

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

## Southland Branch NZDA



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## News Letter November 2019

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Monthly Meeting Wednesday the 20th of  
November at 8pm. Club Rooms

## **Guest Speaker**

**Doug Gordon on the Rat Patrols Masons Bay.**

Executive meeting  
7pm 20<sup>th</sup> November

## **Notice of General Meeting incorporating a Special Annual General meeting**

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th of November at 8pm.

The agenda is as follows:

Apologies

General business.

Item 1: It is proposed to set the subscriptions for the coming 2020/2021 year starting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. 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

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome them.

Mark Campbell, Brayden Hikawai, Simon Culhane, Simon Robinson, James Hinz, Grant Moore, Karl McKee, Martin Black, Christopher Lilley, Anthony Caudwell, Wayan Lee, Jason Leishman, Owen West, Anthony Ferguson, Liam Stronach, Jordan Cook, Connal Carter, Bradley Ross, Grant Rees, Bruce Stronach, Brent Harris, & Nathan Colyer

## **Club Hunts**

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

Wallaby Hunt 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November,

Contact Tom Mead 027 847 1882 [tbmead@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tbmead@xtra.co.nz)

Tahr Hunt January 2020

Contact Shaun McKelvie, 027 635 0490 [shaun1nzda@gmail.com](mailto:shaun1nzda@gmail.com)

Mavora Area Hunt January February 2020

Contact Shaun McKelvie,

027 635 490

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# Presidents Report

November

Hi by the time your reading this all nearly all of the ballot blocks will have closed good luck with the ballots and planning ahead.

You should all be aware that this November meeting we are holding a special AGM to discuss the membership price as you will be aware at National conference it was voted that a CEO be employed to have a person accountable that is not volunteering their time to ensure the issues that we are facing are being tackled and to drive membership and to fund that from club level we will have to increase our annual subs, so please take the time to come along so we can answer any questions .We have the Sign hung up at the Hall now so it will be nice and easy to find us.

The upcoming wallaby trip is gaining numbers now so be in quick if you're keen on going along. I've put some dates together for the Thar Trip 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Jan and 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb for the Mavora trip so you can start planning, the weather should be settled by then.

If you've got some good photos of your latest hunting trip feel free to email them in or send them to us on Facebook the more positive hunting media we can get out there the better.

Also hopefully you've all received an email regarding Go Native Meals they've offered us a great discount on their meals good to mix it up when out on the hill.

See you at the meeting Safe Hunting... Shaun



Getting the kids out amongst it

## **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, and names needed, suggestions to Executive.



## **Editorial**

With the current situation around firearms law getting all the headlines. Other concerns have been taking a back foot. Thus it was interesting to discover that the Department of Conservation is actually reducing the amount of land being treated with 1080 in this year's battle for the birds in what is reported to be a mega mast year.

No before one celebrates the reason is that they are having to increase the dose rate is due to the number of Rodents to be killed. This means a larger number of pellets in a

given area. Thus if a deer gets there first they can quickly eat a lethal dose. I just hope the rats and mice are hunger-er and quicker and get their first!

As for Firearms law I just hope the select committee listens and makes sensible laws. As for how many now Illegal firearms there are still out there? This is a big unknown.

Whatever one thinks one needs to hand them in. Who wants to use a firearm, when the resulting noise from its use could bring the law down on them? Not me I want to enjoy using my firearms without looking over my shoulder. That is also another reason to only hunt where one has permission. Besides doing that in the current climate is also likely to cost you your firearms licence.

I just hope when the dust settles there is not heaps of illegal firearms out there. They give those who try to obey the law a bad name. Plus more illegal firearms in use is likely to increase the amount of illegal hunting. This combination will then result in a more dangerous situation when it comes to dealing with poachers face to face. Putting law enforcement into greater danger from people who now have more to loose than ever when caught.

If you don't make the November Meeting have a Happy Christmas and pray for a better New Year

Doug G

### **FOR SALE**

Garmin Trex Tournch 25 as new cost over \$500.00 For sale \$100.00

Naturehike 2Xman tent 1.6kg New never used \$100.00

Phone Michael 0273301516

### **Benefits of Membership**

This is a reminder that you have to be a full member Southland Branch to get public liability insurance and all the other benefits of membership of

Southland Branch NZDA. Including any branch organised event, there is now an unacceptable risk associated with having those without insurance on branch organised activities, and times have changed.

(Associate and Affiliate membership having being removed from the Branch classes of membership at the AGM)

### Sponsors

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





## 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  
**Please Note with the changes to the Law NO Semi Automatics allowed.**

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

30th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

6th November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

13th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

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

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

11<sup>th</sup> December Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

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

## Doc Hyperlinks on Poison

[Battle for the Birds](#)

[Pesticide summaries interactive map](#)

# OSPRI Hyperlink poison

Aerial Pest Control Operations underway or planned

## **Go Native**

Hi all another great offer from Go Native

[www.gonativeworld.com](http://www.gonativeworld.com)

Get 10% off your Go Native ready to eat meal order and Go Native will also give 10% of your order value to the club as a fundraiser.

Discount code: SOUTHLAND - enter this at checkout.

## **Branch Trophies**

This is the third of a series of articles on the branch trophies as found in the club rooms, with one other at Wapiti Lodge.

# **E. J. Herrick      Moose**

**Herrick Creek, Dusky Sound 1934, 13 pts (7+6) Douglas score 229 <sup>7/8</sup>**





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

There is still vacancies for the Christmas  
New Year period post the ballot Contact  
Neville



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

[nandc43@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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## Club Office Bearers

President: S McKelvie 027 635 0490 Vice President: W Muir

Secretary A Nesbit : Treasurer T Mead

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## Sub Committees

Hall

A Hagan,

Young Hunts S Robinson, N Dawson.

AGM S McKelvie, D Hwden.

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Pistol range D Gordon.

Rifle Range S Robinson

DOC Liaison . Phillips,

Library S McKelvie T Mead

Club Hunts S McKelvie T. Mead T. Duggan .

Guest speakers ANesbit

#### Areas of interest

S/Island/S Coast R Phillips,

Hkonuis A Hbran ANesbit

Greenstone/Caples NDawson

Blue Mountains D Gordon

Fiordland R Phillips, S Robinson.

Longwoods R Phillips

South Island Access Committee ANesbit

