

THE SOUTHERN HUNTER
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter
November 2022



View from Dore Pass Worsley Arm in distance

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 16th November at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

Guest Speaker

Still trying to arrange will advise.

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

Branch email is: enquiries@southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz
News Letter douglasgordon@xtra.co.nz
Branch website <http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/>

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

Club Hunts

Looking at a Hunt East Branch of the Eglington
5 days early March? Fly in, limited spaces.

Contact Tom 0278471882 if interested

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

NEW MEMBERS

New Members please welcome them.

Lionel James Wood, Terrance Birch

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, D Howden, J. McCallum,
L Payne, R. Phillips.

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Sub committees

Membership, Andy, Luke, Ray

Rayoniers blocks Shaun, Andy, luke, Jamie

Lodges (Rename from Huts) Neville Shaun

Hall (to include Library-Library committee Luke, Jamie, Wayne

Club Hunts Tom Tony Luke

Ranges to include the Rifle club and Pistol Club Doug, Tom

DOC Liaison, Ray

AGM to include Trophies and Douglas Scoring Luke, Shaun, Wayne, Ray, Doug

Competition Committee to include Kids Hunting and Wilkinson Postal shoot Shaun, Tom

Hunts Course Nathan Tom Andy Shaun Wayne Luke



November 2022

Well we're heading towards the end of another year seems to have gone by fast. By now most if not all of the Roar, tahr & Wapiti ballot blocks will have closed. Good luck of your waiting to hear back or congratulations if you have secured a block for next year, if not there's plenty of time to plan a trip away, there's plenty of guys at the meetings that'd be more than happy to help you plan a trip if your new to the area or hunting so come along to the meeting and ask the question you'll most likely end up with more options than you no what to do with . It's also a good time to start thinking of you'd like to get onto the ballot list to hunt Rayioners over the coming roar to check out what is required so your signed up ready to go when the stags start making noise.

SAVE THE DATE 3RD DECEMBER

The Wyndham Amp Show Nzda kids Hunt is on details are on the flyer below there is also the info and link to the registration form on Facebook or I can email it directly to you on request. It's a awesome chance to get the kids out and have some fun with them in the

outdoors. We're hoping to make this a pretty special event, we've already secured a massive amount of sponsorship and will have some great prizes on the day . So get registered and we'd love to see you on the day.

There's also some great events coming up at the Invercargill Rifle club of you check it there Facebook page they have the calendar there to see when it's all happening.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting

Cheers Shaun



Editorial

What is happening to this country, we seem to be short of workers in about every field of endeavour. From farming to hospitals, the police, and the prisons. A few years ago one would not see employment ads on tradesmen's vehicles. I saw vacancies signs out during a recent trip down industrial Bond Street in Invercargill.

It even affects the commercial Venison Industry, the affect is being felt. Once nearly 50 years ago, (When I started in the industry) the pilots and the shooters were young. Kim Hollows for one started shooting from a helicopter straight out of school. Now most of the names are the same as they were those many years ago in Te Anau. Some others have come and gone.

While some of you will rejoice at the thought of no commercial venison recovery. Think again we need the industry, we need the shooters and pilots. A controlled and limited harvest of deer from the remote areas is the best way to control deer numbers in these areas. (Note control would improve in the closer areas from just having better access for recreational hunters.) The current cull under way in the Wapiti block relies on these veteran's, some of whom are on the pension.

The world is changing and New Zealand with it. What is going to happen to hunting in New Zealand? We need to make our voice heard if we want to have hunting in New Zealand continue as it has in the past. Next year means a General Election, what parties have anything on offer for recreational hunters? They need to be asked, not once but many times so that they take notice. Over to you to ask!!

Doug Gordon

Sponsors

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



Southland Branch Polo Shirts



The following are in stock and available for purchase @ \$35 each

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Subject line Polo Tee Shirts

Payment prior to delivery by online banking to the Branch Account

06-0925-0270758-000 with details of *your name Polo Shirt and Size.*

(If unable to do online banking contact Tom 0278471882)

First in best dressed

FOR SALE

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This comes with a standard flue kit model whh 999 , this is all new in the packing crate .

These are for sale on behalf of the Rakiura Hunter camp Trust, we purchased two at a discounted price for the fire and flue kit.

As the trust only has one hut which we can install a fire of this size, we wish to sell the other one at our cost.

Contact Ray on 03-2163751 .

Freeze Dri



Purchase Back Country Cuisine freeze-dri meals direct at special prices, email Tony on info@bcfoods.co.nz to order or find out more information.

Hunting cartridges then and now

Story for November 2022?

Introduction

Unless you're rolling in money, you won't be able to buy a new rifle whenever you feel like it. If you are as stingy as I am, economies and priority setting come easy!

Let's see if we can figure out some ways of saving your dollars in case your rifle starts missing deer, or (maybe more likely), you did the missing!

Things that go wrong with rifles

Yep, worn out, rusted out, wrong calibre, bung scope, I've heard all the reasons, and it may be. But if you are into salvage, trying to eke out that last accurate shot before your old faithful goes down the road, maybe as a deposit or, if you are lucky, a trade on the new rifle, there are quite a few tricks to try before that fateful time comes.

- 1) Loose screws (no, not necessarily the 'nut behind the butt').
- 2) If you are using a sound suppressor ('can'), check it carefully to ensure it stays firmly screwed home, because if it comes loose, as it can after only a few shots, your groups will open up. If it's really loose, your bullets will do all sorts of interesting things inside the 'can' before emerging sideways. Cans (suppressors) cost around \$400, so take care with these! Don't forget, when checking their firmness on the barrel, that they heat up quickly too.
- 3) Have you checked the action screws lately? See if the front action screw (nearer the muzzle) is tight, then check the rear action screw, which needs not to be so tight. If there is a third action screw (some rifles have them), check it last.
- 4) Of course, the screws holding the scope mount blocks on the receiver, and the screws in the rings holding the scope in place can come loose too. Check these, it's surprising how often they can come loose, and if the scope moves through the rings from shot to shot, you'll no doubt notice a problem too. The scope will slip forward under the recoil forces when firing a rifle, don't forget that either.
- 5) Not wishing to insult you, but did you clean the rifle? Even 'stainless steel' rifles need cleaning after firing because they can corrode, and carbon accumulation from shot after shot can impair their grouping ability. You really want that first shot (from a clean barrel) to go where you want it to don't you?

I hope these ideas help! More next month.

Chaz Forsyth

The secure storage of and transport while driving with your firearms

Introduction

The Arms Regulations which took effect from the first of February this year have clearly generated much more confusion. Hardly surprising, because it is all intended to make us all safer! In fact the new regulations are so detailed, so prescriptive, their bulk is likely to put people off, the reverse of what was intended (The 1984 Regulations took up just 15 pages, while the current version, reprinted to 24 June 2022, fills 106 pages, that's inflation!)

We need to cut through the malarky to clarify things.

This is a general overview, not the law. You are urged to go to www.legislation.govt.nz, and look up Arms Regulations 1992, Regulations 19, 19A, m19B and 19C, pp. 33 – 37.

Secure storage

This is while your firearms are not in use, and **must** be locked up at home. The storage must meet standards to resist unauthorized entry (that is has approved locking, and be fastened to the floor and the wall **structure** of your house). The police recommend you keep the bolts stored separately but this is a recommendation which recognizes the many other actions out there whose actions do not have removable bolts.

You must also lock up your ammunition separately.

The locks used for these cabinets require separate keys and it would be a smart move to keep them separate, and essential that no person without a firearm licence has access to them. They also need police approval for you to use them.

Transport of firearms and ammunition in your motor vehicle

(These regulations apply while the vehicle is on a road or public place).

The firearm **must** be hidden from view from outside the vehicle and **must not** be loaded;

The firearm must be rendered inoperable, either by the removal of a part such as the bolt, or by a trigger locking device, and the removed part must be kept separately and out of sight. It must not be loaded.

Ammunition **must be** locked in a container such as a cashbox and concealed from view from the outside of the vehicle.

You may leave firearms and ammunition in an unattended vehicle for up to 60 minutes if the vehicle is locked the relevant conditions mentioned earlier are observed.

Further conditions apply for travel on motorcycles, in motor homes, and when using public transport, including ferries.

Concluding comments

What I've written is neither the law, nor the regulations. Please don't hesitate to look up the real thing *via* the website supplied above if you want the real oil, what I've supplied is just a summary, written in non-legal language and so lacking the precision of the regulations. Chaz Forsyth

JOKES FOR THE MONTH



**Weigh in
3rd
December
10.00am -
1.00pm**



WYNDHAM A&P SHOW **KIDS HUNT & FISH**

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**Seniors \$500 hunting
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Gore & Districts NZDA branches.**

email: kidshuntnzda@gmail.com or find us on facebook

Juniors 11 and under Seniors 12 - 16

T&C's Apply



Mahi Ngatahi Working Together

OCTOBER 2022

UPDATE FROM PROJECT DIRECTOR CAMPBELL LECKIE

Tēnā koutou katoa.

It's been a busy time for the Predator Free Rakiura team for the past few months. I know many of you in the Rakiura community will be keen to hear what's been happening.

I've met a few of you already, and some of you will have heard about me and the team through the bush telegraph. I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know the Rakiura community even more in future. For those of you who I have connected with, or who have heard me talk about Predator Free Rakiura, you'll have heard me say that our project is all about people.

I'm keen to catch up with as many people as possible, so please don't hesitate to stop for a chat next time you see me, or reach out to any member of our team! If you have a group you would like me to talk with about Predator Free Rakiura, I'm happy to do so, and I'm out on the Island fairly regularly.

Hei konā mai.

Campbell.



INTRODUCING THE TEAM!

In the past 12 months, Predator Free Rakiura has been growing, with the establishment of Te Puka Rakiura Trust, and the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement Advisory Group (PFREAG). PFREAG includes people from the Rakiura Community and interested groups and helps to create the connection between the project team, the community, and the Trust.



Earlier this year, we began building our project team. Island residents Bridget and Kevin Carter have been appointed to the roles of Assistant Project Director and Operations & Research Manager respectively, while Executive Assistant Kathleen Petersen and Communications & Engagement Manager Hannah McLeod are both based in Invercargill.

FUNDING

Predator Free Rakiura is absolutely delighted to have secured funding of \$1million per year for the next four years from the Department of Conservation. You've probably also heard about the partnership we've formed with Maanaki Whenua - Landcare Research. This partnership means a combined \$2.8million will be available over the next four years for Predator Free Rakiura to investigate, research, and start trials on the Island.

There's a lot of information we just don't know about the predators here (like how many feral cats there are and where we can find them), or what the most effective tools in our kete might be for eradication. Our funding partners will help us establish some of this key information and allow us to start a range of pilot trials and research activities. You will hear more about these and how you can get involved as our team will learn by doing!

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR ... AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

It's vital that Predator Free Rakiura is connected to and working with groups which are already doing some fantastic work on the Island. We've been catching up with some of those groups in the past couple of months, including Rakiura Māori Lands Trust, Mamaku Point Conservation Trust, Rakiura Titi Island Administering Body, Rakiura Titi Committee, and SIRCET. We have been talking about how we can work effectively together to get a better result for each of us and the Island as a whole. There are lots of people already doing great work.

We know we have lots more to do to create connections with the Rakiura community, and to understand what Predator Free Rakiura means to you. You're welcome to reach out, and we can assure you we'll be in touch soon with more updates.

Similarly, we've been building relationships with some organisations beyond Rakiura. These naturally include government organisations like DOC, but our team has also been connecting with other Predator Free projects throughout the motu. We know there is plenty we can learn from those who have already been working towards becoming predator free in other places.

A FINAL NOTE...

While you might not have heard a lot from us in the past few years, and many of you will have lots of questions, our team is keen to hear from you!

You can get in touch via the website, email us at info@predatorfreerakiura.org.nz, or as mentioned earlier, stop for a chat any time. As things get moving, we'll be introducing regular email updates, and we're planning a few different opportunities to meet us in person over the next few months.

You can find out more about our Trustees, PFREAG members, and project team members at www.predatorfreerakiura.org.nz.

Young Hunts Course 2023



**This course is for anyone young or old.
Includes Firearm safety, Navigation, First Aid, Bushcraft,
Equipment and trip planning, Meat processing and more
Current planning is to run a course over and around 2
weekends 11th & 12th and 25th & 26th February 2023.**



**Looking at expressions of interest in this course to Shaun
Phone 0276350490**

Rifle Range Shoots.

(1)South Island NZDA Sporting rifle Shoot 28th Jan more info to come

(2) Wilkinson postal shoot. 26th Feb in conjunction with young hunts range day more info to come

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

Spring Calendar

Important: Shooting beyond 400 Yards currently prohibited – 500 and 600 mounds are closed. Work to get them operational are scheduled for October 2022

All shooting subject to the presence of a Club/NZDA Range Officer. RO's may arrange shooting any day of the week outside the schedule below. RO's please note new range book format.

Non –Members always welcome, Shoot for \$20. Range officers will generally require casual range users to validate their rifle at 100M .

	Sighting in 11.00am	Hunter/NZDA/PRS Shoots 1.30pm unless noted	NRA/F Class Shooting 1.00pm
Tuesday Nights	5.00 pm Twilight Sighting in/Coaching – All welcome, Changes to 6.00pm after daylight saving		
1/10/2022	11.00 am –Opening Day - Gongs at 3 distances, shoot with what ya brung		
2/10/2022	100M/200 yards		300 Yards
8/10/2022	11.00 am – Juniors day – Dads/Mums –bring a kid and get them shooting - Centrefire and rimfire		
9/10/2022	100M/200 yards		400 Yards
15/10/2022	1.30pm Round One Club PRS /Gong shoot – 2 distances, 4 stages, 20 rounds – you must shoot 2 of the 3 rounds to qualify your points		
16/10/2022	100M/200 yards		300 Yards
22/10/2022	1.00 PM – Any Service Rifle Gong shoot 200 and 300 yards		
23/10/2022	100M/200 yards		400 Yards
29/10/2022	1.30pm Small Gun 400 yard Gong shoot (223, 6.5 Grendel, 6mmARC, 224 Valkyrie etc –anything that would have fitted in an AR) 3 distances – 24 rounds		
30/10/2022	11.00 am Black Powder long range Shoot		300/400 Yards
5/11/2022	11.00 am Gong Shooting Coaching - All welcome esp. Juniors – Dads bring a kid, a rimfire rifle and 50 rounds		
6/11/2022	100M/200 yards		400 Yards
12/11/2022	1.300pm Round Two Club PRS /Gong shoot – 2 distances, 4 stages, 20 rounds		
13/11/2022	100M/200 yards		300 Yards
19/11/2022	PRS Practise Day		
20/11/2022	100M/200 yards		500 Yards
26/11/2022	1.30PM – Man on Man 223 Gong Shoot		200 Yards
27/12/2022	100M/200 yards		600 Yards
3/12/2022	11.00 am – Ladies Day - Ladies only shooting (partners etc welcome to attend) – Gongs at 3 distances, shoot with what ya brung		
4/12/2022	100M/200 yards		300 Yards
17/12/2022	1.30pm Round Three Club PRS /Gong shoot – 2 distances, 4 stages, 20 rounds – points bonus round		500 & 600 yards

18/12/2022	11.00am Club/Interclub/NZDA “Egg” shoot @ 500 yards – about 15 rounds required. Prize giving/BBQ for Egg shoot and Club PRS Comp –all welcome!!
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Check the Facebook page for changes/updates !!

NRA/F Class shooters – make sure you arrange someone to pull targets and RO, you may be the only shooter at the range.

We hope to have the 500 and 600 yard mounds operational by November

Casual user questions – Message through the FB page or you can call Ben 0272247119 or Foster 021516342

NZDA Members – You have affiliated membership and can shoot for \$5 per session, contact Tom 0278471882 or Andy 021538676

Rifle Sighting In At Invercargill Pistol Club

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.

9th November Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

23rd November Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

30th November Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

7th December Tom Mead 027 847 1882

14th December Andy Nesbit 021 917 808

21st December Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

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It recently came to my attention that it is hard to find any blank greeting cards that include wildlife art. Thus, I was asked to sell some of my pencil or paint replicas on cards and thought I would see if there was any interest in these here. A set of 5 for \$30 or \$7 each (including envelope). Contact erin@wildbalance.co.nz or 022 543 1022



Wapiti Lodge, & Red Stag Lodge Mavora



Wapiti Lodge



Red Stag

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cell 021 08219528 email nandc43@gmail.com or
43 Bain St Invercargill

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