

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

## Southland Branch NZDA News Letter



Hunter Hills in winter

## April 2021

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Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 21st April  
at the Branch Club Rooms

### **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**

Paul Stenning Demonstrating Duck Calling  
Followed by a Duck call competition so bring your Duck Calls,  
Shaun has some spares (but hygiene wise  
these days better to bring one's own)

All calling go in a random draw for a Duck Call from

**Cupped Wings Calls NZ**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

### **New Members please welcome them**

Tony Fenton (transferred from Rotorua Branch), Robin Davids,  
Brad Atkinson, Daniel Shuttleworth, Michael Daniel Duffin,  
Kyle Saunders, Scott Hall, Paul Mettmann, David Gooch, Shannon Blackie,  
Russell Yeo, Ben Keenan, David Chappell, Thomas Murray,  
Marcus Luke Olive, Grant Gutschlag, Gregory Lindsay, Andrew Ginns,  
Steven Norgate

## **Club Hunts**

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

## **Wallaby Hunt**

Now looking at June 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> for a hunt. So if you're interested get in touch  
with Tom 0278471882

## **Stewart Island**

There is booked a Stewart Is block, Christmas village 10th June - 16th June  
numbers will be limited. So if you're interested get in touch with  
Tom 0278471882 or Shaun 027 6350490  
10th June 9.30 leave Bluff to Oban Rakiura water taxi to  
Christmas village Hut 15th June 3pm leave Oban to Bluff  
350 dollars per person if we get 6 people

## **Thar trip**

For 14-16th May contact Shaun 027 6350490

## **Wanted**

Stories, ads, 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.

# AGM & Trophy night

This will be held at the Club Rooms on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.30pm.

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May  
1pm at the Clubrooms. When the trophies will be  
Judged and scored. No late entries accepted. (If you  
can't make it in person arrange for someone to get the  
trophy there on time.)

*Heads must be clean or they may not get scored*

*[No Maggots]*

Remember all heads are up for the spot prize so bring your trophy along, spikers to  
18pointers, goats, sheep, pigs, thar, chamois, any wild animal that fits in the branch  
AHT, antler, horn and tusk lists.

REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ENTERING AN ENTRY GO INTO THE SPOT PRIZE DRAW SO BRING  
ALL THE HEADS YOU HAVE SHOT IN THE LAST YEAR [MAY 2017 TO MAY 2018]

Photo competition entries to  
Doug Gordon 254 Centre St  
Invercargill 9812

By 5pm Wednesday the 12th of May.

Photo Categories are

Game Animals: Living Deer, Chamois, Tahr, Goats and pigs etc

Other Wildlife: Any other living Animals

Scenic: Preferably Hunting Country

Topical: Should contain some evidence of human activity and hunting related. eg. Hunter  
and his kill.

Photos must be taken from land not air or boats and must be 6x4 size and taken between  
May 2020 and May 2021

A spot prize on the night for all members entering photos

**Remember you must be a financial member when you took your trophy/ photo and  
to enter.**

## Presidents Report



April



# Cupped Wing Calls NZ

The Roar has officially started hopefully everyone's had a safe and enjoyable trip or two away. I've been out every weekend in March so far. Started heading a few moans and Roars about the 20<sup>th</sup> of March my pick is Easter weekend is going to be when they really

crank up we had the first decent frost just this morning, I was wishing I wasn't stuck in the cowshed and out chasing the stags about, but as they say good things come to those who wait ☐.

This month were lucky enough to have Paul Stenning coming along to the meeting to give us a few pointers on duck calling then he'll help judge our duck calling comp, I'll bring a few callers along so if anyone want to have a go but doesn't have their own they can have a go, Were also very luck Paul from **Cupped Wing Callers** has very kindly donated a caller to the competition. We will be randomly drawing the winner of "The Mut" Caller from all entry's so you don't have to be the best to be in for a chance to win a brand new caller. Cheers Paul.

Also the AGM is coming up on May and there's a few spare seats on the committee so if you're interested in getting more involved or have some great ideas you'd like to see actioned come see any of the committee members and we can fill you in on what's involved. Remember it's your club you get out of it what you put into it.

All the best for the next couple of weeks chasing Stags. And we'll see you at the April meeting.

Cheers Shaun



## Editorial

At time of writing it is good to note that there has been no reported Firearms accidents for the Roar period. Now we need to keep it going for the opening of Duck Shooting.

Unfortunately I will soon be writing my submission on the latest round of Firearms law changes. The issues up for change include transport of firearms (including where one has to leave them in a vehicle to answer the call of nature or have a feed etc.) They suggest various methods of securing them to the structure of the vehicle, with cables be it in hard or soft cases or without. (Well that is my reading of the draft that the security tie down of firearms only required if all those with firearms licences leave the vehicle, others read it different, needs to be concise a point for your submission).

As the owners of e-bikes will tell you (especially in big centres) that these cables are easily cut.

Funny there is no mention of removing the bolt from the rifle and putting in one's pocket and taking it with you. Which has been preached in shooting circles buy shooters since about 1992. This is far more effective as even with the best burglary equipment the gun won't work unless they manage to purchase a new bolt, (costly) an there should be able to be put together a list of rifles stolen minus bolts that can be checked by gunsmiths

before supplying and fitting a new bolt for head space. Most hunting firearms other than shotguns will now be bolt action. Perhaps the methods they suggest could be used as second best for the non-bolt action, but not as well as.

Then ammo is to be locked up in a metal container, (no stout 16mm plus wood as for rifles is allowed, or is this a mistake in the draft?)! This could be dangerous in the event of fire if the container was too strong and too constricting on the contents, needs looked into from the fire safe prospective. I can't see why strong wooden cupboards can be allowed. There are other measures that will affect the retailers etc. We have already lost Farmlands from supplying ammo due to the current changes. Compliance costs will affect your purchase price and availability.

You all should have got information from National Office on this, in case you have deleted it use the hyper link below. Make a submission!! You don't have much time submissions close 25<sup>th</sup> April (Which happens to be ANZAC Day!! Funny that!)

[www.police.govt.nz/consultation-regulations](http://www.police.govt.nz/consultation-regulations)

If you use there available submission document you don't have to make comment on all sections, just the ones that affect you like Transport of firearms and storage of ammo.

The Minister of Police has also set up a **New Firearms Advisory Group** google this to find out more including the members.

On other matters, AGM next month so clean up your hard won trophy and enter it. Take you cell phone (well only oldies like me use cameras) it to a photo shop and print that photo and enter it. You have already most likely sent it around your mates electronically so share it with your fellow members be proud of your efforts. Details of how and where to enter in this newsletter. There is random Prize draws.

Doug Gordon

## Sponsors

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



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## **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*)

# Whitetail

# Unknown

Douglas Score 175

These antlers are a set of castes measured by the late John Murray and given a conservative spread and span come to DS 175.



The antlers were found under a house in Invercargill during the 1960's by William (Bill) Murray who was a builder by trade. Inquiry with the home owner did not gain any information. Bill cleaned them up and had them mounted and subsequently donated to the Branch. Given this score on animal they would rank #5 from Stewart Island.

Bill joined New Zealand Deerstalkers Association in Invercargill in 1938 and was a member of Southland Branch until he died. He shot his first stag (at 10 pointer) in Leithen Forest in 1928. He shot his last two deer on Stewart Island in 1978. Two whitetail which were within a metre of each other, shot to end a hunting career of fifty years.



*Bill's last two deer*



*Bill Murray's first membership card.*

## Southland Branch Polo Shirts



The following are in stock and available for purchase @ \$35 each

5 x Medium

5 x Large

5 x Xtra Large to arrange payment

5 x XXL

Available at Branch Meeting or by emailing  
[enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz)

Subject line Polo Tee Shirts

Payment prior to delivery by online banking to the Branch Account  
06-0925-0270758-000 with details of *your name Polo Shirt and Size.*

(If unable to do online banking contact Tom 0278471882)

First in best dressed

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## Young Hunts Course 2021



**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](mailto:nathan.adrienne@xtra.co.nz) or Steve

Robinson 0277478109 [stevelrob@gmail.com](mailto:stevelrob@gmail.com)



## JOKES FOR THE MONTH

Just imagine....If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Air New Zealand one year ago, you would have \$49.00 today. If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in the AA one year ago, you would have \$33.00 today. If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Canterbury Finance one year ago, you would have \$0.00 today. But, ...if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminium cans for recycling refund, you would have received \$214.00. Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It is called the Kiwi Saver-Keg. A recent study found that the average Kiwi walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Kiwis drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means that, on average, Kiwi's get about 41 miles to the gallon! Makes you damned proud to be a Kiwi!

***There is attitude and then there is positive attitude!***

***"Life is not the way it's supposed to be - it's the way it is.***

***The way you cope with it is what makes the difference."***

*After his plane was hit and he was forced to eject, the Navy fighter pilot finally regained consciousness.*

*He was in a hospital in a lot of pain.*

*He found himself in the ICU with tubes/IV drips in both arms, a breathing mask, wires monitoring every function and a nurse hovering over him looking worried.*

*It was obvious he was in a life-threatening situation. The nurse gave him a serious look, straight into his eyes.*

*Knowing he was not only a fighter pilot, but a Sailor, she spoke to him softly and slowly, enunciating each word: "You may not feel anything from the waist down."*

*Somehow, he managed to mumble in reply, "Can I feel your tits, then?"*

*And that, my friends, is a real positive attitude*

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly, because I know you cannot read fast.

You won't know the house when you come home — we've moved.

About your father, he has a new job. He has 500 men under him. He is cutting grass at the cemetery.

There was a washing machine in the new house when we moved in, but it wasn't working too good. Last week I put 14 shirts into it and pulled the chain and I haven't seen the shirts since.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning. I haven't had a chance to see if it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know whether you're an aunt or uncle.

Your Uncle Dick drowned last week in a vat of Whiskey in Dublin Brewery. Some of his workmates dived in to save him, but he fought them off bravely. We cremated his body, and it took three days to put out the fire.

Your father didn't have too much to drink at Christmas. I put a bottle of castor oil in his pint of beer. It kept him going until New Year's day.

I went to the Doctor on Thursday and your father came with me. The Doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to open it. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It has only rained twice this week. First for 3 days then for 4 days. Monday it was so windy that one of the chickens laid the same egg 4 times.

We had a letter yesterday from the undertaker. He said if the last instalment wasn't paid on your grandmother within 7 days, up she comes!

Your loving Mother

PS: I was going to send you \$10, but I already sealed the envelope.

## **Invercargill Rifle Club** **Cobb Road Rifle Range**

As honorary members of the Invercargill Rifle Club, Southland Branch members now have the opportunity to use the Cobb Road Range for sighting in of rifles and also participating in programmed Invercargill Rifle club events.

The cost is \$10 per session to club members

You will need to bring

Firearms Licence and Deerstalkers membership card.

Ear and eye protection

Target capable of being stapled to the target frame

Rifle (bolt out) + ammo – Up to and including .308/762 calibre

Bipod or other front support and rear support.

The range will be operated by a designated Rang Officer who will make themselves known at the range.

General format will be

Allocation of target frame

Validation of rifle being able to hit target at 100m

Shooting 200m and beyond after validation

Dates: The range is not for casual use but is available for use on the following dates:

17/4/21	500 yards		
18/4/21		200Y/400Y	11.00am
24/4/21	600 yards (NZNRA Closing day shoot)		
25/4/21	ANZAC day shoot - time and match to be advised		

### Winter Fly shooting commences – dates to be advised

This calendar is subject to change.

If you are interested in attending and for further details please first contact

Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

Shaun McKelvie 027 635 0490

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



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.**

### **Club Office Bearers**

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