

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Winning Photo Game Animals Shaun McKelvie

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter June 2018

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Meeting Wednesday 20th June 8pm

Executive Meeting 7.00 pm

Guest Speaker

None confirmed at time of printing, will advise if one becomes available

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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 N. Dawson.

Blue Mountains N. Dawson,

Fiordland R. Phillips, S. Robinson.

Longwoods R. Phillips.



Presidents Report

Hi All.

Well we had the AGM. We have two new committee members and with Dave Howden our secretary for over 25 years standing down this year. Dave's input to our branch club over this time has been very much appreciated. No sure if Dave is going to write a book about it. But if he did, the branch would want a signed copy for the library. I welcome Andy our new secretary and two new committee members Thomas and Shaun it is always great to have some new faces on board I am looking forward to the next year.

Southland like the rest of NZ is having a Firearms Community discussion this being held at the Invercargill Working Mans club more details in newsletter. Representatives from shooting and hunting clubs should be present at this. It would be wise for people to school up on such matters, as we will all know someone who is going to be sitting their arms license one day.

Rayonier Forest hunting blocks. Last September 2017, we held a meeting about this. The result of which was that we proceed towards adopting this proposal. These things take time, however we are at the stage where we need to commit or walk away. This arrangement with Rayonier forests has its pro's and con's like most things. If we don't proceed we would soon be in the position of, could-of-should- of- would-of. Our constitution requires us to promote hunting. This is a situation where the branch can promote safe and ethical hunting while working alongside Rayonier who are also required to control wild animals within their estates. The new committee will work towards setting this up alongside the Gore and South Otago branches. Members I remind you that to be able to be balloted a hunting block you will be required to attend no less than 5 monthly meeting a year, and pay the yearly fee. Not such hard thing really is it.

Rifle range.

You may have heard a little about the Golf club closing down in Otatara. There has been some interest from a few groups about this land. One of which is the Invercargill Rifle Club wishing to build a rifle range. This is a great opportunity to make use of this land.

With 16000-18000 licensed firearms owners in southland who vote, pay rates contribute to the local economy regularly. The number of folk interested in shooting sports seems to be on an upward swing. So such a Shooting range would in my view be well supported. I will be keeping in touch with the Rifle club regarding this matter.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Mike Gurney, Jordan Andrews, Todd Sinclair



Editorial

On the 30th of May it was announced that Taranaki is to be made predator free (Rats, Ferrets, possums). As an early step to predator free New Zealand. Google Predator Free Taranaki and have a look. I have not found any mention of poison in the documentation that I have seen, Interesting the steep slopes of Mt Taranaki will be difficult to trap.

There is talk of a trap wall to keep these three species out once eliminated. (Something currently being trialled in the Perth region of the West Coast) Traps with electronic sensors to indicate a kill/ or a catch are to be used. There is a link that enables one to buy traps, so who is to pay for all the traps?

No mention of eliminating the large game animals present is a positive, that is if poison is not to be used with its' by kill.

But what about that Apex Predator and definite pest to bird life the Cat! They will chase birds harder with no rats to eat? Fish and Game Southland hold them as one of the main causes of the declining duck population in Southland.

Back to Taranaki the success of the predator free campaign seems highly reliant on volunteer effort on a large scale over a long period. It will be interesting to see how things actually develop, and whether poison is being used. Watch the news what happens here will affect the rest of New Zealand. Predator Free Stewart Island is up and trying to run, Large scale use of poison is to be used here, including no doubt into the swamp that is the Freshwater. Though again here the Deer are not a target, but will the poison have an affect!

Wanted

Stories, adds, letters to the editor, or whatever for the newsletter, send to or contact the editor.

Guest Speaker's needed for next year, Ideas wanted, who do you want, names needed, suggestions to Executive

Sponsors

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

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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 2018/2019 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
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Trophy Competition Results.

Red Deer 1st Grant Gerrard 294 5/8 Ds

2nd Dean Dahlenburg 267 5/8 Ds

3rd Bryce Stupples 227 3/8 Ds

Fallow Deer 1st Dean Dahlenberg 228 7/8 Ds

2nd Dean Dahlenburg not scored

White Tailed Deer 1st John DeLury 103 7/8 Ds

Chamois 1st Shaun McKelvie 23. Ds

Veterans 1st John Delury

Photo Competition results

Game Animals

1st Shaun McKelvie 2nd John Delury

Other Wild Life

1st Shaun McKelvie 2nd Doug Gordon

Topical

1st Shaun McKelvie 2nd Doug Gordon

3rd Doug Gordon

Scenic

1st Doug Gordon

2nd Shaun McKelvie

3rd Doug Gordon

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BACK COUNTRY

Cuisine

Still available at a great price to Branch Members

Contact Gus Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351 for a price list

Joke of the Month

I went to the liquor store Friday afternoon on my bicycle,

Bought a bottle of Scotch and put it in the bicycle basket.

As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bicycle,
the bottle would break.

So I drank all the Scotch before I cycled home.

It turned out to be a very good decision,
because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.

Paddy pulls up at the traffic lights next to a stunning looking girl.

Paddy smiles at her and winds his window down.

She smiles back and winds her window down.

Paddy says ' have you farted as well?'

Young Hunts Course 2018



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Includes 8-9 Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and 2
weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting rifles
and river crossing.**

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COLFO to become more inclusive.

At the COLFO AGM in May a remit was passed allowing interested groups who may be affected by arms legislation, such as air-soft and paintball users, to come under the umbrella of COLFO... COLFO encourages any firearms interest group or individual to become a member – visit our website for details.

COLFO Fee increases

Unrelenting anti firearm activity over the past two years has resulted in increasing workloads for COLFO Board members, involving domestic and international travel as well as supporting various legal challenges and projects that benefit all shooters. This all comes at a cost and in order to rebuild our funds it has been necessary to increase fees for the first time in decades. Most of COLFOs annual income is derived from donations; this is where you can help our cause by giving a little to: **06-0501-0736016-00**

Where to with Licence Testing?

Police have advised that new licence applicants will need to access the new, yet to be published, Arms Code from the Police website, and when ready sit a firearm safety test at a location where driver licence testing is provided, such as AA or VTNZ. Once they have passed the theory test they will then need to attend a two hour practical handling lecture and assessment before their application can progress.

It has been announced by New Zealand Police that they have awarded the contract to deliver the practical firearms handling component of the new on line testing regime for two years commencing 1 July to the Mountain Safety Council. The MSC is now attempting to recruit part time paid contractors to deliver this programme in just 48 main centres throughout the country.

COLFO is concerned that this new system will result in fewer people having opportunity to gain their licence, especially for those with learning difficulties and those living in remote locations.

If you experience unreasonable difficulty in accessing the new licence testing process COLFO would like to hear about it.

Guns and Gangs

What unintended consequences will the newly announced **Firearms Prohibition Orders Bill** have for law abiding firearm owners? This Bill gives powers to the Commissioner of Police to prohibit members of gangs from possessing or associating with any person with a firearm. COLFO sees one

concern in a new definition of “possession” which the Bill defines as “in relation to a firearm, part, or ammunition, includes a firearm, part, or ammunition that is subject to a person’s control but that is in the custody of another person”. What exactly does this mean in practice and how will it affect licensed owners? How will anyone know who is subject to a prohibition order- in order not to associate with them in any way relating to a firearm?

This Bill will require close scrutiny and robust submissions at the Select Committee stage. COLFO will keep you advised.

Imported Firearms

Recently dealers have queried the need to supply details of imported A Cat firearm serial numbers to Police. Following consultation with the Arms Act Deliver Service it was pointed out to COLFO that this is a requirement set out in **Section 13 Notification of Importation** of the **Arms Regulations 1992**, which requires full details to be supplied to the Arms Office that issued the import permit within 30 days of the firearm arriving in New Zealand. Failure to do so may incur a fine of up to \$ 400 on conviction.

This should be seen as Police doing their job effectively rather than introducing a new imposition on importers. COLFO does not see this as “registration by stealth” but rather a means of collecting accurate data on firearm imports.

The Future of the Shooting Sports in New Zealand

Sometimes it feels that the misguided attacks on our hobbies are relentless. It is clear that there are some people who are of the opinion that all firearms should be removed from civilian hands. This is their right. The only way we can prevent this from happening- and it could well happen that the ownership of firearms is severely restricted in this country - is by increasing our numbers. The reality is that licensed firearm owners- who are by definition “fit and proper” and thus law abiding are likely to adhere to any restrictions on their sport no matter how unjust, or give up the sport because it all becomes too difficult. Once the number of licensed shooters drops below a certain critical mass, the pastime we all love will be stilled, probably for ever.

COLFO works hard for you, frequently behind the scenes. Our board watch carefully all media articles, lobby at the national and international stage and talk to all participants whether police, politicians or “the antis”. But there is one thing we cannot do to any great degree and one thing you can help us with- and that is get more people into the shooting sports.

We see this as a numbers game. More shooters equates to greater influence on decision makers. As it stands there are a huge number of people with licences in New Zealand- but we need as many as we can get and there is much you can do to help.

The first thing is, don’t dismiss other shooters or their disciplines. While you may only enjoy one particular shooting discipline and have no interest in other types of firearm, don’t throw fellow shooters under the bus by condemning their particular style of shooting. Our experience has been that media or persons with an agenda will seize on and distort any message from just one person, no matter how well intentioned, and this will become the opinion of “all” shooters. How often

have we heard people with an anti firearm agenda say “I have talked to lots of shooters who agree with me”.

The second thing is, and perhaps more important than anything, is to introduce other people to your hobby. There are two aspects to this. If someone doesn't like firearms, or has a “Hollywood” view of them, you will find that simply by taking them to the range and exposing them to a chance to have a shot and try out different types of firearms they may be more supportive of us. COLFO did just that with the Select Committee last year. They may well, after a positive experience- pipe up on a comment on a news site or to a friend that they understand the shooting community and why they are so passionate about their sport.

Most importantly however, by encouraging and introducing people to the sport (“ I have always wanted to try this”) they may get a licence and take up the sport. We tend to think about only introducing younger generations to the sport but we need to think more widely. Women are the fastest growing demographic for shooting sports in the United States and there is no reason to think this won't be the case here. Your clubs and friends should always be on the lookout for a chance to introduce new shooters whether having a “user friendly” process to join the club, or an open day. If you come across someone at your workplace who has “always been interested” in firearms, you should make the opportunity to take them out, even if it is just plinking away with a .22.

If just 10% of shooters in New Zealand got just one person into the hobby every year, within a short time our voices would never be able to be silenced. It is up to you.

You can become an individual supporter of COLFO here: <http://colfo.org.nz>

Meeting On Firearms with Police on Firearms

See below see you there!!!

Hi all,

This is to advise that there is a meeting for all interested firearm users and groups where you may discuss and contribute feedback towards NZ Police firearm services and issues.

Acting Superintendent Mike McIlraith and his team from the Arms Act Service Delivery Group from Wellington will be conducting this meeting.

The meeting is on Thursday 28 June 2018 between 4.30pm to 6.00pm at the East Lounge, Invercargill Workingman's Club, [154 Esk Street, Invercargill](#).

Full details of this meeting are below.

Can you forward this email onto your staff / club members, please

Regards

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Safer Communities Together

Firearms Project Community Discussion Sessions

In Police's effort to review and improve the administration of the Arms Act, the Arms Act Service Delivery Group is looking closely at how Police can best deliver firearms related services to the public in a timely, consistent, and cost effective manner.

To assist with this work, the project team are looking to meet with Police district staff and firearms user community members for participatory discussion sessions in all police districts. These sessions are designed in a way that it will enable you to contribute creatively to the current thinking around challenges, opportunities, needs, and wants of the firearms community when interacting with Police for Arms Act related services. We want to hear about any insights you may have from your interaction with the Police and external agencies involved in the delivery of services. We will also take time to understand from you what you think the areas are that we need to focus on, and how we may improve our service model to deliver consistent, timely, and efficient services to you. During the workshop, you will have a chance to ask questions, have open and genuine discussion, and provide any feedback to help us shape our understanding of unique issues in your community.

All firearms community members are welcome to attend.

The Roar 2018 part 1

This year was the same as any other. I found myself planning which weekend's I had off over the last week of March and the first weeks of April and what family commitments (see brownie points) and work (see \$\$ to buy hunting gear) didn't leave me many spare days to get out chasing the wirily red stags. The only time I could find was my weekdays off or before lunch time milking in the weekend as we were on 16hr milking's at the time so as long as I was back by 12 too get the cows in I had one morning free in the weekends. I had I couple of new blocks to have a look over and of course old faithful a special wee spot I'd been going for couple years, always hearing plenty of stags but never actually managed to get close enough to one . I snuck out to old faithful spot on the Tuesday after Easter , not holding my hopes to high I figured I'd at least have the place to myself assuming every other Tom dick and Harry had been there over the long weekend??

Anyway I walked the 20-30 min in and off the beaten track to where the hunting really starts. I've always been tripped up by the wind in this particular spot as the wind seems

to chase me everywhere I go, today was to be different. I had the wind sorted it was blowing westerly hard enough to blow an elephant off its feet, so I had no trouble picking the wind direction, the only trouble was the wind was blowing that hard it was near impossible to hear the stags roaring every now and again in-between the gusts you'd hear them singing away, I figured I'd never be able to roar anything in 1 they wouldn't hear me and I couldn't hear them, so I picked option b pick a nice ridge and work my way down with the wind in my face, it was a bit of a bash to get up to the ridge but once I got on it was easy going and plenty of sign so I was hopefully that I'd be able to successfully scare something away on my way down, after about 20min of step stop look step stop look I picked a brown arse half behind a tree. One more step cracking a stick under foot and yip it was and a hind she quickly departed but as she fled a young stag poked his nose in to see what the fuss was about that was all I needed split second to clearly define it was a stag maybe 8 points or hopefully more, at no more than 30 meters steering directly at me trying to define the strange thing in his territory. The 308 spoke and made short work of the stag and he fell to the shot stumbled as he took his last breath.



As I walked up to the stag it was with mixed emotion he was a young 7 point stag. As this was my first stag in more than a couple of years so it was nice to have something to take home. I cut the back legs off and back steaks and taking the head loaded the up clumsy load, I only had my bum bag so with the legs over my shoulders back steaks tucked in my belt and the head uncomfortably tossed over top everything else, the 20

min stroll in was a hour long struggle out back to the truck but he did taste good. Nothing went to waste. With the stag hanging in the workshop I now had to work on getting out to see what was in the new spots I had to explorer, since the pressure of taking something home was now off.

Shaun McKelvie

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Red Stag lodge after a good frost

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

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Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site.