

**THE SOUTHERN HUNTER**  
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter  
September 2022



Winning Topical Photo Tom Mead

**Monthly Meeting**

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

**Guest Speaker**

**Mark Hutton Professional Game Hunter, Venison Recovery Shooter**

**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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News Letter [douglasgordon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:douglasgordon@xtra.co.nz)

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.**

Matthew O'Brien, Chris McRae, Michael Wilkinson, Craig Phillips

## **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**

Club Office Bearers

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

**Secretary** A Nesbit : **Treasurer** T Mead

**Magazine Editor:** D. Gordon 216 6383 **Immediate past President**

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L Payne, R. Phillips.

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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



September 2022

Well spring is well and truly here we've had the first snow which I'm sure all the sheep cockys enjoyed. This month we've got Mark a professional shooter coming to speak about some of his experiences hunting over the years, I'm looking forward to hearing from him, hopefully you can make it along to the meeting to.

We've been asked to run a kids hunt at the Wyndham Amp show in December if anyone got any ideas or would like to offer to help please get in touch in sure we can make it a great day for the club, hunting & conservation. There's plenty more to discuss at the meeting look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers Shaun



### **Editorial**

The swing bridge at Piano Flat Northern Southland has been in the news lately. It was damaged in the floods February 2020. It has now been declared unsafe by an engineer, and is to be removed, not repaired. No word on whether it is to be replaced sometime in the future, but it's not to happen at present. This bridge has done good service to hunter's, tramper's, campers, and fishermen doing recreation on the Doc land in the Waikaia Valley.

Going by its appearance it is of NZ Forrest Service construction, most likely built in the 1970's? An organisation that was broken up when Doc was formed, its native bush and

associated scrub and grass land assets going into Doc. This was sold to us as an improvement!

This bridge should either be fixed up or replaced, but unfortunately recreation doesn't seem to be of much interest to Doc. They appear to be more interested in protecting Biodiversity. Thus restricting access can be very much the way to go.

There has been a lot of damage to tracks New Zealand wide with the weather problems the country has experienced of late, Doc still seem only interested in repairing the great walks type track, and retreating from other areas. This is the same attitude that was going to have them remove numbers of high country huts about 20 years ago now. Now a lot of these are maintained by volunteers.

There is some public interest in doing something about this bridge or another bridge there, as I write this.

No bridge is not going stop people crossing the river, which has its dangers. The citizens of this country have a right to access Doc land, it is theirs. They also have a right to access it safely. The Government needs to direct the Doc to use more of its funding for recreation. Not the crumbs it seems to get now. A third of the country is Doc land this is too much to be locked up to conserve its' unique Biodiversity.

Doug Gordon

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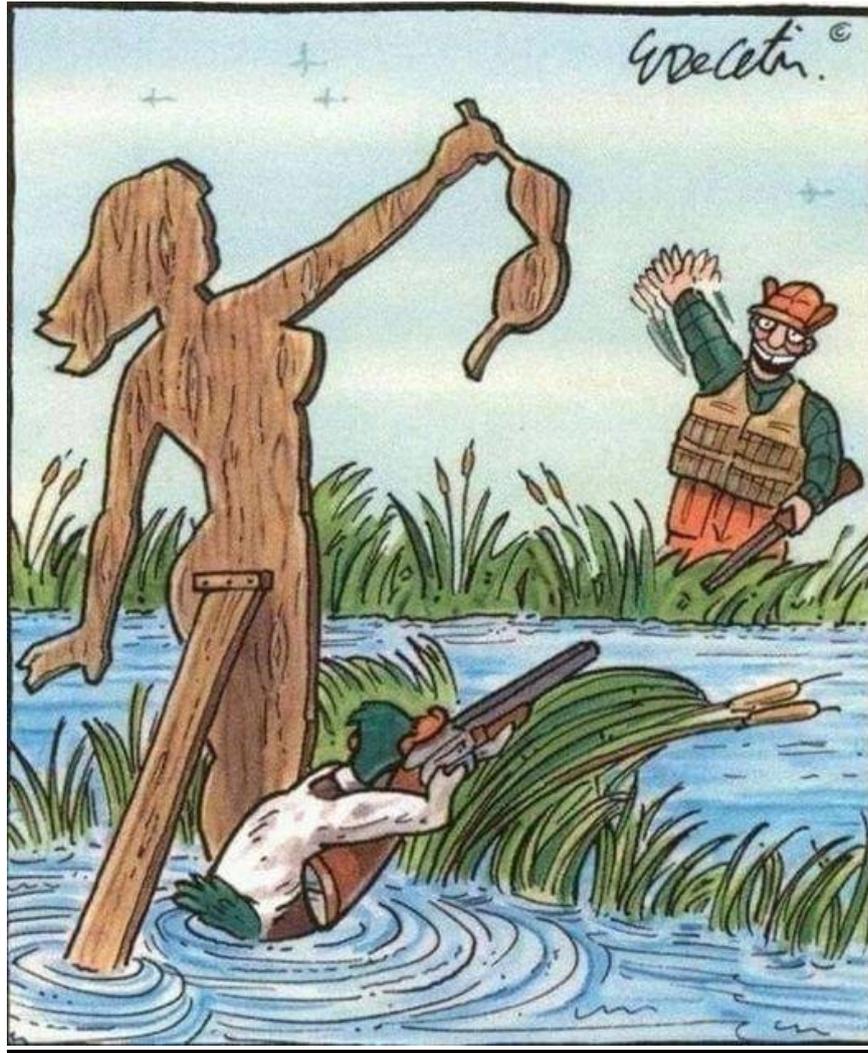
## Two Interesting Hyper Link's

[https://www.therock.net.nz/home/shows/rock-drive/2022/07/jay-and-dunc-read-this-deer-yarn-that-proves-that-all-deer-s-are.html?fbclid=IwAR1SDcoJUL0348FwSOf08ICS3kg3WXf3VN5E1Re\\_GAGE8wXc1CcbbtFChZY](https://www.therock.net.nz/home/shows/rock-drive/2022/07/jay-and-dunc-read-this-deer-yarn-that-proves-that-all-deer-s-are.html?fbclid=IwAR1SDcoJUL0348FwSOf08ICS3kg3WXf3VN5E1Re_GAGE8wXc1CcbbtFChZY)

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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.

28<sup>th</sup> September Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

5<sup>th</sup> October Andy Nesbit 021 538 676

12<sup>th</sup> October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

26<sup>th</sup> October Tom Mead 027 847 1882

9<sup>th</sup> November Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

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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](mailto:erin@wildbalance.co.nz) or 022 543 1022



**Wapiti Lodge, & Red Stag Lodge Mavora**



Wapiti Lodge



Red Stag

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43 Bain St Invercargill

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