



## St. Louis Sportsman's Events

### May 2010 Events

5/5, Wed., Sporting Clays  
League-  
BlackHawk Valley Hunt Club

5/6, Thursday, 5-Stand  
Derby-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/8, Sat., Old Monroe DU  
Shoot-  
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

5/8, Sat., St. Louis Mid-  
County DU Banquet-  
Affton Elks Lodge

5/9, Sun., MO Spring Turkey  
Season ends.

5/12, Wed., Sporting Clays  
League-  
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

5/13, Thursday, 5-Stand  
Derby-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/15, Sat., Registered Skeet  
Shoot-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/15, Sat., Cystic Fibrosis-  
Shoot for a Cure-  
River Hills Sporting Clays,  
Booneville

5/15, Sat., Friends of SLU  
Liver Center Shoot-  
Strathalbyn Farms

5/16, Sunday, Salute the  
Troops Shoot-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/18, Tues., Fly Tying Night-  
Lone Wolf Coffee Co.-  
Ballwin

5/19, Wed., Sporting Clays  
League-  
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

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## Welcome to the Straight Shooter

### Dear Fellow Sportsman:

### Thoughts from the "Blind"

The month of May starts out with the market, as represented by the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA), near 11000, a level reached for the first time back in early 2000 and roughly 3000 points lower than the all-time high achieved in the fall of 2007.

Remember historically the market is a leading indicator and has anticipated past economic recoveries. I believe based on the prospects of coming out of the greatest recession since the Great Depression, the market (DJIA) has rebounded to its current levels after reaching a bottom in March of 2009 around 6,600 on the DJIA, a level not seen since January 1997.

Not to say the market can't or won't go higher, but I believe the following are hurdles that will make it difficult for the market to move much higher in a sustained fashion: the current high level of unemployment, lower consumer spending, continued difficulty in accessing credit by both consumers and businesses, the Federal Reserve eventually unwinding the massive liquidity pumped into the system over the past few years, and the threat of more government regulation in the markets.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is no higher today than it was at the beginning of 2000. Does your current investment allocation take this into account or are you still investing like you were during the bull market of 1982-1999?

**Newsflash.....**that bull market ended in the spring of 2000.

Diversification across a number of traditional (US and international stocks and bonds) and non-traditional asset classes (commodities, long-short, market neutral strategies) and using tactical managers with proven track records, who can and will allocate assets as market conditions change, will in my view increasingly be important to US investors.

For a complimentary review of your investment portfolio and to discuss investments that make sense in today's market, give me a call at 314-737-8123.

5//20, Thursday, 5-Stand Derby-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/23, Sunday, Registered Trap Shoot-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/26, Wed., Sporting Clays League-  
Blackhawk Valley Hunt Club

5//27, Thursday, 5-Stand Derby-  
St. Louis Skeet and Trap

5/30, Registered Skeet Shoot-  
Gateway Gun Club

[For details on these events and others occurring in the St. Louis area in May please click here.](#)

#### 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/>

Attention Wing Shooters!!!!  
July, 2010  
Dove Hunting in Argentina!!!!

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 will be hunting dove and ducks the first week of July, 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/>

## "Wild Experience" Guest Contributor

### **Mt. Lion Hunt in British Columbia by Jim Sharkey-Lake St. Louis**

This is the story of my Mountain Lion Hunt with Scott Ogden of Fraser Valley Outfitters. Fraser Valley Outfitters is located near Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada.

I arrived a day late; Vancouver Airport was closed due to snow. They had about 6 inches in 2 hours time. I was in touch with Scott by phone. He knew I would be arriving at 1:00pm the next day. Scott picked me up at the airport and even though it was too late to start hunting, we drove on some of the roads in his territory – 6,000 Sq Miles – looking for tracks – but only found 11 sets, which Scott felt were too small to follow up on. They sure looked good to me!

At the lodge, we unpacked. There was a private bedroom, private bathroom, large living room, satellite TV, etc. It could not have been better! We also had a great cook, named Sharon Henry! While dinner was being prepared, we sighted the rifles. That night we enjoyed a fabulous dinner of Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, Scott explained what the next day would bring.

Scott had two people working for him. We would all split up and look for tracks. Scott and I began, but after about 1 hour, 9:00am, we got a call from Harold McClaine who thought that he had found a fresh set of tracks that would be to Scott's liking! We met up with Harold and sure enough, Scott said "that's your cat and you will kill him". The area we were hunting was a flat plateau, which was timbered many years ago. The timber company cut the area up into blocks that were about 5 miles long and 2 miles across. We took to the snowmobiles and circled the block to find out if the cat had come out of the block. He did. He came out of the second block, but we could not find out where he came out of the third block. Scott then went to where we found his tracks entering the third block and followed them on foot – about 2/3 through the block and he found a 4 x 4 mule deer the cat had killed. Scott called us and gave us a GPS location to meet him. We unloaded the dogs, shed a lot of our clothes and with the 6 dogs on leashes, we went to where the mule deer was recently killed.

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

[http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=39:mt-lion-hunt-in-british-columbia-by-jim-sharkey-lake-st-louis&catid=58:cats&Itemid=19](http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39:mt-lion-hunt-in-british-columbia-by-jim-sharkey-lake-st-louis&catid=58:cats&Itemid=19)

Attention Goose and Duck Hunters  
Fall, 2010-Honker Haven  
Goose and Duck Hunting in Alberta, Canada

SRC has a relationship with International Adventure a local booking agency that has been serving sportsmen for nearly 40 years. International Adventure has a unique hunting opportunity this fall for the discriminating Goose and Duck Hunter in Alberta, Canada-Honker Haven. This is stand up shooting in blinds, no laying down. Black Bear hunting is also available at Honker Haven.

For more information on Honker Haven and International Adventure please click on the following link.

<http://www.internationaladventure.com/canada.html>

Link of the Month-Great Rivers Habitat Alliance

A group of citizens, concerned about the current flood plain development trends within the St. Louis Metropolitan region, established Great Rivers Habitat Alliance in June 2000. GRHA addresses issues affecting wetland habitat and promotes sensible use of flood plains in the confluence region of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois Rivers. The organization's primary focus is on the Confluence Flood Plain in St. Charles County. The organization seeks to save our natural flood plain and rural agricultural heritage. GRHA strives in influencing public officials to make changes in their policies and legislation that is affecting the regional flood plain development.

For more information on GRHA, please click on the following link:

<http://www.grha.net/index.php>

## **Safari Club International (SCI)** **Outstanding Organization of the Month**

I had always heard about SCI through my interest in hunting and connections to other hunters over the years. But I never had the opportunity to get involved with a chapter until 2009. My involvement with the Gateway Area Chapter here in St. Louis has really been an outstanding experience. In addition to meeting and getting to know some of the most experienced hunters in town, I have had the opportunity to get to learn about SCI as an organization.

Local sportsmen and women who love the outdoors and wildlife can make a difference not only in the local area but internationally by becoming involved with organizations like SCI.

I encourage you to consider becoming a member of the Gateway Area Chapter of SCI. A \$60 annual membership fee gives you both national membership as well as membership to the Gateway Area Chapter. The Gateway Area Chapter meets at Syberg's (Dorsett and I-270) at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Consider attending a monthly chapter meeting to learn more about SCI and what they are doing to expand awareness and appreciation for hunting in St. Louis and around the world. If you have any questions about the local chapter please feel free to give me a call at 314-737-8123.

**To learn more about SCI, please view the following link.**

[http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com\\_weblinks&view=category&id=34%3Agame-animal-organizations&Itemid=7](http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com_weblinks&view=category&id=34%3Agame-animal-organizations&Itemid=7)

### **SRC sponsors two upcoming Charity Shoots**

Two outstanding charities that make a difference in the lives of many in our community are hosting fundraising shoots on May 15th.

- 1. Friends of SLU Liver Center Shoot-  
Strathalbyn Farms, St. Charles, MO**
- 2. Cystic Fibrosis-Shoot for a Cure-  
River Hills Sporting Clays, Boonville, MO**

For more information on these shoots, click on the following link to the SRC Calendar for May 2010.

[http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com\\_rs\\_events&view=calendar&Itemid=47](http://www.sportsmansresourceconnection.com/index.php?option=com_rs_events&view=calendar&Itemid=47)

## **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 and this newsletter.

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**

**Long Term Care has been a hot topic the past several years. As more and more Baby Boomers reach retirement age the need for families to address this important and sensitive issue will become even more pressing. Have you saved enough to pay for nursing home or home health care for you and your spouse? Do you want to spend down life savings to fund such expenses or would you rather your heirs or charitable causes benefit from years of hard work, saving and investing? Do you want your children to bear the burden financially or physically to care for you during the end of life? 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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