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Presidents Report - June 2017

Hello everyone and welcome to our new members

The measuring night has come and gone for another year and the number of heads entered was down from last year. I suspect some members don't enter trophies because they think the head will not score high enough. The Antler Horn & Tusk competition is about measuring then ranking trophies and if good enough they go into the national competition. However at branch level your trophy doesn't have to be a world beater and it's great to see what our hunters have taken through the year no matter what the size. This year we had a nice Sika Stag and Tahr skins entered for the skin competition. Hopefully seeing these skins displayed might prompt more hunters to keep the skins as well as the meat and trophy head.

The administration building at the range is almost complete and a huge vote of thanks must go to Grant Hammond for his contribution to managing this project.

The Clubs personal locator beacons are fast approaching the day when the batteries will require replacing. The Committee was in the process of deciding whether to replace battery's or replace the units. This decision has been overshadowed by a fantastic offer from Rod Mills our Patron to donate 5 new PLB's to the club. On behalf of the Club I would take this opportunity to thank you Rod for your very generous donation. Also thanks to Stacy from Hamills for supporting Rod with the purchase of these PLB's.

Our Annual Dinner (17th June) is fast approaching and we would like to see a good turnout for the evening. Tickets will be available at the next Club night or by contacting Paul Hill. Please don't leave it to the last minute to purchase tickets as we need to have some idea on numbers to plan for the night.

We will have a working bee on Saturday 10th June 9.00am start, to spring clean the club rooms. Any help you can give would be appreciated.
We are still in the process of organising a speaker for June Club Night and may not have this for the newsletter so an email will be sent out.

That's it for this month, see you at the Club Night

Clyde

COVER PHOTO – from Chris Munro (Measuring Night)
(If you have a photo that would be suitable for the cover, please contact the newsletter editor.)

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COMING EVENTS

JUNE 2017				
Tuesday	6th	7.30pm	Club Night, Speaker **TBA**	NZDA Clubrooms
Saturday	10th	9.00am	CLUBROOMS Working Bee	NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday	13th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Sunday	25th		Range Open Day	NZDA Range

JULY 2017				
Tuesday	4th	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday	11th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

AUGUST 2017				
Tuesday	1st	7.30pm	Club Night	NZDA Clubrooms
Tuesday	8th	7.30pm	Committee Night	NZDA Clubrooms

Club Night starts at 7.30pm
but doors open at 7.00pm so feel free to come along earlier
for a catch up with your fellow hunters before the night officially starts!

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A dessert to share

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Buffet meal

Venison

Glazed Ham

Raffles

Ticket prize draw

Roaring competition

BOP Branch

67th Annual Dinner and Prize Giving

Saturday 17th June 2017

NZ Deerstalkers Club Rooms, Tauriko

Doors open 5.30pm – Dinner 6.30pm Sharp

Ticket prize will be $100 Hamills Voucher

A photo from last months Buy, Sell, Exchange night!

Measuring Night 2017

NOTE
'For all those entering photos in the Annual Photographic competition, please note that photos taken on a trail camera are not eligible for Sequence competition(Milsom cup)'. Thanks,

Notice to Hunters and Trampers

It has been an ongoing issue within the DoC estate in many areas of New Zealand that hunters and other hut users have been cutting up wooden structures for firewood. In some instances there is a shortage of dry firewood but in others it is just plain laziness and lack of consideration for the environment and other peoples property and enjoyment.

In the Kaimais there has been a recent problem with the Kauritatahi Hut, which the Thames Valley Branch had spent many hours and at considerable cost on maintenance to bring the hut up to a very good standard for all to use. Like many smaller huts there is no hut fees on these and it is very disappointing to hear of this sort of problem. (Bunks being cut up for firewood) It has been considered that the only solution to the problem is to remove the fireplace. This is not an isolated case in the Kaimais; there have been previous problems at the Hurinui and also the Wairoa Shelter.

As much as it is nice to have a lovely warm fire at night there are just a few individuals out there that spoil things for everyone else. If any members see or hear of any this type of vandalism we would like to know about it. Ours and many other clubs take pride in what we have achieved over the years in retaining facilities for our members and members of the public.

Stan Lowe
Trustee
Kaimai Ridgeway Trust

BRANCH HUNT REPORT

Tahr Hunt 2017

The tentative dates for this years Tahr Hunt is Sat 28th Oct to Sun 5th Nov. However with the Kaikoura road being closed after the earthquake and the prediction that it will not reopen until the end of the year we will mostly have to make allowance for extra travel time. This could mean an extra night stop over before or after the ferry crossing in both directions. Some may also wish to fly to Christchurch but this can worked out closer to the time.
If those who are considering taking part in this years Tahr Branch Hunt please advise by email as early as possible so I can work on these logistics. The list is starting to fill up so if you have not already advised your interest please do so soon.

King Ferns

Work is on going with the Agongatete Trust who has identified a large patch of King Ferns close to the lodge that are being eaten by deer. As it is within such a short distance from the lodge shooting is not permitted. The proposal is to fence the deer out of an area of approx 3 ha. DoC is providing the funding for this and the Agongatete Trust in conjunction with the Deerstalkers will be erecting this under the guidance of Russel Nelson. The paperwork is almost completed and would expect some action by early next month. We will be calling for volunteers to help with laying out posts and digging holes. Members will be advised by email with more details, as soon as this has been set.
This is an opportunity for the Deerstalkers to demonstrate our concerns for the environment and a unique plant species that is not seen in many places.

Maungapahutu Branch Hunt

This is planned for Queens Birthday weekend – Fri 2nd to Mon 5th June. Proposed leaving time is 8am on Friday. Stay at either the Mako Mako hut or tent camps (weather dependent). Please register your names with Tim Taylor ph 027 668 9904 or email, tim@nzkayaker.com
There is a small access fee plus shared travel costs for vehicles. Hopefully we can get some meat for the annual dinner.
As the main road to Ruatahuna is still closed, we will be driving through an alternative route so it is important to contact Tim for full details.

Stan Lowe
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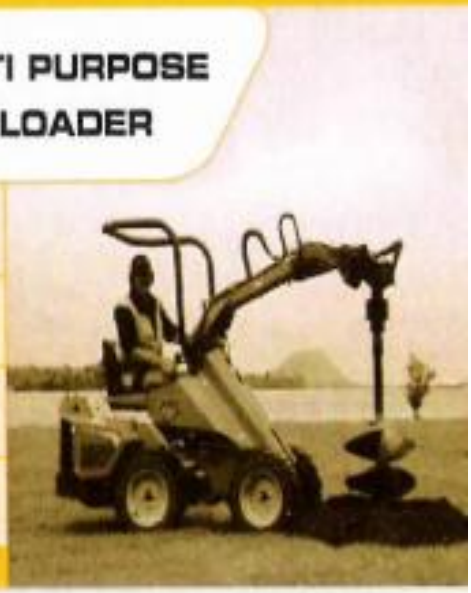

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Range News

--------- Range Ticket Holders Responsibilities ---------

Our rifle range has now been in operating since 2012 and we have been through a re-certification which included a number of changes to our ranges standing orders, and operating procedures in the range manual.

New range ticket holders are put through three inductions to make sure they understand the rules under which they must operate, which includes the requirement for them to familiarise themselves with the range standing orders and our range manual, so everyone should know all the rules!

An important point to remember, is that this is OUR range, and were all collectively responsible for it. If there is a serious incident on our range and its found that the rules were not being followed, worst case scenario is the range could be closed. Best case scenario is we will end up having to implement even more strict controls to prevent it happening again! So If you see someone not following our rules, try the soft approach first and educate them, if that does not work report your concerns to the Range Manager so appropriate action and be taken.

I've highlighted below a few of the rules that seem to cause some confusion:

Range Manual
4.6.2 Individual Member Use
Annual range ticket holders (not participating in a match or organised event) may use the range for their personal use subject to the following requirements:
-They must attend at least three shoots (and advanced inductions) under the control of a national qualified Range Officer
-Up to 3 shooters may shoot concurrently as long as they elect one person to act as the range officer to control the shooting (this person may also participate).
-From 4-6 shooters may shoot as long as they are controlled by a non-shooting range ticket holder who assumes responsibility as the Range Officer to control the shooting.
-If more than 6 shooters are participating, shooting must be controlled by a national qualified Range Officer.

What this means is that if a small group (say 3-4) are shooting, and another 4 turn up to shoot, then the total number is over 6, so either someone needs to be an NRO and control all the shooters, or you need to split the shooting into 2 details with less than 6 shooting at any one time

4.6.5 Non Range Ticket Holder Range Use

The range is only available for use by non-range ticket holders to use under direct supervision by a national qualified Range Officer.

This mode of use provides for "public open days" hosted by the club and also will enable members to invite friends along to the range for occasional use outside open and club days, but they will need to be a national qualified Range Officer, so it may encourage members to get their national Range Officer qualification.

Advisory Note: Friends or other invited visitors who are shooting will be required to pay the casual day user fee. It will be the responsibility of the controlling Range Officer to ensure that this fee is collected on behalf of the club, recorded in the range log book (as proof of receipt) and the money handed over to the clubs treasurer as soon as reasonably practical.

Range ticket holders who are not NRO's can bring non-members up to range to observe, but the visitors cannot shoot

Any shooter found not having paid the required day fee will be in violation of our insurance policy and may be deemed a trespasser.

What this means is that any shooter who does not hold a range ticket MUST be controlled by National Qualified Range Officer, so you can't take your mate up to the range for a shoot unless you are a nationally qualified range officer.

Range Standing Orders

2.9 Allowable Shooting Practices:

Only deliberate practices are allowed on this range. All shots must be fired deliberately one at a time.

NO NON-AIMED SHOTS. This is particularly relevant to semi-auto rifles under rapid-fire situations.

RAPID-FIRE shooting is **RESTRICTED** to 100m or less, in a prone or bench rest position and must be a sanctioned event under the control of a nationally qualifier Range Officer.

RAPID-FIRE shooting is **NEVER TO EXCEED** a rate of 1 shot per 1.5 second.

Advisory Note: Rapid-fire is defined as any string of shots where the rate of fire exceeds 1 shot in 3 seconds (Refer to Range Manual definition).

5 Safety Rules

The following safety rules must be complied with on the range:

5.1 Shooters may only enter or leave their firing position under direct instruction from the Range Officer.

5.2 Shooters may only use one rifle per shooting detail.

Advisory Note: Only one rifle should be made ready on the firing line to avoid the risk of loading the wrong cartridge, or leaving a rifle loaded when switching.

5.3 All firearms are to be removed from the firing line before anyone goes downrange.

Advisory Note: The firearms handling and temporary storage in the firing line building is as follows:

a. All guns on firing line are to be removed from the firing line and placed in the gun racks before Range Officer gives instruction for anyone to go downrange to check targets. Ok for other gear to be left on the firing line.

b. Shooters who finish shooting before end of detail can hold hand up for Range Officer to check gun for safety indicator, and come off the firing line and store rifle in racks.

c. RO will give clear instruction .."RANGE IS SAFE" after all rifles have been removed from firing line at end of each shooting detail before anyone can go downrange.

Range Calendar for 2017	
March	Sun 26 Mar - Public Open Day
April	Sun 30 Apr - Public Open Day
May	Sun 28 Apr - Public Open Day
June	Sun 25 Jun - Public Open Day
July	Sun 30 Jul - Public Open Day
August	Sun 13 Aug - HUNTS Sun 27 Aug - Public Open Day
September	Sun 24 Sep - Public Open Day
October	Sun 29 Oct - Public Open Day
November	Sun 26 Nov - Public Open Day
December	Sun 10 Dec - Xmas Shoot Sun 31 Dec - Public Open Day

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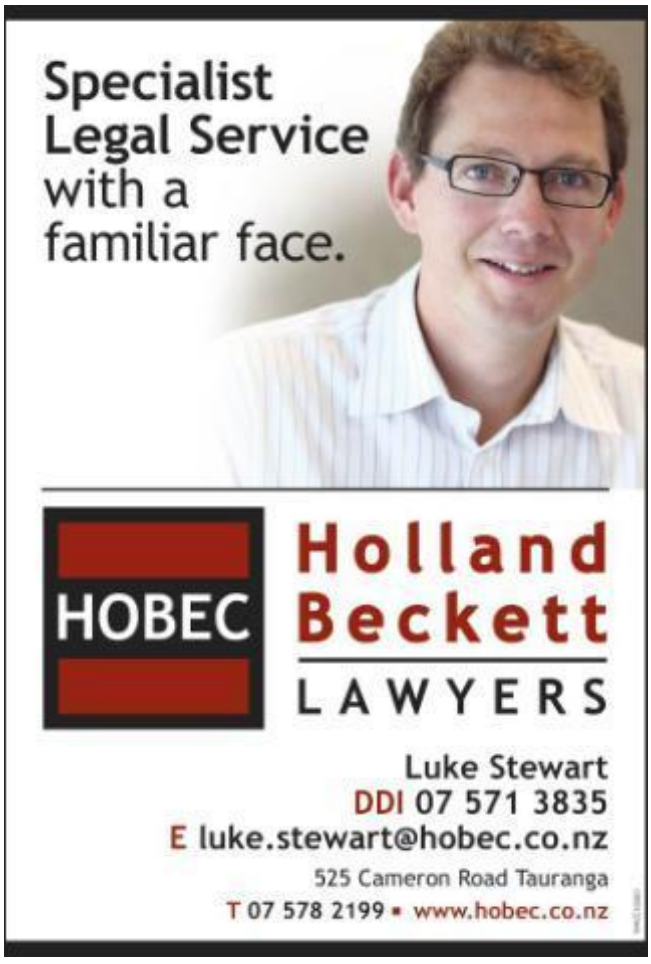

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OPERATION OVERLORD SHOOT 2017

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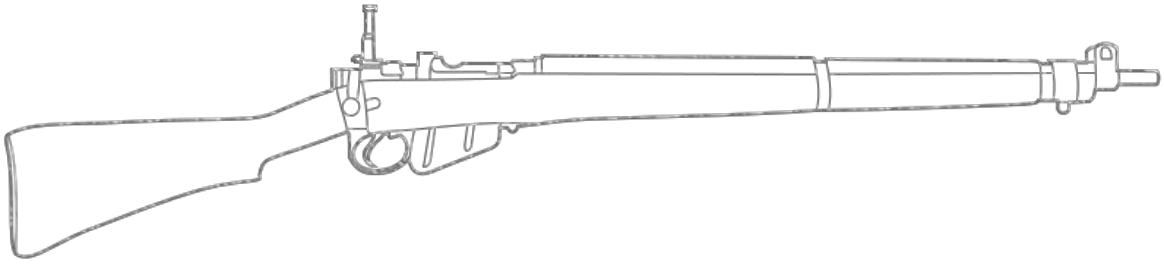
On 10th and 11th June 2017 Bay of Plenty Service Rifle Association (BOPSRA) is holding its annual Open Bolt Action Service Rifle Championships, the Operation Overlord Shoot 2017.

Over the 73rd anniversary of the Battle of Normandy (June 6th 1944 to August 25th 1944), BOPSRA welcomes competitors from across New Zealand to compete in thirteen matches over two days in three classes of shooter (Bolt Action Service Class, Open Class (Bolt), Open Class (Semi), and Sniper Class) at the TECT All Terrain Park NZDA Tauranga Rifle Range.

- Entry Fee of $100.00 applies– Includes range costs, lunch on both days, refreshments, targets (including tin hat targets for open sight shooting).
- Minimum of 20 Entrants required before May 15th 2017.
- Maximum capacity of 40 Entrants.
- Sponsored Prize draw on the day.
- Medals and Trophy to be won for Bolt Action Service Class.
- Certificates and medals to be won for Open and Sniper Classes.
- BOPSRA Keyrings available at registration.

For registration forms and further information contact BOPSRA Committee at BOPSRA.Inc@gmail.com or contact the BOPSRA Facebook page by searching @BOPSRA.



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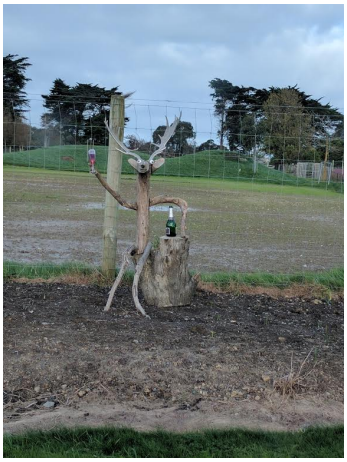

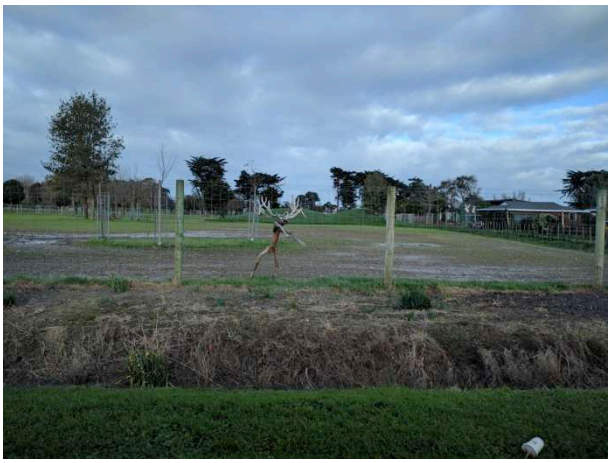

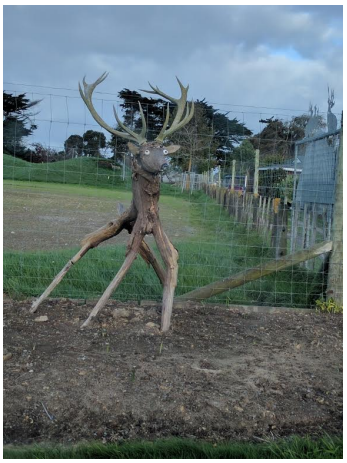

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COLFO REVIEW OF THE LAW AND ORDER SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT

Summary
The Law and Order Report ("the report") does not meet the terms of reference for which it was set up to answer. Instead, virtually without exception, it makes recommendations that target only legal possession of firearms and creates solutions that are unworkable, expensive, impracticable and will make no difference to criminal firearm misuse.
This report represents a waste of taxpayers' money and Parliament's time. The body of the report is some 18 pages which for the most part does not answer the terms of reference. The analysis is superficial and some in areas flawed. In other areas, exactly how the committee reached its conclusion is hard to ascertain. The select committee has not referenced any of its conclusions to the evidence it received. We do not know, for example, where the recommendation that ammunition purchases are recorded came from and the basis for this. By not doing so, it is hard to see the basis for any recommendation.
None of the recommendations are costed. Costing is important as expensive measures reduce Police budgets for other more pressing matters for example ensuring that burglaries are investigated. It will be recalled that the Canadian Long Gun registry debacle meant vast swathes of the Police budget was used in an ineffectual registry that could have been used for detecting and preventing crime.
A self-funding system will be expensive- and we have seen how the Canadian registry cost billions. The expense of this will act as a deterrent to compliance, and the cost shortfall will have to come from the existing Police budget with flow on effects on crime prevention and detection.

Background
Following the find of a cache of illegally held firearms, and following several sensational incidents involving criminals using firearms, the Minister of Police announced an inquiry into how the criminals obtained these firearms. The committee decided on the following terms of reference:

1. How wide spread criminal Possession of firearms is;
2. How criminals come into possession of firearms
3. What changes **may**[1] further restrict the flow of firearms to criminals and "those who do not have a licence[2]„ [1] Note the use of the word "may". The Committee, by adopting this test can adopt the most draconian changes imaginable as it "may" make a difference. [2] The inherent tautology of "criminals and those who do not have a licence". A person in possession of a firearm and not under the immediate supervision of a licence holder is a criminal.

Nowhere in the report is there any indication of the answer to this question of how widespread criminal misuse is.
There is no information into how criminals come into possession of firearms. The assumption must be therefore that sale or theft from lawfully held firearms is the major source of criminal supply. This assumption is made because the overall response of the report is towards legally held firearms and existing "fit and proper" people. Other mechanism (such as smuggling firearms into New Zealand) is simply not addressed at all, so the degree of this problem is simply unknown. This is a clear failure by the committee to do what it was asked to do. It may well be that this is simply "too hard" as to gather this information would require criminal elements to volunteer their sources[3].
The committee chose the use of the word "may" in the context of restrictions on firearms, this means that any restriction no matter how unusual can be recommended. This goes to the absolute heart of the document. The committee has profoundly asked the wrong question by giving itself to recommend anything no matter how impractical or costly as it "may" make a difference. It "may" make a difference if all rifles of .50 BMG calibre are made illegal because they "may" be used in a crime, even though these $20-50,000 rifles have never been used in a crime worldwide[4].
COLFO suggests that entirely the wrong question has been asked at the very heart of the inquiry and this has led the Committee to wrong conclusions. A better question would have been "should" not "may" and have a benchmark such as its compliance cost and effect on law abiding persons. This has not happened.
We note that the submissions as filed included a "secret" submission by New Zealand Police. This has been requested and denied, citing operational concerns. It is deeply troubling that the New Zealand Police think it appropriate to not engage with the Community they are meant to serve. Moreover, the New Zealand Police are now considered by many in the shooting community to have lost their trust. We have, for example, raised unilateral decisions with the police such as a

change in policy regarding folding stocks and security which the Police have ridden rough shod over. This can only add fuel to the fire and continues to erode the high esteem in which the Police were formally held and the overall loss of trust and confidence.

The structure of the Report

The twenty recommendations are broken up into 6 headings namely:

- The Sale and Supply of Firearms and Ammunition;
- The Definition of Military Style Semi-Automatics;
- The Effectiveness of Licensing, Training and Registering Firearms; [3] COLFO notes that it supplied to the Committee Information from a UK study which indicated how criminals in the UK obtained military firearms such as sub machine guns. [4] For completeness, we note that an IRA sniper did indeed use a .50 rifle in the 1970's. This example should, however, indicate the degree of hysteria that this issue can create.
- Criminal Offending with Firearms;
- The Reduction in the number of "Grey Firearms[5]"
- The Importation of Firearms. As will be seen, only one of the headings clearly covers the scope of the report. The rest seem to clearly, or at least partially look only at lawfully held firearms. We will look at these topics in turn. **Sale and Supply of Firearms and Ammunition** These recommendations for the most part are against the weight of the evidence presented to the Committee. Recommendations one and two are "tinkering" with the Arms Act. While in general no sensible opposition can be raised to a dealer's licence being needed to supply ammunition by way of a business the committee has no given a reason for this. Indeed, when we reflect this against the purpose of the report, the committee must have evidence that ammunition is being supplied to criminals as a business. There is no evidence of this ever having taken place in New Zealand. Moreover, COLFO is concerned this could be used to restrict ammunition supply only to firearms which are "registered[6]". It is not uncommon, for example, on a hunting trip to ask a colleague to purchase ammunition for them which may not be of a type for a firearm you own. Recommendation four- that the Arms Act is amended to require dealers to keep records of ammunition sold- makes no sense. What this will record is that a dealer sold ammunition to a licensed person as a licence is required to show to purchase ammunition. This would create thousands of business records every day and there is no logical reason why this would prevent criminals having access to firearms. There is no compliance cost analysis for this. Ammunition has no unique identifier and there is no logical basis for this recommendation. We note that usually shots are not fired in a Criminal activity as the firearm is presented for show. COLFO is baffled as to how this makes any difference to criminal misuse of firearms. All it records is a person legally purchases an item they are legally allowed to possess. Recommendation four states "many" submitters raised concerns about the sale of firearms online. This is disingenuous. The bulk of submissions- we estimate 95%- did not raise this issue at all. Notwithstanding, recommendation four suggests that websites that sell firearms be registered with the Police- presumably so they can be regularly checked. More over some websites- such as Trade Me- merely facilitate the sale by introducing vendors to purchasers. The onus is still on the vendor to inspect the licence and by not doing so are committing an offence. Moreover, does this mean if firearms are sold in a print medium (such as "Buy, Sell and Exchange") do these need to be registered in some way? Clearly there is no difference whatsoever. [5] These are firearms that are held illegally, but not for any nefarious purpose. [6] See below.

We have observed that there is no suggestion of what compliance costs will be and unless this occurs regularly this recommendation is merely window dressing. There is no doubt that the Police cannot administer the Arms Act as it stands and all this will do is divert resources from other areas, such as data matching if licensees are gang affiliates.

Recommendation five is that the permit to procure system is used for ALL firearms. The legal sale of a firearms is from one licence to another and both parties inspect the other licence. This process was abandoned in the 1970s as being unworkable as New Zealand moved to the registering the owner, not the item. There is no doubt that this is registration by stealth[7]. The cost of this is not quantified. The report states "this will enable the Police to build up a database". It can only be noted with dismay that that despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the committee have decided registration will work in some way.

Moreover, any data base is hackable despite the best intentions. There have been instances of NZ Government databases being hacked which will lead to a "shopping list" being made available to the criminal underworld.

Definition of Military Style Semi-Automatics

COLFO is concerned however that leaving what is a MSSA to the Police will simply lead to the usual Police approach of dictation to the firearms community without any regard to the practicalities[8]. Most importantly however, this recommendation has **nothing to do** with any of the terms of reference.

We note that if all semi-automatics become "E" category then:

- Even more people will be able to possess higher capacity magazines[9];
- Even more people will be able to legally own what are now highly restricted items;
- Police would not be able to keep up with the increased vetting and security check requirements;
- Many people will conceal what they own due to fears of forcible confiscation[10] which will lead to a vastly increased pool

of “grey guns” – an area which the committee note need to be reduced. We note that it was Police misguided action in relation to “thumbhole” stocks that led to the flood of clearly “A” Cat semi-automatics coming into New Zealand. [7] It is almost beyond belief that the Committee considers registration a workable solution given the overwhelming evidence of how ineffective it is. [8] Police ignored COLFO when it came to the thumbhole stock case and as a result lost in the High Court. [9] We estimate 80-90% of all New Zealand shooters own at least one semi-automatic rifle or shotgun [10] COLFO can only say this view is understandable given that in every case we are aware of registration leads to confiscation of private property from only lawful people. The Australian “buy-Back” despite its name was mandatory confiscation of private property and netted only 20% of legally held guns for a third of a billion dollars outlay.

Effectiveness of licensing and “Registering”

Despite this somewhat broad brush the committee has concluded that a solution is that firearms prohibition orders should be made available. We note however that a person in possession of illegal firearms can face severe penalties currently.

The committee recommends that the term fit and proper is codified to align with the Police Arms Manual. This term has been in existence for a long time and the case law has made it well refined.

There is some discussion that a stand down period is created before a licence is revoked. Putting aside the issue of whether this really meets the terms of reference, if a person has had their licence revoked, and is now a “fit and proper” person it is hard to see exactly what this will achieve. COLFO is concerned that a person may be dis-incentivised from self- reporting mental health issues as their licence will be suspended for a period.

The Committee recommends that being a gang member or prospect is grounds to not be a fit and proper person. This is fully supported, providing there is a mechanism to challenge the assessment through the Courts.

Recommendation 11 is simply illogical and almost incomprehensible. Despite clear evidence of the cost and ineffectiveness of any sort of firearms registry the committee recommends when security is checked or license are renewed then serial numbers “are recorded”. This is registration. This is a costly, ineffective and even when we benchmark it against the “may” test adopted by the committee then it is impossible to see how this makes any difference to the illegal obtaining of firearms.

Criminal offending with firearms

There is recommendation that penalties for firearms offences are reviewed. While there is an argument that the regimes are somewhat dated, we do note that the reviews recommendations will create people who have committed crimes as a result of the law changes recommended. For example, if the ever popular Ruger 10/22 .22 rifle becomes an “E” category firearm, then this will mean someone caught by these law changes could face a disproportionate penalty. Much would turn on any lead in period which would need to be substantial.

We also note that since illegal firearms are closely associated with the illegal sale of narcotics, and given that a concurrent sentence is likely, then unless the penalties in the Arms Act exceed those in the Misuses of Drugs act this is unlikely to have any real deterrent value. COLFO supports however, any stance that will target those who combine drugs and firearms.

There is a suggestion that the storage requirements for “A” Category forearms are looked at. This is an area that has been broached endlessly at the CFAC and can be characterised by an inflexible and intolerant view from Police. The suggestion that “non-requirement with storage” is a ground for revocation is nice in theory but needs to be approached with extreme care. From time to time firearms are reasonably improperly secured. Technically, if a person
is coming back from a hunting trip and stops to relieve
themselves with rifle stored in the car, then the firearm is unsecured. It seems remarkable that this should automatically lead to a loss of licence. If a person is cleaning a rifle after a shooting session, and the door bell rings, then are they supposed to answer the door rifle in hand?

Reducing the number of “Grey” firearms

COLFO fully supports an amnesty. This should be advertised as widely as possible. We would suggest that part of this process is a reminder a dealer may well purchase a “grey” firearms as an incentive to remove from circulation a “grey” firearm.

Importing firearms into New Zealand

This recommendation covers when a person legally imports firearms either for hunting or competition and recommends that it is checked with Police that they are indeed removed. This seems fine, although it should be made clear that the firearms can be lawfully on sold or gifted whilst in New Zealand to the appropriate person. Experience has taught that some competitors gift items on leaving New Zealand. In addition ins some cases firearms are left in New Zealand by their owners to avoid difficulties in re-importing.

Conclusion

Overall there is little in this report COLFO supports. While we do endorse and agree with some of the measures which target gangs and narcotics, we are of the view that this report is flawed and is unsafe to make law on. The report for the most part does not meet its terms of reference.

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Hunting Safety Guidelines

Hunting Safety Guidelines (Some suggestions from committee discussions)

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8. Identify your target beyond any doubt.
9. Check the firing zone for people, non-target stock, buildings etc.
10. Never fire above the skyline.
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12. Never skylark with weapons.

Application for Membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc.) 2017/2018

To
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association (Inc) Bay of Plenty Branch
P O Box 3111
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Dear Treasurer,

I am applying for membership of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association for the 2017/18 year (March 1st 2017– February 28th 2018).

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Family Members: (please see over page for more information)	Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____	DOB: _____ DOB: _____ DOB: _____ DOB: _____
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The membership type I am applying for is: **Period Joined** (Circle one)

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