



# CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2023

13<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

October 2023

NO EVENTS

November 2023

NO EVENTS

December 2023

13<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting: ELECTIONS  
17<sup>th</sup> Informal

# Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

Good Day CMRC!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Let me count the ways:

- CMRC banded together to put on FOUR AKC Licensed events that were well run, presented challenging tests of dog and handler alike, and were lucrative;
- We hosted an entertaining and educational seminar by one of the preeminent teacher/trainers in the country in Pat Burns;
- We remodeled our clubhouse;
- Even though we endured another severe drought, our grounds were maintained for training and testing;
- Many of our members took advantage of Wednesday evening club night training;
- Lots of training took place on the grounds preparing our canine companions for tests, trials and the upcoming hunting seasons;
- Several dogs earned titles and qualified for national events;
- Our friends in Marsh and Meadows HRC and Four Points Retriever Club hosted events on our grounds;
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...There was great camaraderie throughout the club as we welcomed several new members into the fold and longtime friends enjoyed each other's company.

I am quite proud of CMRC. We continue to act as a club united in our mission of promoting the advancement of the retriever breeds through the training, testing, and trialing in the retriever sports.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the club members that spent countless hours in the field maintaining the grounds, helping with the building remodel project, donating to the remodeling fundraising efforts, and spending time in the field at licensed events throwing birds, planting blinds, marshaling, and facilitating the event.

Thank you to the board for their selfless leadership and guiding the club to its successes. The board has served the membership with the constant goal of betterment of the club and grounds.

Thank you to the building committee for their leadership in the remodeling project and especially Russ Archer who served as our construction manager. Russ was at the club nearly every day this summer to oversee the project and coordinated with our contractor to complete the project.

The work is not quite done. The clubhouse is nearly complete. The contractor's work is complete. We have yet to finish the floor and install cabinetry and countertops. We must purchase new tables and chairs and some other sundry items to complete the transformation. And of course, we need to empty out the storage unit and sort and store all the items we removed from the old clubhouse. And finally, we will replace the historical pictures and memorabilia that graced the walls of the clubhouse.

A fall workday is forthcoming for us to clean out that storage unit and prepare the machinery for the winter and do a little bit of cleanup on the grounds.

As we approach the fall hunting seasons, we will not have regular club meetings in October and November. Our December meeting is our annual election. A nominating committee will be established to prepare a slate of candidates for the various officers of the club and the board of directors. If you have a desire to hold a position on the club, please reach out to me or another member of the board to volunteer to help lead the club. Fresh blood, new energy and leadership on the board is always welcome.

Finally, many of you may be aware of the long and fantastic history of CMRC. If you haven't read it before, go to our club website at [CMRCMN.org](http://CMRCMN.org) and you will find a complete written history of the club. I am proud to tell you all that we will celebrate our club's 75th birthday on December 8, 2023. Our club was incorporated on December 8, 1948, when our original articles of incorporation were filed with the State of Minnesota. Look forward to a special celebratory event and grand reopening of the clubhouse in December.

And don't forget, beginning in December we will hold our monthly winter informal trials. The third Sunday of the month in December through April we hold our informal trials with Puppy, Derby, Junior Hunter, Hunter, Qualifying and Open stakes. Entries are made the morning of the event and the entry fee is \$15 per entry. We do try to hire some youth to throw birds, but trial participants are encouraged and expected to also help in the field, and we also need volunteer judges for each stake. The winter Informals are a great opportunity for our club to again gather and enjoy each other's company, enjoy the dog work, and the events are also profitable.

Until December, continue to use the grounds for training, enjoy the autumn weather and hunting seasons, and enjoy your dogs.

Gordie

*Debbie Russell, Editor*