

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Best Topical photo Thomas Duggan

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter
June 2019

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Areas of interest

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Longwoods R. Phillips.

Presidents Report



S Mckelvie Tahr Ballot 2019

For those of you who don't know me I'm Shaun Mckelvie "Pinky" I've been part of the NZDA for a while now. I am a keen Thar, Chamois, deer and duck hunter have been since I was big enough to hold a gun. I have 3 daughters that are getting out an about with me now and am enjoying teaching or trying to teach them how to hunt. Although we haven't shot an animal yet its defiantly been an enjoyable challenge getting them out and about with me.

Hopefully you have all been receiving the emails from national NZDA there's been a lot of info coming in with updates from colfo and updates on rule changes and the proposed buy back scheme? And the membership issues that are being worked in case anyone hasn't seen it here is a letter from Rob Howey explaining where they are at .

[Email from Rob Howey regarding membership issues](#)

I am going to start by apologizing for the current state of the membership system. I know branches are getting concerned about the accuracy of the new system.

We have been struggling with the new system. Some of this is getting to understand how it works which has slowed down the normal processes in the office, but compounding this is the integration issues between our accounting system and the new membership system (Bitrix). The integration was supposed to be automated but unfortunately there is a bug in the interface which means the Membership records are not being automatically updated when paid.

What are we doing about it:

We have been working closely with our vendor to diagnose and understand the root cause of the issues.

We have also hired a temp to help with the backlog of work in the office.

Once we get all the invoice reconciliations up to date in XERO (our Accounting system) we will then cross reference each invoice to the membership system manually to ensure the accuracy of the data and financial status of the membership records.

This process may take several weeks for us to complete but it will mean that we will have confidence that the financial status of members is correct and that the branch clearing payments are correct.

If there is any question regarding a member's financial status we can resolve it fairly quickly by confirming the bank payment has been received. Membership will be honored from the date of payment.

If any branch is short of cash in the interim please contact me directly and we can arrange for an interim payment based on what we currently know and sort out the balance once the full reconciliation process is complete.

I can assure you that this situation will not re-occur next year as all the bugs will have been sorted out well in advance of the next renewal period.

Rob Howey

National Treasurer

NZDA

Hopefully as your reading this we would have got away on a club thar hunt but looking at the forecast now were going to be lucky we are still waiting on a good window of weather to get away at the moment.

Other than that I haven't had a chance to get away hunting at all otherwise, now that all the cows are dried off and most people are in winter cruise mode should be able to sneak out and have a look for a deer...

We have a good few months coming up with guest speakers this month Greg from Custom Guns

July Amie Point from Walking Access NZ

Lastly Thanks for the opportunity, We'd love to hear any new ideas guest speakers you'd like to hear from hunts you'd like organized? Any other suggestions?

Cheers Shaun Mckelvie

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.



Editorial

Reform of the firearms law and its implications remains a major concern (or should be) for all who enjoy hunting (or target shooting). Where it all ends up it is hard to tell. The police are going to have their work cut out to collect the all now illegal firearms in the time frame that has been decreed by those in high places. No word as yet as to how much is going to be actually paid for them.

There is only a definitive number of police in New Zealand, what is going to be the cost to other aspects of law enforcement, resulting from the time now being spent on firearms issues?

There is a new anti-firearms group on the block with all of 15 members, but seems to be able to get the attention of the National press. They like their predecessors preach the message that everybody without a firearms licence are anti firearms. Which is absolute rubbish. For starters all under 16 years of age can't get a licence. Nor can anybody

deemed to be unsuitable get one (though I hear plenty of gang members have firearms and would in this case unfortunately be pro).

The truth is that the majority is neutral but won't stand up and be counted when fed whatever by the populist any news that suits their views is good news, news media.

They just go along with it too much else on.

The news media continues to have too much influence on how New Zealand and the world is run. They demand freedom of the press, but do they freely report the news? Those they favour are not corrected even when they make basic mistakes in the messages they are trying to deliver. Post March 15th we heard time and again about not allowing *racial discrimination in New Zealand* when they were taking about *religious discrimination*. (The wrong drum was being beaten.) But having said that discrimination is discrimination whatever type and should not occur.

Whatever the world continues to change often not for the best, but change continues to happen. I believe we are spending too much effort trying to revert New Zealand to a pre whatever date in time. When we should be trying to limit the effect of the likes of global warming on what we currently have.

Get out and enjoy what we have while we have it as it will change!!

Doug Gordon

Unpaid Subs

All Members who have not paid their Subs need be aware that you have only received this newsletter as I have no up to date Records of who has paid with E-mail addresses to go from. (An another effect of the National Office membership mess)

So arrange payment now (even if you have not actually received an account). Phone **04 499 6163**

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome them.

Mitchell Banks, Frederick Kruger, Greg Stephens, Imanuel Crause, Luke Payne, Martin Powell, Mitchel Hogan, Benjamin Gamble, Christopher Neylon

Club Hunts

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

None Advertised

Trophy Competition results

Red Deer

1st Tom Mead 14 points 279 DS

2nd Thomas Duggan 207 DS

Results from photo competition

Game Animals No Entries

Scenic 1st Doug Gordon 2nd Doug Gordon 3rd Bevan McNaughton

Topical / Stalking interest 1st Thomas Duggan 2nd Doug Gordon 3rd Bevan McNaughton

Other Wildlife 1st 2nd & 3rd Doug Gordon

A lack of members entering, who took a good photo that is still on their cell phone?

Life Membership

At the May AGM Dave Howden was made a Life Member of the Branch by the outgoing President Steve Robinson. Dave now joins John Delury, Neville Miller and Ray Philips as the current life members.

Dave has been the branch Secretary for many years, had been active in organising Branch Hunts, and stepped up when his building skills were needed.



Sponsors

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



MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS
SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019--2020 YEAR

**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 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.

Postal payments to
NZDA PO BOX12015
Thorndon
WELLINGTON 6144.

Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT

030558-0139562-04...

Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

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 2019/2020 year

Members please Contact National Office if you have not received an invoice from National Office 04 499 6163

You should have received one in 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,

Also if making payment electronically please ensure you pay into the correct account,

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS TO NZDA HQ, ACCOUNT 03-0558-0139562-04,

DO NOT PAY INTO THE BRANCH ACCOUNT

Young Hunts Course 2019



**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 aprox Tuesday evenings at the Clubrooms and 2
weekend hunts / bushcraft skills as well as sighting rifles
and river crossing.**

**Starting July, maximum of 12
Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063
nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz or Steve
Robinson 0277478109 stevelrob@gmail.com**



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Paving Stones

Could the owner (or their Agent) of the paving stones left at the Wapiti Lodge Te Anau. Please contact Neville Miller 03)216 8654 or Ray Phillips 03 216 3751 to arrange their removal. If that does not occur before the 30th June they will be considered abandoned and disposed of.

Freeze Dri



Available at a great price to Branch Members Contact Gus
Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351 for a price list

Doc Hyperlinks on Poison

Battle for the Birds

Pesticide summaries interactive map

OSPRI Hyperlink poison

Aerial Pest Control Operations underway or planned

Joke of the month

(I hope Irish Jokes are still allowed?! Perhaps to be consistent and politically correct they should not be, but never mind jokes have to be about something)

Catholic Dog

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying a mass for the poor creature?'

Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not. We cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

Donation

Father O'Malley answers the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'

'It is!'

'This is the Taxation Department. Can you help us?'

'I'll try!'

'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'

'I do!'

'Is he a member of your congregation?'

'He is!'

'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?'

'He will!'

Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



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

nandc43@gmail.com or 43 Bain St Invercargill

Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site. **Deposits for any bookings to be received within seven days or bookings will be cancelled.**

