

America: Ruled by Judges...*Continued . . .*

- One-handgun-per-month rule was struck down.

Although some might see this as a partial victory, this case demonstrates the problems with inviting judges to disregard the text of the Second Amendment by using the very “judge empowering interest balancing” tests that Heller I rejected. It causes such challenges to hinge not on what the Founders wrote, but on how the judges “feel” — **and results in our rights being narrowly defined by gun-ignorant and gun-hostile judges.**

Special thanks to William Olson, Attorney for Gun Owners Foundation, for his expert analysis of this most recent court ruling.

**Ways to Give**

Everyone knows someone who **wants** to be involved, but they don't have the time. Maybe they are interested in charitable giving, but they don't know who or what to trust. This is where you come in – to introduce Gun Owners to friends and family – especially those who might want some options as to how they can help with their wallets. We know people across the state are tapped out, but we also know there are people who are eager to give – whether it's a straight contribution or a donation (bequest) through a will or trust. . . . **they simply don't know where and how to do it but we can help with that!**

We have not one, not two but **THREE** ways people can be involved – go to our website and get the specifics (**there are different rules for each**) on how you can help:

POLITICALLY: GUN OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

This is the exclusive political arm of Gun Owners, and funds raised for the campaign committee permit us to contribute directly into a campaign.

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All funds – membership and otherwise are used in California to fight anti-gun legislation. These monies support activities at the Capitol, plus basic operating expenses.

To give: Makes checks payable to GOC, Inc., 1831 Iron Point Suite 120, Folsom, CA 95630, or online at www.gunownersca.com

LEGALLY: GUN OWNERS FOUNDATION

In 2014 alone, GOF was active in more than two dozen major cases, and our attorneys filed briefs in eight cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

To give: Make checks payable to: GOF, 1831 Iron Point Suite 120, Folsom, CA 95630, or online at www.gunowners.com

TO: SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON, (ret.)

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WWW.GUNOWNERSCA.COM**Action in the Courts – The Top of Our List**

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

As the legislative year comes to a close at the State Capitol, our work to defend the Second Amendment does not end...or even slow down. On August 28th, 2015, Gun Owners of California (GOC) funded and joined an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief along with the Western States Sheriffs' Association, and the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund (partial list) asking the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) to hear the case of Arie S. Friedman and the Illinois State Rifle Association v. City of Highland Park.

In this case, the Court of Appeals for the 7th District upheld a lower court ruling that allowed the City of Highland Park, Illinois to ban so-called *assault weapons and high-*

capacity magazines in its jurisdiction. GOC believes that the ruling from the 7th District used tortured logic to render a blatantly unconstitutional decision and completely ignored the direction given by SCOTUS in both Heller v. Washington DC and McDonald v. Chicago as to how the courts should decide Second Amendment cases.

In order to insure that the voice of law enforcement was accurately and strongly represented in this critically important case, GOC funded the *amicus* brief even though it's from a district on the other side of the country. GOC believes that the outcome will be another landmark decision that will go a long ways toward invalidating

similar so-called *assault weapons and high capacity magazine* bans across the country... especially here in California.

Our brief includes numerous compelling arguments, one of which states that “*very few crimes are committed with the firearms that Highland Park has banned. Over the period 2009-2013, only 2.5% of homicides were committed with rifles of all types. Far more people were murdered with blunt objects (4.0%), personal weapons such as hands, fists, and feet (5.8%), and knives or cutting instruments (12.9%).*”

To read the entire brief, go to the GOC website at www.gunownersca.com.

Blogging or Glogging – We're In It!

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

Good News! We've officially re-entered the blogosphere – or as some may call it - the “Glogosphere”**.

Our aim is to be a repository of information – a storehouse of intellectual ammunition – from all over California. We will post GOC commentary (check out the great stuff we've already put up on what really happens in the final days of the legislative session), plus solid, no-nonsense data and articles we think will be of interest to the pro-gun community. Without question, being “in the know” is what distinguishes us from apathetic Americans who have closed their eyes and ears while our Constitutional rights were being stripped from our homes and our hands.

But have no fear – we won't be all gloom and doom because we are involved in 2A victories all over the nation and we are eager to share those. We have something to learn from those

wins – and from the losses we are dealt, too.

There will always be those who think the Golden State is anything but “golden” – we at GOC think differently, though. California is well worth saving, and sharing information is a good step in getting us there. We're learning from the wisdom of ages past, and our favorite quote for this quarter is from Mark Twain who said,

“It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.”

**We have to give a very positive nod to Guy Sagi for his clever recommendations of “gun terms” that should be added to Oxford University's new “words” in its official online dictionary: “glogger” – replacement for the antiquated term for “firearms blogger.” (8/30/2015 American Rifleman Magazine)

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2015 Legislative Wrap-Up

By Sam Paredes - Executive Director

On September 11, 2015, the California Legislature adjourned the first half of their two year session, and will not be able to wreak havoc on our gun rights until January of next year when they return to Sacramento. The list below is a summary of the legislation GOC has been following this year; for more details and real time status for those bills on the Governor's desk, go to our website at www.gunownersca.com. You can contact Governor Brown c/o the State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814 / Phone: (916) 445-2841 / Fax: (916) 558-3160.

(The term "held in committee" indicates that the bill remained in that particular committee without a vote being taken. The term "failed passage in committee" indicates a vote was taken.)

AB 150 / Melendez – Theft of a Firearm; Penalties

Failed passage in Assembly Appropriations Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 225 / Melendez – Gun Violence Restraining Order: False Information

Failed passage in Assembly Public Safety Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 395 / Gallagher - Hunting: Lift the Ban on Non-Lead Ammunition

Bill was not heard in 2015; according to the author, will be pursued in 2016.

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 443 / Alejo – Forfeiture (Firearm Provisions Amended Out of the Bill)

Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee

GOC removed opposition.

AB 462 / Grove Firearms: Waiting Period

Bill was not heard in 2015; according to the author, will be pursued in 2016.

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 499 / Cooley – Archery Season; Concealed Firearms

Held in Senate Natural Resources Committee.

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 529 / Jones-Sawyer – Armed Prohibited Persons; Vehicle Registration

Held in Assembly Transportation Committee

GOC: WATCH

AB 892 / Achadjian - Unsafe Handguns: Peace Officer's State-Issued Handguns

Signed by GOVERNOR and Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter No. 203

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 947 / Chavez - Controlled Substances: Firearms

Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 950 / Melendez - Firearms: Gun Violence Restraining Orders

Signed by GOVERNOR; Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter No. 205

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 1134 / Stone - Firearms: Concealed Firearm Licenses

On Governor Brown's Desk

GOC: OPPOSE

AB 1154 / Gray - Applications for CCW and Release of Information

Held in Assembly Public Safety Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

AB 1415 / Steinorth - Firearms: Felons in Possession of Firearms

Held In Assembly Appropriations Committee

GOC: WATCH

SB 347 / Jackson - Firearms: Prohibited Persons and Misdemeanor Convictions

On Governor Brown's Desk

GOC: OPPOSE

SB 452 / Galgiani - Theft: Firearms

Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

SB 456 / Block - Criminal Threats: Discharge of a Firearm

Vetoed by GOVERNOR.

GOC: WATCH

SB 566 / Bates – Firearm Safety Certificate: Veterans

Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

SB 678 / Hill - User-Authorized Firearms

Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

GOC: WATCH

SB 707 / Wolk - Firearms: Gun-Free School Zone

On Governor Brown's Desk

GOC: OPPOSE

SB 714 / Nielsen – Firearms; Increase in Felony Convictions

Held in Senate Public Safety Committee

GOC: SUPPORT

SB 755 / Anderson - Criminal Law: Deadly Weapons

Held in Senate Rules Committee

GOC: WATCH

Anti-Gun Bills Land on Governor's Desk

Legislative Leopards can't (or won't try) to change their spots and have thus sent three anti-gun bills (**SB 347/Jackson – SB 707/Wolk – AB 1134/Stone**) to the desk of Governor Brown.

Two of the three demonstrate an especially juvenile perspective on how to curb crime in California – Senator Hannah Beth Jackson (**SB 347**), for example, thinks that anyone in possession of a single shotgun shell while on school grounds should lose their gun rights for ten years.

TEN YEARS. Not ten days. Not ten months – but ten years.

Did we miss the serious crime problem with a lone shotgun shell sitting at the bottom of someone's pocket? Let's be real - carrying ammo without a gun is like carrying a rock. Sarcasm aside, each of the following will put a 10 year boot on the neck of your gun rights if you are:

- *Picking up your child from school in the same pants/jacket you wore pheasant hunting, but you have some leftover shotgun shells in a pocket.*
- *The coach of the local high school trap team and some well-meaning parent brings donated ammo on campus. Heck – you both are fried!*
- *A minor student – on the trap team – who may have a random cartridge or two in a backpack.*

Don't Miss It! Yuba Sutter Dinner

Join GOC at our annual fundraising event on Friday, January 15, 2016!

WHERE? Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, Main Exhibit Hall

WHEN? Friday, January 15, 2016 at 5:30 pm

WHY? To join fellow gun owners, hunters, and patriots in the fight to defend the Constitution and protect the Second Amendment!

MORE INFO? www.gunownersca.com or call (916) 984-1400

(For info on our fundraising events in your local area, visit the events page for updates at www.gunownersca.com)

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the 52 Gun Raffle!

GOC has given away 520 guns since 2006!

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and we have you to thank! Each year, we sell raffle tickets to help raise funds to enable GOC to continue the legislative, legal, and political fight to protect the Second Amendment. By purchasing a raffle ticket for \$50, you enter in for a chance to win one of the 52 guns given away! That's right!

We give away 52 guns in 52 weeks!

Winners are announced weekly, and if they don't hear the good news on Sep Hendrickson's California Sportman Radio Show each Saturday, they're sure to get a call from GOC's Kim Agbayani first thing Monday morning. **"It really is a great way to start with week – I've heard a lot of happy hollering, that's for sure! It really is one of the very best parts of the job."**

Ticket sales are OPEN for the 2016 52 Gun Raffle and we hope you will join us in the fight to defend the Second Amendment! (No more than 1,500 tickets sold. For rules and information, visit www.gunownersca.com. To purchase tickets, call (916) 984-1400

- *A mom – legally permitted to carry a weapon, but with ammo in your purse. No gun – just the ammo.*

We will be making the case to Governor Brown that this bill will have no bearing on gun violence, but rather will actually criminalize those who present zero danger to the public.

Another bill on the Governor's desk is **SB 707 (Wolk)**, which is nothing more than a problem in search of a solution, by amending the Gun-Free School Zone Act with *further* exceptions to the prohibition on carrying ammunition on school grounds. Even though no CCW holder has ever committed a crime on a California campus, the bill deletes the exemption that would allow anyone with a valid license to concealed carry there.

One has to imagine what our state and country would look like if we responded to the more rational fear of being harmed by an actual criminal than being irrationally afraid of someone who respects the law.

We will press for a veto of this bill.

And finally, although less onerous in comparison, we will also seek a veto of **Assemblyman Mark Stone's AB 1134**, which will alter the authority regarding the issuance of concealed weapons permits. This bill creates a burden for the applicant, and adds an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy to a process that has become increasingly more convoluted in recent years.

We Need You! To Vote...

It's long been said that telling an uninformed voter to vote is like giving a gun to someone who doesn't know how to shoot. It's dangerous. But we need YOU- the informed - to register to vote and make sure your fellow 2nd Amendment supporters do too. WHY? Because we have rock-solid proof that the gun community has made the difference between electing someone who is pro-gun and someone who is not. And, if you register to vote-by-mail, it makes for more efficient get-out-the-vote efforts. Your participation is needed if we are going to toss the bad guys out and get the good guys in.

If you need voter registration forms, just call us and we will get one to you.

America: Ruled by Judges – Or the Law?

It's a challenge to break down all the court related tom foolery with Heller v. the District of Columbia, but we will give it a good shot. You can find a more thorough explanation of GOC's involvement at www.gunownersca.com.

After the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit decision that registration of handguns is constitutional, the appeals court sent the case to the district court to evaluate the "individual" registration requirements under "immediate scrutiny."

In a disappointing (but not surprising) move, the one district court judge who had wisely applied the Supreme Court's framework from Heller I was absent from the panel – and replaced by an Obama appointee. The Court of Appeals subsequently reviewed the district court's application of intermediate scrutiny to the individual registration requirements. Since this is little more than an excuse for judges to apply their own standards, some requirements were struck down, and others upheld:

- Registration of long guns is permissible since it is a minor burden on owning a gun.
- As to individual registration, requirements of in-person appearance, fingerprinting, and photographing of the applicant were good ideas, but bringing the firearm for inspection went too far.
- The re-registration of the firearm every three years was unnecessary, but that fees charged in the registration process were appropriate.
- Firearm safety education requirements made sense, while the legal knowledge education requirements did not.

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