of Duck shooting, enabled me to recover from an operation enough to take part for the opening day, We got a few and would have exceeded the limit last year, should have got one this year but came up just short, too rusty, need to get more serious.

This AGM as always the Executive is looking for new blood, if that is you put your hand up to the president or other executive member, before the meeting. To ensure nomination, (unless you have brought your own band of supporters to do this.) We need those new Ideas and people to drive the branch forward.

See you at the meeting

Doug Gordon

### **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)

lease Read the following Message from National Office on renewing your Membership

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- National Office will aim to have invoices for the 20/21 year out by mid/late February.

- **PLEASE REFERENCE YOUR PAYMENTS CORRECTLY!**
- **PLEASE DO NOT SET UP AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS OR PAY EARLY!** - As branch subs usually increase annually, you will most likely be paying the incorrect amount! This will only lengthen the processing time.

The correct method for direct credit payments are:

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<b>Code</b>	- Your membership number
<b>Reference</b>	- Your invoice number or "NEW MEMBER" (please do not use an old invoice number!)

## Sponsors

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## **Branch Trophies**

This is a series of articles on the branch trophies as found in the club rooms, with two other at Wapiti Lodge. (*Note I thought there was only one trophy at the Wapiti lodge until staying at it this year*)

### **John Hawkins    Wild Sheep**

**Hokonui Hills late 1960's    Douglas score    70**



RECORDING BIG GAME TROPHIES BY SYMMETRICAL SIZE  
**TAPERED HORNS** Chamois, Tahr, Etc.  
(DOUGLAS SCORE)

OWNER *John Hawkins*

KILLED BY *John Hawkins*  
*Staland Times Photographer*

LOCALITY & DATE *Hokonui Hills 1960's*

SPECIES *sheep*

Steel Tape Measurements of	Left	Right	SCORE <small>Sheep measurements doubled</small>
LENGTH	<i>26<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>27<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>53</i>
Girth at Base of Horn	<i>8<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>8<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>17</i>
TOTAL SCORE			<i>70</i>

MEASURED BY: *J DeLury*

ASSISTANT: *Roy Phillips*

John Hawkins is Southland Times photographer and during the 1960's was a keen hunter. This trophy was shot along the Hokonui Hill tops approximately one hour walk west of the current TV repeater station with the assistance of a German Pointer dog.

In the 1960's the area was quite rough and carried a good population of wild sheet. It was thought there were two types, a dark multicoloured called Cooks and white sheep left over from the days when James McKenzie of Canterbury sheep stealing fame grazed his flock near Edendale. Wild sheep in the Hokonuis are now hard to find.



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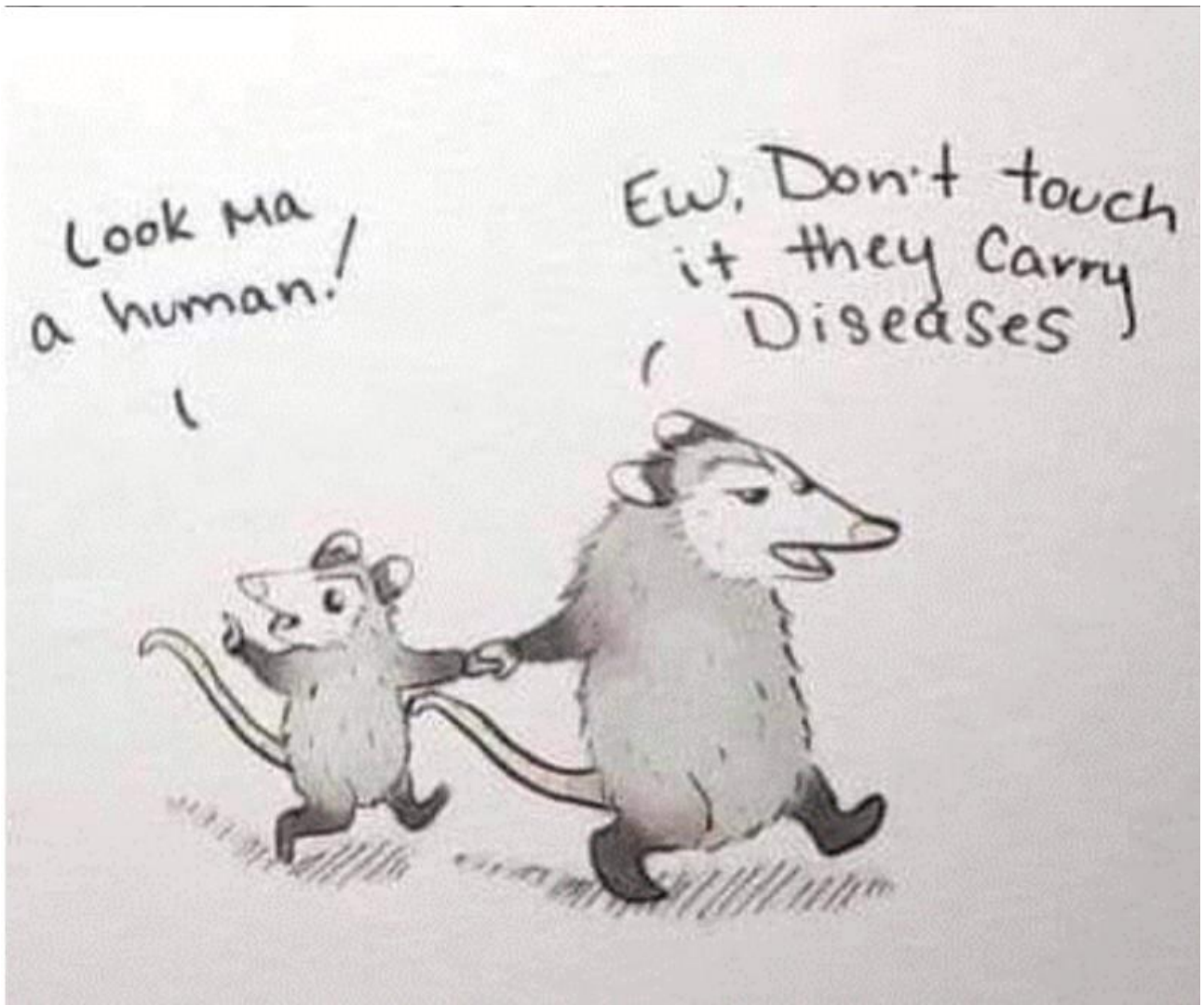
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Joke's of the Month

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**We've been on 20 walks today. Leave me alone.**



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