



# CMRC NEWS

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**THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### July 2023

9<sup>th</sup> Pat Burns Seminar  
12<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> Hunt Test

#### August 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> – Field Trial  
9<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

#### September 2023

13<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## **CMRC 2023 AKC LICENSED EVENTS**

**THE SUMMER HUNT TEST WILL BE HELD FRIDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY JULY 30<sup>ST</sup>**

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 3<sup>RD</sup> – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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](mailto:kelsey.wehr@gmail.com) to Register

# WAGS AND BRAGS

Congratulations to Steve Butler and Koa (Hawaiian Warrior) who ran three derbies and placed in all three! They got a 2nd in the at MFTA on 5/19, a 4th at CMRC on 5/25 and a 2nd at the Blackhawk Retriever club on 6/9.



GOT A BRAG? EMAIL IT TO DEBBIE AT  
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# **Message from Gordie Schlichting, CMRC President**

Good Day CMRC Members!

We are winding down a very busy month of June and heading right into another busy month of July. The fun just never ends! Personally, I've been on the road a bit and have spent more nights in my camper than in my home. And that's ok by me!

We hosted a fantastic AKC Hunt Test June 16-18. Test Chair Dan Tongen and the crew did a great job handling nearly 200 entries over the course of three days. THANK YOU to all the club members that so willingly gave their time over the three days to support the event. The event ran smoothly and was once again very profitable.

The club house remodeling project is going in earnest now. Perhaps you've seen the photos I posted on our Facebook page with all the walls torn off the frame of the building. There's no turning back now.

Of course, we can't speak of the remodeling project without also speaking of fundraising. Remember the total budget for the remodel is roughly \$120,000. We are putting \$40,000 in from the club treasury. That leaves about \$80,000 we need to fundraise. I know I've collected at least \$10,000 so far, but we are still a long way away from \$80k. You all will be getting a separate message from the board soon with more details on fundraising. But I ask that if you are planning on contributing in some fashion, whether it be a one-time gift, a life membership or by making a pledge, that you please do it sooner rather than later. The more funds we raise early is the less we have to use from our construction line of credit and have to pay interest on.

As we head into July, we are excited for the Pat Burns Seminar July 5-7. Pat is a fantastic retriever trainer with a long history in the retriever sports. The past number of years Pat has been doing seminars training the trainers. He has terrific communication skills and is a great facilitator. The handler spots are filled but there is always room for more observers. If you haven't signed up yet, you should. The three-day seminar will be a great learning experience for all.

And as we look on the calendar to the end of July and early August you will see our second hunt test and field trial. I am so proud how this club has come together and volunteered to put on two very successful licensed events this season and am look forward to that same camaraderie and support from the membership.

Have a terrific 4th of July and I look forward to seeing many of you at our future events.

Gordie

*Debbie Russell, Editor*