



St. Louis Sportsman's Events

April 2010 Events

4/3, Saturday, DU-Wetlands
for Kids Day

4/7, Wed. Evening Sporting
Clays League starts at
BlackHawk Valley Hunt Club

4/8, Thursday, 5-Stand Derby-
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

4/10, Sat., DU Banquet-
Wentzville

4/10-11, MO Spring Youth
Turkey Season

4/13, Tues., Fly Tying Night-
Lone Wolf Coffee Co.-Ballwin

4/14, Wed., Sporting Clays
League-
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

4/15, Thursday, 5-Stand
Derby-
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

4/19, Mon., MO Spring Turkey
Season starts

4/17, Sat., DU Banquet-Troy,
MO

4/21, Wed., Sporting Clays
League-
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

4/22, Thursday, 5-Stand
Derby-
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

4/25, Sunday, Registered Trap
Shoot-St. Louis Skeet and
Trap

4/28, Wed., Sporting Clays
League-
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

4/29, Thursday, 5-Stand
Derby-
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

For details on these events
and others occurring in the St.
Louis area in April please
click here.

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Welcome to the Straight Shooter

Dear Fellow Sportsman:

Thoughts from the "Blind"

The month of April holds a special place in my heart, federal and state income tax filings are due. We should all be very concerned with the debt and ensuing tax burden that has been created due to run away entitlement programs, created by well meaning but fiscally criminal politicians. Those debts will be paid somehow, either by inflation or taxes or more likely an increasing amount of both. Neither is good for business or long term growth of the economy. Find a way to support organizations that are educating the American people on the importance of fiscal responsibility, at all levels. As private citizens we need to lead by example and live fiscally responsible lives. I recently read that US savings rates are climbing for the first time in a couple decades. This might be a good sign that US households are finally detoxing from the credit binge of the last decade, let's hope so.

"Wild Experience" Guest Contributor

Talking Turkey by Dr. Jim Ginther- New Melle, MO

The weekend before the season opened found two tyro turkey hunters scouting ridges at daybreak. As we sat by a lone cedar tree in the middle of the ridge a hen left the finger of trees on the left and walked out into the meadow. Two toms shortly followed and when one gobbled the other answered. They fanned their tails fully, puffed out their chest feathers, held out their wings like a couple of body builders who had just finished bench pressing three hundred pounds, and strutted. The sunlight caught the birds and they burst into a symphony of colors; the bronze and black bars of their tail feathers with tan bands at the ends, iridescent bronze-green of chest feathers, blood red wattles contrasting with sky blue cheek patches and chalk white skull cap, and the distinctive alternating gray-brown and white barring of their wing feathers. One folded his gaudiness and preened. The other thrust its head and neck forward and gobbled, causing the first to mimic by reflex. The hen seemed oblivious to this display of male pulchritude as she went about her task of gathering grit. Her long neck bobbed then extended vertically, like a periscope, as she nervously eyed her surroundings.

To read the entire story, please click on the following link:

http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=54:upland-game&Itemid=19&layout=default

Missouri Spring Turkey Season

For more information, please click on the following link to the Department of Conservation section "Spring Turkey Information".

<http://www.mdc.mo.gov/hunt/turkey/sprturk/>

Summer 2010 Dove Hunting in Argentina!!!!

Want to go Dove Hunting in Argentina this summer (their fall and winter)?

SRC has a relationship with Argentina Ducks and Doves LLC, just north of Cordoba, Argentina. If you are interested in being part of a group of local sportsmen who take a trip to this wing shooting paradise, please respond to this e-mail for more information.

For more information on Argentina Ducks and Doves, please click on the following link:

<http://www.argentinaducksanddoves.com/>

Link of the Month- HeartlandHunters.com

HeartlandHunters.com is a site dedicated to Missouri hunting and fishing. A group of hunting buddies decided to initially start the site to make it easier for them to share their hunting photos and experiences. The site has grown considerably since the launch in 2005. Sportsman's Resource Connection is proud to be recently named a "partner" on their site. To visit HeartlandHunters.com please click on the following link:

<http://www.heartlandhunters.com/Welcome.htm>

Profile: Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club, Old Monroe, MO

Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club was started over 40 years ago by the current manager, Greg Palmer's, grandfather and a few good friends. It has become in my view one of the premier upland bird hunting preserves in the St. Louis area, along with a very nice sporting clays course, 5-stand field and a skeet course. Full disclosure: I have been a member of Blackhawk for several years and enjoy both upland game and clay shooting at their facility.

Sporting Clays at Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

April 7th is the start of Blackhawk's weekly Wednesday evening Sporting Clays League that goes into early October. Shooters arrive between 4:30p and 6:00p and shoot either 50 or 100 clays. You do not have to be part of a team or commit to every Wednesday night. Just come out and blast some clays. Afterwards, the local Lions Club is on site serving up brats, burgers and occasionally fish. The food and drink are very reasonably priced and proceeds go to benefit the great work of the Lions Club. No alcohol is allowed before shooting, but a cold beer afterwards sure tastes great (BYOB).

The sporting clays course generally has between 12-14 stations and can be shot with either 50 or 100 targets. The front side of the course winds around some fields with a very tough station producing a long shot over the lake. A very high tower on the other side of the lake throws two clays across the far end of the lake. Depending on the location of the sun this can prove to be one of the most difficult stations on the course. Several challenging presentations are waiting on the back side of the course which is primarily in the woods (bug spray can be helpful to your score on the back side).

To read the rest of this review on Sporting Clays at Blackhawk, please click on the following link:

http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=41:sporting-clays-at-blackhawk&catid=38:shooting-facilities&Itemid=27

Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club is located at 1259 Brevator Rd., Old Monroe, MO 63369. Contact Greg Palmer at 636-661-5199.

Cross Trail Outfitters (CTO) Outstanding Organization of the Month

CTO is a christian oriented youth hunting and fishing club for young men ages 7-20, led by a local Outfitter (full-time youth minister). Many young men do not have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and learn the skills many of us were taught by our fathers, grandfathers or the positive male role models of our youth. The young men that participate in programs like CTO will be one ones preserving our outdoor heritage. Consider supporting this outstanding organization along side your other conservation organizations.

For more information you can contact the Missouri State Outfitter, Brian Utecht at 361-726-3101 or click on the following link to learn more about CTO.

Sportsman's Resource Connection (SRC) needs your help!

We are looking for sportsmen and women to submit their favorite wild game recipes, write an article describing their once in a life time hunting or fishing trip for our "*Wild Experience*" section of the website.

St. Louis has a long tradition and huge well of skills and resources in the sporting community. Consider sharing a favorite story or wild game recipe with us.

If you like the content of this newsletter, please feel free to forward it to other's who share our mutual passion for sporting activities.

Until next month, be safe and God bless,

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SRC Investment Tip Of The Month

Has your current advisor discussed the possibility of converting your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA during calendar year 2010? There might be tremendous long term benefits to doing so. You should at least have the conversation with a professional who can help you determine if a conversion is appropriate for you. To schedule a complimentary appointment to discuss this issue and any other financial planning issue you might have, give me a call at 314-737-8123.

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