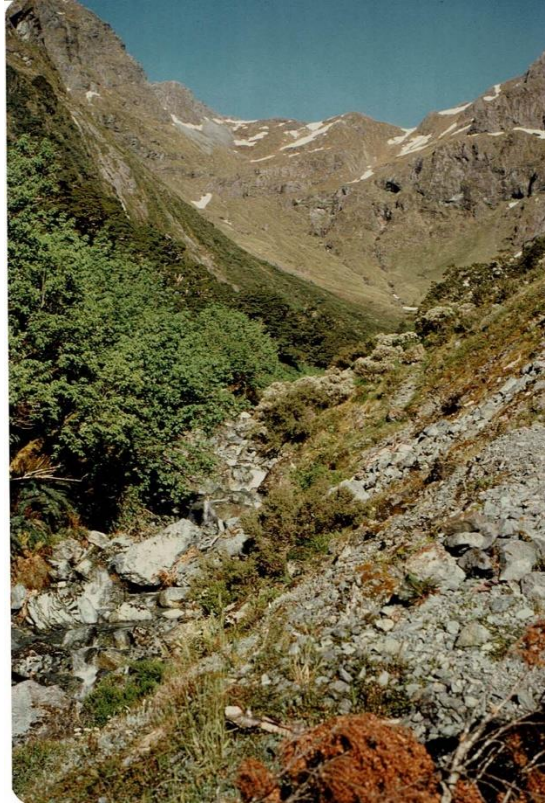


THE SOUTHERN HUNTER
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter
2022



Dore Pass from the East

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 19th October at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

Guest Speaker

Stu Tripney of Stu's Fly Fishing Shop Athol on Fishing

FACEBOOK:

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 MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT

Branch email is: enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz
News Letter douglasgordon@xtra.co.nz
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

Looking at a Hunt East Branch of the Eglington
5 days early March? Fly in, limited spaces.

Contact Tom 0278471882 if interested

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

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them.

Tim Landreth, Stewart Stevens, Malcolm Darlison, Bevan Caldwell,
Tyler Botting, Leigh Thompson, Joel Ropiha, Gerhard Uys,
Thomas Arevalo

Office Bearers

Club Office Bearers

President: S McKelvie 027 635 0490 **Vice President:** T Caldwell

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L Payne, R. Phillips.

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Phillips (Branch)

Sub committees

Membership, Andy, Luke, Ray

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Lodges (Rename from Huts) Neville Shaun

Hall (to include Library-Library committee Luke, Jamie, Wayne

Club Hunts Tom Tony Luke

Ranges to include the Rifle club and Pistol Club Doug, Tom

DOC Liaison, Ray

AGM to include Trophies and Douglas Scoring Luke, Shaun, Wayne, Ray, Doug

Competition Committee to include Kids Hunting and Wilkinson Postal shoot Shaun, Tom

Hunts Course Nathan Tom Andy Shaun Wayne Luke



October 2022

As I write this we've just had another fresh dumping of snow just to remind us all we live in Southland and spring is not over. I'm saying that most hunting grounds will have some sitting growth now and the sunny faces will be favoured early morning and evenings by deer trying to put back on some condition after the winter.

If you didn't see "Sunday" at the start of Oct it would be worth watching it they spoke of high deer numbers and control methods in a fairly controversial angle I thought, on one hand in some places deer numbers are higher than the forests can sustain but careful management I think is what's needed going forward both hunters and conservation can with hand in hand but we definitely have to do our part lowering hind numbers in areas that are holding high numbers, that's the best place to start then the mature stags will be left to breed.

With the lead to Xmas the club is getting pretty busy organizing the Wyndham A&P show Kids hunt and getting organized for the new year Rifle shooting comps & Running the

Young hunts course in Feb if you're interested in any of all of the above feel free to get in contact. Catch you at the meeting

Cheers Shaun



Editorial

Recently I came across an article in the online news. Where dozens of Huts in Te Urewera (formerly Urewera National Park) are to be removed by Te Uru Taumatua. (Tuhoe body that runs the area since The Tuhoe Tribe took it back from the Department of Conservation in a treaty settlement in 2014). Doc who still owns the huts, has no objection to their removal. Though some appear to have a different opinion?

These huts along with other structures Bridges etc. Have lacked maintenance since Tuhoe taking ownership of the land. This appears due to disagreements between them and Doc since 2014. (Goggle the story online). Some "bespoke structures" are to be built to replace the huts.

Hunters use most if not all these huts each Roar, but a lot lack use at other times. To me looking from afar, can see the danger of hunters replacing these huts with ramshackle Bivi's of various sorts. Worse than the current neglected Huts?

Sounds like we could end up with the mess, in the Te Urewera. That was on Stewart Island prior to the Rakiura Hunters Camp Trust building the hunters huts currently there, and removing the Rubbish Biv's, it has worked well on the Island, well done.

Meanwhile some of the politically correct movers and shakers, (influencers) on the current affairs programme "Sunday" on 2nd Oct. When talking about the increasing deer population which they wanted controlled, by hunters. We're asking why there were not more people going hunting? Which is at odds with the same group promoting restrictions on firearms ownership. Note no mention was made on the programme of access problems for hunters. Or the Current delays in getting a firearms licence. NZDA or the Game Council were not interviewed either, why!

Most of the remote Huts on Doc land were built as part of a deer control plan. They need to be maintained, and there use encouraged. This development could be the start of a sad trend? It's up to us to prevent it. Or do we have to relearn this the hard way?

Doug Gordon

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As the trust only has one hut which we can install a fire of this size, we wish to sell the other one at our cost.

Contact Ray on 03-2163751 .

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Hunting cartridges then and now

Introduction

Things which make a cartridge popular include the availability of both rifles and ammunition, for it, whether the rifles are suitable for New Zealand hunting conditions, and whether the cartridge has enough power to ensure quick kills of the wild animals we hunt. Decades ago, the .303 British did the trick, with cheap rifles, cheap ammo, and everyone had one. Things got a bit more complicated when people started using everything from .222 Remington to 8 x 57 Mauser and beyond: lots of hunters began using telescopic sights too (this was back in the 1960s).

What was 'out there?'

Some amazing calibers were around then – the .280 Ross (think 7 mm Remington Magnum, but a century ago), the .318 Westley Richards (a cross between a .30'06 and an 8 x 57 Mauser) for example as well as .577 snider, the 450 Martini henry and of course, the .303 British. The .44-40 was quite widely used too, and eventually the .270 Winchester, the 7 x 57 Mauser and the .308 Winchester, the latter appearing from the early 1950s as CAC ammunition (went out of business in 1981) began manufacturing ammunition for it.

Then .243 Winchester appeared in the late 1950s, and the heyday of American sporting cartridge development was sprung upon us in New Zealand, as hunting magazines, mostly from the USA, told of wondrous cartridges which almost weekly, it seemed were introduced, largely because a new cartridge ensures new rifle sales!

New Zealand hunters

New Zealand hunters soon thought then .303 rifles they were using, as well as being hard to fit telescopic sights to, were somewhat passé, and soon flocked to the newer (younger) chambering's and of course the new rifles that used them. (If you used a .303 rifle in the 1970s, what sort of hunter were you?)

The rash of new cartridges of the 1990s and the '00s, such as the 'super short magnums' caught the attention of many hunters, leading to a fleet of used but serviceable hunting rifles in suitable hunting calibers such as .308 and .270 Winchester, 6.5 Swede and .30-30 Winchester coming onto the market.

They still work well on deer! (Next month I might continue with this unless the readers want something better).

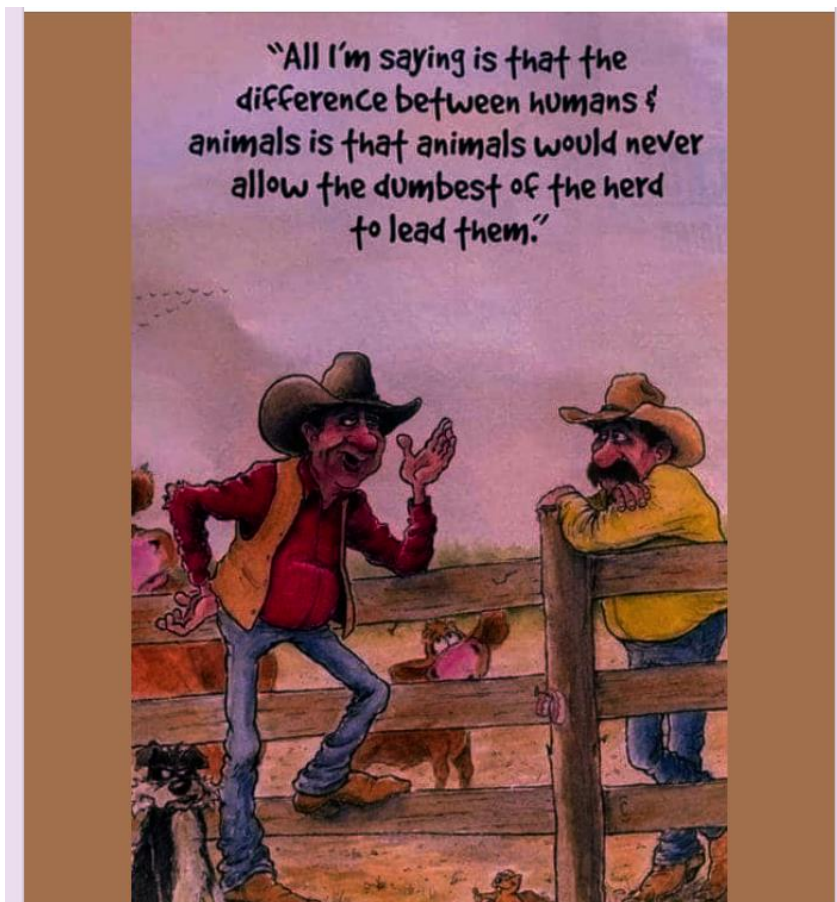
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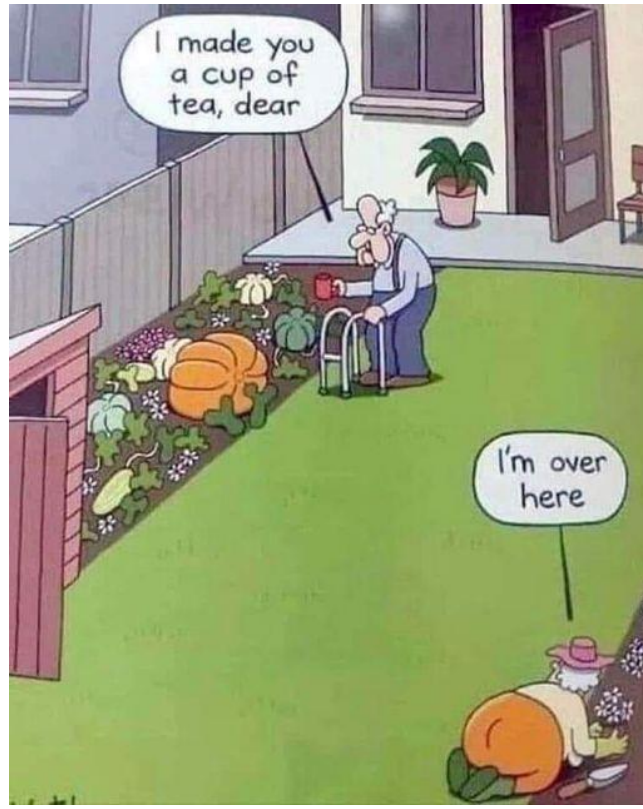
KIDS Hunting Competition @ Wyndham A&P Show

3rd December.

The Branch is running this so needs members to assist.
If available please contact Shaun 027 635 0490

JOKES FOR THE MONTH





Young Hunts Course 2023



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Current planning is to run a course over and around 2
weekends 11th & 12th and 25th & 26th February 2023.**



Looking at expressions of interest in this course to Shaun
Phone 0276350490

Rifle Range Shoots.

- (1) South Island NZDA Sporting rifle Shoot 28th Jan more info to come
- (2) Wilkinson postal shoot. 26th Feb in conjunction with young hunts range day more info to come

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

Spring Calendar

Important: Shooting beyond 400 Yards currently prohibited – 500 and 600 mounds are closed. Work to get them operational are scheduled for October 2022

All shooting subject to the presence of a Club/NZDA Range Officer. RO's may arrange shooting any day of the week outside the schedule below. RO's please note new range book format.

Non –Members always welcome, Shoot for \$20. Range officers will generally require casual range users to validate their rifle at 100M .

	Sighting in 11.00am	Hunter/NZDA/PRS Shoots 1.30pm unless noted	NRA/F Class Shooting 1.00pm
Tuesday Nights	5.00 pm Twilight Sighting in/Coaching – All welcome, Changes to 6.00pm after daylight saving		
1/10/2022	11.00 am –Opening Day - Gongs at 3 distances, shoot with what ya brung		
2/10/2022	100M/200 yards		300 Yards
8/10/2022	11.00 am – Juniors day – Dads/Mums –bring a kid and get them shooting - Centrefire and rimfire		
9/10/2022	100M/200 yards		400 Yards
15/10/2022	1.30pm Round One Club PRS /Gong shoot – 2 distances, 4 stages, 20 rounds – you must shoot 2 of the 3 rounds to qualify your points		
16/10/2022	100M/200 yards		300 Yards
22/10/2022	1.00 PM – Any Service Rifle Gong shoot 200 and 300 yards		
23/10/2022	100M/200 yards		400 Yards
29/10/2022	1.30pm Small Gun 400 yard Gong shoot (223, 6.5 Grendel, 6mmARC, 224 Valkyrie etc –anything that would have fitted in an AR) 3 distances – 24 rounds		
30/10/2022	11.00 am Black Powder long range Shoot		300/400 Yards
5/11/2022	11.00 am Gong Shooting Coaching - All welcome esp. Juniors – Dads bring a kid, a rimfire rifle and 50 rounds		

6/11/2022	100M/200 yards	400 Yards
12/11/2022	1.300pm Round Two Club PRS /Gong shoot – 2 distances, 4 stages, 20 rounds	
13/11/2022	100M/200 yards	300 Yards
19/11/2022	PRS Practise Day	
20/11/2022	100M/200 yards	500 Yards
26/11/2022	1.30PM – Man on Man 223 Gong Shoot	200 Yards
27/12/2022	100M/200 yards	600 Yards
3/12/2022	11.00 am – Ladies Day - Ladies only shooting (partners etc welcome to attend) – Gongs at 3 distances, shoot with what ya brung	
4/12/2022	100M/200 yards	300 Yards
17/12/2022	1.30pm Round Three Club PRS /Gong shoot – 2 distances, 4 stages, 20 rounds – points bonus round	500 & 600 yards

18/12/2022	11.00am Club/Interclub/NZDA “Egg” shoot @ 500 yards – about 15 rounds required. Prize giving/BBQ for Egg shoot and Club PRS Comp –all welcome!!	
Check the Facebook page for changes/updates !!		

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
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.

26th October Tom Mead 027 847 1882

9th November Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

23rd November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

30th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063



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It recently came to my attention that it is hard to find any blank greeting cards that include wildlife art. Thus, I was asked to sell some of my pencil or paint replicas on cards and thought I would see if there was any interest in these here. A set of 5 for \$30 or \$7 each (including envelope). Contact erin@wildbalance.co.nz or 022 543 1022



Wapiti Lodge, & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



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