

**CMRC NEWS** 

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## THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022
21 <sup>st</sup> Club Meeting	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	14 <sup>th</sup> Club Meeting 18 <sup>th</sup> Informal

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> CLUB MEETING!

At the September meeting, the Building Committee will be presenting options for the construction of a new clubhouse. This is your opportunity to find out about the plans for the new clubhouse and voice your opinion! All discussion is welcome and encouraged.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## **IT'S INFORMAL TIME!**

December marks the beginning of the winter Informal season at CMRC. As always, we count on volunteers to help make them successful. If you are interested in judging, please reach out to Greg Murtha at (612) 201-5490.

## **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.

### Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

Soon we will be celebrating Labor Day and the unofficial end of Summer. The end of the field trial and hunt test season will soon be upon us, and hunting seasons will be here! Hopefully, many of our members have accomplished some training, trialing, and testing goals this summer and have enjoyed the club grounds. Our CMRC licensed events have all transpired and to great success!

Although our trials and tests are completed, that does not mean the club becomes a ghost town. There is still lots of training taking place. Please everyone, continue to enjoy and use the grounds as we prepare for the upcoming upland and waterfowl season with our retrievers.

I want to draw special attention to our September Club Meeting scheduled for September 21. As many of you I am sure are aware, there has been considerable discussion about our current clubhouse and the potential of building a new clubhouse, renovating our current clubhouse, or doing nothing to our current clubhouse. We have a "Building Committee" working on this for nearly a year now and at our September meeting the committee will be presenting some options for our club to consider. WE WILL NOT BE VOTING ON ANY OPTIONS IN SEPTEMBER, BUT A VOTE WILL BE COMING. The September meeting will be the opportunity for our club members to hear directly from the building committee. If you wish to have the most current and accurate information, you should attend the September 21 meeting at 7:00 PM

As we approach the autumn, it is important to know that we do not have club meetings scheduled for October and November. We always take those two months off as so many of us are hunting.

Speaking of hunting, as tempting as it may be, it has always been our position the CMRC grounds is not open to any sort of hunting. Yes, we often have an ample population of waterfowl using our ponds, a substantial number of whitetail deer call our property and the surrounding areas home, and you may even catch glimpse of a pheasant or two wandering around. Let us keep the grounds available and safe for retriever training and not turn it into a "first come, first served" hunting grounds.

The December meeting will be our annual election. Currently, every officer and board member have a single one-year term. I will be appointing a nominating committee soon to secure a slate of candidates. I am certain and hopeful there are a number of the current board that wish to remain in their positions. However, if you are interested in becoming a member of the board or an officer of the club, feel free to make your interest known to myself or any of the board members.

Also, as we head into the fall and winter it is time to begin planning for our annual banquet. The annual banquet has a longstanding tradition within our club. It has for many years taken place in the month of February and brought together our club members for an evening of revery, food and drink, and awarding the high point trophies for the previous year's informal trial season. For many years we have held the banquet at the VFW on the East side of St. Cloud. We are still seeking a member, or a number of members, to step forward to chair the banquet effort. The banquet chair or committee is welcome to make the banquet as simple or as elaborate as they wish. In years past we have enjoyed a cocktail hour with some snacks like a vegetable platter and meat and cheese tray, followed by a supper as prepared by the staff at the VFW such as baked chicken and ham or lasagna. We award the trophies and have had a silent auction and general raffle for various prizes. I very much hope we can find a few of our members to step up and manage the banquet. If you are interested in working on the banquet, please contact me.

#### Gordie

## WAGS AND BRAGS



NEW MH GRETA!!! Congrats to Dan Tongan and Greta on achieving their Master Hunter title in five straight passes!



Congrats to Marc Erickson and Jazz on taking third place in the CMRC Owner-Handler Qualifying Stake on Friday, July 29th<sup>th</sup>!



NEW MH RICKI!! Congrats to Judy Super and Ricki for earning their Master Hunter title at the Lake Country Retriever Club test!

Congratulations to Chad and Sharon Sweep and Tess! Chad and Tess earned a JAM in the OH/Q at Hennepin County Amateur Field Trial Club and both Chad and Sharon handled Tess for a Master Pass on Saturday!