



# CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 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 2022</u>	<u>February 2022</u>	<u>March 2022</u>	<u>April 2022</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> - Banquet	9 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> – Informal	20 <sup>th</sup> – Informal	12 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> – Super Singles Event
		20 <sup>th</sup> – Informal	24 <sup>th</sup> – Informal

## **OUR 2022 FIELD TRIALS AND HUNT TESTS ARE SCHEDULED!**

### **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO HELP AT ONE OR MORE OF THESE 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 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.

## **CMRC TO HOST NEW SUPER RETRIEVER SERIES (SRS) EVENT JULY 8-10!**

At the January club meeting, CMRC voted to host an SRS event in conjunction with HCARC.

Perhaps you have seen the SRS on television. It began several years ago as part of the ESPN Great Outdoor Games and has evolved into what it is today. The SRS is a competitive retriever event that combines aspects of field trial and hunt test scenarios along with real-world hunting abilities. The SRS game has not been very widespread here in the northern latitudes of the US, but down in the southeast there are many more events and has much more of a following. CMRC, along with the Hennepin County Amateur Retriever Club, are combining efforts to host two SRS events within a week's time this summer to bring another retriever game to the area and hopefully cash in on another revenue stream.

The Club events being held today combine amateur and pro dogs into a 4 series event. The first two will be an AKC style hunt test and an AKC style field trial (in either order). Dogs are scored using the SRS point system, where a low score is good (like playing golf). After the second series

is completed, the lowest scoring 12 amateur and 12 pro dogs go to the semifinals, and the running order is determined by high to low score. This series is typically done as a "Hunt Savvy" test. It is based off a HRC style hunt test, but with many other challenging factors added to the set up and scoring. Then, the lowest scoring 6 amateur and 6 pro dogs go to the finals again with the running order being highest to lowest scores. This series is typically done as field trial set up, but with many other challenging factors added to the set up and scoring.

### **THE BANQUET FOR 2022 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

Please join us Saturday March 5th at the Eastside VFW Post 4847, located at 104 Franklin Ave NE, St. Cloud. Our Club Banquet is an opportunity to meet as members outside of the Club and enjoy dinner and refreshments. By tradition, we acknowledge the "High Point Dog" for each of our stakes (Puppy, Derby, Junior Hunter, Hunter, Qualifying and Open) from the previous year's Club Informal's. Raffle and silent auction items are also part of the fun. Cost is \$15 per plate and reservations are needed to plan for the quantity of dinners. Social hour starts at 5PM and the dinner begins at 6PM. Please see the attached reservation form.

### **Informal Events**

CMRC hosted another successful Informal on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to everyone who worked to help make this event a success. The weather was decent, and we had a nice entry of 77 dogs. Results are at the end of the newsletter. The club needs judges and bird throwers for all the upcoming Informals. These positions are filled by you, our members. By volunteering we can put on quality Informal events. Please see me or any board member about volunteering for our Informals.

### **New Voting Members**

Congratulations to Marcus Erickson who was unanimously approved as voting members and to Bob Zylla, who became our latest lifetime member at CMRC. Please know all Associate members can make application for Voting membership. Please see any Board member or consult the CMRC Bylaws for the requirements to become a voting member.

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

Although it is only mid-January, plans are already underway for the 2022 field trial and hunt test season. The field trial and hunt test committees are hard at work preparing for our licensed events here at CMRC. Traditionally we have two field trials and at least one hunt test each summer. The committees themselves work year-round getting ready for each event. Securing judges, securing help in the field, test dogs, equipment, and supplies, maintaining grounds and reserving lodging for the judges are all items on the "To Do List" for each committee. There is a lot going on behind the scenes for every event. Beyond our licensed events, a lot of the same work is being done for each winter informal and special events like the Super Singles. Thank you to all those club members who serve the club as committee members for our competitive events.

This year, for the first time, CMRC will also be hosting a Super Retriever Series (SRS) event in mid-July, so there is an extra opportunity to help the club.

While all this planning is happening at the club level for these events, many of us are planning and setting personal goals for the summer. Some of us may have new puppies or are expecting that new bundle of canine joy, while others are planning campaigns for our canine partners with hopes of achieving some level of competency and skill that will reap rewards in the hunting setting or competitive fields.

The point of this narrative is to encourage all our members to begin planning now for a great 2022 season. Note the dates of the upcoming events that will be held on our grounds and consider how you can help at one or more of these events. Begin thinking about your personal goals for your dog and get ready to make the most of the training season. Maybe that includes doing some reading or subscribing to a magazine with training tips, purchasing some good training videos that will help guide you in your training, seeking out folks to form a training group, buying some gear and equipment, seeking out training seminars and clinics to attend, considering the schedule of events and where you want to enter, and most importantly, considering some time in the hunting fields in the fall to put all of those new skills to the test and reward both yourself and your dog with some birds and camaraderie.

Do not forget your 2022 Membership Application (see attached). Please complete and turn in along with your dues. You may notice our annual dues have gone up a little bit. It is an unfortunate fact that there is inflation. The dollar just is not worth what it used to be, and it costs increasingly each year to make ends meet. It costs about \$20,000 a year for us to keep the club open in the manner we have all grown accustomed to. Those annual expenses include property taxes, electricity and heat, gas for the tractors and mowers, and the other various "this and that" to maintain our property and manage it for training. That \$20k does not include any capital improvements and purchases, or new projects like digging ponds or reshaping fields. At \$75 a year for annual dues, it is a bargain for year-round access to these wonderful grounds. We are quite fortunate that we can host so many cost-effective events like the licensed trials and tests, winter informals and other unique events like the Super Singles and training seminars that all are profitable and add to our "nest-egg." And the management of these unique events have always made the club money and never run in the red. But we have some lofty ideas and decisions that will impact the grounds and the club's longevity going forward and we need to grow that nest-egg to achieve those goals. Thus, the nominal increase in annual dues this year. Your board is taking all the correct steps in the decision-making process and being financially responsible for the benefit of the membership. Support the club through your annual dues and your participation and volunteering at events.

I hope this message leaves you inspired to participate in your club and get out there with your dog. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the trail.

Gordie Schlichting

**JANUARY 16, 2022, INFORMAL RESULTS**

**Open** Judges: Tom Torvik and Andy Hawkinson 18 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Ty	BLM	Steve Goetze
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Greta	BLF	Mark Jensen
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Hoover	BLM	Spence Buerkle
4 <sup>th</sup> – Gilly	BLF	Chris Brandl
JAMS-		
J - Cash	BLM	Paul Agranoff
J – Millie	BLF	Mark Jensen
J – Lainie	GRF	Lance Lerum
J – Dancer	BLF	Chris Brandl
J – Annie	BLM	Chuck Beckmann
J – Rev	CBRM	Tracy Wagner

**Qualifying** Judges: Spence Buerkle and Marcus Erickson 19 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Shelby	BLF	Micah Jassman
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Cash	BLM	Paul Agranoff
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Neo	BLM	Denise Tramontin
4 <sup>th</sup> – Watson	YLM	Erin Butler
JAMS-		
J – Greta	YLF	Dan Tongen

**Derby** Judges: Jeff VanGeest and Jerry DeRose 6 Dogs Entered  
Handler

1 <sup>st</sup> – Ellie	BLF	Blane Wirth	
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fin	BLM	Samantha Stang	Joel Stang

**Puppy** Judges: Jeff VanGeest and Jerry DeRose 5 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Branch	CBR	Lou Brussler
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Anne	BLF	Matt Matheson
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Trigger	CLF	Lon Rust
4 <sup>th</sup> – Angus	BLM	Kristi Palmer
JAMS-		
J – Georgia	GRF	Lucy Thompson

**Hunter** Judges: Joe Blackbird and Jeff Latour 10 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Penny	BLF	Dan Phelps
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Chase	YLM	Harry Decker
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Red	NSDTR	Dan Phelps
JAMS –		
J – Harper	YLF	John Oien
J – Noshi	YLM	Eric Dupuis

**Junior Hunter** Judges: Debbie Russell and Paul Agranoff 18 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Wren	BLF	Jim Russell	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sandor	BLM	Tyler Dick	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Abby	BLF	Brad Mistic	
4 <sup>th</sup> – Ellie	BLF	Blane Wirth	
JAMS –			
J – Pearl	BLF	Paul Mader	
J - Storm	BLM	Judd Latham	
J – Cash	YLM	Mike Verdon	

*Debbie Russell, Editor*

*Central Minnesota Retriever Club  
36th Club Banquet*

*March 5, 2022*

*Location: East Side VFW Post 4847  
104 Franklin Ave NE  
St. Cloud, MN 56304  
320-253-0554*

*(Located right off HWY 10 and St. Germain by Mikes Repair and Hwy 10 Off Sale Liquor)*

*Cost of the meal is \$15 per person*

*Cocktail Hour is at 5:00 pm  
The Meal will be served at 6:00 pm*

*Come and join us in the raffles and silent auctions.*

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Send your reservations to Sharon Sweep, 1032 Bromo Ave, St. Cloud, MN 55303  
cell 763-286-9452 or benicebear1969@yahoo.com

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number Attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*It is possible to pay at the door, but the exact number of meals must be reserved. Contact Sharon with the number of people attending.*

**CENTRAL MINNESOTA RETRIEVER CLUB - 2022 Membership**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership Fees**

**Associate/Voting Members**

**\$75**

**Professional Trainers**

For Those Using Grounds

**\$750**

**Life Members**

**\$1,000**

**We encourage and expect club members to work at least two (2) days throughout the year for CMRC club sponsored events.**

Events to work include the Spring Field Trial (May 26-29), Spring Hunt Tests (June 17-19), Summer Hunt Test (July 29-31), Summer Field Trial (August 4-7) and Informal Trials which are held on the third Sunday of the month in January, February, March, April, and December.

Examples of volunteer opportunities include cleaning the club house prior to an event and each morning of the event, prepare and or deliver lunches to the workers, transfer equipment into and out of the fields on the morning and the end of the events, stakes chairs, marshalling, taking and hanging birds from line, throwing dead birds, gunning for live birds, taking dead birds back to the barn, planting blinds, mowing, weed-whipping, thistle patrol, gopher control, road maintenance and grounds up-keep.

**Please check the Club events you are interested in working:**

- Spring Field Trial
- Hunt Test
- Summer Field Trial
- Informal Club Trials
- Maintenance and grounds upkeep

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

My signature on this application for membership in the Central Minnesota Retriever Club verifies that I subscribe to the purposes of this club; that I am in good standing with the American Kennel Club and that I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Central Minnesota Retriever Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club. CMRC assumes no liability for the injuries that may occur to dogs during training or events. Owners and handlers train their dog(s) and enter/participate in all events at their own risk.

**Return Membership Form and Dues payable to:**  
**CMRC, PO Box 724, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379**