

New Zealand Handloaders Pistol Club Inc Submission

To the New Zealand Handloaders Association AGM

10 June 2009

For the purpose of the records, the New Zealand Handloaders Pistol Club Inc (Pistol Club) makes the following submission.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Barry Ufton, President of the Pistol Club. I have been a member of the New Zealand Handloaders Association Inc (Handloaders) since 1962 (47 years). Since then I have served the Handloaders as a committee member, for a total of 40 consecutive years from 1968 until 2008 including 7 years as the Handloaders President. In 1985 I was one of around 22 members who contributed financially toward the building of the Handloaders clubrooms. These Handloaders members are now known as Gold Card members who have a key for access to the Handloaders for life.

There appears to be considerable misinformation, conjecture and supposition amongst Handloaders members relating to the Pistol Club. Regrettably, it is apparent that this; and the actions of a couple of Handloaders have led to a breakdown in positive communication between the parties at Executive Committee level.

Accordingly, for the benefit of all Handloaders members, briefly, I take this opportunity to set out the background facts so that there is a clear understanding of events, past, present **and the likely events in the very near future.**

In 1991 the Handloaders was approached by a disgruntled Christchurch Pistol Club (CPC) member who alleged that there were growing divisions between UIT (now known as ISSF) and Action pistol shooting disciplines within their club. The Handloaders Committee was asked to consider developing a pistol range. At this time the majority of the Handloaders Committee and other core members were the founders of the Handloaders and represented the backbone of the Handloaders.

With the rifle and shotgun ranges then fully operational, the Handloaders committee saw much merit in adding a pistol range to the Handloaders facilities in order to grow the Handloaders and to provide new and existing members the opportunity to enjoy another shooting discipline.

To initiate the process of forming a Handloaders pistol range, the first letter was sent from Handloaders to the New Zealand Pistol Association (NZPA) on 19.12.91. It soon became evident that in order for the Handloaders to have a pistol range, a new separate legal entity had to be created to meet the requirements of the NZPA and Police. Accordingly, some 22 months later, the Pistol Club was incorporated on 1.9.1993 and then affiliated to the NZPA as required. As the drivers of the Handloaders pistol club vision, as you would expect, a number of the Handloaders committee members then became committee members of the Pistol Club.

It has at time been very cumbersome and very inconvenient to observe the special rules of pistol clubs in NZ which have been made necessary by the Memorandum of Understanding between the NZ Police and

the NZPA. The necessary range standing orders, range officer duties, disciplines conducted and qualifications are all nationally recognised and strictly adhered to under this Memorandum of Understanding as non compliance would endanger the future of pistol shooting not only for Handloaders members, but all pistol shooters in New Zealand.

Subsequent to a Handloaders committee meeting, on May 29 1997 the Pistol Club was authorised by the Handloaders Committee to construct a 50 metre pistol range. This approval and the terms thereof are attached as Annexure "A". **This letter is the Pistol Clubs license to occupy the pistol range as agreed.** No funding was provided from the Handloaders to establish this range and its facilities.

In 2002 the property owner to the rear of the Mc Leans Island shooting clubs, his son and a fencing contractor alleged that a bullet flew over their heads while they were working on the farm. It remains unknown where this alleged bullet came from; however, all Mc Leans Island shooting clubs got together and voluntarily closed all the ranges down before the Police did so. The shotgun range reopened almost straight away. The rifle range could only be shot at 100m for well over a year before it was recertified and the pistol range was closed for 2 years before the new pistol range was recertified. Understandably the Handloaders priority was the recertification of the rifle range for the greater benefit of Canterbury shooters. The Pistol Club acknowledged the rifle range priority and assisted financially by loaning a grant that the Pistol Club had received from the Christchurch City Council (via the Canterbury Shooting Federation) of \$5,000 per year for 3 years (\$15,000 in total) to the Handloaders. In addition, the Pistol Club secured a \$6,000 grant and attended to the water supply now enjoyed by the Handloaders clubrooms.

Given the priority on the rifle range, and the fact that the Pistol Club wanted to resume shooting as soon as practical, the Pistol Club sought funds and assets from its members, sponsors and grants to construct the current range for which Handloaders permission was granted. Once again, the Handloaders did not contribute financially to the reconstruction of this range.

Attached as Annexure "B" is a letter from the Handloaders Secretary, Mr G Barber, to the Canterbury Shooting Federation dated 19 July 2004. This letter relates to an application for a grant of \$30,000 whereby the Pistol Club attendances were successfully used to secure the grant. This letter states "*.....the NZH Pistol Club Inc, whose members must also belong to the NZHA have been designated an area of the occupied land at no charge to develop and use for pistol shooting*". **This letter endorses the Pistol Clubs existing license to occupy the pistol range and sets out the agreed terms.** Despite the Pistol Clubs earlier loans to the Handloaders totalling \$21,000, the Pistol Club did not receive any of this \$30,000 grant.

One of the most disappointing aspects of certifying the existing pistol range is the fact that Wally Cole of NZPA would not certify the pistol range unless the direction of fire was changed toward the road. This did not make a lot of sense to us as the Pistol Club felt that it then had a perfectly safe range and it did not want to have to change the direction of fire which meant that, effectively, the Pistol Club had to reconstruct another pistol range. The only solace that the Pistol Club took from this was the fact that the CPC Action Shooters were similarly also forced to shoot toward the road and they still do to this day.

We now acknowledge that changing the direction of fire has occasioned some inconvenience to Shotgun shooters. This is regrettable as it was clearly not the intention otherwise the Handloaders Committee would never have approved the reconstruction of the pistol range in accordance with the Handloaders letter dated 29 May 1997 (Annexure "A").

The efforts made by Pistol Club in the pursuit of the certifying of the pistol range, made significant inroads into sourcing and developing the legal requirements for the construction and conduction of the non danger zone rifle range for Handloaders and Pistol Club members continued to support construction and the daily running of other aspects of the Handloaders activities, especially the priority redevelopment of the rifle range.

The Pistol Club has loaned the Handloaders \$21,000 in total. The Handloaders has never repaid any of these loans back to the Pistol Club. The Pistol Club has never received any funding from the Handloaders. In addition, each of the 46 Pistol Club members is required to be a financial member of the Handloaders. Further, Pistol Club members are also required to pay members fees of \$95 per annum of which \$70 is paid to the NZPA. This leaves the Pistol Club \$25 income per member per annum to run the Pistol Club on.

All Handloaders members are welcome on the pistol range which is also used by the Canterbury Black Powder Shooters Group from time to time.

Ironically, it is now the shotgun range's turn to meet requirements that have been forcibly imposed upon the shotgun range, however, we note that this work has not interrupted or disrupted any shotgun shooting events. Unfortunately this has not been so for the Pistol Club. The Pistol Club has been very compliant with the Handloaders instructions to demolish the pistol range including, buildings, services such as power, water and lights and the removal of the Pistol Club containers.

We estimate the replacement value of the pistol range and facilities to be approximately \$250,000. The Pistol Club have dutifully carried out Handloaders demolition instructions and preparatory work for the pistol range reconstruction in good faith on the understanding that the pistol range would be reinstated to a certifiable standard at the expense of the Handloaders who ordered and arranged its demolition. The Pistol Club accept that these changes are necessary for the Shotgun Range to remain open and the Pistol Club understood that they would again have to volunteer their labour where appropriate, to reconstruct the pistol range for a third time. Understandably, this has frustrated many Pistol Club members.

The Pistol Club feels that is has been very reasonable and indeed very gracious concerning the reconstruction of the shotgun range bund as the Pistol Club did not want to see the shotgun range close for any period of time. No commercial operation would permit earthmoving plant & equipment to commence the functional demolition of a \$250,000 asset without complete surety of reinstatement or appropriate compensation. The Pistol Club is a non-profit organisation that has in the past worked harmoniously with the Handloaders for the benefit of all members and the Pistol Club has relied upon this fiduciary relationship, agreements consummated in writing, and representations made in trade by the Handloaders Executive Committee members.

The Pistol Club had become increasingly alarmed about the Handloaders reluctance to communicate with the Pistol Club concerning the reinstatement of the pistol range. Recently, the Handloaders would not even talk to the Pistol Club concerning the reinstatement of the pistol range and the Pistol Club was forced to retain a Solicitor in a final attempt to have some meaningful dialog with the Handloaders to resolve the many unanswered issues and to provide some asset protection and security of tenure for the Pistol Club. **Not in our wildest imaginations did the Pistol Club ever previously anticipate retaining a Solicitor to initiate dialog with our parent body, the Handloaders.** The Pistol Club considers this to be a disgraceful situation. Given the Handloaders deafening silence regarding this matter, the Pistol Club can only assume that the current situation was anticipated and in effect carefully orchestrated by the

Solicitor to initiate dialog with our parent body, the Handloaders. The Pistol Club considers this to be a disgraceful situation. Given the Handloaders deafening silence regarding this matter, the Pistol Club can only assume that the current situation was anticipated and in effect carefully orchestrated by the Handloaders. The Pistol Club has written evidence in hand which clearly shows that the Handloaders commenced planning for this current situation on the 8th of February 2008. Accordingly, there is little wonder why the Handloaders wouldn't talk to the Pistol Club about this matter.

The outcome of a meeting between some Handloaders & Pistol Club executive committee members and their respective Solicitors was a letter from GM Brodie on behalf of the Handloaders to the Pistol Club dated 18 May 2009. Amongst three other preconditions and a further seven demands, the letter also stated that ***“work in connection with the pistol range can commence as soon as the attached license to occupy is signed”***. The Pistol club take the view that this is tantamount to blackmail. The Pistol Club will not be held to ransom.

This License to Occupy is a very poorly constructed document which not only lacked definitions, but apparently also, a great deal of common sense and thought. The Pistol Club has been offended by the contents of both the letter and the attached License to Occupy. While it is not the purpose of this document to set out all of the grievances in relation to these documents, briefly, the Pistol Club raises the following points to provide some understanding of some of the untenable propositions presented to the Pistol Club by the Handloaders in the before mentioned documents.

1. Annexures “A” & “B” are the Pistol Clubs License to Occupy on the previously agreed terms. There is no obligation for the Pistol Club to enter any other License to Occupy, particularly more so when the proposed terms are not commercial for the future of the Pistol Club.
2. Parties to an agreement must be legally entitled to enter the agreement or the agreement is void. The License to Occupy is unlawful because the Handloaders lease with Environment Canterbury specifically prohibits the Handloaders from subletting the Premises without the Landlords consent. No such consent has as yet been obtained and attached to the License to Occupy. The Pistol Club would question the wisdom of applying for such consent as it would allude a Landlord to the fact that a Tenant was making additional profit from the Premises which would undoubtedly be reflected in the next rental review.
3. The License to Occupy states that the Pistol Club must pay a site rental of 25% of the rental paid by Handloaders to Environment Canterbury. All Pistol Club members are required to be financial members of the Handloaders, therefore this is no different than asking the shotgun shooters to pay a site rental for the trap & skeet field or asking rifle shooters to pay a site rental for the rifle range. We are all members of the Handloaders, the difference being, the Pistol Club places no financial liability upon the Handloaders because the Pistol Club has been entirely self-funded. Obviously, because all Pistol Club members pay the Handloaders membership fee, the Handloaders has deprived the Pistol Club of practically any ability to collect revenue to meet operational overhead costs, much less meet any proposed rental costs. The only exception is the previously stated membership income of \$25 per Pistol Club member per annum. This clause clearly breaches the previously agreed terms as set out in Annexure’s “A” & “B”.
4. The Pistol Club is expected, at its own cost, to complete all the necessary pistol range improvements, including the provision of services, over and above the provision of the basic bund. In addition, the Pistol Club is expected to line the inside surface of the pistol range as required by the certification authority. The latter in itself is expected to cost \$16,000 in materials

alone. The Pistol Club are firmly of the view that there was a perfectly good certified pistol range in use. For its own purposes the Handloaders have seen fit to demolish the existing pistol range. The Handloaders need to reinstate the pistol range, meet all certification requirement costs and ensure that the Pistol Club is not disadvantaged in any way from its previous position.

5. The Handloaders requires that a range fee of \$7.50 is paid to the Handloaders by individuals who are not members of the Handloaders who shoot on the Pistol Club range on a casual basis from time to time. As previously stated, the Handloaders has not financially contributed to the Pistol Club yet the Handloaders has the audacity to expect Pistol Club guests to pay the Handloaders range fees. This would have been acceptable had the Handloaders paid for the pistol range and met all operational costs.
6. In addition to item 4 above, the Handloaders requires that the above mentioned casual shooters must receive the prior approval of the Handloaders to use the Pistol Club facilities (which the Handloaders has not funded). Further, the Handloaders reserves the right to levy additional charges upon casual shooters for the use of the Pistol Club facilities.
7. The Pistol Club is required to pay 25% of the cost of the Handloaders telephone when the Pistol Club never uses the Handloaders telephone.
8. Other Handloaders conditions would place the Pistol Club in breach of its obligations and responsibilities to the NZPA, the Police and the Privacy Act 1993.

Clearly, the granting of the Christchurch City Council (CCC) Resource consent for the Handloaders to establish the new bund has precipitated the current situation whereby the Pistol Club has been severely adversely affected. The Pistol Club has examined the Handloaders resource consent application and associated CCC reports relating to the application under Resource Management Act 1991. **It is evident from these documents that the CCC appears entirely unaware of the Pistol Clubs existence throughout the entire resource consent process.** The report/decision determining whether the Handloaders application for resource consent should be processed as publically notified states;

"The other three recreational clubs are all located to the west of the subject site"

"Who may be considered to be adversely affected by the granting of this application? No parties considered to be affected"

The Pistol Club note that the Handloaders disclosed the existence of the NZ Deerstalkers Association, the Christchurch Pistol Club and the Small Bore Rifle Association to the CCC during the resource consent process.

it is completely and totally implausible that the Handloaders, apparently as far as the CCC was concerned, were seemingly unaware of the Pistol Clubs existence or the fact that the bund, which was to finish halfway inside the existing pistol range, would not adversely affect the Pistol Club. **By which means then, did the CCC apparently remain unaware of the Pistol Clubs existence or the adverse affects on the Pistol Club when dealing with the Handloaders and the Handloaders resource consent?**

The Pistol Club has received advice that the Handloaders were legally required to disclose the Pistol Clubs existence and the adverse affects on the Pistol Club to the CCC during the resource consent process. Had the CCC been made aware of the Pistol Clubs existence and the adverse affects on the Pistol Club, section 94B (3) of the Resource Management Act 1991 requires *"the written consent of every person who may be considered to be adversely affected by the granting of the resource consent"*. **It would appear the**

Handloaders have gone to some lengths to avoid this situation by failing in their obligations to disclose these facts to the CCC.

This failure now places the Handloaders in a very precarious legal position and, again, it is little wonder why the Handloaders ceased discussions with the Pistol Club concerning this matter. The Pistol Club would most certainly have consented to the granting of the Handloaders Resource Consent but this would have been conditional to the Handloaders reinstating the Pistol Club to a position no less favourable than previously existed before the granting of the resource consent.

On Tuesday the 9th of June 2009, the Pistol Club received an email from Secretary of the Handloaders, Graeme Barber, confirming that the Handloaders had closed the pistol range, effective immediately, on the basis that because the Pistol Club containers had been shifted (at the request of the Handloaders), this constituted an alteration to the Range 4 certification requirements. In addition it was alleged that the height of the Pistol Club berm was 1 metre lower than the NZPC 2005 range guidelines.

This email states further "The NZHA is keen to see the pistol range recertified as soon as practical and as such will be undertaking further earthworks within range 4 once a Land Use Agreement has been signed with the NZHPC"

This email is attached as Annexure "C".

The Pistol Club sees this action for what it is, an escalation of the before described blackmail.

Because the Pistol Club has a current land use agreement (Refer to Annexures "A" & "B" & Handloaders minutes), we understand that the Handloaders have no ability to close the Pistol Range. Until such time as the NZ Police or NZPA provide any confirmation that they have closed the range, the range remains open.

If the Handloaders are not prepared to address the Pistol Club concerns and enter discussions without prejudice, in good faith, in the absence of Handloaders predetermined outcomes and with authorisation to make binding agreements, then any negotiations would be a fruitless exercise in which the Pistol Club sees' no merit in indulging. There has to be a willingness from each party to achieve a commercial solution and the Handloaders has not exhibited any such willingness to date, in point of fact, quite the reverse applies.

I believe that as a consequence of the Handloaders management surrounding the new bund and the proposed License to Occupy, irrespective of the outcome, significant relationship damage has already been incurred and the Handloaders will undoubtedly loose members as a consequence of this mismanagement, potentially 46 members in total. It concerns me further, that as a consequence of the significant increase in Handloaders membership fees there are already quite a number of Handloaders members who will not be renewing their memberships. As an organisation, the Handloaders should be growing its membership and facilities; not the reverse as appears to be the situation.

If the Handloaders does not reinstate the pistol range and reinstate the Pistol Club on terms no less favourable than previously existed then the Pistol Club will continue to incur costs and suffer losses and damages. The Pistol Club will have no alternative but to seek appropriate remedies to ensure that the Pistol Club, and its members who have contributed so much, will not be disadvantaged financially or

otherwise. It would be prudent for Handloaders members to ensure that the Handloaders is already suitably insured for such an event.

I can confirm that the Pistol Club has already identified several alternative sites for a new pistol range in anticipation of a continuation of the Handloaders present position and in anticipation of the above mentioned event.

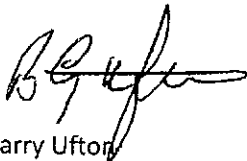
It is either arrogant or ignorant for anyone to think that a \$250,000 asset can be wrecked without any consequences. The Pistol Club hope that this situation is simply the result of poor management on the part of an outgoing Handloaders Executive Committee member that can be swiftly rectified by an incoming Handloaders Committee.

If not, then the Pistol Club will have been left with only one alternative as a consequence of the Handloaders mismanagement and inaction.

Finally, the Pistol Club takes the view that while creating this substantial contingent liability for its members, the Handloaders have breached Handloaders Rules 2A, 2B1, 2B4, 2D, 4C & 7B2. These rules are set out in Annexure "D" attached.

The Pistol Club, all of whom are members of the Handloaders, note that the Revised Rules of the Handloaders dated June 2008 provide for the **Cessation of Membership** under clause 7B2 *"If the Management Committee, after due investigation, considers that he or she is guilty of misconduct which is dishonourable or derogatory to the future of the Association or if any other circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Management Committee justifies this course of action"*.

Accordingly, the Pistol Club asks that the Management Committee investigates this matter to ensure that the actions of a member, or members, of the Handloaders responsible for this debacle have not acted outside of the Handloaders Rules and to determine whether or not their actions meet the criteria set out in clause 7B 2 above.

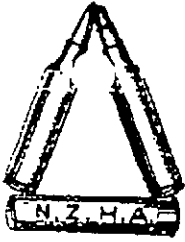


Barry Upton
President

New Zealand Handloaders Pistol Club Inc

Attachments:

- Annexure "A" Handloaders correspondence to the Pistol Club dated 29 May 1997
- Annexure "B" Handloaders correspondence to the Canterbury Shooting Federation dated 19 July 2004.
- Annexure "C" Graeme Barbers email to the Pistol Club, NZ Police and NZPA dated 9 June 2009.
- Annexure "D" The Handloaders Rules which members of the Handloaders allege have been broken by the Handloaders.



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**NEW ZEALAND
HANDLOADERS ASSN. (INC.)**

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CHRISTCHURCH

29 May 1997

N.Z.H.A. Pistol Club
C/- Mr B. Upton
President
10 Malta Crescent
CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Barry,

as requested, for the purposes of your application for the pistol range inspection and approval, I wish to formally notify your committee of the ground usage agreement, between your club and the parent body.

The New Zealand Handloaders Ass. Inc. has allocated the N.Z. Handloaders Pistol Club Inc. that area of land it holds its base shown outlined in red on the attached plan diagrams for the use of a pistol range.

I wish to reiterate, that according to the official rules of both clubs, that members of the N.Z. Handloaders Pistol Club **must** first be a member of the parent association (being the N.Z. Handloaders Assn Inc.) **before** they can become members of the Pistol Club. Members **must also be financial** to the parent club to retain membership of the Pistol Club.

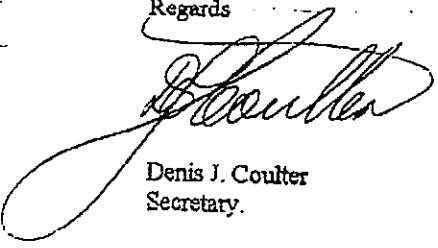
The partition of the two clubs has arisen due to the requirements of the N.Z. Police and the N.Z. Pistol Assn. requiring the formation of a separate pistol club and committee.

The N.Z. Handloaders Assn Inc., due to the requirements of membership, considers the Pistol Club as another section of the parent club operating within our facilities. Access and use of the facilities is no different for members of the Pistol Club, as they are already members of the parent club.

When your club has been granted range approval, please forward a copy of the restrictions and requirements of the range, so that these may be advertised in the N.Z.H.A. newsletter. All members and visitors to the grounds must obey all rules as dictated by the approval.

Best wishes to you and your club for range approval.

Regards



Denis J. Coulter
Secretary.

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19 July 2004

Bill Wright
Secretary
Canterbury Shooting Federation

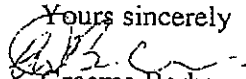
Dear Bill

The NZHA Committee has reconsidered a previous decision not to apply to the CSF for non-grounded membership. Over the past 3 years and as the NZ Antique Arms Canterbury delegate I have in a way also been the informal link for the NZHA. This arrangement has been advantageous to all three organizations especially throughout the re-certification and CCC funding application processes. The NZHA is very appreciative of the work done by the CSF.

Therefore, please accept this letter as an application for membership of the CSF to be considered at your next AGM.

As background, NZHA occupies land leased from Environment Canterbury. A section of our club, the NZH Pistol Club Inc, whose members must also belong to NZHA have been designated an area of the occupied land ~~at no~~ charge to develop ~~and~~ use for pistol shooting. In order to best represent the interests of both these clubs and if our application is successful then it has been suggested by the Committee that the NZHA be represented by 1 delegate from both the NZHA as parent body and the NZH Pistol club.

As I am likely to be attending the AGM, depending on the date, I will be on hand to speak to this application if required.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Barber

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From: "Graeme" <graeme.woodend@extra.co.nz>
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<gary@libertyengineering.co.nz>; "Wally Cole" <wcole@extra.co.nz>; "Pistol New Zealand"
<info@pistolnz.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 11:54 PM
Subject: NZHPC range at the NZHA facilities in Christchurch

> Hi Jason

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> Tonight at its monthly meeting the Management Committee were advised
> by the person who surveyed all existing ranges in readiness for
> further range developments that the current height of the earthen
> component of the NZHPC range centre berm is 4m which is 1m lower than
> the NZPC 2005 range guidelines. The berm has stacked unfilled tyres on
> top that take the total centre berm height to 5.4m.

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> Also, range 4 now has 2 containers side by side running longways on
> the left hand side of the range floor. One container ends 7m from the
> centre berm and the other 3m. A 10m pistol range is set up on the
> right hand side of the range floor and along side the 2 containers.

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> With the NZHA MC ultimately responsible for all activities on the
> facilities including those undertaken by kindred clubs such as the
> NZHPC clarification was sought from Range Certifier Wally Cole
> regarding the compliance of range
> 4 to certification requirements. Wally confirmed that the height of
> the earthen component of the berm was below current minimum
> expectations (and what he had been advised by NZHPC during the
> certification process) and also advised that the location of the
> containers within the range floor of range constituted an alteration
> to the Range 4 certification requirements. He advised that with this
> knowledge the NZHA MC would need to range close the range immediately
> and until it had been recertified. Wally stated that he would
> immediately advise Margaret Brown NZPA Secretary of this decision.

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> Following this advice from Wally Cole the NZHA moved to close range 4
> and immediately advised Gary Vallance NZHPC Secretary by phone.

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> The NZHA is keen to see the pistol range recertified as soon as
> practicable and as such will be undertaking further earthworks within
> range 4 once a Land Use Agreement has been signed with the NZHPC.

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> The NZHA will tomorrow be placing a sign on one of the containers
> advising that pistol range 4 is closed until further notice.

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> Kind regards
> Graeme Barber
> Secretary

Excerpts from the NZHA Revised Rules dated June 2008.

Rules:

- 2A *The association is established substantially and primarily to promote, within New Zealand, amateur shooting, being an amateur game or sport that is conducted for the recreation of the general public.*
- 2B1 **Primary Objects:** *Provide shooting facilities for persons engaged or interested in amateur shooting.*
- 2B4 **Primary Objects:** *Establishing relationships between similar organisations in the interests of promoting amateur shooting.*
- 2D **Association's Objects Paramount:** *Notwithstanding anything else contained in these Rules, no power or reservation expressed or implied in these Rules authorises anything that does not further the objects contained in clause 2B and 2C (“the Association’s Objects). The Associations Objects are paramount and exclude any act or omission that is or may be deemed not in accordance with the Association’s Objects.*
- 4C **Participation:** *A member shall have the right to participate in all aspects, activities, and deliberations of the Association, within the limits defined by these rules.*
- 7B2 **Cessation of Membership:** *If the Management Committee, after due investigation, considers that he or she is guilty of misconduct which is dishonourable or derogatory to the future of the Association or if any other circumstances arise which in the opinion of the Management Committee justifies this course of action”.*