

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



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Southland Branch NZDA News Letter April 2019

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Meeting Wednesday 17th March 8pm
Executive Meeting 7.00 pm

No Guest Speaker at time of writing, will send a
flyer if one found

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

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Newsletter D. Gordon.

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Club Hunts All executive members.

Guest speakers All executive members, S. Robinson

Areas of interest

S/Island/S. Coast R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Hokonuis -----

Greenstone/Caples / Blue Mountains N. Dawson.

Fiordland R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Longwoods R. Phillips.



Presidents Report

Hi All.

Well the main topic of conversation in the last 2-3 weeks has been the firearms reform bill. Many parts of the bill have been on the horizon for some time. Main one was to have MSSA rifles removed. March 15 attack in Christchurch only speed this into action and was capitalized on. We are looking at changes to our firearm laws regardless of our views. Some older semi auto sporting rifles have been reclassified as E-cat. Sad that they think they are similar to true MSSA firearms. My main concern for us is what do they have designs for the rest of firearms law between now and end of year. We know Australia has been flapping their gums on their laws. So if we look at what is law there we can assume that is a strong possibility to adopt here.

With what's been taken place lately a lot of folk can now see the sense to belong to an organized group such as NZDA.

The Roar.

This last week we have witnessed the temperature drop and the days are getting much shorter. This is now starting to get towards the main event. (The Roar) With some good looking heads starting to appear on social media sights we can only hope there will be a trophy left for the rest of us. While we are out hunting and enjoying ourselves we cannot let complacency creep in and compromise hunter safety, our own, or someone else's. Remembering that time means nothing to a animal so patience must be practiced. Make sure you can identify that deer. What sex is it, which way is it facing, has it noticed you yet, can you see all of it, do you need to shoot it yet. A hunter that has control of himself is a good hunter. Don't let the event control you or compete with anyone to fire a shot. Let's make this year's hunting season be a safe accident free season. We cannot afford a accident or a fatal shooting to take place again. With that said enjoy you hunts, maybe send Doug a story and some photos for the newsletter.

Steve Robinson

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, names needed, suggestions to Executive



Editorial

The 15th of March 2019 and the events that happened then are going to change New Zealand in a lot of ways. It is going to affect us all though some more than others.

We already have an Order in council declaring certain Semi automatics to be military style Semi Automatics

“The Arms (Prohibited Firearms, Magazines and Parts) Amendment Bill” currently before Parliament will change and expand on this expect it to be passed before our coming meeting. The final definition as to what is to be prohibited is being debated in this Bill. But it looks as though all Semi Auto Rifles other than .22R are gone plus a collection of different rifles with Magazines that hold more than 10 rounds including 22R tubular magazines.

Firearms laws will change, it is correct that unlike places like USA we don't have a right as such to bear arms. But we have a long standing history of hunting and target shooting, that is part of our culture. It goes way back before readily available Semi Auto Rifles (not shot guns like the browning five shot they have been around nearly for ever) to when the .303 British was king. Deer Stalkers can live with bolt action rifles we have in the past. It is a pity about those old .22R rifles with tubular magazines though. Some of which will be bolt action and are family heirlooms! They would have been registered at a time past when people did not actually have firearms licences as such. But needed to pass a test before they got their first permit to procure. Once a firearm was registered to a person they were the only one who could use it. You could not lend another person a firearm for them to take away and use without a visit to the arms office.

It saddens me to see firearms owners portrayed as irresponsible citizens. Whereas on average logically we must or should be more responsible than the average citizen, having past vetting for Firearms licences and having been under Police scrutiny for our actions since.

For me I am backing the responsible stance taken by NZDA and COLFO, unfortunately historically we can't expect this degree of responsibility from the anti-firearms extremists. We have been told the events of 15th March are uniting us against extremism, I hope this is so (with NZ becoming a more moderate place for moderates) and will now be evident in a more moderate and reasonable line from the Anti Firearms lobby!

On another field we have membership problems this is not good. See the last article at the bottom of the newsletter for more detail if you haven't read it in the national Newsletter. I personally have been waiting over a month for my membership card. The efforts of the head office staff to fix this will by now no doubt be affected by the time taken to answers complaints about this. This problem will be compounding its self.

Doug Gordon

Club Hunts

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

Tahr East side of Divide.

Tahr hunting trip 4 days away for 1st June to 4th June weather dependant, to fly in cost. \$-400approx tbc.

Contact Shaun 0276350490 or Tom

0278471882

Numbers limited

Wallabys

Wallaby shoot. 15.16.17 April if enough Interest.

Contact Tom 027 847 1882

AGM & Trophy night

This will be held at the Club Rooms on Wednesday the 15th of May at 7.30pm.

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 12th of May
1pm at the Clubrooms

*Heads must be clean or they may not get scored [No
Maggots]*

Remember all heads are up for the spot prize so bring your trophy along, spikers to 18pointers, goats, sheep, pigs, thar, chamois, any wild animal that fits in the branch AHT, antler, horn and tusk lists.

REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ENTERING AN ENTRY GO INTO THE SPOT PRIZE DRAW SO BRING ALL THE HEADS YOU HAVE SHOT IN THE LAST YEAR [MAY 2017 TO MAY 2018]

.Photo competition entries to Doug Gordon 254
Centre St Invercargill 9812 by 5pm Wednesday the
8th of May.

Photo Categories are
Game Animals: Living Deer, Chamois, Tahr, Goats and pigs
Other Wildlife: Any other living Animals
Scenic: Preferably Hunting Country
Topical: Should contain some evidence of human activity and hunting related. eg. Hunter and his kill.
Photos must be taken from land not air or boats and must be 6x4 size

A spot prize on the night for all members entering photos
Remember you must be a financial member when you took your trophy/ photo and to enter.

Sponsors

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



MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS
SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019--2020 YEAR

Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office membership@deerstalkers.org.nz or phone them on 04-4996163

As the Branch now operates through the centralised membership system ALL new and renewal subscriptions must be made through the national office not the Branch.

Postal payments to NZDA PO BOX12015

Thorndon

WELLINGTON 6144.

Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT

030558-0139562-04...

Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

This reminder is being put out as some members have paid direct to the branch account, as the account is not now checked on a regular basis for membership renewal a time lag will occur before any incorrect payments are picked up, and then forwarded onto Wellington.

For members renewing their memberships just pay to Wellington on the invoice that they send out to you ,DO NOT fill in a new application form as this just leads to a lot of double ups

Notice for members

If you change your address or your contact details like email address you must notify the Branch and the National office.

If we do not have correct contact details how can we keep you informed from the branch, and national office cannot send out membership cards or the magazines, so it is important to have correct Postal as well as Email Addresses.

The Newsletter Editor is sick of chasing people who fail to notify changes of E-mail address, there seems to be new ones most time something is mailed out!!

The Branch e-mail address is on the front page of this newsletter!

Reminder for subscription renewal for the 2019/2020 year

Members please wait until you receive an invoice from National Office and then pay on that, these will come out in Early February,

When paying please quote your invoice number as well as your name and current membership number if possible, This will make it a lot easier for National Office to process your Renewal,

Also if making payment electronically please ensure you pay into the correct account,

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO NZDA HQ, ACCOUNT 03-0558-0139562-04,

DO NOT PAY INTO THE BRANCH ACCOUNT

Young Hunts Course 2019



This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Includes 8 aprox Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and
2 weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting
rifles and river crossing.

Starting July, maximum of 12
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Doc Hyperlinks on Poison

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Pesticide summaries interactive map

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Aerial Pest Control Operations underway or planned

Joke of the Month



Yesterday my daughter emailed me asking why I didn't do something useful with my time.

"Like sitting around the computer and drinking wine is not a good thing?" I asked.

Talking about my "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation.

She was "only thinking of me," she said, and suggested that I go down to a club to hang out with the fellows.

So I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on her. I emailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club.

She replied, "Are you nuts? You are over 80 and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even got a Membership Card and emailed a copy to her.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Dad, where are your glasses?"

This is a Membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club."

"Oh my, I'm in trouble again," I said, adding, "I really don't know what to do. I signed up for five jumps a week!"

The line went dead.

Life as a Senior Citizen is not getting any easier, but sometimes it can be fun.

Hunting New Zealand

By Peter Ryan.

This book is a collection of short stories and articles on Hunting in New Zealand. It touches on the history of hunting then goes on to cover most aspects of hunting in New Zealand. An enjoyable read if different. Perhaps different is good as how many books describing taking a rifle into the hills and shooting the great stag can one read before they lose their interest? Yes this book is a bit of a new twist on a hunting book. The acknowledgements for the photos is an interesting list of who's who in hunting circles. Of course some of the same people are the source of some of the articles and short stories.
Doug Gordon

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



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

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.**

The following PAGE is FROM HEAD OFFICE ON MEMBERSHIP

New Membership Management System.

So the new system is in place and running.

Not everything has gone as smoothly as I would like and we are working through the issues as quickly as we can.

In hindsight we picked the worst time of year to go live (Membership Renewal) but it had to be done at some point.

It has highlighted several issues for us around membership and the multitude of different types that have popped up over the years.

For clarity the following are the valid membership types.

Full Member types:

- Senior
- Superannuate
- Student
- Junior
- Affiliate
- Family Member

There are no "Family Spouse", "Family Child" or "Family Group" types. If you want everyone in your family recorded that's fine, but each needs to be recorded and must pay capitation to ensure they are covered correctly by our insurance.

Within these types, we also record the Status of National Life Member, Branch Life Member and Honorary Members. Endowment Members also fall into this group.

Associate Memberships types:

- Associate
- Family Associate

Associate Membership holds no status within the Association so cannot vote or enter competitions or hold committee positions at the branch. They are also not covered by the Association's public liability insurance.

Membership card processing is underway and we apologise for the delays.

The online payment system had a few issues at the start in terms of our understanding of how the system worked, so we have a bit of tidy up work to do. Anyone caught up in that will be contacted directly to explain what has happened and what we need to do about it.

We still have a lot to do in the system to get it humming but once we have it is going to be a great step forward for us.

We look forward to when we can start rolling out access to the branches and Niraj is working on a user manual to let branches administer their own members.