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South Mavora

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter

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Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 16th September 7.30pm
At the Longbush Clubrooms
Executive Meeting 6.30pm

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

Guest Speaker

John Hawkins on his hunting life in New Zealand and Africa (note this is the same John Hawkins whose heads have recently featured in this News Letter)

John joined the Southland Branch many years ago as a teenager and from there went to Kenya where he started up a Safari business flying hot air balloons over the Serengeti national park.

He operated that business for 8-10 before civil unrest caused him to sell up and return to New Zealand where he carried on with wildlife photography.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them

**Regan Stratford, Lisa Moffat, Shaun Waddel, Matthew
Johnstone**

Club Hunts

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

Wallaby Hunt

Looking at another Wallaby hunt before Christmas.

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.



Presidents Report

September 2020

Spring is now upon us the as it warms up and the grass starts to grow the deer will becoming more active hopefully you've had a chance to get out for a look and filled the freezer I managed to knock a yearling over a couple of Sundays ago, I'll have a bita meat curing to do soon now, nothing like wild venison bacon & some venison pastriami to go with the cheese and crackers. Hopefully I'll find another one silly enough to stand in front of the gun soon for me. I'm looking forward to calving finishing and getting 2 days off in a row so I can get out overnight, there's nothing like getting away from cell reception and recharging the battery's in the backcountry.

We are all go in the Rayioners hunting ballot blocks now and by the time we have the meeting we will have had 2 groups in hunting good luck to the guys heading in. We have 22 people on the list and will cut off at 30 to ensure everyone who joins up gets a fair go at hunting the blocks, You will need to be on the list to go into the blocks even only southland NZDA members on the list or direct family members can enter the forests so they are covered by insurance etc. max 3 hunters per block also you'll need to be at the meeting to get a ballot. There's a few operational issues with key& kit collection and who goes in with the ballot winner to the block that I will go over at the meeting and double check with ballot winners they understand all Rayioners rules.

We have changed the meeting time to start the general meeting to 7:30 pm hopefully this will suit more people and to allow us 15min to have a general meeting to keep everyone up to date and have the chance to have some input and also to run the ballot .

See you at the meeting until then hot barrels

Shaun





Editorial

There is as we all should know a General Election coming up. Today on the online Stuff & Co News I see an article indicating that some political parties want to ban the export of livestock for breeding as a result of the Gulf livestock 1 sinking on the way to China, which it claims caused unnecessary suffering to the animals concerned. No mention of the suffering that the crew members will have suffered, being drowned. Yes it looks like nearly 40 Humans are **dead!!** All points to a breakdown in the ships motor being the cause. Was this ship sailing under a flag of convenience from a country with low standards? Should the standards of ships be looked at again?

Reading down the article one finds that only one party, the Green Party actually wants an outright ban. Some want standards re-examined others are for the practice.

Funny that the same Green Party wants to exterminate introduced Wild Game Animals from New Zealand. Starting with Tahr which would become endangered worldwide if they succeeded. They consider hunting to be cruel and uncivilised unless done by professionals such as those employed to shot the Tahr (who are not meant to get any enjoyment out of it). Humans have been hunting since before they could read and write. It is only natural to get enjoyment out of such activity whether paid or not, just the same as successfully growing hard to grow vegetables brings pleasure and enjoyment to some.

The problem is the Green Party is full of evangelists who are right because they are right, even when being right is a contradiction.

See the picture below why would a green supporter have gorse and broom on their land unless they were against weed killers. (Even then one can cut the plants down). But gorse and broom are noxious introduced plants. They alter the unique bio Diversity of the land. Flowering gorse = gorse seed = more gorse.

Do Tahr like eating gorse? If so where would the greens then stand on their extermination then?



Vote carefully, this election is different, Covid -19 makes it so.

Doug Gordon

P.S This editorial was written on the 5th Sept, there has been articles expressing concern about the loss of human life since especially Evan Harding in the Southland Times on the 9th Sept.

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



Branch Trophies

This is a series of articles on the branch trophies as found in the club rooms, with two other at Wapiti Lodge. (*Note I thought there was only one trophy at the Wapiti lodge until staying at it this year*)

Mervyn Anderson Wapiti

George Sound 1961 12 point (5 + 7) Douglas Score 308 1/8



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 KILLED BY *Mervyn Anderson*
 LOCALITY & DATE *George Sound 1962*

SPECIES & POINT NUMBER *Wapiti 12 (5x7)*

STEEL TAPE MEASUREMENT OF	SHOULDER MEASUREMENTS DOUBLE UP		RIGHT SCORE FACTORS
	LEFT	RIGHT	
LENGTH	<i>43 1/2</i>	<i>42 1/2</i>	<i>85 1/4</i>
SPREAD	<i>37 1/2</i>	<i>37 1/2</i>	<i>72 1/2</i>
SPAN	<i>33</i>		
BEAM	<i>6</i>	<i>5 1/2</i>	<i>11 1/4</i>
CORONET	<i>10</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>19 1/2</i>
BROW	<i>17 1/2</i>	<i>14 1/2</i>	<i>29 1/2</i>
BEZ	<i>11</i>		<i>56</i>
TREZ	<i>13 1/2</i>	<i>16 1/2</i>	<i>26 1/2</i>
TIPS			
<i>Back</i>	<i>13 1/2</i>	<i>16 1/2</i>	<i>32 1/2</i>
<i>Inner Royal</i>	<i>12 1/2</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	<i>20 1/2</i>
<i>Outer Royal</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>2nd Inner Royal</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>		
TOTAL SCORE <i>308 1/2</i>			

SKULL LENGTH OVER CURVE: *62 1/2*
 SHOULDER HEIGHT OF STAG: *John De Witt 20/6/62*
 MEASURED BY: *John De Witt*
 COMMENTS: *On loan to Southland Branch*

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Block 15. – George Sound: Party : Messrs M H Stewart, M. Anderson (Otautau) Trophies: 12 point Wapiti Bull, W Anderson. Comments: Bad weather. Excellent supply dropping by Bill Hewitt. Party encountered gales and torrential rain and vacated the block earlier than originally intended.

Trophy donated to the branch by Mrs Anderson who relayed that Mervyn had seen the seven points on the right and was very disappointed to find only five points on the left antler.



Mervyn Anderson and one of his prize dogs.

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

Branch Tops

We are organizing branch tops with our logo on them. They are going to be a Hunting and Fishing fleece bush shirt. The cost of these will be around \$40 Men's and Women's styles are available. To do this you will need to place an order we will process these once a month. To place an order please contact:

Thomas Mead 027 847 1882 or enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz



Pink

Blue



Green

Black

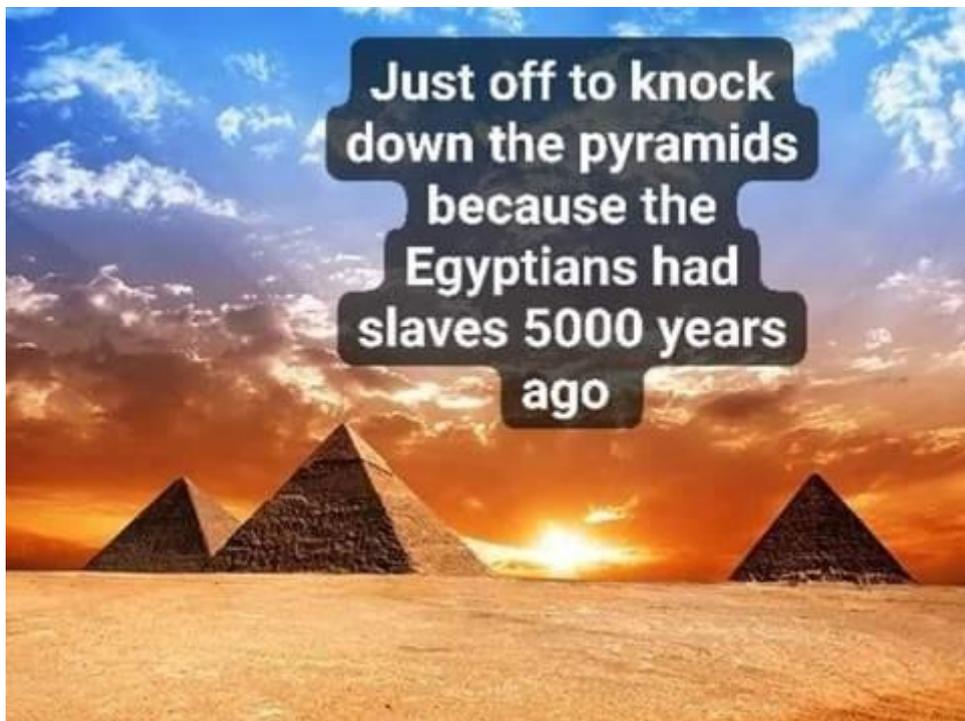
Grey

JOKES FOR THE MONTH

The Final Exam

At Wollongong University, there were four students taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided

to go to Sydney and visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to the Uni until late Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tyre and found there was no spare in the car. As a result, they missed the final. The Professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms thought this was going to be easy ... then they turned the page. On the second page was written... For 95 points: Which tyre went flat?



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. (Other than .22R)

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

30th September Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

7th Oct Andy Nesibit 021 917 808

14th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

28th October Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

4th November Andy Nesibit 021 917 808

11th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

Lake Thomas Rainbows1992

Lake Thomas is the place they all said heaps of rainbow trout. So with instructions from the local ranger on how to get there. I headed off with two keen daughters aboard the Lada. It was a drive into a stiff and increasing head wind we went up over the gorge heading for Lake Thomas.

After calling to get the OK a Mararoa Stn. We were off up the track and soon reached the lake with only one wrong turn. Here we find two anglers from Te Anau, who have caught one fish in the now howling gale. Anyway a semi sheltered spot is seen. So we head there and chuck in our worm lines to await whatever.



Allison at Lake Thomas

About half an hour and two casts each later Allison's rod gives a good jerk which I hope isn't wind. Checking confirms a fish on, soon Allison has a pound and a half Rainbow hen fish in my net. Her first Rainbow a photo follows. Next one of the neighbouring fishermen catches one. Then Jane loses a trace and most likely a fish. I try a slightly different spot myself and am rewarded with a second rainbow, of the same size.

The Te Anau fishermen now catch two more fish and leave. The third fish for us also goes to Allison. This is disappointing for Jane but lunch of BBQ helps. Nearly finish lunch I detect another fish on my line. Jane moves hers out of the way and on continuing winding in after I land mine, discovers that she has her own Rainbow on.

This landed Jane casts out again hopeful of getting her second for her bag. This is soon coming as the fish must be feeding more as the temperature has risen a bit.



Allison, Doug, and Jane with limit bags

So after some more photos it's off home with 6 Rainbow of about the same size. Three limit bags of two. Some of the 9,000 fish liberated into Lake Thomas as they could not go as intended into the Clyde Dam as it was late being finished.

Doug Gordon

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.

Wapiti Lodge Xmas ballot

Applications for this period must be in writing and inbetween 15th to 30th September to Neville & Carol Miller Members only, Period of hire 7 days

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