

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter

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Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 16th March at the Branch Club
Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1
between Kennington & Woodlands

Guest Speaker

Pete Henderson on young hunts courses

Also Branch Roaring competition, Les to judge so clear your throat.

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

Paul James, Brady Hughes, Tiaan Black, Theo Kaiser

Club Hunts

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

Tahr Hunt

In May Pukaki area dates to be confirmed Contact Tom Mead 027 847 1882 if interested more details to follow.

Stewart Island Hunt

5th to 15th June if interested contact Tom Mead 0278471882

Wallaby Hunt

June 24th to 26th if interested contact Tom Mead 0278471882

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**

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L Payne, R. Phillips.

Life Members Roger McNaughton (NZ) J DeLury, D Howden, N Miller, R Phillips (Branch)

Sub Committees

Hall Luke Payne

Young Hunts Nathan Dawson – (Need to confirm this)

AGM Shaun McKelvie & Andy Nesbit

Trophies Tony Caudwell & Luke Payne

Pistol Range Doug Gordon

Rifle Range Andy Nesbit

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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

March 2022

The roar is nearly here I hope you've all got your boots oiled up and packs full of gear ready to go ... The weather has been great so far hopefully it we get a few frosts and the weather holds out for late March April for all the roar blocks of your lucky enough to have a block. We're holding our Roaring comp again this month so bring your roar horn along to the meeting is always a good laugh and blows the cob webs out of the roar horn. Boot camp is going well there's still time to come along and get a little fitness in before you head out into the hills. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Cheers Shaun



Editorial

The Roar is not far away now, another month, and some will be heading to the hills.

Something to look forward too for many. A change in these current times.

It was good to see National Office send out info on the recent changes to the Firearms Regulations. The ones that directly affect the average hunter, are not as severe as was in the draft. Hopefully as a result of those making the decisions taking into account the submissions on the subject. Thanks to all those that did, positive changes (from what was in the draft) make it feel it was worth the effort. To those who did not submit, have a think and do it next time, numbers do count. One can't prevent change (it is constant they tell us). But one can change the degree and direction of change if enough raise the same point.

Unless one is dealing with ideological driven evangelist's normally of the green persuasion. Don't leave submissions to the other fellow, he may be doing the same.

So take care out there, take care of your, and your mates and fellow hunters health, in all things, and in all ways. Enjoy your selves and create memories, but be safe doing it.

Doug Gordon

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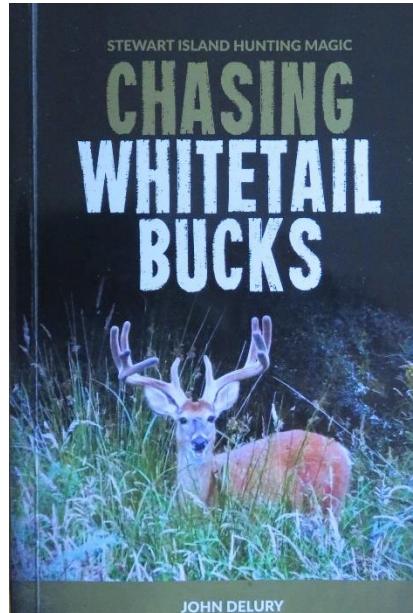
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New Book

“Chasing Whitetail Bucks” By John DeLury.

Stewart Island Hunting Magic

I am a Life Member of Southland Branch and was a past secretary and later treasurer for 15 years. I have been a member since of NZDA since 1973. I have hunted whitetail deer on Stewart Island for 43 years.

This book has 320 pages, over 200 photos in full colour. Published 2021. It deals just with hunting whitetail deer on Stewart Island. Included are the hunts of many of the great Stewart Island trophies including the new #1 shot in 2021 Douglas Score 192 (which has red deer equivalent DS 420) as well as historical information relating to hunting whitetails. Included is a chapter on the Safari Operation that ran at Mason Bay for over ten years. Hunting tips and the complete list of Stewart Island Whitetail Record Book

27 Chapters:— No Big Bucks on Stewart Island. How to hunt whitetails. Pegasus. Big Kuri. Let’s be careful out there. Toitoi Flats. South Lords River. The North Side of the River. Tikotatahi. Port Adventure. Pikaroro. A short history of poison operations. Chew Tobacco. The Neck. Glory. Paterson Inlet. The Local Hunters. Murray River. Christmas Village. Smoky Beach. Long Harry. East and West Ruggedy. Hellfire. Homestead. Martins Creek. Doughboy Bay. A New Stewart Island Number One Record Buck in 2021. Included are appendix of gear and food hints.

My first book (Chasing Whitetails. 2019) sold out quickly and is now a collector’s item. I am selling this book myself and it will not be available in bookshops. Cost is \$40 plus postage. To secure a copy, email me at wtd243@gmail.com with your address or txt 0276925338

Daryl Crimp wrote a review for The Fishing Paper & Hunting News.

“Chasing Whitetail Bucks is a classy book, one to pour over and one that will withstand rereading... and rereading. My pick is it will quickly sell out so don’t dally if you are in the mind to purchase a copy.” Full review at:- <https://thefishingpaper.pdftomobile.nz/the-fishing-paper/november-2021-issue-194/hunting-news/book-review>

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~~JOKE~~s info FOR THE MONTH

INFORMATION.....

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body

is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

In ancient Greece , tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries and cashews are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

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.

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 .308/7.62 calibre

Bipod or other front support and rear support.

The range will be operated by a designated Range 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:

Currently over the Summer Range is available Sundays (except over Xmas) 11am to

1pm, 100yards to 200 yards After which there is a NRA style shoot at longer ranges Range fee is \$10.00

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

Andy Nesbit 0215 38676

Shaun McKelvie 027 635 0490

Pre Roar Range Shoot

At the Cobb Road Range 19th March

Draft Programme

11.00 am - 1.00 pm - sighting in and validation at 100M

1.30 PM (to allow Greg and his crew to get there) Shooters sorted into squads of about six.

Greg from custom guns will have some examples of his work and some demo gear available to try. Greg will also be there to answer any gear questions that you might have

"Custom Guns Gongs" at 200Y - just shoot

"Custom Guns Gongs" at 300Y - Just shoot

Stag Match Knock-out - target will be an 8" (??) gong placed on Toms deer silhouette, shot from the 300Y mound. Field style, bipods for prone only.

Everyone - 2 shots prone

Those with 2 hits - one shot sitting/kneeling

Those with 3 hits - one shot offhand/standing

Those with 4 hits repeat at 400Y, if more than one shooter left, standing till someone misses turns

Finally for anybody who wants - "Custom Guns Gongs" at 400Y - just shoot

Range requirements

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For More Info contact.

Foster Price

Price Fencing

Ph 021 516 342

Rifle Sighting In At Invercargill Pistol Club

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.

9th March Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

23rd March Tom Mead 027 847 1882

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

Photo Competitions – John DeLury

I admit that I am not the world's best photographer, but I have numerous placings in the branch photo competitions over the years. I suspect the reason for that is that most years there are few other entries. Perhaps members are not aware of the competitions or how to go about entering. The Branch competition is simple. This is advertised in the branch newsletter which will say who to deliver your pictures to. The National Competitions are more formal and require competition of an entry form. See the secretary for this.

I can say that having been to a number of national conferences and viewed the National Photo competitions I have often seen photos entered in the Branch competition that are as good as any entered in the Nationals.

Now is the time to be thinking about an entry. Save a copy of your digital image in a separate folder and when our competition is announced get a print copy made in the size below.

National competition categories

Game Animals

Other Wildlife – Birds

Other Wildlife – Mammals

Other Wildlife – Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians

Scenic

Flora

Human Interest

Southland Branch Categories are Game Animals, Other Wildlife, Scenic, Human Interest.

Maximum size of photograph is 5 inches by 7 inches (127mm x 178mm) or 5 inches by 7 inches (127 mm x 178 mm) Photographs must be un-mounted. Up to the pictures can be entered in each category. Photos must have been taken in the past 12 months and you must be financial at the time of taking and entry.

Full details of the National Competitions are

<https://www.deerstalkers.org.nz/assets/Document/National-Competition-Rules-Updated-for-changes-at-AGM-2020.pdf>

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