

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter
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Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 20th April at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

Guest Speaker

Mark Hutton on hunting.

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

**Cole Henwood, Rob Sheppard (transferred) Donald Martin,
Taine Peterson, David Thompson, (transferred),
Sean Murphy, Regan Lindsay, Joshua Hart, Paul Anderson,
Samuel Hart, Brianna Morrison, Cho Herewini,
Nicholas Prinsloo**

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**

Membership A Nesbit **Huts** N Miller

Executive: W Ashmore, N Dawson, E Garrick, D Howden, J. McCallum,
L Payne, R. Phillips.

Life Members (National) Roger McNaughton (Branch) 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

DOC Liaison Ray Phillips & Shaun McKelvie

Library Shaun McKelvie & Tom Mead

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



It's a bit blurry nice young 10 pointer we watched at 60m and let walk



Camp all set up had a hind come within 40m of the tent after dark

April 2022

She's a busy time of year for the hunting calendar the Roar the rut and duck shooting coming up it's all go. I trust you've all got out to chase that elusive 12 pointer 😊. Myself and Tom got a few days away in some high country tops chasing deer we covered some pretty massive country and the soles of the feet were pretty raw after 2&½ days on the trot. We seen good animal numbers and some great young stags that showed some potential of left a year or two more ☐. Hopefully some lucky hunter will find them as a big 12 or more ☐.

The AGM is coming up in May if you'd like to get involved and would like to know more about it get in contact with myself or anyone on the committee were always keen to have some fresh ideas on board.

There's a few hunts on the calendar coming up to the wallaby trip always fills up so get in touch if you're keen it'll be first in first served. If anyone has any ideas on other club hunts they'd like to see or help run we'd be keen to hear from you.

Unfortunately the Wapiti lodge is out of action for a short time we've had a unwanted visitor break in and do some damage. Hopefully it won't take long to get sorted. Bloody possums ☐. Good luck for the rest of the Roar.

Catch you at the meeting.
Cheers Shaun



Editorial

Many years ago now I left school and being keen on shooting joined the local Small-bore club at Warepa. One of the senior members at the time was Constable Neville Cook, His presence ensured the club operated safely.

Later I moved to Mossburn and started a long shooting membership of that club. Then one of the strongest in Southland. A lot of the local children came along and shot (no video games then). Four of them went on to become Policemen, One an army Sniper serving in Afghanistan. Another was a good talker he became Prime Minister. All got a grounding in how to use a rifle safely. Several became very good shots representing New Zealand at shooting. Many more represented Southland. My daughters were among them.

The local Constable/ Scout master would bring his scouts along from Lumsden to learn the basics of shooting. Normally about one a year discovering they were left eye dominant.

One life Member was called on by his Grandson, soon to enter the Police Force to show him the basics of firearms before he joined to save embarrassment (Grandson was not a local).

Time has marched on the club has less members, but still the odd NZ and Southland rep in the ranks.

This club and others may soon fold due to the proposed changes to firearms law relating to ranges.

In passing over 100 years ago the government supported Full-bore shooting, so as to have trained persons available for the nation's defence.

Currently we have a Police force that has public opinion problems, its members are increasingly armed from necessity. Their firearms training is often limited, two weeks at Police Collage I am told. If ranges close there will be less places for them to go and practice.

Would it not be better if the police were encouraged to join the local firearms clubs (by the police) and shoot with them? Maintaining their shooting skills and improving them. While quietly ensuring the Clubs and Associations are run as they should firearms wise? It could be a win /win, without the looming paper mountain proposed at present to enable auditing. Most likely providing a better check on the clubs than that proposed.

For those who have not made a submission there is still time they close 4th May.

Try the hyperlink below or find the e-mail of 25/3/22 on the subject from National Office

[here](#)

Doug Gordon

AGM & Trophy Night

This will be held at the Club Rooms on Wednesday the 18th of May at 7.30pm.

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 15th of May 1pm at the Clubrooms. When the trophies will be Judged and scored. No late entries accepted. (If you can't make it in person arrange for someone to get the trophy there on time.)

Heads must be clean or they may not get scored

[No Maggots]

Remember all heads are up for the spot prize so bring your trophy along, spikers to 18pointers, goats, sheep, pigs, thar, chamois, any wild animal that fits in the branch AHT, antler, horn and tusk lists.

REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS ENTERING AN ENTRY GO INTO THE SPOT PRIZE DRAW SO BRING ALL THE HEADS YOU HAVE SHOT IN THE LAST YEAR [MAY 2021 TO MAY 2022]

.Photo competition entries to

Doug Gordon 254 Centre St

Invercargill 9812

By 5pm Wednesday the 11th of May.

Photo Categories are

Game Animals: Living Deer, Chamois, Tahr, Goats and pigs etc

Other Wildlife: Any other living Animals

Scenic: Preferably Hunting Country

Topical: Should contain some evidence of human activity and hunting related. eg. Hunter and his kill.

Photos must be taken from land not air or boats and must be 6x4 size and taken between May 2021 and May 2022

A spot prize on the night for all members entering photos

Remember you must be a financial member when you took your trophy/ photo and to enter.

Wire Bridge Piano Flat Waikaia Forrest

For those hunting Waikaia Forrest
The wire bridge there is still out of action due to damage. It is yet to be repaired.

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JOKES FOR THE MONTH

I live in a semi - rural area.

We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked,

'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask.'

“Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.”

~Unknown~

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 Rang 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

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