

2006 Woodhill Fallow Deer Hunting



Richard Lambly with his Buck

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WOODHILL FALLOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairman's Report 2005

As many of the WPMC ballot hunters are well aware, the number of bucks seen and hence available to be taken during the past season has fallen dramatically.

This is the result of the increased doe take over the last three seasons. This reduction of the overall herd number has been necessary given the young age, hence vulnerability to buck damage, of the pine forest throughout the balloted area. The policy of keeping the herd numbers down will continue until the situation changes.

Given the low numbers of bucks available the “February Buck Hunt” has been cancelled. While this will reduce the hunting days available, it has to be remembered that the buck hunt was only put into place to help alleviate damage to the young pines that too high a population lead to.

Please remember that the WPMC is charged with balancing the herd with its environment, we will continue to ensure the sustainability of the herd. 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. 10% of you are still creating extra work through not reading the information sent to you.

Please read it!

Thank you to the committee, sponsors and supporters for their hard work and input throughout the year.

I look forward to catching up with many of you hunters next season. Take care out there.

Dave Chisholm
Chairman W.F.M.C

Regardless of the weather we never
cancel a hunt

Sportways Cup

The top three heads taken this year are:

Congratulations to:

Duncan Fleming, Douglas score of **202 6/8**.

Grant Harper, Douglas score of **188**.

Leo Fills, Douglas score of **162 6/8**

Prize Draw

The following names were drawn from the kill returns received, they have collectively won new hunting gear to the value of \$425.00

Congratulations to:

Ross Gardiner, Ngongotaha.

Bob Burton, Helensville.

Phillip Meulekamp, Te Awamutu.

Special Thanks

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

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

Carter Holt Harvey Forest Resources, Northern Region. & Forest Protection Services, Woodhill Forest.

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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2005 Hunting Results

The number of deer taken at Woodhill Forest during the 2005 balloted hunting season was:

Bucks	31
Does	73
Total harvested	104

*This includes 9 Bucks taken during the February Buck Hunt, and the 8 deer taken during 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.
- 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.

WEB PAGE

We have now set up a web site **www.fallowdeer.co.nz**

You will now be able to download your own booklet or application forms and e-mail them to your companions, this should make it much more convenient for everybody

Also our web site will have a bulletin board, photos, location map and a host of other information , which you will be able to access.

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”.

2006 WOODHILL FALLOW DEER BALLOT

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DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Last NameFirst name.....
Address.....
Postal Address if different.....
CityE-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 NameFirst name.....
Address.....
Phone.....Mobile.....
Firearms License No.....Bow hunter.....

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Address.....
Phone.....Mobile.....
Firearms License No.....Bow hunter.....

*"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- \$20.00 Cheques only, do not send cash.**
(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:

31st MARCH 2006, BALLOT DRAWN 12th APRIL , HUNTING STARTS 10th JUNE 2006

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

HUNTER SAFETY

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We also insist that a hi viz blaze orange vest is worn at all times while hunting here at Woodhill, even on 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. 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 in Woodhill. **W.F.M.C**

“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

“HUNTERS ALWAYS THINK SAFE IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET AND CONSIDER YOUR FIRING ZONE”



Grant Harper from Whangarei with his fine buck from block Four scoring 188 on the Douglas Score

Hunters Contributions

We drew block five, it was an awesome day weather wise and we saw a few animals. I was very lucky to shoot my first buck in the afternoon, we wish to thank the patrol team who stopped and refreshed us with water and gave us a lift back to the car park very much appreciated.

We also followed the recommendation in the booklet and stayed the night at Black Pete's Bar & Grill the food and atmosphere was excellent.

Darren Jones, Gary Snooks and John Hackett. Dargaville.

Our party was lucky enough to draw block nine in June, like most blokes we counted down the days, a few days before our hunt my son Aaron was contacted by WFMC and was offered a doe tag which he accepted. On the day we left Daraville at four am arriving at daybreak we had bacon and egg pie and a cuppa while working out the wind direction before heading off, 200 meters from the car a doe and yearling jumped out of the scrub and stood on the track looking at us.

Hunters Contributions Cont:

Everything seemed to go in slow motion as Aaron was the only one with a doe permit my mate Arthur and I returned eye contact with the deer only 30 meters away, then with a couple of bounds they were gone again. Aaron's rifle still hadn't moved from hip level , you'll have to be quicker than that if you want to shoot one came from both Arthur's and my lips at the same time.

Caution from Aaron so as not to shoot a pricket was long enough for the two deer to live and see another day. Arthur and I waited down the track while Aaron was having a nature call, I could see 150 meters one way and about 200 the other from where I was leaning against a tree, my borrowed gun I had been told had cross hairs that lit up when turning on the knob on the top of the scope so with this in mind I spent a minute or two looking through the scope when I put the rifle down looking back down the road I could just make out three black dots about 80 meters further on, my rifle came up at the same time I was trying to remember where the safety catch was.

The transformation from naked eye to the scope was breathtaking as I was looking at a nice buck lowering the cross hairs to his shoulder I fired, my shot took him at the base of his neck and with a leap in the air he went down.

On inspection the buck had slightly uneven antlers caring 13 points I was stoked! It was only 7.55 am , I spent the afternoon tagging along with Aaron but despite seeing several animals a second chance wasn't his and Arthur did not see a buck all day. Back at Dargaville I had the buck made into seasoned roasts and he's lovely. To all W.F.M.C we would like to say many thanks for the time you guys put in to make available these animals for our enjoyment.

Richard & Aaron Lambly and Arthur Maich , Dargaville

Just a note to thank the committee for another well run shoot, and in particular Paul Kuiumdjian for his help and chatty disposition. Of interest to the committee concerning the fine buck shot by my companion Murray Adams, this buck had a lot of bad luck! He had lost an eye probably through fighting and had been shot sometime before, the bullet had entered about the point of the shoulder missing bone and carried on through flesh, to be lodged just below the surface of the skin at the back of the neck. The shoulder wound had mostly healed over with a slightly open but clean wound at the neck, This buck must have been standing at a quite elevated site to have the bullet enter shoulder and end up at his neck, his bad luck continued he was shot with only half an hour of daylight left on the last day of the February buck hunt. His bad eye accounts for his not seeing Murray who shot him in the neck and only just 10mm either way and

Hunters Contributions Cont:

way and he would've missed. Despite his traumatic pass this buck was fat! He had 15mm –20mm layer of fat all over his back and hind legs had he been a steer he would've been graded T.

Alistair Wilson , Omana.

I would like to thank you for a totally enthralling days hunting. A special thank you to the men running the blocks on the day as transport and advice was invaluable and uncannily correct.

I was delighted to secure a buck for the second time having hunted under your ballot system before, my companions were full of praise for the day as the amount of game sighted makes a hunt at Woodhill an exception in todays hunting reality.

Murray Black, Kumeu



Laurie McKay from Thames with his buck taken from block one.

On behalf of my uncle and my dad I would like to thank the W.F.M.C for letting me go and shoot a deer, we drew block nine and we got back to the hall within 1 1/2 hours of leaving, I really enjoyed my day out there and hope to do it again.

We have really enjoyed eating the delicious venison.

Richard Batchelar. Rotorua.



Ian Batchelar and his nephew Richard

“Take A Kid Hunting” Report 2005

The 18th September was the last day of the 2005 hunting season, it was also the “Take A kid Hunting” day and despite the shocking weather conditions we had to proceed.

This year the committee was able to cater for 20 lucky young hunters and their supervisors, the briefing was held at the South Head Hall on Donahue's Road. The Hall was suitably decorated with a variety of trophies taken by local hunters, most prominent being the best three best Fallow heads ever taken from the Kaipara herd.

Those three trophies had all been taken over the last five years, which denotes the current potential of the herd.

As well as the usual talks on hunting safety, bush craft, the deer and their genetics a very sobering speech was delivered by Rick Linton a hunting accident survivor from 1991.

Approximately \$2250.00 worth of sponsorship was raised by the committee including hi viz vests and beanies from Stoney Creek, and giveaway packs from the Bluelight Organization.

This was followed by a B.B.Q lunch of venison which was enjoyed by all , afterwards all the budding hunters were then delivered to their drawn blocks for their afternoon hunt.

Despite the atrocious conditions the young hunters did extremely well with a total of 8 deer and 2 pigs were taken.

A big thanks to all concerned.

Remember be seen– be safe.

Mark Nobilo. W.F.M.C

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Kids at the Kaipara Hall pre-hunt briefing

I would like to thank the W.F.M.C and everyone else involved for a great day, well done, with a special thanks to Mark Nobile for the interesting and informative presentation and a welcome hand out with a deer and an awesome demo on “gutting”. Thanks to Brian Witton and Roger Winslade NZ Police also the Stoney Creek sponsors for the awesome kids packs.

My son Danyon is still grinning from ear to ear at his Woodhill experience, and the shooting of his first deer and the experience we will both treasure. A day like that promoting the sport in a positive light, with an emphasis on safety was great to be a part of.

Jeff and Danyon Browne.

I would like to say a big thank you for organizing “Take a Kid Hunting” and giving me the best day of my life. Thanks a lot.

Rima Gupte, Auckland.

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DETAILS OF PARENT or GUARDIAN

Last NameFirst name.....

Address.....

Postal Address if different.....

CityE-Mail.....

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

Firearms License No.....

Signature of Parent.....

DETAILS OF CHILD

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

Address.....

Phone..... Age.....

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

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Woodhill Forest." **Ballot Application Fee– Nill, 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 2006:

HUNT ON SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER STARTING 10am

Successful applicants will be notified.

POST APPLICATIONS TO W.F.M.C PO Box 110 KUMEU.

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At 10 am on the 18th of September 2005, my dad and I pulled up to the South Head Hall car park at Woodhill Forest. I was very excited to be one of few people to hunt at Woodhill and was grateful to be given this opportunity as it was the final day of the Kaipara fallow ballot hunting season. This day marked the second annual “Take a Kid Hunting Day” run by the W.F.M.C.

As my dad and I sat in the hall waiting for our instructions I looked around staring at the other young hopeful kids waiting for the great opportunity ahead. There was a brief talk before we headed out to hunt. This talk consisted of fire-arms safety and the safety precautions that need to be considered before hunting. The police officer advising us on safety handed out blaze orange safety jackets and beanies to all the participants. He also handed us books on rules and safety. Next we got to draw our blocks for the day. I drew block 6B.

Once the meeting had finished I changed into my hunting gear and headed out to the BBQ that was waiting outside. Tasty Fallow back steaks and venison sausages beautifully cooked on the BBQ were delicious.

It was very windy and wet as my dad and I were dropped off at our designated block and this later was used to our advantage in more ways than one. Our block was large and there was a big area to cover throughout the day. My dad being an experienced hunter informed me that the SW wind would be an advantage for us as the deer would head towards the coastline in order to have quiet grazing without being disturbed by the wind. We searched around in the deep forest for awhile and then made our way down to the coastline where we then continued to search for fallow deer.

Down towards the coastline on a nearby track, we spotted two young hinds on a narrow trail. These hinds were too far in the distance to get a good shot on them but when we tried to get closer they took off into nearby scrub.

After searching for a good two hours around the coastline we headed down to the south western end of our block. We sat down for a short break on a steep, grassy knoll when our break was suddenly cut short as a group of hinds with a young buck sprinted down a nearby hill. We were suddenly alarmed and my reaction was rapid as I was keen to shoot my first fallow deer. The group of deer were about 40 meters away, I had to be quick but before shooting I noticed that one of the deer in the group was a young buck so without thinking much about it I picked up the .270 fixed it on my shoulder and

Scoped the buck in, **Bang!** It was a direct hit , the buck lay silently in the short toi toi surround by tall deep pines. I was really stoked and we raced up to the deer with great excitement, the buck was extremely heavy to carry back to the main road and many rests were needed before we reached our final destination.

As we waited in the heavy rain for a pickup truck to take us back to the hall we reflected on the great day at Woodhill forest. This had been my first day at Woodhill and I had had an awesome time. Our ride came and we headed back up to the hall. At the hall we met members of the W.F.M.C and the policeman in charge of the event. Some quick photos were taken by the policeman and after a short quick lesson on how to gut a deer my dad and I set off home. Many thanks to the W.F.M.C and others that helped make this hunting day, a day to remember for me, other participants and involved parents. I will never forget this day and will remember lessons learnt for many hunting opportunities to come. Hopefully next year I will get the same opportunity again.

Brent Aull, Auckland.



Robert Aull & his son Brent

2006 WOODHILL BALLOT HUNT **APPLICATION OUTLETS.**

Serious Shooters

Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland 09 5793006
sshooter@ihug.co.nz

Sportways Gun Shed

Normandy Road, Mt Eden, Auckland. 09 6315275
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Hunting & fishing **Westgate.**

Westgate, Auckland 09 8333019
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Sports world

P.O Box 651 Keri Keri. Ph Eric 09 4078447
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Richard Waalkens

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Waikato N.Z.D.A.

mark@cobyexausts.co.nz

Mark Sargent , 131 Delamare Rd,
Hamilton. 07 8497626

North Auckland **N.Z.D.A**

Denis Moloney, P.O Box 369 Silverdale.
Ak 09- 426-9313 hairworld@xtra.co.nz

Hunting & Fishing **Tauranga**

Chris Scully, P.O. Box 14081 Tauranga
rsummers@paradise.net.nz

Serious Shooters **Rotorua.**

Dave Mingins, 36a Amohia St. 07-349-2506

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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 Branch	Paul Kuiumdjian	09- 5353794
Sth Auckland	Martin Robertson	09- 2664601
Nth Auckland	Denis Moloney	09- 4269313
Whangarei	Alan Webster	09-4360181
Rotorua	Alec Mc Ivor	07-3474380
Bay of Plenty	Russell Nelson	07-5441156
Waikato	Keith Matthews	07-8241705
Thames Valley	Maureen Coleman	07-8849622

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