



CMRC NEWS

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH AT 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2022

11th Club Meeting
26th Field Trial

June 2022

8th Club Meeting
17th Hunt Test

July 2022

TBA Club Meeting
12th SRS Event
29th Hunt Test

August 2022

4th Field Trial
10th Club Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CMRC UPCOMING AKC SANCTIONED EVENTS

THE SPRING FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 26TH – SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

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 17TH – SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH

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 12TH – THURSDAY JULY 14TH

THE JULY HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JULY 29TH – SUNDAY JULY 31ST

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 4TH – SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH

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



CMRC is hosting Tim Springer of Dynamic Retrievers for an early season seminar on Thursday, June 2 and Friday June 3.

See Entry Express for details.

Limited to 25 total participants with no more than 10 handler/dog teams. Cost is \$300 for handler teams and \$200 for observers.

Observers and handlers are encouraged to be active in dialoguing during the seminar. Dogs should be over 6 months of age.

JUNIOR HUNTER SEMINAR RECAP:

The 2022 Junior Hunter Seminar was another big success, despite some challenging weather. Our thanks go out to coaches Gordie Schlichting, Steve Goetze, Paul Agranoff, Travis Lund and Tim Landecker for their time and willingness to share their wealth of knowledge. Also thanks to Kelsey Wehr for marketing it, and to all who came out to help.

Shot Clinic Re-cap

Once again, the yearly CMRC May shot clinic was a resounding success for the club. Over 60 dogs participated with vaccinations, heartworm, and flea/tick preventative. This was a profitable fundraiser for the Club. Thanks to Doc Nelson and his long tenure hosting the event and his generous give back to the Club. Thanks to Mike and Maggie Gohman for their help every year managing the process during the event. Thank you, Club members, for bringing your dog(s) and participating in the Clinic.

Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

My message this month has a title... "Bittersweet Endings and Fresh Beginnings."

As many of you are aware, my old dog Maynard passed away a couple of weeks ago. A bitter pill to swallow. He was 11 ½ years old. He was the best dog I have ever owned in over 40 years of Golden Retrievers. He had accumulated a lot of Master hunt test passes and with him by my side, we went places I had never been before. It was a sudden diagnosis of a terminal condition that I knew there was no coming back from. He only had a few days, maybe 10, left as this cancer was going to take him quickly. We made the decision to help him pass with dignity while he was still feeling good. I owed him that much. He owed me nothing, and in the end, I owed him more than I could give him. Those last 36 hours I was able to spend with him were filled with the memories he and I had created training, testing, trialing, hunting and lounging around the home.

I was hoping I had done right by him and asked him to forgive me for all the things I had done wrong. It is said that for us it is only 10-15 years, but for the dog it is a lifetime. I viewed a "cartoon" at the facility where Maynard was euthanized where the dog is at the pearly gates and they are asked how they had died. The dog answered "I don't know." The question was asked again and "what were you doing when you died?" The dog answered "It didn't matter for I was hugging my best friend." I am thankful that I was there to comfort my friend as he passed. It was a bittersweet ending.

But there is always a fresh beginning. I now have Trudy, a youngster that has been with me now for 15 months. She is 17 months old and like most other 17-month-old dogs, she has potential and lots of things to work through. As I reminisce on Maynard and our time together, I regret the times I grew frustrated during training, perhaps used more pressure than I should have, or put him in positions and situations that were over his head. As I am training Trudy this spring, I am cautious to not accept willful disobedience or lack of effort, but mindful to not expect too much from her and be certain she is understanding the lesson being taught before I correct.

She is making progress. We don't take a trip in the winter for warmer climates, nor do any of my dogs get put on a pro truck or sent away for "bootcamp." I do all my own training myself. I have nothing against those who use a professional trainer, it's just that I enjoy the challenge of doing it all myself. So perhaps Trudy is not quite as far along as some of her littermates, but she will catch up. She is my "fresh start."

I am certain most all of you have had the same experiences. The sad goodbye to a trusted friend and the excitement of the new upstart. Wherever you are at in your experiences with your dog(s) at this moment, enjoy them to the fullest, as there will always come the day when we have to say our goodbyes.

Gordie

WAGS AND BRAGS



Dick Ofstedal and Mieka won the Qualifying at the MFTA Field Trial on May 6th.



Mark Belford and Charlie won the Derby at the MFTA Field Trial on May 20th.



Chad Sweep and Tess came home with a 4th place and a JAM in the Qualifying at the MFTA Field Trial on May 6th and 7th.



Clifford and Gordie Schlichting earned a JAM in the Qualifying at the MFTA Field Trial on May 7th.



Greta and Dan Tongen earned a Master pass at the Lake Country Retriever Club Hunt Test on May 15th.



Watson and Debbie Russell earned a Master pass at the Southern Minnesota Hunting Retriever Association Hunt Test on May 8th.

Do you have a brag to share? Email Debbie Russell at debbierussell@hotmail.com