

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



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Southland Branch NZDA News Letter October 2018

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Meeting Wednesday 17th October 8pm

Topics for discussion Tahr, club hunts and the use of club huts and lodge & other Gen Business (No Guest Speaker)

Executive Meeting 7.00 pm

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

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Club Hunts	All executive members.
Guest speakers	All executive members, S. Robinson
Areas of interest	
S/Island/S. Coast	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Hokonuis	-----
Greenstone/Caples / Blue Mountains	N. Dawson.
Fiordland	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Longwoods	R. Phillips.



Presidents Report

Hi All,

This last month has been very busy for our Association and the Game animal council. A lot of thanks must go to those than put in many hours of work to achieve a perhaps better than expected result regarding the NZ Tahr cull. Our own local MP Sarah Dowie stepped in also. With the forming of the Tahr Foundation lets hope this is a turning point for our most majestic game animal. All our game animals were released here for the purpose of hunting, yes there has been those times when numbers climbed to high and the numbers required some reducing. They have been branded as pests when it is the population of animals that is the problem not the animal. We must maintain pressure to keep moving towards regaining the original status of game animals. This must never be left in the hands of anyone who is hell bend on their personal views, lower themselves on National TV to belittle us ethical hunters to her level because things had gone her way. This Conservation minister is nothing more than trouble for sustainable hunting, fishing and the recreational economy . Lets hope common sense will keep madness at bay over the next two years. We can all do our bit by putting in submissions, the more the better. Send letters to MP's voicing your concerns but keep it real, don't quote things that aren't true or you cannot back up. We are tax payers and voters and have rights. Hopefully this Ms Sage has come to realize by not consulting interested groups, that she may well have woken a sleeping giant. With 33,000 signing the stop the cull petition and over \$150,000 raised just for this only. Going to be interesting what will happen when the fishing community lights up. Wonder what name she will call them on TV.

On a lighter note. There will be more information to come to hand on how the Tahr will be managed in months to come. So keep your eye out and be informed.

Club Hunt.

Last weekend of September we had a club wallaby hunt. Ten members headed to our usual spot in the Hunter hills at Waimate. The weather was kind to us with not to hot days and not to cold nights. We had some wallaby novices this trip who managed to get themselves on the board. Around 60 wallaby's where shot, which translates to happy land owner. I have noticed a reduction in numbers over the last couple of years so keeping the shooting pressure on these grasshoppers does get a result. We hope to get onto some other property's to try some new country out.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Gareth Robinson, David Gibbs, Craig Cunninghame, Grant Mackey, Nathan Ford



Editorial

These days the Tahr Cull is the topic on a lot of hunter's lips. While it may not concern some hunters it should concern all who enjoy hunting, fishing and the use of firearms. As we know this cull is being pushed by Eugenie Sage the Minister of Conservation. She is an ideologist of what is commonly called the green persuasion. From the Info I am getting the group she fronts not only wants to get rid of Tahr, but as much introduced Game animals as at all possible, the trout (they are introduced.) Plus preserve the Whitebait for the use of indigenous Kiwis.

This Green movement is a united body, who have an ideological vision of New Zealand. (One I believe the majority of kiwis do not share) They are progressing their cause one bite at a time against divided opposition. Picking off one group at a time. We who love the outdoors hunting and shooting culture that we have enjoyed for about a century, need to be united in our opposition to the changes that this green movement plans.

We are told Whitebait are endangered, yes the fishery is not what it used to be on the East Coast and other populated areas, Perhaps the harvest needs further controls in these areas. Even better enforcement of the current controls, which from what I have seen is not what one would expect it to be. (Sounds a bit like the under resourced enforcement of the current firearms law issue.) But from my knowledge the species are thriving in the remote rivers of our National parks. Places where the population has never been surveyed, talk of extermination of the species is premature, alarmist, and points to an ideological agenda.

Now if one happens to be only interested in target shooting not the outdoors how does this affect me? If there was no hunting, and therefore no firearms being owned by hunters, how many firearms owners would be left? A smaller group is easier to push around by those who want no firearms in private hands at all.

The message is now more than ever all who enjoy the outdoors for Hunting, Fishing, and the use of Firearms, must stand united. Each battle is our battle for each and every one of us. Remember all those who do not stand up and be counted as apposing this green vision, are taken as being supporters of this green vision by the ideologists who push this agenda. I hope you all took a couple of minutes to sign the Tahr petition? Anybody feeling guilty.

Doug Gordon

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, names needed, suggestions to Executive

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This reminder is being put out as some members have paid direct to the branch account, as the account is not now checked on a regular basis for membership renewal a time lag will occur before any incorrect payments are picked up, and then forwarded onto Wellington.

For members renewing their memberships just pay to Wellington on the invoice that they send out to you ,DO NOT fill in a new application form as this just leads to a lot of double ups

Notice for members

If you change your address or your contact details like email address you must notify the Branch and the National office.

If we do not have correct contact details how can we keep you informed from the branch, and national office cannot send out membership cards or the magazines, so it is important to have correct Postal as well as Email Addresses.

The Newsletter Editor is sick of chasing people who fail to notify changes of E-mail address, there seems to be new ones most time something is mailed out!!

The Branch e-mail address is on the front page of this newsletter!

Reminder for subscription renewal for the 2018/2019 year
Members please wait until you receive an invoice from National Office and then pay on that, these will come out in early February,

When paying please quote your invoice number as well as your name and current membership number if possible, This will make it a lot easier for National Office to process your renewal,

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Tahr 2019 ballot

Hunters need to be aware that:

- applications will only be accepted through the online application form
- applications **open 9 am 1 October and close 4 pm 29 October 2018**
- there are party-size limits for safety and to minimise impacts on campsites: minimum size 2; maximum size 6

- a one-off non-refundable fee of \$60 will be charged for each application regardless of whether the applicant is successful or not
- all correspondence for the 2018 Tahr Ballot must be sent to haasthuntingballot@doc.govt.nz

Greenstone/Caples

All blocks in the Greenstone/Caples Recreational Hunting Area (RHA) are [restricted permit](#) blocks issued by way of two ballot draws, one for April/May each year (the roar) and one for June to September. Ballot applications are accepted in November and February for the respective ballot periods.

CONGRATULATIONS TO J D .

Congratulations must go to John DeLury for his achievement in winning the Manawatu Branch Trophy for White Tail Deer at the 2018 NZDA annual trophy competition, with a head scoring 103 3/4 Douglas score.

This is the second time John has won this trophy, the first time being in 1983 with a trophy scoring 122 6/8 Douglas score.

Ironically John's first trophy was taken in North Lords block on Stewart Island in 1983, and his second one was taken in the Upper Lords block on Stewart Island in 2018.

Between times John has taken other good heads but has not entered them at Nationals.

Thirty five years is a bit of a gap, don't wait as long for number three.

John who is a life member of the Southland Branch also won the Branch Trophy for whitetail at our 2018 Trophy night.

This is no doubt worth a shout, the lemon lime and bitters are on me

Well done John.

Ray

Joke of the Month

“Hello! Is this Gordon's Pizza?”

“No sir, it's Google Pizza – we bought Gordon's Pizza last month. Do you want your usual, sir?”

“My usual? You know me?”

“According to our caller ID data, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with cheese, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms on a thick crust.”

“OK! That's what I want.”

“May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes, and olives on a whole-wheat gluten-free thin crust?”

“No, you may not! I don't like vegetables.”

“Your cholesterol needs help, sir.”

“How the hell do you know?”

“We cross-referenced your mobile with your medical records, and have the result of your blood tests for the last seven years.”

“Listen, I don't want your vegetable pizza, and I take medication for my cholesterol!

“Excuse me sir, but you don't take your medication regularly. Our database indicates that you only filled a prescription for 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Soul Pharmacy, four months ago.

“I bought the rest at another pharmacy.”

“Not according to your credit card statement.”

“I paid in cash.”

“Sir, you didn't withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.”

“I have other sources of cash.”

“That doesn't show on your last tax return, unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.”

“WHAT THE HELL?! Goodbye, I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, and all this crap. I'm moving to an island without internet, cable TV, mobiles and jerks watching and spying on me.”

“I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired six weeks ago.”

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

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

24th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

31st October Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

7th November Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

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Please Note the Red Stag Lodge is on Doc land a hunting permit is required to have firearms at the site.