

**THE SOUTHERN HUNTER**  
Southland Branch NZDA Newsletter  
March 2023



The Junction Glenaray Stn

**Monthly Meeting**

Monthly meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Branch Club Rooms Longbush Hall McKerchar Road off State Highway 1 between Kennington & Woodlands

**Guest Speaker**

**Chaz Forsyth** speaking on his PhD thesis “**Firearms in the New Zealand community**”

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## 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**

**Wallaby Hunt** 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup> July Contact Tom 0278471882

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

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**New Members please welcome them.**

Daneil Jackson, Rueben Walker, Joshua Dunn, Kieran Hoyle, Brent Colyer, Eric Overdevest, Dan Meulenbroek, Johnny Racz

## **Office Bearers**

Club Office Bearers

**President:** S McKelvie 027 635 0490 **Vice President:** T Caldwell

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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



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Well it's coming up to the best part of the year as a hunter the Roar, Bugle, Rut & Duck shooting are all either happening or just around the corner . The roar is a very busy time in the bush I tend to be over cautious at this time of year and have my high Viz on in the bush

and a extra high Viz to wrap over any deer if I might be lucky enough to be carrying one out just to be extra safe. We've had a pretty busy start to the year The Hunts course will now be finished at the time of writing this we've got the last weekend to go of the actual hunt I'm sure everyone's looking forward to that, it's been a great few weeks sharing knowledge and going over the basics with all the hunts students if your keen to be on next year's course get in touch. We've ran the Wilkinson postal shoot and we're lucky the weather came right for us everyone had a great day and it was a great chance to blow the cob webs out before the Roar.

This month we have Chaz Forsyth coming to speak he's a extremely knowledgeable guy with many years in the NZDA so it would be great to see everyone along at the meeting .

Until then safe an happy Hunting



Cheers Shaun



### **Editorial**

The hunting season is nearly here the Roar followed by Duck Shooting (if your pond has water). Firearms have featured in the news a lot of late, in the city or around houses, not the country in most cases and often involving the illegal use of firearms by the unlicensed. The press would/ could have made more of this but they have other more interesting fish to fry for present.

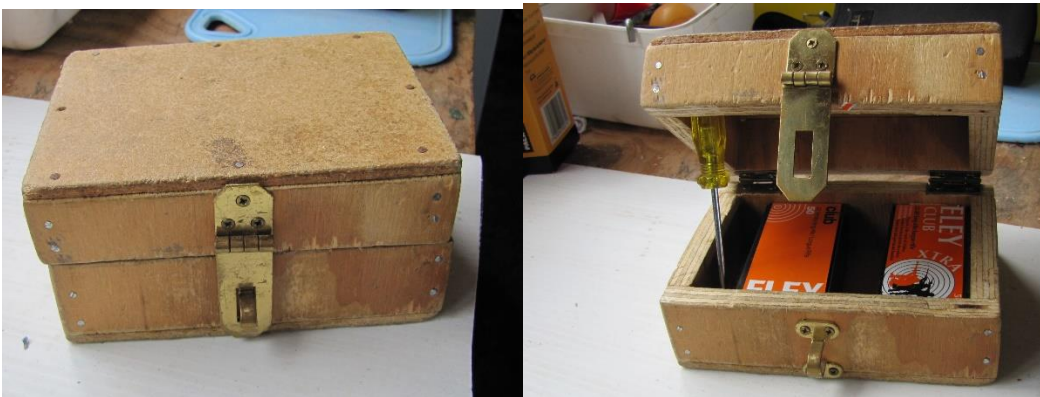
So be safe while hunting only hunt where you have permission, wear high viz clothing (for Deer not ducks). Transport your firearms safely. Put your bolt in your pocket is a good step for your hunting rifle, then at least you know you have it. Keep it out of sight while transporting. When it comes to securing to the vehicle a pushbike cable lock through the trigger guard and secured to the vehicle is a good step. No loaded magazines whether in rifle or not. There is a lot of grey areas in this depending on the firearm and the vehicle. But do something. Keeping the firearm unloaded and out of sight, ammo separate (locked container), are the big ones. Have the bolt or other part with you and the firearm locked to vehicle if leaving the vehicle unattended for a feed of answering the call of nature. (This is actually an improvement as prior one was not meant to leave the vehicle unattended with a

firearm in it at all.) There is a lot of criminals out there stealing, you need to take steps in case you are the next one robbed, you don't need the hassle. The other often forgotten problem with transporting firearms that could see you in trouble is a vehicle accident! Remember to take the rifle, the bolt, the magazine and the ammo with you when you leave home and when you leave your transport, I know it's a bit more to remember. For me the magazine is the hard one, as it is new. The other three were always separate for many years. Only having a single shot rifle for a week on Stewart Island helps the memory. Good luck, good hunting, enjoy your time hunting.

Doug Gordon

ps.

In passing there is likely a market for small lockable containers that would hold say 20 to 30 rounds of ammo. That one could bury in one's pack so as to not forget to put ammo in pack when leaving vehicle or getting into a helicopter or plane to continue ones journey. One would think that burying ones ammo in ones pack for the trip from home to hunting ground for those longer overnight hunts would have been enough? The containers need to be a close fit around the ammo so as to not take up valuable pack space. See below a container that I made for my .22 target ammo in response to changes to the Arms Act last century. Perhaps NZDA or the likes of Hunting and Fishing could be interested in producing and marketing such a container for hunting rounds.



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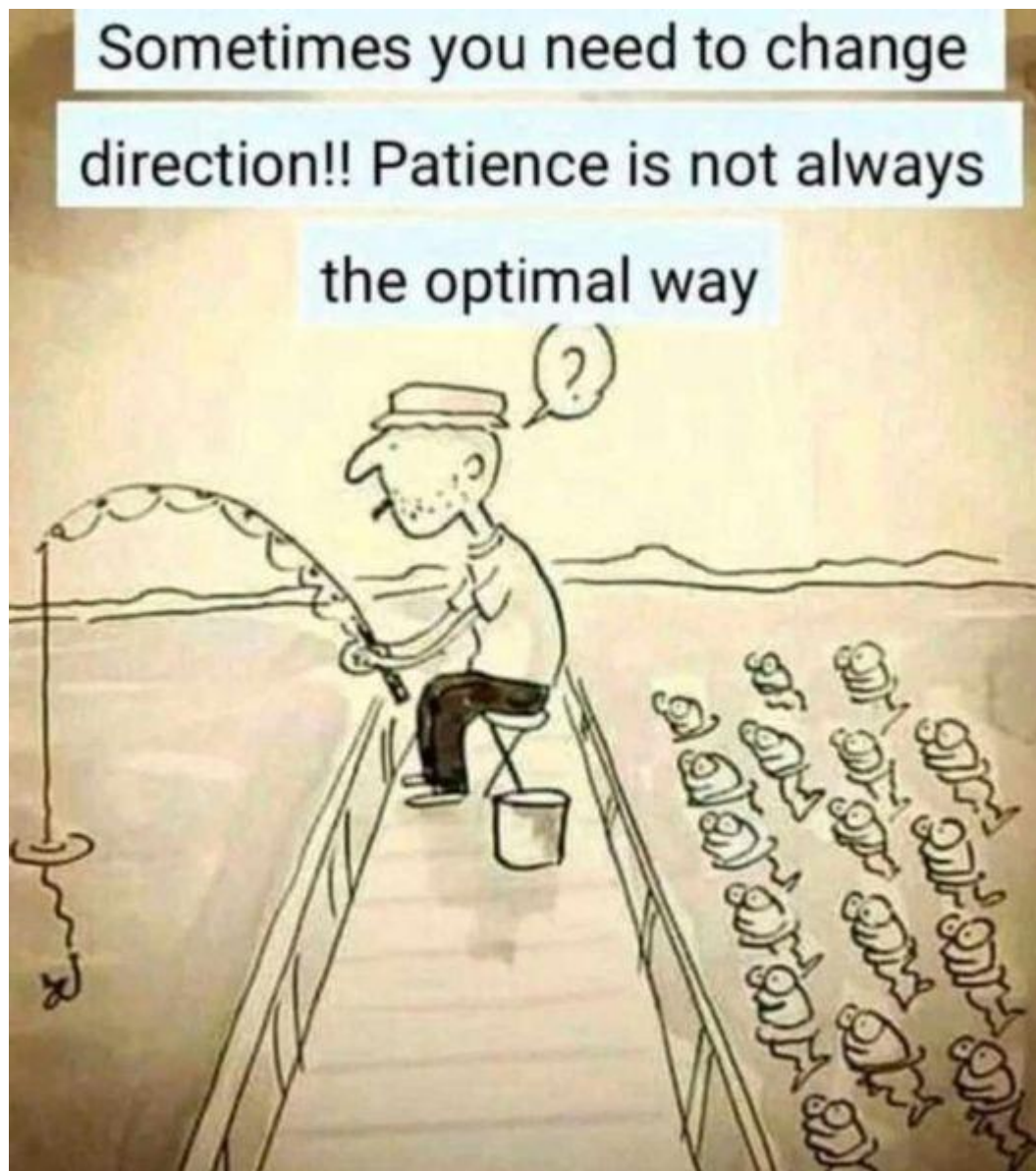
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## JOKES FOR THE MONTH



The King Offers Help to Ukraine





**You can have two of my best helicopter pilots....  
.... they're called Andrew and Harry....!!!!**

### **INFORMATION.....**

**Glass** takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

**Gold** is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

**Your tongue** is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

**The tooth** is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

**If you stop getting thirsty** , you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

**Zero** is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

**Kites** were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

**The song Auld Lang Syne** is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

**Drinking water after eating** reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

**Peanut oil** is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

**The roar** that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

**Nine out of every 10** living things live in the ocean.

**The banana** cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

**Airports at higher altitudes** require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

**The University of Alaska** spans four time zones.

**In ancient Greece** , tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

**Warner Communications** paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

**Intelligent people** have more zinc and copper in their hair.

**A comet's tail** always points away from the sun.

**Caffeine** increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

**The military salute** is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

**If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up,** you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

**In ancient times** strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

**Strawberries and cashews** are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

**Avocados** have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

**The moon** moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

**The Earth** gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

## **An Update On Firearms**

Now that we are recovered from the Christmas & New Year jollifications we can briefly take stock of where we are before moving on to the next batch of things which come to blight our paths.

Our police (oops, Firearm Safety Authority, TTP are its initials) has issued three documents, some with changes, only a fortnight after it/they first appeared!

These are (in order of relative importance to us):

1. *Firearms Safety Code – Fundamental guide to the safe use of firearms.* (Version 2.0).

The new Arms Code has a lot of good advice and is well-illustrated, being a lot larger in both format and content than the older pocket books.

2. *Secure storage and transportation guide for firearms and ammunition* (Version 4.0).

The guidance document for the safe storage and transport of firearms is also essential reading because we, as hunters, travel around with our hardware and are now required to keep it out of sight as well as securely locked in our cars, with the ammunition locked separately.

3. *Shooting Club Guide - Safe management of structures and operations V2.0.*

The advice offered to clubs, although not entirely fault-free, offers good advice too and is also worth a read, even if you are not a committee member – it will give you an insight into what your club committee must now do to comply with the do-good efforts imposed by some of our politicians.

All three documents are downloadable from the website,  
<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/>

Just use the pull-down menus to collect the right document, but all three are worth a look. Details of each reference document are supplied below:

New Zealand Police (2022a), *Firearms Safety Code – Fundamental guide to the safe use of firearms.* (V2.0). Wellington, New Zealand: Police National Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand (107 pp.). <https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/>, downloaded 23/12/2022.

New Zealand Police (2022b), *Secure storage and transportation guide for firearms and ammunition V4.0.* Wellington, New Zealand: Police National Headquarters, *Te Tari Pūreke* – Firearms Safety Authority, 30 November 2022. (25 pp).  
<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/>, downloaded 02/02/2023.

New Zealand Police (2022c), *Shooting Club Guide - Safe management of structures and operations V2.0.* Wellington, New Zealand: Police National Headquarters, *Te Tari Pūreke* – Firearms Safety Authority, 15 December 2022. (16 pp).  
<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/>, downloaded 02/02/2023.

Chaz Forsyth

### **Wilkinson Postal Shoot**

Held 26<sup>th</sup> February, six entries.

First in Branch Shaun McKelvie 96.03 out of 125.20



## **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

**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.

22nd<sup>h</sup> February Andy Nesbit 021 538 676

1<sup>st</sup> March Doug Gordon 03 216 6383/ 027 637 2206

8<sup>th</sup> March Nathan Dawson 027 235 8063

22nd March Tom Mead 027 847 1882

29<sup>th</sup> March Andy Nesbit 021 538 676



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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](mailto:erin@wildbalance.co.nz) or 022 543 1022



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Wapiti Lodge



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