

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter



Taken on the bank of the canal Twizel while waiting for the fish to bite

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AGM 7.30pm Wednesday 19th May 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

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them

Daniel Smith. Christiaan Kieinhans, Jacob Hamilton, Cole Williams, Cameron Spencer, Jordan Mccabe, Simon Anderson, Bradley White, Russell Smart (Membership Transfer | Marlborough to Southland),

Club Hunts

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

Wallaby Hunt

Now looking at June 17th to 20th 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

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 19th of May at 7.30pm.

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 16th 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 2020 TO MAY 2021]

.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 (Monthly)

Presidents Report May 2021

It's a pretty busy time of year for hunters the roar the Fallow rut Chamois and Tahr rut Duck Shooting I hope everyone had time to get out for safe and enjoyable trip along the way and has some trophies to bring along to enter into the club competition. I haven't managed to get anything on the ground YET...

The branch has put in a submission to the latest Fire Arms Act, all we can do now is wait to see the outcome and hope they have listened to the many concerns of the branch and other likeminded clubs and individuals who took the time to write their own submissions.

We have a few spare seats on the committee so if you're interested in getting involved or would like to no more about it get in contact with any of the committee members or get one

of your mates to nominate you at the AGM in May. Thanks to Steve, Anthony and Willy who are stepping down for the time and effort you've put in.

The Thar trip will weather permitting will be going ahead on the 15th 16th of May good luck to the guys heading away. We still have places on the Stewart Island trip and the Wallaby trip if you keen let myself or Tom know.

The National NZDA Conference is coming up in June at Southern Lakes they have put a lot of hard work into making it a great weekend Thanks To the committee members who have volunteered their time to represent the branch especially Andy who is going as our branch Delegate. We will have a update on how it went in July.

Good luck if you're planning a hunt in the near future. And we'll see you at the AGM.

Cheers Shaun Mckelvie

Presidents Report Annual

Southland Branch Report 2021

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Committee members who put in all the time behind the scenes to make everything we've achieved this year possible, looking back on the year we have ticked some pretty big boxes it's been great to be apart of.

I would also like to thank all our Guest speakers for the year we have had some great people and businesses get involved this year.

Roy Sloan FWF, Craig Woodlands Butchers, Greg Custom Guns, Les Frisby, Erin & Cohen from Fish & Game, Paul Stenning.

The year has not been without its challenges We begun a month later with our AGM after we got out of Covid lock Down then we faced Tharmageton and the possible destruction of one of the great game animal resources & now we face the latest round of firearms licensing reforms.

We brought the meeting time forward half an hour to try help accommodate members wanting to bring their kids along getting more involved at an earlier age, And brought in having a General meeting at before the Guest Speakers to help keep members informed and involved in events and Hunts.

In July last year we ran our first Kids Possum & rabbit hunt with great success we had 28 entry's, it was a great way to get the kids involved and bring some other branches along to

get involved as well. We were also approached by the Wyndham A&P society to run a similar event in December at the A&P show which also proved a great day out with similar numbers 29 entries on the day. Thanks to all the sponsors of these Kids hunts it's a great way to introduce kids to firearms safety and hunting.

Also, Another Stewart Island Rat programme has almost been successfully completed with 61 Rats taken 6 Cats taken (A big drop from over 1000 rats the previous season) Thanks to all the volunteers that take time off to go over and run the trap lines. And Big Thanks to INVERCARGILL HUNTING & FISHING for their ongoing support with the Rat Programme.

In September last year after a lot of background work by many club members we finally got the Rayonier's Ballot off the ground and have since been able to offer to members under Rayonier's regulations balloted access to their forestry blocks which has been great for all involved. Id like to say a special thanks to Greg from First base health & Safety for writing up the branches health and Safety plan that was a big part of getting this off the ground. Thanks to all involved.

We had a Wallaby hunting trip this year to the Hakateramia area and have another organised for June, Thar trip this May, Stewart Island trip in June. These are a great way to get out to some new areas meet some new people in a safe hunting environment. The more interest we get the more we can get organised. I know it can be quite hard to organise these in times that suit everyone, but we'll do our best. This is the second Tahr trip I've organised that I have not been able to make myself. Guess I'll just have to organise another trip...

Thanks To Rodger McNaughton who donated the firewood cutting to the club and all that turned up to help get the job done.

We affiliated with the Invercargill rifle range in December which gives us the ability to join in on the Invercargill rifle club organised shoots and run our own events there, the range has the ability to shoot out to 600 m it is a great chance to learn of some of the guys who are already doing it and practice on longer range targets. And It is also a great opportunity to build a relationship with a like-minded club. We had 8 members certified as range Officers and we have been Orientated around the Invercargill Rifle Range so we can help run the Tuesday night sighting in shoots and our own shoots . Thanks to the Invercargill Rifle range for giving us the opportunity to be involved.

In February this year Judy & Tomas Duggan from J&T Fitness Studio ran our first of many I hope? pre-Roar hunters boot camps it ran for the month February every Tue and Thurs. evenings, it was a struggle to get off the couch an get along the first time but I'm sure like myself everyone who took the opportunity had a positive outcome. Thanks Again Judy and Tom. And also Tomas Mead who organised the whole thing. Cheers Tom

We held our first Roar Competition in February a big Thanks to Les Frisby for judging and our sponsors they have been very generous in supplying the prizes for the Kids Roaring section of the competitions it's great to see the Kids come along and have some fun. Likewise, I'm sure all the adults had a good time to. Results adults Roaring 1st Craig Fisby 2nd Wayne Ashmore 3rd Luke Payne Kids Roaring 1st Riley Mead 2nd = Caleb Ashmore 2nd = Ellie Mckelvie 3rd Caleb Mattsen 4th Mya Mckelvie .Congratulations to everyone who had a go..

Ray Phillips ran a Douglas scoring training day this Feb which myself and Tom Mead attended it was great to get a better understanding of the Douglas scoring system and how it works. Thanks Ray

I'm looking forward to our first Duck Calling Competition in April Thanks To Cupped wing Callers for donating a caller for this event And to Paul Stenning for judging.

We have seen some positive changes in national office, membership went a lot smoother this year which was great to see our issues around receiving cards before we can apply for forestry permits were listened to so that was great and we're seeing alot more proactive media interaction and coverage from the new CEO which can only be positive for the NZDA

Lastly I would also like to Thank Willy Muir for his time on the committee as he is stepping down from the committee this year and Anthony Hogan for his time as Vice president, Our Past President Steve Robinson is also stepping back from the committee I would like to say a special thanks to Steve he has put a lot into the club over the years he is a hunts instructor and taken a lot of new hunters out and introduced them to the sport he also made the initial steps to getting access to Rayioners forestry and to with the Invercargill rifle range without this the club wouldn't be where it is today. Thanks Steve.

That will leave us with some spare seats on the committee so if anyone's keen to get involved please don't be shy in putting your name forward when we ask for nominations. I would also like to thank all the sponsors over the year Hunting and Fishing Invercargill Dawson Electrical, Southern Adventure, Woodlands Butcher's, Back Country Cuisine, And Again to the Committee and to the members who help out to Thanks.

I'm looking forward to see what this year has to bring and getting to no some new faces on the committee and within the branch.....

Shaun Mckelvie



Editorial

If everybody currently on the books paid up and was financial, the Branch would have over 500 members, (currently well over 400 financial) Can we get 10% to turn up for the AGM and fill the hall? It would be great if there was standing room only. It has been good to see some fresh ideas tried over the last year. Success has been mixed. There has been some club hunts organised, not many names so far for some of them. A great way to make friends with your fellow hunters and Branch members is to go on one.

As usual the Executive will be losing some of its members for various reasons, thanks for your efforts be they long or short. The branch does not run without you. Thanks also to Shaun, Andy and Tom for trying new things. But to continue to progress we constantly

need more new Ideas, this only happens when people put their hand up. Not all ideas will work, but if we don't try!!? So if keen or you have some skill you think the Branch needs get there early at the AGM, and make your interest known to Shaun or other executive members, there is gaps to fill.

So far I have five people enter the photo competition, An Improvement, but we can do far better. Can't all you cell phone users print your photos yet? Come on if it's good enough for Facebook or whatever. Entry's close Wednesday the 12th. So I can get them to the Judge.

See you at the AGM

Doug Gordon

Sponsors

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*)

William Murray

West Matukituki Valley 1940
Douglas Score 364 $\frac{1}{8}$

Red Stag

16 points (8 + 8)



Length Left : 41 ⁷/₈ inches
Right: 40 ⁷/₈ inches
Spread 34 ⁵/₈ Inches
Span 27 ¹/₂ inches
Beam 6 ¹/₂ inches

Birdseye view

Bill Murray was in a party with his wife and George Herron and his son and was camped on Strawberry Flat. After some rough weather Bill and his wife went up the valley to Cascade hut and spotted a fine stag near the Shotover Saddle with his telescope. He was forced to stalk up a steep corrie in snowy conditions and in full view of the stag. His injured leg did not help the situation. (Severely cut when he fell in snow on another set of antlers the previous day) Eventually he was forced to take a gamble with a very long shot – one that found it's mark. This stag is a fine example of the classic style of Otago breeding.



Bill enjoys a cup of tea on the hill

For more information see page 71 Great NZ Deer Heads DB Banwell

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

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)

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Purchase Back Country Cuisine freeze-dri meals direct at special prices, email Tony on info@bcfoods.co.nz to order or find out more information.

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@extra.co.nz or Steve
Robinson 0277478109 stewelrob@gmail.com**



At The April Meeting



Ray Phillips presenting Shaun Mckelvie with his certificate for completing level one Douglas Score Training. Tom Mead (absent) also completed the training and has gained the Certificate and Qualification.



Cullum Botting receiving his prize of a Duck Caller from **Cupped Wings Calls NZ** After the duck calling competition.

JOKES FOR THE MONTH

HOME SECURITY FOR SENIORS!!!

Now that I'm old and slow and on a fixed income, I've disconnected my home alarm system. I also decided to turn off my external lights and resigned from Neighbourhood Watch.

To save money I've raised 2 Pakistani flags in my front garden, one at each corner and have the black flag of ISIS in the centre. It's so good now, my neighbours, the Local Police, the Federal Police and the Armed Forces are all keeping watch on my house 24/7. In addition, I am followed & watched everywhere I go. I've never felt safer, and I'm saving \$149.50 a month!

GO SENIORS!!

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. "Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt", the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up a quarter of your sex life to sink the putt?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen, so he says, "Sounds good to me," and promptly sinks the putt!

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gosh, I wish I could get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is suddenly at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another quarter of your sex life to make an eagle?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay." And, amazingly, he makes the eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies, and sure enough he makes the eagle and wins the match.

As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks along beside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm Satan, and from this day forward you really will have no sex life at all."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies. "I'm Father O'Malley."

Text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga to Mum and Dad. (For Those of you not in the know Eromanga is a small town, west of Quilpie in the far south west of Queensland)

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope you are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that

the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of cake!! You don't even load your own cartridges, they comes in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real

careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozier.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how good it is.

Your loving daughter,

Sheila

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:
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 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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