



CMRC NEWS

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH, 2021 AT 10:00 AM.

CLUB MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10 AM FOLLOWED BY DOG TRAINING. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>January 2021</u>	<u>February 2021</u>	<u>March 2021</u>	<u>April 2021</u>
16 th – Club Meeting	13 th – Club Meeting	13 th – Club Meeting	14 th – Club Meeting
17 th – Informal	21 st – Informal	21 st – Informal	15 th – Informal

Election of 2021 Officers and Board Members

Traditionally, Decembers Club meeting triggers the Election for leadership positions at CMRC. Unfortunately, the current restrictions by our Governor's Executive Order prohibited any gathering to hold an election. The CMRC Bylaws require an election, so rather than delay we held the election remotely. Ballots were sent out to all Life and Voting members with the option to telephone their votes in or drop them off at the Club house at a designated time. Surprisingly, we had a decent response from voting members. Thank you for taking the time to vote this unusual way. Please see the 2021 elected Officers and Board Members on the cover page of this Newsletter.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Mark Belford, Linda Twiss and Duane Smith for their outstanding effort, experience, and leadership as part of our CMRC Board. It is noticed and much appreciated.

Informal Events

Customarily, December is the start of Informal Events. Unfortunately, the Board cancelled the December Informal due to the ongoing pandemic. Currently, we are moving forward with the January 17th Informal. Stakes available to run your dog are Puppy, Derby, Jr. Hunters, Hunters, Qualifying and Open. At present, all entry fees to remain the same price as last year. Signing up dogs starts at 8:30 am and the Stakes begin at 9:00 am. The club needs judges and bird throwers for all the upcoming Informal's. These positions are filled by members. By volunteering we can put on a quality event and at the same time, your efforts will satisfy one of your two workdays as part of your Club membership. Now is the time to step up and get involved!

CMRC Banquet

Our year end banquet for Club members is now cancelled. Facilities are closed to provide service to large groups. By tradition, the Club awards the 2020 "High Point" Open and Derby dogs at the banquet. These High Point awards will be presented later.

Club Grounds

The big old oak tree on the West Field was diseased and cut down. This oak tree along with the Clubs accumulated brush pile from Tom and Joe's field were piled together and burned. Additionally, some hay bales were moved and re-located to be strategically positioned in the Fields. The Club is "tidied up" very nicely for training this winter. Thank you to the members who helped with this brush and tree cutdown Project.

2021 CMRC Membership Form

Attached to this newsletter is the 2021 Membership form. Membership participation is the key ingredient for the club to continue and prosper. We did not increase the dues for 2021 even though the costs to operate the Club increased. The timing and the economic conditions from the pandemic, in the Boards view, did not warrant an increase.

2020 was a challenging year for CMRC. Due to pandemic related issues, we were unable to hold key revenue producing events for the Club. This year, along with your membership form, we are asking for members to consider "gifting" any additional amount over and above your yearly membership dues. Any additional gift amount would help bridge the deficiency of 2020. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WISHING YOU A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2021!

Greg Murtha, Editor