

**THE SOUTHERN HUNTER**  
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter  
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<http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/>

AGM & Trophy Night 7.30pm 18<sup>th</sup> May at the clubrooms.

## **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**

Edward Hart, Aaron Marshall, Matthew Fitchett, Mark Raynes, Quintin Baldwin, Peter Patton, Joseph McDonagh, John Wilson

### **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**

5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June Homestead block Masons Bay (fly into beach by fixed wing) if interested contact Tom Mead 0278471882

### **Wallaby Hunt**

June 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> if interested contact Tom Mead 0278471882

## **Silent Auction**

*Advanced Notice*

To be held at August Meeting (August 17<sup>th</sup>)

Details to follow so sort out the surplus hunting, fishing, camping,  
and (outdoors) stuff,  
the clothes that no longer fit could be a good start.

### **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

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



Beaut day out on lake Mavora

Stayed at the Red stag Lodge for those that don't already know we have a great hut at Mavora and another at Te Anau

May 2022

It's been another eventful year with COVID interruptions mixed it all over the show. I hope the roar has been good to you all , I haven't shot anything myself but have seen a few trophy's hit the deck sometimes it's just as enjoyable to see someone else take a good trophy as it is to shoot one yourself. With Duck shooting just around the corner remember to stay safe. Rayioners has got a few new faces on the ballot list which is great to see there's some great hunting in Rayioners forests if you want to know more about it let us know. I'm looking forward to seeing all the trophy's at the our annual competition and all the photos so if you've got some good photos make sure you get them printed off and to Doug before the cut-off date. We'll see you at the AGM.

Cheers

Shaun



### **Editorial**

Well the opening of duck shooting has come and gone yet again, we did well but just fell short of Limit bags on opening day. So what I was out there still doing it, and have been for 50 plus years.



This is a big event on the Southland shooting calendar, bigger than the Roar in that there is no opening date for the Roar.

While waiting for the ducks to fly past, I had a thought as to what is the most partaken form of shooting in Southland, and for that matter New Zealand. I came up with only three possibilities, Big Game Hunting, Small Game Hunting, and Duck Shooting. I vote for Duck Shooting but this is coloured by living in Southland. Target Shooting must come in forth, but it is something we all should do more of to improve the hunting. I am as guilty as most the only practice I got for Duck Shooting was a night chasing small game. Target shooting needs shooters too.

AGM next week Photos must be in this Wednesday, Trophies measured Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Come on if you have something to enter be in there are spot prizes. Also attend the AGM this is the number one meeting of the year. As normal we need more committee members, If keen and have something to offer let Shaun or a current committee member know. You are not likely to be nominated if no one knows the interest. The Branch is what you make it. This is your chance to shape that.

See you there

Doug Gordon

# AGM & Trophy Night

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

Entries in trophy competition Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**All trophies entered must meet NZDA rules for competitions.**

*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

Photos are required to be in hard copy, no e-mailed images.

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.

### **Sponsors**

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### **Southland Branch Polo Shirts**





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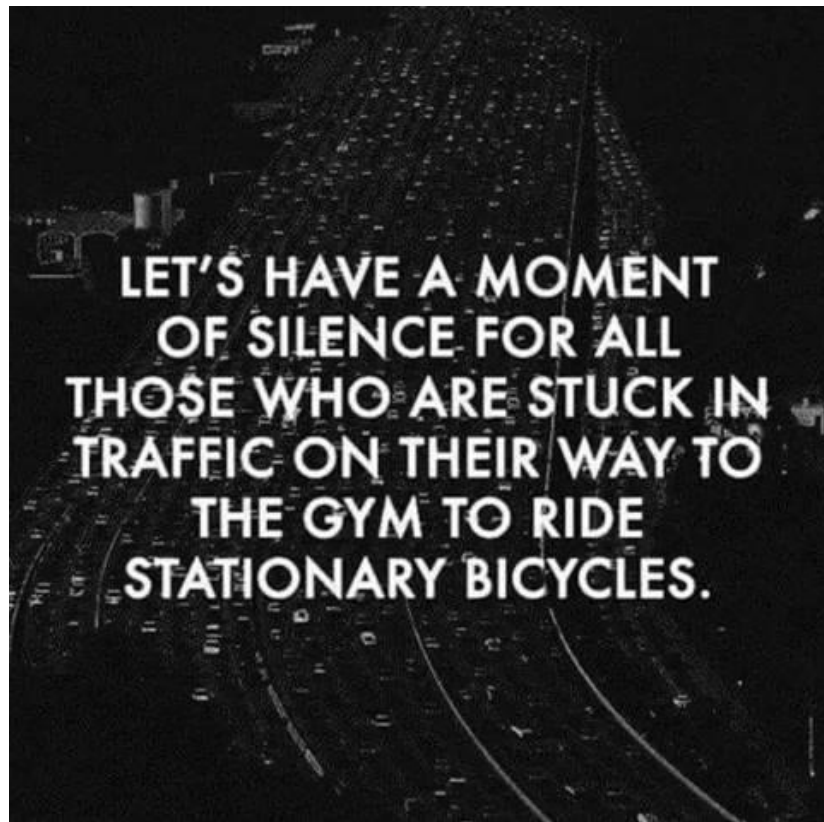


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## **Subs and Membership**

Your subs have been due for some time now if not paid by the end of May do not expect to receive a Newsletter come June.

## JOKES FOR THE MONTH



*I got my wife to help me put some posts in the ground for our new fence, I gave her the new hammer and I said, "When I nod my head, you hit it." I don't remember much after that.*

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### **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 Range 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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43 Bain St Invercargill

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