

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



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## Southland Branch NZDA News Letter March 2019

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Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 8pm

Executive Meeting 7.00 pm

Guest Speaker Colin Bishop from Doc

## 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

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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, Last month I was in Auckland and attended the Shot Expo. This was a great event to go to, interesting to see the latest in new shooting and hunting equipment. These were available at prices to suit your budget and also that didn't suit your budget. My advice when kitting yourself out with new gear is to purchase the best you can afford and build from there.

### **The Roar**

Not long now and we will be hearing stags roaring and stories of what was and what could of been. One thing to remember that can help you is time means nothing to an animal, so with that in mind there is no need to rush into making a shot, take the time to put yourself into a position that can give you the upper hand. Things like trying to call a stag into a more open part of bush for a clear and positive identification before making a shot. Remembering we need to keep ourselves safe and also others that can be around your hunting area at that time. We largely share hunting areas with others during this time of year. We know there are new people just getting started in recreational hunting and some can have very limited experience. So the event can in away control them rather than them controlling the event, if you see my point.

### **Game Animal Council**

They have their Facebook page operating now, it would be a great idea to follow this. This week there was a media release from the Tahr Foundation. It was troubling to hear that hunter kill returns submitted by hunters who put in some hard yards at their own expense, which contributed to the economy in those regions. These kill returns are now not going to count towards the total harvest of Tahr this year. This is a total let down, and can only lead to questions being asked by GAC to DOC regarding this.

This months meeting we have Colin Bishop from DOC speaking. He will be giving us an up date on what is happening around our region. Come along and bring a friend or a family member.

Keep it safe out there.

Steve Robinson



## **Editorial**

The days are getting shorter, the mornings cooler, as they say in a certain TV programme, "winter is coming". That means the Roar is fast approaching, what the hunting will be like is hard to say. Venison recovery is still going strong and has been so for over a year with the good prices. There are stories of farmers complaining about deer numbers, (but not encouraging hunting or access to the neighbouring Doc land). I think the hunting is and will remain patchy depending on the access one has available, the hunting pressure and the weather. Take care out there and don't take risks ID that Target and then ID it again.

An add on TV from Countdown has a selection of charities to donate to in a competition, one of which is Forrest & Bird. I will think twice now before I frequent their stores. Sound harsh? Just think for a second would Forrest & Bird members do the same if the boot was on the other foot. Then again the NZDA is not a charity. Should Forrest & Bird be one when they are political?

Something to debate while out for the roar hunt.

Doug Gordon

## **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

## **Club Hunts**

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

### **Tahr East side of Divide.**

Tahr hunting trip 4 days away for 1st June to 4th June weather dependant, to fly in cost. \$-400aprox tbc.

Contact Shaun 0276350490 or Tom  
0278471882

Numbers limited

## **Wallabys**

Wallaby shoot. 15.16.17 April if enough Interest.

Contact Tom 027 847 1882

## Sponsors

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



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## 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](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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WELLINGTON 6144.

### Electronic payments to NZDA HQ ACCOUNT

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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 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,

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

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# Young Hunts Course 2019



**This course is for anyone young or old.  
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,  
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**Starting July, maximum of 12  
Contact Nathan Dawson 0272358063  
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## Book Review

### DEER ON MY DOORSTEP

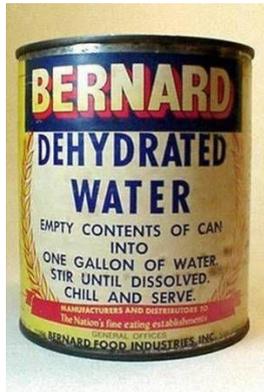
By Colin Davey

This book is considered a hunting classic, it was first published by A.H & A.W. Reed in 1965. This story has been now picked up by Halcyon Press, and reprinted as the first of their Halcyon Hunting Classics series of books.

The stories are typical 1950's /60's hunting stories, well told thus this book is now being reprinted, a good read if one is into such stories. The hunting stories in the book are from the Wairarapa and Fiordland. The book was voted one of the best hunting books of the twentieth century (according to its back jacket). The question is where was the vote held, one assumes in New Zealand. Thus it makes it one of our better hunting books, but maybe not registering as such on the world stage. A good book for ones collection if one is into reading and collecting such books. I enjoyed reading it, will add it to my collection and wishing I had been born a few years earlier so that I could have enjoyed the 1960's hunting.

Doug Gordon

## Joke of the Month



Just the thing to go with dehydrated food

## ABOUT GROWING OLDER..

**First** ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

**Second** ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

**Third** ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

**Fourth** ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

**Fifth** ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

**Sixth** ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

**Seventh** ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

**Eighth** ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

**Ninth** ~ Being young is beautiful,  
but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

**Tenth**

~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

## 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.

13<sup>th</sup> March Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

27<sup>th</sup> March Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

## Little Hellfire Hut Built



*The New Hut*



*John Delury & Ray Phillips having finished  
their last (planned) Hut*

Over five days in November 2018 the last hunters hut was built at Little Hellfire Bay on Stewart island.. This is the 22nd hut constructed on Stewart Island hunting blocks by the Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust. Apart from small grants by DoC and Community Trust of Southland when the project started in 1999 all the funding has come from hunters. The cost of the hut at Little Hellfire was almost \$40,000 with all the labour input being voluntary.

All the huts are the same basic design with slight configuration differences to suit the building site. They all have a water tank, meat safe and toilet. The Hut Trust has no plans to build further huts and believes there is a good mix of hunting blocks with Hunter Huts, DOC huts, toilets or no facilities at all for those wanting the more remote experience. The Trust has a concession to maintain these huts into the future.

John Delury



The Building team Kerry Butson, John DeLury, Ray Phillips, Mike DeLury, Nigel Hodge, Dale Chittenden

From Ray Phillips NZDA Rep on Predator Free Rakiura.



After a busy and productive year, the Predator Free Rakiura Leadership Group reflected on the achievements of 2018.

The Group held five meetings and set up management, engagement and technical working groups, incorporating **professionals** in each area to accelerate the Group's progress. We secured **funding** from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to progress the project, including the appointment of an island-based Project Manager Community role (Bridget Carter).

We drafted a Memorandum of Understanding describing the **commitment** of the Group to progress the Project.

We **sought additional members** to the Group from the Stewart Island Promotions Association, Stewart Island / Rakiura Community Board and an open invitation for further community representatives. We welcomed new members Ali Meade (Environment Southland) and Jon Thomas (DOC). We thanked Jill Skerrett, Phil Tisch and Richard Bowman for their contributions over the years. We submitted on Environment Southland's Proposed Biosecurity Strategy and Regional Pest Management Plan and will attend hearings in February.

Keen to gain from the experience of others to deliver our vision, **the Group engaged with individuals, groups and agencies who are working towards Predator Free goals** and improving their community through restoration. We met people from Taranaki Mounga, the Waiheke Collective and Predator Free Dunedin, the Lorde Howe Island Rat Eradication project, Zero Invasive Predators, DOC's Island Eradication Advisory Group and University of Auckland technical and social scientists. We shared our vision with Predator Free 2050 Ltd, all of the South Island mayors, SIRCET, local Real Journey's staff, the Stewart Island / Rakiura Community Board, Stewart Island Promotions Association and Mamaku Point Conservation Trust.

We provided updates in every Stewart Island News, shared the story in First Edition magazine and in Southland District Council's radio podcast First Word. We started work on a website and are developing an engagement strategy to help better communicate and connect with our people.

## 2019

**Save the Date:** An informal public meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, 26th March. More information is to be circulated in the March edition of the Stewart Island News. We'd love to see you there.

Looking forward into 2019 we will establish the technical working group to recommend the **options for testing techniques and assumptions of how a Predator Free Rakiura could be achieved** so that the technical barriers can be explored and overcome. Intertwined with this will be work to ensure robust engagement and connection with community and stakeholders, so that a clear understanding and strategy can be developed for maximising community benefits.

We will **secure multi-year funding** to progress the technical questions and community benefits and to support quality engagement with the people who can make this dream possible. We intend to produce a **3-5 year operational plan** with discrete parcels of work to address the challenges, with which we can inspire investment in the both the medium and long term.

### Plans for 2019 in summary

- We want to **UNDERSTAND** the barriers for Predator Free Rakiura
- We will **IDENTIFY** the parcels of work needed to explore the barriers
- We will **SECURE** the resources needed for the next 3-5 years
- We want to **CONNECT** with the people throughout

We will develop a website and communication **tools to help us explain the vision and the intended path to get there**, to help foster the conversations and understanding needed before any steps are taken.

We want to meet with individuals, groups and agencies with an interest to **understand our connections**, work out how together we can find acceptable solutions to the challenges and to progress the work.

We want to hear from you! To share your aspirations, ideas, questions and concerns please contact Bridget ([bridget.carter@southlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:bridget.carter@southlanddc.govt.nz) / 027 212 7809), or resident representatives Sandy King and Garry Neave.



# Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Red Stag lodge after a good frost

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[nandc43@gmail.com](mailto:nandc43@gmail.com) or 43 Bain St Invercargill

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