

**2012
Woodhill Fallow Deer
Hunting Ballot
Application Forms**



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WOODHILL FALLOW MANAGEMENT COUNCIL INC.**

2011 Chairman's Report

This was my first season as Chairman after Garth Johnson stepped down, I would like to acknowledge all his good work as Chairman over the last few years. Garth is staying on the committee so we will continue to benefit from his experience with the Woodhill forest. I would also like to thank all the other committee members for their hard work during the year to make 2011 another successful season.

The season presented the usual challenges; including poaching and a minority of hunters not wanting to follow all the rules. The vast majority of hunters enjoyed good hunting and even if they didn't end up with a deer most got pleasure from watching animals and some enjoyed a good blowout.

The Woodhill committee works closely with the police in relation to poaching and several poachers were caught this year due to this cooperation. In addition the Police are taking a much more active role in tackling poaching across the country. During the year in Woodhill they had several operations which resulted in many arrests for illegal activity in the forest with the use of firearms. There are severe penalties for poaching offences; including criminal conviction, loss of firearms licenses as well as financial penalties.

We are still getting large numbers of people not taking the time to read all the information we send out, not only for the ballot applications but also for successful applicants and their nominated hunting companions. Please ensure you have read the forms thoroughly, filled out all the required details and sign where required.

This year the Application Fee has moved from \$25.00 to \$30.00 due to increased costs to run the hunting ballot. If you are successful in the 2012 ballot good luck for your hunt.

Ross Tindale
Chairman

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 blaze orange hunting vest**
- **Have a firearms licence on their person while hunting**

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 !!!**

2011 Hunting Results

The number of deer taken at Woodhill Forest during the 2011 hunting season was:

Bucks	19
Does	47
Pigs	11
Total Harvested	77

Bert Howlett Memorial Trophy for Largest Head



Chris Howlett presenting the Bert Howlett Memorial Trophy to Mike Shepherd at Hunting and Fishing Westgate

Bert Howlett Memorial Trophy for Largest Head 2011

Winner Jeff Bryant 187 ¼ (Hunting and Fishing Voucher \$120.00)



THE NEW ZEALAND DEERSTALKERS' ASSOCIATION INC.				
OFFICIAL RECORDING SYSTEM FOR				
FALLOW DEER HEADS				
(DOUGLAS SCORE)				
OWNER	Jeff Bryant			
KILLED BY	Jeff Bryant			
LOCALITY & DATE	Woodhill 11.6.11			
		NUMBER OF POINTS 8 x 8 = 16		
STEEL TAPE MEASUREMENT OF	SHORTER MEASUREMENT DOUBLED*		FACTORS	
	LEFT	RIGHT	SCORE*	
LENGTH	24 ³	24 ⁵	48 ⁴	
SPREAD		22 ⁴	22 ⁴	
SPAN			19 ⁶	
BEAM	3 ³	3 ³	6 ⁴	
CORONET	6 ³	6 ³	12 ⁴	
POINTS: BROW-TINES	6 ¹	6 ³	12 ³	
TREZ	5 ⁶	6 ³	11 ⁴	
GUARD	4 ⁴	4 ⁶	9	
REMAINING PALM POINTS BY NUMBER	5	5	10	
PALMS: Length Without Points	11 ¹	13	22 ³	
Width Without Points	3 ¹	2 ⁵	5 ²	
Width With Points	4 ²	3 ⁵	7 ²	
			187 ³ / ₈	
TOTAL SCORE			187 ¹ / ₄	

Skull Length 12"
m of Donet - BM Donet

WEB PAGE

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

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 return 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.!!!**

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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.

WOODHILL MOMENTS



Block Parking



Andrew Sims , Rolf Schmidhalter and Brad Sims enjoying a midday break



Signage at point of access

2012 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 of deposit** DDMMYY - otherwise we cannot match the payment to the application form. e.g Bill Bloggs 14Mar11

(No additional fee for successful applicants will apply in 2012)

Post completed application to W.F.M.C P.O.Box 56383, Dominion Road, Auckland 1446, (include cheque if payment not by direct credit)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE :	3rd April
BALLOT DRAWN:	17 th April
BALLOT HUNTING STARTS	9 th 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

Prize Draw From 2011 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 :	Craig Willcox	Kumeu	-\$120 Voucher
	Robert Annandale	Taupaki	-\$120 Voucher
	David Armstrong	New Plymouth	-\$120 Voucher



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Ammo
Clothing
Packs***

***Navigation
Sleeping Bags
Boots and Gaitors
Bivy's and Fly's***

For all your hunting and fishing supplies

Just call Mike and the team on (09) 833 3019

Westgate Hunting & Fishing

7 Cabernet Cres, Westgate

Email mikeshuntfish@xtra.co.nz

Patrols Report

Last season went off pretty well from a patrol point of view with no great dramas. Most hunters had an enjoyable hunt and followed the Woodhull rules. However a small minority still turn up with no orange vest or with a yellow one. When questioned why the answer is invariably “ I didn’t know”. In other words “ Didn’t read the conditions of the permit” To all principal permit holders – Please ensure all your hunting party has read the conditions of the permit before turning up. It makes it a lot easier for the patrol persons when everyone is aware of how the system works. Motor bikes continue to be a problem on some of the blocks and also to a lesser degree 4x4s. Any details you can supply to the patrol will be forwarded to the forest owners and acted on.

A reminder about water. There is virtually no drinkable water on any of the hunting blocks so always carry a good supply. The salt air and the dry sandy conditions can result in some very thirsty hunters. Being dehydrated doesn’t help with one’s concentration. Many a litre of water has been transferred from the back of a patrol vehicle to a thirsty hunter’s throat.
Good luck in the ballot for 2012.

B Witton



Unrecovered Trophy Found

Special Thanks

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

Woodhill Moments



Mark McSweeney and Buck , (same buck on front cover)



Doug Sommerville and Doe



Luke Houghton with his doe and ready for carry out

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 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.	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**

Hunter Contributions

Cheers for the chance to win a ballot this year. It was my first ballot so I feel very lucky to have won a place. I had a great day out with my hunting buddy Shawn, who was the eyes of the operation. We were lucky enough to see plenty of action over our day; we covered a good part of our block. We spotted and ran into the odd hind, spiker and yearling. At about 3.30 pm with Shawn spotting a doe from a mile away, we were on!

So, first year in the ballot, first wild deer under my belt, I could not be more stoked. I'm already looking forward to next year. You guys do an awesome job of tending the herd and keeping out the baddies, keep it up otherwise these opportunities won't be. Thanks you until next time.

Gareth Carter

Thanks again , I was very impressed with your whole operation.

Dave Burchett

TAKE A KID HUNTING REPORT

2011 TAKH day was the sixth such event and it's continued success means it's firmly entrenched in the calendar.

Informative talks by Mark Nobilo on hunting techniques and some interesting information on the herd kept the kids interested .

This year the Helensville Police attended and spoke on firearms, licensing, safety and also on Poaching. Safety continues to be a big focus for the committee and each TAKH day includes a firearms safety briefing.

Legal firearms ownership was discussed and a discussion on the consequences of poaching on herd dynamics as well as legal consequences if caught was also highlighted.

The Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike and Delwyn Shepherd of Westgate Hunting and Fishing for their very generous sole sponsorship which was greatly appreciated by the committee and recipients. Rick Linton for his talk as a hunting accident survivor. Thanks also goes to Hancock's Forest Management Ltd for helping make this all happen through their hunting lease. A big thank you goes to the Helensville police for their presentation and continued interest and assistance to the committee.

A further thanks goes to the members of the committee who once again gave generously of their time and knowledge to ensure that the day was the success it was.

Ross Tindale
Chairman

Take A Kid Hunting Photo's





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

2012 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 (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 2012
- ~ HUNT ON SATURDAY 15TH 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 Ken Howlett 09 4129308 or Dave Chisholm 09 4207058)

TAKE A KID HUNTING CONTRIBUTION

Firstly a big thank you to the WFMC team for the opportunity to hunt Woodhill. Please find Kill return and map of block showing kill location and sightings. The morning was very informative and very well managed. Kyal and myself had a most enjoyable day, the highlight for him was getting an animal, it sure made the five hour drive from Taranaki worth it. Great to be able to put some faces to names as well.

Thanks again

Shayne and Kyal Batchelor

Thank you very much for an awesome day hinting! I had a great day and can't wait to come back some day to get a deer!!!!

Kelsey Ferris

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

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 pizzelle)

IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET!

Photo: Brian Witton