

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter

July 2023



Frist Place Scenic Gareth Coyle

Monthly Meeting

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

Guest Speaker

TJ & Alex of Delta Mike on the history of Delta Mike and what they offer.

DOLLAR RAFFLES AGAIN THIS MONTH BRING SOME SPARE COIN.

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ON FACEBOOK, , YOU WILL FIND HELPFUL INFO ON THE PAGE . WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO

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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

Wallaby Hunt 21st, 22nd, & 23rd July Contact Tom 0278471882

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

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them.

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Club Office Bearers

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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

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Competition Committee Shaun, Tom, Andy

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

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



Presidents Report



Hi all winter has definitely arrived hopefully the snow and flooding hasn't affected everyone to badly. I had the pleasure of getting up to the first Wapiti weekend show this weekend just past, if you didn't

make it I would definitely put it on your to do list to get along to the next show it was a great weekend, they had 50 exhibitors there everything your need for hunting supplies, National NZDA came down to run a booth it was great catching up with Craig Callum Richard and Ian, Not to mention a great display of Wapiti heads from the past and some from the current times, they also had many informative displays and speakers throughout the days from head skinning demo to cooking demo with the "With wild" crew all the way from Auckland, The premier of the History of the Wapiti story at the Te Anau Theatre on the Friday evening was very well done, if you get a chance up see it I would recommend you make the effort. And last bit not least to top it off Ken Tustin spoke at the event dinner of his experiences chasing the elusive Fiordland Moose the highs the lows and the likelihood that there IS STILL Moose in Fiordland.

We have national conference coming up anything you'd like brought up please let us know. From my experience national Nzda is going from strength to strength it's a very challenging environment hunters and firearms owners live in at the moment, the work that goes into advocacy work is very important and wouldn't be an easy task, if you get the chance to talk to any of the committee at national Nzda they are a wealth of knowledge and put a lot of their personal time into protecting hunters and firearms owners' rights. Thanks to those past present and future committee members.

Tom has the club Wallaby hunting trip organized good luck to everyone heading up, if anyone going up wanted to write a blurb up for the next newsletter and singing for Facebook would be great. One thing as hunters we need to celebrate the good work we do in pest control and conservative the more positive story's we can get out there the better for the whole hunting community.

Hopefully you've made it out for a look for a deer or a Tahr hunting at this time of year can be challenging with the weather and the cold making deer less likely to move around but on the flip side of you do find areas they are living in they will generally not go to far from the sunny faces.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting

Hot barrels Shaun



Editorial

Over the last week the TV1 breakfast programme carried a story of a black half grown pig on the loose in the green suburbs of Auckland. With the local authorities in cold pursuit trying to trap it. It was having a great time rooting up lawns like there was no tomorrow. Well safe from any hunter with a rifle, as such parts of New Zealand are a no shooting zone if one wants to keep their Firearms licence. As it should be when one considers the firing zone.

The show hosts never discussed whether the pig was wild or tame! That to me depends on it being confined or being able to be herded or mustered. I think the pig in this case fails the domestic test? What was its origin, born on a farm or a wild piglet taken home? Or a lost wild pig. They are known to move area when hunted and not necessarily stay in the Land designated wild.

The show hosts did discuss what would happen to it if captured, and taken to the pound. Then given a foster home, (like what happens to stray lost dogs / cats). They then came to its fate once fostered, realising it could end up bacon they quickly moved to another subject. With only one of them having any interest in bacon soon to be silenced by the others.

I heard a day or so later the pig had been caught. What it's fate is to be not mentioned!!! Fortunately, the pig did not meet one or more unrestrained pig type dogs in its journey to capture. A chase and bail situation through the sections of Auckland would have been interesting. With all sorts of possible legal ramifications. None of which would have reflected well on the future of pig hunting.

While this episode is now over, will there be more? Likely! Wild pigs and other wild animals do take advantage of living where they can't be hunted. Sticking with pigs they have become a problem in towns and cities in various parts of Europe as I write this.

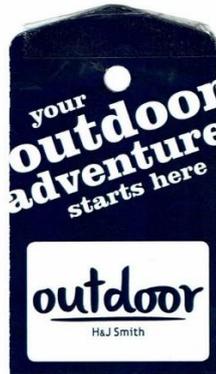
Well done to the hunting fraternity for not becoming involved, such cases can do us more harm than good, with an increasingly animal loving population. But the threat remains of a repeat with a different outcome.

Doug Gordon

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Think you're having a bad day?

A man was working on his motorcycle on the patio, his wife nearby in the kitchen. While racing the engine, the motorcycle accidentally slipped into gear. The man, still holding onto the handlebars, was dragged along as it burst through the glass patio doors.

His wife, hearing the crash, ran in the room to find her husband cut and bleeding, the motorcycle, and the shattered patio door. She called for an ambulance and, because the house sat on a fairly large hill, went down the several flights of stairs to meet the paramedics and escort them to her husband.

While the attendants were loading her husband, the wife managed to right the motorcycle and push it outside. She also quickly blotted up the spilled petrol with some paper towels and tossed them into the toilet.

After being treated and released, the man returned home, looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He went into the bathroom and consoled himself with a cigarette while attending to his business. About to stand, he flipped the butt between his legs.

The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. Finding him lying on the bathroom floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks, legs and groin, she once again phoned for an

ambulance. The same paramedic crew was dispatched.

As the paramedics carried the man down the stairs to the ambulance they asked the wife how he had come to burn himself. She told them. They started laughing so hard, one slipped, the stretcher dumping the husband out. He fell down the remaining stairs, breaking his arm.

Still having a bad day ?

Just remember, it could be worse.

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

Still think you are having a bad day?

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm

in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

STILL think you're having a bad day?

Two animal rights protesters were protesting at the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two hapless protesters were trampled to death.

What?STILL having a bad day??

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with 'return to sender' stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

There now, feeling better?

Plumbing problems...

The fanfare accompanying the introduction of the firearm registration system on 24 June, announced by the Firearm Safety Authority, the Minister of Police and others, was notable for a complete absence of one of the parties most affected by the proposals, (and who will eventually be paying for it), the licensed firearm users. Touted as being for our protection, responses to the basic questions like exactly how it will make us all safer, and any economic analysis of such an expensive exercise (costing at present just a million dollars a week, and employing up to 500 staff) is completely absent.

For those of us who have tried to take the first steps towards registering their firearms (as we all must eventually), there are a few hurdles to overcome. Getting the RealMe identification is not working for me yet. I've emailed RealMe for advice, after fruitlessly trying for a half day and hanging on a telephone line for more than 10 minutes.

For most of us, working out the exact model (variation) of your rifle may be difficult, there are about 96,000 variants listed in the firearm database, so go figure what your model Tikka is...or Remington, or Savage, or Browning...

Figuring out exactly what an "Arms Part" is, and a "Major part of a firearm" is fairly simple (the website prompts you).

My advice is to give it a go, the website is very user-friendly and prompts you every step of the way.

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
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