

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter

February 2023



Little Hellfire Stewart Island Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 15th February at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

Guest Speaker
ROARING competition.

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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

Looking at a Hunt East Branch of the Eglinton
5 days early March? Fly in, limited spaces.
Contact Tom 0278471882 if interested

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

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them.

Owen Peattie, John Pahl, Max Treloar, Tobias Haliday,
Bailey Diack, Grant Coughey, David Tonkin,
David Smith, Michael Hartstonge, Conner McDonald,
Stephanus Theron, Ethan Francis, Bruce White,
John Carter, Peter Hancox, Michael Shepherd,
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Club Hunts Tom Tony Luke

Ranges to include the Rifle club and Pistol Club Doug, Tom

DOC Liaison, Ray

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Competition Committee to include Kids Hunting and Wilkinson Postal shoot Shaun, Tom
Hunts Course Nathan Tom Andy Shaun Wayne Luke





Hi all, a glorious start to the year, wonderful weather as long as you're not a farmer haha.

I've just got back from my first of many trips to Stewart Island myself and a crew of GC'z headed into Abraham's Bay for 7 days. I had a blast seeing my first Kiwi in the wild. Had my first whitetail encounter, watched the rear end of a white tail deer run away from me in the bush while I was balancing on a log trying to cross a creek quietly. Spent some time fishing diving and solved a few of the world's problems around the campfire.

We will have run the first weekend of the Hunts course by now. I'm sure everyone involved will be enjoying that.

We have some fundraising planned to cut and split firewood at Rodger McNaughtons the 4-5th March so if your free for one or both of those days your help would be much appreciated we will aim for 1-4 or 5 pm with a few refreshments afterwards. Great chance to get some funds away for the coming year.

Time allowing we are planning to re do the kitchen at the Wapiti Lodge so these funds will be a great help to that. On that note if your keen to help renovate the Wapiti lodge Kitchen or have contacts with the right people who can help or help organise supplies for this let me no . We will be setting up a subcommittee to organise this any help would be appreciated and you'll get a few days away in Te Anau.

Other Than That Happy hunting stay Safe and get ready for the Roar

See you at the meeting

Cheers Shaun



Editorial

2023 is well and truly here, a twelfth plus is gone already. Many of us will be well into plans for the Roar. It is coming fast now. Also coming fast is the cut-off date for the latest round of submissions on the Arms Act.

The promoters of the charges have split them into individual costs trying to justify each of them. Or get some to agree that some are not bad/ justified.

This week on line I read about a road death where a contractor to roading was hit and killed painting markings at a railway crossing and was hit by the train, at Martin in the North Island. The contractor failed to get a permit for the work from Kiwi Rail. These permits for putting a bit of paint over a railway crossing cost at least \$975.00 each time. The contractor could not afford. If it was paid and passed on to the respective roading body as part of the contract it would be well over \$1000.00 per railway crossing. No wonder the national roading budget does not go very far.

In Auckland enthusiastic parking wardens started to ticket non Registered or Warranted cars that were moved on to roads to avoid floods, until the council stopped them. How many cars lack warrants, registration or road user miles because the owners can't afford them. People without drivers licences due to the same lack of money.

Then there is those who could not afford Insurance in Auckland caught out by the storm, it's all sad.

How many firearms owners won't be able to afford the proposed fees, one group that stands out is in the rural North Island and West Coast South Island. Who live a low income rural life where hunted meat is an important part of the diet. Scroll back a few years Nicole McKee was spending some time when with the Mountain Safety Council getting them legal with a Firearms Licence. This could well be lost.

Would such cost increases be proposed if it was in costs for road users, I think not the government claims to want to bring down inflation? (Perhaps they could have a look in passing at Kiwi Rail Permits the cost comes back to them and on to us).

You need to submit, by the 16th Feb. If you don't want to go down the rabbit hole that is their submission form. Just something that says some people out there can't afford this package. They will become criminals purely and simply due to financial hardship. The points I have discussed above point in this direction.

Regards

Doug Gordon

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06-0925-0270758-000 with details of *your name Polo Shirt and Size.*

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First in best dressed

Branch Working Bee

Hi All Rodger McNaughton has kindly asked the club to do another firewood fundraiser.

We will need chainsaws Log Splitters and as many hands as we can gather to make it all work.

He is getting the trees felled for us all we have to do is cut and split it for him.

We are planning the weekend of the 4-5th March from 1pm-4 or 5 pm Sat And Sunday.

If anyone wanted to come earlier than that it would be no problem.

Rodgers Address is

168 Walker Road, Woodlands/Morton Mains

Thanks

Cheers Shaun 0276350490

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More about hunting cartridges then and now after the October 2022 newsletter!

The passing of the .303 as the premier hunting rifle and cartridge for New Zealand only means that the supply of cheap rifles dried up and the rifles made by 'big name' foreign manufacturers like BSA, Parker Hale, SAKO, Marlin, Browning, Remington and Winchester became noticed. The cartridges they used were different too - .243W, .222 Remington, .30-30W, .308W, plus .30'06 and .270.

The 1960s saw some new additions to the range too, and the stand-out cartridge, for which rifles were of course available, was the 7 mm Remington magnum. (There had been some 'hot-shot' 7 mms before then, but sales were limited until the Remington product emerged). The .284 Winchester, intended to offer .270 Winchester power in lever and semi-auto rifles, succeeded but was not marketed as a magnum, a feature thought by some to be essential for sales success in parts of the American market).

Not long before that, Winchester had tried the .358 Winchester, and their .264 Winchester magnum appeared too, the former a flop commercially, the latter a near-flop, eclipsed by Remington's 7 mm magnum. The rumour mills and the 'shooting and blasting' magazines

(of which there were plenty in the US) were quick to spread stories of the supposed failures of the .244 Remington, and Remington's woes were not helped by the limited sales successes of their 6.5 and .350 magnums built on their model 600 carbines. Winchester got its sales flop too though, when its semi-rimmed .225 Winchester cartridge, intended to eclipse the runaway success of Remington's .22-250, failed dismally despite the phenomenal precision of their ammunition. As a form of compensation though, its .300 Winchester magnum continues to do well commercially.

1970s saw more new chamberings, including the 7mm '08, the .25'06, and later on, the .35 Whelen, all of which sold more rifles. Magnums continued, Remington's 8 mm being more of a curiosity than notable, while the .375 Winchester, a straightened out and enhanced (but non-magnum) development of the old .38-55, used a tougher version of the .30-30W case in a beefed-up Model 1894 lever rifle.

Looking through the reloading manuals gives some idea of the dynamics of the sporting rifle market-place as 'new cartridges' rise and fall for the sportsman shooter-hunter to fawn over. The 1980s saw not quite so many new chamberings, but other changes in the sporting rifle market were looming. If you're still interested, we will mention these next month!

By the 1980s, larger magnums appeared, many for dreamers who yearned for an African trip but who were prepared to buy the rifles, endure the ferocious kick; these included the resurgence of the .416, developed in 1911 by Rigby. Remington introduced their version (not interchangeable with the Rigby) in the 1970s, while Ruger and Dakota (although the last is more of a proprietary cartridge than a standard factory one).

1990's – Winchester and Remington Short magnums, and Super-Short magnums in .223, .225, .270. 7 mm (SUAM), .300. sold lots of rifles, leaving lots of perfectly good standard .270Ws and .30'06 to be snapped up by the others.

2,000s

2010

2020

Also what else can go wrong with rifles and scopes?

Last month I mentioned a few of the things that can go wrong with rifles. Loose screws (of all kinds!) were the main thing. This month, while not wishing to insult you, we are going to review a bit more about rifle maintenance before considering the optics.

Your best friend, your rifle!

Both not enough, and too much TLC can mess with your rifle. Neglect tends to show up in the form of corrosion, usually rust if your rifle is made of steel. Too much can clog up the works, and triggers and firing mechanisms **do not like** accumulations of oil which can jam them up, especially in cold weather.

If you don't wish to mess around with triggers especially, take the rifle to a gunsmith who will probably wash it down with a solvent before very lightly applying a *modicum* (= just enough, not too much) lubricant to this, the last point of communication between you and the shot you are about to fire. The trigger is a REALLY important part of your rifle!

While you're at the gunsmith's place, get the bolt stripped down too, because it is amazing what gunk accumulates around the mainspring and firing pin. It can amount to enough to prevent the firing pin snapping forward to hit and ignite the primer on a bad day. You or your 'smith can literally wash out the bolt body, then lightly oil it with a low-viscosity (= runny) oil.

Check the bedding of the action in the stock while you are at it.

Scope maintenance

Our scope is a critical feature of your rifle system, and unless you have back-up metallic sights on your rifle (rare these days), if the scope karks out, your hunt may be doomed.

You need to see through the scope, so make sure the caked blood is cleared from the lenses. Gently wipe the lens with a soft tissue dampened in a 50/50 mixture of meths and water. (Don't scrape it with your shirt tail, it's probably had enough of that in the field!) Scopes are surprisingly tough things, but if they do get a 'dong' when hunting or anywhere else, I think it is a great idea to put a couple of shots through at the range immediately *after* your hunt, to ensure it is ready for next time. (That may explain why you missed last time too).

Scopes have a finite life, they can only endure so many shots before their internals fail to 'return to battery' after each shot is fired. You'll never know until you find occasional shots missing, hence the need for the occasional trip to the range.

Make sure all the mounting screws are firmly tightened too.

Rough 'rule of thumb' for sighting in

A bit late, but I have found that if the rifle is shooting dead on what you aim at 50 metres, for most centrefire calibres you will be within 'minute of deer' out to 250 metres. And, you'll easily be able to see the bullet holes from 50 metres if you are using a scope sight.

Chaz Forsyth.

JOKES FOR THE MONTH

CURRENCY NEWS FROM CANADA.....

The Royal Canadian Mint has just announced they are going to remove the polar bear from the \$2 coin in view of its demise due to global warming!



At the height of political correctness, they will replace it with two gay deer.



The coin will now be called two fuckin' bucks

Rakiura Update #13

11 Jan 2023

You will recall in my last update the Southland Conservation Board chairperson Shona Sangster reported in the media she hoped *some of that (funding) would be coming south to tackle Rakiura's deer problem.*

"There's a concern from locals around the number of deer in the township, but then there's also a real question for conservationists about what the effect they're having on the park. People anecdotally seeing an understory that to them looks to be pretty denuded."

Hunters helped control numbers, but there were remote areas of the island where deer populations could flourish unimpeded, Sangster said.

A letter was sent to the Conservation Board asking for details of these remote areas so the information could be passed on to hunters. The response was that no "flourishing unimpeded" areas exist. Issues around the township deer population are complex & not everyone agrees with Sangster's opinion. Many locals like to see the deer about the town.

Island hunting popular. Hunting Permits for were issued to 620 parties for blocks on

Conservation land in 2022. This was just 9 parties less than the record number in 2021 so clearly hunting remains a popular activity on Stewart Island. Way ahead of the average 300 parties in the 1970's. Rakiura Maori Land blocks attract at least another 100 parties which are generally larger in number than those on Conservation land. Approx 55-man years hunting in 2022.

Who watches the watchers? DOC are required to report on how they implement the policies of the National Park Plan/CMS to the Southland Conservation Board annually as at 30 June. This Implementation Report is to be made available to the community. I have made two requests for a copy of 2022 report but I am still waiting without explanation. Is this because the report has not been presented or is there another reason?

One of the policies is (DOC) Should encourage the hunting community to provide accurate hunting returns as a means of increasing knowledge regarding the deer and possum populations within Rakiura National Park.

In 2021 DOC reported their progress as:- *While the Department encourages hunting returns by way of a prompting email annually and possum fur trappers are encouraged to provide catch rate data, we are also interested to review independent passive monitoring such as faecal pellet counts, to better understand the size of the population remaining after hunting pressure/pest control. Independent density monitoring is completed as part of the Tier 1 monitoring programme though this is targeted to broad scale assessment.* This is the same regurgitated progress report as the 2020 report, and I suspect will be the same in 2022 report. I have never had this email reminder and I would appreciate if you have had an email reminder could you confirm the same to me by email.

Predator Free Rakiura now employs four people. There is a lot of information on their [website](#) One media release says "*Predator Free Rakiura is working with NZ-based Wilderlab to undertake eDNA water sampling: our team will collect water samples which will be sent to Wilderlab for testing for traces of mouse DNA. Our initial focus will be around the township of Oban as this is a likely area for mice to be living.*" I suppose if you have \$1M to spend each year this kind of expense is a pittance, but it flies in the face of PFR website which clearly states "*The island has never had mustelids and it has no goats, pigs or mice.*" I probably don't need to comment further but you can probably hear the sound of my finger scratching the back of my head.

This link is a nine-minute radio interview with PFR Project Director. The last two minutes are directly related to deer. [Funding to give Rakiura Predator Free status](#)

Poison Trial. Rollars, Christmas, Lucky blocks will be closed during July & August 2023 for a poison bait trial which is targeting cats. See the attached PDF factsheet.

No short notice bookings Last year DOC notified a change to their hunting block/hut booking process. DOC will not be accepting any booking requests made within 3 days of the booking start date.

North Pegasus. Be aware there is a block of private land that has recently had some building undertaken at the head of North Arm on the west side which does not appear on the DOC hunting block map yet.

From Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust. A stick of wood was nailed above the doorway at Upper Lords River hut which allowed a rat to access the roof by evading the metal flashing. The rat then chewed through the rubber chimney flu boot, dropped into the hut and created havoc. This is the second hut where the same thing has happened. 1. Do not attach anything to the hut over flashings. 2. Do not leave any food inside huts. Pictures are available on Trust Facebook page.

Deer Aging. Stewart Island Whitetail Research Group are still in the business of aging whitetail deer shot on the Island. So far over 1200 deer have been aged. Clean (boiled /dry) jawbones (one side only) can be sent to SIWRG, PO Box 1588 Invercargill. advise male/female, block, date include your name email and we will notify you the age. Please don't wrap in plastic when you post.

Hunter reports Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust is continuously asking hunters to submit a hunter report after their hunt. We cannot advocate on behalf of hunters if we do not get this information. This is not a matter of finding out your secrets but a means of identifying hunter effort at managing whitetail. We have a unique hunting environment, and we need your help to keep it that way. For 2022 less than 10% of parties bothered to make a report which takes about

1 minute of your time. If you hunted on the Island last year and overlooked it, make a [Hunter Report](#)



If you are keen on a copy of my book email me [Chasing Whitetail Bucks](#) Hunt Safely. Regards. John.

Predator Free Rakiura



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Latest news from Predator Free Rakiura

Welcome to 2023

We are thrilled to be entering a new year with plenty on the horizon for Predator Free Rakiura!

In this edition of Mahi Ngatahi:

- Te Puka Rakiura Trust Update
- Mouse eDNA Research underway: what happens next?
- Kauati to begin wānanga with mana whenua
- Exploring funding and relationship opportunities
- Everyone can sign up for regular updates from PFR!

Te Puka Rakiura Trust Update

TPRT met on 19 January, and received updates from Jason Arnold from Kauati about the upcoming mana whenua engagement, from Cornelia Vervoorn from the Department of Conservation about a potential international funding opportunity, and from Trustee Rob Phillips about the ongoing conversation with the NEXT Foundation and Zero Invasive Predators with respect to relationship opportunities.

TPRT also discussed appointing a Trustee as a Health and Safety representative to link in directly with the project team, which is expected to be formalised at the next TPRT meeting in March.

PFR Assistant Project Director Bridget Carter gave an update on the annual planning process which has had its timeline adjusted due to the ongoing relationship conversations with possible funders and partners, and Research & Operations Manager Kevin Carter provided a report on research projects which will ramp up this year in partnership with Manaaki Whenua, as well as information about the biosecurity report and infrastructure report work which is ramping up.

Mouse eDNA research underway

What happens next?

You may recall that we took water samples from sites around Oban to test for traces of mouse DNA in December. If you need to refresh your memory, you can read about it on our website [here](#).

We received the initial results from Wilderlab late on Friday last week. Kevin is currently working with Manaaki Whenua to understand what our next steps might be - regardless of what the results show - and we'll provide you with more info once we've had a little time to review the results! We know that we will need to do more sampling – expanding the area from which samples are taken and taking a look at more sites.



Research & Operations Manager Kevin Carter takes a water sample from a stream on Halfmoon Bay beach in late 2022.

Kauati to begin

Wānanga with mana whenua

Policy and engagement experts Kauati are about to start direct engagement with Ngāi Tahu whānui to collate their aspirations and expectations for Predator Free Rakiura.

Wānanga and interviews are scheduled to start on February 13 and 14 in Bluff and on Rakiura. Invitees have been determined in consultation with our PFREAG and TPRT Ngāi Tahu representatives.

Kauati will listen to attendees' expectations, priorities and preferred delivery mechanisms for PFR, detailing these in the final report alongside interview feedback and the literature review.

Exploring funding and relationship Opportunities

In 2022, PFR secured funding from the Department of Conservation and Manaaki Whenua. We also submitted proposals to, and met with, others, including Predator Free 2050 Ltd, the NEXT Foundation, and Zero Invasive Predators South Westland.

Our conversations with the NEXT Foundation and Zero Invasive Predators are continuing as we explore how we might work together to deliver the Predator Free Rakiura vision. The NEXT Foundation and Zero Invasive Predators have close ties with Predator Free 2050 Ltd, so we expect to be able to update you on all of these conversations in March/April, if not sooner.

We're working with DOC to explore an international opportunity for multiple New Zealand

predator-free projects called the Island Ocean Connection Challenge. The IOCC is a joint initiative developed by international philanthropists, governments and NGOs with the aim of restoring at least 40 globally significant island ecosystems by 2030 to benefit biodiversity, climate and communities. To date the founding partners and their supporters have secured US\$50 million of the US\$160 million needed to achieve this vision.

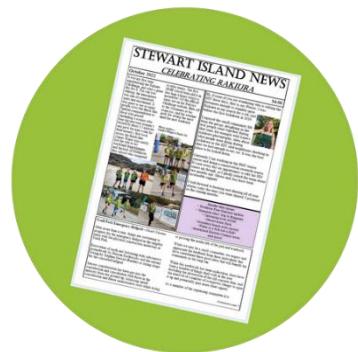
Predator Free Rakiura is in the early stages of exploring how we might become a partner in the Challenge, with support from DOC

Late last year, the project team caught up with the good folks delivering work for the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Environment Trust. This January, we visited Mamaku Point, and had a great meet-and-greet with their team. We're very much looking forward to continuing to grow our relationships with on-island projects, groups, and individuals in 2023.

Latest PFR update for **Stewart Island News**

The most recent edition of Stewart Island News was sent out in December. You can read Predator Free Rakiura's update, and share it with others, [here](#). Our next update in Stewart Island News is likely to be included in their February edition.

PFR Communications & Engagement Manager Hannah McLeod is keen to hear from PFREAG and TPRT members to understand whether you might be interested in contributing a regular column to our SIN updates. Email her on hannah.mcleod@predatorfreerakiura.org.nz to let her know if this is something you'd like to be involved in.



Everyone can sign up for updates from PFR!

We are now inviting anyone and everyone to sign up for our digital newsletters.

We haven't sent out our first newsletter yet, but they're likely to be similar to what you see in our Stewart Island News updates - keeping the Rakiura community and wider public up-to-date with all things Predator Free Rakiura.

People can sign up now to ensure they receive our updates when we start sending them out!

Click [here](#) to sign up, and feel free to share the link with everyone you know!



A final note....

We have spent the first few weeks of 2023 getting the engines back up and running, and

determining what our urgent focus needs to be for the first few months. Our priorities include securing significant funding for the project and delivering key work around the biosecurity system to protect an eradication investment, getting a foundational infrastructure report underway to enable field work to begin, and following up on the Mouse EDNA work. We've got some important reports which need to go to our major funding partner DOC early this year, and we're nailing down our research programme with Manaaki Whenua too.

The next edition of Mahi Ngatahi will be sent out following the next PFREAG meeting, scheduled for 15 February. The next TPRT meeting is set to be held on 16 March, however there may be an additional meeting in February to progress any relationship or funding negotiation matters that need to be addressed - we'll provide you with an update following the meeting if it goes ahead.

If you have any questions in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out!

Did you miss a previous edition of Mahi Ngatahi?
You can read the December Edition here .
You can read the October/November Edition here .
You can read the first edition - from September - here .

Remember...

This newsletter is sent directly to members of Predator Free Rakiura's Engagement Advisory Group and Te Puka Rakiura Trustees. You are welcome to forward this newsletter on to the organisations you represent in your role as a PFREAG member or Trustee.

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Young Hunts Course 2023



**This course is for anyone young or old.
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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**

Rifle Range Shoots.

NZDA Wilkinson postal shoot. 26th Feb in conjunction with young hunts range day at the Cobb Road Range more info to come, after meeting on 15th.

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 Range 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
0272247119 or Foster 021516342**

NZDA Members – You have affiliated membership and can shoot for \$5 per session, contact Tom 0278471882 or Andy 021538676

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.

25th February Andy Nesbit 021 538 676

1st March Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

8th March Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

25th March Tom Mead 027 847 1882



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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 or 022 543 1022



Wapiti Lodge, & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Wapiti Lodge



Red Stag

Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654
cell 021 08219528 email nandc43@gmail.com or
43 Bain St Invercargill

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