

**2014  
Woodhill Fallow Deer  
Hunting Ballot  
Application Forms**



Brian Pemberton with 17 point Buck

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# 2013 Chairman's Report

Another year has slipped by and I find myself reflecting on the hunting season that has been. After 26 years of running the public balloted hunting season in Woodhill we can finally say with a small amount of certainty that our buck and doe harvest has finally reached an equilibrium. The number of bucks and does shot and the average number of sightings of deer seen by the hunters has been almost the exact same numbers over the last three years. As I have said in the past, it is not an easy job trying to manage the fallow deer herd in the forest with expectations from the ballot hunters, the forestry company, the neighboring land owners, DOC and other groups who carry out both legal and illegal activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the committee for the huge amount of voluntary work they do. To many it probably seems that you just turn up and hunt in the forest for a day but there are collectively many hundreds of hours behind the scenes activity involved into providing this service. Things like negotiating the access agreement with the forestry owners, making block signs, printing maps, running the ballot, editing and printing the booklet, updating the website, security patrols, marking out the blocks, issuing permits and so on

We are always on the lookout for prospective committee members to help with patrols and the running of the WPMC. So if you think you have what it takes please get in touch with us.

This year saw the change in ownership of Woodhill Forest from the Crown to Ngati Whatua O Kaipara which they purchased as part of their Treaty of Waitangi settlement. The good news is that even though Ngati Whatua now have freehold title to the forest they have agreed to allow the WPMC to continue to offer a public ballot for hunting in the northern end of the forest. In respect to this, we are issuing a plea to all ballot hunters to respect what is now private property and not jeopardize this fantastic opportunity in any way.

A disappointing aspect to the 2013 hunting season was yet another lost hunter. This is the second such occurrence in the last 3 years. In this case the hunter and an observer walked out of their block and spent the night in an adjacent private forestry block. Despite having a map and a compass the lost hunter did not refer to them. They were located the next morning by members of the WPMC after a very long night.

This is a huge expense in both manpower and money to find lost hunters. The Police were notified, search and rescue teams mobilized, the rescue helicopter was diverted and all available WPMC members were called into the forest. Many of our committee members are self employed and lost a day's income because of the search.

We don't want to enforce cost recovery or make it compulsory for hunters to have insurance to cover themselves for such an event because of the actions of a few people. But all hunters need to be responsible for their actions. If you, as a hunter are not confident in the bush, then you may need to do a Mountain Safety Navigation Course or similar. Google Earth your block, know the boundaries, read your map, use your compass, use a GPS and carry a cell phone.

If you walk either East or West in a straight line in any of our hunting blocks for 400-500m you will either hit the coast, a road or the farm land boundary.

We had very few entries to our story and photographic competition this year. There are a couple of good prizes in the offering, so don't forget to send us some stories or photos for the 2014 season.

Good luck with the ballot and safe hunting.

## Garth Johnson

**If you have been successful in the ballot it is your responsibility as the principal permit holder to make sure that you and your companions have;**

### **Read the rules**

- **Have a map of the block**
- **Are wearing a plain blaze orange hunting vest**
- **Have a firearms licence on their person while hunting**

### **Cover Photo**

Brian who has a bad knee was given the start of block 7 by his companion so he wouldn't have too far to walk. A short time after entering the block his buck walked across in front of him and he shot it. He gutted it then dragged it down to the road. As he couldn't carry the buck due to his bad knee he decided to wait for help. At about 9 am a patrol came across Brian and ferried him and his buck back to the carpark. After thirty of years of hunting fallow deer it was his first decent buck and he was stoked.



## **Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara**

### **Ko te tino o Kaipara Deer Stalkers committee**

“Ko te tino o Kaipara”

*A traditional aphorism [whakatauki] used to describe  
“the great food bowl of Kaipara”.*

*This going back more than nine centuries of Ngāti Whātua  
ancestors who lived by hunting, gathering and harvesting food  
from the harbour, forests, rivers, ocean and soil of Kaipara.*

September 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 the long awaited signing of the Deed of Settlement between Ngāti Whātua and the Crown was enacted, appropriately, on the shores of the

Kaipara Harbour at the historical site of Aotea / Shelly Beach.

Quantum monies received by Ngāti Whātua in the settlement, \$22.1 million, was used to purchase and transfer to Ngāti Whātua ownership Crown owned land of 12,500 hectare Woodhill Forest, Kaipara College land, Kaukapakapa,

Tauhoa, Parakai, Waimauku and Woodhill primary school lands

Parakai Recreation Reserve is under co-management with Auckland Council, as with some DOC estate lands, under a Conservation Charter with Ngāti Whātua.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 the Kaipara Claims Settlement Act was passed into legislation.



## WOODHILL SNAPS



A tight spot block boundary marking



Attaching new hinges to hunter safety sign

# **Poaching in Woodhill Forest**

**Persons caught illegally hunting in the forest  
will be prosecuted, penalties include;**

**Criminal Conviction**

**Loss of Firearms License**

**Financial costs**

**If you are thinking of poaching be aware that  
it's not worth the risk !!!**

## **Bert Howlett Memorial trophy for Largest Head 2013**



### **Matt Weatherhead – 186 3/8 Douglas Score**

Winner (Hunting and Fishing Voucher \$120.00)

## **2013 Hunting Results**

The number of deer taken at Woodhill Forest during the 2013 hunting season was:

Bucks	32
Does	59
Pigs	9
Total Harvested	100

## **WINNER BEST STORY : Bob Wyatt**

### **Block 1 22/6/2013 - The Treble**

After some 40+ years of trying, I had finally won my own ballot. I had been with others on 4 occasions but this was like a Lotto win. It was a moment to savor, so I invited my son and son in law to join me.

The day was cool with SW winds & occasional showers but ideal for the block, as all hunting in the beginning would be into the wind. The day started with plenty of plans as we drove up from Hamilton but rapidly changed as we arrived & the first light revealed the terrain. The lads took the first track to right while I went on down the road, cut across some small pines & into the large timber. There were plenty of fresh tracks about including those of a large boar & it wasn't too long into the day before I started to see deer moving from the open feeding grounds & through into the trees. 2 does fed quietly past me at about 20 metres & another 3 met me head on & scarpered back the way they had come. No antler yet.

The lads had run into various deer including 3 spiker's, one of which was videoed "close enough to cut a backsteak off without shooting it!" By 9.30 am, the deer had disappeared into the cover of the medium pine's & scrub. A group of motorbikes started playing in the sand dunes to the west near the beach, which was disappointing. Later, they were unceremoniously removed by the Defence Force team operating in the area. About 1.00pm, after a quick nap in the sun, rudely interrupted by another cold shower, I was moving through some tight stuff when a 'woof' & a thunder of hooves heralded the departure of a large ginger & black spotted pig. I hastily threw a round in the gun but it was gone before I could see it in the scope. It had been asleep under a Toitoi bush about 10 metres from me. I cut back up on to the road & met SJ who was coming towards me acting quite strangely. He had seen a mob of deer which included a buck(s) moving in the short pine & was trying to cut them off. Together we ghosted through the area but couldn't pick them up again. Back on the road, SJ decided to stay high with the binos while I headed back to the vehicle for a late lunch. I had only just got started on the first roll when I heard a shot. Was it from SJ, D or the Block 2 guys? After a chat with the WPMC monitors, I set off to see if I could assist & ran into SJ carrying a deer & his first 'bone'. (A little Fallow head with 6 points). It was some 8 years previously he had shot his first ever deer on block 8, so Woodhill continued to be kind to him. He had seen it from high up & moved in to about 25 metres for a one- shot clean kill. It had been among a mob which included 3 bucks, one of which was carrying long antlers & 'bread & butter plate' palmations.

With about an hour's light left, I carried on & started working a Ti Tree ridge when I noticed a doe moving through the short pines. Then I saw a buck & another as described by SJ; probably the same mob, so I closed the gap. At about 70 metres I was trying to determine whether the animal I was watching was a buck or a spiker, when I was sprung & the mob departed at pace. My 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity gone! I cut down to the track between the large & short pine, in the hope I might pick up their tracks. About 100 metres further on a doe crossed the track followed by a buck. A quick decision & I had my first Fallow Buck (9 points). I had just gutted my animal when I heard another shot to the South. It turned out later, it was D who had seen his buck, an 8 pointer, but was unsure as to what constituted a buck. He read his permit again & satisfied, was able to move in for a kill. Even then there was doubt as to whether to take this one or hope for a genuine trophy but as he was unaware of the other success



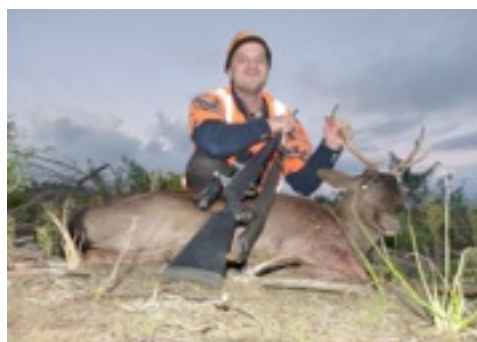
he took this opportunity. It was very dark before we had the animals back to the vehicle & started the drive for Hamilton. Three happy hunters. In all, we had seen over 30 animals including another good pig which SJ saw from the car park.



**3 happy hunters & the upcoming generation.**

I would very much like to thank the team at WFMC who organise a very well managed operation. I was also told that another deer had been taken that day by a Junior hunter on the HUNTS programme & I also fully support their efforts on the Take A Kid Hunting day. It is great to see the younger generation getting opportunities which will bring them memories for the rest of their days. I'm sure we can all remember our first real hunt & our first deer.

Best wishes WFMC for the future & will I be in next year's ballot? Absolutely. There's always a possibility I will get one & that special buck might be in the right place next time. It's always a great day whatever the outcome



D with his deer

**( Bob Wins \$120.00 Hunting and Fishing voucher and also another \$120.00 voucher for best photo )**

## **LUCKY KILL RETURN 2013**

T Fenton wins \$120.00 Hunting and Fishing voucher

## **BEST PHOTO 2013**

Bob Wyatt wins \$120.00 Hunting and Fishing Voucher

## **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.

## **WEB PAGE**

Our web site is [www.fallowdeer.co.nz](http://www.fallowdeer.co.nz) for your convenience you can download your own booklet or application forms.

## **BOW HUNTERS**

Bow hunters are welcome to apply for a ballot but the land owners have requested that all applicants have a firearms license, this is to ensure:

- The applicant is the same as the photo
- The Applicant has not been trespassed from the forest
- The Applicant has not had his/her firearms license revoked.

## **COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION**

- ~ Always write details in plain legible English, if your application is 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 you are successful in ballot (i.e. Have received postal notification) complete and return form by due date. If the returned form is not received by due date block will be reallocated.
- ~ If you are successful in ballot and you can't make it let us know immediately so that we can allocate date to another hunter.
- ~ **You must sign acceptance of rules and conditions on the ballot application otherwise application is not complete and WILL NOT be accepted!!!**

What you can do to make the administration of your hunting permit easier and smoother.

All correspondence should be by the primary permit holder, unless sickness or overseas travel restrict their ability to do so.

If you have a problem, you think I can sort out, the sooner you contact WPMC the better. All phone messages/ calls should state the date of your hunt and allocated block and your name, then what the call is about. We always return calls where possible. Ensure your phone numbers are correct on your return and application forms.

If you don't leave a detailed message we can't prepare an answer for you, which wastes time.

Do permits, write on left of name as stated, as when loading data on to computer its easiest when all returns are the same to read.

Postal address, please ensure you put your post code on all correspondence with us.

Ten % of returns, that's 25 out of 250 are incorrectly filled out, please take the time to read information sent to you before you start filling in the return. Double check your return to ensure you have covered every requirement.

## 2014 WOODHILL FALLOW DEER BALLOT

### DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Date.....

Last Name.....

First Name.....

Postal Address.....

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Physical Address if different.....

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

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

Firearms License no.....

I accept and agree to ABIDE BY THE RULES AND CONDITIONS SET OUT BY THE W.F.M.C and accept full responsibility for my companions while in Woodhill Forest as a condition of my ballot application.

Signed.....  
( \*\*\*YOU MUST SIGN YOUR APPLICATION for it TO BE ACCEPTED \*\*\*)

**Application Fee: \$30 by Direct Credit or Cheque (don't post cash)**

**Account Name : Woodhill Fallow Management Council Inc**

**Account No.: 010141 0041658 00**

**IMPORTANT:** Reference : the reference accompanying the deposit MUST be; **Name**(the same name as on the application form) **Date** DDMMYY - otherwise we cannot match the payment to the application form. e.g Bill Bloggs 20 Mar 14  
**(No additional fee for successful applicants will apply in 2014)**

**Post completed application to W.F.M.C P.O.Box 110 Kumeu 0841 ( include cheque if payment not by direct credit)**

APPLICATIONS CLOSE :	7 <sup>th</sup>	April
BALLOT DRAWN:	14 <sup>th</sup>	April
BALLOT HUNTING STARTS	7 <sup>th</sup>	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**



**Guns**  
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**Packs**

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### **2014 COMPETITIONS**

#### **Best Story from a Woodhill Hunt**

##### **Prize**

Two prizes of \$100.

#### **Best Photo Taken on a Woodhill Hunt**

The photos need not be of a successful hunter; they may be of human interest or of flora or fauna.

##### **Prize**

Two prizes of \$100.

**Competition Entries:** to [competition@fallowdeer.co.nz](mailto:competition@fallowdeer.co.nz)  
or mail to: WPMC Competition, PO Box 110, Kumeu 0841.



## **Patrols Report 2013**

Another year has gone accompanied by the odd small drama here and there. Some years things just seem to go along smoothly and others not so smoothly. 2013 had a bit of both, relatively trouble free but one bigger than normal drama. For only the second time in twenty six years of running the hunting we had an overnight search. Two hunters failed to turn up at their vehicle on a Sunday night. The police were notified and the police SAR squad arrived about midnight and set up a command base on Inland road.

WFMC committee members had been searching until then but with no luck. The police helicopter did a sweep over the area and police dogs were used. The missing duo were finally located by a team of committee members on Monday morning a considerable distance outside of the forest on private property. A good thing to remember when hunting the balloted blocks is unless it is exceptionally calm you can hear the surf on Muriwai beach and get your bearings from that. It was mid afternoon by the time committee members got home having had no sleep the previous night. It was fortunate that it happened on the Sunday night and did not interrupt any hunting.

Just a reminder that if your party arrives in more than one vehicle please leave a copy of your permit on each dashboard. That way the patrol people know that the vehicles belong to legitimate hunters.

If you see any vehicles in the forest try and get their rego numbers and give them to the patrol people. That way they will be forwarded on to the forest management and they will take appropriate action. We do our best to keep illegal activity out of the hunting blocks but we can't be everywhere at once.

Towards the end of the season one day all three hunters on block one got a buck each, it doesn't happen that often so they were very lucky and very happy and were among the lots of weary individuals who were picked up and driven back to their vehicles. If you are picked up for any reason whatsoever make sure you unload your rifle when approaching the patrol vehicle. Safety is our number one priority. It was also pleasing to see most hunters abiding by the new rule of plain as opposed to camo HI VIS orange vests.

Brian Witton



Search and Rescue Command base Inland Road

### **Special Thanks**

The Woodhill Fallow Management Council would like to thank **Hancock Forest Management Limited** for accommodating the Woodhill ballot within an operational forest for 2013 season.

## **Hunter Contributions from 2013**

On behalf of our team who hunted Block 2 on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, we would like to thank you all for a great day, both lucky with the weather , but also with the deer we sighted and observed.

Our first deer, doe at 150m (using range finder) just eating and slow walk, was ID'ed but I was interested in the fact she heard my mate step on a small branch and then waggle her head a little and off. Even I could only just hear him from 5m away.

2<sup>nd</sup> Encounter was a large animal under 200m ambling through, and at about 180m we could ID him as a buck and a little closer looked like to be about 6 points. Watching for a while it came closer to about 160m and then turned side on with only back half showing but the shooter held off for a better shot (never to come). It disappeared behind small clump of trees and even though we could see all around, it never re-appeared.

Just then I decided to stand up for a bit and just below us were 2 animals, ID'ed them as a young male and female at just under 40m away, but as we were hoping to see a buck come out, we just watched these two and they wandered off as well.

After a while we wandered down the trail and found where they crossed over to the next block of larger trees.

After lunch and seeing no more we wandered up the main road, and met the RNZAF chap in his truck, had a chat and he pointed to an area at the top of our block, so for the last few hours we checked that out and saw two more deer, younger ones but once again they go behind a group of trees, and was never seen to re-appear.

Our other shooter took the bottom end of the block and reported that he saw one just darting away from him.

Overall a great day, all come out in the same condition as went in, which is the most important, and seeing a few was great, for me anyways.

Next time, I'll maybe get a shot in, the motto being shoot what is ID'ed as ok, and YOU will not get another chance.

**Dennis Turner**

Thank you for the opportunity to hunt block 8 last week end. My Kill/Sighting report as requested is attached.

Sadly for me the day belonged to the Fallows!

Disappointed but not discouraged .I left feeling satisfied I had done everything I could in my hunt for the elusive buck.

Special thanks to Ken Howlett for keeping an eye on me and my vehicle.

**Colin Cutforth**

First and foremost many thanks to you all for the awesome job that you do for us all in providing these blocks year after year for the enjoyment of hunters from near and far.

I was very fortunate to draw block 9 this year and Bill and I thoroughly enjoyed our day up there on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and even managed to get back to the vehicle before the rain set in proper.

We both had a great time and sorry we missed you Brian but we did see your little note left on the windscreen of the ute but after carrying my doe for 3kms and making it back just as the heaven opened up, we sat it out for a while and then decided to make tracks for home.

Special thanks once again to you all and keep up the great work.

**Maureen Coleman**

I just wanted to include a quick thank you with my sight report as I had a fantastic day out in the forest.

The permit that I was lucky enough to be given happened to be on my birthday, I could not think of many other ways that would beat being able to hunt on your birthday and spend it with a good hunting mate.

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to the team as it a very well-oiled machine that makes this hunting experience fun and most importantly very safe.

**Sam Kingstone**

## **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.

**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**

- ~ Plain (no camo pattern) 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

## **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.**

Bob McMillian

**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  
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Great North Road, Penrose, Auckland  
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**Richard Waaklens**

Whangarei 09 4347231  
richard@mikepero.co.nz

## **The Top Ten Reasons Why You Missed Out On a Ballot at Woodhill**

Every year we get people writing in and telling us they have never won a ballot at Woodhill in the last ten years. Statistically if you and two of your mates each put in a ballot the odds of having a hunt are around 1 in 3 or a 33% chance each year.

However each year people exclude themselves from the ballot because of various reasons. Here is a list of the top 10.

1. You have been trespassed in Woodhill Forest or any other forest in New Zealand managed by Hancock Forest Management (HFM). We submit a list of all successful ballot winners to HFM which is checked against their database.
2. You were the primary ballot holder for a hunt the previous year and you did not submit a Sighting/Kill return by the 1 October - read the rules
3. Your ballot was successful and the ballot acceptance advice was sent to the address on the ballot application but was returned because you have shifted leaving no forwarding address.
4. Your ballot was drawn however your writing was so illegible that despite being checked by several scrutineers we could not decipher your address. All on line applications can be typed.
5. You have deposited your ballot fee into our account by direct credit but have not sent in the ballot form. This accounts for a number each year.
6. You put down your Drivers Licence number instead of your Firearms Licence number.
7. You don't have a firearms licence or you provide an incorrect firearms licence number
8. You have not signed your application. This one is a big one; you are signing the application form to tell the WPMC that you have read and understand our rules and agree to abide by them. If you can't do this we don't want you on one of our hunts.
9. On a previous hunt at Woodhill you or one of your companions has broken one or more of the Rules of the WPMC. There is always the few who spoil it for the many. This is generally hunting without a blaze orange vest, hunting outside your block, shooting an animal you don't have a permit to shoot or shooting from the road.
10. Your ballot gets drawn, you are sent your ballot acceptance advice but you fail to sign it and return it by the due date.

There are a few others like bounced cheques, insufficient postage notification and so on.

In most cases we will try and contact the applicant by phone or email but again some applicants don't leave valid phone numbers or don't respond to any messages that were left.

Read the application form thoroughly, read the rules, remember to fill out every requirement and sign the ballot application form. Please remember we are a small team of volunteers and not some big corporation, try and make our job easy.

## **TAKE A KID HUNTING REPORT 2013**

The 8<sup>th</sup> TAKH day took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, the last day of the 2013 WPMC hunting season under the current lease arrangement with Hancock's Forest Management Ltd. As the forest is now owned by Ngati Whatua O Kaipara from a treaty claim, a couple of members from the local Iwi were invited to attend and observe how the Council runs such an event.

Chairman Garth Johnson welcomed everyone and outlined the day's activities. The committee now runs the TAKH day using an evolved format which runs with clockwork precision. This is mainly due to the committee's voluntary input where each member has a designated task and exercise's it to the full.

Alec Corban gave the talk covering all aspects of the 7 rules of firearm safety including a graphic presentation of what 1 foot/pound of pressure really means.

Participants sat the NZ Police Firearms License test, the results of which established the order of block selection. Hunter Safety was again emphasized by the talk presented by Rick Linton; a Hunting accident survivor. Brian Witton and Mark Nobilo delivered talks on hunting techniques, animal behavior, genetics and herd dynamics.

The Hall was suitably decorated with a number of record book trophies across a wide spectrum of NZ's game animals which included the three best fallow bucks from the Kaipara herd. A big thanks to those hunters who kindly lent their trophies for the day.

The usual lunch of tasty venison steak and sausages was prepared and dished up by Mike Ross and his helpers before the participants were ferried out to their blocks for the afternoon hunt.

All parties saw deer and three were taken. Although the return wasn't high that's not what it's about. The Committee is proud to report that a number of young hunters who have entered and been successful in the Senior Ballot began their hunting careers on the WPMC's TAKH day. This is what makes it all worthwhile, especially the thank you letters received post hunt.

The WPMC would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike and Delwyn Shepherd of Westgate Hunting and Fishing for their generous sponsorship which was gratefully received by the committee and the recipients.

A further thanks must go to Hancock's Forest Management team along with all the WPMC committee members and helpers who once again gave freely of their time and knowledge to ensure the days continuing success.

Marl Nobilo  
TAKH Coordinator

## Take a kid Hunting 2013 and various Years





## Take a Kid Hunting Contribution

Usually I hunt behind my Dad and watch the mistakes, success and the occasional should we say colourful language when out on a hunt. But today I was in front carrying a .308 borrowed from a friend for this special occasion. After already spooking three deer, seeing another doe run off and having a glimpse of a sow with eight piglets, I'd never seen so many animals, while hunting, in my life. Then after being picked up by a patrol they took us up to another track in our block 20 minutes before dark. Sure enough saw another. But it gave me the tail as it ran off. Bugger. After that the light was on to find our way back, What do you know; two sets of eyes 50metres away in young pine.

I had the best hunt of my life, even though I didn't get anything and I would like to thank you guys for the effort you put into this event. The speeches at the start of the day were perfect for the event and made people think twice about firearms safety. I would also like to thank the local Iwi for letting us hunt on their land. Thank you.

Lane Tims



Woodhill Signage

## **2014 WOODHILL “TAKE A KID HUNTING” BALLOT**

### **DETAILS OF PARENT or GUARDIAN**

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

**Postal Address .....**

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**Physical Address if different.....**

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**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 (either Buck or Doe of any age ) plus any number of pigs)**

**~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,**

**~APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1st JULY 2014**

**~ HUNT ON SATURDAY 20th 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 Mark Nobilo 0274932320**

## **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**

**North Auckland**

**South Auckland**

**Bay of Plenty**

**Rotorua**

**Thames Valley**

**Waikato**

**Whangarei**

**NZDA National Office**

**Wellington**

**Email [deerstalkers @ paradise.net .nz](mailto:deerstalkers@paradise.net.nz)**

## **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**

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Young Pines

**You have 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!**

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