



# CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M. FOLLOWED BY GUN CLEANING . IF  
YOU HAVE A CLEANING KIT, PLEASE BRING IT ALONG.**

**Club Meetings in the months of January through April will be held at 10 AM on Saturday Mornings. Training may follow the club meetings, depending on the weather. Saturday morning meetings in the winter are an excellent opportunity for club members to gather, enjoy each other's company, and for new club members to come and meet some of our more experienced members.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>January 2024</u>	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>April 2024</u>
13 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> – Informal Trial	18 <sup>th</sup> – Informal Trial	17 <sup>th</sup> - Informal Trial	21 <sup>st</sup> – Informal Trial

# CMIRC

## WANTS YOU



We have open positions:  
Newsletter Editor  
Annual Banquet Chairperson and Committee  
Super Singles Chairperson  
Field Trial Committee  
Hunt Test Committee

If you are interested or have questions about these positions, please reach out to Gordie Schlichting at [hohumsretrievers@aol.com](mailto:hohumsretrievers@aol.com)

# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!**

A membership form is included at the end of this newsletter, or you can renew online at the following link:

<https://www.cmrcmn.org/membership-registration>

## **CMRC 2024 AKC LICENSED EVENTS**

**THE SPRING FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD FRIDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – SUNDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>.**

STAKES TBD.

**THE SPRING HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

STAKES TBD.

**THE SUMMER HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

STAKES TBD.

**THE SUMMER FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> – SUNDAY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

STAKES TBD.

## **INFORMAL SEASON HAS STARTED!**

After a challenging winter last year, we're off to a great start to our Informal season. The weather cooperated and December's event was well attended! Thanks to all the judges and other volunteers, and congratulations to all teams who went home with a ribbon. Results are at the end of the newsletter.

# Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

Happy Holidays CMRC!

We have reached the winter season and the beginning of a new year! 2023 was a fantastic year for our retriever club. It was perhaps one of the most eventful years in the club's history. We embarked on and finished a complete renovation of our historic clubhouse; we had successful licensed events that not only challenged dogs and handlers, but also had record high net profits; we hosted a fantastic training/handling seminar presented by a wonderful educator in Pat Burns; we added new associate, voting and life members growing our roster to over 160 members; and I hope all of our members can celebrate individual successes and goals attained in their dog's training and performance.

I am quite proud of how our club has routinely come together to make our club one of the premier retriever clubs in the country. I appreciate each and every member for their outpouring of support, their time spent working at events and on the grounds, and of course for continuing their membership and being part of this great camaraderie, we have within CMRC.

As we begin the new year, we say goodbye to some board members and officers and welcome new ones. I want to publicly acknowledge and give a sincere "THANK YOU" to outgoing board members Bob Zylla, Kip Dixon and Mike Verdon. These three board members have chosen to step away from the board for a bit. I appreciate all the work they have done on behalf of the membership. I know they will continue to support and serve the club. I also must acknowledge Andy Hawkinson as our treasurer. Andy has done a phenomenal job of setting up our treasury for the future as well as handling a big project with the past year's fund-raising efforts and paying the bills for the clubhouse renovation. Andy has relinquished his position as treasurer but has been elected to the board as a director at large.

We also are fortunate to welcome some new board members. Erin Butler is assuming the role as treasurer. As I said above, Andy Hawkinson is now taking a seat as a Director at Large and is joined in that position by Joel Stang and Tim Bonnema. I have absolute certainty this board will continue to work on behalf of all of CMRC's membership, doing what is in the best interest of the entire club.

I also want to thank Debbie Russell for her time serving the club as the Newsletter Editor. We have been fortunate to have her help each month building the newsletter to share important points of interest with our members. And she has been a dogged taskmaster ensuring I get my monthly message to each of you. Thank you, Debbie for your work. You are welcome back anytime.

I shared with you back in November that we have some non-elected positions that need to be filled as we enter 2024. Our previous Newsletter Editor has decided to pass along the reins, as well as our past Super Singles Event Chair. The annual club banquet didn't happen in 2023 for lack of a chairperson or committee. I encourage any club member who feels they can contribute to the club in one of these roles to reach out to me and volunteer for a position. Many hands make light work. If some of these roles are not filled, we may begin seeing some of the opportunities we have had in the past cease to exist. I'm not trying to be threatening or dramatic, but for us to enjoy things like the Super Singles event, or an annual banquet, we need people to step forward to organize the events. Many of the members of the board are already serving the club in a variety of ways, many unseen by the general membership. The board and officers can only be stretched so thin before they break.

Our winter club meetings will be taking place on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 10 am. We will have training following these winter meetings. Come on out and participate in the governance of the club and join your fellow club members for some training.

And of course, don't forget about the winter informal trials. We had a fantastic turnout for the December trial with over 130 dogs entered! It was huge. We had beautiful weather and lots of fun. Our winter trials are always on the 3rd Sunday of the month unless cancelled because of inclement weather or unpassable conditions on the grounds.

With that, I will bid you all a wonderful and festive holiday season. Enjoy time with your family and friends. Be safe and we will see you all in the new year!

Gordie

**INFORMAL RESULTS – DECEMBER 17, 2023**

Open                      Judges: Chris Brandl and Tom Torvik                      27 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Hoover	BLM	Spence Buerkle
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Shelby	BLF	Micah Jassman
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Delta	YLF	Andy Hawkinson
4 <sup>th</sup> – Jagger	CLM	Jeff Deelstra
JAMS-		
Greta	BLF	Mark Jensen
Mieka	BLF	Dick Ofstedal
Millie	BLF	Mark Jensen
Raz	BLF	Sid Shelton
Haley	BLF	Kip Dixon
Burke	BLM	Kip Dixon

Qualifying                      Judges: Jeff Deelstra and Bill Halfrich                      26 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – KOA	BLF	Steve Butler
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Greta	YLF	Dan Tongen
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Yogi	YLM	Rick Konkler
4 <sup>th</sup> – George	GRM	Tom Newell
JAMS-		
Tess	GRF	Sharon Sweep

Derby                      Judges: Andy and Britt Hawkinson                      13 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – Doc	BLM	Steve Goetze
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ebby	BLF	Cory Bruss
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Boone	BLM	Greg Murtha
4 <sup>th</sup> – Sylvia	GRF	Judy Super
JAMS-		
Rusty	GRM	Mark Wickham
Angus	BLM	Spence Buerkle
Amos	YLM	Chad Levos
Gunner	BLM	Noah Schlangen

Puppy                      Judges: Andy and Britt Hawkinson                      10 Dogs Entered

1 <sup>st</sup> – George	YLM	Amy Zempel
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Kate	BLF	David Tilton
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Lady	BLF	Doug Braun
4 <sup>th</sup> – Merle	YLM	Kyle Schreifels
JAMS-		
Jack	BLM	Paige Dorow

Hunter Judges: Sid Shelton and Micah Jassman 31 Dogs Entered

1<sup>st</sup> – Hank BLM Brett Murtha Handler: Greg Murtha  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Fuji NSDTR Debbie Russell  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Gage GRM Susan Kluesner  
4<sup>th</sup> – Stella GRF Lance Lerum  
JAMS –  
Rusty GRM Mark Wickham  
Benelli BLF Mark Brandt  
Preacher GRM Adam Lane

Junior Hunter Judges: Roger Peterson and Darin Schadt 26 Dogs Entered

1<sup>st</sup> – G BLM Al Frieberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Voodoo BLF Micah Jassmann  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Echo BLM Todd Fuchs  
4<sup>th</sup> – Emma BLF Kip Dixon  
JAMS –  
Ricky GRM Julia Ihnen  
Rusty GRM Mark Wickham  
Phire GRF Julia Ihnen  
Kill GRF Julia Ihnen

**CENTRAL MINNESOTA RETRIEVER CLUB - 2024 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**

**30 Years & Under - \$2,000**

**31 to 50 Years - \$1,750**

**50 Years & Over - \$1,500**

**The expectation for Club members is to work at least two (2) days throughout the year for CMRC Club sponsored events.**

Events to work include the Spring Field Trial (May 23-26), Spring Hunt Tests (June 14-16), Summer Hunt Test (July 26-28), Summer Field Trial (August 1-4) 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,  
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