

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER



Duck Ck Falls Winning Photo Scenic Doug Gordon

Southland Branch NZDA News Letter September 2018

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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

Meeting Wednesday 19th September 8pm

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

Executive Meeting 7.00 pm

Club Office Bearers

President: S. Robinson 215 7897 **Vice President:** W. Muir

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Sub Committees:

Hall	S. Robinson,
Young Hunts	S. Robinson, N. Dawson.
AGM	S. Robinson, D. Howden.
Trophies	W. Muir.
Poisons/toxins	R. Phillips.
Rifle/pistol range	D. Gordon.
DOC Liaison	R. Phillips, S. Robinson.
Newsletter	D. Gordon.
Library	S. Robinson.
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,

As we are all aware the wide use of 1080 is continuing. Many protests have been happening throughout the country. Some are just old hat stuff and never really get much traction. However those people have their views and opinions and we respect that. The main frustration about this subject is misuse, DOC going ahead with aerial operations without any or very little consultation with local communities. This kind of action will never be appreciated and only generates a considerable amount of mistrust. For the record I'm like many of us hunters who are active in recreational hunting find this very appalling and a total let down. This new stance from the Minister of Conservation we are going to do this and stuff you attitude. The Auckland and Wellington Latte clubs really have no idea that one of our Association founding members Dr Geoffrey Orbell rediscovered the Takahe. Us as recreational hunters that have followed, play a huge part in conservation in our own local areas. For us, the Southland Branch has been involved on Stewart Island for over a decade at Masons Bays Island Hill Rat program. This has been a great success made possible by the voluntary input by hunters. DOC has provided some funding to go towards the cost of the program. Last year Invercargill Hunting and Fishing came on board and made a very generous contribution to the rat program which has been well appreciated by the club. This year H & F Invercargill have once again come to the party, which will enable the teams to continue their conservation work there without them having to put their hands in their pockets. Well done guys.

Last year's new Health and safety laws have had a bearing on many things, more than you would think. One being Club hunts, as we know members of NZDA are covered by public liability insurance while recreational hunting. If we allow non-members to participate in organized club hunts and club activities we could very well jeopardize an insurance claim. These things must be taken seriously even though we do our very best to be responsible and safe. The committee will discuss this and get something in place.

Steve Robinson

New Members Please Welcome them

Kevin Rivers, Michael Campbell, Jonathan Stenton, Andrew Elder



Editorial

About two weeks ago I happen to half hear on the news (doing something else at the time). That Prince William was on trouble with a couple of Wildlife organisations that he is I believe patron of. His crime he allowed Prince George to get out and observe the upland game bird hunting that was going on a Balmoral. Thus promoting animal cruelty and perverting a minor to do the same.

Firstly the British raise a lot of birds on estates, and put some effort into feeding the birds eliminating and their predators. Yes the hunt them and enjoy doing so, but the fees collected for this hunting is no bird feed, then there is the sale of the carcase to restaurant's. Each hunter normally only gets a brace of birds to keep for themselves. How many birds would actually exist on this land without the help they are given. How many would sur-come to predation. How much of this land would be put to other uses and not be available for the game birds to live in? Yes birds are killed but the population is kept healthy and other bird species and animals (not hunted) profit from the environment.

Now let's have a look at the big picture the likes of tigers and lions are becoming rare and are being protected. The way many animal carnivores kill their food can be argued to be crueller than shooting birds/game.

An increasing percentage of the anti-hunting lobby, are vegetarian. But what about their pet cats and dogs are they vegetarian also? There's an opening for someone to market this artificial meat for carnivore pets belonging to vegetarians?

Good on Prince William and the Royal Family for giving Prince George a sound grounding in the realities of the world. It is not a Bambi Movie out there, the various animal/ bird species have to earn their place in the world, as should we humans.

I am jealous of Prince George I was at least ten before I got anywhere near duck shooting.

As for the organisations concerned above, select a patron who believe as you do. Don't court people (Prince's) for the job if there values don't match yours. Just getting them for the prestige they have, and will hopefully give you. Most hunters are conservationists, their values are just slightly different, and they don't have rose coloured glasses like some.

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

Sponsors

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

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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

SOUTHLAND BRANCH NZDA SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2017--2018 YEAR

Subs. are due as from January 1st ,if you have not received an account as yet please E MAIL National Office membership@deerstalkers.org.nz or phone them on 04-4996163

As the Branch now operates through the centralised membership system ALL new and renewal subscriptions must be made through the national office not the Branch.

Postal payments to NZDA PO BOX12015

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WELLINGTON 6144.

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Please ensure that the correct details are entered when renewing IE name and address on postal and Name and Branch on electronic payments .and the CORRECT BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED

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
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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

Haast Roar Ballot Updates for Roar 2019

- Applications open online from **9 am Monday 3 September 2018 and close 4 pm Friday 28 September 2018.**
- Applications will only be accepted through the online application form.

- A one-off non-refundable fee of \$40 will be charged for each application regardless of success.
- Ensure all correspondence for the Haast Roar hunting ballot is sent to haasthuntingballot@doc.govt.nz.

Dates

In 2019, the Roar Ballot will run Sunday 31 March – Saturday 27 April.

Available periods

- Period 1 – Sun 31 March to Sat 6 April
- Period 2 – Sun 7 April to Sat 13 April
- Period 3 – Sun 14 April to Sat 20 April
- Period 4 – Sun 21 April to Sat 27 April

Restricted blocks

There are 65 restricted blocks available for allocation by ballot draw. These are limited to one party per block for a 7 day period (Sunday to the following Saturday) as indicated in the period dates above.

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.

Branch Hunt Wallabys

28th to 30th September

Normal place

If Interested contact Steve 027 747 8109

To book your place and for more details if required.

M Bovis and access

With M Bovis looking like it's going to be around for the foreseeable future it may be usefully to get some information out. Generally access by vehicle or foot is where hunters become involved there is allot of other information M Bovis on dairy NZ web site or MPI. .While any farm that is affected will almost definitely have no access some that are on restricted movement may still allow access. I think it is important for everyone to understand that although unlikely that a hunter or fisherman or duck shooter may carry the disease on to someone's property it could be carried from one property to another on boot or vehicles easily it is any farmers livelihood at stake any precautions that can be taken should to ensure access remains as open as possible. The information below is from Dairy nz website.

Shaun McKelvie



Managing access on-farm

Footwear, personal protective equipment (PPE), gear, vehicles, and equipment can spread diseases and weed seeds. Disinfecting after cleaning minimises the chance of spreading unwanted diseases.

Boot Wash and Disinfection Point

- **Do you have signs reminding visitors of your biosecurity requirements?**
- This could be combined with your health and safety signage at the gate. Include the name and contact phone number of the farm owner/manager.
- **Do you have a place to clean and disinfect footwear, PPE, and gear?**
- Provide disinfectant in a footbath and/or spray bottle. Replace the disinfectant
- If possible, have a cleaning and disinfection point at the tanker track entrance and at the dairy shed, or at the main farm entrance and the usual place visitors arrive on farm, e.g. the woolshed / stockyards.
- Provide clear signs in case you are not present when visitors arrive.
- **Do you supply PPE for visitors and farm staff?**
- Farm workers should leave their PPE on site and not take it home or to other farms.
- Consider providing some spare PPE for visitors to use.
- PPE must be cleaned of all dirt and muck after use, and then disinfected. This is a 2-step process.

Equipment coming on-farm

- **Do you make sure machinery and equipment coming on-farm is clean?**
- Make sure machinery and equipment, especially equipment used for handling animals or giving treatments, is cleaned and disinfected between farms.

- Discuss this with contractors or cover in agreements so that contractors know your requirements before arriving on your farm. This link provides useful advice http://www.npca.org.nz/images/stories/NPCA/PDF/a16_keepitclean_2015_lr.pdf

- **Do you have a dedicated washing point for machinery with a waste area for water run-off?**

- Make sure that waste water does not go into waterways or your effluent irrigation system as this is another way to spread seeds.

Transport around the farm

- **Do you provide a farm vehicle to transport visitors and contractors around the farm?**

- If possible, provide a farm vehicle for on-farm transport.

Joke of the Month

Disorder in the Court

These are from a book called "Disorder in the Court" and a sampling of questions asked by attorney's and responses given by witnesses in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, very close to your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you sh***** me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting lucky

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL of your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you attend?

WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

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.

3rd October Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

10th October Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

24th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

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

7th November Steve Robinson 027 747 8109

14th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

28th November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

**See below another chance for you to
comment on the use of poison**

Good afternoon,

**WE ARE NOW INVITING FEEDBACK ON OUR 2019 NATIONAL
PLAN FOR TBFREE PEST CONTROL OPERATIONS.**

The consultation document and details about how to make a submission are available at ospri.co.nz/have-your-say.

The document outlines the proposed pest control operations in support of the National Pest Management Plan for 2019. It also explains the approach taken by OSPRI in relation to engagement for the TBfree programme.

The consultation period runs through to 30 September 2018 and there are a number of ways to make a submission, including an online submission form. During the consultation period we will be meeting with key stakeholder groups and interest groups to get their feedback on the document. If you would like to be part of these discussions please contact us.

OSPRI believes that it is important to undertake effective and timely consultation. This will provide an opportunity for people and organisations interested in, or affected by, our pest control operations including landowners and land users, farmers, hunters and recreational land users to discuss any concerns they may have regarding the proposed operations.

If you have any immediate questions or comments please contact consultation@ospri.co.nz. We encourage you to share this with relevant or other interested stakeholders.



Regards,

The team at OSPRI

Find out more about the TBfree programme?

The TBfree programme aims to eradicate bovine TB from New Zealand by 2055, with key milestones of TB eradication from cattle and deer by 2026 and from possums by 2040. For more details see the [OSPRI website](#).

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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.



29 August 2018

Bill O'Leary
PO Box 12015
Thorndon
WELLINGTON

Dear Bill,

Wilberforce Mathias Possum Control Operation

The Department of Conservation (DOC), as part of its 'Battle for our Birds' predator control programme, intends to apply cereal pellet baits containing sodium fluoroacetate (1080) in the Wilberforce Mathias area, located in North Canterbury. This control operation is being undertaken to protect the unique Totara-Cedar forests in the area from possums.

The treatment area covers up to 16,789 ha comprising of land situated in the headwater catchments of the Rakaia River, located approximately 120km West North West of Christchurch encompassing the upper catchments of the Wilberforce and Mathias rivers. The area includes the Central Southern Alps Wilberforce Conservation area and the Rangitata/Rakaia Head Waters Conservation area.

We wish to advise that this operation is due to take place as soon as practicable from **1 September 2018 onwards, weather dependent.**

We will first apply non-toxic pre-feed to increase the effectiveness of the operation. This will be followed by toxic 1080 baits (green in colour) usually after 7 - 10 days. Warning signs will be posted at all main points of public access and will remain in place while toxic baits are present and/or poisoned possum carcasses may be present. All instructions on the signs should be carefully followed.

An operational factsheet which includes information about the operation, the toxin being used, the precautions that should be taken and DOC contacts is enclosed with this letter. An additional map has been provided as the most up-to-date operational area.

For more information about DOC's Battle for our Birds programme see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/battleforourbirds>

OSPRI are responsible for the operational delivery of this programme. If you have any operational questions, please contact OSPRI's Northern South Island team on 03 363 3090 or email vectorsni@ospri.co.nz

Yours sincerely

