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## **I. Introduction**

**In the late 1970's** a diverse group of local sportsmen in the Intermountain Area of northern California were looking for a safe place to sight in their rifles and enjoy some friendly competition. They began meeting on an out of the way piece of public land near the community of Hat Creek. Soon, others hearing of “this place to shoot”, joined the group and the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (Club) was born. Their early success however was short lived as the US Forest Service did not find the organized firearms activities compatible with other uses in the area and suggested that the Club find another location.

In 1979 discussions were opened with Pacific Gas and Electric Company to lease some of their surplus property for a shooting range (Range). The Club secured a lease in 1980 and began improving the property with volunteer labor and private donations. This process continued for the next 25 years. Today, the Club boasts a growing membership of over two hundred members and is recognized as one of the premier gun clubs in California. The Range is managed by a thirteen member Board of Directors. It is the only managed civilian rifle range in Shasta County.

At their regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2005, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta unanimously passed Resolution Number 2005-130. (See appendices) The Resolution recognizes many of the benefits that the Club brings to the residents of the area. It concludes with “the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta expresses its strong support for the continued operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club at its current location and supports and encourages the vesting of this property to the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club.”

## II. Overview

The Club leases approximately 200 acres of land from Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the north side of State Highway 299 East between Burney and Fall River Mills for the purpose of operating a rifle and pistol shooting range facility. (see appendix for legal description). The Club has operated at this site since about 1980 and has enjoyed a cordial and constructive relationship with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for nearly 25 years.

What started with about a half dozen people looking for a safe place to shoot has evolved into a rifle and pistol club that embraces almost every facet of the rifle and pistol shooting disciplines. There is a year around calendar of events (attached) for members and non-members alike that illustrates the popularity of the Range. The Range is open to other clubs who seek an organized, safe and secure place to practice and compete. It is open to youth groups free of charge and is used by local law enforcement agencies.

While most of the Club membership comes from the Intermountain Area<sup>1</sup> many club members routinely travel from Redding, Red Bluff, Yreka and Alturas to compete in weekly events. The National Rifle Association (NRA) and California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) sanctioned shooting contests draw contestants from as far away as Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona.



**The Hat Creek Range provides a safe, comfortable place to practice or compete.**

One reason for the Club's growth is the fact that other shooting ranges that once existed on rural lands adjacent to cities have been forced to close. Urban sprawl and rising land values made it impossible to continue operation. Though public lands are abundant in northern California, political and practical considerations voiced by the land management agencies have forced organized shooters to look elsewhere.

The Club is a unique organization that has grown from "a half a dozen people looking for a safe place to shoot" to the most active shooting range in northern California. The Club's efforts to

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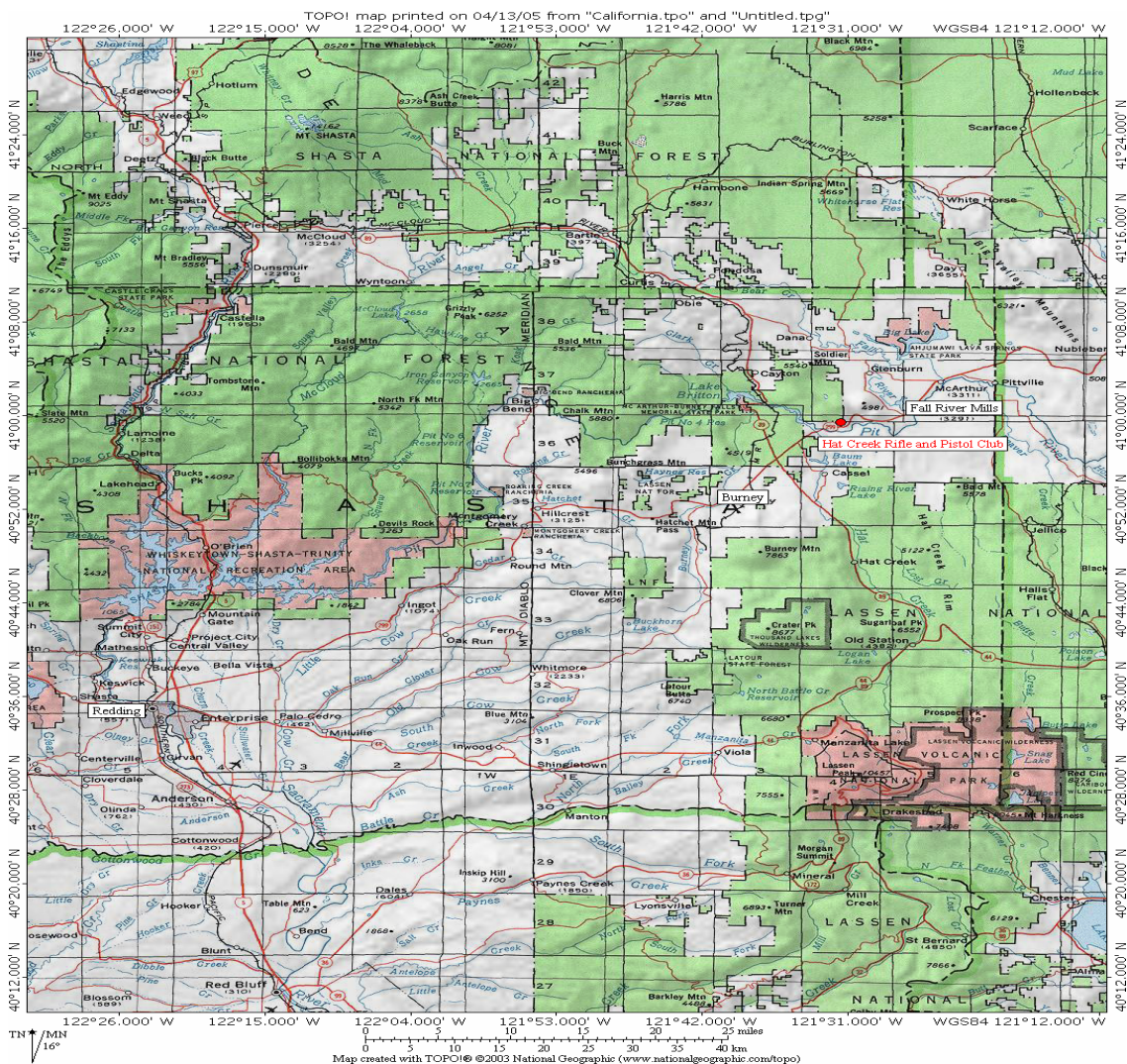
<sup>1</sup> Intermountain Area: an informal regional designation for that area between Mt. Shasta, Mt Lassen, Burney Valley and Big Valley.



promote competition, instruction and safe gun handling have earned recognition from the National Rifle Association and the California Rifle and Pistol Association.

### III. Statement of Purpose:

Though formed as a Club around 1979 the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. did not incorporate until 2003 when it sought and was granted 501c7 status as a “Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation” under the laws of the state of California. (Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws included in appendix). The stated purpose for which this corporation was formed...” is to operate a rifle and pistol shooting facility in Shasta, County California, in order to provide a safe venue for residents, agencies and organizations of the community to engage in shooting activities, giving them a better understanding of safe handling and proper care of fire arms”.



**The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol and Club Range is located on Highway 299 East between the towns of Burney and Fall River Mills, approximately 68 miles east of Redding.**



#### **IV. Membership**

Membership in this organization is open to any United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, who subscribes to the membership pledge (see bylaws) and is affirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. No person may be denied membership in this club for the reasons of sex, race, creed, color or national origin. Range privileges are extended to the immediate family of the dues paying member. As of the end of 2004 the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. had 214 dues paying members.



Since about 2002 the Club has noticed a rise in Club membership from outside of northern California. Typically, these members either vacation or own land but do not live in the Intermountain Area and use the range when they visit. Many state that they have joined the Club because facilities such as ours are not available where they live.

#### **V. Range Facilities**

##### Range Location

The site for the Range was chosen with safety as the primary criteria. Additional considerations were minimal environmental impacts, year around access and enough land and natural barriers to provide a “buffer zone” for adjacent land uses. Several sites were considered before the present Range location was selected. The Range location is just north of

**The 2005 "Hunter Pistol" State Championships were held at the Hat Creek Range.**

State Highway 299 East between Burney and Fall River Mills. Covering an area slightly in excess of 200 acres, the Range is situated on a rocky flat that is nearly surrounded by ridges. These ridges provide a natural barrier necessary for range safety. The location also eliminates any off site noise problems. The range can not be seen from the highway and most of the land has been left in an unaltered natural state. The actual shooting ranges and associated facilities occupy less than 40 acres of the 200 acres leased. Adjacent lands are owned by PG&E and the US Forest service. The nearest inhabited dwellings are the Pit River Lodge (Pit 1 powerhouse) 1.5 miles to the east and a cabin at Wolfen Springs 1.5 miles to the south.

##### Shooting Venues

The Range facilities consist of four separate shooting venues, a pistol/small bore range, a high power range, a police range and a cowboy action shooting range. The layout of these shooting areas makes it possible, under most scenarios, to have at least two of the

venues open at the same time for formal competitive shooting and/or informal practice or recreational shooting activities.



The Pistol and Small Bore Range is intended for use by pistol shooters and those who like to shoot the popular .22 cal. rimfire firearms. There are eight covered shooting stations on a concrete pad, a separate position for sighting in firearms and a small warming hut with a wood stove. This range has target stands and earthen berms (backstops) that can accommodate silhouette matches out to 200 meters. Permanent metal silhouette targets are provided for practice and recreational shooting. This range was designed for competitive shooting and has hosted several state championship pistol matches over the last few years.

**Shooting positions on the Pistol/Small Bore Range.**

The High Power Rifle Range can accommodate just about any sporting firearm on the market today. From its eight covered shooting positions shooters can safely use their firearms out to a range of 500 meters (550 yds). Permanent target stands with earthen berms support silhouette shooting competitions from 40 to 500 meters. Two permanent concrete benches provide a stable foundation from which to sight in or verify the accuracy of a firearm. These benches are quite popular in the late summer as members and local residents alike get their rifles ready for the fall deer seasons. This range also incorporates a warming hut with a wood stove making year around shooting much more pleasant.

Adjacent to the High Power Rifle Range is the recently upgraded Police Range. Developed with input from County, State and Federal peace officers in the area, this range offers covered shooting positions for six shooters, and a concrete shooting bench. What sets this range apart from the others is the flat graded area in front of the shooting positions. This area allows law enforcement to place and move props, targets and shooting positions for training and certification activities. Others can use this 100-yard maximum range when it is not being used by law enforcement.

The Cowboy Action Shooting venue is unlike any of the three ranges described above and is configured to accommodate the unique needs of this popular shooting sport. Typically shot in stages or different “western shooting situations” Cowboy Action Shooters require a range that can be set up differently for each match. The Cowboy venue at the Range is set up in a horseshoe configuration. In this way the shooters have the ability to safely shoot in three directions simultaneously on one range. When this venue is in use the High Power Range must be shut down as a portion of its down range area is shared with the Cowboy Action area.

### Other Facilities and Improvements

The access road to the Range is gated and locked with only Club members having the combination (changed annually). The road and parking areas are graded and covered with crushed rock for dust abatement. The Range property has been fenced to keep cattle from adjacent PG&E lands from wandering onto the property though PG&E eliminated grazing leases on their lands several years ago the fences remain intact. The perimeter is signed “ Rifle Range Keep Out” to alert hikers or hunters that they are approaching a shooting range.

The Club has constructed a very attractive shaded picnic area complete with barbecue grills, picnic benches and tables. This facility is generally used to serve meals to competitors during the larger state or regional events or by the other clubs or youth groups who use the range facilities.



**The principle shooting venues at the Hat Creek Range.**

at specific distances. The size and distance to each target varies with the particular shooting discipline. Typically targets are placed from 25 to 500 meters from the shooting line. The targets represent the silhouette shape of a chicken, pig, turkey and ram. Their size, shape, weight and placement are all governed by nationally recognized and accepted guidelines.

The beauty of this sport is the instant gratification. There are no scoring rings or bulls eyes to shoot for or score; simply knock the metal target off of its stand with one shot and you are awarded a point. Most events are shot standing up without benefit of a rest or artificial shooting aid and consist of 40 or 60 target matches. The NRA governs the firearms that are used for each event. The standardized rules and regulations mean that several competitions can be held concurrently on the same range as long as the target size and distance of each discipline is compatible. This gives shooters more opportunity to

The club provides chemical toilets, including a handicapped (wheelchair accessible) model for those who use our range. The toilets are serviced on a regular basis and after major shooting events or range use by large groups etc. Garbage cans are provided and garbage pickup is handled by the Club with disposal at the Shasta County transfer station in Burney.

### **V. Range Activities:**

The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club has set up its ranges primarily to accommodate the international sport of metallic silhouette shooting. This sport, started in Mexico about forty years ago, now encompasses nearly thirty individual shooting disciplines from air gun to muzzle loaders and high power rifle. It features shooting at metal targets placed



participate and gain exposure to the many facets the sport has to offer. The Club currently supports ten metallic silhouette shooting disciplines; but will add more if there is enough interest.

Another popular form of metallic silhouette target shooting that is gaining popularity at the Range is the sport of handgun silhouette matches sponsored by the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association (IHMSA). IHMSA shooters use the same metallic targets as those used by the NRA shooters. They do all of their shooting with handguns. Their various shooting disciplines employ everything from an off the shelf revolver or pistol to one of a kind, bolt action pistols capable of knocking over the heavy ram targets at 200 meters. The lack of other ranges capable of hosting IHMSA events has resulted in the Range drawing IHMSA shooters from as far away as Sacramento and southern Oregon.

The Club also accommodates shooters who participate in the fastest growing shooting sport in the United States today; “Cowboy Action Shooting”. This shooting sport



**The “Cowboy Action Shoots” consist of a timed event where competitors in western garb shoot at a variety of targets using period firearms.**

that come to watch the fast action. Our Range has enough room for this type of activity and hosted a very successful regional event in 2004.

features participants, costumed as characters from the old west, shooting antique or reproduction firearms of that era. Similar to the sport of metallic silhouette shooting, Cowboy Action Shooters shoot at metallic targets; but their size and distance can vary greatly. The shooter has to be proficient with pistol, rifle and shotgun! The shooters shoot in stages. Each stage has props that simulate scenes or themes from the old west. Here the action is fast and exciting. The target presentation and theme of each stage is limited only by the imagination of those conducting the contest. Cowboy Action Shoots require a lot of space to safely set up their stages while at the same time safely accommodating the many spectators

Of the four shooting venues (described under “Facilities”) available at Range one was designed specifically to meet the needs of local law enforcement who shoot and train here on a regular basis. The peace officers have access to the range to shoot and practice on their own or their departments can reserve the range for a day or more for more specific or formal training activities which includes long range shooting for SWAT teams etc. Those departments that have used the range include: The Shasta County Sheriffs Department, California Highway Patrol, US Park Service, California Parks and Recreation Department, US Forest Service and the US Bureau of Land Management.

The Club is most proud of it's commitment to bring an exposure to all kinds of shooting sports activities to the youth of the Intermountain Area in a safe environment. Junior shooters (under age 21) shoot free in all of our scheduled matches and if needed are provided with proper ear and eye protection. The Club has reached out to local clubs and



**Teaching young shooters proper firearms safety is a priority of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club.**

service groups like the Four-H, Future Farmers of America and Boy Scouts of America offering free access to the Range so that their membership can receive the proper instruction in safe firearms handling. The Club has recently purchased four .22 caliber rifles for use in this type of instruction. Presently each group using the Range has to provide its own instructors. Several club members are investigating opportunities to complete NRA instructor certification.

The Range has been used by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Ducks Unlimited for their youth day activities which feature exposure for youngsters and their parents or guardians to shooting sports, outdoor skills and conservation ethics. These events are very popular and usually feature a barbecue and some friendly competition for prizes donated by local business.

One of the most unique features of the Club is the ability of its members to use the range facilities at their convenience for target practice. Unlike the highly regulated ranges located in urban areas, the Hat Creek Range can accommodate informal shooting activities because of its controlled access, and multiple shooting venues.

Before they can use the range new members must attend a "Range Orientation" tour and are given a written copy of the range safety rules. After the orientation new members and their immediate family are allowed to use the range facilities when formal competitions or events are not being held. The general public is only allowed to use the range during scheduled Club events when Club members are present. Though no formal records are kept that can document the amount of informal shooting by the general public that goes on at the range, we estimate that type of use at about 1000 shooter hours each year.

## **VII. Public Benefits**

In the rural areas of California hunting and shooting sports are a way of life. Family vacations are often planned around the opening of deer season. In communities like Burney and Fall River Mills the fishing season and deer hunting season represent increased tourism dollars and an economic boost to an otherwise sluggish economy.

By providing a year around recreational opportunity to those who enjoy the shooting sports and the out of doors the Club provides a positive influence on the economy of the

Intermountain Area. People who would not otherwise have reason to visit the area come to use the Club's facilities. They buy supplies, food and fuel from the local merchants..

Through it's youth outreach program the Club seeks to introduce youngsters to safe firearms handling and shooting sports activities. This is done by working with groups such as the Boy Scouts of America, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, 4 H, and the Wild Turkey Federation. The Club is currently investigating the possibility of sponsoring firearms safety and shooting events open to any young person in the Intermountain Area.

Perhaps the greatest public benefit that the Club has in the Intermountain Area is the least obvious. By providing a safe, clean and accessible place to shoot, residents of the Intermountain Area are less likely to take their "informal" shooting activities to nearby



public or private properties. Historically, local resource agencies, PG&E and private land owners have had to deal with unauthorized access, litter, vandalism and sensitive land use issues where local residents have gathered to plink or sight in their rifles. Such "casual use" over time often results in rutted roads, an eyesore of broken glass and beverage cans and abandoned appliances as well as damage to the environment. Activities such as this often result in large tracts of land being closed to everyone in order to mitigate the poor behavior of a relatively small portion of the population.

**Many seniors find competitive shooting an enjoyable outdoor activity.**

By providing the public a limited amount of free access to the Range the Club provides an attractive alternative to the possibly unsafe and unsightly

impromptu shooting spot. Often, when first time range users see what we have to offer they join the Club and become involved in one or more organized shooting activities. This has a positive ripple effect as friends and extended families hear about our facility and find it easier and more enjoyable to spend a day at the Range than to use national forest and private land for their shooting activities.

### **VIII. Environmental**

By its very nature the land leased to the Club is a veritable wild game refuge. The perimeter of the range property is posted "Keep Out Rifle Range" in order to warn hunters hunting on adjacent Forest Service and PG&E lands that shooting range activities are being conducted behind the warning signs. This discourages most hunters from pursuing deer and quail, the most prevalent game species, on the property leased by the Club. Deer occupy the range property during all times of the year; but their numbers seem to increase during the fall when hunting pressure pushes them to this "safe haven". The deer do not seem at all disturbed by the shooting activity at the range. In fact, it is



not uncommon to have to interrupt a shooting event to allow the deer to pass through one of the shooting venues.

It has always been the Club's practice not to disturb the flora or fauna on the range property. One of the reasons that this piece of PG&E property was chosen for a shooting range is because the primary shooting area (approx 40 acres) had been cleared many



Some of the "Locals" who hang out at the Hat Creek Range.

visitors will see it as we do; "something special that should be preserved for future generations."

years ago for ranching or livestock activities. The Club, with permission from PG&E, took out dead or dying trees where they presented a safety hazard. The shooting venues were fitted to the property and not the other way around.

The Club has leased the Range property for about 25 years therefore we have a vested interest to see that the property is properly managed so that we can enjoy it for many more years. We take a lot of pride in our Range and are confident that: first time

## IX. Facts and Figures

**214** - Number of paid memberships in 2004

**79** - Number of competitive shooting matches in 2004

**8** - Number of weekends in 2004 when there were **no** scheduled shooting events.

**10,000** - Estimated number of hours members used range for casual (non-competitive) shooting activities in 2004.

**1000** - Estimated number of hours range used by non-members for casual shooting activities in 2004.

**84** - Number of State and National Championship titles held by Hat Creek Rifle Club members.

**0** - The number of firearm accidents at the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club in its 25 years of operation

**\$2,000,000** – The amount of liability insurance the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club carries.

The largest event put on at the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club in 2004 was the Cowboy Action Shoot "*Ambush at Hat Creek*". This event hosted 85 shooters and was attended

by an estimated 100 spectators. The most popular Silhouette shoots in 2004 were the long range, small bore and pistol cartridge lever action matches. A combined total of 45 matches were held throughout the year with shooters attending from all over northern California and southern Oregon.



Some of the "Best in the West" come to compete in the State Muzzleloader Championships held at the Hat Creek Range.

In 2004 the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club donated over **\$2,000** to non-profit charities and collected a whole car load of toys for the Fall River Mills Community Food Pantry for their annual Christmas baskets.

The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club hosted the first California State Muzzleloader Silhouette Championship in 1992. It has hosted the event each year thereafter and will do so again in 2005.

### **Affiliations and Associations**

Affiliated with:

National Rifle Association (NRA)  
California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA)

Associated with:

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS)  
International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association (IHMSA)

### **Awards**

1995 California Rifle and Pistol Club, "*Outstanding Affiliated Club*"

2001 National Rifle Association Presidents Award

**Appendix A. Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-130**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA  
IN SUPPORT OF THE HAT CREEK RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB  
CONTINUING TO OPERATE AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION AND ENCOURAGING  
THE VESTING OF THE PROPERTY TO HAT CREEK RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB**

WHEREAS, the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club has operated without incident for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club has occupied the same location by lease agreement for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club provides, without charge, marksmanship training opportunities for youth; and

WHEREAS, the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club is used by and is useful to the Shasta County Sheriff's Deputies and the California Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, various organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, 4-H, and Boy Scouts of America regularly utilize the facilities of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club for recreational and educational activities without charge; and

WHEREAS, the public is welcome to participate in scheduled Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club shooting competitions; and

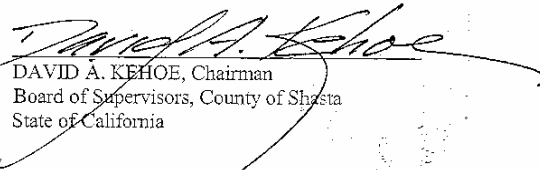
WHEREAS, the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club provides opportunities for competition in ten different shooting disciplines with four different shooting areas, the interest of a wide variety of shooting enthusiasts can be accommodated at one location; and

WHEREAS, shooting sports are an important part of the recreational opportunities of Shasta County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta expresses its strong support for the continued operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club at its current location and supports and encourages the vesting of this property to the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club.

DULY PASSED this 27th day of September, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Hawes, Clarke, Kehoe, Cibula, and Hartman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
RECUSE: None

  
DAVID A. KEHOE, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors, County of Shasta  
State of California

ATTEST:

H. DOUGLAS LATIMER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:   
Deputy

This instrument is a correct copy  
of the original on file in this office.

ATTEST: SEP 27 2005

Clerk of the Board  
Supervisors of the County of Shasta, State of California  
BY: 



## Appendix B.

### Letters of Support from State of California Officials

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## California State Senate

SENATOR  
**SAM AANESTAD**  
FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



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NATURAL RESOURCES  
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PROTECTION  
DEFENSE AND AEROSPACE  
INDUSTRY

JOINT COMMITTEE  
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CONSUMER PROTECTION

SUBCOMMITTEES  
AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE  
DELTA RESOURCES

July 27, 2005

Mrs. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

Dear Ms. Battey:

I am writing to you today regarding the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC), which is located in my District. For the past twenty-five years this group of people has leased the land they use from Pacific Gas & Electric Company. The relationship has been cordial and mutually beneficial. There has not been a problem associated with the operation of the shooting range run by the HCR&PC.

The Shasta County Sheriff's department and other law enforcement personnel in the Burney area use this HCR&PC shooting range to practice the use of their firearms.

The HCR&PC are an important part to my district. They make contributions to the annual Christmas toy drive and the local hospital. Without this range, these contributions would be lost. Annual statewide shooting competitions which help the local economy would cease to exist along with the HCR&PC if this shooting range is closed.

For several years the efforts of a Redding area gun club to find a suitable location have not been successful. The shooting range operated by the HCR&PC is already successfully located. It is a great distance from roads and structures, the nearest building being nearly a mile and a half away. It is also surrounded by mountain ridges.

I would appreciate Pacific Forest Watershed Lands and Stewardship Council giving every possible consideration to allowing the historic and current operation of the HCR&PC at its current location to continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Aanestad".

**SAM AANESTAD**  
Senator, Fourth District

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**DOUG LA MALFA**  
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TOURISM AND INTERNET MEDIA  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
UTILITIES AND COMMERCE

**SELECT COMMITTEES**  
BIOTECHNOLOGY  
CALIFORNIA'S WATER NEEDS  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

August 2, 2005

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City 94404

**Subject: Continued Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club**

Dear Ms. Battey;

For over 25 years Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club has operated on lands leased from Pacific Gas and Electric. During this time they developed a cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with PG&E. It is important to the local community and to outdoor enthusiasts throughout the state that this type of relationship continues to exist with the new property owners. It is important that the Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council allow the continued operation of Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club on its current location.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club is an important part of the community and the north state. Its continued operation provides valuable community services and helps to bring much needed tourist dollars to the area. Additionally, the Club provides badly needed training facilities for local law enforcement, such as the Shasta County Sheriff's Department.

The Club is active in many youth activities and charitable endeavors which are important to the north state and my district. They are the sponsor of an annual toy drive for local disadvantaged children as well as donate funds to the local hospital. The club also hosts statewide shooting competitions that draw many people from outside the region. These events bring much needed tourist dollars to the local economy.

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As you may know, it is extremely difficult to relocate or build a new rifle and pistol range in California due to many regulations and concerns about noise and safety. Many regulated and insured ranges have closed throughout California and especially in the North State. Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol provides a safe and well regulated alternative to sportsmen who might otherwise choose to use more environmentally sensitive areas to sight rifles or shoot recreationally.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club has operated safely for over 25 years and it is important that its activities continue. I hope the Pacific Forest Lands and Stewardship Council will allow the club to continue operations in its current location. Please contact Mark Spannagel of my office at 530-751-8351 if you have any questions regarding this or any other matter.

Respectfully,



DOUG LAMALFA  
ASSEMBLYMAN, SECOND DISTRICT

CC:  
David Pitt, President  
Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club  
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**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**

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August 8, 2005

File No.: 135.10044.A11632

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

Subject: Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Council) with information concerning the value of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC) to the California Highway Patrol.

The location of the HCR&PC is beneficial to the CHP for marksmanship training and tactical exercises. It is off Highway 299 between Burney and Fall River Mills in Shasta County. The location permits patrol personnel to access the shooting range without the need to travel long distances. There is a serious lack of suitable training facilities where officers can engage in stationary target practice and tactical exercises with side arms, rifles and shotguns at one convenient location. These facilities are open to the CHP at our convenience. The Range is assessable year round.

This facility saves taxpayers money by minimizing travel costs for training. Moreover, improving our officers' marksmanship and weapons handling capability increases officer safety.

The continued operation of the HCR&PC at its current location would be beneficial to the CHP.

Thank you for your consideration.

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D. K. HAHN, Captain  
Commander  
Redding Area

cc: David Pitt, President ✓  
Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club  
P. O. Box 2076  
Burney, CA 96013

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## Letters of support from County of Shasta Officials



# Shasta County

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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July 19, 2005

Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

Dear Ms. Battey:

Subject: Continued Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

It has recently come to my attention that the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC), which is located in my district, is facing an uncertain future regarding its operating location. For the past 25 years, this group of people has leased the land it uses from Pacific Gas & Electric Company. The relationship has been cordial and mutually beneficial. There have never been any problems associated with the operation of the shooting range run by the HCR&PC. Their safety record is flawless. There have been no complaints from anyone concerning the HCR&PC.

The Shasta County Sheriff's Department personnel in the Burney area use the HCR&PC for firearms practice.

The youth involvement and charitable contributions of the HCR&PC are important to the local community. The area suffers from high unemployment. The annual Christmas toy drive and cash contributions to the local hospital would be missed if the HCR&PC were to cease operation. Annual statewide shooting competitions hosted by the HCR&PC help the local economy by drawing visitors to the area, which is largely dependent on tourism.

I have observed for several years the efforts of a Redding area gun club to find a suitable location; it has not been successful. The shooting range operated by the HCR&PC is already successfully located. It is far away from roads and structures, nearly completely surrounded by mountain ridges and one and one-half miles from the nearest occupied building.

I believe the residents of District 3 would appreciate the Pacific Forest Watershed Lands and Stewardship Council giving every possible consideration to allowing the historic and current operation of the HCR&PC at its current location to continue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Hawes".

GLENN HAWES  
Supervisor, District 3  
County of Shasta



# Shasta County

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Patricia A. "Trish" Clarke, District 5

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August 9, 2005

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

RE: Future Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey:

I am writing this letter in the interest of preserving the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC). The HCR&PC is gravely concerned about its future operating location. For the past 25 years this group of people have leased the land they use from Pacific Gas & Electric Company. The relationship has been cordial and mutually beneficial. There have never been any problems associated with the operation of the shooting range run by the HCR&PC. Their safety record is flawless. There have been no complaints from anyone concerning the HCR&PC.

The youth involvement and charitable contributions of the HCR&PC are important to the local community. The area suffers from high unemployment. The annual Christmas toy drive and cash contributions to the local hospital would be missed if the HCR&PC were to cease operation. Annual statewide shooting competitions hosted by the HCR&PC help the local economy by drawing visitors to the area, which is largely dependent on tourism.

As a former member of the Redding Gun Club, I have been involved for several years in the efforts of the Redding area gun club to find a suitable location. They have not been successful. The shooting range operated by the HCR&PC is already successfully located. It is far away from roads and structures, nearly completely surrounded by mountain ridges and a mile and a half from the nearest occupied building.

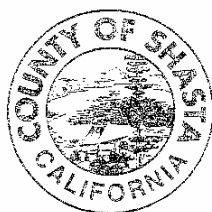
I believe that my experience and involvement in the community gives me a rare perspective on the needs of the citizens of Shasta County. For a summary of my background and community service, please see the attached "Personal Profile" from the Shasta County Supervisors web site. I believe that the residents of District 5 would appreciate Pacific Forest Watershed Lands and Stewardship Council giving every possible consideration to allowing the historic and current operation of the HCR&PC at its current location to continue.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (530) 225-5557.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA A. "TRISH" CLARKE  
Supervisor, District 5  
County of Shasta

Cc: David Pitt, President, Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club, PO Box 2076, Burney, CA 96013



# SHASTA COUNTY

## Office of the Sheriff



July 22, 2005

Jim Pope  
SHERIFF-CORONER

Larry Schaller  
UNDERSHERIFF

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands  
Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

Dear Ms. Battey:

RE: CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE HAT CREEK RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

As Sheriff of Shasta County and a law enforcement officer for over 42 years, I would like to express my strong support in continuing to allow the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club to utilize their current location in Eastern Shasta County.

Not only is this an important place for the citizens of Shasta County to use, but is utilized by law enforcement personnel assigned to the eastern part of the county. My officers are required to practice shoot and qualify a number of times each year. The club's location is both convenient and accessible to my officers year round. The range is clean, well maintained and ideally situated. On request, the range is closed, even to members, and we are given exclusive use of the facility for training and qualifying purposes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Pope".

JIM POPE  
Sheriff-Coroner

jjp:bev

cc: Sheriff Battey, Jayne\*.\*

cc: Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club ✓

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## Letters of Support from Youth and Conservation Organizations



### GOLDEN EMPIRE COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Chairman of the Board

July 27, 2005

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Council Commissioner

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Scout Executive / CEO

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

Subject: Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey,

The Golden Empire Council –Boy Scouts of America has used the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC) grounds and target ranges on many occasions. The boys have enjoyed camping at the HCR&PC. Each year the local Shasta, Tehama and Trinity County Scout Troops are offered the opportunity to earn money by helping set targets at special events, also the boys can earn public service credits toward rank advancements for their efforts. HCR&PC sponsored events such as the California State Muzzleloader Rifle Championship Tournament, which provides an ideal situation for the boys to observe the correct way to handle and use firearms. The sportsmanship and friendliness that exists between the competitors serve as an example of the way in which we can strive to be the best at our chosen endeavor while being courteous and helpful to those around us.

The HCR&PC is a beneficial organization for the Boy Scouts of Shasta, Tehama and Trinity Counties. Their facility is a clean, safe place for camping and is ideal for the orienteering course, which is necessary for the boys to earn the Orienteering Merit Badge. The HCR&PC also offers an ideal atmosphere for many other merit badges including; Pioneering, Bird Study, Nature, Environmental Science, Wilderness Survival, as well as Rifle and Shotgun Shooting.

The Golden Empire Council –Boy Scouts of America would like to see the HCR&PC remain at their current location.

*"The mission of the Golden Empire Council is to provide quality values-based character education for the youth of California's heartland."*

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Yuba City, CA 95991-4802  
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Sincerely,

Justin Jepsen  
Northern Rivers Senior District Executive

Cc: David Pitt, President HCR&PC



August 8, 2005

Intermountain Ducks Unlimited  
5680 Westside Road  
Redding, Ca. 96001

Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive Suite 150  
Foster City, Ca. 94404

Subject: Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club,

Dear Ms. Battey,

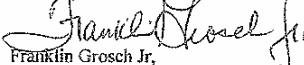
The purpose of this letter is to provide the Pacific Forest and Watershed Stewardship Council (council) with information concerning the value of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC) to Ducks Unlimited.

Ducks Unlimited is the largest and most effective wetland conservation organization in the world. Since the inception of Ducks Unlimited in 1937, our projects have been responsible for more than 11 million acres of restored, protected, and enhanced wetlands and other wild life habitats.

HCR&PC is beneficial to DU for marksmanship training and firearms practice. The Annual Intermountain DU Green Wing Day is held at HCR&PC. It is a great location for families to gather for fun, food and games. The covered firing lines, warming hunts and picnic area make this a perfect location to hold our annual Green Wing activities. All of this is provided to DU free of charge.

Due to urban sprawl the availability of suitable land, facilities like the Hat Creek Range are few and far between. The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club routinely supports youth activities that promote safe firearms handling and positive conservation ethics. DU would like to respectfully ask the Council to insure that the HCR&PC is allowed to continue its operation at the current location.

Sincerely,

  
Franklin Grosch Jr.  
Intermountain Ducks Unlimited

Cc: David Pitt, President HCR&PC  
P.O. Box 2076  
Burney, Ca. 96013

Ms. Jane Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA. 94404

Subject: Continued Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey,

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the well being of the Rocky Mountain Elk population of the United States. Since 1984, the RMEF has permanently protected more than 1,000 square miles of critical elk habitat and enhanced another 3.5 million acres of elk country. The great majority of this land is now open to the public to hunt, fish and otherwise enjoy. In addition, the RMEF has funded more than 1,000 projects to promote conservation education.

The Intermountain Chapter of RMEF has used the HCR&PC facility to host our annual youth day event. July 16th was our 5th event. The HCR&PC is a great place to teach youths in safety and use of firearms. We had over 45 kids being schooled in archery, 22 and shotgun use and safety. We also had speakers from RMEF, Cal. Fish and Game and Black Powder Assoc. The kids have a great time and learn many things about safety and conservation. We are assisted in this effort by the HCR&PC each year, through the use of their excellent facility. It is clean, well maintained and affords us the opportunity to teach fire arms safety and conservation values for youngsters in our youth program. The Club provides the facility without charge and donates materials used in the youth program. Their contribution to our organization is appreciated and would be sorely missed if lost.

Without the HCR&PC to host this event, the kids would not be able to enjoy this day. Not having this facility would be a terrible loss and one that is not replaceable.

Sincerely yours,

  
David Smith  
Int. Mt. Chapter RMEF Chairman

  
Chuck Norris  
Int. Mt. Chapter RMEF Co-Chairman

## Letters of support from Shooting Organizations



NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
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DAVID BUNDESEN  
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FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

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August 1, 2005

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, Ca. 94404

Subject: Continued Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey;

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. The purpose of this letter is in support of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club, in its effort to remain at its current location. The 70 % of the HCR&PC's members are also members of the NRA. Many are also members of the California Rifle and Pistol association. As you may know the NRA and the CRPA are organizations that support responsible ownership and use of guns. Gun ranges such as the HCR&PC provide a safe place for people to practice their marksmanship, have friendly competitions and learn gun safety.

The HCR&PC is an exemplary gun range. It has operated for nearly 25 years without incident. Such facilities are valuable and rare. Relocation or replacement of the existing facilities, if possible, could take several years.

Please give every possible consideration to allowing the HCR&PC to remain at its current location.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bundesen".

David Bundesen, Senior Field Representative  
National Rifle Association

Cc: David Pitt, President  
Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club  
P.O. Box 2076  
Burney, CA 96013



## California Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc.

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Executive Director  
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Manager - Government Affairs

August 5, 2005

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, Ca 94404

Subject: Continued Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey

We know you are very busy so I'll be brief. First let us thank you for reading this letter. Our reason for writing to you is our concern for the future of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC). As you may know the HCR&PC is a well established organization with a long and trouble free history. It has operated at the same location for nearly 25 years. It serves the local community through toy drives and cash contributions to local charities. There are typically two or three California State Championship shooting competitions held at HCR&PC each year. These events draw participants from several western states. These visitors spend money in the local economy.

We are happy and proud that many of the members of the HCR&PC are also members of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. (CRPA).

The California Rifle and Pistol Association "CRPA," founded in 1875, is dedicated to defending the rights of law-abiding citizens to responsibly use firearms for self-defense and the defense of their loved ones, for sport, and for all other legal activities. CRPA is the official state association of the National Rifle Association. A California non profit association, CRPA is independently directed by its own Board of Directors. CRPA's 65,000 members include law enforcement officers, prosecutors, professionals, firearm experts, the general public, and loving parents. CRPA has always worked to reduce the criminal misuse of firearms and firearms accidents, while actively promoting and organizing the competitive shooting sports and Olympic training programs in California. We are proud to say that many CRPA competitors are among the best in the world.

Any consideration you can give to allowing the HCR&PC to remain at its current location will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Donald H. Wood  
President

Cc: David Pitt, President - Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

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July 25, 2005

Ms. Jayne Battey, Executive Director  
Pacific Forest Watershed and Lands  
Stewardship Council  
303 Vintage Park Drive, Suite 150  
Foster City, CA 94404

RE: Continued Operation of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

Dear Ms. Battey:

I am writing today for the purpose of lending the support of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) to the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (HCR&PC) in its effort to remain on the land it now occupies. SASS has approximately 70,000 members worldwide. The collective experiences of our members confirm that acceptable locations for new shooting ranges are extremely difficult to locate for a number of reasons. An existing shooting range with a 25-year record of trouble-free operation is worthy of admiration and continued existence. The HCR&PC is such an organization. The HCR&PC accommodates many different types of shooting activities and is the home range to the Shasta Regulators, a group of SASS members. Other groups of shooters, such as muzzleloaders, high-power rifle enthusiasts, small-bore rifle and pistol shooters, regularly hold formal competitions at this picturesque and isolated range. SASS holds annual competitions at the HCR&PC. These functions draw competitors from all over California. There are usually between 60 to 80 competitors and upwards of 100 spectators at these events. Many of the participants stay in the local motels, eat at the local restaurants and buy gasoline and other supplies in the local markets. The HCR&PC is a community asset.

Please give every possible consideration to allowing the HCR&PC to remain at its current location.

Sincerely,

Brad Myers AKA Hipshot SASS#7  
Executive Vice President / Director, SASS

Cc: David Pitt, President  
Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club  
P. O. Box 2076  
Burney, CA 96013

## Appendix C

### 2005 Calendar of Events

#### **Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. Shooting and Events Calendar for 2005**

P.O. Box 2076 Burney, CA 96013

Range location is 8 miles East of Burney on Hwy 299E

#### **January:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> SAT – Annual Club Dinner Meeting – Lions Hall Burney – 6 p.m.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA Hunter's Pistol, Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 10 a.m.  
NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle, & S/B Silhouette Rifle – 1 p.m.  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SUN –** Muzzleloader Rifle - 10 a.m.  
Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

#### **February:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> SAT –** IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.  
**6<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.  
NRA Hunter's Pistol, & Pistol Cartridge Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 1 p.m.  
**13<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA Hunter's Pistol, & Pistol Cartridge Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.  
Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza  
**27<sup>th</sup> SUN –** Muzzleloader Rifle - 10 a.m.  
Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

#### **March:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> SAT –** IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.  
**6<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.  
NRA Hunter's Pistol, & Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 1p.m.  
**13<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.  
Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza  
**20<sup>th</sup> SUN –** Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.  
Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

#### **April:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> SAT –** NRA Long Range S/B Pistol – 9 a.m.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUN –** NRA Long Range Big Bore Pistol – 10 a.m.  
**9<sup>th</sup> SAT –** Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.  
**10<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 10 a.m.  
Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza  
**16<sup>th</sup> SAT –** IHMSA Big Bore – 10 a.m.  
**17<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA Cowboy L.A. Rifle (200 meter) - 11 a.m.  
**23<sup>th</sup> SAT –** NRA Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – 11 a.m.  
**24<sup>th</sup> SUN –** Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.  
Club Potluck & Swap Meet – 12:00 Noon  
**29<sup>th</sup> FRI – Practice Day for the California State Hunter's & S/B Hunter's Pistol Championship Match – 8:30 a.m.**  
**4/30 SAT – California State Hunter's & S/B Hunter's Pistol Championship Match – 8:30 a.m.**

#### **May:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> SUN – California State Hunter's & S/B Hunter's Pistol Championship Match - 9 a.m.**  
**7<sup>th</sup> SAT –** IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.  
**14<sup>th</sup> SAT –** Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.  
**15<sup>th</sup> SUN –** NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, A/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.  
NRA Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 1p.m.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club

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21<sup>st</sup> SAT - NRA Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – 11 a.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> SUN - Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.

Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

28<sup>th</sup> SAT & 29<sup>th</sup> SUN – Shasta Arms Collectors

#### **June:**

4<sup>th</sup> SAT - IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.

5<sup>th</sup> SUN – IHMSA Big Bore – 10 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> MON thru the 14<sup>th</sup> TUE – **Annual Cowboy Action Shoot “Ambush at Hat Creek”**. Setup will start the 6<sup>th</sup>. Competitors will start shooting on FRI the 10<sup>th</sup> thru SUN the 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Take down will finish TUE the 14<sup>th</sup>.

19<sup>th</sup> SUN – NRA Cowboy L.A. Rifle (200 meter) - 11 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> FRI – **Practice Day for the California State Championship Muzzleloader Match – 10 a.m.\***

25<sup>th</sup> SAT & 26<sup>th</sup> SUN - **California State Championship Muzzleloader Match – 10 a.m.\***

#### **July:**

9<sup>th</sup> SAT - Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 10 a.m.

Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza

17<sup>th</sup> SUN - High Power Silhouette Rifle – 11 a.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> SAT - NRA Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – 11 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> SUN - Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.

Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

#### **August:**

6<sup>th</sup> SAT - IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.

7<sup>th</sup> SUN - IHMSA Big Bore - 10 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> SAT - Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> SUN – NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.

Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza

21<sup>st</sup> SUN - NRA Cowboy L.A. Rifle (200 meter) - 11 a.m.

27<sup>th</sup> SAT – NRA Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – 11 a.m.

28<sup>th</sup> SUN - Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.

Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

#### **September:**

10<sup>th</sup> SAT - Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.

11<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 10 a.m.

Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza

18<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Cowboy L.A. Rifle (200 meter) - 11 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> SAT - NRA Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – 11 a.m.

25<sup>th</sup> SUN - Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.

Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

#### **October:**

1<sup>st</sup> SAT - IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> SUN - IHMSA Big Bore - 10 a. m.

8<sup>th</sup> SAT - Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> SUN – NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.

Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza

16<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Cowboy L.A. Rifle (200 meter) - 11 a.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> SAT - NRA Black Powder Cartridge Rifle – 11 a.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> SUN - Muzzleloader Rifle – 10 a.m.

Muzzleloader Pistol – 1 p.m.

30<sup>th</sup> SUN – High Power Silhouette Rifle – 11 a.m.

**November:**

5<sup>th</sup> SAT - IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Cowboy L.A. Rifle (200 meter) - 11 a.m.

12<sup>th</sup> SAT - Cowboy Action Shoot – 9:30 a.m.

**November:**

13<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 10 a.m.

Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza

20<sup>th</sup> SUN - Muzzleloader Rifle, S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle - All Turkey Shoot– 10 a.m.

Club Thanksgiving Potluck – 1 p.m.

**December:**

3<sup>rd</sup> SAT – IHMSA Small Bore & Field Pistol – 10 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA Hunter's Pistol, Cowboy L.A. Rifle (Pistol Cart.) – 1p.m.

NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.

11<sup>th</sup> SUN - NRA S/B Hunter's Pistol, S/B Silhouette Rifle, & S/B Cowboy L.A. Rifle – 10 a.m.

Club & Board of Directors Meeting – 2 p.m. Sam's Pizza

18<sup>th</sup> SUN - High Power Silhouette Rifle – 11 a.m.

*You do not have to belong to the club to shoot in any of the above events, they are open to anyone wishing to come out and participate. Regular Match fees are: Club Members \$3.00 & Non Members \$6.00. All IMHSA Matches will be \$4.00 per gun for members & \$6.00 per gun for non members. Special Events fees will be posted in the Bulletin. 200 Meter & 500 Meter matches are \$4.00 for Club Members & \$7.00 for Non-members. JUNIORS SHOOT FREE IN ALL MATCHES.*

**\*You will need to be a member of CRPA to participate in the Muzzleloader State Championship or the Hunter's Pistol State Championship events.**

**All NRA Hunter's Pistol and Cowboy L.A. Pistol Cartridge Matches will be 60 Rounds.**

**All NRA Cowboy L.A. 200 Meter Matches, High Power Silhouette Rifle Matches, & S/B Silhouette Rifle Matches will be 40 Rounds.**

**For: Muzzleloader Rifle & Pistol Information,** contact Ron or Lois Balint at 530 335-4865

**For: Black Powder Cartridge Rifle information,** contact Art Domingos at 530 436-2636

**For: Silhouette Pistol information,** contact Carol Haberstich at 530 275-6282

**For: Silhouette Rifle information,** contact Bill Haberstich at 530 275-6282

**For: Cowboy Action Shoot information,** contact Dave Boddy at 530 275-3158

**For: IMHSA information,** contact Dave Pitt at 530 357-2393

**For: General information,** contact Lynnea Redman 530 335-2558 or Carol Haberstich at 530 275-6282

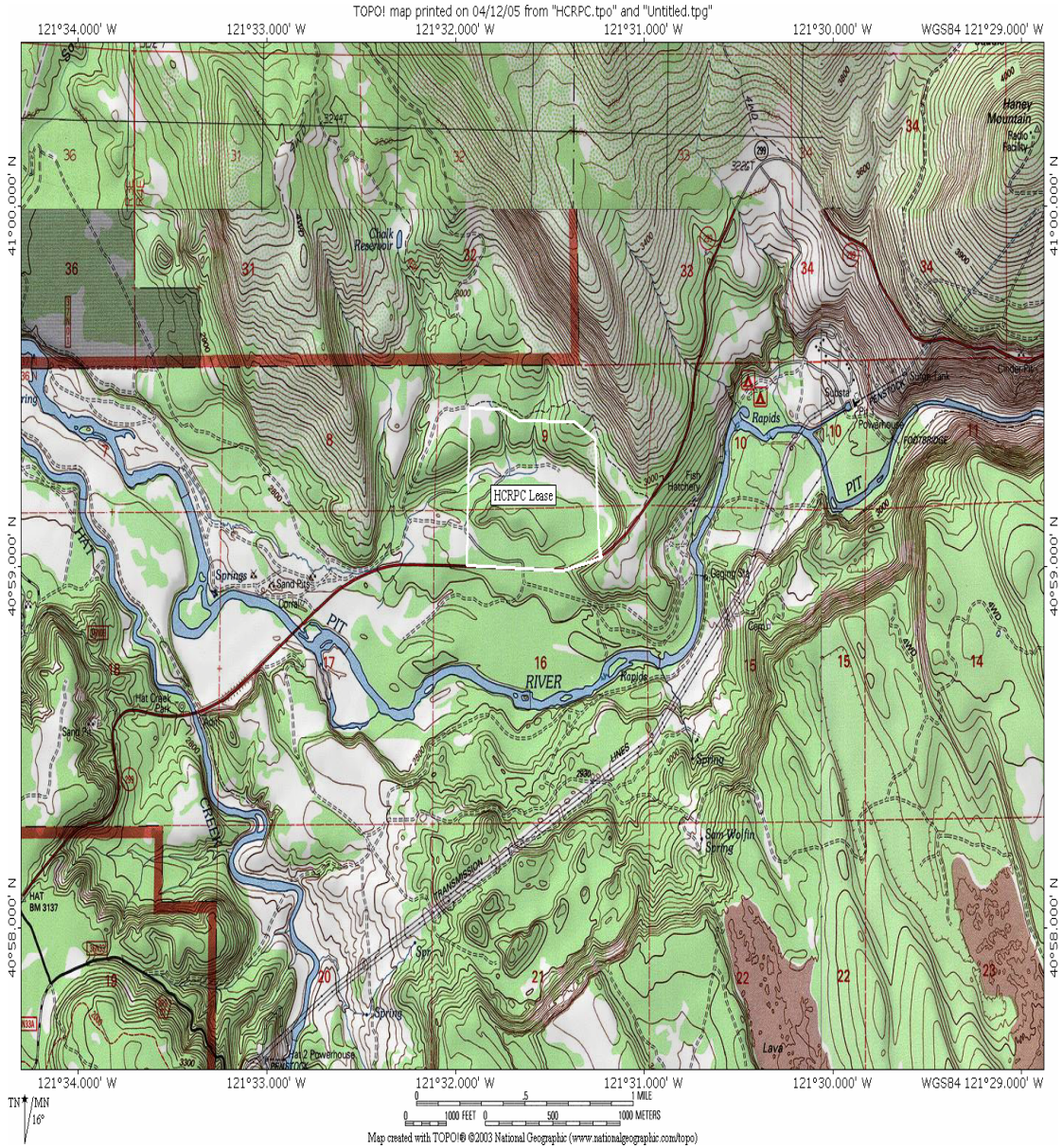
This calendar is subject to change. Please be sure to check your monthly Bulletin Pocket Calendar for any changes.



**"Range Critters"**



## Appendix D



**The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. currently leases approximately 200 acres from Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the north side of Highway 299 East near Fall River Mills.**



## Appendix E

# Articles of Incorporation

### I.

- A. The name of this corporation is Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc.
- B. The name of the existing unincorporated association now being incorporated by the filing of these articles is Hat Creek rifle and Pistol Club.

### II.

- A. This corporation is a **NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT** Corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful activity, other than credit union business, for which a corporation may be organized under such law.
- B. The purposes for which this corporation is formed are pleasure, recreation, and other non profitable purposes and are to operate a rifle and pistol shooting range facility in Shasta County, California, in order to provide a safe venue for residents, agencies and organizations of the community to engage in shooting activities, giving them a better understanding of safe handling and proper care of firearms. A further purpose is to develop characteristics of honesty, self-discipline, self-reliance, team play and good fellowship.

### III.

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Lynnea J. Redman  
P.O. Box 851  
21625 So. Cottonwood Street  
Burney, CA 96013

#### IV.

- A. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

#### V.

- A. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to nonprofit and recreational purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person, as defined in Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(7).
- B. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of preservation, education, and safe use of firearms and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(7). Provided, however, that if at the time for distribution THE FRIENDS OF THE NRA has such exempt status then it shall receive the distribution.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** Lynnea J. Redman    Incorporator

David Pitt and Lynnea J. Redman declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that they are the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club referred to in the Articles of Incorporation to which this declaration is attached, and that that association has duly authorized and approved in accordance with its rules and procedures its incorporation by means of those articles.

Executed at Burney, California, on July 29, 2003.

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**Name:** David Pitt

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**Name:** Lynnea J. Redman

## **Appendix F**

### **HAT CREEK RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB INCORPORATED** **BY-LAWS**

#### **Article I      Name**

The Name under which this organization, (hereafter called Club) shall be known as the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. It is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation, under the laws of the State of California.

#### **Article II      Objective**

- (a) This corporation is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Non-profit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under such law.
- (b) The purposes for which this corporation is formed are pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes and are to operate a rifle and pistol shooting range facility in Shasta County, California, in order to provide a safe venue for residents, agencies and organizations of the community to engage in shooting activities giving them a better understanding of safe handling and proper care of firearms. A further purpose is to develop characteristics of honesty, self-discipline, self-reliance, team play and good fellowship. Despite any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that do not further the purposes of this corporation. This corporation shall forever remain a non-profit organization.

#### **Article III      Membership**

- (a) Any citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, may become a member of this organization on the vote of the Board of Directors after subscribing to the following pledge, on payment of the required dues and completion of a range orientation.

##### ***Pledge***

***I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of***

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*America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.*

- (b) No person may be denied membership in this club for reasons of sex, race, creed, color or national origin.

#### **Article IV      Dues**

- (a) The Board of Directors shall determine the member's annual dues for the following year. The Board of Directors shall establish the procedures for payment of dues and for reinstating members in arrears.
- (b) No member of the Club in arrears shall be eligible to vote, hold office or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this Club.
- (c) Club dues are payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year and are in arrears if not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (d) Dues for a new member only, to be pro rated as to full dues (January to December) one-half dues (July to December).

#### **Article V      Meetings**

- (a) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of this organization when not in conflict with its Articles, or By-Laws.
- (b) The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in January each year, and the Board of Directors shall determine the time and place of the meeting. At this meeting directors shall be elected, an annual financial report shall be given, and other proper business may be transacted.
- (c) Meetings of the Club shall be held on the date, time and at the place designated by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly, at such time and place, as the committee may determine. Time and place may coincide with the Club meeting to receive member's input.
- (e) A special meeting of the Club may be held, at any time, upon call of the President or upon the call of the Board of Directors or upon a demand in writing, stating the objective of the meeting and signed by no less than FIVE (5%) of the members entitled to vote. The Board of Directors shall give notice of the date, time, place and objective of the meeting to all members in writing by United States mail, at least ten days prior to the meeting. No business other than the business that was set forth in the notice of the meeting may be

transacted at a special meeting.

- (f) Each member in good standing shall have one vote. Each member entitled to vote shall have the right to do so either in person or by one or more agents authorized by a written proxy filed with the secretary of the corporation or by written ballot. TWENTY-FIVE (25%) percent of the voting power in person, by written ballot, or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of members.

## **Article VI**

### **Board Of Directors**

- (a) The officers of the club shall be members of the National Rifle Association. They must be members of the Club in good standing and be 21 years of age or older.
- (b) The officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, Statistical Officer, Range Officer and Range Groundskeeper who, acting together, constitutes the Board of Directors. They shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting of the Club. Their term of office shall be for one (1) year or until such time as new Officers can be elected except as noted in Article VI, paragraph (h).
- (c) The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the Club, The Board of Directors may make agreements with other organizations and individuals, both private and public, to carry out objectives of the Club.
- (d) The Board of Directors shall appoint a volunteer Chairperson to head up each active shooting discipline. He/she will have voting rights on the Board of Directors, as long as the particular discipline is currently active. Said Chairperson shall head up the discipline with complete opportunity and responsibility to present a budget, time schedule and manpower assignments necessary to properly conduct the discipline and all presented for approval of the Board of Directors.
- (e) The discipline Chairperson position will cease to exist, when and if, said discipline becomes dormant or abandoned as decided by the Board of Directors.
- (f) If the chairperson holds other voting positions on the Board he/she will be limited to one vote only.



- (g) At Board of Directors meetings, a Quorum shall consist of a majority of the combined officers and discipline chairpersons.
- (h) Resignation of any officer or discipline Chairperson will be accepted by a majority vote of the Members of the Board of Directors.
- (i) A vacancy in the Board of Directors or discipline Chairperson shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.
- (j) The Board of Directors or any individual member thereof shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or any other obligations of the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club Inc.
- (k) The Board of Directors shall purchase and maintain liability insurance on behalf of the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club Inc.

#### **Article VII     Duties of Officers**

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors. He/She shall be a member ex-officio, of all regular and special committee's and shall perform all other duties that pertain to his/her office.
- (b) The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request.
- (c) The Secretary shall conduct all official club correspondence. He/She shall notify members of the Board of Directors of all meetings, and keep minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall also keep and maintain custody of books and papers of the Club. The Secretary shall gather information related to Club activities and upcoming events and produce and mail a monthly newsletter/bulletin to all current members.
- (d) The Treasurer shall maintain a current roster of members and periodically update the Secretary's mailing list. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection of all fees and dues. The Treasurer shall be in charge of all funds of the Club and place same in the bank approved by the Board of Directors. Such funds shall only be withdrawn by check signed by two members of the Board of Directors, for payment of bill approved by said Board. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate and complete record of all transactions and provide a detailed report with receipts/vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors, when requested, and submit an annual report to the Club membership. The Treasurer shall re-affiliate the Club, annually, with the National Rifle Association and other agencies/associations, designated by the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office or separated into two offices.

- (e) The Secretary and/or Treasurer at the expiration of his /her term of office are to deliver all monies, books, records and property of the Club in his/her possession to the newly elected Secretary and /or Treasurer.
- (g) The Executive Officer, to maintain continuity, shall be the immediate past President if the President wishes not to serve, other nominations may be accepted.
- (h) The Statistical Officer shall maintain the statistical records of scores shot in Club matches and submit an annual report. He/she shall perform the duties outlined in NRA Silhouette Rules regarding the Statistical Officer. The Statistical Officer shall post shooter classifications Quarterly on the bulletin board.
- (i) The Range Officer shall have charge of range safety with authority to appoint assistants. He/she shall perform the duties outlined in NRA Silhouette Rules regarding the Range Officer. The Range Officer shall be in charge of Range Orientations.
- (j) The Range Groundskeeper shall arrange for, and coordinate, the activities of work parties, to keep the range in match ready condition. The timing of the activities of the Range Groundskeeper shall be in response to the request of the Board of Directors as that body plans the annual Club activities. The activities of the Range Groundskeeper shall include, but not limited to, removal of accumulated trash, arranging for portable toilet service, maintaining cinder roads and pathways, mowing weeds and grasses and trimming brush and tree growth consistent with the schedule of upcoming matches and events.
- (j) The discipline Chairpersons shall provide the Secretary with complete and timely information regarding each discipline's approved activities and scheduling.

#### **Article VIII     Suspension or Expulsion**

- (a) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors, or by a two-thirds vote of members of the Club present at any special meeting or monthly meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the Club meeting at which such charges will be considered. The member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

- (b) Charges against any member may be made by any other member. They shall be in writing stating the facts and accompanied by affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support.

**Article IX      Match Rules**

- (a) All shooting competitions held by the Club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the body (NRA, IHMSA, SASS, CRPA, etc.) holding the shoot and the rules of the Club.
- (b) The discipline Chairperson will enforce such rules, as they are applicable, especially any safety considerations.

**Article X      By-law Amendment or Revisions**

- (a) New by-laws may be adopted or these by-laws may be amended or repealed by approval of the members. Any provision of these by-laws that requires the vote of a larger proportion of the members than otherwise is required by law may not be altered, amended or repealed except by the vote of the greater number. No amendment may extend the term of a director beyond that for which the director was elected.
- (b) If adopted, the Secretary shall prepare the amended by-laws in final form and provide a copy to each member of the Board of Directors; and upon demand, provide a copy to any member in good standing; and place the original in the Club file.

**Article XI      Records**

- (a) All memoranda, correspondence, minutes to any meeting, reports, books of account, journals, ledgers, and all other official documents or records of the Club shall be made available for inspection to any member of the Club in good standing within thirty (30) days of written request.
- (b) There shall be an annual audit of the Treasurers books to be done by an audit committee. The committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

We certify that we are the duly elected and acting President and Secretary of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Inc., a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation; that these by-laws, consisting of 5 pages, are the by-laws of this corporation as adopted by the board of directors and voted on by the membership on January 10, 2004; and that these by-laws have not been amended or modified

since that date.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ California

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
David Pitt, President

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynnea J. Redman, Secretary

**HAT CREEK RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.  
BY-LAWS**

**AMENDMENT #1 - Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.  
As of: February 19, 2005**

**Article V - Meetings**

- (c) The annual meeting of the Club shall be held each year at the date and time and place determined by the Board of Directors with at least two weeks prior notification to its members.