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# Bluegrass Sportsman Trails

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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 AND NONSENSE

Over the years, we've all learned the hard lesson of what it means when anti-gun advocates call for more "common sense gun control legislation." What they're re-ally saying is they want to further infringe on your right to keep and bear arms and will use any tragic incident, excuse, or opportunity to impose their will. Generally, their definition of common sense, however, is radically different from mine, and I suspect from 99.9% of our SASS gang too—its just utter nonsense.

Here are 10 logical arguments I consider to be common sense regarding guns.

(1) The Founders' Constitution: The primary point of all others that follow is based on our Creator endowed unalienable right to secure life and liberty and trumps all counter arguments ever made by man... *A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.* That statement is simple and supreme. But let's dig a little deeper.

(2) The Founders' words: Many were lawyers themselves and therefore knew exactly what they wrote, and what they wrote is exactly what they meant. If you notice, the phrase doesn't say, "... shall not be infringed *except for...*" it says what it says. Trying to read anything else into those words is more than utter nonsense; its deceit.

(3) The Founders' definition: "... shall not be infringed." According to Webster's 1828 dictionary: *shall*: Determination or promise. Command. A directive or requirement. To have to: MUST. *not*: "In no way; to no degree. Used to express negation, denial, refusal or prohibition" *be*: "Make: cause to become" *infringed*: "To encroach upon something." Broken; violated;

Another way then to state the Founder's concept of the Second Amendment using definitions of their own period would be: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms must in no way or to no degree be broken, violated, or encroached upon."

(4) The Founders' intent: Their purpose was not some nonsense about arming a then nonexistent National Guard as many anti-gunners claim based on the prologue "A well regulated militia..." The intent is evident not only in the Amendment itself, but their concept is widely seeded throughout their personal writings, including the Federalist Papers and other documented quotes. Reference George Mason "Father of the Bill of Rights" who said, *I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials.*

(5) Freedom up; Murder down. I compared three states in terms of murder rates per 100,000 of population - New York, California, and Vermont. The comparison was made per 100,000 so the total population figures of the three states used wouldn't bias the results since Vermont has by far, a lower population. We all know New York and California are two of the most restrictive states in the union when it comes to gun rights. Vermont, on the other hand, is one of the most gun friendly—no permits required to buy or carry, open or concealed, it's all okay. Personal responsibility for individual behavior is their common sense approach. Gun control advocates, however, always peddle their nonsense that unrestricted access to guns is a formula for

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blood in the streets, but here are the verifiable facts per John Lott's book, "More Guns. Less Crime".

New York ranked #2 with 13.2 murders per 100,000

California ranked #4 with 12.66 per 100,000

Vermont ranked #49 with 0.7 per 100,000

That's a significant difference isn't it?

(6) Guns up; violent crime down. I next compared violent crime rates of all 50 states per 100,000 of population in two categories. States with non-discretionary rules, i.e. "shall issue" states, and states that forbid the concealed carry of handguns altogether. Violent crime is defined as murder, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery. The facts are again very clear:

States allowing concealed carry: 378.8 violent crimes per 100,000

States forbidding concealed carry: 715.9 violent crimes per 100,000

States forbidding concealed carry had an 89% higher violent crime rate than states permitting concealed carry! Why is that you ask? Read on ...

(7) Criminals ignore gun laws. To think that thugs, who disregard laws against murder, robbery, rape, and assault, will, by some stretch of lunacy obey gun control laws is the purest form of nonsense. Does anyone think those planning a murder or a robbery would be dissuaded because they would first be required to register their guns or obtain a permit? And who really thinks that requiring a sane and solid citizen to register his guns or have that government permit will deter violence? He isn't planning any crime—never has; never will. So where's the sense in this "common sense gun control?" Background checks to deter felons and the insane from all obtaining guns is common sense, but requiring gun registration and permits of everyone is nonsense.

(8) Criminals prefer unarmed victims and avoid potentially armed citizens: a brilliant flash of common sense that anti-gunners try hard to ignore or cover up. But put yourself in the thug's shoes. Who would you rather confront, an armed citizen or an unarmed one? Where would you focus your life of crime? In areas where guns are outlawed or where guns are prevalent? Where have many shootings occurred? Answer; "gun free zones" aka "free fire or killing zones." And where is violent crime more widespread? Places where gun laws are strict or more relaxed?

(9) Tools aren't behavior. A gun is an inanimate tool not deviant behavior, and crime is deviant behavior. not an inanimate tool. You can't prevent deviant behavior by regulating tools because tools are incapable of behavior, and the number of tools available to the world's deviants is endless. Furthermore, laws against violent crime already exist—regardless of the tool. Guns are merely one in a long line of devices used to gain a power advantage. Even if you could legislate all firearms out of existence, as many anti-gunners dream, deviants would and have used other things that gave them power over their victims—knives, clubs, rocks, chains, baseball bats, box cutters, screwdrivers, even sharp sticks—all of which are obviously legal and very accessible.

(10) "Gun control" is about power control, not crime control. Our Founders recognized this fact as common sense like most thinking students of history. And don't be fooled, anti-gun fanatics know this to be true also. Fortunately, our Founders took steps to ensure such power was in the right hands. Simply put, people that have guns dominate those that don't. As Thomas Jefferson forewarned, *Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not.* Sam Adams' position was brilliantly brief, supremely simple and crystal clear, *And that said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress to infringe ... or to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms.*"

That, my friends is the difference between common sense and nonsense as I see it, but as I always say, it's just the view from my saddle. Contact Colonel Dan: coloneldan@bellsouth.net

## BOD Minutes April 2011

**Minutes  
Of  
The Board of Officers and Directors  
Blue Grass Sportsmen's League  
April, 26 2011**

**Call to order:** 7:11pm

**Invocation:** Tom Cottingim

**Pledge:** Led by B.O.D.

Mike Kass presented Roll Call:

**Roll Call: Present:** Mulcahy, Kass, Fister, Bickert, Foster, Ironmonger, Foley, McCullar, Snider, Cox, Gaska, Stevens, McClintock Burgess, Johnson, Ruland, Kline, Keller, Haase, Richardson, Jarrell, Niblett, Sanders, Miller, Blackburn, Rohr back, Riffell and Cottingim.

**Absent:** Roberts, Bowman, Martin, Johnson, Lucas, Martin, Johnson, Alexander, and Phinney.

**Motion #1 by:** Snider 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Johnson to confirm Tim McCullar as a Director from the Archery Division.

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion #2 by:** Stevens 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burgess to confirm Joel McClintock as a Director from the Kitchen Division.

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion #3 by:** Burgess 2<sup>nd</sup> by Snider to require a Certified Food Safety Manager present and in control of all aspects of food prep and sales that takes place on BGSL grounds. Request the President task the Security Committee to create a form that details the Food Handler and Mangers Certification of any persons or outside caterers that will be serving/ preparing food on BGSL property for sale. These completed forms should be kept for 365 days.

**Roll Call Vote: Yea:** McCullar, Snider, Cox, Gaska, Stevens, McClintock, Burgess, L. Johnson, and Richardson. **Nay:** Kass, Fister, Bickert, Foster, Ironmonger, Foley, Ruland, Kline, Keller, Haase, Jarrell, Niblet, Sanders, Miller, and Blackburn.

**Motion Failed: Yea 9 Nay 15.**

**Motion #4 by:** L. Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson to allow the Youth Division to hold the Youth Ironman Competition on Saturday May 21, 2011 venues are, Air Rifle, Archery, Muzzle Loader, Casting, Rifle, and Trap. The Rifle competition will be held at the GP Range.

**Motion Passed.**

**Motion #5 by:** Blackburn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Miller to approve the use of BGSL E funds to hire an attorney the complete the requirements for BGSL E to be fully recognized and in compliance with IRSA Regulations.

**Motion was withdrawn.**

**Motion by:** Ron Kline 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Foster to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**BOD Minutes February 22, 2011 (cont)**

**Motion by:** Ron Kline 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Foster to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Motion Passed.**

**Finical Report**

Dan Fister presented the Balance sheet and P& L Report he also apologized for not being at the last meeting and thanked everyone for being patient.

**Motion by:** Rick Snider 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bickert to accept the Treasures Report.

**Motion Passed.**

**Committee Reports****Advertising**

New member survey responses as to how they heard about the BGSL:

TV	5
Radio	7
Website	4
Brochure	5

These results were from February 1 thru April 30.

**Division Reports****Youth**

LuAnn Johnson the Easter Egg Hunt has been moved to this Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> due to weather conditions.

**Old Business**

The BGSL E. Motion has been withdrawn

**Motion by:** Ron Kline 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ruland to adjourn.

**Adjourned:** 8:18pm.

**Don't forget the Wednesday working mans special at Sporting Clays**

**5 - 7 pm 100 bird course \$25**

## General Membership Meetings Minutes May 2011

Minutes  
Of  
The General Membership Meeting  
Bluegrass Sportsmen's League  
May 3, 2011

**Call to Order:** 7:10pm

**Pledge:** Led By Vets

**Invocation:** Led by: Tom Cottingim

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

**Absent:** Foster, Ironmonger, Foley, and Tryon.

**A Quorum was not present.**

**Motion by:** Tim Bickert 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ruland to dispense with the reading of the last General Membership Meeting minutes.

**Motion Passed.**

### **Financial Report -**

Dan Fister presented the Financial Report, the Balance Sheet was presented. The P&L was read line by line; including divisions' income and expenses.

### **Committee/Division Reports**

No Committee or Division Reports.

### **Dignitaries**

#### **LKS**

Rick Allen mentioned the KDFWR proposed Sandhill Crane Season he encouraged going to the KDFW website and taking the survey. The anti-hunting groups are pushing hard to stop the season. Friday May 6 the season will be proposed to the full Commission. Tennessee passed a Sandhill Crane season last year and backed off due to anti-hunting group pressure.

## General Membership Meetings Minutes May 2011

The LKS 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting will be held at the Anderson County Sportsman's Club on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

LKS Convention will be June 9, 10, 11 at Cave City.

Resolutions on the agenda:

Establish a Black Bear hunting season using hounds; this is a training season as well as a hunting season.

Allow Coon Hunters to use squealers all the time.

Begin Raccoon Season on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Allow coyotes to be taken at night with the use of a spotlight.

Proposed LKS Bylaw Changes

Include the Leagues Annual Membership Report and Final Report at the Convention.

If a Director can not make a meeting they must pick an alternate from the same District he is a Director from.

NRA

Tom Cottingim gave a report on his trip to the NRA Convention. He has learned a lot about the NRA, he learned that the NRA membership is 80% hunters and that they are the largest hunting organization in the world.

The NRA offers an Associate membership for just \$10.00. You can also save \$10 on an annual membership by clicking the LKS logo on the NRA website, you save \$10.00 and the LKS receives \$10.00.

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

No new business

**Motion by:** John Ruland 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Sanders to Adjourn.

Adjourn 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Kass BGSL Secretary.



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