

**2008  
Woodhill Fallow Deer  
Hunting Ballot  
Application Forms**



**Steve Lemon with his buck**

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2007**

Welcome to the W.F.M.C end of season 2007 review. The hunting season once again was very successful for the hunter and satisfying for all involved in the running of the ballot season.

It's with great sadness I report the loss of Bert Howlett one of the original founders of the WFMC. Bert passed away on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, aged 82. His stated position on the committee was to "look after the interests of the fallow herd". Many of you would have run into Bert patrolling, I'm sure his enthusiasm, dedication to the above will have been obvious to you all. His commitment entailed hundreds of voluntary hours of work thus ensuring the smooth running of the hunting season. He was active right to the end, involved in what he loved, transporting hunters during Take a Kid Hunting day ,and as he stated "I've had a lot of enjoyment from hunting so helping others, especially the young enjoy the same experiences is very rewarding". Bert you will be missed by us all.

For this season a reduction to \$30 ( from \$60 ) for successful applicants in the ballot will be in place, as we await the felling of pine blocks that are stopping us completing the Ototoa and Hodges Basin fencing projects.

Unfortunately the eradication lobbyists are once again trying to convince the D.O.C and the Auckland Regional Council to eradicate the fallow herd. Pity they can't see that compromise on the issue, i.e. Hunters and D.O.C working together to protect areas of high conservation value, thus guaranteeing the hunter the opportunity to partake in a healthy, historic outdoor pursuit on the South Kaipara Peninsula, is a "win win" situation for everyone. Management by all concerned is the only answer.

T.B. or Bovine Tuberculosis, the threat of which we must always be aware of, once again hasn't been found in any of the feral deer shot in the South Kaipara Head. Surveillance of the herd is ongoing, and we thank vet Ian Amore for his input in to autopsying the deer shot and his continued interest in the fallow herd and its health. Please take note of Animal Health Board advice in centre of booklet, thus doing your bit to keep this area free of TB.

Thank you to the committee and the many other people who helped or offered to help during 2007.

Dave Chisholm  
Chairman W.F.M.C.

**Regardless of the weather we never cancel a hunt**

**2008 WOODHILL FALLOW DEER BALLOT**

**DETAILS OF APPLICANT**

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

Address.....

Postal Address if different.....

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

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

Firearms License no.....

**\*Is this your first ever ballot application for Woodhill? Yes No**

Signature of Primary Applicant .....

**Please circle if you would like to receive a copy of the 2009 booklet by mail Yes/ No or you can get it off the website**

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

**Ballot Application Fee - \$20.00 Cheques only , do not send cash ( successful applicants fee with be a further \$30.00)**

*Please fill out the application details and mail with payment to:*

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

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FOR 2008 Ballot on 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**BALLOT DRAWN 22<sup>nd</sup> April HUNTING STARTS Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

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

**HUNTER SAFETY**

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

**We hope that our policy of bucks only and a limited doe harvest each year, encourages and teaches the skill 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 male or female.**

**We also insist that a HI-Viz Blaze orange vest is worn at all times. Even on top of a blaze orange garment.(PLEASE NOTE AN ORANGE SWANNIE OR OTHER GARMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A HI VIZ ORANGE VEST)**

**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 vest has helped to keep everyone safe during the hunting at Woodhill. W.F.M.C.**

**2007 Hunting Results**

The number of deer taken at Woodhill Forest during the 2007 balloted hunting season was:

Bucks	33
Does	49
Pigs	12
Total Harvested	94

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

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**Sportways Cup**

The top two heads taken this year are

**Steve Lemon**, Douglas score of **165 3/8** (cover photo)

**Grant Harper**, Douglas score of **164 4/8**

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**Prize Draw**

The following names were drawn from the kill returns received, they have collectively won new hunting gear to the value of \$360.00

- Congratulations to : R Mansell - \$120 Voucher Hunting & Fishing Westgate
- P Maddox - \$120 Voucher Serious Shooters Penrose
- F Urgert - \$120 Voucher Sportways Gunshed Mt Eden

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**Special Thanks**

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

**Mr. Ian Amore** 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

## **Hunter Safety : A timely reminder**

The following rules are easily recognizable 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**

After carrying out patrols during the 2007 hunting season the following actions were 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.

As a hunter myself, it concerns me and should concern all other hunters that there are those who forget or ignore this basic rule.

If they can make a mistake like this then what else are they capable of ?

## **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 day pack 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 for the 2008 season.**

(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.**



**One that got away (photo R. Morris)**

### **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
- ~ 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 you hunt if you will receive a doe permit
- ~ No shotguns or rimfire firearms
- ~ Successful applicants notified by mail.
- ~ Thirty dollar access fee applies

### **WEB PAGE**

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

## 2008 Woodhill Ballot Hunt Application form Outlets

<b>Serious Shooters</b>	Great South Road, Penrose Auckland 09 579 3006 <a href="mailto:ssshooter@ihug.co.nz">ssshooter@ihug.co.nz</a>
<b>Sportways Gun Shed</b>	Normandy Road, Mt Eden, Auckland 09 6315275 <a href="mailto:gunshed@sportways.co.nz">gunshed@sportways.co.nz</a>
<b>Hunting&amp;Fishing Westgate</b>	Westgate , Auckland 09 8333019 <a href="mailto:mikehuntfish@xtra.co.nz">mikehuntfish@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Sterling Sports KeriKeri</b>	09 4078447
<b>Richard Waalkens</b> <a href="mailto:richard@mikepero.co.nz">richard@mikepero.co.nz</a>	Whangarei , Ph 09 4347231
<b>Auckland Branch N.Z.D.A.</b>	7 Target Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland
<b>Waikato N.Z.D.A</b>	Mark Sargent, 131 Delaware Rd, Hamilton 07 849 7626 <a href="mailto:sarge@xtra.co.nz">sarge@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>North Auckland N.Z.D.A.</b>	Tony Coleman; 09 475 6087
<b>Hunting&amp;Fishing Tauranga</b>	Chris Scully , 58 Cross Rd , Sulphur Point <a href="mailto:Taurangahuntandfish@clear.net.nz">Taurangahuntandfish@clear.net.nz</a> 07 928 4303
<b>Serious Shooters Rotorua</b>	3 Amohia St, 07 349 2506 <a href="mailto:Top_gun@clear.net.nz">Top_gun@clear.net.nz</a>
<b>Thames Valley N.Z.D.A.</b>	Maureen Coleman 07 884 9622
<b>Don't forget our website, you can down load your own copy</b> <a href="http://www.fallowdeer.co.nz">www.fallowdeer.co.nz</a>	

## Your checklist for a disease free hunt



- Check the status of the area you are hunting in. Is it a Vector Risk Area (VRA)? Check with your local Regional Animal Health Committee member to be sure
- The head is the main reservoir for Tb infection - it is always best to leave it behind
- Practice good hygiene by wearing gloves when cutting up carcasses
- Always wash hands well after cutting up animals and do not smoke whilst working
- Keep offal and remains away from dogs. Do not feed any to them.

## Bovine Tb is a serious disease...

And there are real human health issues related to bringing back offal, bodies and heads from Tb infected areas.

Hunters need to take care and practice good hygiene to avoid infecting themselves and others with Tb and other chronic diseases when handling or transporting their kill back home.

### What is a Vector Risk Area?

A vector risk area is an identified region (see adjacent map) where the feral animal population carries a Tb infection that can be passed onto the domesticated cattle and deer herds in the region.

Hunters need to be aware of the risk to other regions by bringing infected carcasses and organs into Tb-free regions like Auckland.

**If you are unsure about the status of the forest region you are hunting in, give the Animal Health Board a call on 0800 4 TB INFO (0800 4 824 636)**



## Hunter Contributions



**Shane Brannigan (alias Shananigan) with his four point buck**

Many thanks to the Committee for the Opportunity to Hunt this Fallow herd and congratulations on the great job you all do, keep up the good work, personally saw twenty one deer including six antlered bucks, it was a great day.

**Rusty Bird**

We had a hunt. Rained heavy until about 1pm. Saw plenty, but hard to identify. Leo had a hind permit, he let two yearling hinds go for another year. Thanks from the three of us for the chance to hunt.

**D.Armstrong**

Thank you so much for the ballot this year. My companion and I really appreciated it. We were lucky enough to have a kill on the day which was fantastic. We were absolutely amazed how many we saw at about 6pm, it was awesome. Once again thank you for the opportunity to go hunting it was definitely the highlight of year for me.

**Michael Sousa**

I was delighted to win a draw to hunt at Woodhill and especially want to convey my thanks to the committee and all those who clearly dedicate a lot of their own time to organizing the event. This is the first ballot I have entered. The rangers who had undertaken to supervise in the field were courteous and helpful, their presence was appreciated. We saw more animals than we expected to. With the benefit of hindsight, we probably would have done better, in terms of successful shots, had we sat and waited while covering one of the firebreaks or the paths the deer were obviously crossing throughout the day. To be fair, that was precisely the advice we were given by the rangers we encountered as the day progressed. The facility your committee provides to us this close to Auckland is wonderful. I certainly hope to draw another hunt in the future.

**Keith Duncan**

I would just like to take the time to say thank you to all the people and staff and rangers of the WFMC. As the primary permit holder, I would like to thank you all for such a well organized event. We think we are very lucky to have the opportunity to hunt in such a well run ballot. We had another excellent day, hunting in block four. Firstly the weather was one out of the bag, and stayed fine for us all day. We shot a nice 10 point stag in the morning, then back to the Ute for a well earned cup of tea. Setting out for the afternoon again, we got onto some pigs, we saw two but they were just too fast, for a good shot. But about an hour later we got onto another pig, this time all went right and we shot the third pig that we saw. This was my companions first big game animal, so he was very happy about getting a shot. So we ended up with a nice stag and a good pig for our day. So plenty of meat for salami. So thank you once again for the opportunity to hunt in such a well managed forest block. Thank you to all the rangers and people who give up their weekends to make this such a successful venture.

**Paul Johnston**

In addition to tally of animals seen/ shot I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Management Committee on our behalf for allowing us on Block Four yesterday. Even though we didn't get anything we had a great time and look forward to getting another draw in the future.

**D.M.Webster**



**Alan Renowden and his Doe**

I would like to thank the duty person on the day for the assistance given to one of our party, Alan Renowden, who is disabled and on crutches. He was the successful hunter on the day and bagged a hind for the group. The assistance enabled him to participate in an outdoor activity that he enjoys.

**Gordon Beets**

## **TAKE A KID HUNTING REPORT**

### **Take a Kid Hunting 2007 Report**

22<sup>nd</sup> September was the last day of the 2007 hunting season under the lease arrangement between WFMC and Hancock's Forest Management Ltd. Due to forest dynamics and operations WFMC was again able to cater for twenty young hunters and their supervisors. A lot of preparation and organisational work is required to host what has now become an annual event.

Initially a ballot is run for the applicants, this year numbering excess of two hundred. Blocks are assessed, planned and marked out in line with the determined boundaries. Sponsors are organised and again the Blue Light Organisation and Stoney Creek Apparel came to the fore. Any shortfall was made up by WFMC itself for a total between two and three thousand dollars.

The Mountain Safety Council provides many useful brochures and give away pamphlets. The briefing is held at the South Head Community Hall on Donahue's road. The talks mainly revolve around safety issues with the emphasis on the Be Seen- Be Safe philosophy and the seven rules of firearm safety, backed up by a hunting accidents survivors story.

The hall was suitably decorated with a number of record book trophies being displayed across a wide spectrum of New Zealand game animals. Brian Witton spoke of the history of the Kaipara herd, deer genetics and antlers.

After the traditional venison BBQ lunch the hunters headed out to their allocated blocks. The weather was reasonably kind this year but despite plenty of sightings only two deer were taken with most hunters wanting a chance at a buck.

A big thanks to the Hancock's Forest Management Company, Sponsors and committee members who so generously gave of their time to make the day the success it was.

Mark Nobilo  
TAKH Coordinator  
October 2007

**2008 WOODHILL “TAKE A KID HUNTING” BALLOT**

**DETAILS OF PARENT or GUARDIAN**

Last Name..... First Name.....  
Address.....  
Postal Address if different.....  
City..... Email.....  
Phone..... Mobile.....  
Firearms License No.....  
Signature of Parent or Guardian.....

**DETAILS OF CHILD**

Last Name..... First Name.....  
Address.....  
City.....  
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 child while in Woodhill Forest”*  
**Ballot Application Fee – Nil , this is a “Free” hunt**

**Introduction to hunting and the Woodhill Forest, Free Hi-Viz Vest for each child**

**CONDITIONS**

- ~ **One child with adult only**
- ~ **Child must be 12 to 18 years and be able to handle a firearm**
- ~ **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**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1st JULY 2008**

**HUNT ON SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER STARTING 10AM**

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

**POST APPLICATIOIS TO W.F.M.C P.O. Box 110 Kumeu, Auckland**

**For any further information:**

**contact Brian Witton 09 817 6855 or Dave Chisholm 09 420 7058**



Kids at the Southhead Hall with sponsors kits

### **TAKE A KID HUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS**

I would like to thank you very much for organising the Take a Kid Hunting day. I had an awesome day! It was the first time I have a seen a wild deer, although I didn't manage to get a shot at one. I would also like to thank the sponsors (Stoney Creek) for the great gifts and the Police for the talk on safety with firearms. I'm sure everyone had a great day.

**Leon Nicol**

I would also like to thank the organisers and guest speakers for all their effort in making this a wonderful day that will have lasting memories in many children. Also big thanks to Stoney Creek. As had been said a good day was had by all.

**David Nicol**

My Son Ben and I would like to thank you all very much for an awesome day at TAKH. The talks in the morning had Ben glued to every word and the adrenalin was starting to run. We saw twelve does for the afternoon. Ben wanted to shoot a buck so he held off from shooting the first doe we saw only twenty minutes from the drop off point and the deer was only thirty yards away. It was great for him just to stand/sit still and watch the animals. He is keener than he ever has been! Once again thanks for a great day.

**Roel Hulsbosch**



**Liam Henry and his Buck**

Thank you for the opportunity to hunt deer at South Head. This was a very exciting day and very well organised. I learned some new things. Some kids would never get the chance to shoot a deer if it wasn't for the efforts of people like you.

I had a most exciting stalk on my deer. We walked for a long way until we found a place Grandad said might be a good place to look. We climbed up a high point where we could see to the trees and some cut over. After a while we saw a spiker feeding out in the open. It was too far for a shot so we decided to stalk closer. This was hard because the deer could see us if it lifted its head so we had to move off our hill when it was feeding. When we got to the next ridge we found there was a small mob of deer and they started to run up the gully. I saw one was a stag and shot it. Grandad said he heard the bullet hit. The deer milled around the head of the gully and I shot my stag again. The other deer ran away over the ridge and Grandad said he thought he saw my stag fall over. After a search we found it in the bushes and I was very happy! Thank you all the people at Stoney Creek for all of their goodies. I used my black stag knife to help skin the deer and cut up the meat.

**Liam Henry**

Hi Guys I'm Stephanie Kirk one of the girls that came on the hunting trip. I just wanted to say a big thanks for letting me hunt. I had an awesome time and even though I had two shots I missed both, I still had a great time. I didn't get to see if the other girls got something but I hope they did because it means we outshot the boys!!!!!! I was so surprised at the amount of goodies I got, so say a big thanks to the Stoney Creek guys for me.

All I really expected was to wake up at five in the morning and come for a hunt. I was really blown away at all the information , hunting goodies and the awesome lunch we had!!!(and a big thanks to the ex policeman who gave me a wake up with the big gunshot at the start of the presentation)

I want to say a big thanks to Ken for giving me that can of coke; it really boosted my energy levels heaps! We Saw 11 deer and it was awesome to see a big stag as well. My dad won't stop teasing me because a quail jumped out I got the fright of my life and I jumped so high off the ground, it happened a few times but I got used to the quails after a while. My dad had heaps of fun too because he said it was a good chance to get me to see and hunt with him!!!

Finally a big thanks to all of the WFMC people because I know that you probably didn't get paid for this and that you had to do it all in your own time!!!

**Stephanie Kirk**



Lisa Wadham and her Doe

## **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:

<b>Auckland Brand</b>	John Shepherd	09 818 3964
<b>South Auckland</b>	Martin Robertson	09 2359893
<b>North Auckland</b>	Tony Coleman	09 4756087
<b>Whangarei</b>	Alan Webster	09 4360181
<b>Rotorua</b>	Alec Mc Iver	07 3474380
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>	Baden Prentice	07 5793109
<b>Waikato</b>	Keith Matthews	07 824 1705
<b>Thames Valley</b>	Maureen Coleman	07 8849622

Contact NZDA National Office on 04 801 7367

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

### **PLACES TO STAY NEAR WOODHILL FOREST**

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

### **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”

**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 pistle)**

**IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET!**