

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter
August 2022



Winning Scenic Photo Wayne Ashmore

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 17th August at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

Guest Speaker

No Guest Speaker but a Silent Auction
See add latter in newsletter

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

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Branch website <http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/>

Club Hunts

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

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them

Zane Moss, Terrence Barnes, Kody Hunt, Alexander Brent Lang, Kieran Wilson, Bryant McKenzie, Timothy Jefferis, Patrick Murphy, Gavin Leonard (transfer), Denis Muir, Alexander Rance, Keith Finlayson, Sione Tuipulotu.

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

Office Bearers

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L Payne, R. Phillips.

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I hope the winter had treated everyone well and you've had a chance to get out bag a deer or chase the Tahr or chamois around.

August is for me a write off for hunting calving had well and truly started and for those in the farming industry calving lambing will keep most busy enough for the next month or two.

Slowly but surely the daylight hours are lengthening and we getting a bit more daylight in the evenings that'll soon give us time to sneak out after work keep the freezer full. The Kids hunt was successfully run again on the last weekend of the July school holidays Congratulations to all Kids that entered and the parents who got out on the chilly winter nights. Big Thanks to all the branch members who helped out to make the day what it was. And last but not least our sponsors Invercargill Hunting and Fishing, Southern Adventure& Dawson Electrical.

Results are posted below

We've got some really exciting stuff coming up in the branch so make sure you get along to the meeting to find out about it all.

Congratulations to the new Gore NZDA branch President Hamish McLean it's great to see people stepping up to take on these roles, I look forward to carrying on working Gore branch and Hamish ,

Anyway that's enough from me look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Dave has organised a silent Auction for the August meeting so get those old hunting books excess gear out and bring it along who knows you might find something you need to take home with you too

.Cheers Shaun



Editorial

As most of you no doubt know will game numbers are up on private land that has limited hunters access, and also in the remotest parts of Doc land. The Deer numbers on Deer Farms have and are in decline.

Reason the commercial markets for venison have been at best soft, sometimes sick since 2019. Venison (and other game) are restaurant meats. Due to covid world-wide people have not been eating out as much.

The Farm venison price has improved but not back to 2019 levels. Will it improve and take the price for feral game with it? Well maybe! The world is not as stable as it was then, especially in Europe! Is Europe going to have enough gas this coming winter?

Restaurant's worldwide like gas for cooking, instant heat. Things become hard to predict in these changing times. What will happen next?

While it is hard for the recreational hunter to control numbers in the very remote, there is more that they could do in the more accessible areas if they had access. Someone had their backside on their hands when a lot of land tenure agreements were signed over the last (how many) years. The results are now showing.

Who gets the blame for any rise in Deer numbers? Recreational Hunters who else. Just read about who is blamed for the deer numbers in and around Oban.

Our game animals can be an asset for all, but they need coordinated management, not the current mess. Where land owners think, and are allowed to think that any wild game on their property belong to them! *Doug Gordon*

Sponsors

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



Freeze Dri



Purchase Back Country Cuisine freeze-dri meals direct at special prices, email Tony on info@bcfoods.co.nz to order or find out more information.

Silent Auction

Hunting, Camping, Fishing Gear

NZDA Clubrooms, McKerchar Road, Longbush

Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 7.45pm

Look out your old hunting magazines, old or unwanted hunting books etc.

Bring along your surplus gear and sell it on the night. Tables will be available from 7.30pm to display your items.

The auctions will start at 7.45pm and will bids will finish at 8.30pm. On completion, the highest offers will be put to the sellers for confirmation. Payment is required on the night.

Donations of items to the Branch for sale will be gratefully received.

Rules

All sales will attract a 10% selling fee paid to the Southland Branch NZDA.

Firearms or ammunition for sale will require the seller and buyer to produce their firearms licence on the night or the sale cannot be completed.

Larger or more expensive items may attract a reserve. At the end of the auction, any of these items that have not reached their reserve may be referred to the buyer and seller for further negotiation.

JOKES FOR THE MONTH



A Man goes into a Bakers and asks for 2 Bread Rolls..??

The Shop Man picks them up with the Tongs and puts them in a Paper Bag,

He then asks for 2 Cakes the Shop Man picks them up with the Tongs and puts them in the Bag.

The Man says :-

"It's nice to see you don't Handle the Food"..

The Shop Man says :-

"Nothing in my Shop is Handled by Human Hand"..

He then noticed a Piece of String hanging out of the Shop Man's Trousers and asks :-

"What is that Piece of String for" ..???

The Shop Man says :-

"When I need a Piss. I just pull on the String and it Pops Out"..

"That's OK" Says the man.

"But how do you put it Back" ..???

"That's No Problem", says the Shop Man.

"I just Use the TONGS" ..🤪

Wallaby Hunt June 2022



Hunters relax at base camp in the woolshed

Great trip away for few club members last month up to the Pentland hills for a wallaby shoot. We had some pretty good fine and frosty weather and managed to cull about 100 wallabies and 3 pigs. Big thanks to Neville Powell for letting us loose on his property once again.

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Jamie McCallum and a pig



Brett Mackewan and wallaby

Southland NZDA Kids hunt 2022

Another successful Kids Hunt run By the Southland NZDA massive thanks to all the Kids and parents who came along and made the day. Thanks again to all our sponsors

Hunting and Fishing Invercargill

Southern Adventure

Dawson Electrical



We all had a great day out the weather played it's part allot of firsts for some of the kids getting out for there first shoot or there first go behind the rifle. Plenty of pests taken out doing our bit for conservation.

Thanks again to all the NZDA committee who put it all together behind the scenes. Until next year 😊🐰🐰

Cohan Ferguson	1
William saunders	1
Emma	2
Ryile Mead	3
Gorega Mead	4
Calab Ashmore	5
Calab Gerra hd	6
Tessa	7
Jacob Bavin	7
Blake Renton	8
Case	9
Mya Mckelvie	10
Douglas Hacket	11
Mikayla Rento	11
Johnty	12
Mason Gerra hd	13
Maddeson Ashmore	14
Alla Ashmore	15
Madden Mckelvie	16

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**

