

**THE SOUTHERN HUNTER**  
Southland Branch NZDA  
News Letter



Bevan Walker Lake Stream Victoria Range

**November 2020**

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**Monthly Meeting At Club Rooms  
Wednesday 18th November 7.30pm  
Executive Meeting 6.30pm**

**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

# Guest Speaker

Peter Woodmancy (from H&J Smiths Outdoor World) to talk on Black Powder shooting

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**New Members please welcome them**

Graeme Hegan, Grant Wilkin, Shannon Kubala, Glenn Wallace, David Bridson, Hunter Jackson

## Working Bee Firewood

Hi all on the 14th of November at 1pm we are going to have a afternoon doing firewood as a fundraiser for the club and the Rayioners funds at Rodger McNaughton's place 168 Walker Road which runs off the Morton Mains - Woodlands Road .

It would be great to have a good turnout also if you're interested in hunting Rayioners it would be good to come along and contribute. Bring your chainsaw log splitter or just yourself see ya there 😊.

Cheers Shaun Mckelvie 0276350490

## **Club Hunts**

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

### Wallaby Hunt

No Wallaby hunts before New Year.

## 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**

November 2020

The year is nearly drawn to an end and it has been ones most will not forget.

Another successful Stewart Island Rat programme has been run a big thanks to John Delury for all the work he does behind the scenes organising groups all the logistics that go with it, also all the volunteers that take the time to head over and man the traps.

Rayonier's hunting blocks have been very productive so far there is a few full freezers now. We had a meeting with Rayonier's staff this month to discuss next year and all parties are happy with the way things are running.

Hopefully as your reading this we would have had a nice patch of weather and been and done the rest of the firewood at Rodger McNaughton's Thanks again to Roger for offering to help the club out with the fundraising.

We have been asked by the Wyndham A&P to run the weigh in for their kids hunting competition so keep an eye out for the advertisement for that good chance to get the kids out knock there first possum or hare over. If anyone is keen to come along any help get in touch with me or just come and see us, we will have a tent site at the show, will be a good day out.

We will very soon have access to the Invercargill rifle range which gives us the ability to join in on the Invercargill rifle club organised shoots and run our own events there the range had the ability to shootout to 600 m will be a really cool chance to learn of some of the guys who are already doing it and practice on longer range targets. It is a great opportunity to build a relationship with a likeminded club.

Ray Philips has offered to run a Douglas scoring training day for anyone who is interested you do need to let us know by 18<sup>th</sup> Nov as the Douglas scoring handbook needs to be ordered from national office and got to you to give anyone interested a chance to read through it before the day. Great chance to get your head around it before the roar so you can measure all your trophy stags.

In January will we look at some Hut maintenance at the Red stag hut at Mavora looking at painting the roof and having a general tidy up once we organise a date we will let everyone know, more hands make light work. It is a great spot up there for hunting and fishing I am sure we will fit time in for that while we are painting the roof.

See you at the next meeting Cheers Shaun



## Editorial

Change is constant so we are told, we have seen plenty of it this year. This new virus Covid -19 is the biggest change or is it causing the big changes, you can take your pick. We have a Labour government for the next three years, yes it's a change as Labour could not govern alone last parliament. We have a New Minister of Conservation Kiri Allan, She is of a different party and a rural electorate that contains a lot of hunters, so there is hope. There is also a new Minister of Police Poto Williams, another change, an improvement? Time will tell.

A local Southland Conservation Board member wants us to eat more venison for the good of the environment. As WARO operators are not killing enough, due to lack of market. Perhaps they should encourage recreational hunting, instead of putting obstacles like restricted aerial access for recreational hunters (not for WARO operators) in our way. Interestingly no mention was made of recreational hunters at all in the article in the Southland Times on the subject. Deer are eating too much vegetation it seems. But what did the numbers of Takahe, Kakapo and their like including Moa live on?

The weather is changing, there are more wild fires, and the build-up of dry vegetative matter where there is inadequate grazing doesn't help. I See Meridian Energy does what it can with grazing under the turbines of the White Hill Wind Farm. We need to be careful out there over the summer and not start any wild fires. Watch those hot exhausts in long grass. Don't go hunting where there are fire bans, the anti's would love to catch hunters doing that. Then would you get your public liability cover in the event of a fire accident if you are not meant to be there? Next question do you have public liability cover anywhere you hunt, if you do not have permission to be there, I suggest not. Most Insurance doesn't pay if you break the law.

To survive in this world we have to change with it.

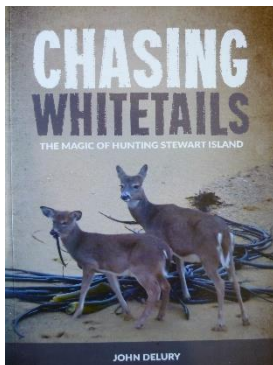
Take care out there.

Doug Gordon



## NZDA book offer

### **CHASING WHITETAILS** The magic of hunting Stewart Island. Author John DeLury



John is Chairman of Rakiura Hunter Camp Trust and a Life member of Southland Branch NZDA. This book is the result of forty years & well in excess of one hundred trips hunting Stewart Island. The book documents many of those hunts as well as the history of many of the hunting blocks. There are 41 chapters, 256 pages, full colour throughout and the spine is stitched. It also covers the history of whitetail on the Island and some of the research projects John has been involved in and includes habits of the animals and some hunting hints. A review of the book can be seen at:-

<https://thefishingpaper.pdfmobile.nz/the-fishing-paper/february-2020-issue-173/hunting-news/chasing-whitetails-the-magic-of-hunting-stewart-island>

The book is \$40 plus post. Up to three books can be sent on one pack. Autographed on request. To order contact John DeLury [wtd243@gmail.com](mailto:wtd243@gmail.com) or 0276925338

## Sponsors

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





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## **Branch Trophies**

This is a series of articles on the branch trophies as found in the club rooms, with two other at Wapiti Lodge. (*Note I thought there was only one trophy at the Wapiti lodge until staying at it this year*)

# Michael Harvey Whitetail

Stewart Island 1982 11 points (5 + 6 ) Douglas Score 176 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>



TAKEN BY MICHAEL HARVEY				
LOCALITY & DATE OYSTER COVE, STEWART ISLAND, MAY 6, 1992				
POINT NUMBER 5+6=11				
STEEL TAPE MEASUREMENT OF	SHORTER MEASUREMENT		DOUBLED*	
	LEFT	RIGHT	SCORE*	FACTORS
LENGTH	24 <sup>1</sup>	25 <sup>3</sup>	48 <sup>2</sup>	48 <sup>2</sup>
SPREAD			23 <sup>1</sup>	
SPAN			20 <sup>2</sup>	43 <sup>3</sup>
BEAM	4	4	8	
CORONET	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup>	18 <sup>6</sup>
BASAL SNAGS	4 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>6</sup>	7 <sup>4</sup>	
				7 <sup>4</sup>
FORWARD TOP	13 <sup>5</sup>	13 <sup>6</sup>	27 <sup>2</sup>	
2 <sup>o</sup> BACK TINE	9 <sup>6</sup>	9 <sup>3</sup>	18 <sup>6</sup>	
3 <sup>o</sup> OUTER-OFF BACK TINE	0 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	14	
1st OFF FORWARD	6	5 <sup>5</sup>	11 <sup>2</sup>	
2nd OFF FORWARD	-	-	-	
3rd OFF FORWARD	-	-	-	
OUTER-OFF FORWARD TOP	-	3 <sup>1</sup>	-	58 <sup>6</sup>
TOTAL SCORE			176 <sup>5/8</sup>	

Michael and his uncle Graham Harvey were fishermen who anchored up in Oyster Cove for the night. They decided to go for a hunt. Michael got back to the boat to find his uncle had shot a doe. Michael set out again climbing a ridge behind the beach. He came on a small clearing and found this buck feeding. One shot and he had the 4th best trophy shot on the Island. In fact this was the first deer he had shot. When the 2003 Exhibition was held in Invercargill the trophy was displayed and Michael who was living in Matura subsequently left the head on permanent loan to the Branch.

## Branch Tops

We are organizing branch tops with our logo on them. They are going to be a Hunting and Fishing fleece bush shirt. The cost of these will be around \$40 Men's and Women's styles are available. To do this you will need to place an order we will process these once a month. To place an order please contact:

Thomas Mead 027 847 1882 or [enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz)



Pink

Blue



Green

Black

Grey

# Freeze Dri



Available at a great price to Branch Members Contact Gus  
Ronald [gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gus.ronald@xtra.co.nz) for a price list

## Interclub Hunting Rifle Shoot

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Be there ready to go by 1:30pm

Hosted by the Gore and Districts Deer Stalkers Club at the Invercargill Pistol Club

Centre Fire Hunting Rifle only - .222 Calibre or above

Targets at 100m

3 shots standing + 2 shots kneeling or sitting

Top 5 shooters qualify for shoot off



Kids shoot for those under 16 years of age

Standing, Kneeling, Sitting or from bench with a rest

Range Fee \$10

Trophies and prizes up for grabs

Have a crack at Pistol shooting with 1911 Pistols calibre .22, 9mm and 45 acp for \$10  
(Kids free)

Sign in on arrival at main range buildings  
Hearing and eye protection required while on the range  
Bring Firearms licence and membership card  
Range will be controlled by Pistol Club Range Officers

Any queries phone Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

Please confirm attendance by emailing [enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz) by  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

## Hoppy the Kiwi

Arising from a snoring slumber without the sound of rain on the roof, wind swirling around the hut or swishing through the bush I quickly dressed whilst making porridge and a brew for breakfast.

With just a hint of dawn in the East I hit the bush track with my headlamp guiding the way.

Dawn was breaking as I reached a small clearing and I saw a slight movement in the tussock ahead.

Thinking it was a hare I stopped and was delighted to see a Kiwi bussel off into the undergrowth.

The bush gave way to sandhills and as the full light of day dawned I came across a Kiwi intently drilling for food in sand under a lupin bush no more than two meters ahead. With a stiff breeze in my face it was unaware of my presence so I pulled out my phone turned the video on and got rewarded with full framed images of this iconic bird having its breakfast.

I could see it limping on its left side but could see no sign of lower leg or foot damage or infection so I assumed it had a thigh injury from a cat encounter at an earlier age.

Finally it got my scent and hopped off.

Mike Bayliss

September [2020](#)



## JOKES FOR THE MONTH

**DISNEYLAND**

Two blondes were going to Disneyland. They were driving on the Interstate when they saw the sign that said Disneyland LEFT. They started crying and turned around and went home.

### **FLORIDA OR MOON**

Two blondes living in Oklahoma were sitting on a bench talking, and one blonde says to the other, 'Which do you think is farther away... Florida or the moon' The other blonde turns and says 'Hellooooooooooooo, can you see Florida ?????'

### **CAR TROUBLE**

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, 'What's the story?' He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor' She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'

### **SP EEDING TICKE T**

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take my license away, and now today you expect me to show it to you!'

### **AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE**

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. 'Impossible!' says the doctor... 'Show me.' The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you' Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.' 'I thought so,' the doctor said, 'Your finger is broken.'

### **KNITTING**

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!' 'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

### **BLONDE ON THE SUN**

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!' The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!' The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. 'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

### **IN A VACUUM**

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?' She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

### **FINALLY, THE BLONDE JOKE TO END ALL BLONDE JOKES!**

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that' 'HELLLOOOOOOO. . . , ' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs.'



**THE ORIGINAL PLAYSTATION**



**THE CREEK!**



## 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. ( Other than .22R)**

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

11<sup>th</sup> November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

25<sup>th</sup> November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

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



Bookings to Neville & Carol Miller Phone (03)216 8654 email  
[nandc43@gmail.com](mailto:nandc43@gmail.com) or 43 Bain St Invercargill

**Xmas, New Year period there are still several weeks not taken and available so contact Neville. First in gets the Lodge.**

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.**

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