

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter



View from Key Summit

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Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 17th March
at the Branch Club Rooms

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

Guest Speaker

Erin Garrick & Cohen Stewart
From Fish and Game speaking on wetland development, current waterfowl counts and
Cohen's latest study looking at wetlands

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them

Kate Hickey, Jacobus Du Plessis, Glen Woodford, Callum Botting,
David Neil Wiseman, Douglas Graham, Paul Stenning,
Bede Geary, Jonathan Cross, Andre Egbers,
Bryn Hunter, Daniel Stanley

Club Hunts

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

Wallaby Hunt

Now looking at June 17th to 20th for a hunt. So if you're interested get in touch
with Tom 0278471882

Stewart Island

There is booked a Stewart Is block, Christmas village 10th June - 16th June
numbers will be limited. So if you're interested get in touch with Tom
0278471882 or Shaun 027 6350490

Thar trip

For 14-16th May contact Shaun 027 6350490

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.

Presidents Report



March 2021

So far this year's been up and down thankfully covid had stayed out of the South so far at least it's looking hopeful well all get out for a Roar hunt this year. I'm sure there'll be a free big trips planned good luck to everyone heading out Remember stay safe identify your target beyond all doubt.

We held our first Roar Competition on Sunday the 7th was great to see everyone despite the miserable weather, it was good fun and a good afternoon to chew the fat on spot x where the stags are Roaring and where they are not rumour has it there's a few starting to make some noise.... I have to say a big Thanks to our sponsors they have been very generous in supplying the prizes for the Kids Roaring section of the competitions it's great to see the Kids come along and have some fun. Likewise I'm sure all the adults had a good time to.

Thanks to Gerald and his team at Hunting and Fishing Invercargill

Craig and his team at Southern adventure

Craig and all the team at Woodlands butchery

Nathan and the Crew from Dawson Electrical

Results adults Roaring

1st Craig Fisby, 2nd Wayne Ashmore, 3rd Luke Payne

Kids Roaring

1st Riley Mead, 2nd = Caleb Ashmore, & Ellie Mckelvie

3rd Caleb Mattsen, 4th Mya Mckelvie

Congratulations to everyone who had a go.



On another note Permolat Southland have been in contact with the branch about hut maintenance at different sites around southland if anyone's interested if you go to their Facebook page Permolat Southland and like them for more up to date info we will keep you as up to date add we can on upcoming hut maintenance jobs great way to get out into some new or old country for a look around and give something back.

You should have all received your invoice from National office by now if you have not please contact them and update your contact details as that may be why you have not revived it .

NZDA National office 044996163 nationaloffice@deerstalkers.org.nz

All the best see you at the next meeting.

Cheers Shaun



Editorial

Fingers still crossed, it looks as though Kiwi Land has just seen off another Covid outbreak. This never ending saga is beginning to remind me of “Game of Thrones” and the saying of the men from the North in it “*Winter is Coming*”. Where they talked about winters that may last years. Hopefully we will have a spring by 2022. In the meantime hopefully again we will all be able to get out for a shot this Roar,(the deer got a break last Roar) and perhaps a duck in-between covid storms.

This last week with tsunami alert we saw Kiritapu Allan front the Media in her Civil Defence roll. She appeared different, and fresh. In her roll of Conservation Minister, it was claimed in Saturdays Southland Times that she is not the stereo type Conservation Minister. She believes that economic activity and conservation can co-exist. I wish the reporter had also asked if recreational activity and conservation can also co-exist!? That is the big question which we would like an answer too. Hopefully we have not got another Idealistic, evangelistic Greenie, the signs so far are better. A Minister of Conservation should take the interests of all into consideration. As they have a third or New Zealand under their control.

With Covid the commercial Feral Venison Industry remains quiet nationwide, but there is still some local activity supplying the local market. A good chance to rethink how this industry is used to control the Game herds. For me the way forward is for the industry to be on a block and quota system. Where the operator involved is required to harvest a target number of animals from their block. (With a max and a min number given) No more as the resource will deplete, no less so that the environment is preserved. Otherwise when things improve we will have another killing rush. I have seen the boom and bust cycle several times before. In a low in the early 1990’s Doc was suggesting this very thing cap in hand to the Industry. Then there was another peak, and a change in government.

What some conservations will not tell you is that some species like Kiwi and Takahe, don't thrive when things are overgrown, (nor do they like a desert). In pre European times there was sufficient large birds to keep vegetation in check, not just Moa, but the likes of Kakapo, and Takahe. These two species were so common that early explorers relied on them for meat in their travels.

Whatever things will never be the same again post covid in the world or New Zealand. So why do we persist in trying to make the New Zealand environment historic pre European again? Change is constant, history tells us that.

Good hunting Keep safe

Doug Gordon

Communication with Southland Branch by e-Mail

To all those who push the reply button to a message from the Southland Branch when they want to communicate with the Branch don't.

You get the Newsletter Editor who has been trying to manage the available membership to get communication to all. Thus has been sending out all communication. You want to send these messages to

enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz

As if the Newsletter Editor happens to be absent then he cannot spend his time forwarding on your messages to the relevant address which occurs near the front of the Newsletter.

Also please change the Subject line to what you want to talk about, it gets better attention. (I too have been guilty of not doing this.)

Thanks Doug Gordon

Sponsors

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





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*)

Sambar & Sika



No history of either of these heads is known. The Sambar was located in an Invercargill second hand store and pursued for a paltry amount.

The Sika head was advertised on Trademe and picked up from a taxidermist on a 'buy now' to complete a collection of at least one of each species.

Southland Branch Polo Shirts



The following are in stock and available for purchase @ \$35 each

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5 x Large

5 x Xtra Large

5 x XXL

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JOKES FOR THE MONTH



TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2020



**The first million people to
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of my guide on how to
become a Millionaire
using Facebook**

"Mr. Murphy, "I have reviewed this case very carefully" the divorce court judge said, "And I have decided to give your wife £775 a week."
"That's very fair your honor" the husband said, "And every now and then I will try to send her a few quid myself"

Hunting dog for sale.



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 Cobbe Road Range for sighting in of rifles and also participating in programmed Invercargill Rifle club events.

The cost is \$10 per session to club members

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 .308/762 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 sighting in on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th March @ 5pm or 6pm (TBC)

Sunday 14th March @ 11am

Sunday 28th March @ 11am

Tuesday 6th April @ 5pm or 6pm (TBC)

If you are interested in attending and for further details please contact

Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

Shaun McKelvie 027 635 0490

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.

10th March Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

24th March Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

31st March Andy Nesibit 021 917 808

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& 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.**

Club Office Bearers

President: S McKelvie 027 635 0490 **Vice President:** A Hogan

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Guest speakers A Nesbit

Areas of interest

S/Island/S. Coast	R. Phillips,
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Greenstone/Caples	N Dawson
Blue Mountains	D Gordon
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Longwoods	R. Phillips.
South Island Access Committee	A Nesbit

