



CMRC NEWS

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THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH AT 7:30 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2023

10th – Shot Clinic
Club Meeting
25th – Field Trial

June 2023

14th - Club Meeting
16th - Hunt Test

July 2023

9th - Pat Burns Seminar
12th - Club Meeting
28th - Hunt Test

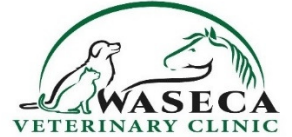
August 2023

3rd – Field Trial
9th – Club Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL SHOT CLINIC TO BE HELD ON MAY 10TH AT CMRC

CMRC will host its annual shot clinic on Wednesday, May 10th at the clubhouse. The clinic begins at 3:00 pm. Dr. Dennis Nelson, a longtime club member, will be on hand to update all of your canine pal'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 is 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 2023 AKC LICENSED EVENTS

THE SPRING FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MAY 25TH – SUNDAY MAY 28TH

WE WILL HOLD DERBY, QUALIFYING, AMATEUR AND OPEN STAKES.

THE SPRING HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JUNE 16TH – SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

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

THE SUMMER HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JULY 28TH – SUNDAY JULY 30ST

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

THE SUMMER FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

WE WILL HOLD DERBY, QUALIFYING, AMATEUR AND OPEN STAKES.



Advanced Retriever Training Seminar

-with-

Pat Burns

-Presented by-

Central Minnesota Retriever Club

July 7 - 9, 2023

Central MN Retriever Club
2232 Golden Spike Rd
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Working Teams

Limited to 12

CMRC Members: \$600

Non-Members: \$650

Teams should be comfortable running
multiple marks and cold blinds

Observers

Unlimited

All 3 days: \$200

Both working and observer spots
include lunch all 3 days

This seminar will cover the skills needed
to be successful in advanced retriever
competition, primarily at the Qualifying
level and beyond.



Email: kelsey.wehr@gmail.com to Register

WAGS AND BRAGS

GOT A BRAG? EMAIL IT TO DEBBIE AT debbierussell@hotmail.com

Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

Good day CMRC!

A week ago, we were basking in temperatures in the 70s and even 80s. The snow had quickly melted, and we all were excited to finally see Spring had arrived. And then the weekend came. First the onslaught of rain and wind on Saturday during our Super Singles Event made for less than a perfect day, but we all had fun, 70+ dogs were entered, and we all enjoyed the event. Then Sunday came along. It was as if Old Man Winter had been "triple-dog-dared" by all the other seasons of the year that he didn't have it in him to make us miserable one last time on April 16. Old Man Winter turned to them and said "Oh yeah? Hold My Beer!" and let us all have it. 4-6 inches of wet heavy snow kind of slowed us down. But our final winter informal trial of the season continued, and although we had fewer than average entries, we still had fun.

Now don't nobody go jinxing things and start talking about how nice the weather is, or how long the winter has been or nothing like that to scare away Spring once again.

As I said in last month's message, I want to remind you once again of a few things.

First, we have our Spring Licensed Field Trial May 25-28. And our June Licensed Hunt Test is June 16-18. It takes many people to make these events come off without a hitch. We have excellent chairpersons and committee members that work tirelessly throughout the entire year preparing and planning for these events. But the five-person committee for each event cannot do it all alone. It takes on average 7-8 people to run each stake of a hunt test or field trial. We need people to throw and shoot the live birds, to throw the dead birds, to plant the blinds, to marshal the event and to manage the birds at the line. When we hold events that have 4-6 individual stakes, you see how that number grows. If you are a member of the CMRC we expect you to come and help when you can. Don't worry that perhaps you have never done that job before, someone will teach you. You cannot mess it up that badly. In all my years of being involved with retriever events, I have hardly ever seen someone fired from their job. And do the chairs and committee the favor of volunteering BEFORE they have to call you. I am absolutely certain they will appreciate the call. And if you do not get a chance to call them first, when they do call, please do your best to find some time to come and help. You will have great fun. You will learn a lot from watching the dogs run and the handlers handle.

Second, as we begin to use the grounds increasingly for training now that our snow is gone, please be careful with how we treat the grounds. Driving a few pickups off-road across a field can really tear up the grounds and make ruts we have to repair. If the fields are wet and mushy, stay on the roads. Find a way to get your training set-up in that does not require digging up the fields.

I also want to take a moment to thank a few important individuals that have made our winter events successful. First Greg Murtha for not only his tireless efforts as our club secretary, but also for being a ramrod on our winter informal trial efforts. Greg secures and schedules the judges for all the stakes for each month, even the months we have cancelled, Greg had judges lined up and ready to go. Next is Mike Verdon. Mike is a member of our board and brings his perspective to our board and club discussions, but he also beats me to the clubhouse every month to have the judges' book and sign-up sheets ready to go for the informal registration and gets the furnace heated up and the coffeepot going. Doug Braun deserves all of our appreciation. Doug is another board member, but beyond his work on the board, Doug is at the club almost every day and is constantly removing some brush, plowing some snow, putting away birds, getting birds pulled out for the Informals, and generally watching over the grounds. And finally, I want to express a sincere appreciation for Chad and Sharon Sweep for spearheading and managing the Super Singles event for the third straight year. It was Chad's idea a few years back to start the event as a "new to us" event to add another profitable and fun event to our calendar. Chad and Sharon have done everything for the event from securing the judges and throwers, soliciting donations for prizes as well as for the silent auction and raffle. The Super Singles event is quite profitable and a lot of fun. Chad and Sharon deserve a huge thank you from all of us for all their work.

Finally, you will hopefully begin seeing some changes around the yard at the club. We are hoping that around June 1st we will begin the remodeling process of our clubhouse. The building committee and board are reviewing bids and estimates at this very moment that I am writing this message. We will be reaching out to all of our club members with a fundraising campaign soon. If all goes well, we may have most of the work completed on the remodel by the end of July perhaps. I am personally excited to see this project come to fruition.

Like you I look very forward to consistent warmer weather and to being out in the field training, trialing, and testing our retrievers and spending time with our fellow enthusiasts. Have a great spring! See you at an event this spring and summer!

Gordie

SUPER SINGLES RESULTS – APRIL 16, 2023

Advanced Judges: Doug Braun & Steve Butler

1st – Ty BLM Steve Goetze
2nd – Molly BLF Brandon Grauf
3rd – Echo GRF Tom Newel
4th – Lanie GRF Tom Lane

Hunter Judges: Tim Melham & Tim Bonnema

1st – Molly BLF Brandon Grauf
2nd – Hawk GRM Scott Glorvigen
3rd – Trudy GRF Gordy Schlichting
4th – Trigger CLM Lon Rust

Puppy Judge: Marlene Dingmann

1st – Boone BLM Greg Murtha
2nd – Doc BLM Steve Goetzke
3rd – Stella BLF Anthony Ciesinski
4th – Rigzy GRF Jerry DeRose

INFORMAL RESULTS – APRIL 17, 2023

Open Judges: Paul Hanson & Tom Torvik 10 Dogs Entered

1st – Stella BLF Doug Braun
2nd –Cash BLM Paul Agranoff
3rd – Newt GRM Tom Lane
4th – Haley BLF Kip Dixon

Qualifying Judges: Judges: Bill Berning & John Buesgens 11 Dogs Entered

1st – Stella YLF Dan Tongen
2nd – Tess GRF Sharon Sweep
3rd – Maggie BLF Sid Shelton
4th – Greta YLF Dan Tongen
JAM- Chevy GRM Tom Lane

Derby Judges: Spence Buerkle & Kip Dixon 4 Dogs Entered

1st – Hank BLM Brett Murtha (Handler Greg Murtha)
2nd –Raz BLM Sid Shelton
3rd – Maggie BLF Sid Shelton
4th – Brick GRM Tom Lane

Hunter STAKE CANCELLED

Junior Hunter Wayne Priest & Harry Decker 7 Dogs Entered

1st – Trudy GRF Gordy Schlichting
2nd – Murphy YLM Zach Grauf
3rd – Hank BLM Brett Murtha (Handler Greg Murtha)
4th – Winnie BLF Mark Brandt
JAMS –
Boone BLM Greg Murtha
Charlie GRF Tom Lane

Puppy Judges: Spence Buerkle & Kip Dixon 4 Dogs Entered

1st – Boone BLM Greg Murtha
2nd – Doc BLM Steve Goetzke