



CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 9TH AT 7:30 P.M.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2023

3rd – Field Trial

9th – Club Meeting

September 2023

13th – Club Meeting

October 2023

November 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CMRC 2023 AKC LICENSED EVENTS

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

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.

WAGS AND BRAGS

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

Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President

Good Day CMRC Members!

It's Hot! As I am writing this message my weather station says 85 degrees and a heat index of 97. It's not so much the heat, but the humidity. Yuck! It's not my favorite weather of the year. I've been up with the sun the past few days and getting my dog training done early before it gets hot. CMRC is a fantastic place to be about 7 AM. It's beautiful and serene.

I want to begin my message today with a big THANK YOU to the club members that agreed to help out at the Pat Burns Seminar July 7-9. We had a great seminar with Pat and about 24 seminar participants. And there were 9 CMRC members that came out and threw birds, shot flyers and planted blinds for the weekend. It was a good turnout for the seminar, everyone had some fun and laughs, and learned a lot from a master teacher.

We are in the midst of three busy weekends at CMRC. Last week our friends the Four Points Retriever Club (NAHRA) rented the grounds for their annual July hunt test. This is the third year I believe they have utilized our grounds. FPRC is a great club full of terrific members and they have a really fun event. They are good stewards of our property too, and they are making a very sizable donation to our clubhouse remodel project. Sizable as in \$4000! THANKS, FPRC!

This coming weekend we host our July Hunt Test and have about 100 entries. It is a nice balanced entry, and we should have a well-run and challenging event. Thank you to the Hunt Test Committee and the event co-chairs Chad Sweep and Dick Ofstedal for all their work.

And our final licensed event of the season is coming up the first weekend of August with our August Field Trial. 215 Entries! We are going to have one busy weekend with a full four stake trial utilizing both CMRC property and the Benton Retriever Grounds. Hats off to the FT Committee and all of the club volunteers lead by Andy Hawkinson for all of their work in the coming weeks. If you have time and are available to help during the field trial, please reach out to Andy Hawkinson. With 215 entries we are going need all the help we can get out there in the field. Andy's number is 612-655-7138.

The clubhouse project is moving right along. I've been trying to keep you all updated on our Facebook page with pictures of the transformation as it has been going along. Almost all of the new steel is up, the windows and doors are in, the HVAC ductwork is completed, the plumbing has been roughed in, electrical is being roughed in as I type, with the insulators waiting their turn. If you haven't made your contribution to the remodeling project yet, please consider doing so. The more money we can raise the less we have to borrow.

Finally, we are all aware that we are having another extreme drought here in Central Minnesota. And again, there are well-intentioned opinions about CMRC having a well to keep our ponds full. I have been asked by a fellow board member to give you all a little bit of insight on a well. The CMRC board pursued a well two years ago in 2021. Our previous president spent quite some time investigating what other area clubs have for wells and how much it cost them. He reached out to three different well drillers to get bids and advice. The board considered digging a well back in 2021 and it was discussed, debated, tabled, and eventually decided to not pursue a well at that time. At that time, we were experiencing a once-in-twenty-years kind of drought. The board felt digging a well might not get used that much. We were hopeful at any rate. What we found from the well drillers was that one wouldn't return our calls (secretary told us if he doesn't call back, he doesn't want the job), a second driller said knowing this area, them digging a well on our property was not something

they were comfortable with and suggested we go with Traut. And Traut gave us a lot of insight from their years of experience.

Traut told us we'd have to go at least 100 foot deep and even at that depth they might not hit water with enough volume to serve our needs. They also advised the best place for us to attempt to dig a well was in the southwest corner of our property, about as far as one can get from electricity on our property. The cost of Traut just drilling a 100-foot hole that might be dry was over \$15,000. With inflation, we know it's going to be closer to \$20,000 now. Add on to that the cost of running electricity to the wellhead and the extensive work we'd need to do with culverts and water control gates, we would be looking at a \$30,000-\$40,000 project!

Part of the problem is that in our area the ground is a lot of clay and granite, which is not conducive to drilling a well and finding a good vein of water. Look around at the farm fields right near CMRC and you don't see any irrigation going on. That is a pretty good indicator that wells are difficult in our area. I will admit, once upon a time I thought we could just tap into the well we have right next to the clubhouse that supplies our clubhouse needs. Well, that well by the clubhouse is a 3-5 gallon per minute well. Small pump and not a lot of electricity involved. And not a lot of volume. In the summer, a pond will lose about ½ to 1 inch of water per week to evaporation. We did some math this past weekend and determined there are about 17 acres of water on our property. When you extrapolate all of this out, we lose about 460,000 gallons of water per week to evaporation. That comes out to at least 40 gallons of water lost to evaporation every minute.

Bottom line: if we want to dig a well to keep our ponds full, we need a big well with enough volume and a pump that will pump at least 40 gallons of water per minute. I'm not saying it's impossible. I'm not saying we can't revisit the well question again in the future. But the water problems we have again this year are not as easily fixed as some would think. We will keep it on the back burner for now.

Hope you all are enjoying the season, getting some good training in, and having success in whatever endeavors you are up to.

Gordie