

**2010
Woodhill Fallow Deer
Hunting Ballot
Application Forms**



(Ricky Maulder, 16 point Buck 2009)

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Chairman's Report 2009

This year has been a milestone for the Woodhill Fallow Management Council with the completion of the deer fence around Lake Ototoa. The fence is to protect the native flora and fauna from the effects of deer browse within the reserve. The project has been funded by Carter Holt Harvey (now Hancock Forest Management), South Kiapara Landcare, DOC and the Woodhill Fallow Management Council. The WFMC has been the driving force behind the project and our contribution has been funded by you, the hunters, through permit fees. Past Chairman and committee member Dave Chisholm has been instrumental in seeing this project to completion. Well done Dave. We have another fencing project, Hodges Basin, in the south end of Woodhill forest which will also be completed when tree felling operations are carried out along the last section of the boundary of the reserve. We reduced the fencing contribution for each successful ballot applicant from \$60 down to \$30 this year to reflect the reduction in fencing activity and to wait for confirmation from the forestry owners and DOC as to their contribution and commitment to any future fencing projects.

I must say a big 'Thank You' to all the committee members who have worked so hard and donated their time over the last 12 months to make this another successful ballot for the 2009 year.

It has been disappointing this year with the number of hunters who have failed to read the information that we send out to each successful applicant. This year we changed the way doe permits were offered to reduce the workload on the committee members involved in issuing them. Judging by the response few people bothered to read and fill out the form.

We have had a couple of instances of hunters shooting does for which they did not have a doe permit and then trying to secret them out of the forest. Unfortunately for them they were caught and will face a hunting ban imposed by the WFMC. Their names will be given to HFM who have agreed to trespass those hunters from all HFM forests in NZ. The irony is that these hunters could have had a doe permit had they read the information sent to them and filled out a doe permit.

Part of our job is to manage the balance (buck & doe) and size of the fallow deer herd within the Woodhill forest. To do this we rely on accurate kill and sighting information from the hunters. Based on this information we determine the number of does and bucks to be harvested each year. Over 700 hunters had the opportunity to shoot an animal this year. The size of the fallow deer population is not large enough to allow every hunter to shoot the first deer they see. If this were the case there would be no deer left to shoot for the hunters in the second half of the ballot season. Part of our philosophy is that all hunters should have the opportunity to see deer on their hunt, practice good firearm safety- always ensuring correct animal identification and that it is an enjoyable experience that will encourage more people to take up the sport. The task of the WFMC is to ensure future generations can have the same opportunity and experience that you had. We encourage all hunters to shoot as many photos or video as possible, but before you shoot an animal ensure that it is a mature animal and of the correct sex as indicated on your permit before you pull the trigger for the sake of the unborn hunter.

As part of the access agreement with Hancock Forest Management Ltd the WPMC has to ensure certain conditions are complied with, namely

- All hunters must carry a valid firearms license
- All hunters must wear a blaze orange vest over the outside of their clothing while in the forest
- The permit holder is responsible for his hunting companions at all times and is to ensure that they have read and understood the conditions of the permit (which includes providing them with a block map).
- Each vehicle must display the hunting permit or photocopy of the permit.

Failure to comply with any of the above when checked by a WPMC patrol member will result in the permit holder and his companions being removed from the forest. This is to protect the WPMC from any liability or negligence if an incident were to occur after the WPMC patrol member had knowledge of any of the above breaches.

With most of the tree felling operations in the northern end of the forest complete we should start to have some more stable block boundaries and the possibility of an extra block being introduced for future seasons.

To finish on a positive note, thank you to all those hunters who take effort to read and comply with the rules and requirements and furnish their kill returns by due date. It makes the committee's job so much easier. Good luck for the 2010 ballot.

Garth Johnson
Chairman

2009 Hunting Results

The number of deer taken at Woodhill Forest during the 2009 hunting season was:

Bucks	29
Does	53
Pigs	16
Total Harvested	98

(This includes the deer taken during the "Take a Kid Hunting Day".)

Best head :	Chris Gray	187 5/8 Douglas(\$120.00 Hunting & Fishing voucher)
Second :	Ricky Maulder	183 Douglas



(Best Head :Chris Gray's 187 5/8 photo: Chris Gray)



(looking ahead and looking back, photo's: Brian Witton)

WEB PAGE

Our web site is www.fallowdeer.co.nz for convenience you can download your own booklet or application forms.

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- ~ Always write details in plain legible English, if application unreadable it will be rejected before ballot.
- ~ Ensure your mailing address is correct, if it changes let us know. If changes are not notified it may not be possible to contact you.
- ~ If successful in ballot (i.e. Have received postal notification) complete and return form by due date. If returned form not received by due date block will be reallocated.
- ~ If successful in ballot and you can't make it let us know immediately so that we can allocate date to another hunter.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

2010 WOODHILL FALLOW DEER BALLOT

Print with plain legible English

Check your address is correct

DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Last Name.....

First Name.....

Address.....

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Postal Address if different.....

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City..... Email.....

Phone..... Mobile.....

Firearms License no.....

Is this your first ever ballot application for Woodhill? Yes/No.....

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

Signature of Primary Applicant

**Please circle if you would like to receive a copy of the 2011 booklet by mail Yes / No
or you can get it off the website**

**Ballot Application Fee - \$25.00 Cheque only, do not send cash
(no additional fee for successful applicants will apply in 2010)**

Post completed application with payment to:

W.F.M.C P.O.Box 110, Kumeu 0841, Auckland

APPLICATIONS CLOSE :	2nd	April
BALLOT DRAWN:	20st	April
BALLOT HUNTING STARTS	12th	June (Saturday)

(If successful you can nominate up to two hunting companions. Successful applicants will be notified by post, results on website within two weeks of being drawn)

Regardless of the weather we never cancel a hunt

Special Thanks

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

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

Hancock Forest Management Limited for accommodating the Woodhill ballot within an operational forest.

Prize Draw From 2009 Hunters

The following names were drawn from the kill returns received; they have collectively won new hunting gear to the value of \$360.00 from Hunting and Fishing Westgate

Congratulations to : P.Cross -\$120 Voucher
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Patrols Report

Another season has come and gone - our 21st. year of running the hunting in Woodhill Forest. The vast majority of permit holders continue to abide by the criteria set out by the Woodhill Fallow Management Council and we are grateful for this cooperation. It makes the patrol person's job much easier. However there are always a few who ignore the rules. Remember this is not open slather hunting as in areas administered by DOC. If you cannot accept that then don't apply for the ballot. It's as simple as that.

This year, instead of telephoning permit holders and offering them a permit to shoot a doe, we included this option in the initial paperwork. All that was needed was to tick the box - "Do you want a doe permit? Yes or No?" However, during the season, every patrol person was asked numerous times by hunters "Why couldn't we have had a permit to shoot a doe?" That question can only be answered by another question "Why didn't you read the paperwork you received?"

Some poachers were caught. Included were a group caught spotlighting an hour before daylight one Sunday late in the season. They were apprehended by the patrol people.

To assist those on patrol please note the following-

- (1) If your party arrives at the carpark in more than one vehicle, leave a copy of your permit on all dashboards.
- (2) Always carry water while hunting .(There is no drinkable water on the blocks)
- (3) Please take close note of any vehicles etc. in your hunting block. Give registration numbers and descriptions to patrol people.
- (4) Read all the information you receive before your hunting day and make sure your COMPANIONS understand the rules as well.
- (5) Be on one of the main roads by dark, that way you have a better chance of being picked up.
- (6) At all times while in the forest wear a Hi Viz Blaze Orange vest.

Brian Witton (Council Member)



(Gate damage during season photo: Brian Witton)

Woodhill Moments



(Arthur Eckstein, Albert McGhee, Gregory Smith take a well earned break)



(On left: Wayne Viall and prime venison from his buck , on right :Ken Binion-Cooper, Leg brace and shooting rest –yet still got a doe, and his mates had to carry it!)

(photo's: Ross Tindale)

Hunter Safety: A timely reminder

The following rules are easily recognisable to Hunters who take advantage of the hunting opportunities the Woodhill Fallow herd provides through the W.F.M.C hunting ballot.

After all, every hunter has had to apply for a firearms license and learn the seven basic rules of firearms safety.

Rule 1: Treat every firearm as loaded

Rule 2: Always point firearms in a safe direction

Rule 3: Load a firearm only when ready to fire

Rule 4: Identify your target beyond all doubt

Rule 5: Check your firing zone

Rule 6: Store firearms and ammunition safely

Rule 7: Avoid alcohol and drugs when handling firearms

Previously the following actions have been observed and reported by the patrols:

1. Hunters failing to correctly identify their target beyond all doubt.

The council has had to deal with a number of hunters who failed to comply with their permits and shot the incorrect animal.

2. Always point firearms in a safe direction

Please don't use a rifle mounted telescopic sight to

- A. Check out your hunting companions
- B. Check out the patrols driving the roads
- C. Check out the hunters on adjacent blocks

A small pair of binoculars doesn't add too much weight to your daypack
and will increase your chances of success.

3. Load a firearm only when ready to fire.

When approached by a patrol, or anyone else, all hunters should empty the breech and leave the bolt or action open. While the patrols will assist you in returning to your car, hopefully after a successful hunt, or stop and provide advice if needed, it is not unusual to have to ask hunters to unload their rifles before entering the patrol vehicle.

Sobering thought

(Yes you can try this at home)

Take a 1-pound lead ball (500g to you young fella's) in your right hand. Rest your left hand palm down on the kitchen sink and drop the ball onto the back of your hand from a distance of 1 foot (approx 30cm). After trying this and while being driven to the doctor consider this. You have just experienced the equivalent of 1 fpe (foot pound of energy) to the back of your hand.

A typical 222cal bullet has over 1000 fpe at the muzzle and a 270 cal bullet has over 2600fpe.

(PS. Suggest you don't try this just before your balloted days hunting)

The W.F.M.C. Balloted hunting has an impeccable safety record.

This is as much due to you the hunter as to the efforts of the committee.

Let's keep it that way.

RULES FOR WOODHILL BALLOT

- ~ Hi Viz blaze orange vest must be worn on top at all times, regardless of 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 must be current and carried while hunting
- ~ Vehicles to have current W.O.F. and registration when entering forest
- ~ No camping in forest or access roads.
- ~ No shotguns, rimfire firearms or rifle suppressors
- ~ Successful applicants notified by mail.
- ~ Permits must be displayed on dashboard of vehicles

2010 Woodhill Ballot Hunt Application form Outlets

Hunting&Fishing Westgate

Auckland 09 8333019
mikehuntfish@xtra.co.nz

Auckland N.Z.D.A.

7 Target Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland

North Auckland N.Z.D.A.

Mike Power 09 443 5508

Bay of Plenty N.Z.D.A

Baden Prentice 07 5793107

Thames Valley N.Z.D.A.

Maureen Coleman 07 884 9622

Waikato N.Z.D.A

Mark Sargent, 131 Delaware Rd, Hamilton
07 849 7626 mark@cobyexhausts.co.nz

Serious Shooters

Great North Road, Penrose, Auckland
09 579 3006 ssshooter@ihug.co.nz

Richard Waaklens

Whangarei 09 4347231
richard@mikepero.co.nz

**Don't forget our website, you can
download your own copy
www.fallowdeer.co.nz**



(Neil Bright & Andrew Bathgate, photo's Ross Tindale)

Hunter Contributions



(Mark Bodell , Ricky Maulder , Mark Honing photo : Ross Tindale)
(Keen , succesful young hunter , photo: Alec Corban)

One of us in a group of entries was lucky enough to win a ballot and so one cold winter morning we drove to near our block to get there by daybreak. Most if not all other people in their respective blocks, as well as my two mates had high powered scoped rifles. I went with my trusty wild west lever action with a peep sight for long(ish) distance shooting.

We spent the day walking around admiring lots of deer with one of us shooting a permitted deer. Later on in the arvo my mates decided to sit on an open hill hoping a stag will come into view in the distance. I decided to trundle off with my bare feet, best footware in the bush by far, and then as I tiptoed down a steep bank, I saw a large doe and stopped to admire her for a while. She wandered off and then 12 stags trotted into view from the left at around 150 plus meters. I popped up the peep sight, clicked the hammer back and lined up on the lead stag with a massive head. I could not shoot, it was so majestic so I lined up on a stag with smaller but still good antlers, could not pull the trigger.

There were about four with good antlers, the rest had 6 or 8 points, but as the big ones were moving around behind trees I thought my mates WILL NOT let me live it down if I don't ping one, so I lined up on a reasonable stag and bang, it was done. A few ran back to the left, around 8 ran to about 50 or 70 meters from me to my right and had no idea I was there, all 6-8 pointers except the lead stag which had about 2 dozen points at a count, maybe more with little bumps. I was honoured to see them up close and

appreciated the moment, they wandered off after sniffing me and seeing start to walk to my deer. My mates were pleased for me and I wish to thank them, Ross and everyone involved with the ballot. What a day, 50 deer spotted no worries, just beautiful.

Ricky Moulder

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for a very enjoyable day and for the time your team puts into this event, which is much appreciated. This was my first successful ballot application. Our hunt was especially memorable for us as my son shot his first deer.

Martin Abraham

To the committee, Thanks very much for the opportunity to hunt Woodhill. Great to see so many animals, unfortunately nothing with sticks big enough to shoot. You do a great job, all the best for the future

L Wedge

Thanks to the entire Woodhill Management team for the opportunity my son and I had to hunt in block one. There was an extremely strong and cold wind blowing so the deer were sitting tight but we did see three for the day. Plenty of large fresh prints to keep us keen. This was the first Woodhill permit we have had after trying for four years. We will be applying again next year. A very professional and friendly team to deal with.

Kelly Stewart

Each year we wait in anticipation of receiving a ballot and when it arrives the day cannot come soon enough. This year the unreliable weather was set to ruin the day with a wicked storm coming down over the country Saturday- fortunately we had the Sunday and got no rain but encountered very strong winds. Our party had two new hunters to Woodhill, Charlie and Glenn. We opted for a stag only hunt and during the day sighted eighteen animals on the block. Among them were two stags, put up at mid morning, but were too flighty to attempt to shot. After lunch, on a track , a doe was sighted in the trees. We had initially not seen the eight point stag beside her and when the hammer was cocked the stag saw us. The heart-lung rhythm needed more work and as soon as the bullet left the rifle, being out in the open, nothing to lean on, we knew it had missed. The real surprise was the second stag and the other five does not originally seen! As often is the case, the situation

arises when you least expect it and totally unprepared. The lost opportunity is still a recurring nightmare. We will try again next year; hopefully he will still be around. Our appreciation goes to the Woodhill Fallow committee who look after this valuable resource so close to Auckland. Their hospitality and helpfulness makes for a rewarding day.

Colin Powell

We would just like to pass on our thanks for the effort you guys put into organizing the yearly hunt. Especially to the guys who stay in the forest all day while we search for the elusive deer. They are always friendly and helpful, and much appreciated. Especially with the odd ride they give us. We always end the day feeling a bit tired, to say the least, and always look forward to “next year”. A good time is always had by all, and one day we may even get to shoot one of them. My wife said that when we do finally shoot one it will be the most expensive venison ever

Bruce Gisborne

I am writing to you to convey my thanks on behalf of Danny Laker, Brian Julian and myself in regards to the ballot system re management of fallow deer in the Woodhill Forest. The Woodhill fallow Management is a prime example of how our wild game resources can be managed to suit everyone's needs. I think we as “Kiwis” are primarily an outdoors people and this had helped shape us to what we are today

Well through the years I have been lucky to be included in the above ballot system. We in our group parties, have always managed to sight fallow deer – sadly thought not too many stags. This year we hit the jackpot- well nearly managing to get two stags and a hind would have been tops – but we took away one stag and a hind! To quote an old friend from 'Fish and Game' We had the satisfaction QUOTA.

Our thanks to the great efforts of the volunteers involved in the management of fallow deer in the Woodhill forest- your help and advise is always first class. If it were not for the foresight of people like the late Bert Howlett we would not be so lucky to have this great resource at our doorstep

John Walker

TAKE A KID HUNTING REPORT

The 2009 TAKH day took place on 19th September, the final day of the WPMC hunting season under the lease arrangement between the Council and Hancock's Forest Management Ltd.

Word is getting around. This year we had in excess of 300 applicants. Unfortunately we can only cater for 20 kids and their supervisors so those of you who got a ballot were extremely lucky.

Earlier in the week the main hunting blocks had been divided in half to cater for the extra hunters on the day and the rest of the organisational activities proceeded. As this was our 4th TAKH day procedures are now pretty much in place due to the willing input of the committee members.

The day began with a welcome by the Chairman, Garth Johnson who welcomed everybody and outlined the day's activities. Then what has now become standard format followed as the briefing with the emphasis on safety. Mainly the seven rules of Firearm Safety and the Be Safe Be Seen policy when out in the field. Rick Linton again spoke of his experience as a hunting accident survivor and this is always a sobering talk for all those present. Brian Witton spoke of the history of the Kaipara herd along with deer genetics and antlers etc.

The participants then sat the standard NZ Police Firearm License test the results of which established the order that the block ballots were chosen as well as the handing out of the Sponsor packs.

The hall was suitably decorated with a number of record book trophies across a wide spectrum of New Zealand's Game animals including the 3 best fallow bucks from the Kaipara herd. A big thanks to those hunters who kindly lent their trophies for the day. This was then followed by the traditional venison BBQ lunch before the young hunters were escorted to their allocated blocks for their hunting afternoon. Although plenty of animals were seen only 2 deer and a pig were taken.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike and Delwyn Shepherd of Westgate Hunting and Fishing for their generous sole sponsorship which was greatly appreciated by the committee and recipients. A further thanks goes to Hancocks Forest management along with the committee members and helpers who once again gave generously of their time and knowledge to ensure that the day was the success it was.



Take a kid Hunting BBQ and Kids with Sponsors Hi Viz garments



(photo's Alec Corban)

2010 WOODHILL "TAKE A KID HUNTING" BALLOT

Print with plain legible English Check your address is correct

DETAILS OF PARENT or GUARDIAN

Last Name..... First Name.....

Address.....

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Postal Address if different.....

City.....Email.....

Phone.....Mobile.....

Firearms License No.....

"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 child while in Woodhill Forest"

Signature of Parent or Guardian

DETAILS OF CHILD

Last Name.....First Name.....

Address.....

City.....Phone.....Age.....

Firearms License No (if applicable).....

CONDITIONS

~Only One child 12–18 years old, able to handle a firearm per Parent or Guardian

~Parent or Guardian must have current firearms license

~One deer only may be taken (can be Buck or Doe of any age)

~Parent or Guardian that have been successful in main ballot are not excluded

~Introduction to hunting and Free Hi-Viz Vest for each child

~Once a child has been successful in TAKH ballot they cannot apply again

~Post completed application to: W.F.M.C P.O.Box 110, Kumeu 0841, Auckland

~ APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1st JULY 2010

~ HUNT ON SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER STARTING 10AM

~(Successful applicants will be notified by post and the results posted on website within two weeks of being drawn.

For further information contact Brian Witton 09 817 6855

or Dave Chisholm 09 4207058)

TAKE A KID HUNTING CONTRIBUTION



(Charlotte Dunning with her first deer)

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience I had on Saturday. As you probably know I shot my first deer. He was a little spiker weighing in at around 80kgs. As he was my first I believed he needed a name, so I called him Bob. I would like to send you all my biggest thank you as it looked like a lot of work had been done and I must say the day was a great success for me.

I really had the best fun with my Dad, it really brought us a lot closer than I ever had thought we would be which is good for a teenage girl such as myself. You guys have really inspired me to get my firearms license, as I really want to get out there and deer stalk more often, Once again thanks for the opportunity, I had great fun and I would recommend it to anyone. Hopefully my younger brothers get the opportunity one day.

Charlotte Dunning

PLACES TO STAY NEAR WOODHILL FOREST

Black Pete's Bar and Grill	09 420 8765
Aquatic Park	09 420 8998
Mineral Park Motel	09 420 8856
Rimu Motor Lodge	09 420 8521

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:

Auckland	John Shepherd	09 820 1343
North Auckland	Mike Power	09 443 5508
South Auckland	Martin Robertson	09 2359893
Bay of Plenty	Baden Prentice	07 5793107
Rotorua	Alec Mc Iver	07 3474380
Thames Valley	Maureen Coleman	07 8849622
Waikato	John Voorend	07 8298112
Whangarei	Alan Webster	09 4360181
NZDA National Office Wellington		04 801 7367 Email deerstalkers @ paradise.net .nz



(One Buck that got away,photo: Brian Witton)

You've got a doe permit and you see this deer...



Would you shoot it?



**No, it's a weaner buck and a future trophy (check for pizzle)
IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET!**

(photos: R. Rush)