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Morgan's Meanderings By Terry C. Morgan



Colonel Dan writes for "The Cowboy Chronicles" and he keeps coming up with well thought out and researched gems of insight about our social conditions. The following is from the Colonel. TCM

GUNS: Common Sense/ Peaceable Citizens

Last month my column focused on what I considered common sense arguments regarding guns and left you with this quote from Sam Adams, ***"And that said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress ... to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms."*** This month, let's dig that well of common sense a little deeper and explore Adams' qualifying phrase "peaceable citizens."

It's clear to me violent felons are certainly not the peaceable citizens Adams spoke of where the right to keep their own arms is concerned. Violent felons have proven themselves to be dangerously irresponsible and unworthy of handling certain civil liberties because by their actions they've aggressively infringed upon the rights of others to life, liberty, and property. If I understand Adams correctly, and I think I do, they have removed themselves from the "peaceable citizen" category.

Throughout my years of pondering, speaking on, and writing about such things, I've always *maintained individual behavior* should be the ultimate basis and sole focus of legal action, not universally restricting peaceful people or considering the tool used in the commission of a crime. My columns have never wavered from that absolute stand, and as his numerous writings indicate, Adams would have supported a similar view.

By its very nature, a felony is the more serious of crimes—serious enough that when one decides to pursue a felons' life, they have, in fact, chosen to surrender many of the liberties law abiding individuals enjoy in our society.

Does the felon then surrender those rights forever? I think it depends on the specifics of the crime. Is there a difference between a little milk toasty weasel who once dipped his hand into the cash drawer and a cold-blooded killer? I'd say so.

If the felony is a non-violent crime such as a first and only instance of embezzlement by this sticky fingered little weasel that then paid his debt to society and after which successfully demonstrated an ability to resume his role as a peaceful member of the community during a supervised probationary period, then again, I agree with Adams.

If, however, one leads a violent life of murder, robbery, rape, and assault, or is a career felon with a record as long as your arm on a variety of such charges, he's clearly shown he cannot reliably live the responsible life of a peaceable citizen. Therefore, the answer to the question of him keeping arms is no—as I believe Adams saw it. To decide otherwise would further place in serious jeopardy the life, liberty, and property of law abiding, "peaceable citizens"—it just wouldn't make any justifiable sense to so endanger honorable Americans.

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Okay Colonel, what about the insane person who hasn't committed a violent felony? Should they be permitted to keep and bear arms? One fundamental facet of society the Founders stressed over the years was individual and collective responsibility. I think it's more than fair to say they knew - and forewarned that in order for our Republic to survive, it had to depend on the actions and behavior of responsible people both in and out of government.

In my view, whatever the cause of a life tortured by insanity, those afflicted are by definition incapable of reliably achieving the level of responsibility shared by their neighbors. Their thought processes do not reach the level of consistent rationality demanded of an armed and peaceable citizen. Not to say this is the only restriction the insane may face. Depending on the level and type of illness, they may be obviously incapable of taking on other such serious responsibilities—a common sense conclusion. They are certainly afforded unalienable rights, but their mental ability to reliably exercise the judgment required of a peaceable and dependable gun owner is dangerously unpredictable, erratic, and inconsistent. Access to certain items should therefore be restricted for their own good, as well as the safety of those around them—once again, common sense as I define it. Theirs is a restriction imposed by an unfortunate mental condition; a condition that impedes judgment and the ability to handle some specific responsibilities rather than one imposed by a judicial or political denial of their rights. Certainly, we must depend on an honestly obtained psychiatric evaluation from trusted and trained professionals regarding the level of responsibility they can reliably and consistently exercise.

I think we can all certainly agree common sense judgment about human shades of gray is required in many cases. Ergo, I support background checks to help determine if a potential gun owner is, has been, and will most likely remain the peaceable citizen to which Adams referred—with the obvious caveat being that past behavior is no solid guarantee of future conduct.

Can these shades of gray be argued, discussed, pondered, and adjudicated? Absolutely, and they will and should be. In fact, our Founders provided for such latitude when establishing the basis of the legal system to which Americans are entitled.

Now are there any shades of gray in the right to keep and bear arms where rational and peaceable citizens are concerned? Absolutely Not! My "Absolutist" philosophy stands unwaveringly in support of those Adams referenced—always has; always will. In terms of such solid citizens, there's no question in my mind or even the slightest doubt of my personal conviction "*... shall not be infringed*" is absolutely clear with no "except for" qualifier where such Americans are concerned. As I stated very plainly and precisely last month, that's exactly what the Founders wrote because that's exactly what they meant and no amount of gun-grabbing legal babble can ever change the truth of it. On this, Sam and I are again of like mind—its just common sense. But I respectfully acknowledge the view from your saddle may differ.

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Grand American Handicap Champion 2011

Keith Parrott, son of long time BGSL member Wayne Parrott and his wife Linda, won the Grand American Handicap at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, IL on August 13, 2011. Keith broke 100 straight in the event and then won a pressure filled shoot off with another 25 straight, defeating the only shooter with 100 straight. Keith's victory, in the what most consider as the most prestigious event in the Amateur Trapshooting Association, also qualified him for one of the ten spots for the \$100,000.00 winner-take-all shoot off. The qualifiers for this event must win one of the eight handicaps during the Grand American Trapshoot, the ninth qualifier is the participant with the most broken targets for the eight handicaps. The final member of this group is drawn at random from the eligible shooters and has one minute to report in for the shoot off. Keith smashed his first 25 to make the second round along with a youngster from Arkansas. In the second round Keith dropped two birds while the thirteen year old broke another 25. BGSL is certainly proud of Keith and his accomplishments, he is credit to his club and to his family. Keith also shoots for the University of Kentucky Skeet and Trap Team.



BOD Minutes June 2011

**Minutes
Of
The Board of Officers and Directors
Blue Grass Sportsmen's League
June 28, 2011**

Call to order: 7:08pm

Invocation: Tom Cottingim

Pledge: Led by B.O.D.

Roll Call: Present; Mulcahy, Kass, Fister, Bickert, Foster, Ironmonger, Foley, Tryon, McCullar, Snider, Gaska, Stevens, McClintock, Burgess, L. Johnson, Ruland, Keller, Haase, Richardson, Niblett, Alexander, Phinney, Sanders, Miller, Blackburn, Rohrback, Riffell, and Cottingim.

Absent: Cox, Roberts, Bowman, Kline, Lucas, Martin, T. Johnson, Jarrell and Rohrback.

Motion by: Foster 2nd by Bickert to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and approve the Minutes as Written.

Motion Passed.

Finical Report

Dan Fister Presented Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Reports.

Fister also reviewed the Insurance Allocations to the Divisions.

There was much discussion on whether the Youth Division should be made to reimburse the main club for the insurance on the Delabar Lodge.

Motion #1 by: Fister 2nd by Tryon that the Youth Division be held responsible for their Insurance Allocation going forward.

Show of Hands: Yea 9 Nay 10

Motion Failed.

Motion by: Foley 2nd by Ironmonger to accept the Financial Report.

Motion Passed.

Motion by: Fister 2nd by Phinney to go into Closed Session for a Trial Committee.

Motion Passed.

Closed Session

Motion by: Foley 2nd by Fister to come out of Closed Session

Motion Passed.

Motion #2 by: Fister 2nd by Foley to expel the member brought up on charges in the Trial Committee.

Motion Passed.

Motion #3 by: Foster 2nd by Fister to seal the name of the member from the previous Motion.

Motion Passed.

Chaplains Report:

Tom Cottingim was reelected as the NRA Representative to the LKS; he was also appointed Chaplain for the LKS.

BOD Minutes June 2011 (cont)**Committee Reports****Finance Committee**

Fister passed out a new Financial Reporting Guidelines to the Directors to pass on to their respective Treasures.

Division Reports**Shotgun**

Walter Miller gave a Power Point presentation on the Shotgun Venues; comparisons between this year and last year. Comparisons were of Targets Thrown, Income, Expenses, and future expansion plans.

Youth Division

LuAnn Johnson

The Youth Division sent a small Trap Team to the State Shoot. The 2 shooters that went both won their respective class: Jessie Johnson shot a 90 in Junior D Class, and Hanna Fairbanks shot an 87 in Sub Junior D Class.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Motions

Motion #4 by: Stevens 2nd by McClintock to hold the BGSL Annual Fish Fry on Saturday September 10, 2011.

Motion Passed.

Motion #5 by: Miller 2nd by Ironmonger to approve the attached Internet Communications Policy to replace the old policy in its entirety.

Motion Passed.

Motion #6 by: Alexander 2nd by Foster Allow overnight parking and camping in the Casting parking lot for the July and October Sporting Clays events.

Motion Passed.

Motion #7 by: Niblet 2nd by Miller to allow the Main Gate to be left open all night on July 22nd and July 23rd for competitors that are coming in late and camping to have access.

Motion Passed.

Motion by: L. Johnson 2nd by Burgess to Adjourn

Adjourned: 9:36pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mike Kass BGSL Secretary.

General Membership Meetings Minutes June 2011

Minutes
Of
The General Membership Meeting
Bluegrass Sportsmen's League
July 5, 2011

Call to Order: 7:12pm

Pledge: Led By Vets

Invocation: Tom Cottingim

Roll Call: Present: Mulcahy, Kass, Fister, Foster and Bickert.

Absent: Ironmonger, Foley, and Tryon.

A Quorum was not present.

Tom Cottingim NRA Representative for the LKS

Gave a presentation on the NRA and how it can help clubs.

Motion by: Foster 2nd by Cottingim to dispense with the reading of the last General Membership Meeting minutes.

Motion Passed.

Financial Report -

Dan Fister presented the P&L and Balance Sheet.

Committee/Division Reports

Youth

The Youth Division had 2 shooters that went to the State Trap Shoot

Jessie Johnson shot a 90 and won the Junior D Class

Hanna Fairbanks shot an 87 and won the Sub Junior D Class

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No new business

Motion by: Dan Fister 2nd by Rick Allen to Adjourn.

Adjourned: 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Kass BGSL Secretary.



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