

CMRC NEWS



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**REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
IN THE CLUB HOUSE AT 7:00 PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE FULL
MEMBERSHIP AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

THE NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 14, 2017.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017
4 th – Club Banquet	4 th – Judges' Seminar	11 th – Club Meeting	9 th – Club Meeting & Shot Clinic
14 th – Club Meeting	14 th – Club Meeting	23 rd – Informal	25 th – Purina Handling Clinic
19 th – Informal	19 th – Informal		26 th -28 th – Spring Trial 26 th – Purina Awards Dinner

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FEBRUARY 4TH CLUB BANQUET CONTACT SHARON SWEEP AT 763-286-9452 TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2017 is off to a fast start. Hopefully many of our individual goals will be reached this year in respect to our canine companions. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals that have stepped forward to help with the transition at CMRC with the new board and those who have offered their help and support.

It is my personal goal to make the club stronger than ever. It takes a dedicated group of people to work together to make our club function well. I also wish to be responsive to the many members and help them realize their goals.

If you have any insight or suggestions, please feel free to contact any board members with your suggestions or concerns. A club is only as strong as all its members make it. There are no club members that are more important than other ones; we are all in this together and that is what makes a club strong.

The website has been updated with all the current board members, so feel free to reach out to any of them. I hope to see many of our members at all our upcoming events. As we are a volunteer organization, please reach out to the event chairmen if you are able help at any of our upcoming events this year. I look forward to everyone's continuing support.

Mark Belford, President

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The January 10, 2017 meeting for CMRC was held at the club house.

Members present: Jim Stang, John Thiem, Mike Nugent, Mark Belford, Linda Twiss, Mike Verdon, Dan Stavrum, Steve Goetze, Gordie Schlichting, Sharon Sweep, Rose Meyer and Duane Smith.

Mark Belford opened the meeting with the comments that the elections held in December did not comply with the current By-Laws of CMRC which left the club in an awkward position. His suggestion was that the club hold elections. stevegoetze@comcast.net

Elections were held and the new officers and board members are:

President – Mark Belford

Vice-President – Mike Nugent

Secretary – Linda Twiss

Treasurer – John Shoffner

Board Members at Large – Dan Stavrum, Mike Verdon and Steve Goetze.

Field Trial Chairman – Duane Smith III

Hunting Test Chairman – Gordie Schlichting.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. 2016 membership income was down from 2015. Linda Twiss will track the memberships for 2017 and will establish an up-to-date roster.

Sharon Sweep is heading up the organization of the Club Banquet. She has received many donations for the raffles and silent auctions. More are always welcome. Dan Stavrum has the January Informal well organized.

Gordie Schlichting reported that the upcoming Hunting Test has been approved by AKC. One of the judges will need to complete a judges' seminar for eligibility to judge. Duane Smith will contact Paul Hanson to get the list of judges for 2017 and 2018. Due to the National Amateur being held in Mondovi, WI in June, CMRC will probably have larger than usual entries.

Mark Belford will get the correspondence from Paul Hanson needed to follow up with having CMRC approved by AKC as a member club. The Purina High Point Awards will be held in conjunction with HCARC's spring trial on May 12-14, 2017. The handler's seminar will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 prior to the start of the trial at CMRC. Dinner will be Friday at Jack and Jim's. Chris Brandl is the co-chair and Mark Belford will follow up with him.

A picture of Danny Farmer and Dottie will be hung in the club house to commemorate their National Open Win.

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The Central Minnesota Retriever Club will be hosting an AKC Basic Retriever Hunt Test Judges' and Handlers' Seminar on Saturday, March 4, 2017. The seminar will be held in the clubhouse of CMRC and will begin with registration at 8:00 AM and will conclude at 4:00 PM. Lunch is provided. Registration fee is \$45 and includes some morning refreshments, lunch and all printed materials you will need for the day.

This seminar is the entry level seminar required by the AKC for all new retriever hunt test judges and satisfies the requirement for a refresher seminar after a judge has judged for 3 years. It provides an overview of the AKC Retriever Hunt Test program, rules, regulations and dealing with misconduct. It is also an excellent opportunity for novice handlers to get insight into what judges are judging and how better to prepare your retriever for hunt test events.

Contact Gordie Schlichting hohumretrievers@aol.com 320-248-8532 or
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Bill Autrey, has been named the **2016 Bill T. Teague Handler of the Year** award recipient. Autrey was nominated by several retriever enthusiasts, including his daughter, Polly Autrey Smithye from Minnesota. He was cited for his ability to overcome major health obstacles, including cancer of the throat to produce well trained retrievers who excelled at both the local, state and national level. One of his recent treatments included removal of his larynx rendering him unable to talk. While clearly a challenge, he overcame this obstacle by talking to judges & colleagues at tests mostly thru writing on a pad & hand signals. The American Kennel Club (AKC) approved a special 'mechanical whistle' Mr. Autrey used by pushing a button resulting in the whistle being 'blown' to handle his dogs. Mr. Autrey is a very competent

dog trainer that has resulted in numerous AKC Master Hunter titles and successful qualifications of dogs at the Master National Retriever Club events.

JANUARY 14, 2017 INFORMAL RESULTS

Open Judges: Bill Halfrich and Mark Belford

1st – Kody GRM Chad Sweep
2nd – Newt GRM Tom Lane
3rd – Pearl BLF Chris Brandl
4th – Gracie BLF Kip Dixon
RJ – Sadie BLF Kip Dixon
JAMS – Ben BLM Chad Sweep
Maynard GRM Gordie Schlichting
Tank BLM Tom Torvik

Qualifying Judges: Wayne Priest and Mike Verdon

1st – Dutch BLM Steve Goetze
2ND – Hoover BLM Spence Buerkle
3rd – Bella GRF Joel Ihnen
4th – Viper BLM John Thiem
RJ - Piper YLF Mike Gohman
JAM – Newt GRM Tom Lane

Derby Judges: Spencer Buerkle and Dick Ofstedal

1st – Annie BLF Chuck Beckman
2nd – Trip GRM Susan Kluesner
3rd – Hobby BLF Ted Esbolt
4th – RevCM Tracey Wagner

Puppy Judges: Spence Buerkle and Dick Ofstedal

1st – Cole BLM Dan Brandl

Hunters

Judges: Todd Caswell and Steve Goetze

1st – Drake YLM Matt Mugge
2nd – Moose GRM Joel Ihnen
3rd – Neo BLM Jace Traemontin
4th – Deuce BLM Matt Mugge
RJ – Boomer BLM Chris Brandl
JAMS - Joe YLM Jae Carlson
Buddy CLM Denice Traemontin
Piper BLF Mike Peterson
Bella GRF Joel Ihnen
Maya YLF Nate Gainley
Bertie BLM Kelsey Wehr
Keno BLM Mike Peterson
Annie BLF Chuck Beckman
Rev CM Tracy Wagner
Rio GRF Gordie Schlichting
Buddy YLM Roger Peterson
Chilli CLF Troy Tilleras
Ahani YLF Troy Tiller