

Range closure robs expert and hobby shooters

Letter

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The Greater Vancouver Regional District's plan to close the Pacific Shooters Association range in North Vancouver will impact the future performances of our Olympic shooters and will remove a facility that teaches responsibility and accountability.

Young shooters need a place to safely learn how to handle and shoot firearms.

Engendering an attitude of responsibility and accountability are only two benefits of being taught how to shoot.

I learned how to shoot through cadets, and it instilled in me a respect for firearms and a love of target shooting.

It saddens me that our society is making it harder and harder for all, not only the young, to experience the joys and challenges of shooting sports.

You can become as competitive as you like, or just enjoy the occasional recreational shoot.

But you will never know what it's like if there is no opportunity to try it.

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The GVRD's closure of a North Vancouver shooting range shuts out athletes like Athens paralympian Christos Trifonidis.

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