

# THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

## Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter



Winning Scenic Photo 2021 Luke Payne. Up Elcho stream looking towards Elcho pass with mount Jackson on the left.

## July 2021

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Branch website <http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/>

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at the Branch Club  
Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1  
between Kennington & Woodlands

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Tony Caudwell from Back Country Foods on how they make Back Country Cuisine

## **FACEBOOK:**

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 MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**New Members please welcome them**

**Aaron Gay, Danny Farr, Mitchell Mcrae, Graeme Weston, Brendan Pratley, Matt Henderson, Simon Gilbert, Gregory Templeton,**

## **Club Hunts**

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

## **Office Bearers**

### **Club Office Bearers**

**President:** S McKelvie 027 635 0490 **Vice President:** T Caldwell

**Secretary** A Nesbit : **Treasurer** T Mead

**Magazine Editor:** D. Gordon 216 6383 **Immediate past President**

**Membership** A Nesbit **Huts** N Miller

**Executive:** W Ashmore, N Dawson, E Garrick, D Howden, J. McCallum, L Payne, R. Phillips.

### Sub Committies

Hall	Luke Payne
Young Hunts	Nathan Dawson + Steve Robinson – (Need to confirm this)
AGM	Shaun McKelvie & Andy Nesbit
Trophies	Tony Caudwell & Luke Payne
Pistol Range	Doug Gordon
Rifle Range	Andy Nesbit
DOC Liaison	Ray Phillips & Shaun McKelvie
Library	Shaun McKelvie & Tom Mead
Club Hunts	Shaun McKelvie & Tom Mead

Guest Speaker Shaun McKelvie & Andy Nesbit  
Photo Competition Doug Gordon  
Social Media Erin Garrick, Tony Caudwell & Shaun McKelvie

## 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.

## **Presidents Report**



July 2021

This Month I got away chasing Thar up Mount Cook area in a post cull area we flew into the Erceg Hut and spend 3 days there was a fair number of animals still present just none in retrievable areas for us with our short time frame. It was great to get away from the rat race for a few days all the same.

This month we are lucky to have Tony coming to speak about the latest and greatest Back country cuisine meals myself and my Tahr hunting mates were lucky enough to try some of the latest but I won't spoil anything for Tony needless to say they all went down a treat. The winter calendar is out for the Invercargill rifle range so get along and support them they've got a great faculty there the more support and use it gets the better for everyone. There's a lot going on at committee and a few subtle changes you may notice, any thoughts and ideas are most welcome.

Look forward to seeing you and meeting some new faces at the meeting.

Cheers Shaun



## Editorial

The shortest day is past, so roll on longer days good for those who hunt in daylight. There is some good news from the Beehive this week Kiri Allan is back as Minister of Conservation after some time off on Sick leave. I wish her well and hope her recovery continues. From what I have seen in the small time she has held the job, she has been a breath of fresh air, someone who is not intent on implementing Forrest and Bird doctrine no matter what. All going well we can hope for some constructive consultation. Not going through the motions of consultation after which they will do as they intended any way.

Speaking of Conservation should the Branch be doing more, yes we catch some Stewart Island rats a good start. But how about some vermin trapping closer to Invercargill, on a local walking track with some bush? Gets our name out there more as caring for the environment. Kills some genuine pests Rats, Stoats, Opossums. Gives the local birds a better chance? Should not be too hard to organise, thoughts please.

I hope Permolat's presentation last meeting has got some of you keen to help out keeping the huts we have in Conservation land in the Region. Another good way to help out, see some new country. A lot of these huts have been there over 50 years with little maintenance, a good renovation and they will last another 50.

If we want a fair go from the likes of the Department of Conservation we need to show we care. Now is a good time we have a New Minister, one who does not have the same agenda of her recent predecessors. Something to discuss at Branch Meetings?

Doug Gordon

## Sponsors

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



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**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)

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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 approx 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



### Two Cajun Pastors

Reverend Boudreaux was the part-time pastor of the local Cajun Baptist Church and Pastor Thibodaux was the minister of the Covenant Church across the road.

They were both standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that read:

'Da End is Near Turn Yo Sef 'Roun Now Afore It Be Too Late!'

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, 'You religious nuts!'

From the curve they heard screeching tires, and a big splash...

Boudreaux turns to Thibodaux and asks, 'Do ya tink maybe da sign should jussay.....

'Bridge Out?'

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AND THREAD



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ROBBER



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OUT OF THE HOUSE

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# Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.



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## **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



## Southlands NZDA Kids Hunt

- July 25/7/2021 weigh in at The Long bush hall 1-2pm Bbq lunch provided

**Prizes For**

**Heaviest Hare**

**Heaviest Possum**

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Weigh in to be held at Longbush Hall 24 Mckerchar Road 1 - 2pm Sunday 25 July

Final weigh in time 2pm. Animals to be presented or in the queue before 2pm deadline Points will be worked out from the weight of the Rabbit/Hare or Possum. The heaviest of each

Rabbit/Hare or Possum will be allocated 100 points (each), the second heaviest Rabbit/Hare or Possum will be given 99 points, third 98 points and so on.



### Rules

- Children to be 16 years or younger
- Children's Rabbit/Hare and Possums do not need to be gutted
  
- Children must be a Nzda member or accompanied by an adult Nzda Member
- One Hare Rabbit Possum per hunter to be entered  All Firearms regulations must be obeyed.
- All Firearms must be secured and stowed in accordance with the [Firearms regulations](#) when not being used.
- Necessary permits, licenses, and landowner's permission must be obtained
- Hunting may commence 5.00pm on Friday 23/7/2021 . NO hunting is permitted before this time.

Catchment area is Southland region

Event Organiser Shaun Mckelvie 0276350490

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



Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654  
cell 021 08219528 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.**



