

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Paterson's Inlet & Freshwater Stewart Island

## Southland Branch NZDA News Letter November 2018

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Meeting **Thursday** 22nd November 8pm

Guest Speaker Sarah Dowie MP on Tahr and related issues (**Note the change of Day of the week**)

Executive Meeting 7.00 pm Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> November  
(There will be a General meeting at 8pm as per notice below)

## **Notice of general meeting incorporating a special Annual General meeting**

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 8pm.

The agenda is as follows:

Apologies

General business.

Item 1: It is proposed to set the subscriptions for the coming 2019/2020 year starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Subscriptions as proposed have been set by the Executive and are required to be ratified by this meeting.

Any other business.

### **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

## Club Office Bearers

**President:** S. Robinson 215 7897 **Vice President:** W.Muir

**Secretary** A Nesbit : **Treasurer** Vacant

**Magazine Editor:** D. Gordon 216 6383 **Immediate past President** N Dawson 235 8852

**Membership** R. Phillips (216 3751) **Huts** N Miller

**Executive:** N. Miller, W. Muir, R. Prinsloo, D Howden, T Smalley, T Mead, S McKelvie

### Sub Committees:

Hall	S. Robinson,
Young Hunts	S. Robinson, N. Dawson.
AGM	S. Robinson, D. Howden.
Trophies	W. Muir.
Poisons/toxins	R. Phillips.
Rifle/pistol range	D. Gordon.
DOC Liaison	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Newsletter	D. Gordon.
Library	S. Robinson.
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 / Blue Mountains	N. Dawson.
Fiordland	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Longwoods	R. Phillips.



## Presidents Report

Hi All.

This being the last newsletter for 2018 I wish all members and their families a safe and enjoyable Xmas.

This past month I have been trying to juggle too many things at once. So had to deal with what was more important first.

The next few months and into the New Year, us recreational hunters and fishers will be going to witness some changes in the unique kiwi life style. These proposed changes for the fresh water bill alone can impact on many of us, from folks than fish, jet boat and hunt. Trout and salmon seem to be a target under this Bill, which is going to meet some strong opposition from most of us. If you haven't submitted a submission yet, you should. We must play apart in protecting what we have. Tahr are under fire at present and this is only a start. What happens in the Mount Cook National Park will start a precedents for other areas.

What is interesting is for along time now. Wilding pines have been marching there way up into our high country. There has been a lot of work done to stop or slow this down but unfortunately this just hasn't been enough. Our country has been under attack by so many different pests over the years and yet they are still with us. Wilding Pines, Rats Gorse, Broom, Rabbits, Possums, Cats are pest that nobody wants and they start with the Tahr and whitebait which contributes to the economy. Makes you wonder doesn't it.

On a brighter note. November is a great time to get out for a hunt if you're after some tender venison for that Xmas BBQ.

I would like to thank Hunting and Fishing Invercargill for their financial support they have given to the branch. This has enabled the branch to continual the great work that has been achieved over the past 12 years at Masons Bay. So please support those that support us.

The club needs to address some matters at this month's meeting. Next year's subs will be increasing again. Those that have associate membership will need to upgrade to Full membership. This is because as from the 28th Feb 2019 you will NOT have the public liability insurance as an associate member. The committee would like to see you there.

Steve Robinson.

### **New Members Please Welcome them**

Brendon Martin, Kevin Mason, William Morgan, Quentin Donnelly, John Maguire, Shannon Ferrier, Charlotte Ferrier, Bradley Whyte, Brendon Mathieson



## Editorial

Christmas and New Year are coming around fast, where has the year gone. Looks as though I won't be achieving everything I planned again this year! Perhaps it will be better next year, I should have more time being retired, but there is always something on and one's health is not what it was 40 years ago.

Predator free areas seem to be the flavour this month with two areas being launched in Canterbury. One of them even talks of killing feral cats. I will be interesting to see if these and other programmes get the last pest in their areas. It is tough enough to keep the likes of Ulva Island free.

Other news sees the submission period for Aoraki/ Mt Cook National park extended until early February, Hopefully Head office will provide some guidance as to what concerns hunters, or I might be spending a wet day over the Christmas period trying to make more sense of the document, instead of reading a hunting book that I hear Santa is giving me.

I hope some of you fit ones are going to be out there hunting a Tahr or two, as It looks as the hunting is not going to get better in the short term. At least Doc is now going to target the hard to hunt areas. It would have been good if helicopter landing rules were relaxed in these areas for recreational hunters. After all helicopter noise is helicopter noise no matter who is in the Chopper.

The Helicopter crash a Luggate Airstrip was sad, as was the avalanche deaths near Mt Cook It reminds us we need to be careful out there, one mistake or miscalculation can be ones last. Still we need to get out there and do it otherwise what are we living for.

Take care enjoy Christmas, and hope for a good New Year to follow, we could all do with one.

Doug Gordon

## **draft National Park Management Plan (NPMP) for Aoraki/Mount Cook**

Have your say on the draft National Park Management Plan (NPMP) for Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park. The date for the close of submissions has been extended. Submissions now close 4 February 2019.

You can view and download the draft Aoraki/Mount Cook NPMP online and find information about making a submission on our website: [www.doc.govt.nz/aoraki-mt-cook-plan-review](http://www.doc.govt.nz/aoraki-mt-cook-plan-review)

## Wanted

Stories, adds, 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, 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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Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office [membership@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:membership@deerstalkers.org.nz) or phone them on 04-4996163

As the Branch now operates through the centralised membership system ALL new and renewal subscriptions must be made through the national office not the Branch.

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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 renewal,

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## **Greenstone/Caples**

All blocks in the Greenstone/Caples Recreational Hunting Area (RHA) are [restricted permit](#) blocks issued by way of two ballot draws, one for April/May each year (the roar) and one for June to September. Ballot applications are accepted in November and February for the respective ballot periods.

**Joke of the Month**



**Andrew the drover from a huge cattle station in the Australian outback appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates.**

**"Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," the drover offered.**

**"Once, on a trip to the back blocks of Broken Hill out in New South Wales ,**

**I came across a gang of bikers who were threatening a young sheila.\_**

**I told them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen.**

**So I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked\_**

**him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground.**

**I yelled, "Now, back off!! Or I'll kick the shit out of the lot of ya!"**

**St. Peter was impressed, "When did this happen?"**

**"A couple of minutes ago."**

## **Rifle Sighting In**

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

To use this facility you **MUST** contact the roistered person in charge **no later** than the previous Sunday night.

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

5<sup>th</sup> December Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

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

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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.