

2007
Woodhill Fallow Deer
Hunting Ballot
Application Forms



Michael Bawden
Block 7 Douglas Score 206^{1/8}

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Chairman's Report 2006

As many of you are well aware, the Woodhill Forest crown lease has been sold by CHH. The new owners are “Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd”. Hancock’s are run by foresters not accountants, so while it will be “business as usual” for us, forest management changes should see a more integrated approach to any given situation within the forest.

I am expecting a lower return of deer this year given the lack of security within the forest preceding CHH’s departure. Hancock’s have indicated that they have concerns regarding the situation and rest assured that we will be working with them to improve security.

The success of the “Take a kid hunting day” emphasized to me the importance of the Dads, Mums, uncles and Aunts, etc getting out with theirs and others children into the “real world” for some healthy activity. The “looks” on the faces of happy kids is very rewarding for all involved. A big thank you to all parents etc who make the commitment every day to ensure the next generations of children experience life in the great outdoors not just in front of a computer or TV screen.

During the year another 1.6km of the Ototoa boundary fence was completed. Only one stretch of approx 800metres remains. The trees on this block are due for harvest 2007 so hopefully during the winter of 2008 the Ototoa project will conclude.

Once again thank you to all the hunters for another excellent season, hunting and safety wise. Also for those of you that read the rules and filled out returns, fully and clearly.

Thank you to the committee, sponsors and supporters, especially for your patience, during the last 4 months of waiting.

The WPMC committee is looking forward to working with the new owners of the forest during 2007 with confidence that many of the trials that we endured during the last 2 years are now a thing of the past.

Safe hunting!

Dave Chisholm

WPMC Chairman

Sportways Cup

(Cover Photo)

This years winner is Mr. Michael Bawden (who is featured on the front cover) it was his lucky day to secured his 19 point buck on block 7.

Douglas score 206 1/8 .

Prize Draw

The following names were drawn from the kill returns received, they have each won new hunting gear to the value of \$135.00

Congratulations to:

Albert Wakefield Karaka

Dale Fowles Papakura

Norm Bryne Ahipara

Special Thanks

The Woodhill Fallow Management Council would like to thank the following for their continued support.

Mr. Ian Amooore for his veterinary services, and putting up with us all hours of the day and night, year in and year out.

Hunting Ethics In Woodhill Forest

By the look of the kill returns and the number of enthusiastic letters we received again, a lot of hunters had enjoyed themselves and were successful.

The above title means “ the unwritten rules and common sense” that we need to abide by when hunting in Woodhill Forest. The hunting environment in Woodhill is totally different to hunting in the Kaimanawas, Kaweka's and the Ureweras.

First and foremost Woodhill is a production Forest, complete with logging and silver culture operations, sometimes operating seven days a week. If you are notified that a logging operation is in your hunting block, give them a wide berth.

Also be aware of your block boundaries, as sometimes we configure those boundaries to accommodate logging operations. Any Forest operation takes precedent over the hunting blocks availability and size. We are invited guests and our behavior needs to reflect that we respect the privilege of being able to hunt this area.

Things like target practice, or lets have a crack at a rabbit, cause I am bored, is not acceptable in this environment. The only type of animal you are entitled to shoot at is described on your permit.

And this brings us to animal identification . We have a bucks only policy with a limited number of hinds harvested each year. The problem here is the number of hunters shooting weaner bucks when they have a doe permit. A deer with no antlers, but has a pistle means it is a weaner buck, and the presence or the lack of a pistle needs to be determined before you shoot.

Also this is not clay bird shooting, where you shoot as soon as you see the target, this type of shot gunning technique is not acceptable or safe in the Woodhill forest.

We must all pause or slow down so as to identify what we are aiming at, especially when you have a doe permit

Remember no matter what harvesting and management plans we put into place, it is **you the hunter with your finger on the trigger that determines the sustainability of this fallow herd.**

Last but not least, we seem to have a number of hunters with blaze orange swannies, you must wear a blaze orange vest over the top, regardless of what else you are wearing blaze orange or otherwise!.

The temperature in Woodhill Forest can at times get bloody hot, and if you over heat and take your blaze orange swannies off, and do not have a lighter blaze orange vest to wear, you immediately endanger yourself and break one of our main safety rules.

“Everyone must wear a light blaze orange vest that is visible at all times regardless of what else is being worn”.

For the next hunting season we hope you all take on board the points we have raised here to make your hunting day enjoyable, safe and hassle free.

Tony Gray & Bert Howlett. W.F.M.C

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2006 Hunting Results

Number of deer taken at Woodhill Forest during the 2006 balloted hunting season.

Bucks 23

Does 62

(Pigs 12)

Total deer harvested 85

*This includes 7 deer and 2 pigs taken on the
“Take A Kid Hunting Day”.

RULES FOR WOODHILL BALLOT

- Hi viz blaze orange vest **must** been worn on top, regardless what else is being worn.
- No smoking in forest.
- Replacement of hunter on permit, only on acceptance (payment) date.
- All hunters to sign indemnity clause.
- One hunt per hunter each year.
- Firearms License to be current and carried at all times.
- Vehicles to have current W.O.F and registration when entering forest.
- No camping in forest or access roads.
- You will be notified a week before your hunt if you will receive a doe permit.
- No shotguns or rim fire firearms.
- Successful applicants notified by mail.
- Sixty dollar access fee per party applies.

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WEB SITE

Visit our web site **www.fallowdeer.co.nz**

Download extra ballot application forms or e-mail them to your Companions, check our bulletin board, photos, maps and information regarding the Woodhill Fallow deer Ballot.

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WOODHILL FALLOW MANGEMENT **COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**

“To manage the Fallow deer herd and the environment within the Woodhill Forest in perpetuity, in consultation with the leaseholders, landowners and hunting groups and to provide public hunting through a balloted hunting season”.

2007 WOODHILL FALLOW DEER BALLOT

DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Last Name First name
Address
Postal Address if different.
City E-Mail
Phone Mobile
Firearms License No Bow hunter

***Is this your first ever ballot application for Woodhill?** Yes. No.
Signature of Primary Applicant

DETAILS OF COMPANIONS

Last Name First name
Address
Phone Mobile
Firearms License No Bow hunter

Last Name First name
Address
Phone Mobile
Firearms License No Bow hunter

I agree to ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS SET OUT BY THE W.F.M.C. and I accept full responsibility for my companions while in Woodhill Forest. "

Ballot Application Fee- \$20.00

(Successful applicants fee will be a further \$60.00)

Please cut out application, fill in details and mail with payment to:

W.F.M.C. PO Box 110, Kumeu. Auckland.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FOR JUNE HUNT:

9th April 2007, BALLOT DRAWN 11th APRIL, HUNTING STARTS 9th JUNE 2007

**#For any further information contact Brian Witton 09 8176855
or Dave Chisholm 09 4207058**

For payments:
- a cheque only
please
- no cash.

PLEASE IDENTIFY

YOUR TARGET AT

ALL TIMES

WFMC

Hunters Contributions



Happy Hunter on Block Four 30.7.06

Hunters Contributions con.

Just a note to thank all the WPMC in getting Alan a keen hunter who is disabled, around our block and giving him a chance to shoot a deer. Although he missed we all had a great day and hope to be back in the future.

John Renowden.

(Block Seven 25.6.06)

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On behalf of myself, Robert and Daniel Wyatt, I would like to thank WPMC for an excellent days hunting . Big thanks to Dave Chisholm for all the information he provided leading up to the hunt and the recommendation of staying at Black Pete's as an accommodation option, was a top choice.

We got talking to a couple of blokes who had hunted our block two years ago and their advice helped us immensely.

Thanks also to Bert, WPMC monitor for lending us a ride and for telling us we were a day late as he had seen the Buck we were after the day before.

All in all we had an excellent day, I secured my first deer, Robert just happy to be hunting and Daniel got some great footage of a Doe and a weaner Buck grazing amongst the mature pines. He was also able to get plenty of photos of other deer as well.

Once again I would like to thank all the committee for all their efforts in sustaining the Woodhill Herd and giving us hunters an equal opportunity to hunt them through the ballot system

Stu Jeffries

(Block Four 3.9.06)

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**“HUNTERS ALWAYS THINK
SAFETY.- IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET AND
CONSIDER YOUR FIRING ZONE”**

W.F.M.C

Could it be the deer at Woodhill are becoming more savvy of the hunters? This deer was seen stalking through the pines by another hunter on block five. It was fully kitted out with fire arm, blaze orange vest and even a pack in a vain attempt to deceive hunters in believing he was just one of the lads—

Obviously it didn't work !

Not So Smart



We would like to thank the WPMC for the way they have been managing the balloted hunting operations within the Woodhill Forest, we have been lucky enough to have been successful in the ballot draw a number of times over the years and have over that time appreciate all their efforts, help and advice to us each time.

On this years hunt on block six the weather was terrible with the rain pelting down we set off a little dejected, however Peter, only on his second deer hunt managed to shoot a buck. Despite the weather we also sighted several animals a fantastic days hunting was had by us all and as a bonus I also took a Doe that afternoon on my Doe permit. The whole management of this unique Fallow Deer herd is a credit to them .

Jim Smith - Whangarei



Jeff & Kate Bryant, Te Awamutu



Biancia Thompson, Whangamata

“Take A Kid Hunting” Report 2006

This year the WFMC decided to change the TAKH day to a Saturday in the interests of the junior participants having Sunday to recuperate before school on Monday. 18 lucky kids from as far away as Te Kuiti and their supervisors met at the South Head hall on September the 16th.

Mark Nobilo and Brian Witton spoke about the ways of hunting, outdoor education, safety, herd history with the kids participating and interacting well. Alec Corban a former policeman delivered a fire-arm safety address which was followed by a talk by Rick Linton a hunting accident survivor. Both talks were well received and appreciated by all present.

The kids answered the gun licence questionnaire and received a prize pack for their effort. At the end of formalities the kids drew their blocks for the afternoon hunt as well as receiving their TAKH packs which included safety clothing and other goodies from the sponsors. After a barbeque lunch the kids and their supervisors were taken to their respective blocks for the hunt. The weather was far more kind than in 2005 and a total of 7 deer and two pigs were taken.

A big thanks to the local hunters who generously lent their trophies to decorate the hall with. All in all a great day was had by everyone present and a special thanks goes to my committee colleagues who gave up their time freely to help make the day a success.

Also the biggest thanks must go to our very generous sponsors, Westgate Hunting and Fishing, Blue Light Organization, Stoney Creek and the WFMC committee itself for contributing to the days success.

Mark Nobilo
WFMC

2007 “TAKE A KID HUNTING” BALLOT

DETAILS OF PARENT or GUARDIAN

Last Name First name.....
Address.....
Postal Address if different.....
City E-Mail.....
Phone..... Mobile.....
Firearms License No.....
Signature of Parent.....

DETAILS OF CHILD

Last Name..... First Name.....
Address.....
Phone..... Age.....
Firearms License No (if applicable).....

“In the event of being selected in the ballot, I agree to ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS SET OUT BY THE W.F.M.C. and I accept full responsibility for my companions while in

Woodhill Forest.” **Ballot Application Fee– Nil, This is a “Free” hunt.**

- Introduction to hunting and the Woodhill Forest, Free hi viz vests for each child.
B.B.Q lunch provided.

CONDITIONS

- One child with adult only.
- Child must be 12 to 18 years and be able to handle firearm.
- Parent or guardian must have current firearms licence.
- One deer only may be taken.
- Child only must be the shooter.
- Parent or guardian that have been successful in the main ballot are not excluded.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1st JULY 2007:
HUNT ON SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER STARTING 10am
Successful applicants will be notified.

POST APPLICATIONS TO W.F.M.C PO Box 110 KUMEU.
For any further information contact Brian Witton 09 8176855
or Dave Chisholm 09 4207058

“Take A Kid Hunting”

Big thank you to Dave Chisholm for the opportunity to take part in the “Take A Kid Hunting” day, even though I did not shoot anything I really enjoyed

The experience and learned heaps.

Max Brooks

I also wish to add my thanks to Max's for the opportunity offered to all the young hunters on Saturday, please pass on my thanks to the whole committee for their wisdom, fine food and transport around the block we both had a great time hunting together.

Neil Brooks

Auckland

An incredible day, huge thanks to the Woodhill Fallow Deer Council Committee for the tremendous opportunity offered to my son in his recent junior Fallow Ballot. He enjoyed the day immensely, It was his first deer hunt.

The committee enthusiasm to the youngsters, the guest speakers and the generosity of the sponsor “Stoney Creek” and obviously the large amount of voluntary time truly made the day a tremendous success. We look forward to applying for future ballots.

**Jack Van Lankveld, son of Simon
& Phil Martinovich Simons guide for the day.**

Te Aroha

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”Take A Kid Hunting” Hunting Results for 2006

Five Does

One Prickets

One Buck

Two Pigs

Total 7 deer & 2 Pigs Well Done!

Just a quick note to thank Brian & Dave for an excellent afternoons hunt last Saturday on block four at the “Take a Kid Hunting” day. Although my son Shane missed out taking an animal, he was fortunate enough to see ten deer through out the afternoons hunt. However the majority being too far away for a certain clean kill, at least he learned a lot about stalking. I was very impressed at the professional safety briefing and the organization of the day , well done!

Phil Howe
Auckland

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Couple of very happy hunters

HUNTER SAFETY

“All hunters must be aware of the danger in not positively identifying their target before squeezing the trigger”

We hope our policy of Bucks only and a limited Doe harvest each year, encourages and teaches those skills of positively identifying a deer **before shooting**.

Not only do you have to make sure it's a deer, you also have to ascertain whether it's a male or female.

We also insist that a Hi Viz Blaze Orange vest is worn at all times while hunting here in the Woodhill Forest, even over the top of your swannies.

Because it can at times become very warm whilst hunting, don't forget to put your vest back on after removing your swannies etc. We are totally convinced that the **selective hunting** we promote, and the policy of having every hunter in a **Hi Viz Blaze Orange Vest** has helped to keep everyone safe during the hunting season here at Woodhill. WPMC.

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“HUNTECH”

QUALITY OUTDOOR CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

**Including
Packs, Bivvys, Sleeping Bags, clothing etc..**

Obtain your BLAZE ORANGE VEST which must be worn by all hunters at Woodhill regardless of any other blaze orange items being worn.

Available from.

**BRIAN WITTON
09- 8176855**

“Take a Kid Hunting”

Thank you!

Thanks, to those of you that contributed the numerous stories and letters of appreciation. But due to the limited space in this booklet many were unpublished, however no less appreciated by the Woodhill Fallow Management Council.

Paul Kuiumdjian.
Editor W.F.M.C



About to take a shot!

2007 WOODHILL BALLOT HUNT

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Rotorua.

Visit our Website **www.fallowdeer.co.nz**

New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

Open invitation to all Woodhill ballot applicants and their companions to join and enjoy the benefits of belonging to N.Z.D.A i.e.; meetings, party hunts, range shooting, firearms safety, hunter training etc..

Contact the following branches for details:

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Sth Auckland Martin Robertson 09- 2664601

North Auckland Tony Coleman 09-4797387

Whangarei Alan Webster 09-4360181

Rotorua Alex McLver 07-3474380

Bay of Plenty Mat Nelson 07-5441156

Waikato Keith Matthews 07-8241705

**or Contact NZDA National Office on 04-8017367 E-mail at
deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz**

PLACES TO STAY NEAR WOODHILL FOREST

Black Pete's Bar & Grill 09 420 8765

Aquatic Park 09 420 8998

Mineral Park Motel 09 420 8856

Rimu Motor Lodge 09 420 8521