

# Chronik Family Fuhrhop

## The way from agriculture and fish farming to 4-star hotel "Forellenhof"

The Fuhrhop family have resided since the 13th century in Hünzingen and were farmers until grandfather Friedrich Fuhrhop, mayor of Hünzingen, started with his mother Anna in 1911 the first aquaculture for carps. These ponds were leased to Walsrode business people. The farm's heir, Fritz Fuhrhop, saw 1965 an alternative source of income to agriculture in trout farming and started additional ponds.

1967\* Plans for a boarding house and restaurant near the game enclosure.

1968\* Fritz Fuhrhop converts some agricultural buildings into a restaurant. Extension of the family kitchen into a restaurant kitchen.

1969\* Opening of the first restaurant in Hünzingen with 20 seats and a club room with 60 seats.

1970\* First plans for extension: Apart from family members 3 employees become necessary.

1971\* The agricultural barn is converted into a party hall. The first New Year's Eve ball takes place.

1972\* Further building plans:

A stage for the party hall and a bowling alley is being constructed, building of a rifle shooting range beneath the stage, completion of a new kitchen, two additional guest lounges and 8 full time employees.

1973\* The first 5 bedrooms are being built. (4 double rooms, 1 single room)

1976\* The first horse-drawn carriage for the popular ride to the „Bottomless Lake“ is available. 12 full time employees

1982\* Lease of "Ehlermann Farm" belonging to the Wehrhoff family. Four further double rooms and one single room are being built.

1984\* The complete Ehlermann farm is being leased and equipped with 12 double rooms and 4 single rooms.

For the guests' leisure programme there are now horse boxes, riding, and rides with a horse-drawn carriage.

1989\* Plans for a new hotel and restaurant building.

1990\* Re-building of the rifle range to bar „Kutscherstube“ - popular attraction of Forellenhof.

1992\* Building start for the new hotel and restaurant.

3-star award in the competition "hospitality in Lower Saxony".

1993\* Completion of the new building with a capacity extension of more than 100%.

50 Hotel beds, 14 lounges with a capacity for more than 300 persons. Space for more than 80 persons on the sun terrace by the fountain lake. Car park extension for 120 cars, sauna, tepidarium and sun beds, conference- and seminary possibilities.

43 employees and 14 trainees

1994\* „25 years Forellenhof“

Son Udo Fuhrhop becomes a partner and the business is being changed into a limited liability company Extension of the kitchen

building, Extension of the ballroom for up to 400 persons.

Opening of the Champagne bar. New modern bowling alley, air rifle shooting stand within bowling alley building.

1996\* Landhotel Forellenhof becomes a member of the community of selected „Landidyll Hotels“ in Germany

1997\* Opening of the party barn for 150 persons directly on the hotel grounds for events and barn weddings.

1998\* Hotel extension. 12 single rooms. Now winter tours with the original Tyrolean horse drawn sledge for at least 10 pers.

1999\* Extension of the banquet and convention area with an impressive lifting stage for presentations, weddings and special events. Enlargement of the fitness area. Now there are 8 rooms with a multitude of possibilities for conventions and banquets for up to 450 persons at the guests' disposal. Additionally an outside area of 20.000 sqm of meadow and an offroad area for driving training. By now 70 employees are working for the hotel. Annually 9 apprentices are being trained as cooks or service

personnel.

2000\* Building of a hotel owned brewery with three excellent kinds of beer under the direction of master brewer Bernd Meyer.

The cozy „Schnuckenstube“ with a small bar offers 50 seats for sojourning.

2002\* Landidyll Hotel Forellenhof now is a 4-star hotel.

2003\* Leasing and running of the Walsrode townhall as congress-, convention- and cultural building for up to 800 persons.

2004\* The bar „Kutscherstube“ is being re-built into a wine presentation cellar.

2005\* The Forellenhof kitchen is being equipped with modern induction technique.

Purchase of the insolvent Parkhotel Luisenhöhe, situated 2 km away directly next to Walsrode Bird Park, with 46 hotel rooms, 4 convention and banquet rooms for 150 persons, as well as 2 restaurants for 60 persons each.

2007\* 100% extension of the summer terrace by the fountain lake.

2009\* 3 solar constructions for hot water in conjunction with the most up-to-date calorific value technique are being installed.

This is to be the first big step for energy efficiency. „Also Forellenhof takes over the complete catering for

„Heidmarkhalle“ in Bad Fallingbostal.

2010\* Setting up of a 300 years old sheep shed on the grounds right next to the hotel with rural charm for functions for up to 35 persons.

2011\* 10 bedrooms and bathrooms are being completely refurbished. Leasing of „Heidmarkhalle“ in Bad Fallingbostal.

2012\* Building of a carriage house directly by the party barn.

Family Fuhrhop and all employees wish you a pleasant stay at Hotel Forellenhof

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