



# CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR  
WEDNESDAY MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M. FOLLOWING THE  
SHOT CLINIC.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 2022

11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting &  
Shot Clinic  
26<sup>th</sup> Field Trial

### June 2022

8<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> Hunt Test

### July 2022

TBA Club Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> SRS Event  
29<sup>th</sup> Hunt Test

### August 2022

4<sup>th</sup> Field Trial  
10<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## **SEEKING MEMBERS FOR TRAINING COMMITTEE**

The club has approved the formation of a training committee to explore and implement opportunities for our less experienced members to learn more about training for hunt tests and field trials, as well as creating a solid hunting companion. Contact Debbie Russell at 612-805-5740 if you are interested in serving on this committee.



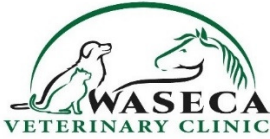
## **SEEKING MEMBERS FOR BANQUET COMMITTEE**

After a year off, the 2022 Banquet was a wonderful success. The club is looking for members to make up the Banquet Committee for next year's event, which will be held in early February. Please contact Gordie Schlichting at 320-248-8532 if you are interested.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## ANNUAL SHOT CLINIC TO BE HELD ON MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT CMRC



CMRC will host its annual shot clinic on Wednesday, May 11th at the clubhouse. The clinic begins at 4:00 pm. Dr. Dennis Nelson, a longtime club member, will be on hand to update all of your canine friend's vaccinations. You can pick up your flea and tick preventative too! Doc Nelson has been doing this shot clinic for years. He covers his costs and makes a sizable donation back to the club at the conclusion of the clinic. It's open to members and guests alike. And he will not only take care of your hunting and sporting breeds, but he will take care of your other fluffy friends and lapdogs as well.

## CMRC UPCOMING AKC SANCTIONED EVENTS

**THE SPRING FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD AN OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE STARTING THURSDAY, A QUALIFYING STAKE STARTING FRIDAY AND AN AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE STARTING SATURDAY.

**THE JUNE HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD AN OWNER/HANDLER QUALIFYING ON FRIDAY WITH A MASTER AND DOUBLE SENIOR, DOUBLE JUNIOR STARTING ON SATURDAY.

**THE SUPER RETRIEVER SERIES (SRS) EVENT WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE JULY HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD AN OWNER/HANDLER QUALIFYING ON FRIDAY WITH A MASTER AND DOUBLE SENIOR, DOUBLE JUNIOR STARTING ON SATURDAY.

**THE SUMMER FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>**

WE WILL HOLD AN OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE STARTING THURSDAY, A QUALIFYING STAKE STARTING FRIDAY AND AN AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE STARTING SATURDAY.

## **SUPER SINGLES RECAP AND RESULTS – Message from Chad and Sharon Sweep - Chairs:**

I would like to start by saying thank you to all who helped with this event.

There were several people, Advanced Judges Kip Dixon and Bob Zylla, Advanced bird techs Andy Brotzler and Josh Tritabaugh.

Hunter Judges Craig O'Dowd and Darrin Schadt, Hunter bird techs were Mark Erickson and Gavin Kolles.

Puppy Judges were Rick Konkler and Brittany Hawkinson. Puppy bird tech was Andy Hawkinson.

Secondly, we would like to thank all of our sponsors for supporting this event. Nutri Source Dog Foods and KNL brands, Dogtra - Peter Fischer, Joel; Ihnen - All Pets Veterinary and Equine service, Angeno's Pizza -Jeff and Jennifer Deelstra, McDonalds - Erin Butler, Andy and Britt Hawkinson, Scheels and Anderson Trucking Service.

The judges provided challenging marks with a single competition; the marks ranged from 35 yards in the puppy to 300 plus yards in the Advanced.

Savannah Stang won the Dogtra Edge RT collar on the card raffle, Kip Dixon won the OFA hips and elbows on the silent auction and Cory Bruss won the Mud River Kennel cover on the silent auction.

## **RESULTS**

### **Puppy Division**

- 1st     Brick and Tom Lane
- 2nd     Basia and Marlene Dingman
- 3rd     Lil and Debra Reid

### **Hunter Division**

- 1st     Yogi and Rick Konkler
- 2nd     Tula and Jean Ihnen
- 3rd     Beau and Justin Croteau
- 4th     Bear and Brittney Berning

### Advanced Division

- 1st Ty and Steve Goetze
- 2nd Tess and Sharon Sweep
- 3rd Newt and Tom Lane
- 4th Dixie and Cory Bruss

### **APRIL INFORMAL RECAP AND RESULTS:**

Congratulations to all those who earned ribbons this past Sunday! Our thanks to everyone who worked to help make this event a success. Results are at the end of the newsletter.

### **Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President**

April Showers, or in some cases, knock-down drag-out blizzards, bring May flowers. As I write this message, I am viewing posts from friends in North Dakota with photos of snow drifts that completely engulf pick-up trucks. I will gladly take the showers over spring snows.

I want to begin by thanking all those who were able to attend our Spring clean-up workday on April 9. We had a good showing of support and “many hands made light work!” We got a number of odd jobs completed in less than 2 hours. Also, a HUGE THANK YOU goes to Doug Braun and Jimmy Stang. They are on the grounds just about every day, cutting and trimming brush around the property and hauling it to the brush pile.

I am very much looking forward to our upcoming spring events. The weekend of April 23 and 24 will hopefully be a very full weekend. Saturday is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Super Singles event, spearheaded and organized by Chad Sweep. Sunday is our last “winter” informal trial of the season. Greg Murtha has done an exemplary job chairing the informal committee this season. Greg secured all the judges this winter, kept us all on task, and focused our efforts to be well prepared each month.

On April 30th we begin our second “Introduction to Junior Hunter” seminar. This was a successful opportunity for many new members of our club last year to be introduced to our club, retriever training and hunt test events. We are lucky to have a number of our fellow amateur retriever enthusiasts serving as instructor/coaches, along with other members supporting the event in other ways. Thank you to Kelsey Wehr for again managing the publicity and registration process. This limited entry event for 12 new club members filled in less than two days. Debbie Russell is managing logistics and is still looking for a couple more helpers, specifically one more gunner for the live flyer day on May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are available to help out, please reach out to Debbie.

Short personal story time...A bit over 30 years ago my father began running his golden retriever in hunt tests. He had joined a club that hosted several retrievers, spaniel and pointing dog hunt tests each season. I was living in the Dakotas at the time. After participating in his first event, he told me I had to come home to see the next event and come help at the club. It was the greatest thing ever. I got to sit

out in the field and shoot hand-thrown ducks off the end of my barrel. Best of all, the club provided all my ammo AND they fed me a lunch! What a deal! I was hooked.

I became a regular and planned at least one summer vacation home to help at the club. And when I ultimately returned to my Minnesota homeland, I too became involved with that same club and the rest is history. I learned a ton sitting out there in the field, watching these dogs of all sorts do their work to varying levels of success, or perhaps failing the test. I got to know just about every member of that club, many of whom remain friends to this day. I learned what a dog could do and what it struggled with. I learned what I wanted to do with my own dogs and what did not work for me. There is no better place to learn about retriever training and events than to be involved in a club. So, when the opportunity knocks, please answer the call.

By the time you read this message, we will be less than 6 weeks away from our first licensed event: our Spring Field Trial on Memorial Day Weekend. Our field trial chairperson is Bob Zylla. I know Bob will be happy to receive any and all support for the event. There are always opportunities for flyer shooters, live and dead bird throwers, marshals, and blind planters. And a couple of weeks after our field trial we will be hosting our June Hunt Test. Dan Tongen is our hunt test chair. The need for club member workers is the same for the hunt test as it is for the field trial. Please call Bob at 320-253-2760 or Dan at 612-369-5208 to volunteer to help at these licensed events. Even if you have never done anything like this before, our more experienced members will teach you all you need to know.

I also want to encourage you to check out the CMRC Website at [CMRCMN.org](http://CMRCMN.org). Our website has just been updated, streamlined, and hopefully will serve as a user-friendly internet destination for all club information. We will endeavor to keep the club calendar up to date with events taking place on CMRC grounds. You will also be able to renew your membership directly from the website and use the PayPal option to make your transaction entirely paperless! Thank you, Andy, and Brit Hawkinson, for their efforts to renovate the website and to Mike Nugent who has served as our webmaster for several years!

Finally, as we enter the spring/summer months, our monthly club meetings will move from Saturday mornings to Wednesday evenings. Generally speaking, we meet on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. To kick off the change to Wednesdays in the month of May we will have our annual Shot Clinic. One of our longtime members Dr. Dennis Nelson will once again be here from 4:00 to 7:00 pm to take care of your annual vaccination, heartworm testing and monthly preventative medicine needs. Doc has been providing his services to the club for many, many years and I think he kind of enjoys making the long trip from Southern Minnesota (nearly Iowa) once a year to reacquaint himself with some of the other longtime members of CMRC. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your dogs vaccinated. You will get a discounted rate and Doc always makes a sizable donation to the club.

See you later in April and May. Enjoy the spring!

Gordie

# WAGS AND BRAGS



Congratulations to Linda Twiss and Moxie for winning the Amateur All-Age Stake at the Colorado Women's Retriever Club Field Trial, held on February 5<sup>th</sup>!



Mark Belford and Charlie have had a good Derby run in Texas. At the Bluebonnet Retriever Club Field Trial held in January, they took home a JAM and a fourth place. Congratulations Mark and Charlie!

**Do you have a brag to share? Email Debbie Russell at [debbierussell@hotmail.com](mailto:debbierussell@hotmail.com)**

**APRIL 24, 2022, INFORMAL RESULTS**

**Open** Judges: Bob Zylla and Kip Dixon 17-Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Dixie	BLF	Corey Bruss
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Blaze	BLF	Tom Koiman
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Luna	BLF	Andy Ulvin
4 <sup>th</sup> – Trig	CLM	Andy Ulvin
JAMS-		
RJ - Hoover	BLM	Spence Buerkle
J - Cappy	BLM	Spence Buerkle
J - Jagger	CLM	Jeff Deelstra
J – Jack	CLM	Jeff Deelstra
J – Riley	BLM	Greg Murtha

**Qualifying** Judges: Greg Murtha and Mike Rippa 23-Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Cappy	BLM	Spence Buerkle	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Charlie	BLM	Mark Belford	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Finn	BLM	Savannah Stang	Joel Stang
4 <sup>th</sup> – Ozzy	BLM	Dave Jagger	
JAMS-			
RJ – Tess	GRF	Chad Sweep	

Handler

Joel Stang

**Derby** Judges: Jim McKeehen and Corey Bruss 5-Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Charlie	BLM	Mark Belford
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Yogi	YLM	Rick Konkler
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Charli	BLF	John Froelich
4 <sup>th</sup> – Abby	CLF	Bud Mystic

**Puppy** Judges: Jim McKeehen and Corey Bruss 3-Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Brick	GRM	Tom Lane
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Benellie	BLM	Mark Brandt
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Jimmy	CLM	Jeff Deelstra

**Hunter** Judges: Kristi Palmer and Harry Decker 11-Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Sam	CLM	Darin Schadt
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Finn	BLM	Savannah Stang
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Preacher	GRM	Tom Lang
4 <sup>th</sup> – Charli	BLF	John Froelich
JAMS –		
RJ – Harper	YLF	John Oien



**Junior Hunter** Judges: Judy Super and Rick Konkler

11-Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Zeke	BLM	Tom Koiman
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Finn	YLM	Jessie Heinen
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Trudy	GRF	Gordie Schlichting
4 <sup>th</sup> – Trace	BLM	Brad Blommel
JAMS –		
RJ – Rosie	GRF	Ed Cassidy

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