THE SOUTHERN HUNTER

Southland Branch NZDA



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News Letter November 2019

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Monthly Meeting Wednesday the 20th of November at 8pm. Club Rooms

Guest Speaker

Doug Gordon on the Rat Patrols Masons Bay. Executive meeting 7pm 20th November

Notice of General Meeting incorporating a Special Annual General meeting

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th of November at 8pm.

The agenda is as follows:

Apologies

General business.

Item 1: It is proposed to set the subscriptions for the coming 2020/2021 year starting 1st March 2020. Subscriptions as proposed have been set by the Executive and are required to be ratified by this meeting.

Any other business.

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 MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome them.

Mark Campbell, Brayden Hikawai, Simon Culhane, Simon Robinson, James Hinz, Grant Moore, Karl McKee, Martin Black, Christopher Lilley, Anthony Caudwell, Wayan Lee, Jason Leishman, Owen West, Anthony Ferguson, Liam Stronach, Jordan Cook, Connal Carter, Bradley Ross, Grant Rees, Bruce Stronach, Brent Harris, & Nathan Colyer

Club Hunts

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

Wallaby Hunt 22nd to 24th November,
Contact Tom Mead 027 847 1882 tbmead@xtra.co.nz

Tahr Hunt January 2020
Contact Shaun McKelvie, 027 635 0490 shaun1nzda@gmail.com

Mavora Area Hunt January February 2020
Contact Shaun McKelvie,
027 635 490
shaun1nzda@gmail.com

Presidents Report

November

HI by the time your reading this all nearly all of the ballot blocks will have closed good luck with the ballots and planning ahead.

You should all be aware that this November meeting we are holding a special AGM to discuss the membership price as you will be aware at National conference it was voted that a CEO be employed to have a person accountable that is not volunteering their time to ensure the issues that we are facing are being tackled and to drive membership and to fund that from club level we will have to increase our annual subs, so please take the time to come along so we can answer any questions .We have the Sign hung up at the Hall now so it will be nice and easy to find us.

The upcoming wallaby trip is gaining numbers now so be in quick if you're keen on going along. I've put some dates together for the Thar Trip 25th 26th Jan and 22nd 23rd Feb for the Mavora trip so you can start planning, the weather should be settled by then.

If you've got some good photos of your latest hunting trip feel free to email them in or send them to us on Facebook the more positive hunting media we can get out there the better.

Also hopefully you've all received an email regarding Go Native Meals they've offered us a great discount on their meals good to mix it up when out on the hill.

See you at the meeting Safe Hunting... Shaun



Getting the kids out amongst it

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, and names needed, suggestions to Executive.



Editorial

With the current situation around firearms law getting all the headlines. Other concerns have been taking a back foot. Thus it was interesting to discover that the Department of Conservation is actually reducing the amount of land being treated with 1080 in this year's battle for the birds in what is reported to be a mega mast year.

No before one celebrates the reason is that they are having to increase the dose rate is due to the number of Rodents to be killed. This means a larger number of pellets in a

given area. Thus if a deer gets there first they can quickly eat a lethal dose. I just hope the rats and mice are hunger-er and quicker and get their first!

As for Firearms law I just hope the select committee listens and makes sensible laws. As for how many now Illegal firearms there are still out there? This is a big unknown. Whatever one thinks one needs to hand them in. Who wants to use a firearm, when the resulting noise from its use could bring the law down on them? Not me I want to enjoy using my firearms without looking over my shoulder. That is also another reason to only hunt where one has permission. Besides doing that in the current climate is also likely to cost you your firearms licence.

I just hope when the dust settles there is not heaps of illegal firearms out there. They give those who try to obey the law a bad name. Plus more illegal firearms in use is likely to increase the amount of illegal hunting. This combination will then result in a more dangerous situation when it comes to dealing with poachers face to face. Putting law enforcement into greater danger from people who now have more to loose than ever when caught.

If you don't make the November Meeting have a Happy Christmas and pray for a better New Year

Doug G

FOR SALE

Garmin Trex Tourch 25 as new cost over \$500.00 For sale \$100.00

Naturehike 2Xman tent 1.6kg New never used \$100.00

Phone Michael 0273301516

Benefits of Membership

This is a reminder that you have to be a full member Southland Branch to get public liability insurance and all the other benefits of membership of

Southland Branch NZDA. Including any branch organised event, there is now an unacceptable risk associated with having those without insurance on branch organised activities, and times have changed.

(Associate and Affiliate membership having being removed from the Branch classes of membership at the AGM)

Sponsors

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







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 Please Note with the changes to the Law NO Semi Automatics allowed.

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

30th October Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

6th November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

13th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

27th November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/027 637 2206

4th December Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

11th December Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

18th December Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

Doc Hyperlinks on Poison

Battle for the Birds

Pesticide summaries interactive map

OSPRI Hyperlink poison

Aerial Pest Control Operations underway or planned

Go Native

Hi all another great offer from Go Native

www.gonativeworld.com

Get 10% off your Go Native ready to eat meal order and Go Native will also give 10% of your order value to the club as a fundraiser.

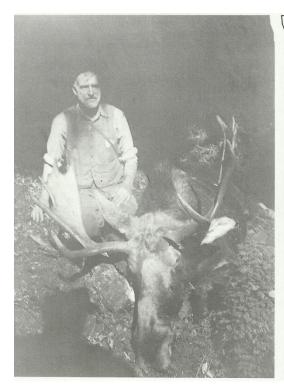
Discount code: SOUTHLAND - enter this at checkout.

Branch Trophies

This is the third of a series of articles on the branch trophies as found in the club rooms, with one other at Wapiti Lodge.

E. J. Herrick Moose

Herrick Creek, Dusky Sound 1934, 13 pts (7+6) Douglas score 229 7/8



| KILLED BY E. J. | HEDE | SILK | 178 (0000) | 1 | | | | |
|--|--------------|------|----------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| LOCALITY & DATE SEAFORTH VALLEY, | | | | | | | | |
| DUSKY SOUND, 1934. SPECIES & POINT NUMBER MOOSE, 7+6=13 | | | | | | | | |
| STEEL TAPE MEASUREMENT OF | SHORTER LEFT | | MENT DOU SCORE* F | BLED* ACTORS | | | | |
| LENGTH | 29' | 283 | 566 | - | | | | |
| SPREAD | | | 33 ⁵ | | | | | |
| SPAN | | | - | _ | | | | |
| BEAM | 53 | 53 | 106 | | | | | |
| CORONET | 75 | 75 | 152 | - | | | | |
| BROW PALMATION | 136 | 146 | 274 | - | | | | |
| MAIN PALMATION | 16 | 11 | 34 | | | | | |
| WIDTH OF MAIN | 64 | 16 | 17 | | | | | |
| TALMATION | 6 | 6 | 13 | | | | | |
| MAIN PALMATION | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| WITH POINTS | 13' | 132 | 26² | - | | | | |
| NUMBER OF POINTS | 7 | 6 | 12 | | | | | |
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| TOTAL SCORE 229% | | | | | | | | |

Only three trophy bull Moose have been shot in New Zealand and Eddie Herrick shot two of them. In 1934 Herrick and his guide Jim Muir spent a month under miserable conditions searching for Moose in the Seaforth Valley without success. Near the end of the trip Herrick convinced their skipper who came to pick them to take them around to Wet Jacket Arm where he shot this bull in the creek that now bears his name. This trophy was donated to Southland Acclimation Society (now Fish & Game) and hung in Southland Branch NZDA's Wapiti Lodge when it opened in 1964. As the mount was deteriorating in the conditions there it was brought to the clubrooms for display in the 1990's.

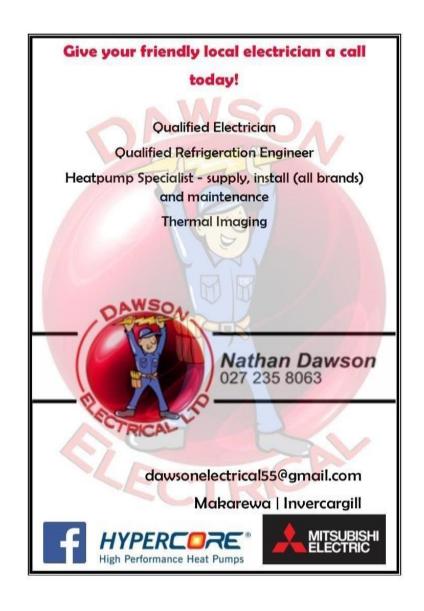


Freeze Dri



Available at a great price to Branch Members Contact Gus Ronald gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz 03 213 0351 for a price list





Wapiti Lodge, Thicket Burn Hut & Red Stag Lodge Mavora

There is still vacancies for the Christmas New Year period post the ballot Contact Neville



Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654 email <u>nandc43@gmail.com</u> 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.

Club Office Bearers

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Club Hunts S. McKelvie T. Mead T. Duggan .

Guest speakers A Nesbit

Areas of interest

S/Island/S Coast R Phillips,

Hokonuis Albran AlVesbit

Greenstone/Caples NDawson

Blue Mountains D Gordon

Fiordland R Phillips, S Robinson. Longwoods R Phillips.

South Island Access Committee A Nesbit